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Daniel McIntyre, Superintendent of Schools, Winnipeg, Man.

The reports of the Principals of our schools, as well as my own observation, convince me that the Cigarette habit is a growing evil among our school children. It is found to lessen the mental power and lower the moral tone of the lads that indulge in it. The testimony of our teachers on this point is unanimous. I see no remedy for the evil except legislation that will make the Cigarette less accessible.

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An investigation set on foot in Winnipeg by the *Tribune* of that city, revealed that, on their own admission, nearly one-fourth of the lads attending the city schools used tobacco.

The 154 Teachers in the London, Ont., Schools, including 16 upon the Collegiate staff and the Principal, Mr. Merchant, and Vice-Principal, Mr. Deerness, of the Normal School, signed a petition to the School Board asking that the parents of the scholars be in some way warned of the injury the Cigarette is doing.

The London School Board passed a strong resolution endorsing the passage of the Cigarette Bill now under consideration.

The following Ontario Inspectors of Schools have furnished strong opinions for publication. It is impossible to print them all, and finding it difficult to make a selection, the names only are given.

T. L. Mitchell, M. A., Perth, Ins. Lanark Co.
Thos. McKee, Barrie, Ins. Simcoe Co.
Rev. W. H. G. Colles, Ins. Chatham.
N. Mackintosh, Madoc, Ins. North Hastings Co.
Charles A. Barnes, London, Ins. Lambton Co.
D. A. Maxwell, Windsor, Ins. Essex Co.
Arthur Brown, Morrisburg, Ins. Dundas Co.
James O'Brien, Prince Albert, Ins. North Ontario Co.
G. D. Platt, Picton, Ins. Prince Edward Co.
Robert Meade, M. A., Ins. Brockville.
J. Scott Deacon, Milton, Ins. Halton Co.
W. E. Tilley, Bowmanville, Ins. Durham Co.
R. H. Cowley, Ins. Ottawa.

W. Peterson, Principal McGill College, Montreal, P. Q.

"My personal observation would go to show that young men such as we have in attendance at our Universities are in danger of becoming slaves to the practice of smoking so soon as they begin to feel that at such and such an hour of the day (or night) they must have their smoke."

L. D. Von Iffland, Principal Cowansville Academy, Cowansville, P. Q.

"The effect of Cigarettes upon boys is usually lassitude, nervousness, lack of memory, and a pale, sallow complexion. The Cigarette is responsible for many affections of the eyes and has produced insanity in certain cases. Boys who smoke are not as active in athletic sport as those who do not, and the later almost invariably defeat them in intellectual contests."