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FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 20, 1882.

To speculate on the probabilities of Sir John Macdonald being made a governor-general of Canada is idle. For it cannot be. His only possible position would be the presidency of an independent republic. If he be anything at all, Sir John must be not only the neminal, but the actual head He does not attempt the elaborate work. such by being installed in a position analogous to that occupied by President Arthur. It is not probable that Canada will besome a republic in Sir John's time, although the veteran chief may live to see enough te show him that a great change is at hand.

Sir Richard Cartwright is a party polireader's knowledge that all the chief incitician, and the reasons that forbid Sir John Macdonald being made a governor-general are the same ones that exclude Sir Richard from the vice-regal chair.

volves a principle which it is not at all idle to discuss. That principle is the right of Canada to have a voice in the appointment of her own chief magistrate. The possession of this right underlies the recent discussion in the press as to the elevation of these two gentlemen to the governorship, and it is the only vital principle that the discussion has brought forward to demand public attention. It seems only reasonable that we, whose honor as a nation is entrusted to the governor-general, should have something to say in his selection. The governoracclimatized to a new country. Who can as usual the day after the fire. say that the present occupant of the vice" regal chair is at all representative of Canadian nationality or feels its aspirations ! His reputation, his ambition is not centred government, not the people of Canada, are what they will say at home more than what people think here.

A correspondent, whose suggestion appears in another column, brings forward the name of Goldwin Smith as our next possible governor-general. The suggestion, to say the least, is full of attraction. It is one that will be likely to call forth criticism and comment. The question may be among the impossibilities. At first blush without considering how practicable the appointment might be, we can all admit that if the bonor were offered him, and did he accept it, the position would be as honorably and as ably filled by Mr. Smith as it has been by the Marquis of Lorne or any of his predecessors. One thing is certain. If Goldwin Smith found himself in the governor's chair he would receive the support, the encouragement, the sympathy of the whole country. While he would be representative of English ideas, Canada could claim him as in no small degree identified with herself. He is the individual that would, in one respect at least, exactly meet the case. He is half way between Canada and England. He is strongly bound up in the interests of each and both of these countries. Whatever destiny may be in store for Canada Mr. Smith is not one who would like to see that destiny fulfilled by violent means, especially by violent disruption between the mother country and Canada. Whatever change might be effected he would not like to see it effected at a sacrifice of the interests of either country. Could Mr. Smith accept the position

consistently with his political views? We think so. Supposing his ultimate theory think so. Supposing his ultimate theory is the independence of Canada, this fact should not prevent his accepting that position which is the very symbol of Canada's dependency. His filling the position of governor-general might only be a means of hastening the day of completion of the destiny he may believe is in store for Canada, and, strange to say, nearly all the leading papers, conservative and reform, are silent on the subject.

With such a majority at his back no man ever had a finer opportupity of effecting a level had a finer opportupity of effecting as

BOOK ROTTER.

BY RIVERS, a tale of Coorts, to any to a tale of Alabama; by W Gilmer Simms; two volumes in one. New York A O Ametrons & Son; Toronts, A Fidington 1822.

The name of William Gilmore Simms is not much known in Canada, though the gentleman who bore it was in his day one of the most prolific and successful of American authors. His acenes were for the most part laid in the sunny south where he lived, and in times rather remote from the present. The acidity of the state of Coorts and the came out boldly with a policy against exemptions and in favor of a reduction of expenses, besides expressing an intention to promote other popular measures, but Meredith was also timid for his party; like his leader, John A, he too was perhaps feeling the ecclesiastical pulse and made no sign. and in times rather remote from the present. The critics of New York, Boston and

Philadelphia were somewhat allow in recognizing his merits, and to this fact, doubtless, is due the want of familiarity with his writings which generally prevails in these northern latitudes. He is, however, a writer of yery uncommon power, and has taken safe rank among the foremost of American novelists. He can tell a thrilling or mysterious story in a manner to give the reader a spasmodic catching of the breath. Persons who have chanced to read a short story called "Grayling, or Murder will out," — a story which we remember to have seen copied in more than one old Canadian more than one old coCanadian riodical-will surely not have forgotten that extraordinary piece of morbid mystery Well, that story was written by William Gilmore Simms, and it gives a pretty fair idea of the author's powers as a raconteur. manship of Edgar Poe, nor the subtle analysis of Charles Brockden Brown, but with in his peculiar limits he is quite as powerful as either. No more enthralling story than his " Beauchampe, or the Kentucky and the interest is not decreased by the

dents are true. The present appears to be the initial volume of a new edition of his works. The word, which is also called the Bulmer ward, to be represented by a man who will do to include all his writings in the domain of fiction. It is well printed and tastefully bound, and will doubtless find a price on the shelves of many of our mechanic's institute libraries. Not the least of its attractions is a series of graphic full-page man who will do mean actions illustrations from original designs by

Darley. A MODEL of journalistic courtesy is found in the following note sent by Mr J A Matthews of the Buffalo Courier to the editor of the Commercial Advertiser, when the office of the latter was burned last week: general acts as a mediator between Canada "I deeply regret to hear of the destruction and England, and there is no sufficient of your beautiful office. All the facilities reason why that mediator should be alto- of the Express are cordially at your disposal gether English. The best governor-general immediately. If you will notify me this (if we are to have governor generals) would evening I will undertake to get out the be one who was as much Canadian as Commercial, in its full size, on time to-English. Heretofore our governors have morrow evening. Don't let existing differbeen brought over from England and ac- ences deter you from commanding my best climatized as well as they could become services." The burned-out paper appeared

the business of buying up their own countend five and one-half feet beyond the in Canada, but in England. The English | trymen and bringing them to the United | building line. Judge Donohue, on the wri States, where they are put to some profitathe individuals whom he regards as his consors, and his conduct is governed by British Columbia, in ships and there are. building of the windows, which were in were purchased for one market and eight were reserved for British Columbia. Which proves that the Chinese must go.

THE New York Sun in a long and detailed The New York Sun in a long and detailed article shows how a man and his family man. On November 1 Justice Barrett denied the motion and vacated the temporary injunction. An appeal has been taken by Mr Ross, which will be argued at the general term of the supreme court in January.

On November 11 Mr. Ross's attorneys made another more and obtained an order Goldwin Smith is among the pro- effected are calculated to discredit the

> COAL GAS is sold in Manchester at sixty ents a thousand and a candidate for an aldermanic seat there has as one of his planks the necessity of reducing the price of that article. It is to be hoped the electric light will soon become perfected and bring our gas companies to their

A SUBJECT FOR THE CONVENTION.

(To the Editor of the World.) SIR,-In a few days Mr. Mowat will meet his numerous friends at the Toronto convention. They will no doubt congratulate him, and deservedly so, on the way he has stood up for the rights of Ontario, and on the manner in which he has, on the

of hastening the day of completion of the destiny he may believe is in store for Canada. This circumstance, in fact, might also work against his appointment, should that appointment ever become a matter of probability. The ultra loyalists would charge him with conspiring to seize on the position with a view of the speedir bringing his pet theories into realities. Mr Smith would bring with him many admirable qualities to make his tenure of office noteworthy. As a scholar and man of learning he would be the means of making Rideau hall the centre of much of that literary and artistic refinement that a young country especially is in need of. Mr. Smith is known to be on intimate terms with Gladstone and other motable persons in England, and if it ever cones about that a resident of this country will be raised to the governorship of Canada, the former seems to have the first chance of being in a position to accept or refuse. What does the public think?

A CHARGE OF BULLDOZING. (To The Editor of The World.)

SIR: On looking ever your paper th morning, I find a paragraph stating that the conservatives of St David's ward would support Mesers Blevins. Booth and Holt at the coming election. I may state to you, sir, that at a packed meeting of Mr Holt and his friends (a great many of whom had no votes either in the association or ward) and also by open and barefaced bribery of Mr Holt in the presence of all the gentlemen who were in the room, he (Mr Holt) was placed as the third candidate on the list; but, sir, the men of the ward are not

BAY-WINDOWS. Important Legal Question to Owners Property in New York.

There is now in course of erection

West Fifty-seventh street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, a magnificent flat owned by Jacob B Tallman, which when completed will be worth about a quarter of a million of dollars. In September last John Ross and Solomon Ranger, the next easterly adjoining owners of dwelling houses, obtained an injunction against Mr Tellman to restrain him from building the baywindows on the flat. The windows of which there are two rows, extend all the way from the basement to the full height THE CHINAMEN who have taken up their of the building, which is seven stories. residence here are going extensively into They are about twelve feet wide and exapplication of Mr Ross's attorney, granted the second story. On the 17th and 19th days of October the motion to make the injunction permuent was fully argued before Justice Barrett of the supreme court by William M Evarts on behalf of the by William M Everts on behalf of the motion and by Mr Wm Allan for Mr Tall-man. On November 1 Justice Barrett

effected are calculated to discredit the claims of those who seek more than a mere pittance.

On November 11 Mr. Ross's attorneys made another move, and obtained an order to show cause from Justice Barrett, against Hubert O. Thompson, commissioner of public works, why a mandamus should not public works, why a mandamus should not issue against him to compel the removal of the bay windows, as obstructions to the street, and as a public nuisance. This motion was argued a few days ago before Justice Lawrence. It was claimed on behalf of Mr. Ross, on the argument, that the board of aldermen had not given their consent to the erection of the bay windows, and that such bay-windows were an obstruction to the street, and a public nuisance. The counsel, a Mr. Thompson, contended that the board of aldermen have no valid power to grant such permits, but that Mr. Ross and the city having stood quietly by and allowed the windows to proceed without taking immediate steps to prevent their erection, were estopped. On Tuesday last. Judge Lawrence denied the motion for a mandamus, as follows:

"If this were a case in which the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of

aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York were seeking for an injunction and on the manner in which he has, on the whole, managed the financos of the province. But reformers should be true to their name, and when they consult together they should see whether there is anything to reform, and act accordingly. Though Mr. Mowat has done much good work, it cannot be denied that he has proved recreant regarding one needed important measure. It is no doubt to secure the influence of certain ecclesiastical authorities that he has denied the people a reform which is loudly demanded. Not long ago petitions were sent in from all parts of the province, from public bodies as well as from private individuals, praying that the Ontario legislature would abolish tax exemptions as far as possible: but all if vain. This glaring wrong still exists in Canada, and, strange to say, nearly all the leading received the province. The windows are now fully completed and there is little likelihood of their con and there is little likelihood of their coming down. This case, however, has raised the important question whether the erection of bay windows beyond the street line can be authorized by anybody, so as to prevent the city or an adjoining owner who seeks his remedy in time from preventing

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