

the boys of the entering class of the High School.

The Normal students devote two hours per week to this study; the boys of the city schools, three hours.

From the first the teachers of Fredericton have shown their interest in the work by largely attending the Saturday class provided for them.

The School Board of Fredericton have been interested and helpful, and the interest of pupils, parents and the public generally seems to be increasing.

Addresses on manual training have been given, by request, at several Teachers' Conventions, and special interest in the subject seems to be awakening here and there throughout the province.

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The first school under the Macdonald Manual Training Fund was opened at Charlottetown on Monday, October 1, by the Chairman of the School Board, supported by members of the Board, the heads of various educational establishments, teachers, and a considerable gathering of the residents of the city.

Before the commencement of the meeting the visitors occupied themselves in inspecting the arrangements and equipment of the room, and great interest and approval was shown in the complete and large-hearted gift of Sir Wm. Macdonald at the hands of Professor Robertson. In the meeting which followed, these sentiments were fully dwelt on by the

various speakers, and heartily endorsed by the audience.

The Manual Training Department is located in Queen Square School, where a room has been specially prepared and fitted up with full requisites for carrying on the work. The classes consist of 20 boys at a time, each occupying a single bench, and at present two classes are held on five days of the week, thus providing teachers for 200 boys weekly.

The boys for these classes are drawn from two of the Board Schools—*i.e.*, Queen Square and West Kent Schools.

As the ordinary school session closes at 3 p.m., and all eligible boys from these two schools cannot be accommodated during regular school hours, it is intended shortly to open voluntary classes on five afternoons a week, probably from 3-5 p.m., which these boys may attend. Although attendance at these classes will be in their own time, it is confidently expected there will be a good attendance, so many are anxious to join, and daily enquiries are received not only from the boys themselves, but from parents and others belonging to them.

The greatest enthusiasm and interest has marked and continues to follow the introduction of Manual Training into the Island; and although for the present it is only possible to provide one class, there is abundant scope for more, which demand it is the intention of the promoters of the scheme to meet at an early date.

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"There is one quality which all men have in common with the angels, blessed opportunities of exercising if they will—mercy."

—*Nicholas Nickleby.*