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Discussing the advantage or disadvantage of having a superintendent, rather than a Minister of Education with a trained Deputy Minister, Dr. Bingay says, "Probably our present plan is better on account of the smallness of our province". While we might all admit that our present plan is better, yet it is difficult for the lay mind to see the relation of the area of the province to the matter under discussion.

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