

# "LONG LIVE REPUBLIC," CABLE LOCAL RUSSIANS

## Mass Meeting Sends Message of Good-will

### ROMANOFFS OPPRESSIVE

Still Larger Gathering of "Revolutionary Groups" Will be Arranged for Shortly, When Great Demonstration May be Decided Upon.

A mass meeting of Russians, Poles and Ukrainians in Toronto yesterday passed, with swelling enthusiasm, a resolution of sympathy and good-will to the new Russian Provisional Government, and expressed the hope that a Russian Republic would be established. The meeting was held in Broadway Hall, Spadina avenue, which was packed, even down the stairs, with eager listeners. The gathering was called under the auspices of the "revolutionary groups" of these three subdivisions of the Russian peoples, and it is hoped that a still larger gathering may be arranged soon, possibly at Massey Hall. A Russian demonstration was proposed, but not decided upon.

#### Romanoff Dynasty Harsh.

Mr. A. Swigach presided, and the speakers included Messrs. G. Mack (Russian), Rotschild (Polish) and E. Stephanitzky, editor of the Ukrainian newspaper in Toronto. The dynasty of the Romanoffs was described as being oppressive and harsh for the last four hundred years, and the fact mentioned that there were more prisons in Russia than there are schools throughout Canada. The case of the woman, Catherine Brechsovski, was re-told: she was sent to prison when seventeen, and had been there almost continuously until she was sixty, and is now being invited back to Russia. The dissatisfaction of the people with the pro-Germans in the bureaucracy was shown in extracts from private letters from Russia stating that forty-eight Ministers had been changed by the Czar during the course of the war.

#### On Road to Liberty.

The resolution, addressed to Mons. M. Rodzianko, President of the Duma, Petrograd, Russia (in Russian), reads: "We, Russian emigrants of Slav race in mass meeting of about one thousand men, send our good wishes and sympathy in the efforts of the Provisional Revolutionary Government which took the initiative in leading the people along the road to liberty. Long live the Russian Republic." A collection brought in \$122, and the most marked enthusiasm was shown throughout.