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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld,

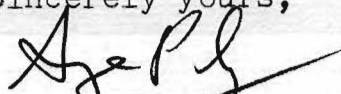
I don't know if you remember me or not, but we met at the Grove City seminars in June and I interviewed you for my journal. I have, by the way, received a review copy of your book and a review of it, along with the interview will appear in my July-August issue, which is due to be published shortly (if I come close to my little-followed timetable).

I am writing to you shortly after having completed the reading of IS PUBLIC EDUCATION NECESSARY?, because you have sparked a very great interest in me. It was, I think, a combination of your historical detective work and analysis of the reasons behind the march of statism, which has prompted me to take on a similar dissection of Canadian education. I have broken that dissection down into several categories - Textbook treatment of economics and philosophy/The people behind education and how they formed their ideas/The treatment of the history of education in Canada/ and current attitudes toward public education.

Although I am only beginning to scratch the su faces of these topics, I have already discovered some exciting facts that make the chase all that more enjoyable. For instance, our "father of education", Egerton Ryerson, in making his first report on education, virtually quotes Horace Mann word for word, along with the works of M. Cousin. The trail is unfolding!

I thought I would let you know how much I enjoyed the book, not to mention meeting you (sorry I missed you in Toronto in July) and I hope we can keep in touch in the future.

Sincerely yours,


George Plumley

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