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It is rumoured in diplomatic circles that Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador to the United States, will succeed the Earl of Dufferin as Ambassador to France.

The Conservatives of Jacques Cartier county will meet in convention in Montreal on October 17th to select a candidate for the seat now vacant in the Dominion Parliament.

The appointment of Mr. W. B. Scarth, of Winnipeg, to the position of Deputy Minister of Agriculture will be officially announced in a few days. Mr. Scarth's salary will be \$3,200.

Miss Florence Carlyle, who will show several paintings at the forthcoming exhibition is Paris, is styled "an American Artist." Though a grand niece of Thomas Carlyle, she was born in Canada, and has passed most of her life in Woodstock, Ontario. Long before she had any artistic training some of her paintings, then only flowers, had attracted the attention of Princess Louise. This led to her being sent to Paris, where she has since prosecuted her studies under Delecluse, Lefevre, and Fleury.

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