

little thought to see that that is not the place for quiet study. Looking at the mean little plots of ground about the school in most instances, I am satisfied they are so placed so that the public road may be utilized for a playground, and a few square feet of land thus saved. That it is so used and that, in many cases, it is practically the only playground the children have, must be evident to all who are in the habit of passing over the different roads of P. E. Island. Just fancy the dusty, dirty highway being made the children's play-ground! Children have just as much right to their little games and pleasures—their innocent amusements—with proper facilities for enjoying them, as their fathers have to such pleasures they enjoy, and the children's healthy mental growth is being stunted when they are deprived of this, their birthright. They do not get their right when they are forced to play in the dust and dirt of the King's highway. We have all seen hens enjoying themselves in the dust of the roads; fleas are reputed to be in their element there, and, after a fall of rain, worms seem to enjoy exercising themselves crawling over the wet ground, but children are not hens, they are not fleas; nor, except in the figurative sense that all men are worms, do they belong to that variety of the creeping world. Then why are they treated as such? In the name and on behalf of the children, the future men and women of P. E. Island, I protest against their being so treated; against their being robbed of their birthright.

A school requires a good-sized plot of land about it, and the school-house should be set well back from the road. In Ontario half an acre is the minimum, in Maine one acre, and the distance of the building from the road in the former must be at least thirty feet, and that is not enough. In Maine one hundred feet from the road is the distance recommended. Here are some of the requisites for school sites and premises in Ontario:

"Every school site should be on a well-travelled road, as far removed as