

establish in Kingston, in connection with and as part of its educational policy, an institution in which instruction shall be given in mining and metallurgy, analytical and applied chemistry, engineering, civil and mechanical, and generally in the applications of science to the mechanic arts, agriculture, navigation and other industries of the people.

That the mayor, Alderman McIntyre and Alderman Gildersleeve be appointed a deputation to wait upon the Government to press the above on its immediate consideration.

That this Council, being convinced that a School of Practical Science would be of incalculable value in stimulating all the industries of Eastern Ontario, and more particularly of value to the intelligent young men of this section of the Province, respectfully invites adjacent municipalities and County Councils to unite with it, in such ways as may seem best to them respectively, in pressing the matter on the Government."

We hail this action of the City Council with pleasure, and we trust that our friends throughout the country will lose no time in calling the attention of members of their respective County Councils to the request contained in the resolutions. The Government cannot with justice refuse so reasonable a memorial. It is perfectly monstrous to be for ever acting on the supposition that all money for education must be spent in Toronto, even where those practical applications of science are concerned, that can be best considered in sections of the Province where special industries are to be found. Not only are there special agricultural, ship-building and manufacturing interests in Eastern Ontario, but Kingston is the centre of the mining of the Province. A School of Practical Science here will also aid Queen's indirectly, and be an acknowledgment of her work by the Province such as no one can grudge.

WE observe that the Montreal College (R. C.) is about to be affiliated with Laval University; also that a Faculty of Arts is about to be established in connection with the Polytechnic School, likewise to be brought into affiliation with Laval.

The *Montreal Star* in a recent editorial headed "University Amalgamation" speaks favourably of these changes, calling attention to the fact that the resources for the support of higher education in Canada, and particularly in Quebec, have been hitherto much too widely distributed for the accomplishment of satisfactory results. It refers also with approval to the recent combining of scattered resources in Ontario, and calls upon some of the too numerous and too small Colleges of Quebec to do likewise. Now this is but another instance of the extent to which the question of University federation or amalgamation is understood by some of our representative papers. It may be admitted that an amalgamation of some of the smaller Colleges of Quebec and the Lower Provinces would be of advantage to higher education in these Provinces, for too many Colleges are as great an evil as too few; but, we fail to see in what way the recent changes, either in Ontario or Quebec, have tended to economy through the combining of scattered resources. While the affiliations which have taken place in Quebec may be of advantage to the institutions concerned, yet, so far from there being an amalgamation or combination of resources, we find that a new Faculty of Arts is to be established as a result of these arrangements.

There University federation, or the affiliation of several Colleges with one University, is not of any avail for the combining of educational resources, nor has this been the result of the Federation scheme in Ontario. Quite the reverse; for it is confessedly about to entail a much greater expenditure. Then, too, instead of these expensive in-