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Munroe Sons are the publishers and the
Montreal News Co. the Canadian agents.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

An excellent account of the growth of the
French administrative system is to be found in
Dr. James T. Young's "Administrative Cen-
tralization and Decentralization in France,"
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towards decentralization is now necessary
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great assistance. The academy has lately
issued a similar study of English adminis-
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CANADIAN HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS.

The second volume of reviews of Cana-
dian historical publications has appeared. It
is a Toronto University publication, edited
by the Professor of History, Mr. Wrong,
and the Librarian, Mr. Langton. It con-
tains "notices," descriptive and critical, of
the principal publications during 1897, re-
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