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## COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH.

The province of Ontario has ever been to the fore as regards its public school system; and now that the province has a Minister of Education who is a physician and, therefore, can appreciate some matters in connection therewith, more than others, and having in mind also the fact that the entire school system of the province is to be enquired into at a near-by date, a consideration of one aspect of the subject which is of very material value will be timely at this instant. The subject has been brought to our attention at this particular moment by what is virtually a "sweating" system, using the term in no figurative sense. A boy of twelve, after his attendance at school regularly, has two or three hours of nightwork assigned him to prepare at home, and the result is that he has been having profuse night-sweats, and the cause can be traced to nothing but excessive nerve activity. This has been amply proven by withdrawing the boy from his studies when the night-sweats ceased. This continuous brainwork and nerve excitement would in time break and forever damage the constitution of all except the very hardiest; and the