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"TROOLY-LOIL."

THE Ontario Readers are a great im-
provement on the old Canadian
Series. We say this at the outset,
lest we should be misunderstood.
The compilers have evinced great care
and good judgment in making the selec-
tions. They truly say in the preface to
the Fourth Reader, that "the selections
in prose and verse are poetic gems, whose
lustre and value time will never lessen."
It is precisely about one of these gems, a
favorite of ours, that we wish to say a few

words. Every one is familiar with Burns'
"A man's a man for a' that." One stanza
is the following:—

Ye see yon birkie ca'd a lord,
Wha struts and stares and a' that,
Tho' hundreds worship at his word,
He's but a coof for a' that.
For a' that and a' that,
His ribband, star and a' that.
The man of independent mind,
He looks and laughs at a' that.

We always thought that this was at least
harmless. Indeed, we confess, we ad-
mired the sentiment expressed therein.
We should not object to having our chil-
dren (if we had any), learn to look on
toadyism with contempt. But the Argus-
eyed compilers saw treason in the verse
and decided that it must go. And it went!
Not because the selection would have
been too long, for there are only five such
stanzas in all. Laugh at a lord! Oh no!
The youth of Ontario must be saved from
such rank radicalism. Perhaps the unso-
phisticated innocents might think it incon-
sistent to endorse this gem in one lesson
and in the next to eulogize "the greatest
emanation of human wisdom" under which
lords have a hereditary right to legislate.
A lord may be a "coof" and hundreds may
"worship at his word," but they are not
to be laughed at.

Who could say where the evil influence
of the expunged stanza might have stop-
ped? It might, oh horror! it might have
lessened the reverence for our Governors-
General.

"C'EST ANGLAIS."

THE French-Canadians just now come
in for a great deal of consideration
with many politicians and political
writers. Indeed this has been
more or less the case since Confederation.
Grits and Tories alike have taken their
turn in abusing them. "A menace to