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ARMENIAN RIOTS.

Situation in Constantinople Very Grave Though No Immediate Danger Is Apprehended.

Intention of Armenians to Force the Powers to Interfere in Their Behalf.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Many important messages have been received at the British foreign office from Sir Phillip Currie, British ambassador at Constantinople. The appointment of Kiamil Pasha as Grand Vizier, recently announced, is regarded at the foreign office as a happy circumstance. He has the reputation of being one of the most broad minded and enlightened statesmen of the Ottoman empire, and is looked upon as the right man in the right place. The belief prevails in official circles that the rioting in Constantinople was deliberately planned in order to bring about direct interference upon the part of Great Britain, France and Russia in the administration of Armenia. The introduction of the religious element makes the situation more grave, although the primary cause of the outbreak is said to be the long delays in the negotions between the Powers and the Porte in the question of reform in Armenia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 3.—Owing to the critical situation the envoys of the Powers met at the Austrian embassy here to-day, and the German gunboat was ordered to remain at the disposal of the embassy. It is known definitely that at least five Armenians were killed after they were arrested on Monday, and this has caused great consternation. Regarding the death of the Turkish Major Serviet Bey, witnesses of the affair affirm that the Armenians did not use their revolvers until he had ordered the police to open fire upon them. According to police reports only 20 persons were killed and 80 wounded during the rioting of Monday, but reliable estimates place the number of killed at over 200. News was received here during the day from Damascus which still further increases the gravity of the situation. The French consul at that place has been attacked by a mob and pelted with mud. The French embassy has complained to the Porte, and demanded prompt redress.

There was a third slight earthquake shock here yesterday which with the rioting and bloodshed, the imprisonment of about 500 Armenians, the killing of prisoners in cold blood, and the presence of troops under arms at all points was well calculated to excite even the most phlegmatic Turk. On Tuesday the principal rioting was the work of the Softas, Mahommedan theological students, who chased and beat with bludgeons every Armenian they met. During Tuesday night a mob of Softas and Turks attacked the house of the leading Armenian, Kasim Pasha, storming the building, threatening its destruction and killing several persons who were unable to escape. This mob also sacked a cafe frequented by Armenians, where twenty of these unfortunate people were found and beaten to death with bludgeons. To the disgrace of the authorities, not a single policeman appeared, and no attempt was made to save the Armenians. Many sought refuge in churches, where they were earnestly addressed by the clergy, who enjoined them to be calm, and to give the Turks no further opportunities of attacking them. The Armenian churches are now watched by the police, but the greatest uneasiness prevails among other religious denominations.

The Armenians have the sympathy of foreigners here, but the fact that they were armed, in spite of their pacific announcements, is condemned by their best friends. That the Armenians contemplated such an attempt to call attention to their grievances has been known for a long time past. On the other hand partizans of the Armenians assert that the party only armed themselves in order to defend their lives against the Turks. The authorities have stationed troops and police at every threatened point, and it is asserted this morning that there is no further danger.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The Times this morn- commenting upon the Armenian riots at Constantinople, says: "The situation is evidently grave despite the Turkish explanations. The Sultan must recognize that it is only by complying with the advice of the Powers that he can hope to avoid a repetition of such scenes perilous alike to himself and the empire."

The News, the organ of the Liberal party, says: "Had the memorial been quietly received the crowd would undoubtedly as quietly dispersed. But for the Turkish authorities, the opportunity for shedding blood was too good to be lost. It is but too plain that the Turks can never be trusted to govern the Christian races, especially the Armenians."

The Standard, the Conservative organ in an editorial on the subject, says: "The evidence in the whole affair points to the conclusion that it was a studiously devised plot on the part of Armenian agitators to provoke reprisals."

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 3.—(Special)—The Young Conservative Club of this city passed resolutions to-day that the Ottawa government be petitioned to retain Col. Scott, collector of customs, in office. They set forth that the customs department here has been efficiently managed under Col. Scott, and that his removal would be unjustifiable on any ground. This action is owing to the report that A. W. Ross, M.P., has been promised the collectorship.

At the city police court to-day Catharine Douglass was charged by the Humane Society with having used a hot poker in punishing her nephew, Willie Whistler, aged 12. The boy testified that his aunt used the poker on his hands and foot, burning them badly. His grandmother witnessed the burning, which had been threatened if he did not stop stealing. The case was adjourned.

At Regina another incendiary fire was started last night. The store owned by G. F. and J. Galt, of Winnipeg, was burned down. A boy who gave the alarm states that he saw a man coming away from the building before the fire broke out.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

GENERAL MINING NEWS.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 3.—(Special)—A gentleman directly interested in the mining of the province, made the following general statements to your correspondent: The results of the large washups of the present season in connection with the Cariboo and Horsefly hydraulic gold mine companies of Cariboo, in which Montreal capital is largely interested, are expected to be made known about the middle of the month. A very encouraging return is understood to be confidently expected by the Vancouver representatives of the companies concerned. Placer mining in Cariboo has, however, as was predicted by experts, proved this season rather disappointing, and few of the adventurers engaged therein have returned with more than moderate wages as a result of the gold gotten. The Cariboo gold deposits in the districts at present prospected are emphatically such as can in general only be profitably worked by hydraulicing.

The quicksilver deposits at Savona, near Kamloops, are being successfully operated, retorting having already begun. About 250 flasks of the usual standard size have been filled, and it is certain that the quicksilver thus produced will find very ready and profitable sale in the gold mining districts of the province.

Gold claims on Texada Island have been bonded by Messrs. Turner and Woodruffe, of Seattle and Chicago respectively, who represent a strong syndicate of American capitalists. They are now visiting the claims in company with the owners therein interested. Mr. Woodruffe, when interviewed on the subject, declared himself confident of making an excellent deal and asserted that the greatest mining boom ever seen will, in his opinion, visit this continent in the near future.

A confident belief prevails throughout British Columbia mining circles that the province is on the eve of a very great development of its varied mineral resources. Your correspondent is aware in particular, though he is not authorized at present to reveal names and details, that a representative of the largest copper interest in South Wales is now on a business visit to the gold and copper bearing fields of West Kootenay, accompanied by one of the most noted metallurgists in the province, who has received for his services an exceptionally large fee. The actual intention of the investigator is naturally kept, as far as possible, undisclosed, but viewed in connection with the recent rise in the value of copper caused by the rapid increase in demand for that metal, it is fairly to be assumed that a very considerable investment of British capital is likely to result from the visit should inquiries on the spot prove as favorable as expected. The assayer in question speaks, it may be added, very confidently of coming large developments in copper smelting, which probably point to one object of the visit.

The action of the C.P.R. in spending $150,000 on the contract just let for a short branch between Revelstoke and Arrow Lake, further attests the importance of the developments now taking place in all parts of West Kootenay.

The Trail Creek district is still more than upholding its reputation as a great gold and copper ore producer, and with a view to operations on the spot advertisements are out calling for tenders for the supply of the brick, stone, lumber and cordwood necessary for putting up and working a smelter of 150 tons daily capacity. Timber limits conveniently near have also been acquired from the provincial government by those interested in the undertaking.

ECCLESIASTICAL COURTESIES.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 3.—The Synod of the Episcopal church of the United States in joint session was in the midst of a discussion of rules when the hour set for the reception of the Canadian bishops arrived. The American bishops first filed up the broad aisle while the house arose. President Dix invited Bishop Coxe to the chair, and then with due formality the visiting bishops headed by Most Rev. R. Machray, Archbishop of Rupertsland, Metropolitan and Primate of Canada, were escorted to the chancel by a committee. The other visitors were Dr. Burns, the bishop of Qu'Appelle; Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, of Montreal; Rev. J. Grisdale, dean of Rupertsland; Matthew Wilson, Q C., and H. Brook, of Winnipeg. They were introduced as the first deputation of the united synod of the Church of England to the Church of America. The Archbishop of Rupertsland made an address outlining the progress of the church since he had come from England in 1869 to take charge of the diocese. From one diocese and eighteen clergymen it had grown to eight dioceses and eighty clergymen in his division alone. He deplored the divisions of the church and urged the American church to heal the sores of dissension. Dean Carmichael brought the greetings of the Provincial Synod. He said there was no present desire in Canada to wipe out geographical lines. The other visitors then spoke, expressing the good will of the Northern church and the desire for church unity, a sentiment reechoed by Dr. Dix in his response. The joint session then arose.

YALE-CAMBRIDGE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Nothing remains to be done in the way of preparations for the great Yale-Cambridge athletic meet of Saturday, which will take place on Manhattan island. That it will be a remarkable social and athletic international affair is without question. The visiting athletes have experienced difficulty in getting acclimated, but they are now enjoying the best of health. Alex. Jordan, who acted as starter for the New York-London Athletic clubs games has been invited to act in the same capacity. Mr. Jordan has accepted the position. The track and field are in fine shape. Never before has the track been in so good condition as at present. It has been carefully examined by experts and pronounced nearly perfect.

BEAUHARNOIS, Oct. 3.—Up to the adjournment of the court yesterday eleven jurors had been selected to try Bertie Shortis, the Valleyfield murderer, a panel of forty having been exhausted.

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

CABLE NEWS.

Anxiety as to Donaldson Smith's African Expedition—Bullion in Bank of England.

Mrs. Gladstone on the Inaction of the Government on Armenian Matters.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Considerable anxiety is beginning to be felt in scientific circles regarding Dr. Donaldson Smith's African expedition, news of which is long overdue. According to the latest advices, Dr. Smith, who comes from Philadelphia, has been stopped by the Abyssinian army and it is feared had to retrace his steps and gone in a southerly direction. He may have thus got behind the district where the British are now fighting Mbaruk a Mweli, on the British East African coast, and have been caught by the natives. It is hoped, however, that when he heard of the fighting, Dr. Smith made a detour, in which he would be heard from in the neighborhood of Lake Tanganyiki or along the German or English lake routes.

The passage of the civil marriage law has led to disturbance at Treztena Turdossin, Hungary. The registrars were ejected by a mob and their books were torn up. A priest who incited the populace to violence was arrested.

A column of troops, formed by soldiers from the Barcelona battalion, has had a skirmish with the insurgents in the Remedios district of Santa Clara. The insurgents lost five killed. On the side of the troops a guerilla captain and one soldier were wounded. Several other light engagements have taken place in which the insurgents retired after a few exchanges.

A woman just released from the Woking prison, who shared a cell in that institution with Mrs. Maybrick, says that the adjudged murderess continues to declare that she is innocent of the killing of her husband, for which she is serving a life sentence. The woman says that Mrs. Maybrick admitted to her that her conduct had been indiscreet, her illicit relations with the man Brierly furnishing a seeming motive, for getting her husband out of the way; but she stoutly maintained her innocence of any act in connection with his death. Two years ago, the woman says, Mrs. Maybrick became seriously ill and finally confessed that she had cut herself internally with broken glass, She had not intended to commit suicide, however, but had injured herself solely with the object of attracting attention to herself and exciting sympathy.

Mrs. Wm. E. Gladstone in opening a bazaar in aid of the Armenian fund yesterday, said: "No words of mine are necessary to commend to you the frightful need of help. Thank God you are fully aware of the horrible details and I plead to you, in behalf of the poor Armenians, to help to allay their sufferings. We cannot, as my husband says, dictate to the government as to the time, but the whole country awaits with the greatest anxiety the arrival at some effectual agreement which is properly guaranteed."

The Daily News says Mrs. Gladstone's plea, "that the feeling of the country towards the Armenians is still unchanged, is shown by the generous resolutions of the congregational council yesterday, and the renewed demands for redress expressed by Mrs. Gladstone in her husband's name."

The news of the loss of the Spanish cruiser Cristobal Colon, off the western coast of Cuba, caused a profound sensation in Madrid. Official news confirms the story of the total loss of the vessel. The Spanish minister of marine, Admiral Beranger, has ordered a careful inquiry into the disaster, and that all reports on the case be forwarded to Spain as soon as possible. A rumor that the cruiser was sunk by agents of the insurgents is classed as being absurd, as everything tends to show that the Christobal Colon was driven ashore at night during heavy weather, and abandoned next morning by her commander.

Tremendous excitement prevails at Constantinople. The police have made over 500 arrests in connection with the recent rioting of the Armenians. The government is greatly alarmed and the troops are kept under arms, as further outbreaks are feared. Owing to the serious state of affairs, the dinner which was to be given to-night at the palace in honor of Prince Albert, of Schleswig-Holstein, has been countermanded and the French warship Petrel has postponed her departure.

The Empire theatre has been granted an unconditional license. Mrs. Ormiston Chant, the noted reformer, who was expected to repeat her successful opposition of last year to the licensing of this place of entertainment, was not present at the meeting of the licensing committee.

The increse of coin and bullion in the Bank of England this week is entirely due to cash going into circulation as usual at the end of the quarter, the gold imported for this week being only £6110 000. The details are as follows: £174,000 in bars bought; £43,000 in U.S. coin; £50,000 from Australia; £300,000 to Egypt; £10,000 to the continent and £34,000 in Spanish consols. Germany is buying gold here to-day although the exchange in London is higher.

FRENCH ESPIONAGE.

BERLIN, Oct. 2.—Acting upon information received, the authorities of Cologne have taken into custody several additional persons who are charged with being connected with what seems to be a thoroughly organized attempt to spy upon different fortified positions in Germany. No details of the arrests have been furnished up to the present as the affair is being thoroughly investigated by the military authorities here and elsewhere. It is said, however, that the parties arrested at Cologne are either French officers or men in the employ of the French government.

U. S. FINANCES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—A comparative statement of the government's receipts and expenditures during September shows: Receipts, $27,549 678; expenditures, $24,320,481; surplus for the month, $3,229,197. Net deficit last three months, $9,884,658. The receipts during September were: Customs, $14,653,967; internal revenue, $12,260,008; miscellaneous, $635,701. Pension payments were $10,707,907.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

I. O. G. T. Grand Lodge Officers—Vancouver Council and the Proposed Smelter.

The Langley Exhibition — September Weather—Important Mining Deal at Rossland.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Oct. 3.—A firm recently asked for a bonus from the city as an encouragement to start a smelter here. Subsequently Mr. Pellew-Harvey requested the council to delay action until he could lay a proposition before them. The wealthy Welsh syndicate of capitalists, who are represented by Mr. Pellew-Harvey, contemplated erecting a smelter here without regard to a bonus, by their representative argued that if a bonus was being offered all should fare alike in tendering. Mr. Pellew-Harvey's letter has not been acknowledged, but the first proposition is receiving the attention of the council. Some citizens claim that the council should hasten to show Mr. Pellew-Harvey the courtesy due him as a representative of large European interests.

Captain Miller, R.N. master attendant of the Hongkong dock yard, is at the Hotel Vancouver. Captain Miller has served on warships in British Columbia waters for a number of years, commencing in 1864.

J. A. Pyke, one of Vancouver's most prominent merchants, returned from the East yesterday with his bride, nee Allan, also of Vancouver.

A. H. MacNeill, one of Vancouver's prominent barristers, was married yesterday to Miss Shaw, daughter of Peter Shaw, Edinburgh, Scotland, and niece of Mr. Thomas Dunn. The wedding was one of the leading social events of the year.

The Grand lodge I O G.T. held their first meeting in the province twenty years ago. Their twentieth session has just been brought to a close. Many important matters were considered. Next year a plan of insurance for the members will be started. There had been two temperance halls built last year and another was going to be erected shortly.

A resolution was passed that all members support only candidates of known temperance principles. The total present membership is now 973, a loss for the year of 292. There are 28 lodges in the province, ten having dropped their charter during the year. The original organization is financially sound. The Grand lodge property is valued at $4,500.

The attention of the Attorney-General is to be directed to the apathy of the authorities in connection with the frequent violations of the liquor laws, particularly by so-called clubs. The Grand Lodge will meet next year at Chilliwack. Officers were installed as follows: Grand chief templar, Dr. Lewis Hall, Victoria; grand councillor, W. L. Gilchrist; G. V. T., Mrs. L. Hall; G.S. J.T., Rev. E. Green; grand chaplain, Rev. J. Calvert; grand secretary, R. G. Clarke; G. M., W. E. A. Thornton; G.E.T., J. N. Evans; G. S. Keith, D.R.W.G.T., and G. Kirkendale, vice-chancellor; D.G.M., Miss L. Green; G. W., P. L. Bloomer; G.A.S., Miss Mann; G G., Miss Emerson, and E.S., E. E. Hardwick.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 4.—Recently A. Q. St. George charged a lady school teacher before the police magistrate with using undue severity in whipping his little girl. The magistrate dismissed the case as not being of sufficient importance to warrant grave consideration. Mr. St. George, however, again presents himself. This time he has laid information against Mr. A. C. Stuart, teacher Mt. Pleasant school, accusing him of unlawfully beating and assaulting his son Henry.

Yesterday a sailor of the bark Louisiana visited an Indian rancherie and supplied some of the Indians with liquor. He was forcibly reminded of the rigidity of British Columbia laws by having $50 of his wages advanced to the magistrate to help the city along.

Magistrate Pidcock, on Valdez island, has sentenced J. Wylie to pay $300, or lie in jail six months, for supplying Indians with liquor. Another man, named Henry Hollingsworth, was fined $150. It is hoped these severe sentences will have some effect in checking the wholesale supplying of liquor to Indians that is now going on in the North to the demoralization of the Indians and the destruction of the hitherto friendly relations existing between the Northern Indians and the white men.

Mr. A. H. Cotton, city editor of the News-Advertiser, has gone to Vernon for a month's much needed rest after several years of uninterrupted hard work.

The well known character Locksley Lucas, anti-Chinese agitator, play writer and globe trotter, awaiting trial on a charge of seducing his wife's sister, died in the Westminster jail to-day of cancer of the bowels.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Oct. 13 —The dog show at the fair grounds will be away ahead of last year. A large number of special prizes have been offered. The dog building has been much improved, and the animals will be more comfortable this year than last.

No. 4 Co. B.C B G.A. are turning out well and some splendid drills are being put in prior to inspection.

WESTMINSTER, Oct. 4.—A. W. Prestly, of Chilliwack, will be tried on Saturday for attempting to burn his own house down and with attempting on two occasions to commit suicide, by attempting to shoot himself while on the steamer on his way from Victoria to Chilliwack, and by jumping into the river when he arrived at Chilliwack.

The total amount collected by the city celebration committee so far is $2,170.

A large number of dogs are being poisoned in the city by unknown parties. Some of the dogs killed were valuable animals, and would have been exhibited in the coming dog show.

Ex-Ald. Cox has returned to town after several months' absence.

LANGLEY.

LANGLEY, Sept. 30.—During September rain fell upon 21 days, amounting to 5.407 inches, as follows:—For the first week 1.370 inches, second week 1.490 inches, third week 0.608 inches, fourth week 1.939 inches. In September, 1894, rain fell only upon 16 days but the total rainfall amounted to some two inches more than in 1895, being 7.532 inches.

Very dense fogs have prevailed along the river mornings and evenings. The first fresh snow was observed on the hills to the north on the morning of the 19th. The sharpest frosts occurred on the nights of the 10th, 18th and 20th, cutting down most of the tender vegetation and turning the foliage of deciduous trees to scarlet and gold, giving the woods a very charming and picturesque appearance.

The Langley-Glenwood exhibition, which was held at Murray's corner, Langley Prairie, on Tuesday, was a very successful affair, both as regards the number of exhibits and the attendance of the public. Many of the exhibits would have done credit to a much more pretentious show, and the judges gave very general satisfaction in carrying out their duties. D. M. Ratcliffe, of Major & Eldridge, pork packers of Vancouver, gave the Langley-Glenwood farmers a surprise by informing them that they were adding to their present business a large creamery, and were now ready to purchase cream. Creamery operations have indeed been commenced at the firm's Vancouver premises. Some out door sports relieved the monotony of the unoccupied portion of the afternoon. In the evening a dance was held in the hall.

ALERT BAY.

ALERT BAY, Oct. 3.—The western addition is getting its quota of building improvements; a new structure for a dwelling having made its appearance at that end recently.

The building of the saw mill at Village island is nearing completion. The owners purpose making a specialty of cedar and white pine lumber, as it is said there are good tracts of this timber within easy reach.

Harvesting has finished among the farmers; but the yield is not over abundant. This is caused no doubt by the depredations made in the early summer by the grub worm. The farmers would be pleased to learn of a remedy to prevent the ravages of this pest.

Miss Dowley of the girls' home takes the steamer going south to enjoy a well earned holiday.

A marten paid a nocturnal visit to a farm yard at the river last week and succeeded in making an indiscriminate and almost entire slaughter of poultry.

Steamer Glad Tidings took on a lot of lumber from the mill here yesterday consigned to northern ports.

The severity of the equinoctial gales was felt here, but caused no damage to speak of.

Rev. A. J. Hall had a pleasing duty to perform this week, having linked together in matrimony Charles Hawkings and Miss Jesse, one of the belles of the west end.

BARKERVILLE.

A letter dated Sept. 26th states that it has been raining and snowing there for the past fortnight, and on the night of the 26th was snowing heavily. The season is fast closing. The Whittier company on Williams Creek have seventy men employed on their works. Over three hundred leases of placer ground are now on record in the Richfield office, such has been the rush for placer ground during the present year.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

A contract is to be let for sinking thirty feet further on the Phœnix.

The Alamo, one of Humphreys mines in the Slocan country, paid a dividend of $25,000 last Monday.

The crosscut on the 100 level in the Nickel Plate will have to be run about fifty feet further before striking the main ledge. A stringer nearly a foot wide was cut early this week, and the ore when tested was found to be high in both gold and copper.

The uncovering of a fine ore body in the surface of the Homestake continues. There is a solid body of ore fifty inches wide running off on both sides like the walls of a pyramid. The value is well maintained throughout, passing 100 ounces in silver and averaging $12 in gold.

Returns on a shipment of Cliff ore were received early this week and the figures were very satisfactory, ranging from $17 50 per ton to $70 per ton. The car netted about $500. There was 8 02 per cent. of copper, which was the highest yet returned from any smelter on ore shipped from Trail Creek.

On Thursday afternoon Phil Aspenwall gave to H. P. Mason, C. L. Hoge and R. C. McKinnoy, of the Trail Mining Company, an option running 30 days, to purchase his entire interest in the Kootenay, Copper Jack and Tip Top claims for $40,000 cash. The taking of an option in this case means a sale, the 30 days time being given in order that Messrs. Mason, Hoge and McKinney may obtain the ratification of the board of directors of their company in Illinois. It is the purpose of the Trail Mining Company to work both the Columbia and Kootenay on a large scale. The purchase of the Aspinwall interest is a great step forward not only in the development of the Columbia mountain mines but for the good of the entire camp. It indicates the increasing confidence of capital and the working of mines with high-class machinery, and for that reason quicker and better development.

The crossout made from the bottom of the forty foot shaft on the St. Elmo Consolidated revealed sixteen feet of ore. Its neighbor further up the hill, the St. Elmo, has immense ore bodies, but they are pretty high up on the mountain.

A new body of high grade free milling ore has been opened on the further workings of No. 2 tunnel of the O.K.

THOMSON'S LANDING.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

There'll be lively times at Thomson's and Trout lake as soon as the rawhiding of ore commences.

McPherson & Bettles have sunk 25 feet on the lead and drifted 60 feet on the Snow Shoe. They are confident they have the makings of a good mine.

J. D. McDonald, who discovered the Glengarry group, has spent the summer prospecting in the Lardeau and Cariboo creek districts. His last find is the Rachel, a high grade gold proposition on Cariboo creek.

Development work on the Great Northern is being rushed and a rawhide trail is being constructed to connect it with the Trout lake wagon road.

The ranchers around the head of Arrow lake have been favored with immense crops of potatoes and vegetables, and expect to find a good market in the mining camps.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Arrival of Sir Julian Pauncefote—Traffic on the Canadian Soo Canal.

The Question of Copyright—A Diminished Lumber Cut—Unsurveyed Canadian Territory.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—Sir Julian Pauncefote and the Earl of Westmeath arrived here tonight. They were met at the station by Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir C. H. Tupper. Pauncefote said his visit had no official signification, but it is understood that the personnel of the Behring sea commission will be discussed.

In twenty-one days the Soo canal, opened in September, has accommodated 414 vessels, their aggregate registered tonnage being 316,132 tons.

A peculiar condition of affairs has been developed in connection with the copyright question. Now that the collection of authors' royalty has ceased it is held that the Imperial law of 1842 applies to Canada and that the importation of foreign reprints of British copyright works is illegal. If the home government maintains this view, the importation of New York editions will be stopped.

The lumber cut in this city is 50,000,000 feet less than last season.

Dr. Dawson, director of the geological survey, estimates that there are a million and a quarter square miles of territory in Canada yet unsurveyed.

OTTAWA, Oct. 4.—M. T. Johnson, of Victoria, has been appointed a member of the pilotage authority for the district of Victoria.

The request of the British Columbia sealers that the commission to assess the Behring sea seizure damages shall sit at Victoria will be acceded to. The government will endeavor to secure the assent of the authorities at Washington to the speedy appointment of two commissioners, one representing England and Canada, and the other the United States. The decision of the commissioners, if unanimous, will be final. Upon the points in regard to which they disagree, they will report to their respective governments, when, if a settlement cannot be reached through the usual diplomatic channels, the services of an umpire in the person of the representative of a neutral power will be invoked. Sir Julian Pauncefote's present visit to Ottawa is to discuss with the government the method of procedure before the commission, and to learn fully the views which the government holds. Sir Julian visited the Supreme court to-day, and was invited to sit on the bench.

A militia general order will be issued tomorrow containing the announcement that General Gascoigne assumed command of the Canadian militia from the 1st inst.

Regulations for the entrance examinations to the Royal Military College in June next are published. An important change is made by which matriculants of six Canadian universities, Toronto and Queens, Ontario; McGill and Laval, Quebec; the University of New Brunswick, N.B.; and Dalhousie University, N.S., are to be allowed to enter as cadets on their matriculation certificates, provided they are within the age limit, viz.: 15 to 19.

The proclamation declaring the French treaty in force will be issued in a few days. The government received a cable dispatch to-day announcing that the ratification negotiations had been almost concluded.

The Dominion account books for the last fiscal year were closed to-day. The revenue was $33,929,800. During the past quarter the revenue was half a million better than last year, and the expenditure a quarter of a million less.

Dr. H. F. Merrill.

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