

same abnormal amount of French in the story which Mr. Du Maurier was so fond of putting into his books, and which, considering that the latter are supposed to be English works, is a trifle overdone. Mr. Du Maurier's illustrations, though lacking in technique—a branch in which, by the way, most English illustrators fall behind those of the United States—were always forcible and striking, and each picture told a story in itself. It will be many a day before his place in art and literature is filled.

It will be our pleasure next month to lay before our readers an interesting interview with the famous artist-novelist, since deceased, obtained exclusively for this magazine in August last.

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EMIGRATION PROSPECTS.

THE high prices paid this year in the North-West for wheat will have a good effect in promoting emigration. While wheat sold in Minneapolis by the car-load for 71 cents per bushel, which would net the farmer about 60 cents, as high as \$1.01 per bushel in bags was paid in Manitoba for No. 1 hard, which was about fifty per cent. higher than the price quoted on the Liverpool markets.

It seems to us the one thing that Canada needs more than anything else is an aggressive emigration policy. There are acres upon acres of the best farming land in the world to be had for the asking in the Canadian North-West, and if European emigrants were but posted as to advantages which this country possesses for the raising of cereals, there is no doubt that a large proportion of those who, at present, are going to other parts of the world, would turn their faces to Canada. The greatest drawback with which this country has had to contend all along, has been its small population in ratio to the wide extent of territory which it covers. The Government which succeeds in filling up the North-West will be doing the greatest good for Canada possible. This country needs more farmers; there has been altogether too much flocking to the cities of late. There is more money to be made in wheat raising in the North-West than in any other single line of business that we know of. If our own people in

Canada have not the sense to see this, it is time an alien population were imported to take advantage of the opportunity. There need be no fear of over-production, for the whole wheat yield of Canada is but trifling after all when compared with that of Russia, or India, or the United States, and the most active emigration measures and the greatest influx of settlers possible cannot effect any material change in this regard for many years to come. The filling up of the North-West with a progressive agricultural population, would be one of the greatest boons this country could enjoy.

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THE KIDNAPPED CHINAMAN.

It would appear from the recent English despatches that the Chinese Embassy in London has been getting into hot water with the English authorities.

It seems that a Chinese doctor, named Sun-Yat-Sen, who was implicated in a conspiracy in Canton, organized to overthrow the Manchu dynasty, but who escaped to London, has been recently kidnapped and held in confinement by the authorities of the Chinese Legation, pending an opportunity to safely smuggle him on board a vessel bound for the Celestial capital, where the public executioner has been waiting for some time to decapitate him.

The news of this breach of the law respecting the privileges of a British citizen was very promptly resented by friends of the prisoner, who interviewed the Foreign Office, with the result that Scotland Yard detectives were notified to surround the Legation in order to prevent the removal of the prisoner.

At first the Chinese officials denied that the doctor was in detention at the Legation, but the proof to the contrary in the possession of the friends of the prisoner was so complete that they were forced to admit it.

Lord Salisbury, on learning of the case, immediately wrote to the Chinese Envoy a strong letter, pointing out that the methods employed in the arrest of their prisoner (who was kidnapped on the public highway) were distinctly illegal, and drawing attention to the fact that the right of friendly asylum, to which England is committed by every tradition