

Commerce, was called upon, and the words he uttered rang with patriotism. We have a grand heritage. We live in Nova Scotia, the brightest of the galaxy of gems of the Canadian provinces. We are all proud of our British connection and of Canada. Let every breast be filled with a desire for the welfare of our City, and it follows that we shall be loyal to our land. He impressed upon us the necessity of having lofty ideals, of having our minds fixed on one grand thing and sticking to it. Thus we acquire character, a far nobler possession than mere riches. Nova Scotia is to be congratulated in being a pioneer in two movements far reaching in their effects. It was the first Province to establish Free Schools, and to provide schools for the education of the Deaf and Dumb. He complimented the cadets upon their trim and soldierly bearing, and expressed a wish to see military instruction extended to the other schools throughout the city. He hoped on leaving school they would enlist in our local militia and be ready to defend our country when need arose.

Dr. MacKay, the Superintendent of Education, was introduced as the power behind the throne. He challenged any city in America to show a higher standard of its schools than has Halifax. He stood ready to defend the Course of Study from the charge of there being too many subjects in it. He pointed out what the School has done for us. Only a few won gold pieces or medals, but many had got what cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents. We have received certificates of scholarship, and, above all, we have acquired the habit of self-control. He had observed us here this afternoon, had seen us in the class rooms, and had watched us going to and from school, and knew that this admirable trait was not wanting in us. He believed that education would lighten the social mass. As learning becomes more wide-spread, strifes between capital and labor, employer and employed, rich and poor, will be less common. Our country is democratic; its highest posts are opened to all. A man may rise from the lowest to the highest rung of the ladder, and having passed through the various grades of society, he, at the top, better understands the condition of those beneath him, has more sympathy for them, and can hasten the time when "man to man the world o'er, shall brothers be for a' that."

He was followed by Dr. J. B. Hall, of Truro, who, owing to the lateness of the hour, had nothing to say further than expressing the pleasure he had in being present.

The musical part of the programme interspersed the proceedings, and consisted of a piano duet by Misses Ethel Boreham and Bessie Connor, a patriotic chorus from the students, a violin solo by Miss Grace Billman, with Miss Annie Layton as the accompanist at the piano, and God Save the Queen at the close.

The prizes and their winners were as follows:

1. The Chairman's Gold Medal: A gold medal offered by Ald. G. E. Faulkner, Chairman of the School Board, awarded to the graduate making the highest aggregate in the subjects of the course.—GEORGE ARCHIBALD CHRISTIE.
2. The Blackadar Gold Medal: A gold medal offered by H. D. Blackadar, Esq., ex-Chairman of the School Board, given to the graduate making the highest aggregate in English, Physiology and History—four subjects.—CLARENCE VICTOR CHRISTIE.
3. The Mayor's Gold Medal: A gold medal offered by Mayor Stephen, awarded to the graduate standing highest in Classics.—MABEL LAVINIA HOCKIN.

4. The Academy Gold Medal: A gold medal given the graduate making the best aggregate in Mathematics and Physics—four subjects.—GEORGE ARCHIBALD CHRISTIE.
5. A Special Prize of Ten Dollars, offered by J. C. Mackintosh, Esq., for the best essay on "The Advantages of being a British Citizen."—GEORGE ARCHIBALD CHRISTIE.
6. An Academy Silver Medal, given to the student of the B class making the largest increase in the aggregate of the previous year.—ANNIE ELLA O'DONNELL.
7. The Governor-General's Bronze Medal, awarded to the student of the C class making the highest aggregate in the subjects of the course.—GILBERT SUTHERLAND STAIRS.
8. An Academy Silver Medal, given to the student of the C class taking highest rank in Classics.—GILBERT SUTHERLAND STAIRS.
9. An Academy Silver Medal, awarded to the student of class C making the highest percentage in Drawing and Bookkeeping—one subject.—GILBERT SUTHERLAND STAIRS.
10. An Academy Silver Medal, awarded to the student of the C class making the greatest increase in the aggregate of the previous year.—FRANCES JEAN LINDEAV.
11. The Governor-General's Bronze Medal, given to the student of the D class making the highest aggregate in the subjects of the course.—CHARLES GRANT HOBART.
12. A prize offered to the student of the B class for highest marks in Physiology and Universal History.—GEORGE ARCHIBALD CHRISTIE.
13. A prize offered to the student of the B class for best aggregate in English Language and Literature.—ALEXANDER MONTGOMERIE.
14. A Book Prize, offered to the student standing highest in German.—BLANCHE VON SCHOPPE.
15. An Academy Silver Medal, offered to the student in any class standing highest in French.—GEORGINA ALMA BROWN and CLAUDINE FERNS SMITHERS, equal.
16. A Prize offered to the student of the C class standing highest in English, History and Geography—four subjects.—GILBERT SUTHERLAND STAIRS.
17. A Prize offered to the student of the C class standing highest in Mathematics and Science.—HARRY LEO FORBES.
18. A Book Prize, awarded to the student standing second highest in French.—EVA BLANCHE SIRCOM.
19. A Book Prize, offered by T. C. Allen & Co. to the student of the D class making the highest aggregate in English—two subjects.—MARY ALICE LAWLOR and MINNIE GRACE SPENCER, equal.
20. A Book Prize to the student of the D class making the best mark in Latin.—FREDERICK WILLIAM DAV.
21. A Book Prize to the student of the D class making the best mark in Drawing and Bookkeeping—one subject.—CHARLOTTE HIGHAM.
22. A Book Prize to the student of the D class highest in Arithmetic and Algebra.—WALTER GORDON BRAINE.
23. A Book Prize to the student of the D class making the best mark in Science.—CAROLINE CUNNINGHAM.
24. A Book Prize in the D class to the student making the best aggregate in Geometry, History and Geography, —two subjects.—CHARLES GRANT HOBART.

PRIZES AND MEDALS OFFERED FOR 1898-9.

The list is nearly the same as that of last year. Note these changes: In 1, read Ald. J. M. Geldert for Ald.