

school hours not later than 7 p.m., and providing that boys who perform such work should come under the general regulation as to age, namely, fourteen years for day work and sixteen years for night work.

The attendance of children under fourteen years of age at professional theatrical and kindred performances should be forbidden unless they are accompanied by parents or guardians.

Consideration by the Government of the proposal that boys over fourteen and under sixteen should be required to be at school, and, if not, that they should be engaged in some industry.

Considerable attention should be given to the question of the compensation of parents of possible bread-winners who are under school age and are not, therefore, allowed to work. The experience of many cities in the United States, where scholarships are given to children by way of relief to dependent, is cited to show that the number of cases of actual need are very small. Some such system should be adopted here.

Permits to work should be sparingly given, and only by inspector of schools after careful investigation.

PETITIONS TO LEGISLATURE.

Reduction in Hours of Selling Liquor Asked—Votes to Travellers.

Mr. W. K. McNaught has presented a petition to the Legislature, on behalf of the city of Toronto, asking that the hours for the sale of liquor be reduced.

Hon. Mr. Hendrie has presented a petition asking that commercial travellers, travelling salesmen and traction railwaymen be permitted to vote before the County Judge, Magistrate and Clerk of the Peace on Saturday or Monday preceding the election. The voter will have to take the oath that he is duly entitled to vote and that he cannot get home to do so on the proper date without losing time or money. Infringement of the law should be made punishable by imprisonment of not less than one month nor more than three years.

RURAL TRUSTEES PROTEST

DELEGATION WAITS ON MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Many Suggestions as to Powers of Trustees—Protest Against Minimum Salary—Want Representation on Advisory Council.

A deputation of rural school trustees from many parts of the Province waited on the Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, yesterday. They desired a closer understanding between the rural school boards and the department. Mr. J. J. Morrison of Arthur suggested the formation of educational associations composed of delegates from local trustee boards in each inspectorate and that delegates from these inspectorates form a rural trustee section of the Ontario Educational Association, which meets once a year in Toronto.

Mr. R. O. Bell of Simcoe county stated that too much power had been given the inspectors.

James McEwing of Drayton opposed the compulsory salary minimum and military training in the schools. It went against their grain to be forced to do anything against their will. They would pay good salaries if they could "get the goods."

Mr. Geo. Johnston of Gilchrist claimed that the recent increase in salaries of inspectors was uncalled for. They would like to see restored to the County Councils the powers they formerly had.

Hon. Dr. Pyne said the Advisory Council had been in existence not a year, and if some changes should be made in its personnel they would have to be considered. The Trustee Boards would, he thought, be given representation on the Advisory Council, and all the rural boards would be notified of their privileges. If the financial buoyancy continued he could, he believed, almost promise to send the reports of the Educational Association to the rural school boards as well. Everything had been done for the rural public schools and the urban schools had not yet been considered, though complaints had been many. He made an appeal for competent teachers, and advocated superior training for them. The inspectors, he claimed, had often been placed in a humiliating position because of the power which the County Councils had exercised over them. That protection afforded the inspector was very desirable, though he did not in any case agree that an inspector should be able to place a pistol at the trustee's head. In conclusion he said he did not want to do what the people did not want.

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