

THE LAYING OF
THE CORNER STONE

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THE NEW NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING,
TRURO, N. S.

FOUNDING OF THE INSTITUTION.

The Act to establish a Provincial Normal School in Nova Scotia was passed by the Legislature in 1854. Rev. Alexander Forrester, D. D. was appointed Principal and the Institution was opened on the 14th November, 1855. Among those present at the inaugural services were the following distinguished gentlemen :—

Hon. William Young, Attorney General (now Chief Justice Sir William Young); Hon. Lewis Morris Wilkins, Provincial Secretary, (now Judge Wilkins); Hon. Samnel Creelman, Financial Secretary; Hon. Hugh Bell, Chairman of the Board of Works; and Hon. Adams G. Archibald (now Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia). There were also present several members of the Legislature, several Clergymen, the Directors and Teachers of the Institution, and the leading citizens of Truro.—[The Building erected at that time was of wood and was designed to accommodate about sixty students.

THE NEW BUILDING.

In 1876, the Legislature appointed Commissioners to erect a new Building, authorizing them to sell certain Normal School lands and voting \$4000 to enable them to begin the work. In the following year the Commissioners were authorized to borrow on the security of the Province the sum of \$30,000 for the completion of the Building.

The Building now in course of erection occupies the site of the old one, standing on an open square and facing two parallel streets. It is constructed of pressed brick with free stone finishings. The main building has a frontage of 56 feet from east to west and a depth of 56 feet from north to south; the wing in the rear is 48