

Canadian Magazine and Toronto Saturday Night, as well as some sketches of political life at Ottawa. Mr. Shaw is a Canadian and comes from Perth.

Charles Frederick Hamilton, who is the Toronto Globe's correspondent, has already shown, in the preliminary despatches sent to the paper, that Mr. Willison's judgment in selecting him was, as usual in these matters, good, and those who know something of Mr. Hamilton's work (which has been almost entirely anonymous) look forward with confidence to his future contributions. He edited, for a time, The Canadian Military Gazette, and being interested in military affairs, by reason of holding a commission as lieutenant in the volunteers and also by a natural taste for the subject, he has acquired, by careful study and research, a great amount of knowledge on military questions and an insight into military strategy and tactics. Mr. Hamilton has written leaders for The Globe on war topics, and his style is clear, precise and vigorous. He is a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, and a son of Dr. Hamilton, of Toronto. He is the only benedict on the contingent of Canadian correspondents.

Mr. W. Richmond-Smith, who sailed for South Africa with the Canadian contingent to represent The Montreal Star, is an Ottawa boy who has enjoyed an eventful career in newspaper work. He began as a reporter on The Ottawa Journal in 1886. He first came into prominence as the press agent of the Canadian Government at the World's Fair. His work in this connection brought him under the notice of the proprietor of The Chicago Times-Herald, and when the great Exposition was concluded he joined the staff of that paper. He engineered a vigorous campaign against the "justice shops" which were flourishing in the "Windy City." In these places unauthorized persons, representing themselves as justices of the peace, illegally performed marriages and otherwise swindled the public. Mr. Smith's articles aroused public attention and led to the suppression of the "shops." He returned to Ottawa as the Canadian correspondent of The Times-Herald, a position which he held until the paper passed into the hands of Mr. Koolsaht. While corresponding from the Canadian capital, he elaborated a scheme with Walter Welman, who

represented The Times-Herald in Washington, by which they were to promote whenever possible better relations between the United States and Canada.

Mr. Smith has been preparing reports of the proceedings of the Senate for Canadian newspapers for several years, and during the past two sessions of Parliament he has represented The Star in the gallery of the House of Commons.

A DAMPER TO GENIUS.

A North Georgia farmer, who was possessed of some means, entered the office of his county paper and asked for the editor.

The farmer was accompanied by his son, a youth of 17 years, and, as soon as the editor, who was in his secret sanctum, was informed that his visitors were not bill collectors, he came forward and shook hands.

"I came to get some information," explained the farmer.

"Certainly," said the editor, and you came to the right place. Be seated."

The farmer sat on one end of the table, while his son sat on the floor.

"This boy o' mine," he said, "wants to go into the literary business, an' I thought you'd know whether there was any money in it or not. It's a good business—ain't it?"

"Why—yes," said the editor, after some little hesitation. "I've been in it myself for 15 years, and see where I've got to."

The farmer eyed him from head to foot, glanced around the poorly-furnished office, surveyed the editor once more, then, turning to his son, who was still on the floor, said:

"Git up, John, an' go home, an' go back ter plowin'!"
—Atlanta Constitution.

THE COPYRIGHT IN SPEECHES.

The decision of the English Court giving The London Times a copyright of its reports of Lord Rosebery's speeches has been reversed, on the appeal of a publisher, Lane, the Court of Appeal holding that a reporter has no copyright of the report of speeches giving not only ideas, but words in which ideas are expressed. The Times has decided to appeal the case to the Privy Council.



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