

spirited schoolmarms realize the harm they are doing, in dwarfing the intellects of their pupils, and we feel sure they will not wait for public sentiment to demand their removal, but will gladly resign in favor of 'strength and manliness.' It is singular, by the way, that the pernicious effects of their teaching should be purely local, confined, seemingly, to a comparatively small area. Many of our women are making brilliant records in school work, the strength and manliness of our section being largely engaged at present in farming and in clearing timber land. Perhaps the ill wind of disapproval that sweeps others from their fairly-won chairs may bring them compensating honors in wider fields of usefulness.

In reading the above, the responsible person, who, as may be seen, is not a little sarcastic, must be identified as one of the ladies who knows her duty, and, in doing it, frowns upon all odious comparisons between the sexes in their qualifications as teachers. If the boys are neglecting their education at present, the mothers of the future will not be likely to allow their children to follow their fathers' example, and thus the law of compensation may come to the rescue of the race as it does the "chores," and at the same time makes the most of this world of growing intelligence.

Current Events.

—The Manitoba School case has lost its prominence in the School Case of the North-West Territories. The "key" of the situation is said to rest with Premier Haultain, and he is said to be a man as likely to err under the stress of political weathering as the Supreme Court of Canada itself.

—There is surely a lesson to be learned in our schools from the story of the late Dr. Douglas's life as lately told by his brother, Mr. James Douglas of Minneapolis. The father of the late orator was a man of good position and good descent in Scotland. He was owner of the Ashkirk Mills and other milling interests in Scotland and traced his descent in a direct line from Douglas, the head of the clan. A series of commercial misfortunes overwhelmed him, and he came to Canada in 1831, preceding his family one year. In Canada he took employment of a clerical character, and was afterwards for some years employed as clerk in the customs. The late Dr. Douglas was in his seventh year when he came to Canada and Montreal, and with his brothers immediately commenced to attend the British and Canadian school, then under Mr. Minshall, a gentleman of high attain-