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We beg to announce that we have arranged with Mr.

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for the exclusive right to publish, in serial form, a New
 Story he has just written, entitled

"THE LAW AND THE LADY."

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 in London, and will give the first chapters in our issue of
 the 17th October. This story is not only worthy of Mr.
 Collins' great reputation, but is stated to be the best he
 has written. Our readers may therefore expect a rare
 treat from its perusal in our columns.

Canadian Illustrated News.

MONTREAL, SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 1874.

NOTICE.

We desire to inform our readers that application has
 been made for letters patent incorporating a new Litho-
 graphic Printing and Publishing Company, into whose
 hands will pass, after incorporation, the whole of the
 Publishing, Lithographic, and Printing business hitherto
 carried on by George E. Desbarats, and the Engraving
 and Lithographic Printing business of Messrs. Burland,
 Lafreicain, and Co., an amalgamation of the two houses
 being about to be effected. The new Company—which will
 be known as the Burland-Desbarats Company—will be in
 working order on or about the first of November next.
 Upon the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS the Management
 intend to concentrate their efforts so that, on its becom-
 ing the property of the Company a manifest improvement
 shall be developed in its every department. On and
 after the date mentioned the Management purpose to
 present the country with a Pictorial Paper of which it
 may, on every score, be proud.

The artistic staff will be increased and remodelled, and
 every detail of the illustrations carefully followed and
 supervised, so that the Pictorial pages of the NEWS shall
 be steadily and progressively good, and shall vie with and
 eclipse, if possible, its American and English contem-
 poraries.

Portraits of prominent men, events of general and local
 interest, notable public edifices, interesting scenery, mer-
 cantile and manufacturing houses, will be illustrated by
 able artists. Politics of every shade, society in its various
 phases, will furnish subjects for humorous cartoons,
 where the sharp edge of satire shall be made to do good
 service. Works of art will be reproduced from time to
 time, and always in the best style known to modern skill.

In its letter-press pages the NEWS will be essentially a
 family and literary paper. It will be made a necessity
 to the fireside of every Canadian home. The ladies, the
 children, the weary paterfamilias, all will find recreation
 and instruction in its columns. The stories and novels
 published will be by the best writers of the day. The
 selections, carefully made, avoiding everything that may
 offend the most sensitive conscience or the most fastidious
 taste. In politics its character will be perfect independ-
 ence, and it will entirely avoid all approach to person-
 alities or partizan-ship. It will likewise eschew all religious
 discussion, and all comments or remarks that might
 annoy any sect or congregation, leaving to each the entire
 liberty of its worship, and giving to each credit for entire
 good faith.

The Management claim that, with this programme for
 its guidance, it deserves the liberal support of all Cana-
 dians, and trust that strict attention to the details of its
 business will prevent any unpleasantness ever interfering
 between its patrons and the success of the CANADIAN
 ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

THE GREAT STANDARD MAP OF THE
 DOMINION OF CANADA.

We have the pleasure to announce that the immense
 labour attending the engraving and printing of this great
 work is at an end, and that in ten days or a fortnight we
 will issue to subscribers the Map which we advertised
 nearly two years ago. "Johnston's New Topographical
 Map of the whole Dominion of Canada, with a large
 section of the United States, compiled from the latest
 and most authentic sources, with additions and correc-
 tions to date of publication," is now ready and being
 mounted and varnished for delivery. It has been ap-
 proved by the most eminent authorities in the Dominion,
 including Andrew Russell, Esq., Geographer to the Do-
 minion Government; Lieutenant Colonel Dennis, Sur-
 veyor-General; Thomas Devine, Esq., F. R. G. S., Sur-
 veyor-in-Chief, Ontario; Sandford Fleming, Esq., Gov-
 ernment Engineer-in-Chief, Ottawa. The size of the
 finished map is seven feet in length by five feet in
 height. It is coloured in counties, districts, and pro-
 vinces, mounted on cloth, varnished, and set on rollers
 ready to hang up. No trouble or expense has been spared
 to ensure to this Map the position of "THE STANDARD
 MAP OF CANADA" for years to come.

Further particulars will be given in our next issue of
 the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

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In connection with the above announcement we require
 the services of a few first class, reliable canvassers to sell
 Johnston's Map. Apply at once at the office of this
 paper.

THE QUEBEC BI-CENTENNIAL.

The two-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the
 old diocese of Quebec has an interest to Canadians far
 distinct from the spectacular exhibition which has taken
 place in the Provincial capital this week. The procession,
 the religious services, the music and the illumination may
 have their significance to those who profess the same
 creed as those who worshipped in that cathedral two hun-
 dred years ago, but to those who hold to-day different
 tenets, the bi-centennial is invested with curious impor-
 tance, on account of the historical associations which are
 connected therewith. In this country, where everything
 is new, smelling of white-wash and fresh paint, it is some-
 thing to be able to go back two centuries in an unbroken
 line, thus uniting, in a kind of living sympathy, the
 present with the respectable past.

Quebec is a legendary city. With Mexico and Lima, it
 possesses the romance of tradition. In war and diplomacy
 it is replete with recollections, and in religion it presents
 a record of unrivalled interest. On the 1st October, 1674,
 FRANCOIS LAVAL DE MONTMORENCI was appointed Bishop
 of Quebec. Canada was then only a sparse settlement,
 fringing both banks of the St. Lawrence as far up as

Montreal. But there were plenty of Indian stations in
 the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario and in the neighbour-
 ing State of New York. To these was specially to be de-
 voted the attention of the new prelate. Within a few
 years, however, his spiritual domain was destined to be
 immeasurably enlarged. In the list of the clergy resident
 at Quebec in 1674, we find the plebeian name of JACQUES
 MARQUETTE. We might perhaps pass it over without
 notice, did we not remember that at Mackinaw, a small
 station on the high road to Thunder Bay, is a little cross
 bearing the same name, which the State of Michigan in-
 tends to replace by a granite column looking out afar on
 the blue waters of Lake Superior. MARQUETTE, the dis-
 coverer of the Mississippi! In his birch canoe, accom-
 panied by JOLIETTE, this great man descended the Father
 of Waters from the Falls of St. Anthony to the mouth of
 the Red River of Louisiana. All the lands which he dis-
 covered became the property of his King and the harvest
 field of his Bishop. The cross was everywhere entwined
 by the fleur de lys. Thus it came to pass that the diocese
 of Quebec extended over the whole Mississippi and Ohio
 valleys, and fifty-nine bishoprics are now said to comprise
 what was once the spiritual jurisdiction of Laval's suc-
 cessors. This is indeed a striking picture. But it was
 soon succeeded by another more striking still. The empty
 basin of the St. Lawrence is at present covered with flour-
 ishing provinces. The Huron and the Iroquois survive
 only in the obscure hamlets of Lorette, St. Francis, Caugh-
 nawaga and Two Mountains. A few Mohawks linger near
 Oneida Lake and at Brantford. The great valley of the
 Mississippi has become the granary of the world. The
 Illinois and Missouri are only a name and the last of the
 Delawares turned his face eastwards from Council Bluffs
 for a farewell look, then disappeared in such a mist as
 bore Hiawatha away for ever. The old diocese of Quebec
 still remains beneath the sway of LAVAL's fifteenth suc-
 cessor, but under circumstances of wondrous change. Not
 the least remarkable of these changes is the fact that the
 sermon at this ancient cathedral on the day of the bi-
 centennial celebration was preached in English. Yes, New
 France has been merged in New Britain, and though the
 beautiful language of the pioneers is still spoken, the
 spirit of British institutions is every day manifesting itself
 more and more, in freedom of thought, in energy of
 action and in noble aspiration after more exalted forms of
 civilization.

BACK FROM THE HOLIDAYS.

September is the last of those privileged months
 wherein a man may enjoy his summer vacation. June,
 with its roses, is the opening of the pleasant season, and
 when October looms up brown and chill, the sea shore
 and the country are abandoned for the stern battle of
 life in the shops and offices of the city. This is a fair
 world after all and what makes it such is the beauti-
 ful law of compensation—which requites a long round of
 labour by a few weeks of freedom and out-door recreation.
 Things are so arranged at present that there are compar-
 atively few men who do not have an annual holiday, thus
 recuperating their spent energies and beginning their
 toil again with more cheerful views of life. And the chords
 of human sympathy are so far-reaching in their vibrations
 that the few who, like the writer of these lines, have not
 moved from their desks even in the sweltering days of
 the caniculus, feel a languid pleasure in the amusements
 which their friends and colleagues have enjoyed.

We are all very much like children however we may
 have grown in years. Boys and girls must have their long
 vacation after ten months spent in the class room. It is
 as necessary to their mental development as is the rou-
 tine of books and recitations. It gives a zest and pleasure-
 able association to school life. It is the balance wheel in
 the rotations of educational enginery. Similarly, the
 summer holiday is an almost indispensable element to the
 routine of business life. In strictly intellectual avoca-
 tions, it goes without saying that constant tension blunts
 the edge of the faculties and that in order to their proper
 resharpening a period of repose is indispensable. But even
 in more material or mechanical pursuits, a like respite is
 necessary. Assiduous work of any sort is wearing and
 wearying. Measuring cloths or weighing groceries behind
 a counter does not indeed require any mental effort to
 speak of, but its very sameness becomes with time a burden
 on the mind. Variety is the spice of life and for the busy
 man that variety can only be obtained by a break in the
 monotone of his daily occupations. None but those who
 have experienced it can appreciate the boyish delight
 with which a tired overworked man beholds, for the first
 time in months, the sight of the running waters, the green
 hills, the shady woods or the unbounded sweep of blue
 sky. There is latent poetry in every human breast and