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### MR. HARCOURT'S DEFENCE.

Mr. Harcourt should be ashamed to excuse the absurdities of the high school geography on the ground that history has been made very rapidly of late, points out the Toronto News. The knowledge that wheat can be successfully raised in Manitoba or that Canada is rich in minerals of various sorts is surely not very recent, and it will seem ridiculous to most people, surely, that at this late date the high school text book should teach that wheat raising west of the great lakes and north of the American boundary is a doubtful experiment, and that the only mining in the country is carried on in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, where a little gold and coal are found.

There is absolutely no defence for a book which presents a picture of the country as it was twenty years ago, almost before there was any settlement in the west, and when a great part of the Eastern Provinces was yet unknown and unexplored. It should have been withdrawn ten years ago, if, indeed, such an inadequate work should have ever been accepted and by excusing it Mr. Harcourt simply convinces intelligent and impartial persons that he is not fit to hold the important position he does in relation to education. He says that the department would be censured whether it changed the text books frequently or not, but his duty is to change them when the change is required, neither sooner nor later. This, however, has not been done. In some cases new books have been unnecessarily ordered year after year, while in others, as in this instance of the high school geography, an antiquated work has been retained, not only after it had ceased to give accurate information, but even when its information was positively misleading.

### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The prosperity of every manufacturing country is so dependent upon the iron and steel industry to-day, that it is surprising to consider how very modern is its pre-eminence. The Montreal Witness, reviewing the situation, says at the beginning of the nineteenth century comparatively little iron and steel was made, in any country, and the advent of railways was the beginning of their importance. The first railway in the world to be built for general freight and passenger traffic was the "Stockton and Darlington," in England, and that was not opened until 1825. The general use of steel and iron for bridges and steamships only came in the third quarter of the nineteenth century, and their extensive use in buildings and for all kinds of machinery is of comparatively recent date. The great year for railway building in the United States was not until 1887, and it was during the last quarter of the past century that the greatest progress was made in Great Britain in substituting iron and steel ships for wooden ones. Armor plate for warships was made in Great Britain after 1850, but, as Mr. James M. Swank, of the American Iron and Steel Association, points out in a recent brochure, it was not perfect in any country until within the last ten years, while the first contract for American armor plate was not made until 1887. Iron and steel buildings did not receive much attention from architects and builders until within the last twenty-five years, and steel cars are the result of the past decade. Considering its financial importance now, it is hard to believe that the manufacture of tin plates in the United States, on a commercial basis, dates only from the year 1890. The steel rail industry in the United States, was trifling until after 1875, but by 1890 wonderful strides had been made, and in 1897 there was a production of 2,191,904 tons, which figures have since been exceeded. Great Britain's largest make was 1,235,785 tons in 1882. Mr. Car-

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### AN IRONICAL REMARK.

Hamilton Spectator.

The mention of scrap iron these days makes the Grits quite scrappy.

### LESE MAJESTE.

Belleville Intelligencer.

Montreal's Prince turns out to be a cook. Well, a good cook is better than a poor prince, (any day).

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Hamilton Spectator.  
The grafters of the Ontario Legislature must see handwriting on the New York wall.

### SARCASTIC HUSBAND.

Philadelphia Record.  
"Yes, my dear," said the sarcastic hubby, "you may have made the cake all alone, as you say, but who helped you to lift it out of the oven?"

### GREATER THAN CANADA'S EXPENDITURE.

Hamilton Herald.

The annual expenditure of New York City being \$98,000,000, the serious loss Tammany has sustained may be realized.

### EPICURIAN EPISTLES.

Toronto Telegram.

Most of the letters from press writers in the Duke of York's party suggest that the distinguished authors must have worried more about the quality of the meals they consumed than about the quality of the literature they produced.

### A POSSIBILITY TO BE CONSIDERED.

Toronto World Cartoon.

Gen. Botha—I like not! dot. Dose Canuckas can fight like Dunder and Blitzen—but, say, maybe oostead oph putting dem under command oph a man like Col. Sam Steele dey vill put dem under one oph dose Imperial feller dot carry planes und tings mit der mobile columns.

### THE PEOPLE MEAN WELL.

Toronto Telegram.

The defeat of Tammany in New York shows that humanity is not so black as it is painted by the politicians, who pretend that the people will accept nothing better than the methods of the machine. Occasionally the people will lean to virtue's side if they can get a chance in a straight fight between right and wrong.

### ENCOURAGING AN INFANT INDUSTRY.

Hamilton Spectator.

They are going to place infant incubators in the children's hospital in Buffalo for the scientific treatment of children who are too weak to be reared in the ordinary way. Wouldn't it be a good plan to introduce incubators in Canada to increase population, as motherhood seems to have gone out of style.

### WHY?

London News.

If there is need of Canadian soldiers in South Africa, if there are Canadians who are willing to go to South Africa, if the people of Canada are prepared to meet the expenses of a contingent to South Africa, why does the government hesitate? Why are not the men sent? The British troops are in need of reinforcements, and it must be that the offer made by the Dominion was not an enthusiastic one, or it would have been accepted.

### THINKS WELL OF IT.

Hamilton Herald.

It will be time enough to talk of organizing another South African contingent in Canada when the imperial authorities say that it would be acceptable. Should such a notification be received, there would be little difficulty in raising and equipping a regiment in short order. As to the character of this force, we think that the suggestions of the warrior-editor of the Ottawa Citizen are eminently sensible and worthy of consideration.

### ONLY BEING FOUND OUT.

Carleton Place Canadian.

The young Liberals of Toronto have raised a storm in their own seas. They are indignant first because Hon. Mr. Ross took the viper Maybes into his bosom, and second because, to give him tone, he labelled him an ex-Conservative. But Mr. Ross has been doing just the same sort of malignant business ever since he entered politics. This is nothing new. The only explanation for the revolt we can offer is that Mr. Ross, having fooled the people as long as he has, has been discovered. It is creditable that he is being disowned by

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### WABASH CHANGE OF TIME.

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