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WHY THEY DON'T GO TO SCHOOL. In regard to the non-attendance of children of desirable age at the public schools of this city, investigation by The Telegraph reveals a feature of the situation which is undoubtedly an important one.

THE EXHIBITION. Exhibition week shows not only the things in the exhibition grounds, but St. John generally to visitors. It is therefore the part of wisdom to so conduct ourselves and our city that they who come here but seldom may obtain some useful lessons for their benefit and emulation during their stay.

OUR NATION BUILDING. It is possible that the people of the United States are now realizing the future probabilities of Canada even better than Canadians themselves, because they have become familiar with the process of national development in the country immediately adjoining ours and see the possibilities of ours. But it is entirely improbable that the people in authority among European nations yet realize the future of Canada, although their common people are more and more learning of it in the same fashion that the common people of Europe did concerning the United States a generation ago, as a land of promise.

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EMINENT BUT MISTAKEN. The fact that Dr. Goldwin Smith recently completed his 70th year of life calls attention to the passing of conditions in which he at one time prominently figured. To him Canada's unwillingness to cast in her lot with the United States was incomprehensible. Yet after thirty years of prophesying in a voice so able as to command worldwide attention, he has today a smaller following than he had before his fame was attained. This is the peculiarity that in historical accounts will mark the career of Dr. Goldwin Smith.

MR. BORDEN'S TOUR. The present trip of Mr. R. L. Borden, M. P., leader of the opposition in the Canadian House of Commons, (Mr. F. D. Monk, M. P., his chief lieutenant, and a party of other eminent Conservative leaders, to the Pacific coast, is eliciting marked interest among the western newspapers which are doing their part to awaken curiosity in regard to the gentlemen and stimulate such a welcome as was made them to gain an idea of what the people think of them. Just how the people of British Columbia, for instance, view the matter, is interestingly set forth by the Victoria Times, as follows:—

We are told the object of the visit of the leader is to shake up