

years with good slab-wood was destroyed by fire last summer. Much trouble has been experienced in getting sufficient wood elsewhere at the same cost. The only available place was the mill of Mr. Spence, St. Croix, and the cost of freight and hauling from Cotton Factory, make the wood more expensive. We hope, during the summer, to secure a large quantity of wood, and thus prevent delay in the delivery to our numerous customers.

Carpet cleaning shows an increase over previous years. As we have excellent facilities for doing this kind of work, and as carpets are called for and returned without extra charge, it is hoped that the public will give a still larger patronage. Orders left at H. A. Taylor's, Barrington St., and at A. F. Buckley's, Brunswick St., will receive prompt attention.

SABBATH SERVICES.

During the year the boys have attended the following churches: Bishop's Chapel; Fort Massey, Park St., and St. Matthew's, Presbyterian; Brunswick St., Grafton St., and Charles St., Methodist. A Sabbath School under the superintendence of Mr. Norman, assisted by Mr. J. M. DeWolf, is held in the large school room every Sunday afternoon. As in other schools, the International lessons are studied, and those who have occasionally assisted in the quarterly review services, can testify to the accuracy and promptness with which the boys answer the questions put to them. The singing of appropriate Sabbath School hymns is an important and attractive feature in this service. The good accomplished through the agency of this little Sunday School can only be estimated in the light of eternity. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."

MUSIC.

In this department the boys still take an unabated interest, and enter heartily into the services of song and other exercises in which singing is a prominent feature. The elevating influences of music cannot be over-estimated, and although several of the best singers have left during the year efforts are still made to cultivate a taste for music. We are assured that these efforts have not been in vain.