Dr. Waugh: Do you know how that was arrived at?

Mr. Sutherland: They just said, "You are entitled to more because you take more interest in normal school training."

Inspector Lang: You are not really under an iron despotism, then?

Mr. Sutherland: No. We have wonderful freedom, and whatever is needed is given. We never have any trouble. Agriculture and drawing are the only two compulsory subjects in the general school law. I was on the Protestant Committee for seven years before I was appointed in the Department. The members of the Committee are appointed for life by Government; they never remove anybody. The law says: "During good behavior", but as a matter of fact they never remove them. There is no salary, but they pay the expenses. The Protestant Teachers' Association of the Province elects a member every year also. School gardens are practically gone from our Protestant schools whilst in the Catholic schools they are growing; they have now nearly a thousand school gardens, and they have an enthusiastic man, Prof. Dallaire, working all over the Province, and they are working horticulture with it, and have had some charming results. In the Protestant parts of the country, the school garden has to be neglected for two months in the year, whereas on the Catholic side the teacher lives near the school and she can look after it, and therefore it is attended to in the summer time. We have a complete system of reporting for the census, and also for the school attendance.

Dr. Waugh: The text books have been greatly improved in the last 16 years?

Mr. Sutherland: Yes.

Dr. Carter: You are getting along very harmoniously, and you seem very optimistic.

Mr. Sutherland: We never have any trouble; we are as happy as clams down there.

EXPLANATION: A summary of Mr. Sutherland's remarks has appeared in several of the newspapers of this Province, taken from the official Proceedings. Mr. Sutherland explains to us that the official reporter fell into several errors, no doubt from lack of acquaintance with the Quebec System, and that a lack of consecutiveness in some of the report is due to the fact that the different sentences were replies to questions from the members present. Only a few of the questions are indicated in the report.