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OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

In connection with the coming celebration of Her Majesty's Great Reign, the young people of Ontario will take an active part. The Minister of Education has provided that at every school house the children may attend on a certain day for celebrating the event in some worthy manner. We are glad to know that an interesting and useful volume on the subject of the Great Reign will be ready for distribution among school children at a small cost by the board of trustees or by private liberality.

HOW CANADA IS GOVERNED, OR CIVICS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Although it is rather late on our part in mentioning this subject, which is the title of a new and valuable work from the able pen of Dr. Bourinot, F.R. S.C., Ottawa, we feel it a pleasant duty to speak of it at the present time. The subject is most important, and is felt to be so in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, where it has been placed on the list of works to be read by teachers of both public and high schools. We trust that it will be speedily adopted, if not already, in Ontario and Quebec provinces.

CANADIAN ARCHÆOLOGY.

This Association has an able ally in David Boyle, Esq., Archæologist, Canadian Institute, Toronto. For many years he has been a zealous student and successful finder of relics and landmarks of early years, and an interpreter of early traditions of this country. While he has been a diligent worker in archæology, and has a rich collection in the museum of the Canadian Institute, it is very cheering to know that co-workers are now coming to his aid, among whom is A. F. Hunter, Esq., of Barrie, Ont. These gentlemen last October spent a few days at one point at least of interest in the township of Innisfil, near Barrie, which invited their attention. There they traced a serpent-shaped mound, and fully proved it to be a relic of the Ancient Mound-Builders. In September, 1896, the discovery of an egg and serpent mound by Mr. Boyle in the Rice Lake District, near Peterboro', led Mr. Hunter to persevere in investigating the Innisfil mound. It is 1230 feet in length ; the average height is between five and six feet, and is 25 feet wide at the base. It is evidently the work of a prehistoric people, and most probably was associated with ideas of worship, and similar in purpose to those found in the old world.

ARBITRATION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

Perhaps we are stepping aside from the special purpose of this Association in referring to this subject. Our apology is, that as British Americans we are intensely interested in everything that makes for peace and cordial friendship between the two great countries. We refer to the subject of