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FEDERAL vs. LOCAL.

T is reported, and, we believe, not without some grounds, that a question of jurisdiction has already riscu between the Federal and Local Governments. The point is one of some importance, and refers to the appointment of the magistracy of the Country. From the reading of our new Constitution it is somewhat difficult to tell whether the Provincial Councils or the Federal Ministry should make these appointments. There is no expre a provision in the Act regarding the matter, and it is understood that the Cabinet at Ottawa, or at least the Premier, Sir John A. Macdonald, holds to the opinion that the magistrates must be appointed by his Cabinet. The Premier of Ontario, Mr. Sandfield Macdonald, is said to take the opposite view, and stoutly maintains that the appointments of magistrates pr perly belongs to the Local Ministry, and that Sir John has nothing whatever to do with the matter. This is understood to be the state of the case at present, and as both John A. and John S are pretty determined when they take things into their heads, it is hard to say how it may end.

The appointment of magistrates is not the only question regarding which doubts will arise as to which House has the right to deal. It was a favorite saying of Daviel O'Connell that he never saw an Act of Parliament through which he could not drive a coach and six, and the British America Act is not likely to prove an exception to the rule. It is inevitable that some clashing will take place as to the respective duties of the l'arliament and Legislatures; but there is no occasion whatever for any serious disputes or irritation arising therefrom. If there is a difference of opinion regarding who shall name the magistracy, let the point be cautiously examined, and steps taken to have it quietly settled in the best way for the public interests. The Provinces are too young as yet to hatch up State right grievances, and the Federal Executive can have no interest in assuming powers to which they are not entitled. All frue friends of Confederation will endeavour to prevent any, hinglise hostility between the Local and the Gencral Legislatures. This would be particularly injurious at the beginning of our new career, and might give rise to fealousies and bickerings which might Jeopardisc the whole fabric.

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THE WESIERN TRADE-OUR CANALS AND RAILWAYS.

T a fair recently held at Bath, Steuben County, A N. Y., General Averill, United States Consul-General for British North America, while describing the future commercial prospects of the Republic, spoke also of the share which Canada may be expected to acquire in the trade of the Great West. We may here remark that the opinions expressed by this gentleman on international questions, since he has resided amongst us, have secured to him the respect and esteem of the community, and the more so that they differ widely from those of some of his predecessors in the office which he fills. In his speech at Bath he said:-

"When fifty millions of people have settled down upon the tributaries of the Missisappi, as the birds settle upon the branches of a great tree, what will be their necessities and demands? Control of the continent, and an easy access to the Atlantic, Pacific, and the Gulf. Whoever opens those gates will take the toil off raw products of that exclusively agricultural region distributed to the world, and of manufactured articles returned to that immense valley. New York, with her canals and railroads, which ought, perhaps, to belong entirely to the State, possesses exceptional advantages of which no one can deprive her, although she will have an energetic rival in Canada, who, during half the year, by connecting the Georgian Bay with the Ottawa and St. Lawrence, may shorten the water line from the greatest grain depot of the world. Chicago, to the Atlantic by 3.0 miles. Canada will have the inter st of her own returning products to aid her in opening her communications. Her lumber will be demanded by the great woodless prairies. And Michigan, with a canal cut across her southern frontier, will ask a share of two carrying trade. The Union Pacilic Railroad, most happily named, will, for a time, satisfy the western commercial demands, but must soon have a branch down the Sinake liver into Oregon, and one down the Rio Grande to hexico."

To Canadians there may be nothing new in the views advanced by the American Consul, for they are such as our own writers and Statesmen have frequently put forth, and on which our canal and railway policy has throughout been based: but their value chiefly lies in the source from which they proceeded. General Averill would, of course, wish to see the entire trade of the interior of North America in the hands of his own countrymen, but he is far too wise and intelligent to ignore our title to a portion of it. He knows well that a large amount of the products of the im-mense western regions must eventually find their way to the scaboard and foreign markets by the channel of the St. Lawrence, and knowing this, he honestly acmits the fact, instead of sacrificing the truth to national vanity and popular prejudice.

But while we in Canada are fully alive to the suncriority of our water route from the interior to the ocean, the question remains, how we are to utilize the advantages which nature has conferred upon us in