

On Page 200 a brief reference is made to the Nova Scotian system which provides that "the general education of French-speaking pupils should be carried on concurrently with their acquisition of the use of English, and that this can be successfully accomplished, only by the use of the vernacular."

Dr. Norman F. Black in his volume of nearly the same size, published by the Regina Book Shop, Limited, Regina, under the title **English for the Non-English**, points out that the Nova Scotian system is hardly adopted anywhere else in Canada or the United States. It has some strong advocates, however, in the state of New Mexico, where the children speak Spanish in their homes. Professor Sissons gives the facts on both sides, and will be invaluable to students of this problem.

### AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS THRU RURAL SCHOOLS

The Agricultural Statistical Department at Ottawa has proposed to utilize the rural schools of Nova Scotia in collecting annually towards the end of June, the acreage under each crop, the number of animals of each kind on each farm, etc. A card will be provided with blanks to be filled in for each farm; and the C. P. I. will be asked to require each teacher to collect and transmit these cards which are expected to give more accurate information than the estimates hitherto provided for. Several of the Western Provinces have already demonstrated the great value of such a system in getting accurate information which is to be ultimately transmitted to the statistical center for the world at Rome. It is this organization of the world which prevents famines in some countries while aiding the marketing of surplus production in other countries. It will be a great aid to our education system thru the interest created in farm statistics in the rural schools.

### CAUTION.

Teachers certifying to the standing of students in their respective grades who are competing for **National Service** Certificates, must be careful not to recommend a *pass* into the *next higher* grade unless they are satisfied the candidate will be found qualified to do the work of the next grade. Any teacher recommending an unqualified candidate will be liable to censure or suspension of license, if a complaint is laid against the holder of the **National Service** Certificate by the teacher of the grade to which the promotion has been made—if false certification is proven. This emergency is enabling us to test the reliability of the teacher's judgment in promoting candidates. Inspectors are instructed to be on guard in transmitting certificates, and to advise the Education Office whenever there appears to be occasion for it.