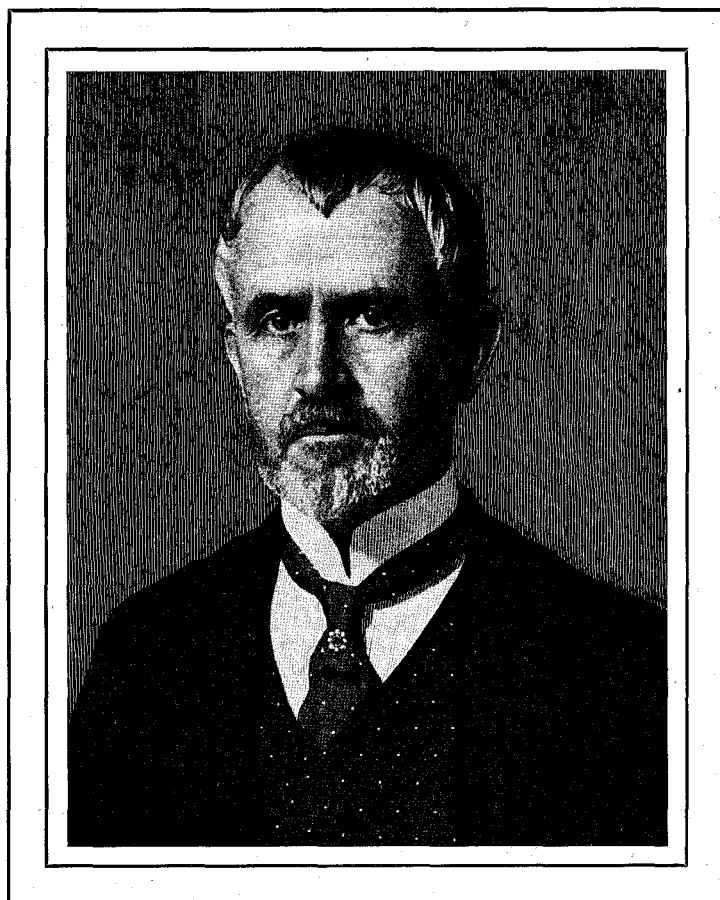


BENJAMIN B. ODELL

Governor of the State of New York

The independent course of Governor Odell since he has assumed office has justified the opinion of The Outlook that his Message showed that a practical politician who would use his experience of men and politics for the public good had admirable qualities for a great executive officer.



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BEN FOSTER

An American Landscape Painter

MR. Ben Foster, whose exceptional gifts as a landscape artist have long been known to his fellow-artists, has recently come into National prominence owing to the purchase by the French Government of one of his pictures for the Luxembourg, the national gallery of modern paintings and sculpture maintained by the French Government. Of the American artists living in this country who sent pictures to the Paris Exposition, only one other, Winslow Homer, received this honor. The distinction which France has thus conferred upon Mr. Foster is particularly gratifying to his countrymen because his picture, a photograph of which is reproduced herewith, is peculiarly an American subject. It is a scene at night in his native village—the village of North Anson, Maine. It is that hour of the night when the last lights are being extinguished and the entire village lies in peaceful repose in the moonlight. A star or two shines through the trees, and the only sound is the rippling and gentle splashing of the brook which flows on one side of the village street. Mr. Foster chose for his picture the appropriate title “Lulled by the Murmuring Stream,” the very rhythm of which expresses the soothing and peaceful character of the scene. This title has been very happily translated by the French, and the picture is now known in the Luxembourg by the legend “*Bercé par le flot murmurant.*” Mr. Foster’s experience does not accord with the proverb that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, for while the French have been recog-