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LORD ABERDEEN'S MISTAKE.

Speaking of the appointment of Lerd Minto the Winnip-g Free Press takes this crack at Lord Aberdeen:

"The Farl of Minto having, it i aid, been appointed governor-general
of Canada, a London paper advises him
to follow in the footsteps of Lord Abwrdeen. It is to be regretted that the
London News is not better informed. Lord Aberdeen has not fully under ernment, as it exists in Canada, and while he has made himself deservedly popular as a prominent man taking a deep personal interest in the welfare at all times, as the crown's represen-tative, to appreciate fully the relations which ahould exist between the governor-general and his advisers. Exof this defect in his excellency's official character are not wanting but at present it is sufficient to say to the London prese that if Lord Min-to is we I advised he will never lose sight of the fact that the man who rules in Canada is not the governor general, but his first minister, whether that minister's name happens to be Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Sir Charles

n't the Free Press believe that Doesn't the Free Press believe that Lord Aberdeen's failure as a governor greheral arose because of his attempt to study beforehand Canadian affairs? here some time prior to his appoint-ment. His intentions were no doubt good. He wished to post himself. But in so doing be appeared to become im-bued with partizan ideas. This shows that it is much better to have our people or our politics, than to have them study us up just enough to make istakes. A little knowledge in thes he a dangerous thing.

A SLAP AT HON. G. W. ROSS.

The Mail and Empire heartily com mends the recent action of the Guelph Board of Education in abolishing written promotion examinations. It says: "We are delighted to see that the Guelph Board of Education has adopt-ed a report recommending a great re-form with regard to examinations. We have taken every occasion of pointing out the evils of the system in which the final examination is made a thing of chief importance. There is no doubt that in our system the final examina tion is entirely overestimated, and given a place out of all proportion to its real value. The responsibility for this state of affairs, we have contend with the Education Depart ment. Not only is a bad example set by the department in the work more diby the department in the work more arrectly under its own supervision, but, instead of starting any impulse to reform, the Minister is constantly giving expression to views that are both unpedagogical and reactionary, as when the number of the particular pest is small, and the birds are corryday workers. They are in the business for a living. Spare the birds. Normal School that the examination is in education what the target is in rifle practice. In our centralized system the stand taken by the Minister practically determines the actions. determines the attitude of all engaged in education. Some educators, how-ever, have departed from the standard set by the Minister, and their progresset by the Minister, and their progressive views and their independence are to be commended. This revolt against the old examination order is most encouraging. It must be borne in mind that the reform has been introduced despite the example and the express teaching of the Minister of Education. It is a sorry state of affairs that the head of the system should lag behind Public School Boards. Another excellent recommendation in the same tenind Public School Boards. Another excellent recommendation in the same report was the following: "This committee would further suggest that the way of publishing the results in the local newspapers of the promotion examinations of the Public schools should be compared to the promotion of the promotion of the public schools should be compared to the promotion of the public schools should be compared to the promotion of the public schools should be compared to the promotion of the public schools should be compared to the promotion of the public schools should be compared to the promotion of the public schools should be compared to the public schools are the promotion of the public schools are the publi aminations of the Public senous should be by grades and classes, and not by giving the name of the teacher.' As far as we know, this is the first offi-cial effort to put a stop to the most reprehensible practice of using exam-

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form. By the adoption of this report the Guelph Board has done good ser-vice to the cause of education in On-tario."

The gentleman whose duty it is t orepare the speeches from the throne for the Ontario Legislature, is a master hand at putting more guff than sense in them.

Having voluntarily backed down half way, Premier Hardy will now compulsorily proceed to back down the other half and hand those eight seats over to the people to whom they be-

WHAT IS NEEDED.

Stratford Beacon The Peary expedition to the Arctic regions has had a handsome flag given to it. All it needs now is the pole.

THE PAPER FOR THE MASSES.

Washington Star. The evening paper is the type of modern conditions. The reading pub-lic demands that to-day's news as far as possible, shall be published to-day, and that it shall not be neld back for the leisurely publication of the

OVERLOOKING OUR DAVID.

The Qu The Quebec Chronicle expresses the opinion that the Hon. David Mills should be on the Quebec Commission. It is perhaps too late to alter the composition of that body, but it may be that it is a pity that it was not thought of before.

AS TRUE AS GOSPEL

Hamilton Times. Nobody knows the extent of the lo inflicted on the country by the de-struction of bird life. The birds are natural allies of the farmer, gardener and horticulturist. The time to fight pests is when the number of the par-ticular pest is small, and the birds are gogical and reactionary, as when ntly said to the graduates of the School that the examination is few berries, they earn their change of diet by the work they do for the cal-

DOCTORS TESTIFY.

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OUTING FOR AUGUST.

Outling for August, in text and illustration, is up to the high standard of this popular magazine of amateur sport and pastime. The number opens with a very useful article on "How to Get Out of Trouble in Golf," by Willip Tucker, and illustrated by a series of fine photographs by T. C. Turner, showing the best methods when in difficulties. Other notable features include "The Yarn of the Yampa," a transatlantic cruise by E. L. H. McGinnis; "A Bit of Sea-fishing," by Ed. W. Sandys; "To the Cataskills Awheel," by A. H. Godfrey; "Camping in Comfort," by H. A. Hill; "The Sporting Clubs of the Adirondacks," by S. A. Miller, and "A Summer with Tennis Experts," by J. P., Paret. The editorials and record departments are interesting and up to date. OUTING FOR AUGUST.

Mr. W. D. Howells has written an estimate of Edward Bellamy which is printed in the current issue of the Atlantic. Mr. Howells writes as a friend and admiler, but considers the dead socialist's life and works from a literary standpoint only. He discusses Edward Bellamy, literary artist.

"Somehow," writes Mr. Howells, "whether he knew or not, he unertringly felt how the average man would feel: and all the webs of fancy that he wove were essentially of one texture through this sympathy. His imagination was intensely democratic, it was inalienably plebelan, even—that is to say, humane—if did not seek distinction of expression; it never put the simplest and plainest reader to shame by the assumption of those fine-gentleman airs which abash and dishearten more than the mere literary swell can think. He would use a phrase or a word that was common to vulgarity, if it said what he meant; sometimes he sets one's teet hon edge, in his earlier stories, by nis public school diction. But the nobility of the heart is never absent from his work; and he has always the distinction of self-forgetfulness in his art.

"I have been interested, in recurring to his earlier work, to note how almost entirely the action passes in the American village atmosphere it is like the greater art of his own life in this. He was not a man ignorant of other keeping. He was partly educated abroad, and he knew cities both in Europe and America. He was a lawyer by profession, and he was some time editor of a daily newspaper in a large town. But I remember how, in one of our meetings, he spoke with distrust and dislike of the onvironment of cities as unwholesome and distracting, if not denroalizing (very much to the effect of Tolstoi's philosophy in the matter), and in his short stories his types are village types. They are often such when hinds them in the city, but for much the greater part he finds them in the mitter), and in his short stories and in the matter of a different sort of folk from the poople far more than we are country people or les

"Our average is practical as well as mystical; it is first the dust of the earth, and then it is a living soul; it likes great questions simply and familiarly presented before it puts its faith in them and makes its faith a life. It likes to start to heaven from home, and in all this Bellamy was of it, voluntarily and in-voluntarily. I recall how, when we first met, he told me that he had come to think of our hopeless conditions suddenly, one day, in looking at his own children, and reflecting that he could not place them beyond the chance of want by any industry or forecast or providence; and that the status meant the same impossibility for others which it meant for him. I understood then that I was in the presence of a man too single, too sinceres, to pretend that he had begun by thinking of ethers, and I trusted him the more fer his confession of a selfish premise. He never went back to himself in his endeavor, but when he had once felt his power in the world he dedicated his life to his work. He wore himself out in thinking and feeling about it, with a street of the service of the control of the exhibition of the exhibition of the exhibition after important of the carrier of the control of the exhibition of the exhibition of the exhibition and feeling about it, with a specially interesting nature at the received deal. as life to his work. He wore hin

in his endeaver, but when he had once fels his power in the world he dedicated his life to his work. He wore himself out in thinking and feeling about it, with a belief in the good time to come that penetrated his whole purpose, but apparently with me manner of fanaticism. In fact, no one could see him, or look into his quiet, entie face, so full of common sense, without perceiving that he had reasoned to his hope for justice in the frame of things. He was indeed a most practical, a most American man, without a touch of sentimentalism in his humanity. He believed that some now living should see his dream—the dream of Fisto, the dream of the first Christians, the dream of Hacon, the dream of More—come true in a really eivilized society; but he had the patience and courage which could support any delay.

"I am glad that he lived to die at home in Chicopes—in the village envionment by which he interpreted the heart of the American nation, and knew how to move it more than any other American author who has lived. The theory of those who think differently is that he simply moved the popular fancy; and this may suffice to explain the state of some people, but it will not account for the leave and honor in which his name is passionately held by the vest average, asst and west. His fame is safe with them, and his faith is an animating force concerning whose effect at this time or some other time it would not be wise to phophesy. Whether his ethics will keep his asstehates in remembrance I do not know; but I am sure that one cannot acquaint one's self with his merely artistic werk and not be sensible that in Edward Bellamy we were rich in a romantic imagination surpassed only by that of Hawthorne."

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