

## THE MONTREAL HERALD'S NEW EDITOR.

THE changes in The Montreal Herald staff have brought a good man to the front. Mr. John A. Garvin, who has been writing largely for the paper during the past three years, is made chief editor. With a show of reason Toronto journalism claims him as its own, because, although born in Montreal, in 1866, he was brought to Toronto in infancy, received his education there, and developed his newspaper talents in Toronto offices. He was educated first at the Model School, then went to the Toronto Collegiate Institute, and in 1883 matriculated in the University of Toronto. He graduated B.A. in 1887, but had begun newspaper work some time before, having joined the reportorial staff of The World in June, 1885. In this office Mr. Garvin was brought into touch with the keenness, experience and sagacity of the Maclean brothers, whose methods in all the branches of newspaper work are summed up in the word Thorough. Like other members of the press who have been in close contact with the admirable alertness, vigilance and courage which distinguish the journalistic policy of W. F. Maclean and his brothers, Mr. Garvin often admits his obligations

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to the environ-World office. trained there patience calculate what is termed a "good journalist. In vin joined The and in 1888 News. In these competent ad-J. Bennett and who have ideas a ready sym- young men

growing up beside them in the profession. On The News Mr. Garvin became best known for his daily letters from the Press Gallery at Ottawa during the three sessions ending in 1892. They were vivid and strong. The writing was terse, satirical and distinctive. It bore the impress of a thorough grasp of the newspaper art, and marked the man out for promotion. This speedily came, and in October, 1892, Mr. Garvin was appointed editorial writer for The Montreal Herald, the principal Liberal newspaper in the east. Since that time his work has met expectations, and earned for him the step onward which the recent retirement of The Herald's chief editor enabled him to take. Mr. Garvin has many friends on the Canadian press who view his advancement with a satisfaction born equally of friendly feeling and a regard for the fitness of things.

It is related of him, not necessarily as a reproach, but simply as a fact, that he joined the Ontario Law School in 1889, and put in two terms with the intention of becoming a lawyer. But the journalistic instinct is not to be conquered by such devices. It interposed in this case to save a good man from an unmerited fate.

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