

tendent did make that explanation and I sent it to Lieutenant-Governor Paterson. I also sent a copy of it to Premier McBride.

Look at the awkward and humiliating position in which I was placed by that false statement of the Minister of Education to the Legislature.

On the opening day of the Legislature I had sent a letter to every member of it, stating that the Superintendent had made that explanation and that 12 pupils of the public schools had not got the medal to which they were entitled according to that explanation. The Minister of Education's denial made it appear that I had misled the Legislature. I had in my letter to the Legislature made it quite clear that those 12 pupils had been cheated by the Department out of the medals to which they were fairly entitled. If the Minister's denial was true, then it apparently cleared the Department from the charge.

The fact is, however, that the admitted explanation given by the Minister to Mr. Coote of Chilliwack works out exactly the same as this explanation which the Minister denies. The same 12 pupils won and deserved the medals according to either explanation; but they did not get them.

### **HUMILIATION**

I appealed to the Lieutenant-Governor but he seems quite satisfied to allow me to occupy the humiliating and contemptible position that his Minister of Education should be in—that of having given false information to the Legislature.

How long will you, the people of British Columbia, allow the pupils of the Public Schools to be at the mercy of such an Education Department?

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