

to the fact I mentioned to you when I was in Toronto last month ; four pupils from one of these schools passed the entrance examination to the High School during the year 1886, one in July, and three in December. All four of these pupils speak and write both languages ; two of them are the children of French-speaking parents, and two of English-speaking parents, and one of them is but 11 years of age. One of the French pupils made a perfect paper in dictation, spelling every word correctly, and beating all the English-speaking pupils."

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

Moreover, if the hon. gentleman will refer to the entrance examinations held during the last few years within these counties, he will find that the percentage of those who passed, compared with the number of applicants was as great as in many of the older counties of the province, and as this test is of universal application, there can be no better for purposes of comparison. My hon. friend has laid down the proposition, as I have already observed, that English and English only should be taught in the public schools of this province. Let us examine this proposition in the light of the practice of other countries. What is the practice in Great Britain ? And when I take the example of Great Britain, hon. gentlemen who are accustomed to indulge in expressions of perfervid loyalty, will certainly admit the force of the comparison. Does my hon. friend not know that Gaelic is taught in the Highlands of Scotland, that Gaelic inspectors are employed for the inspection of these schools, and that proficiency in Gaelic is accepted by the government for the payment of the grant for educational purposes.

WHAT IS THE POLICY IN WALES ?

Does my hon. friend not know that a similar rule applies to the Welsh in Wales ? Are we to assume—following the arguments of my hon. friend—that because these foreign languages are taught that the safety of Great Britain is imperilled ; that the government is endangering the existence of the Empire ; that the national language has been insulted ; that the national honor has been sac-