

three scientific chairs in Halifax, two at Windsor, two at Wolfville, and two at Sackville, all I believe endowed. The occupants of these chairs can do nothing towards the formation of an efficient Technical School, because of the impossibility of co-operation and division of labour. Put them all in one place, that they may divide up the work between them, and a great deal may be done. Let us suppose these four colleges to adopt the policy of consolidation; and King's, Acadia, and Mt. Allison to contribute to the central college four chairs. Our Technical College would in that case require only three others. As, however, the endowments of the chairs in the denominational colleges yield, I believe, only about \$1,000 a year, it might be necessary to bring their salaries up to the average. The initial outlay of capital would be the same as if the technical schools were founded in connection with Dalhousie; unless indeed the lands which the Province granted in the past to King's College should furnish a farm, in which case it could be less. The annual expenditure for our Technical College would then be as follows:—

Three professors' salaries.....	\$4,500
Partial payment of four professors' salaries.....	2,000
Farm expenses.....	2,000
Incidental college expenses.....	500
Interest.....	1,350
	\$10,350

Thus, if the colleges should adopt the policy of consolidation, and if the Technical College should be established in connection with the united college, all the departments of technical education which we have found to be necessary in the present state of the Province, could be equipped in sufficient strength for less than half the annual expenditure which would be necessary, if the Government founded an independent School of Technology. \$10,350 a year is a sum which I think I may assume the Province able to pay for so important an object. It is \$4,850 less than was paid for the Higher Education between 1876 and 1881, and only \$1,950 more than the House of Assembly agreed last session to distribute annually among the colleges. \$8,400 would have been a large amount to pay for the small educational benefit which that sum would have produced when distributed among six colleges; but \$10,350 would be a small amount to pay for the immense benefit which a Technical College would confer upon the Province. Although, therefore, the Legislature was unwilling to vote the former, they might readily be expected to vote the latter. Consequently the question, "Are we to have all these Technical Schools?"—depends upon a prior question, "Are we to have Consolidation?"

Consolidation would render possible not only the immediate foundation of these schools, but also their future development into higher stages of efficiency. Even if the Legislature could found a