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LESSON FROM NEW ONTARIO.

At the present time, when so great and general an interest is being taken in the exceptionally rapid pro gress and development of New Ontario, the entertaining and instructive interview with Mr. R. P. Laurie, manager of the Fort Frances Times, and brother of Mr. F. D. Laurie, of this city, published in another column, will be read with considerable pleasure and profit.

Mr. Laurie is a young man of ideas, with a capable and comprehensive mind and the practical experience of some years' residence in the Rainy River district. His picture of the country is true and vivid. He has taken its physical, prospective and commercial pulse and renders an encouraging verdict, based upon the logical outcome of his observation and

Mr. Laurie strikes the vital reason for his conviction in the great practical possibilities of this region when he tells us that the settlements are hives of energetic industry. There is no place for the drone. The laborers, mechanics, business men are all consecrated to active service for their own betterment and the development

of the district. This being the case there can be no question regarding the future of the new country. And it has its telling lessons for the old. The millstone of the Maple City is largely lethargy civic, commercial and personal. We need an inspiration to be up and do-

Let us seek that inspiration from the industrial enterprise and hustling qualities of that young and promising district.

OUR UNIVERSITY.

The State of Michigan taxes itself to the extent of nearly \$600,000 per annum for the support of its State University. Columbia University, in New York City, and the University of Chicago, spend annually about threequarters of a million each. Harvard has an income of a million and a quarter, and notwithstanding, finds itself hampered for want of funds. When we compare with these sums the meagre allowance on which the Provincial University of the great Province of Ontario struggles to maintain its place among the great institutions of education on the continent, we are reminded of the hard task set to the Israelites of old of making bricks without straw. The whole income of but a trifle over \$120,000. No wonder its scientific department is starved This Province expects to rank as one of the great mineral regions of the world. Its state university has a pitiful sixteen hundred odd dollars per annum for the maintenance of its department of mineralogy and geology Germany has acquired its great preeminence among industrial nations through the practical scientific training furnished by its universites. The States of the American Union have imitated Germany in the munificent endowment of scientific faculties of the universities, and partly as a result of this liberality, American manufactures compete successfully with the British in every part of the world It is now announced that the United States exports exceed in value those of Great Britain,

Unless the people of Ontario bestin themselves we shall be left far in the rear, It should not be necessary to argue that to develop the immense mineral resources of the Province the finances of the University must be put upon such a footing that the sons of Ontario may get at home that scientific education which will enable them to do so, instead of being obliged to expatriate themselves and help to build up rival and possibly hostile communities.

It is therefore to be hoped that the people will with united voice demand of the government and the legislature that no time be lost in granting the much needed assistance asked by the University. This great provincial in stitution must not be permitted t lag behind in the race. It must be aided adequately to maintain the proud position it has heretofore held among American universities. The self-re spect of our people requires it, and our material interests are largely involved

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

There is a good deal in the state ment of Rev. Braddin Hamilton, of New York, that a crusade against gambling among the so-called lower classes can have little avail so long as gambling remains so popular among the rich and the fashionable It is hard to convince a man that it is wrong to play penny ante in a room hired for the purpose, while it is all right to play an unlimited game in a private house. Nor is it easy for ordinary sinner to understand it is immeral to bet on the result of a horse race, and not im moral to bet on the fluctuations of tocks. Gambling appeals to two of strongest passions in human namiventure, and its total eradication sty must be a difficult mat-

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may be almost safely set down as wanting red in her blood. If subject to dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath on slight exertion, no doubt remains.

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ter. Of course, there is the legal as well as the moral phase; but the one is closely related to the other. The weaker the moral sentiment against gambling is, the less effective the law must be; so that while the police have a duty, so has the church; and it might as well be understood, first as last, that the duty of the church neither begins nor ends with falling foul of the police for their neglect of

THOSE COOK CHARGES.

The Woodstock Express, Independent, goes after the London Adver-

tiser in this manner :-The London Advertiser is hot at the Senate for insisting on an investigation of the Cook charges. "For thirty years and more," says the 'Tiser, "the Conservative Senate majority has never hesitated to show its partisan unfairness, and it was so in this case. The motion for the fishing committee was carried." We don't imagine the public will find any serious fault with the Senate for insisting on the investigation of a charge that affects so directly its own honor. The charge was that the Government was guilty of trafficking in senatorships. The reflection was therefore not only on the Harcourt. So long as the public school Government, but on the Senate as is regarded as a mere feeder for the well. The connection that somebody in the Senate should take the responsibility of making the charge before moving for an investigation may appeal to those who have a taste for technical fine points; but the people at large, who are accustomed to common sense methods of doing business, will be just as well pleased that the technicalities have been brushed aside. The public is not interested in precedents or forms of procedure, but the public is interested in knowing whether Mr. Cook was telling the truth or not when he said the Government had tried to sell him a senatorship.

CANADA INDICTED.

"You can't indict a whole nation," said" Edmund Burke. But the London Daily News shows that the great Edmund was mistaken, for the News has taken it upon itself to indict Canada at the bar of British pro-Boer public opinion. Angry because the Dominion parliament sat with force apon Mr. Bourassa's pro-Boer resolution, says the Hamilton Herald, the News accuses this country of having been influenced by mercenary motives in sending contingents to South Africa. We Canadians thought that by giving the old country a helping hand in her troubles, we might be able to sell more of our farm stuff in the British market-

so says the wise London paper. As the other self-governing colonies of the empire also hastened to the assistance of the mother country, of course the News must impute the same mercenary motive to them also. Australians and New Zealanders went to South Africa to fight for the Queen and Empire because the Australian people want the British to buy more Australian wool, and the people of New Zealand desire to send more butter to Britain!

The editor of the Daily News is one the little Englishmen to whom Kipling

referred in his biting satire: "What do they know of England who

only England know?" He measures the people of Greater Britain by the standard of the eastend London hucksters and pawnbrokers. Perhaps it would be cruel to blame him. No doubt it is the standard with which he is most familiar. The sneer of the News is not significant. Because it is 'so much out of harmony with the prevailing tone of the British press it only serves to bring out in relief the high value put by the British press and public upon the aid received from the colonies and the general gratitude for that aid. It should be explained that up to a few weeks ago the Daily News was a strong sur porter of the war, and was intense imperialistic in tone. But a fe wealthy pro-Boers bought enough stock to get control of the pape changed its editorial staff and policy, and now the Daily News is

all the high-class daily journals in London, the only one which advocate the Boer cause.

.The "Little England" character of the new management is revealed in an amusing way in this same anti-Canadian article. While Canada is accused of mercenary motives in having sent troops to South Africa, the Dominion government is charged with halfheartedness for having withdrawn the Canadian troops before the war is over. The News asserts that Canada is chiefly to blame for the continuation of the war, because if the Canadian soldiers had not been withdrawn the Boers would have lost heart and sur-

rendered long ago, There's an Englishman for you There are one hundred thousand Brit ish soldiers in South Africa. These the Boers do not dread, and continue to defy them; but if the few hundred Canadian soldiers had remained, the Boers would have meekly laid down their arms, deeming further resistance useless! Truly, a splendid compliment to the powers of our Canadian boys. But what is to be thought of the Englishman who would write and pub lish such a libel on his own country-

SOUND SENSE.

It is gratifying to observe in such a pronounced Liberal journal as the Kingston Whig a protest against the present machine system of education. Our contemporary says:

"The fact appears to be, as the inspector declares, that the last three years of the public school course are devoted largely towards a grind for the entrance tests, and the principal of the high school does not find the pupils much the better of it. Why Because certain subjects are esteemed the important ones, and on these the scholars are worked, to the exclusion of other things, so that the growth of the individual in general knowledge and scholarship becomes very much impaired. And there does not appear to be any help for it just now. The department regulations keep up the partial strain by its tests, which are conducive to the very order of things the educationists say is baneful. All the school boards can do is point out the difficulty and agitate for a remedy. They have removed most of the examinations of which they have control. They can not affect the entrance save to protest against it as an injury and to demand its abolition."

:The evil to which the Whig so forcefully directs attention is an essential part of the system established by Mr. Ross and maintained by Mr. High school-a link in the grand chain leading from the Kindergarten to the University - so long will we have teachers cramming the prospective candidates for the entrance in order that the percentage of passes may be high. The test of merit in the public school to-day is the passing into the High school. There is no consideration whatever for the boys and girls who never enter a High school. We should make the promotion to the High school an incident rather than the sole object-of the training in the Public school. For those who have the opportunity and the desire to obtain a High school education, keep the doors of that institution open. To those who have to go out from the Public school to make their living in the world, render available a good, sound practical education, sufficient in every respect for their ordinary requirements.

Kitchener must have burned a farm which Delarev didn't have, too.

As the Ottawa Citizen has remarked Aready, keep your binocular trained on Manchuria. There's trouble Bruin.

The Planet knows of a fine little Maple City which could make good use of a \$50,000 dopation from that gener ous millionaire, Andrew Carnegie.

The Brantford Courier rises to remark that the Russian bear before getting too gay with the British lion should pause long enough to remember the mane.

Chatham calls Windsor "a sinstruck city." If the weather was hotter it might be mistaken for a misprint. But, no,-Windsor's hot time will not be here but hereafter .- Ottawa Citizen.

Poor down-trodden, prohibition ridden Maine with its barren soil and mountainous country has an average in the savings banks of the state of \$80.77 per head of its population. Ohio and Illinois with their fertile plains and wide open laws, have respectively \$9.42 and \$6.14 per head of population in the savings bank. What can be the cause of this disparity in figures?

A VASUS BELLI. Belleville Intelligencer.

A despatch from Bloemfontein says the education department of the Orange River Colony is drawing up an educational system based on the Canadian school system. If they have to buy as many school books as the people of Ontario, there'll be

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London News. The Strthconas say the Canadian ponies in South Africa were tougher and more useful than horses from other countries. We have heard also that the horse known as the Strathcona did pretty good work over there

> OUR LONG REACH. London News

Mr. Bourassa says that Canadian loyalty is about as elastic as a politician's conscience. So it is. It is elas tic enough to have stretched over some seven thousand miles of land and sea between Ottawa and Paarde-

Were we eloquent as angels, yet we should please some people more by listening than by talking.—Colton.

THE POOR HEATHEN.

Let us go and find the heathen; let us take him by the hand; Let us take his evil from him; let us also take his land;

Let us break it to him gently that it's wrong to be so nude, style, as it's pursued. Let us show him all the glories of the white man's kingdom come, And, by way of introduction, sell him

lots of white man's rum. Let us seek our heathen brother in benighted lands afar;
And impress him with the wrongness of his habits as they are;

Let us guide him slowly, surely, till he's nobly civilized, And has banished all his foibles, all his fancies, so despised Let us show him how he's destined to

go forward with a jump, t our grand resistless progress take him 'midship with a bump. Let us teach him that the bolo and the dagger are not right,

seven-shooter follows up its barking with a bite; Let us bring to him the gospel of the shirt and full dress su And the glad and glorious tidings of the proper shoe or boot; Let us lift the poor old heathen from

the bog wherein he sticks, And explain to him the beauties of the game of politics. Thus we'll labor with the pagan till

he understands ouf ways And will ponder with a shudder on his old unhappy days. We will stock his land with clothing, we will dot it with golf links, And he'll hail the architecture of the

home of fancy drinks;

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