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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF HALIFAX CITY.

HALIFAX IN 1876.

It has been deemed advisable instead of presenting the Historical Sketch of the city as on former editions, the improvements of the past year should be specially enumerated, as Historical Sketches of the city are now so common an Annual Register of passing events would be deemed more acceptable to the numerous patrons of the Directory.

1st. ITS PUBLIC BUILDINGS—ERECTED IN 1875-6.

The Halifax Dispensary erected in 1876. This building is situate on the corner of South Brunswick and Prince Streets. It cost with equipments nearly \$13,000. It is a handsome brick structure, with granite facings. Its basement is devoted to the purpose of a Morgue, with an entrance on Prince Street. The ground floor for the purpose of dispensing medicine, reception room and places for consulting with the medical men. Then the second flat has been fitted up wholly for the Eye and Ear Department. The whole accommodation may be used for patent boarders, who are not proper subjects for the Hospital.

The early history and inception of this branch of benevolent enterprise is due to the late Dr. Morris, who for many years dispensed medicine and attended on the poor gratuitously, first in the old building on Barrington Street, nearly opposite Fraser & Sons piano-forte warehouse. The Dispensary was afterwards removed to Argyle St., and thence to Duke Street, where it was on the death of Dr. Morris, physician, in 1867. In 1867 it was reorganized under more favourable circumstances by the co-operation of the Medical Faculty generally, and far superior premises engaged for it, which in a few years were also found too small, when it was deemed advisable to remove to Albermarle Street, under more favourable circumstances, yet the place was found too small and inconvenient. Some years ago a movement was inaugurated for a building to be erected for the purpose, with all the conveniences necessary for such

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