

ENDORSED BY THE GERMAN IMPERIAL COMMISSION.

There was another high tribute paid by the Commission sent by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany to visit the Guelph institution and report—a deputation of very high-class men. I won't undertake to pronounce the names of the gentlemen composing this Commission, but shall leave that for the hon. member for North Waterloo or South Waterloo. These men came to this institution after having visited some of the leading institutions of the United States, they came fortified with the best information on the subject the world over. What did they say? They were careful at the outset to say that their report, so far as detail was concerned, must first be made to their own Government. They did not talk as freely perhaps as we on this side of the water sometimes do, but this they said:—

“There were many things with which we were strikingly impressed, and which will receive our attention when the time comes for making our report at home. The cells are splendidly located, the ample light admitted by their exposure being a fine humanitarian feature.”

And, just think, the hon. Leader of the Opposition says we are “behind the times in social legislation”! They then go on to say:—

“The doors leading to the cells particularly attracted our attention. They are a vast improvement over those which we have in Germany. The cell windows, too, appealed to us. They can be opened at will, and give good ventilation, instead of having the air percolate stingily through the ceiling. We feel deeply indebted to the British Government for the suggestion that we should come to Canada.”

To this the Consul-General for Germany added:—

“The visit to Canada meant considerable alteration in the original plans of the Commission, but any inconvenience has been more than compensated for by the profitable nature of the visit to Guelph.”