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A Shocking Example Set to the Pupils of the Public Schools

The following answers given by the Minister of Education are found in the Votes and Proceedings of the last session of the Legislature (1910):

CARELESSNESS

Q.—Did Dr. Robinson state in the school reports for 1906-07 that Miss Merle McKenzie of Courtney had passed the High School entrance examination?

A.—Miss Merle McKenzie's name, through a clerical error, appears in the report in the list of successful candidates.

Q.—Has he forwarded to her the certificate certifying that she has passed? If not, why not?

A.—No. Miss McKenzie did not pass.

The Public Schools Report informs the Legislature and the public that Miss McKenzie did pass. The Minister of Education in his answer says that was a "clerical" error.

My opinion, formed after getting all the facts I could at Courtney, is—that Miss McKenzie did pass as stated in the Schools Report.

FURTHER CARELESSNESS

In July, 1909, the Superintendent gave out for publication the list of medalists. It was at once challenged in the Press. He then gave out an amended list and admitted that a mistake had been made about Nanaimo, Grand Forks and Vancouver.

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