

amass fortunes quickly, and have ruthlessly destroyed. Ontario wants a policy of husbanding its resources,

and keeping them national. Wise statesmanship at this time would keep the province wealthy forever.—*Ex.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"Deliver not the tasks of might
To weakness, neither hide the ray
From those, not blind, who wait for
day,
Tho' sitting girt with doubtful light.

"That from Discussion's lips may fall
With Life, that, working strongly,
binds—
Set in all lights by many minds,
So close the interests of all."

THE opening of the colleges of Canada, which follows a little later than the opening of the schools, is as full of interest to those who have been able to pursue their collegiate training beyond the highest grade of our High Schools; and in the activities of the reorganizing of college classes, there are many lessons to be learned even by the general public. One question, which nearly always comes up at this season, is the fitness of the professor for his work, and while so much stress is being laid upon the necessity for efficiently trained teachers in our schools, it is no matter for surprise if the enquiry be made, in connection with the appointment of professors, into the antecedent training which has led to such appointment. That a man should be fit to teach young men merely because he has scored high in his university course, is as absurd as to suppose that a good teacher needs only a high grade of a degree to fit him for conducting a school; and the discussion has point at the present moment in view of the friction that has been created among the Montreal lawyers by the appointment of Dean Walton as head of the Law Faculty of McGill University. Of late years, there has sprung up in the minds of the

corporation of that institution a preference for professors who come from Britain, and notwithstanding the failure of one or two of the "imported gentlemen," the feeling in favor of importations has developed into a kind of passion, until at last it has led to the appointment of a Scottish lawyer to give lectures on Quebec law. This last straw, however, has galled the camel's back, and the Montreal lawyers, knowing the peculiarities of Quebec law, and the long years of toil that have to be spent in acquiring a knowledge of it, have published their protest against the action of the corporation. We do not know what will be the issue of that protest, except that it is a very unfortunate thing for the new professor. There is surely no one in Canada so narrow-minded as to say that no Canadian college should go in search of additions to their staff outside of Canada; but just as no one would think of going out of the country for a minister or superintendent of education, or even for a professor of education, so many will be inclined to take sides with the Montreal lawyers in making their protest against the appointment of a Dean of the Law Faculty in McGill University, who cannot be expected, in the nature of things, to