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### TEACHERS' SALARIES

Dr. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education, in a recent interview given to the press intimated that he was making a study of a plan later to be submitted to the Board of Education as to the best means to stimulate teachers' salaries.

He pointed out the probability that no scheme would meet with general acceptance, and suggested some of the difficulties in the way.

The first of these is the inequalities in assessment and valuation of country districts. In the same parish there are districts paying for schools as high as three dollars and others as low as fifteen cents on the hundred dollars valuation. Surely this is an inequality that should be remedied. It stands in the way of such a scheme as the Nova Scotia plan.

Dr. Carter suggests that there should be at least parish school units instead of the present small districts. He goes further and states that one means by which existing inequalities in district valuations may be helped is by increasing the county fund rate from thirty cents per head of population on the property of a county that it be increased to sixty cents per head. In this way the rich districts would help the poorer ones. He points out at the same time that this increase is needed because of the additional cost of the education of the blind and deaf which is provided from this fund.

Another pressing need for the Province of New Brunswick is a new assessment law by which competent men may be secured as assessors, who will not be influenced by parish politics. They should be entirely in-