

Halifax Industrial School.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

We regret to report the year 1894 as ending with a larger deficit than the two preceding years.

A careful examination of the Treasurer's statement and comparing it with previous reports will show where the leaks occurred.

The cost of the kindling wood (to which we must add an unpaid wharfage bill,) just about equals the revenue derived from that source. So that the Institution gets nothing for the boys time and the expense of the teams delivering throughout the City—still for the many small boys we have we must find employment and splitting kindling wood seems to commend itself.

The Cottage in front has been put in good order, is now a credit to the grounds and commands a larger rental. We regret that a debt of \$600 incurred thereby has yet to be discharged.

The Shoe Department shows less profit than last year and a falling off in sales. Skilled labor is employed in the factory and the amount paid out for wages is considerable. The boys are selected who work there, and many of them learn the trade and thus have afterwards the means of earning a livelihood.

Mr. Middlemore again made use of the Institution as a temporary home for the boys he brought from England and has expressed his entire satisfaction with the treatment received.