

the Inspector's reports are unreliable.

Was any other answer to be expected from such a Department?

UNRELIABILITY

The Public Schools Report informs the Legislature that Inspector Wilson charged a young lady with keeping an untidy school-room upon his visit to Port Alberni in 1906. Inspector Wilson, that young lady, and I know that such information is false.

The same School Report informs the Legislature that Inspector Gordon, upon his visit to Keefers in 1906 made the following charges in his report, against a lady teacher: "The tone of the school is poor." "The children do little work and that poorly." Inspector Gordon, that young lady and I know that such information is false.

The Legislature, for whose information the Superintendent was compelled by Section 7 of the School Act to prepare these Annual Reports, is thus given false information, which is surely always unreliable. In that school year alone about \$26,000 of the public money was paid out to 110 teachers of the rural schools, yet not one of their names appear in the Annual Schools Report as having taught the schools for which they were paid that large amount. In consequence of this omission the chances are only about one in three that the Inspector's reports of rural schools stand to the credit or discredit of the right teacher. In face of these facts the Minister of Education says—the Education Department does not admit the unreliability of Inspector's reports. This proves that it will not admit the truth.

Could you expect the truth from such a Department?

LYING

Q.—Was a letter sent from the Education Department at some time between the first and tenth of August, 1908, to Dr. E. J. Offerhaus of Lansdowne about the manner of distributing the Governor-General bronze medals? A.—Yes.