

THE BOYS AT MIMICO.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VICTORIA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL—SATISFACTORY REPORTS.

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The annual meeting of the Victoria Industrial School at Mimico, on Saturday, was held under favorable auspices for the boys and the philanthropic visitors. The latter were in the proportion of two to one to the former. The march past of the lads was a satisfactory evidence of their splendid physical training. When they sang "Row Brothers, Row," "Canada, Fair Canada," and "God Save the Queen," they delighted the listeners. Everybody had reason to be pleased, both in respect to the delightful, sunshiny weather and the marked excellence of the institution. There was also another pleasing feature of the day—a result of the increase in the committals to the school—the corner-stone laying of a third cottage. This ceremony was performed by Hon. Charles Drury, and with a novel implement, a sledge hammer. Mr. W. H. Howland in explaining this departure from the use of the time-honored silver trowel, said the price of that ornament would keep a boy in the school for a twelve-month, and Mr. Drury cordially endorsed the sentiment which prompted recourse to the sledge hammer. The Minister of Agriculture made a brief address. He spoke in terms of high appreciation of the work done at the school, and the workers outside who were keeping it going. He made commendatory reference also to the work done at Penetanguishene, but he was a thorough believer in the old adage, "Prevention is better than cure." He considered that the Ontario Government had not been liberal towards the Victoria Industrial School, and while he might be rash in making promises, he assured the management of the institution, that on the consideration of their application for twenty-five additional acres of land the school managers would have "one friend in court." [Applause.]

The ceremony was followed by the singing of the Doxology.