

Halifax Industrial School.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

We commenced the year with a deficit of \$306.65. This however was shortly afterwards nearly wiped out by the receipt of \$278, the net proceeds of a successful concert held in the Academy of Music. The directors tender their hearty thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who kindly gave their services on that occasion. We end the year with a debit balance of \$330.64. Some reasons for this are given in the Superintendents' report to which we direct attention. The principal cause is no doubt the unfortunate result of the operations of the Shoe Department which shows a loss of about \$1000 as compared with the earnings of the previous year.

Several items of receipts show a falling off.

For instances: — The Sir Wm. Young's Benevolent Fund yielded only \$404, against \$535 in 1894. This is doubtless due to the reduced rate of interest invested monies now yield. The private guarantees produced only \$90, against \$265 the previous year. The fact of the guarantees becoming less and less, was alluded to in our last report. The amount paid by the City for boys other than truants was about \$300 less, on the other hand we received \$67 more for truants. Net loss \$233.

Possibly the effect of the carrying out of the compulsory School Law has been to lessen the number of boys who would have been sent to the Institution for other reasons; but the outlook for the future in this respect is not promising