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on each occasion has been successful. Among these may be mentioned the Northern and Western Boundaries, the Streams Bill, the Escheats Question, etc. This, with his valuable legislative enactments and superior administrative abilities, undoubtedly ranks Mr. Mowat as a statesman of the first order. In his Cabinet the Premier has had some able assistants, and the business of the different departments has not been allowed to suffer. Messrs. Mowat and Ross are excellent speakers, able debaters and enthusiastic workers. They take an active interest in the advancement of moral, social, temperance and religious work. They are gentlemen of high Christian character, and of the type in whose hands we are pleased to see the direction of our Municipal, Provincial or Dominion affairs."

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### The Government Commission as to the Eastern Ontario Schools.

Referring to the Commission appointed by the Ontario Government to enquire into the French Public Schools of this Province, the *Mail* of 28th August, 1889, said: "On the whole the Commissioners appear to have done their work thoroughly and conscientiously."

Referring to "French-English Schools," the *Mail* of October 22nd, 1889, said: "The 'Instructions to teachers and trustees of French-English Schools' just issued by the Minister of Education are designed to carry into effect the recommendations made in the report of the Government Commissioners who recently visited the French districts." \* \* \* \* "These instructions if properly carried out, ought to do much to remedy the unsatisfactory state of affairs which has been found to exist in the French Schools of the Province."

*The Canadian Baptist* said: "This evidently impartial report, while it does not perhaps add largely to the information already possessed by those who have followed up the discussion in the Legislature and in the press, will be of great service as giving, in concise form, a reliable basis for inference and section. Most unprejudiced persons will, we think, agree that the recommendations of the commission are eminently judicious. They include about all the action that seems necessary and desirable."

*The Canadian Presbyterian* said: "As was to be expected from men of their character and standing, they did their work with diligence, thoroughness and impartiality. Their report has just been issued and it is strictly correct to say that it is untinged by political coloring. The report is valuable because it presents a clear and unbiassed statement of the actual state of affairs in these schools dominated, as they largely are, by French Roman Catholic influences; it will also, doubtless, lead to the adoption of the corrections necessary to preserve the integrity and usefulness of the Public School system in Ontario."

*The Presbyterian Review* said: "With the report we are much pleased. It is full, carefully prepared and clear. The Commissioners have done their work well, and we are happy to agree to the recommendations they make."

*The Christian Guardian* said: "As far as we can judge, the Commissioners have done their work with great thoroughness and fairness."

*The Toronto Mail* said: "On the whole the Commissioners appear to have done their work thoroughly and conscientiously."

*The Ottawa Citizen* (Tory) said, "It was hinted in some quarters that the report of the Commissioners appointed by the Ontario Department of Education to investigate the condition of the Public Schools of the Province in counties where the French-Canadian population is numerous would prove a white-washing one, and that the object aimed at would not be attained; but a careful examination of the report, briefly summarized in yesterday's *Citizen*, shows that the Commissioners performed the duty assigned to them in a most careful and thorough manner."