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LEGISLATION MIRRORED.

High Educational Status of the Province—B. C's
 Municipal System.

Effective Administration of Justice—Sound Sani-
 tary Measures—Mining Encouraged by
 Legislation.

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The more material aspects of the Govern-
 ment of the Province have been dealt
 with in previous articles in which opposi-
 tion criticism has been met in the spirit
 of argument and the statement of a long
 series of facts that cannot be gainsaid.

We now purpose to examine the char-
 acter of the legislation as a whole, and
 its direct influence on the affairs and con-
 ditions of the Province.

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Education being of paramount import-
 ance in its moral and intellectual effects,
 our school system is worthy of first place.
 Even the most virulent opponents of the
 Government, excepting a few chronic
 splenetics, will not affirm that British
 Columbia has not taken a high educa-
 tional status among the other Provinces.
 The training has been brought to a high
 standard, the character and attainment of
 teachers are exceptionally good, and a
 healthy moral tone pervades the
 system. Methods and legislation have

progressed rapidly with material develop-
 ment and to-day are fully abreast of
 modern requirements. The transition
 from direct Governmental management
 to popular control has been speedy and
 almost complete. The history of our
 school system has been marked by its
 steady progress, uninterrupted and un-
 disturbed by the sectarian and political
 issues that have marred the results
 observable elsewhere in the Dominion.
 In this respect our Province has been
 singularly blessed. From an educational
 point of view the people of British
 Columbia have every reason to be proud
 of their accomplishments.

THE CHARACTER OF GOVERNMENT.

Under our constitution there has been
 ample provision for the free development
 of municipal institutions, and while we
 have had the example and experience of
 other Provinces to guide us, we have
 been able to arrive at results equal, as
 compared with our requirements, to what
 has been achieved even in Ontario. As