

AFFAIRS IN THE EAST.

Agreement Between Russia, France and England—Severe Hurricane Off the British Coast.

Egyptian Camp at Dongola—Spanish Troops Arrive in Cuba—Insurgent Leader Captured.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Manchester Guardian understands that an agreement is probable between Great Britain, Russia and France to bring about a settlement of the Eastern question, the co-operation of France being purchased by an understanding regarding Egypt. The Guardian expresses the belief that the scheme is to neutralize both Egypt and Turkey under an international guarantee, with their rulers under international tutelage.

The hurricane of yesterday swept the coast all night long and the seas were terrific. Great damage was done to the buildings about the harbors, wharves and piers, and vessels were stranded at many points. Their crews, however, were saved by life lines. Much wreckage is strewn about the shore in all directions and the channel service has been suspended. So far, there are few fatalities reported.

The camp of the Egyptian expedition has been moved three miles south of the city to secure healthier quarters than are found in Dongola.

It now appears that 1,000 Armenians were killed at Egin, in the Kharput district, in the recent massacres, and it is reported that 100 Armenians have been killed in Divrig in the same vicinity.

The Yossische Zeitung of Berlin learns that a series of conferences of members of the corn exchange respecting dealings in wheat futures has resulted in an agreement to adopt a contract note, which, while excluding speculations, will permit general dealings without infringing the new laws.

The local guerrilla force of Lajas, province of Santa Clara, Cuba, has captured the insurgent leader Aniceto Hernandez. The steamship Santiago arrived to-day from Spain with 50 officers and 2,050 soldiers to reinforce the Spanish army here. There were several cases of smallpox on board the steamer and she was fumigated before the troops were landed.

An official despatch from Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands, says that after three days fighting at Rebazada, the insurgents were repulsed with a loss of fifty killed, including their leader, Capellan. A despatch to the Imperial from Manila says the insurgents have occupied eight villages near Cavite, and that they have considerable supplies of arms and food.

The steamer blown ashore on Terschelling island, in the North sea, reported to be a North German Lloyd liner, proves to be the Spanish steamer Hugo. The crew has been landed on Ameland island.

The admiralty has received a despatch from Nakasaki, Japan, stating that a boat belonging to H. M. S. Narcissus (armored cruiser) capsized on September 11 in Fish river, and the Captain Lang and three seamen were drowned.

PERSECUTED ARMENIANS.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—At a meeting held in Manchester, under the presidency of the bishop of that city, 8,000 persons attended to protest against the Turkish treatment of the Armenians.

The Turkish authorities have put a stop to the deportation of Armenians, which has been going on extensively of late.

The French admiralty are making inquiries as to how soon three ironclads could be fitted out for service in Turkish waters.

The Daily News announces that Nubar Pasha, the well-known Egyptian statesman, formerly president of the Egyptian council of ministers, has donated £400 to the Armenian relief fund. A Constantinople despatch to the Daily News says: "The United States legat in has received news from one of its consuls of a serious massacre at Elvin in the district of Karpoof."

Lady Henry Somerset writes from Marseille an appeal to the Daily News to collect funds to send refugees Armenians to America. The Daily News also prints an appeal from Miss Frances Willard to her sisters in America on the same subject, and in an editorial rejoices to be able to assist in such a project.

GOLD FROM TEXADA.

SEATTLE, Sept. 25.—The City of Kingston brought over yesterday a consignment of rich gold-copper ore from the Van Ande mine on Texada island, consisting of fifty sacks. This is the test shipment and a similar one was made at the same time to San Francisco. At present there are 150 tons of this grade of ore on the dumps, beside about 300 tons second class, which is awaiting the completion of the wagon road and wharf, new improvements now under way at the camp to facilitate shipments. The shaft has a diameter of 55 feet, and the ore, which has been gradually widening with depth, is now 3½ feet in width, all first class.

DYNAMITE CONSPIRACY.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The hearing of Edward J. Ivory alias Edward Bell, charged with complicity in a dynamite conspiracy, was resumed at Bow Street police court to-day. Mr. C. F. Gill prosecuting on behalf of the treasury department. A man named Goll, proprietor of a cafe in Antwerp, testified as to the movements of Kearney and Hughes, who were arrested in Rotterdam, and of Ivory and P. J. Tynan. Kearney told Goll, he said, in explanation of the large purchase of chemicals he was making, that he was travelling for an American chemical company and was buying raw material to ship to New York. After the inspector of the Rotterdam police had given evidence that he had found twenty dynamite cartridges in Kearney's bed after his arrest, and that he had also found a letter to Kearney from Bell and receipts for the purposes of nitric and

sulphuric acids and glycerine, Ivory was remanded for a week.

Counsel for the prosecution claimed that Ivory, Tynan, Kearney and Haines had conspired to cause a dynamite explosion in the United Kingdom, and had left New York in August supplied with money and sent to this country by a Fenian organization in New York for the purpose of preparing bombs and dynamite at Antwerp and then securing men in London or Glasgow to place them. September 15 had it was asserted, been fixed upon as the time when the last step in the conspiracy should be consummated. Infernal machines of a new pattern were found in the possession of Kearney and Haines when they were arrested.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Suicide of a Stranger.

TORONTO, Sept. 23.—A well-dressed American came to this city from Niagara last night and registered at the Queen's hotel as H. Nulta, New York. This morning he was found dead in bed with a pill-box on a chair beside him, containing a powder supposed to be cyanide of potassium. There is nothing on the body to assist in his identification. An inquest will be held.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Hon. J. I. Tarte, minister of public works, appeared in the police court to-day and laid a charge of criminal libel against W. A. Drenier, proprietor and publisher of the new weekly newspaper La Libre Parole. The article complained of describes Mr. Tarte as a "vulgar political acrobat," a "traitor and a vagabond," and a man "whose name is also mixed up with all the shameful acts of all the regimes."

WINNIPEG, Sept. 23.—Harry Sandison, a well known merchant tailor of this city, met with a sad accident this afternoon while shooting prairie chickens. He was leaning on his gun when it was accidentally discharged, mangle his right arm and necessitating amputation near the shoulder.

BELLEVILLE, Sept. 24.—The Intelligence of this city is now solely in possession of Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the other stockholders in the paper having retired.

TORONTO, Sept. 24.—It is understood that owing to the growth of the mining interests in the country and sympathy with the interest in board of trade circles here, there is probability of a mining exchange being formed.

MONTREAL, Sept. 24.—Fay Templeton, the leading actress in "Excelsior," which is running here this week, has disappeared and it is supposed she has eloped with J. Brown, a nephew of John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, and gone to Europe.

QUEBEC, Sept. 24.—The news of a terrible crime comes from Rimouski. A wealthy farmer of that place named Le-pape, while alone in the house with his wife, was suddenly seized with convulsions. Mrs. Lepape at once ran to his side, raised his head a little and catching him by the throat strangled him. The woman appears to have lost her reason. Although she has acted strangely at times it was not thought she was dangerous.

TORONTO, Sept. 24.—The funeral of the late Senator Ferguson took place this afternoon from his late residence to the Union station, thence to Galt for interment.

ORILLIA, Sept. 25.—This town is en fête in honor of the champion oarsman Gaudaur, who was given a magnificent reception this evening. He was brought into town in triumph from his home at the narrow, the steamers tooting their whistles and throwing up rockets. At the wharf a procession started for the opera house which was crowded. Mayor Jupp introduced the champion, who was received with vociferous applause. An address was then presented together with a silk purse containing \$500.

TORONTO, Sept. 25.—The following answer was received to a message of congratulation sent to Her Majesty: "Bal-sant in spirit, Sept. 24.—To the Mayor of Toronto: The Queen thanks you all for your kind message and loyal congratulations. (Signed) Private Secretary."

FORT WILLIAM, Sept. 25.—Terrible bush fires are raging on the western limits of the town. A very heavy gale is blowing from that direction and general of the churches and public buildings are in danger. Brown's terrace has been destroyed.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Friends of John Cameron, proprietor of the London Advertiser, are said to be pressing his claims to the vacant senatorship. Mr. Cameron was formerly editor of the local paper and is considered to have excellent chances.

TORONTO, Sept. 25.—The Orangemen of the city are very indignant over the action of the Government in removing H. C. Dixon, stamp vendor in the post office here, and giving the position to a party supporter. Dixon, who is chaplain of the county lodge, has held his position in the post office for eighteen years most satisfactorily to the public.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—W. H. Kingston, Jr., son of Sir William Kingston, has surprised his friends by abandoning the study of law, in which it was predicted that he would be a brilliant success, and entering the Jesuit order as a novice.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—Dr. H. B. Cameron, of the Granite Creek Mining Co., British Columbia, appeared before Judge Dugas and pleaded not guilty to the charge of criminal libel preferred by W. M. Hogg, secretary-treasurer of the company in this city. The case was remanded.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.—Hon. Mr. Tarte announces that he has retired from the political direction of Le Cultivateur and will hereafter be responsible only for articles signed by himself. Mr. Tarte adds that he hopes some day to return to newspaper work, saying that he prefers journalism to politics.

CORNWALL, Sept. 25.—Dr. Bergin, M. P., has taken a turn for the worse, and again there are fears that he may not pull through.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 25.—The Brandon Liberals will meet at Souris on October 6, to select a candidate to succeed Dalton McCarthy in the House of Commons. Ex-Mayor Davis of Prince Albert will probably be the Liberal candidate in Saskatchewan.

DOMINION ESTIMATES.

Over a Million Dollars For the Militia—Permanent Quarters at Bisley.

Items in Which British Columbia Is Directly and Indirectly Interested.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—According to the Estimates, over a million dollars go to the militia for new arms and equipment. Permanent quarters are to be erected at Bisley for the Canadian team.

The following British Columbia items appear on the list:

Columbia river, protection of the bank at Revelstoke, the government of British Columbia contributing a like amount, \$10,500.

Columbia river, removal of rocks above Revelstoke, \$2,000.

Columbia river, increased facilities for navigation purposes at the foot of Kootenay rapids, \$1,000.

Duncan river, improvements, \$3,000.

Okanagan river improvement \$500.

William Head quarantine, repairs to wharf and improvement to the water service, \$2,000.

Improvements to Nanaimo harbor, south channel, \$10,000.

New Westminster drill hall, installation of electric light, \$600.

William Head quarantine station, fire protection fittings and painting, \$1,500.

Salary of county court judge, Kootenay district, \$2,400.

Circuit allowances, additional, \$8,000.

Alternate line connecting Cape Beale and Carmanah with Victoria by extending the French Creek, Alberni line, southward to the southwest coast of Vancouver island, \$5,000.

Cost of hauling the steamer Quadra off Fulford reef and towing her into Victoria harbor, as agreed upon between the agent of the department and the captain of the tug boat, \$4,000.

Expenses of the British commission appointed under the Behring sea claims convention, and the remuneration and expenses of counsel and witnesses and other expenses therewith, \$50,000.

For expert investigation into seal life in connection with the ward regulations for Behring sea, \$3,500.

For the legal expenses of the case of the steamer Coquitlam before the United States Supreme Court, \$2,500.

Expenses of delimitating the boundary between Canada and the United States along the frontier of British Columbia, \$75,000.

Expense of exploring, surveying, etc. the country lying between the Stickeen river and the sources of the Yukon, \$6,000.

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—Inquiry in official circles elicits the information that Mr. Martin has the refusal of the British Columbia judgeship in his pocket.

Messrs. Prior, Earle, Morrison and McInnes are strongly opposed to the appointment; Messrs. Maxwell and Bostock, however, favor it. The matter is not likely to be settled until after the session.

Hon. Mr. Laurier gave an encouraging answer to a delegation which asked for the recognition of the services of the volunteers who served in the United States, and said the government would come down with a scheme next session.

The debates committee decided to allow the three French translators who got their marching orders yesterday to finish their sessional work.

Sir Charles Tupper suggested an address to the Queen congratulating her on being the longest reigning British sovereign.

Hon. Mr. Laurier said he would discuss the matter with Sir Charles Tupper privately.

The whole of to-day's session was spent in supply, excellent progress being made.

The Senate has decided not to abolish intoxicating liquor from the restaurant. The sale, however, will be confined to members of parliament.

The supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year served in the United Kingdom. The total to be voted is \$2,889,557, of which \$1,719,015 is charged to capital and \$1,170,541 to the consolidated fund.

OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—From present appearances Judges King and Putnam respectively Canadian and American commissioners to investigate the claims of the sealers will not hold their first business meeting until November. As soon as Mr. Justice King receives his commission from Her Majesty it is likely that he will have an informal meeting with Mr. Putnam, when they will arrange to meet at Victoria.

The delay will give an opportunity to the Canadian counsel, Messrs. Peters and Beigne to look more fully into the case. E. V. Bodwell has been appointed as counsel for Canada.

Members of the Hansard staff have been detailed to report the proceedings.

Dr. Milne entertained a number of friends at dinner last night.

Mr. McColl, of Westminster, is likely to get the British Columbia judgeship if "Joe" Martin refuses.

Steelhead fishing from December 1 to February 15 will probably be granted. The matter is now under consideration.

TARTE AND HIS METHODS.

TORONTO, Sept. 25.—(Special)—The Mail's Ottawa correspondent says: "Hon. Mr. Tarte's method of letting contracts is to be made the subject of inquiry. He is to be asked how far the statements published in La Libre Parole concerning his department are true. His celebrated letter to intending contractors asking what they will do for the writ in the event of their tenders being accepted will be quoted in the House. Mr. Tarte will be asked if he is aware that the author of the document is H. E. Petit, the defeated Liberal candidate for the County of Terrebonne, and if so, he will be asked whether it is his intention to govern himself hereafter by the opinion of said Petit in awarding contracts for supplies."

ALL EYES ON BALMORAL.

A Turning Point in Britain's Position Towards the Powers.

Miss Willard's Appeal—Anti-Masonic Congress in Rome—The Nile Expedition.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The wearisome Armenian question has almost absorbed public attention during the week, the proposal of Mr. Gladstone to withdraw the British ambassador from Constantinople and give the Turkish ambassador here his conge is discussed by all the weekly newspapers, but it finds little favor and is looked upon as being simply a policy of crying "Boo," which will have absolutely no good effect upon the Sultan.

All eyes are now turned toward Balmoral, where the arrival to-day of the Marquis of Salisbury will, it is hoped, mark a turning point in Great Britain's position towards the powers. The British Premier will stay several days at Balmoral, and there is little doubt that he will utilize his time in endeavors to win from the czar a recognition of the disinterested character of Great Britain's policy towards Turkey, and arrange a basis for joint action which will render further massacres impossible.

The Globe this afternoon says: "No chief justice of the empire can be expected to be in attendance and there will be no protocols to cause future embarrassment, but there will be free and unreserved expressions of opinion on either side, which will be fitted to clear the situation. If the czar can be convinced that we have not a selfish purpose and that by acting in concert with our government he will take the most effective course to maintain peace, there is much reason to believe that he will readily co-operate with us."

The Times to-day prints an interesting letter from Constantinople regarding the Sultan, during which the writer says: "It is possible to influence the Sultan by awakening his fears, and under no other conditions can be brought to deviate from his own system, because every such deviation outrages his self admiration. Many persons believe him to be ill or mad, but he is not ill, and his health is as sound as that of the average man of his age. He is not mad. His mental faculties are remarkably active, resourceful and acute."

He has been brought to suspend the gratification of his resentment against the Armenians partly because the diplomat has pointed out the danger of its continuance and because it has been impressed upon him that the financial prospect has been seriously darkened by the disturbance of the whole economy of the capital, and partly because he is frightened about the young Turks, and this last is the most potent element of this compound draught of terror, while it affects the policy of reconciliation with the Armenians, whom he hates but does not fear, is pursued, and it leaves him free to deal with the young Turks, whom he hates and fears.

A reaction, however, is certain to set in sooner or later. No reliance can be placed upon the maintenance of his benign attitude toward the Armenians unless diplomacy can maintain a strong fear-inspiring influence."

From the international offices of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union in London, Miss Frances E. Willard has sent out the following call to the ten thousand local unions in the United States: "Our comrades, the terrible years, in which the massacre of innocents has been under the eyes of our paralyzed rulers in Christian lands have thought that men alone could help, but it is a woman who is doing two deaths in the bloody East, and we, their sisters, cannot longer wait. You have nobly responded to my earlier appeal, and in the name of Christianity I earnestly and tenderly call upon you to organize meetings in every locality, urging your government to co-operate with England in putting a stop to the massacres and giving protection henceforth to the Armenian homes. Let these meetings be addressed by the pastors, the business men and the most capable women. Let money be raised for systematic visitation as well as by collection and forwarded to our national treasurer, Mrs. Helen M. Barker, the women's temple, Chicago. And may God deal with us at last as we deal with our Armenian brothers and sisters and their little ones in this hour of overwhelming calamity."

The Sirdar, Sir Herbert Kitchener, is sending the First Staffordshire regiment back to Kosh, en route to Cairo, which seem to indicate that there will be no further advance up the Nile for the present at least.

Lord Rosebery to-day unveiled the Burns statue at Paisley, Scotland.

Kearney and Haines, the two alleged dynamite experts at Rotterdam, will be prosecuted by the Belgian government on the charge of having manufactured explosives at Antwerp.

Col. San Martin has attacked Antonio Maceo Sagua, province of Pinar del Rio. The Spanish troops captured the insurgent position and a quantity of arms and ammunition. The enemy left 17 dead on the field. The troops had one man killed and four officers and fifty soldiers wounded.

According to information received from a good source by the correspondent of the Associated Press at Berlin, an agreement has been reached between the Russian and German governments to exercise pressure upon the other European governments to bring about an international arrangement to deal with Anarchist plotters and if possible international revision of the international laws.

This entente resulted from the meeting of the czar and Emperor William at Breslau. M. Shishine, the acting Russian minister for foreign affairs for Russia, is trying to get the adhesion of France to the arrangement.

Notes between Germany, Austria and Italy is also proceeding. In addition it is hoped that Great Britain, in view of the dynamite plot said to have been discovered by Scotland Yard, will join in the scheme by which anarchists and all physical force men will be classed among common criminals for extradition purposes.

The Anti-Masonic Congress, arranged

for which were made in Rome, where the central executive committee of the Anti-Free Masons has its headquarters, opened here to-day. The members of this congress are divided into three classes, honorary, active, and those who sympathize with the movement. The honorary members were nominated by the central committee, the active members paid five florins for the privilege of attending and the sympathetic members, who include a number of women, are those who without participating in the deliberations of the congress, support the movement by voluntary contributions. All three classes "must be absolutely obedient to the will of the Church of Rome and recognize the Pope as their head." The object in calling the congress is set forth as being "to make known to all the unmeasurable of the moral and material evil the church and society have suffered through Free Masonry and to seek an antidote to the form of a permanent anti-Free Masonic organization."

TORONTO TOPICS.

Rev. Mr. Maitland on "Joe" Martin's Possible Appointment—Grand Trunk's New Policy May Be Reversed.

TORONTO, Sept. 26.—(Special)—There is a good deal of uneasiness here and in Montreal over the reported possibility of a complete reversal of the Grand Trunk policy by the old Tyler party getting control of the board again at the meeting of shareholders next week. Friends of the old regime claim that Sir Rivers Wilson may be defeated and Sir Henry Tyler again placed in control.

Chief Justice Haggarty of Ontario, after being 41 years on the bench, has now practically retired. Yesterday he entered on a six months' leave, and it is understood will not sit again, save for the purpose of delivering judgments.

The World reports Rev. Robert Maitland, of Vancouver, as saying that if the government appoint Joseph Martin as chief justice of British Columbia the Reformers of the province would raise a awful row. Mr. Maitland is here representing the province on the Methodist General Mission Board. The World further says that the theory that Dalton McCarthy will be shortly invited to join the government is strengthened by the fact that he is dispensing the patronage for his constituency.

VENEZUELAN BOUNDARY.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The report of the Venezuelan boundary commission, appointed last January, will be made to the President shortly before Congress convenes in December. The material collected in Spain by the British and Venezuelan governments, and the material from the propaganda at Rome, where the records of old Catholic missions are kept, is in the possession of the commission. The only delay will be incident to the work of Professor Baer, who was charged with the task of ransacking the Dutch archives in Holland.

AFFAIRS IN SAMOA.

APIA, Samoa, Sept. 8.—(Per Steamer Mariposa).—President Schmidt is still here, although the day is passed when it was stated he would go. It is now nearly two years since the treaty powers were petitioned by the government of Samoa to remove President Schmidt, and early in the year Samoans were informed that he would be leaving in September. It is now certain that the time of his departure is uncertain, as the powers have neither appointed his successor nor decided to do away with the office altogether, which latter is the desire of many residents and natives. Chief Justice Ide has decided to leave Samoa if possible at the end of the year, and to complete this the work of the supreme court is being moved on as rapidly as possible.

The brigantine Pitcairn, of the Seventh Day Adventist Missionary Association, arrived August 29 and left several days later for Tonga and Yre. This mission is making rapid progress.

NEARLY HALF A MILLION.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 26.—The writs issued here against Victoria City and the Consolidated Railway Company by Mr. D. G. Macdonell on behalf of the victims of the Point Ellice bridge disaster aggregate claims for damages amounting in all to between \$400,000 and \$500,000. The writs are as follows:

D. L. Ballard, loss of wife, \$50,000.

J. C. Trout, loss of wife, \$50,000.

C. C. Pierson, on behalf of self and brothers and sisters, for loss of father and mother, \$100,000.

W. F. Fullerton, for loss of son, \$10,000.

B. W. Murray, for loss of son, \$25,000.

E. C. Shepherd, for loss of wife and two children, \$50,000.

Thos. Physick, for loss of wife, \$20,000.

Mrs. Patterson, loss of husband, on behalf of self and three infants, \$50,000.

Mrs. Bowness, widow, for loss of two daughters, \$30,000.

Edward Carmichael, on behalf of self and sister, for loss of father and mother, \$75,000.

James Jackson, for loss of daughter, and personal injury to himself, \$25,000.

G. G. Biggar, for personal injury and loss of two children, son and daughter, \$25,000.

William Heatherbell, for loss of wife, \$25,000.

Capt. Smith, for loss of two children, \$50,000.

Gilbert Post, loss of wife and child, \$50,000.

William Crull, loss of child, \$10,000.

Calvin Bossi, loss of brother, \$10,000.

Edward Nathan, loss of child, \$15,000.

Edward Hooson, loss of wife and child, \$50,000.

Mrs. Woolcock, loss of a son, \$15,000.

George Woodhouse, loss of a wife, \$50,000.

LYNCHING IN LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 24.—On Tuesday night Jim Hawkins (colored) was arrested for assault and battery on a little white boy, but the main charge against him was a general bad reputation. The prisoner was placed in jail in Gretna. At 1 o'clock this morning masked men appeared before the jail, the door was broken open and the prisoner hanged to a tree.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway—More Burglaries at the Terminal City.

Salt Spring Island School—Road Building at Alberni—Anti-Chinese Meeting.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 26.—E. E. Baker, of the Red Cross brewery, has written to the Trades and Labor council complaining that much Victoria beer is consumed in Vancouver, and intimating that Chinamen are employed in the Victoria breweries.

The secretary of the Trades and Labor council has also been instructed to inform Mr. Maxwell, M.P., that watchmen employed by the customs department are on duty 12 hours each day, and requesting that in the building of the new drill shed union rules will be observed.

On Thursday night T. J. Beatty was married to Miss K. F. Davies. The ceremony was performed at the residence of A. J. Paterson, Rev. Mr. Stackhouse officiating.

The engineers of the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway and Navigation Co. will be kept employed preparing plans so that the road may be started immediately on the granting of the charter at the next session.

The Carter House at Hotel Vancouver were burglarized early this morning. The booty consisted of a large quantity of liquor and cigars.

A. W. Black, manager of the stores department C.P.R., left on an extended trip to Ottawa yesterday accompanied by his wife.

The Horne-Payne Co. are erecting a hotel and other buildings at Lowrie, B. C. Clements will superintend the building operations.

H. A. Jones is fitting out a steamer to go on a prospecting tour North. The expenses of the trip are being defrayed by subscription—under the co-operative system.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Sept. 26.—C. S. Keith and bride have returned from their wedding tour.

Indians are running deer with dogs in the valley at the head of Pitt lake. The deer are being slaughtered in large numbers.

A number of fishermen started to fish yesterday, thinking that the 25th was the first day of the open season. Their boats