

*Honorable Sir Lomer Gouin :*

No, but he formally acknowledged that the law of 28th March, 1882, had not produced the result expected.

Further, Mr. Marcel Sembot wrote in the "*Lanterne*", on the occasion of a speech delivered by Mr. Briand, at the International Congress of Primary Instruction at the Exposition of 1900 : "The state of mind disclosed by the Prime Minister's statements is humiliating to us, republicans, free-thinkers, socialists, in that we have failed even to awaken throughout France elementary concern for juvenile education".

(Article by the Count de Mun in the *Figaro*, 3rd February, 1907).

ONTARIO'S EXAMPLE.

But it is unnecessary, I think, to travel through the countries of Europe in order to realize the inefficiency of such a law. Let us return to America ; let us rather take a look at the provinces around us, which have enacted penalties against parents, whose children do not attend school.

The province of Ontario has, in its statutes, a compulsory school law. Now, according to the last report of the Minister of Education, the school attendance is far from being what it should be and