

question of expense is an important one, though it should not be allowed to carry too much weight provided the money is well spent. There is, however, a growing feeling that the day of juries is passing away; and the judiciary and the profession are at one with the public in thinking that the more their use is limited the better

Speaking of juries an attempt was recently made at the Winchester Assizes in England, as we learn from our English name sake, to introduce into England the Scotch verdict of "not proven." It was a case of rape. The jury after being out some time brought in a verdict of "not proven" which very properly was not accepted by Mr. Justice Ridley, who directed the jury to return in lieu of their finding a verdict of "not guilty." Whilst there may be something to be said in favour of the Scotch usage in this matter, it is of course entirely foreign to the law in other parts of the British Empire, the theory being that the prisoner is entitled to the full benefit of the fact that the jury feel a doubt as to his guilt, and if the evidence is not sufficient to find him guilty he is to be declared innocent. There certainly must be a good deal more discussion on the subject than takes place in a jury room before the change which some people think desirable can take place.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN YUKON.

Our attention has been called to some matters concerning the administration of justice in the Yukon Territory, as to which the condition of things at the present time is in some respects unsatisfactory. The crying need of more judicial power has partly been met by the appointment of Mr. Craig, late of Renfrew. He and Judge Dugas, who has for some time past been overwhelmed with work, are now zealously struggling to reduce the arrears that have necessarily accumulated during the past eighteen months. It is said however, that the necessities of the case are not yet met.

The Yukon District, of all places in Her Majesty's Dominions, is one where speedy justice is a matter of absolute necessity. The population is constantly changing, litigants and witnesses here to-day and gone to-morrow. Parties to suits are heavy losers, and are often put to great inconvenience and expense, by the present and past impossibility of having their causes heard before they