

SCHOOL BOOKS.

(From the *Globe*.)

WE are glad to observe that attention is now being called to the anomalous position in which Canada has hitherto been placed in regard to School Books. The only reading books authorized or in use in the Common Schools are the antiquated "Irish National Series." These, besides being full of blunders and inaccuracies, are not at all well adapted for the purpose for which they are intended. A large amount of space is given to ancient history and to scientific articles written many years ago, which are altogether behind the age. The real purpose for which reading books are intended is to teach the art of reading; and, for this purpose, variety in style and interesting articles are required, which will at once awaken an interest in the learner, and, by that interest, naturally produce an improvement in elocution.

These remarks are called forth by the report of the meeting of the "County Board of Public Instruction," where a communication was read from the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Waterloo, condemning the Irish National Series, and setting forth that they had already done duty long enough, and that a more modern series of books was needed for the schools of Upper Canada.

Without good school books, it is impossible to give a good training to scholars, no matter how good the system or how highly qualified the teacher may be. He is, in fact, the slave of the books which he is condemned to use; and when we consider that he has to go over the same thing again and again, knowing the incorrectness and the unsuitability of the books which he is obliged to use, we should not indeed wonder if he lost heart and interest in his work.

It is with much pleasure that we remark, from the minutes of the meeting of the County Board, that a new "Modern School Geography and Atlas," published by Messrs. Campbell & Son, has been adopted as the legal text-book for the county. This, we are informed, is the first of a "Canadian National Series of School Books" in course of publication by this firm. A series of "Canadian Reading Books" is now in the printer's hands, and will shortly be published, and we cannot doubt but that they will be welcomed by all the Teachers of Upper Canada.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

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On the suggestion of Rev. G. J. Hill, M.A., Markham, there was added to it:—

"And this Board begs to recommend its adoption in the Common Schools of the County."

The motion was carried unanimously.

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