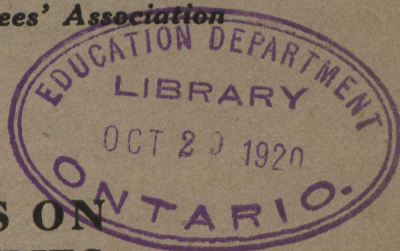


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Mr. H. G. WELLS ON TEACHERS' SALARIES

As an old teacher I would sympathise with the demands of the teachers anyhow. They are treated meanly, overworked, underpaid and insufficiently respected. But there are much wider grounds than that for my support of their appeal for better pay and increased numbers. General Education is the foundation of modern civilised community; everything else rests on that—public peace, economic prosperity, progress, health. And you cannot have that foundation safe and sure unless you have a much larger staff of able teachers per thousand pupils and unless you maintain the general quality and vigour of those teachers by fair and sufficient pay.

Cheap teachers mean a jerry-built social system. To sweat your teachers is to prepare a revolution.