

The Museum.

Thru the efforts of Dr. Hall, assisted by the students of the Normal College, there has been gathered together during the last three years, a collection of articles which will form the nucleus of a Provincial Museum for Nova Scotia.

This collection has been placed in an unused room of the College. It consists of exhibits from the leading industries of the province, natural history exhibits, and many historical relics which, unless preserved in this way, would be lost to the country. Many articles of historical value have already been removed by tourists and others.

A great fault to be found with our present educational system, at least carried out in common schools, is the lack of relation established between the school interests of the pupils and the outside world.

By providing the children with concrete examples of the topics studied, a much clearer vision will be given. In teaching of anything which can be directly presented to the senses, we should always have the object present, or at least as clear a representation as possible. And it is in this capacity that the Museum forms a

link between the school work and the outer world.

This idea, which has afforded so much pleasure and profit to the students, might well be introduced into country schools; in fact we feel the time is not far distant when a museum will be a mere matter of course in every country school.

It must be borne in mind that the work of collecting for the museum is not necessarily the getting of old relics which cannot be readily obtained by every one. Some most suitable contributions are—natural history specimens, minerals, flowers pressed and mounted, samples of different rocks and soil, grains raised in Nova Scotia; any

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