

results would follow which would soon revolutionize the work done in many rural schools."

Now it does seem as if this is quite applicable to our conditions, more so than to Ontario, owing to our denser rural population. Villages are scattered all over this Island, as for instance, Alberton, Tignish, O'Leary, Tyne Valley, Wellington, Miscouche, Kensington, Clifton, Stanley, Bradalbane, Crapaud, Bonshaw, Eldon, Rustico, Souris, Montague, Cardigan and many others, and where there is no village nearby, a convenient site in the country could be readily found.

Mr. Harcourt then goes on to quote with approval, and at some length, from the Report of the U. S. Commissioner. His quotations are largely those I have already used, but in addition he quotes :—

* * * "It, (consolidation) has increased the demand for farms in those sub-districts which have adopted the plan, and real estate therein is reported more saleable."

Further he quotes from the Report of the Ohio Commissioner as follows :—

"Incidental to the operation of this law, township high schools will be established, township libraries will be built up, and possibly it is no idle hope that the same waggons that carry the children to and from school may also carry, under Government contract, the mails, and distribute them free to our farming communities."

Now as the mail service is under the control of one Government and Education under that of another, there might be difficulty in uniting these two objects, but inasmuch as a like difficulty can be overcome in the case of certain public works, such as a bridge, probably it could be overcome in this case, particularly should country mail delivery, referred to in the quotation and now beginning to be agitated, ever become an accomplished fact.

It must be borne in mind that the rural parts of Ontario and of the Eastern and Western States are on the average, much more sparsely settled than this Island, where we have a population of 55 to the square mile, and consequently their difficulties in carrying out a consolidation scheme would necessarily be greater than ours.

One can read between the lines of the Inspector's Report