

" Arbitration offered in your despatch to Lord Dufferin, 18th June. Please acknowledge.

" JOSEPH W. TRITTEL,
Lieut. Governor British Columbia."

Has been this day telegraphed to Earl Carnarvon,

(Signed,) JOSEPH W. TRITTEL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Hon. R. W. Scott,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Canada.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY OF STATE.

10th September, 1874.

SIR.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 53, of the 3rd instant, and its enclosures, transmitting for the information of His Excellency the Governor General, a copy of a despatch addressed by you to the Right Honorable the Secretary of the State for the Colonies, expressing the acceptance by your Government of his Lordship's offer, as conveyed in his despatch of the eighteenth of June last, to arbitrate in the difference between the Government of British Columbia and the Dominion in relation to the railway article of the terms of Union.

Your despatch will be submitted for the consideration of the Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,
Under Secretary of State.

To His Honor the Lieutenant Governor
of British Columbia, Victoria.

(No. 8 A.)

OTTAWA, July 4th, 1874.

SIR.—I have been informed that you intend to leave for Quebec to-day. If this be the case, may I be excused for pressing upon your attention my present very unsatisfactory position in having received no definite information respecting my credentials to the Right Honorable the Principal Secretary of State.

It is considered of great importance by the Government of British Columbia, that I should use all possible despatch in executing my mission to England.

May I therefore request you to inform me when I shall be put in possession of the necessary authority to enable me to accomplish my task.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. A. WALKER.

The Honorable A. Mackenzie,

&c., &c., &c.

(Copy No. 9 A.)

OTTAWA, July 10th, 1874.

SIR.—In reply to your letter to Mr. Mackenzie, of this morning's date, enquiring when you can procure your credentials as delegate of British Columbia to the Imperial Government, I have the honor, by request of Mr. Mackenzie, to say that the necessary Minute of Council has already been forwarded to His Excellency the Governor General for His Excellency's signature, and that it will be delivered to you immediately after the special messenger returns with it to the city.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) WM. BUCKINGHAM.

Hon. Geo. A. Walkem,

&c., &c., &c.

Ottawa.