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AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL LAW

While in general our school law is excellent, it will never reach a state of perfection and some amendments are needed at present.

The present compulsory law is unsatisfactory in its provisions and still more unsatisfactory in its working. Only two or three cities in the province attempt to carry it into effect.

As long as its enforcement is permitted to be voluntary this condition will continue to exist. Factory laws as they relate to children should be revised. It is believed that many children under lawful age are employed in factories.

Better assessment laws should be enacted. Such amendments would re-act most beneficially upon schools.

County funds should be doubled in order that rich districts may help the poor.

All school districts should, as far as possible, be entitled to the taxes upon all the property included in their limits.

Minimum salaries should be prescribed for teachers according to district valuation. Such an amendment should be made with care and be tentative until it could be adjusted to the exceptions, which would likely arise owing to varying conditions.

The province should be surveyed with reference to facilities for consolidations.

School libraries should be in all districts.

School gardens should connect with all rural districts.