

blank can be got for five cents. That is, a pupil can get about as much and a great deal better practice in drawing for 5 cents in such a book than for 20 cents of Blair's books. Why did the Council of Public Instruction impose such a useless burden upon the people?

IGNORANCE OR LYING

A member of the Legislature and I, on a Friday, asked the Minister of Education to let us see the Drawing books and typewritten evidence taken in the Drawing Investigation. Dr. Young said he did not know whether or not he would let us see them even if they were in the education office; but to call on Monday and he would let us know. When we called on Monday we were told by the Superintendent in the Minister's presence that those papers were not in the education office. The fact is that they were then there. The Superintendent was either **IGNORANT** of what was in his office, and could not find out in three days' search or he **LIED**. The Minister got the benefit of his ignorance or of his lie as the case may be. We did not see the papers, and the Minister did not have to refuse.

When a ruled line on the **TISSUE PAPER** was enough to condemn a pupil as a cheat, are you surprised at the **ANXIETY** of the department lest we should see the **EVIDENCE**?

SHOCKING

The following is taken from the Superintendent of Education's report in B. C. Sess. Papers, 1905, page A65:

"In a province as large as British Columbia it necessarily takes several years for the professional reputation of a teacher to extend throughout the several school districts. In consequence some of our teachers who by **NATURE** and **EDUCATION** are **TOTALLY UNFITTED** for the task of instructing the children of any district, however isolated, are yet enabled after being dismissed by the trustees of one district, to secure an appointment in another