

Provinces. With that view, the Protestant Section of the Board of Education in the Province has recently sent the Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham, Superintendent of Education for Manitoba, on a mission to the Eastern Provinces, to inspect and report upon the principal Normal, Model, and High Schools of the Dominion, with the object of furnishing information to his Board and the Council of Education of the Province as to the machinery and working-system of the schools for professional training, and for instruction in secondary education. Mr. Pinkham, on this quest, we understand, has visited the two Normal Schools of Ontario, the Public Schools of Toronto, and the Ottawa, Toronto, and St. Catharines Collegiate Institutes, and has gleaned a large amount of information, which we doubt not, in his hands, will be put to good and serviceable purpose. We were glad, in making the acquaintance of this gentleman, to find him a man of energy, of admirable physique, and correspondingly vigorous mental power. His views on educational matters are sound and progressive, and his mind glows with enthusiasm for the great work in which he is actively engaged. We congratulate the Prairie Province in having such a force enlisted in the service of education as the reverend gentleman represents; and with a man of his calibre and magnetism we shall look hopefully on the future of the educational interests of Manitoba, and with confidence on its moral and intellectual growth.

### OVERWORK AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

No one who has observed the large number of members of the profession who have recently become invalided, and been compelled either to abstain temporarily from work or to retire altogether from teaching, but will be able to trace the matter to its producing cause, viz., to overwork and the friction that attaches to the elaborate machinery of school duties, with its increasing round of worrying examinations, high-pressure education, and monotonous routine.

Under all this pressure and the wrestle of professional life, now so keenly contested in the Province, it is little wonder if even the strongest goes down under the severe tension and prolonged strain. There is an innate dislike to become the "under dog" in the fight, but it is fast becoming a serious question whether the game is worth the candle, and how far the profession will consent to remain in bondage to the system of "white slavery" which our Educational Administration at present mercilessly imposes upon it. We noticed the other day the retirement of the head of the Collegiate Institute, at Ottawa, from overwork; and many are throwing up their positions to go into other professions, in which there is unquestionably less wearying, hard labour, and, as a rule, more to compensate one for it. The public, we feel sure, would considerably hear protests from the profession on this matter.

We regret to learn that Mr. J. R. Miller, of Goderich, has been recently compelled to rest from the labours of his Inspectorship in consequence also of overwork. From this cause his constitution has of late run down, and has induced grave weakness of the eyes, which compels him to seek skilled medical advice. While regretting the misfortune that has come to so able and energetic a worker in the educational field, and wishing him a speedy recovery, we feel it our duty to utter a note of warning to those whom we know are overtaxing their strength, and would ask the profession collectively to seek at the hands of the Minister some degree of relief from the circumlocution and the exacting duties which are telling so disastrously upon the physical strength of every teacher.

### PRINCIPAL GRANT ON JOSEPH HOWE.

In his late lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association of Toronto, on the above subject, Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, laid emphasis on the duty of every Canadian to cement, by every means in his power the ties that bind one Province of our Dominion to all the others.