A CHANGE has been made in the Education Department of our Province by the appointment of Mr. G. W. Ross as Minister of Education, *vice* Hon. A. Crooks, who was forced to resign on account of failing health. Mr. Ross is a practical educationalist, and will no doubt do himself credit in his new sphere of action. The new minister has recently taken a degree from Albert, so that in view of the pending amalgamation we can properly claim him as an alumnus of our own university. We hail with pleasure his remarks to his constituents, in which he said that under his *regime* politics would not be allowed a place in the administration of the educational affairs of Ontario. Should Mr. Ross succeed in doing this, he will win for himself the consideration of every right-thinking man who is not absolutely blinded by party prejudice.

CANADA is one of the youngest of the nations, and it is a truism, often enough repeated, that hitherto she has been occupied mainly in taking possession of the vast inheritance fallen to her, and hence has had little time for art or science. She already possesses, however, a number of artists and men of science of whom any country might be proud ; still her chief glory rests in her *practical* men, who are wide awake to build up her resources. The admirable display recently made at the Fisheries Exhibition is good evidence of this fact. All the practical features in the management of our fisheries deserved and received high praise. The same can unfortunately not be said of the more scientific side of our display. A Canadian can hardly feel comfortable when he finds in *Nature* references to the " discreditable state " of our collection, and the statement that "there are (or were when the article in *Nature* was written) far more serious blunders in the identification of specimens and worse instances of bad preservation in the Canadian collection of invertebrata than those to which special allusion was made." How comes this ? Have we no zoologist competent to put up and label such a collection, or was the wrong man chosen for the work ? We surely have