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## PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

IN THE

NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE

FOR THE YEARS 1922-23 TO 1926-27.

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REVIEW BY THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

1. The five years from 1922 to 1927 which are covered by this report proved a time of trial for the educational system of the North West Frontier Province. The period opened just after the wave of non-co-operation had begun to recede. The discouragement and depression caused by this movement had hardly lifted when the critical state of both public and private finances compelled drastic retrenchment of expenditure in every direction. Government was compelled to curtail its activities. Hence no assistance could be given to any project of expansion or improvement, and in addition such facilities as existed had to be diminished. At the same time private institutions had to face an irresistible demand for higher salaries, which were an absolute necessity owing to the economic distress caused by the rise of prices. The income of such bodies also fell off in so far as it came from subscriptions and endowments. Increased demands had to be met from diminished resources. Government could not help in the matter. Hence every possible item of expenditure that could be postponed or curtailed was cut down in remorseless fashion. This was the situation which lasted to the end of the first half of the period. By that time equilibrium was again practically established and it began to be possible to look forward to better things.