

## BROAD HINTS.

THE authorities of Toronto University are leaving no stone unturned in seeking to convince the legislature of the propriety of increasing its endowment or the annual grant in aid. Mr. S. Russell, M.P.P. for East Hastings, in an able and comprehensive speech on the motion to go into supply, alluded to a move on their part, that shows that they have not lived in proximity to the House of Assembly in vain. Here is an extract from his speech, taken from *The Daily Ontario*, of Belleville:—

"Coming to the estimates for Educational purposes, he said the university question was probably the most important to be considered by the legislature at this session. He had that morning, like other members, received a copy of the *Toronto University Monthly*. He had turned over its pages and found a blue pencil mark pointing out the fact that there were forty-three graduates of the University of Toronto in Hastings. He thought, well, he thought it was a hint (laughter), that he should be careful how he voted on the university question. Forty-three votes mean something at election times. Fortunately, however, this did not affect him, as he was already on record. When addressing the house in previous sessions he had advocated very generous treatment of Toronto University."

Is it not time for Queen's to be "counting noses," too? We hope not, even though "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."

Mr. Russell proceeded in his speech to urge the claims of Queen's, and especially that further assistance should be given to the School of Mining and Agriculture; more particularly, that a department of "Forestry" should be added to the School at Kingston:—

"There was such a department at Cornell University, New York, with a state forest reservation in the Adirondacks. Prof. Fernow, its director, had visited Deseronto to observe what had been done there in the utilization of waste forest products. He had been much impressed by what he saw, East Hastings being the pioneer district in turning to good service what might be called the waste products of forest and mine."

## FORESTRY IN CANADA.

DR. GOODWIN, the Director of the School of Mining, did a good thing when he secured the presence of B. E. Fernow, director of the New York State College of Forestry, Cornell University, at the conference on the on the subject of Forestry which was held at Queen's recently. Dr. Fernow is an enthusiast on the rational treatment of forests, and as both the Dominion and the Provincial Governments are now moving in the direction of educating the people regarding the proper use of trees, the avoidance of waste in lumbering, and scientific re-forestry, the conference was timely. Dr. Fletcher, the Dominion Entomologist, Mr. Campbell, the Assistant Secretary of the Forestry Association of Canada, and others, took part in the discussions, which were held in the senate room; and the Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Minister of Education, who spoke to a motion in favour of a vote of thanks to Dr. Fernow for his charming illustrated lecture in convocation hall, expressed delight that the important question of forestry was receiving attention at a Canadian university. "Queen's," he said, "had the reputation of undertaking successfully new projects, and it would be a grand thing for the country were a School of Forestry established at Kingston." Dr. Fletcher raised the practical questions, "is the time ripe," and "is the Government likely to give the money needed for establishing such a school and a large forest for experimental purposes not far distant from the school?" Dr. Goodwin pointed out that the Governments of Canada and of Ontario had already set aside large forests, which could be used educationally, and at no cost to the public. Dr. Fernow was making his reserve of 30,000 acres in the Adirondacks pay. But, where, he asked, would the graduates of the school obtain employment? To which Dr. Fernow answered that "they had found that, when the time came for obtaining positions for graduates, the demand had exceeded the supply." It may be noted that the same question was put by sceptics when the School of Mining was started here, and that there were twelve situations seeking the four graduates of last year!