

**REFORM THE HIGH SCHOOLS.**

A strong case for the reform of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes is made by Norman Patterson in the current issue of The Canadian Courier. It is pointed out that in order to keep the boys on the farm, agricultural counties must establish agricultural High Schools which will train the farmers' sons in the principles of farming. The present High School curriculum tends to drive young men into the universities and the professions. Similarly, the Technical High School should replace the present institution in all manufacturing towns. This has already been done in Berlin and several other important industrial centres in Ontario. Here the young men are given a liberal education but in addition are taught the simpler forms of working with wood and iron, as well as being given elementary training in the making of tools and the use of machinery.

In brief, a High School education should be a help to the great industries of the country, commercial, industrial, and agricultural. It should not confine itself so closely to the making of teachers, doctors, lawyers and dentists. It should develop all that is in a youth, without giving him false ideas as to the nobility of industrial and agricultural pursuits. It should be practical as well as theoretical.

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