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SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

As the Session of the Legislature of Ontario is now drawing near, during which the School Legislation of the Province is to be revised and consolidated, we would call the attention of those interested in such matters, to some things which we believe the educational interests of Ontario at present require.

COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The draft of a Bill presented by the Hon. Mr. Mowat near the close of last Session contained provisions for a rearrangement of the Council of Public Instruction on a new basis. The long contended for principle of making its members, or at least a part of them, elective, was conceded. We are not sure but a more liberal concession to public opinion than the Bill contained would be better, but we are prepared to accept it as a step in the right direction. The introduction of even three *elected* members into the Board will, we believe, be productive of much good. It will be a recognition, at least, to the governed of their right to a voice in the choice of their gov-

ernors, and must, by the establishment of direct intercourse between the Educational Department and the public, tend to allay any feeling of suspicion that may exist in regard to the exercise of its functions, as well as give a more practical character to its regulations. While not at all endorsing the denunciations so often hurled at those who control and direct the educational interests of the Province, we have no hesitation in advocating any measure that might increase the efficiency of our Public Schools, although by so doing we might appear to question the judicial wisdom of those whose duty it is to superintend such matters. The interests of education are paramount, and as such must not be made subservient to any existing order of things.

We are most anxious to see the effect of this new element in our educational machinery tested. We have no fear as to the result. The different parties to be represented have great interests at stake. These interests not being diverse from the interests of the public, there need be no