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Archbishop of Rupert's Land, -3-

which is the more needed because of the absence during this period of such information preserved by the heads of the various schools showing the age of entrance, of discharge, cause of leaving, sickness and its cause, number of deaths in the school, or of children sent from school to die at home, employments, and success or failure of pupils after school life;

(q) Whether the particular school which might have answered the requirements of twenty-five years ago would at the present be considered an up-to-date school;

(r) If the school is not a success, can it be made so, and what means should be taken to accomplish this end.

Does the above cover what you consider should be included under the term "expert"? Or do you think there are other features of the work which should be considered before one could arrive at a proper conclusion in the matter?

Do you know of any persons in the Northwest to whom, as experts, could be entrusted the investigation of these questions? The Department, not unreasonably, suggests that if an expert be sent on behalf of the Church of England, another should be sent from each of the other churches to investigate these matters. I do not mean that this statement is made by the Department as approving of the proposition that the Department should send out an Inspector to investigate matters with the representatives of the different churches. I understand that the Department simply says:- "If such a course of action were approved by it there should be an Inspector from each of the churches".

You will no doubt read with pleasure the statement from the last report of the Deputy Superintendent:-

"For the first time the Department sent an officer for the purpose of studying conditions among the Indians, in the Mackenzie River district". I hope we shall get some satisfactory information from this locality.

The following clauses from this report show the absolute necessity for continuing the fight for sanitary instruction and the endeavour to extend the means of combatting the dread enemy - tuberculosis.

The statement is made that the birth-rate among the Indians is

"if anything, somewhat higher than for the rest of the Dominion, but the trouble is that the death-rate is not far short of being twice as heavy, a large proportion occurring among infants."

"There seems no way of avoiding the conclusion