

LOCAL RUSSIANS ARE GLAD

Thankful That Their Country Has Awakened

Hardly able to realize yet the full import of the passing of the old regime in Russia, Hebrews and Russians in Toronto are filled with joy at the turn events have taken, and numerous celebrations of a private nature are being held in the homes of these people. In some of the synagogues to-day the ministers dwell on the revolution and the changes it presaged for Hebrews in Russia, also expressed the opinion that under the new rule Russia would be able to make greater use of her resources in prosecuting the war. Rosy pictures of the future in Russia were painted, for it is fully expected that the Jews will be granted the same liberties as others.

Newspapers are eagerly perused for the latest despatches from Russia and the main topic is the revolution. With bitter memories of oppression in Russia, these people still hold dear the memory of their native land, and they are deeply thankful that at last their country has awakened and can take her place with the rest of the civilized nations. Already many are planning to return to their native land and steamship agents are looking forward to a busy spring.

Surprise at the quick way in which the Romanoff dynasty was overturned is the feature of the discussion among local Russians and Hebrews on the revolution. While all were expecting that some day this would occur, even the most sanguine did not expect it for some years yet. The war is looked upon as a blessing, for without it the revolution could never have succeeded with so little bloodshed. It is claimed.