

**Hon. R. H. Grant Requests
County Councils to Send
to Toronto Men "Thoroughly Familiar" With
Situation in Country Districts**

**ITEM OF GRANTS
TO BE DISCUSSED**

Relative to the matter of increased facilities for secondary education in rural districts, Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, has forwarded the following letter to the County Clerks of Ontario:

"I am convinced that it is desirable that, in so far as possible, the facilities for secondary education be made available to children in rural districts as freely as they are to those that live in urban centres. The continuation schools were organized with this object in view. As you are aware, these schools have opened up the opportunity for a high school education to a very large number of the boys and girls, especially in the villages and small towns. But much remains yet to be done to extend the facilities for full-time or part-time instruction to those residing in rural sections not closely connected with urban centres.

Equalization of Grants.

"Another question more or less directly connected with the extension of secondary education is that of the equalization of the support to secondary schools. By the legislation passed at the last session of the legislature, some steps were taken in this direction, but it has been pointed out to me that serious inequalities still exist.

"I am desirous that both of these questions be considered from every angle, with a view to perfecting plans for improving adequately and permanently the conditions. Now the County Councils of the Province are vitally interested in these questions, and I am sure that I may obtain through their co-operation assistance in developing these plans. Accordingly, I invite your Council to elect a representative to attend a conference to be held in the reception room, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, July 5 and 6, 1922. The first session of the conference will open at 10 a.m., July 5.

Will Submit Plans.

"The representative chosen should be one who is thoroughly familiar with the educational situation in your county, and who, in consequence, would be in a position to give first-hand information regarding conditions, and to convey to the conference any suggestions that the Educational Committee or the Council itself may care to present."

The Minister adds that he hopes to have tentative plans prepared to submit as a basis for consideration.