

RUSSIANS DEDICATE CHURCH IN TORONTO

Already 300 Members, Including Serbians—Russian Gov- ernment's Contribution

A Russian Orthodox Church, the first in Toronto, was dedicated on Sunday by Archbishop Alexander, who is the head of the Russian Church in Canada. The church is large, but plain enough for the Steppes. It stands at the corner of Royce avenue and Edwin street, West Toronto, in the middle of a Russian colony. Yesterday it was gaily decked with the allied and Russian flags, while strikingly prominent stood out at the top the curious triple cross of the Orthodox Church. This has three arms, the lowest placed in a slant, so that it not only points out of the horizontal, but partly across the other arms also.

Rev. Michael Kaimakan, a young Russian from the southern provinces, near the Black Sea, is rector of the church, which has been dedicated to and named the Church of the Resurrection of Christ. Funds for building were sent by the Russian Government. There are already three hundred members on the church books, some of them being Serbians, for they have the same faith, and in this will be found the pathos of the appeal which "the little Serbian brother" sent to the "big Russian brother" which resulted in Russia's coming into the war against Austria.

700 People Present.

At the dedication services, however, there were nearly seven hundred people. The service was throughout sung, the Archbishop leading. Three visiting clergymen of the Orthodox Russian Church attended from Buffalo. Rev. Fathers Dunkevich, Fiolacki and Statlevich the last a Serbian. The Archbishop and the new rector preached in Russian, Father Statlevich in Serbian, and Father Fiolacki in English. The rector speaks remarkably good English for one who has only been in Canada a little over a year, of which five months only have been in Toronto. Yet so much is his work here appreciated that the Archbishop, on behalf of the Government of the Czar, presented him with a full set of vestments. The services closed with the singing of the Russian National Hymn, "God save the Czar."