

1829 numbered nine hundred and sixty. Although nothing, *by any means surprising*, has marked the growth of the place, yet, on comparing its early settlement with the present state of things, it will be seen that some advance has been made in the right direction. In the year first above mentioned, a Tannery, a Bakery, and a Grist-Mill, comprised the list of *manufactories*.

Dartmouth has now grown into a Town, with nearly three hundred houses, and a population of about fifteen hundred souls. There are five buildings set apart for public worship, namely: Church of England, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Baptist, and African. There are also three public Schools, kept by licensed Teachers, receiving a share of the Provincial allowance. One of these Schools is kept in the building originally erected by the Quakers, for a meeting house. Several private Schools, are also sustained by the people. The manufactories now in operation, include two Foundries, five Tanneries, one Chocolate Manufactory, three Grist Mills, and a Nail Mill. Of these, a number are driven by steam power.

On a site opposite the English Church, stands the Dartmouth Mechanics' Institute, the first fabric of the kind erected in Nova Scotia. Lectures had been for several years delivered in hired rooms, until at last a taste grew up among the people, and they resolved to have a comfortable building for literary purposes. But the chief difficulty was—how to procure the necessary funds. A happy idea, however, presented itself—to get up a grand Bazaar, during the Strawberry season, on the delightful locality of McNab's Island. Suitable arrangements were made, and the Bazaar came off on the tenth day of July, 1845. It was well patronised by the *élite* of the City. Two of the Ferry Steamers were employed throughout the day, in conveying visitors to and from the Island, who numbered by estimation, about five thousand. The ladies and gentlemen who had undertaken the affair, spared no exertions, and their efforts were attended with a large measure of success. Every thing passed off in the most agreeable manner, and the handsome return of £491 proved an ample compensation for all the trouble connected with the Bazaar. Plans for a building were subsequently prepared by Mr. Henry Elliot, a young and rising mechanic of the Town; and it was erected under the joint skill and superintendence of himself and Mr. Elliot, Senr. The work went speedily forward, and the inhabitants had soon the gratification of seeing the Mechanics' Institute take its position, and stand as a common platform where persons of all classes and creeds might meet to receive instruction, during the long winter evenings. The attendance on the lectures of the Institution, has been as in other places, sometimes increasing and at intervals falling off. During the last winter the Institute was well patronised, nearly one hundred season tickets, each entitling two persons to admission, having been disposed of. The lectures are generally gratuitous, and the officers have at all times received valuable assistance from gentlemen residing in Halifax, in the shape of addresses and other favors.