

The cost of living has doubled since the beginning of the war. But the salary in the rural school where the products of the farm, the fisheries or of the factory have doubled in the most of cases, still remain little above the old figure.

The longshoremen of the Eastern United States coast strike for a wage of a dollar an hour; but some people will not allow us to make a law requiring at least one dollar a day for the teacher whose work is of a higher order and of more importance. Should our Inspectors and their District Boards bring into corporate life a school section so unfit to function? Should they continue to allow them to exist if they can be attached to other section, with some arrangement for aid in conveying the most distant?

The Superintendent asks for the opinions of people who think on these matters, to encourage him to press for a more appropriate system of minimum salaries, by next April.

Compulsory Attendance.

The Cities and Towns Compulsory Attendance Law was originally optional. A few years ago it was made compulsory by the Legislature. Did any one complain? None. Why should the Legislature not make the present Rural Compulsory Attendance Law operative in every rural school section. It can do not harm to any one, as it is on the exact lines of the Cities and Towns Act, only having simpler procedure and a more generous age allowance.

Then why should not two cents be collected from the parent with the poll tax for each day his child should be in school but was not? Trustees might be required to fix a day in July where parents having a good excuse for the absence could present their case and win exemption if right.

This law would not really be a fine; but compensation to the section for Municipal fund lost thru the non-attendance. The system is absolutely fair, and besides has a good hortatory effect on the negligent parent. What is the objection to a system of this kind? Let the Superintendent hear!

The Register is already prepared for it, having a place for each school child in the section and the parent's address. The days of attendance are entered from the register. The days lost would be the difference between attendance and days school