

ganese, sulphuret of lead, carbonate of lime, and sulphate of lime, and gypsum.

The minerals exported from the province in 1859 were as follows:—

Coals to the sterling value of	£85,682
Gypsum " "	17,479
Hardware and Iron	20,954

Total, 124,115

We might extend this interesting chapter to the dimensions of a large volume, and still be very far from exhausting the subject, which like the substances of which it treats, seems to be exhaustless.

CHAPTER VI.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

It has been truly said that "intelligence lies at the foundation of a people's greatness." Unless the masses be *educated*, in the true sense of the term, it is in vain to expect to see them happy and prosperous, how thickly soever the gifts of nature may be strewn around them.

Hitherto the *Common School* in our country, the only means of diffusing the blessings of education among the working classes—the bone and sinew of any country—have been, with few exceptions, far below the standard requisite for effecting the great aim and object which such institutions should ever have in view.

But a very decided change for the better is now in progress. The foundation of an improved system of Common School Education was laid, a few years since, by the labours of our talented countryman, J. W. Dawson, while Superintendent of Education in Nova Scotia. It is to be deeply regretted that the services of this gentleman, not only in the great field of education, but also in others, of the deepest importance, were so little appreciated, by his countrymen, that they allowed a sister province to take him from us.

Mr Dawson, while he held the office alluded to in Nova Scotia, agitated the province from centre to circumference, arousing the people to a sense of the overwhelming importance of securing and applying the means necessary to thoroughly educate the youths of our land.

He also urged the subject with zeal *directed by knowledge*, upon the attention of our Legislature. Little *action*, however, was taken upon the great measures which he proposed, until after his departure from amongst us.