

Will it pay teachers to take Summer Sessions for higher certificates? Does education pay?

The average salary of the male Public School teachers in Ontario who hold Third Class certificates is \$553. The average of those who hold Second Class certificates is \$834 and of those who hold First Class \$1,411. It pays to hold the higher certificate.

A recent study of two groups of Brooklyn citizens revealed the following facts: The boys who withdrew from school at 14 years of age were earning on the average \$475 in their 20th year, and \$688 in their 25th year. The boys who remained at school until their 18th year earned \$750 in their 20th year and \$1,550 in their 25th year. Between the 14th year and the 25th year the one type of boy earned \$5,112.50 and the other type \$7,337.50

A recent study made by the United States Bureau of Education gives the following figures: Illiterate labourers earn \$20,000 in a working life of 40 years or \$500 per year. High School graduates earn \$40,000 in a working life of 40 years. Thus the High School graduate receives \$20,000 as a reward for his 12 years in school!

On the low scale of dollars and cents education pays, and pays generously.

### **Educational Reform in Great Britain**

The people of Great Britain are aroused to the importance of educational reform. They realize that their present educational system is not satisfactory, and that a better one must be evolved after the war, if Great Britain is to keep her place among the great nations. One of the most interesting of the programmes for educational reform has been put forward recently by the Workers' Educational Association, "a missionary organization, working in co-operation with education authorities and working-class organizations", and representing 2,555 separate organizations ranging from trades unions to universities. It would be impossible here to give an adequate outline of this programme, but a few points may be mentioned to illustrate how radical, yet statesmanlike, it is. The Workers' Educational Association evidently believes whole-heartedly in equal educational opportunities for all, and it therefore proposes, not only that all schools and universities shall be free, but that when necessary maintenance allowances shall be granted to needy students. "Full-time attendance at school up to the age of 16, and part-time attendance from 16 to 18, shall be compulsory. The employment of children for profit or wages, outside of school hours, during the compulsory full-time period, shall be prohibited, while during the part-time period the children shall not be employed for more than 25 hours a week. Adequate, up-to-date school