

CANADIAN SCHOOL-DESKS AT THE COLONIAL.—The London (Eng.) *Globe*, in an article devoted to the Ontario Educational Court at the Colonial Exhibition, refers at length, to the many evils resulting from the use of badly-constructed desks and seats in the school-room, and speaks in high terms of the desks exhibited by a Canadian manufacturer as follows: Stahlschmidt & Co.'s desks have the seats and backs curved on physiological principles, to fit the shape of the human body, which, by the aid of the bookrest, enables the pupils to work in perfectly healthful and natural positions. These desks have also adjustable foot-rests to ac-

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