

the results are anything but satisfactory. On page XI of that report, I observe the following :

"As the population grows the school attendance increases, but it is greatly to be feared that in certain portions of the Province the enforcement of the law requiring compulsory attendance leaves much to be desired. In 1910, as will be observed in the statistical tables, 215 urban school centres out of 287 sent in reports of the truancy officer. There appear to be 72 towns and villages which have no such officer, or, at last, neglect to make reports. In most of the rural areas the local authorities have not appointed such officials, although empowered by the Act to do so. The economic conditions affecting farm labour may account in some measure for irregular attendance of boys and girls at school, but, whatever the cause may be, the result is not satisfactory. The enactment of more stringent legislation to improve matters is, at best, a doubtful remedy, unless there is a strong public opinion to enforce it, but some method of withholding a portion of the legislative grant in cases where attendance is found to be neglected may have to be devised". (Report of the Minister of Education, Province of Ontario, for the year, 1911).

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN QUEBEC.

Mr. Speaker, facts and statistics prove beyond question that the progress made by our province in the matter of education is constant and rapid and that there is hardly any need of a compulsory law to realize it. The province of Quebec stands favor-