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### Comments on the Cartoons.



AN IMPORTANT OMISSION.—Attorney-General Mowat has made reply on behalf of his Government to the general charge that Roman Catholic aggression has been permitted under Reform rule. After stating his belief that these charges are the outcome of a Tory plot, he proceeds to give them an emphatic denial, and to assert that the Government of Ontario has never, during his incumbency, given the Roman Catholic Church more or less than even-handed justice. Upon all points wherein Mr. Mowat speaks of his own knowledge, his word is an end of all controversy. Neither friend nor foe believes him capable of speaking anything but the truth. There are some important points, however, upon which he confessedly speaks upon the information of others, and it remains a question as to whether this information is perfectly reliable. In addition to this, there is a very important matter omitted altogether from Mr. Mowat's letter, viz.: the relation of the Roman Catholic Church to the Public Schools. The feeling of the people of this Province is, that, Separate Schools having been granted, the Roman Catholic Church as such has no business with the Public Schools at all. And yet it is charged that she has been permitted to have her say in connection with them; that she has claimed the right to be consulted as to certain text books prescribed for the schools, and has been so consulted. It would be interesting to know what the respected Premier of Ontario has to say to this charge, which is really of greater moment than any of the matters he has dealt with.

THE EAST YORK HUNT.—We are informed—most reliably, as we believe—that the Reform candidate in East York, Mr. G. B. Smith, was nominated at a convention in which the rum element was most pronounced, and that the rummies of that section are working like beavers for his election. Now we have a high regard for Mr. Smith personally. He is a clever and capable man, altogether too good a man to go to Parliament as the humble servant of the liquor dealers, and this is of course what they mean him to be if they help to elect him. He can be very easily saved from this doom, if some good elector will put a Prohibition pledge squarely before him at a public

meeting and give him a chance to say that if elected he will vote and work for the extermination of the traffic. If he says so and means it, he will either go to Parliament to serve the best interests of his constituents, or stay at home with the consolation that at least he has no cause to blush. Any candidate for whom the rummies are working is a good candidate to defeat.

DAVIN FOR ASSINOBIOIA.—Mr. N. F. Davin, of the *Regina Leader*, is to be a candidate for West Assinobioia, N. W. T. We advise the people up there to elect him, if they want a representative who can speak for them with an elegant brogue. If Davin had the moral stamina of Alex. Mackenzie he would be the greatest man in this Dominion inside of five years. O, Nicholas, Nicholas, can't you get that one thing needful?

INCONSISTENCY.—The *Mail* a little while ago came out for manhood suffrage and, as a preliminary, the abolition of the Franchise Act. Now, in criticising Blake's alleged platform it says these important reforms are impracticable.



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