

others who have won distinction in the professions and business.

It largely advanced the cause of higher education in the Province. The crushing of Pictou Academy, called Dalhousie College into existence, and the class in theology by Dr. McCulloch culminated in Pine Hill, the Presbyterian Theological College at Halifax, while its educational struggles, and the movement for responsible government which grew out of it, gives it a unique place in Nova Scotia's educational history and has invested it with a halowed fame, which the years cannot dim nor the hand of time erase.

With the enactment of the Nova Scotia School Act, grants of \$600.00 were made for each County Academy to which students passing the entrance examination were admitted free. Pictou Academy, with about six other institutions, on account of their superior equipment, received grants of \$1000.00 instead of \$600.00 per year. The increased amount greatly added to its efficiency. Under Dr. A. H. MacKay, who became principal in 1873 it made renewed headway. It became celebrated far beyond the limits of the county, and the number of students increased to such an extent, that a new building became absolutely necessary. To that end about \$20,000 was raised, and the new school was erected on the site of the present one, making it at the time one of the finest high school buildings in the Province.

Under the Act passed in 1885 to encourage Academic Education, Pictou Academy, on account of the high character of the educational work done, was entitled to

the largest grant the Government offered. In 1895, the Academy building was struck by lightning and the greater part of a valuable museum and many interesting records were destroyed. A new one double the size of the old, was erected in 1896, and completed in 1897. It is an attractive building, as the picture shows, and occupies an imposing position on the upper levels of the town. It has four class rooms and a well equipped chemical and scientific laboratory as well as a well selected museum.

The faculty is composed of the Principal and four instructors. The course of studies embraces four years. Ancient and Modern languages, physics, biology, zoology and other studies are taught, passing which a certificate admits students to any of the Nova Scotia colleges.

The town has two buildings for teaching primary and intermediate studies, in which eight teachers are employed. The West end school is the original Academy building erected nearly one hundred years ago, and is still in a good state of preservation.

The Catholics support a separate school, known as Stella Maris Convent, under the direction of the sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame. It is conducted both as a boarding and day school, which latter is attended by 165 pupils.

The Pictou School of Music is affiliated with the Royal College of Music and Royal Academy of Music of London, England. Its founder, Professor T. Singleton has had wide musical experience. He is at present the organist of St.