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ture, while other educational institutions of much more importance than itself have been systematically plundered in order to supply means for its extravagance. It has thus interfered with the Grammar School system of the Province, in having the greater and richer portion of the lands set aside for the maintenance of these schools, handed over to it. without the consent of Parliament, by a man who favored it for the sake of a selfish whim, and who could intrigue successfully on account of the position he occupied at the head of the Upper Canadian Government. But the Grammar Schools have not been the sole victims of Upper Canada College voracity. The Common Schools have also suffered considerably, and the University to an almost incalculable extent, to support an expensive institution, paying its teachers enormous salaries, and yet doing nothing for the popular education of the Province, as only the sons of those who could obtain a certain amount of Government favor, or the richest men in the land, may hope to secure a course at the so-called Upper Canada College.

From the Ingersoll Chronicle, September 24.

There is no class of men in the country who hold a more responsible, honorable and important position than the Principals of our High Schools, and we contend that men holding such a position ought to be well supported. These men have the training of our youth in their hands, they have to mould the characters of the leading men of the next generation, and we contend that salary is not the question when we get the right men in the right places. If the endowment that is their own by right, is given back to the Grammar Schools, or an equivalent thereto, not only will the Headmasters obtain the incomes suitable to their position, but they will be able to increase their staff and have one or more assistants in their Grammar Schools. We trust that the Press and the Legislature will work heartily in the cause of our High Schools, of which we feel proud, and endeavor to make them as thoroughly useful and efficient as possible.

From The Kingston Daily British Whig, September 24.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE .- In returning to the consideration of this institution, there is one thing which strikes the mind of any intelligent man, and that is, the folly of paying such immense sums of money annually, without any idea of the way it is spent. The expenditure of the College in 1866 was \$19,887.51, an amount greater by \$5,302.62 than the total expenditure for Grammar School purposes in the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London, Ottawa and Kingston combined. And yet the money given to these Schools from Government was only \$6,884, the whole of their further expenditure being provided from local sources. This wretched pittance, too, was only obtained from the Government by elaborate reports setting forth not only the total, but also the average attendance during the year then past, and the detailed statement of the names of each pupil, the studies pursued and the numbers engaged in each study. But how is it with this immaculate institution? It receives annually a grant of \$12,500, and when asked how this is expended, along with its other sources of revenue, the obliging Principal informs the assembled Parliament-" 1866-total-284." Perhaps he was too

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