

In Winnipeg, 14 special classes for the mentally defective are in operation.

In Nova Scotia, the only provision for feeble-minded children are auxiliary classes in Halifax. But a Royal Commission appointed in November 1926 has just issued an excellent report upon the mentally deficient which includes the results of a survey made by Dr. Hincks, Director of the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene, Dr. Mitchell, Director of the Mental Hygiene Committee of Montreal, and Miss Keys. A survey was made of 32 schools. 223 or 3% of the pupils were found to be subnormal. The proportion varied according to locality, from zero to 10%. Eighteen town and rural schools were studied in Annapolis County. There, 3.19% were shown to be feeble-minded. In the poorer rural districts of this county, 9.41% were subnormal, the high rate being accounted for by a few families. It is suggested that the excessive number of feeble-minded in this county is due to emigration of many of the best strains and the retention of the worst. Thirty-five institutions were also visited and in them were found 130 mentally deficient children who could benefit from specialized training not available in these institutions.

The Commission recommends as a beginning of desirable reform:-

1. Travelling mental clinics under the direction of a Provincial psychiatrist.
2. The establishment of auxiliary classes wherever fifteen or more subnormal children occur in a locality.
3. The granting of scholarships to selected teachers in order