The Education Bill.

The Minister of Education, in one of his recent efforts has made in the House, moved the second reading of the Education Bill. He spoke for an hour and three-quarters, and sat fully with the whole subject. He urged the necessity and importance of greater attention being paid to the highest education of the youth. Government schemes provided for the primary schools, high schools, community classes, and technical schools. The age of compulsory attendance was raised to 14, the children having to attend every day when the school was open. High schools would be established in various centres, and the course of instruction would be so arranged that it would have a practical and useful bearing on the industries of the community in which the school was situated. Where there were no high schools provision would be made. He proposed carrying the plan on for two years in advanced studies. Continuation classes would be established at the schools. Attendance at technical schools would be made compulsory. The Minister did not propose to take over the Adelaide School of Mines at present, but it would assume control of the county schools of Mines. An ideal system would be to have a thoroughly qualified technical man to be principal of the Adelaide School of Mines and superintendent of technical education. Private schools were to be subjected to departmental inspection, and attendance at these would be compulsory. In the case of those schools which would be so established to the sure of the State Children's Council. Mr. Riordan addressed the debate.