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THE REVIEW has always maintained that our public school system is not complete unless the elements of technical training is taught in them; or at least that some instruction should be provided by which pupils would be better equipped for the practical work of life. Something definite in this direction is now possible. Sir W. C. McDonald, of Montreal, whose magnificent gifts to McGill University have made him justly celebrated as a public benefactor to education in Canada, has placed in the hands of Prof. Robertson, Dominion Agricultural Commissioner, sufficient funds to establish for three years technical schools in various centres throughout the Dominion. The nature of the plan is to take one city or town in each province (Truro, N. S., Fredericton, N. B., and Charlottetown, P. E. I., are to be the centres for these provinces) in which to establish regular classes in some of the ordinary schools on one or two days a week, in which scholars between nine and thirteen years of age shall spend a portion of the day

in actual work with tools. This will be supplemented whenever desired by more advanced and special evening classes in manual training and technical instruction.

Prof. Robertson has already engaged competent men to superintend the experiment, the chief being a Scotchman who has been prominent in the establishment of technical schools in Britain, and who for that purpose made a study of the manual training schools of Sweden and Germany.

The hope is expressed that before the three years are expired, the system will be adopted by the majority of the school boards of Canada, and become a regular part of each school curriculum maintained out of the regular school rates. This generous offer by Sir W. C. McDonald, followed up by prompt and liberal action on the part of school boards throughout Canada, should lead to the equipment and proper support of technical schools in at least all the centres of population.

THE attendance at the Nova Scotia Normal School is the largest for many years past. The number now enrolled is 134, and provided that the "C" class which comes in in February is as large as usual, the total will be the largest on record for that institution, an encouraging outlook. Of those now enrolled, eighteen are in the "A" or Academic class, fifteen of whom are college graduates (Dalhousie, Acadia, St. Francis Xavier and Mount Allison being represented); seventy-one are in the "B" class, that is first rank common school, and forty-five are in the "D" class or third rank common school.

WE have received from the Montreal *Herald* two excellent colored war maps of the Transvaal. Accompanying the Canadian contingent which left Quebec by the "Sardinian" on the 30th October, was a special correspondent of the *Herald* thoroughly versed in military affairs, and also a special artist who will furnish that paper exclusively with sketches and photographs of the scenes on sea and land in which the Canadian contingent participates.

THE communication of our correspondent "S" on Drawing has been received. His questions and remarks