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## FRENCH REVERSES.

At the time we write it is somewhat difficult to form an exact estimate of the consequences of the brilliant victory achieved by the Prussians over the French, on Friday and Saturday of last week. The retreat of the French to Metz and their pursuit by the Prussians, is a complete

reversal of early predictions as to the course of the campaign. It was said with great confidence that France, from the superiority of her preparations, the *elan* of her soldiers, and the determination of the Emperor to strike a decisive blow at once, would win the early victories of the war. The result has been very different. From the

time that the Prussians blew up the railway bridge at Bitche and thereby broke the line of communication between Marshal McMahon and the main body of the French, every movement up to Tuesday last was a decided triumph for Prussian over French generalship. The incident to which we have referred—the first of the actual



FALLS OF THE RIVER DU LOUP, BELOW QUEBEC. From a photograph by Notman.—SEE PAGE 99.