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### A FORWARD MOVE.

In making provision for courses in mining and metallurgy the University of Toronto, although largest of all Canadian universities in point of numbers, has lagged sadly behind her sister institutions, Queen's and McGill.

The School of Mining of Queen's University and the department of mining at McGill have world-wide reputations. Graduates of either institution have much of which to be proud. At Kingston and Montreal strong staffs of professors and assistants take care of some hundreds of students in mining and allied branches of study. At both places there are ample mining and metallurgical laboratories.

With the University of Toronto the case is different. While nominally there are courses in mining and metallurgy, in actuality the two subjects, geology and mineralogy, which should be entirely subordinate branches, have grown at the expense of the other essentials.

This condition has arisen, no doubt, because of the facts that geology and mineralogy have long been included in the general University curriculum, and not until within comparatively late years has mining been dealt with at all.

But, whatever the cause of this undesirable reversal of usual relations, the effects are evident. Queen's and McGill have more mining students than they can take care of. The University of Toronto is not in the race.

But the fact that the University of Toronto has neglected mining in the past does not prevent her from making a good beginning now. The recent appointment of Mr. H. E. T. Haultain to the chair of mining and metallurgy is a most hopeful symptom. Mr. Haultain is vigorous, competent, and enthusiastic. In the course of his professional career he has worked in many parts of the globe, including Canada and the United States. He has, moreover, the good fortune to be a Canadian.

We take it that the selection of Mr. Haultain to fill this most important chair is merely the first step towards a complete recognition of mining and metallurgy, as the foremost subjects in the curriculum of the School of Practical Science.

In its progress towards the goal of efficiency and practical usefulness, the School of Practical Science may count upon the support of Canadian mining men, and no better means could be desired to secure and retain that support than the appointment of such men as Mr. Haultain.

### SPECULATION AND MINING.

Our excellent contemporary, the Mining and Scientific Press, has contracted a habit that is not in keeping with its normal tone of healthy, discriminating, and

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