

The Windsor Educational Institutions.

Windsor, N. S., beautifully situated on the banks of the Avon river, is the home of two well known institutions of learning—King's College, with its collegiate school; and Edgehill, the Church School for Girls. King's College, the oldest university in Canada, was founded as an academy in 1788. Many eminent men have been educated within its walls, the most famous of whom was Thomas Chandler Haliburton, that genial author and profound thinker. On the roll of her celebrated graduates are found such names as Sir John Inglis of Lucknow fame, Chief Justice Cochran, of Gibraltar, Bishop John Inglis, Judge R. J. Uniacke, Sir Edward Cunard, and many others who have passed to their rest, but have left names which adorn the history of England's Colonial Empire.

These were in the palmy days of King's College. Let us hope there is to be a return of the prosperity of early years. There are signs of renaissance. Its students are as loyal as in the days gone by, and in the last few years there has been a notable increase in their numbers; the prestige of its earlier years; the treasures of its museum and its fine library, containing rare books and manuscripts; the influence of the few scholarly men who have stood by it in hours of adversity; the infusion of new blood in several departments,—all point to an awakening that will abide.

There has been a lamentable lack of interest in its affairs on the part of the Church of England in recent years. Its dilapidated rooms and buildings, amid stately trees and historic scenes, are a blot on its past. The business methods employed for its maintenance are not those that commend them to capable business men. But the financial straits of the college, it is hoped by its friends, have seen the lowest ebb, and a revival in interest and influence is beginning. The presidency of Dr. C. J. Boulden has been marked with much vigour and executive ability, and though he is at present suffering from ill-health, his complete restoration is looked for. The faculty and students are greatly attached to him, and he has the confidence of the governing body.

The Edgehill building commands a fine view of the town of Windsor and the surrounding country, and is admirably situated for comfort and outlook. The extensive grounds give ample opportunity for exercise and sports. The lady principal, Miss

Gena Smith, and staff, composed of teachers from England, are of superior qualifications. The school has a deservedly high reputation, both for the quality of the instruction given and for the advantages resulting from the personal attention of an accomplished staff of teachers, comfortable and airy rooms, and due regard for the physical well-being of pupils.

Supervisor McKay.

It is a familiar face that is presented in the REVIEW Supplement for this month—the portrait of Alexander McKay, the well-known Supervisor of the Halifax schools. For fifty years Mr. McKay has been connected with educational work in Nova Scotia, a part of which he spent as a teacher in the public schools. For twenty-five years he has been supervisor of schools in Halifax, a post which he has filled with distinguished ability and to the satisfaction of all classes of citizens. His activities have not been confined to the schools whose interests have been his greatest care, and whose advancement and improvement he has laboured for continually with a zeal and ambition worthy of the highest praise. His busy life has been a round of duties, in which not only educational but every kind of philanthropic work has found in him a helper and an advocate, ready at all times to give any worthy movement his active support, and to help it forward with unstinted and unselfish effort.

It would be difficult to mention any important institution which has not felt his stimulating influence. He has always taken a warm interest in Dalhousie College, where for many years he delivered lectures on education. He was one of the founders and the principal promoter of the Victoria Academy of Art and Design, which has been a great stimulus to art education in Halifax. He is one of the board of governors of the Halifax Ladies' College; and as secretary of the Provincial Educational Association of Nova Scotia for more than thirty years, his influence in that body has been effective and far-reaching.

A little more than a year ago the scholars, teachers, citizens and board of school commissioners of Halifax presented to Supervisor McKay a series of addresses and many valuable testimonials on the completion of fifty years of educational work in Nova Scotia, and in consideration of his eminent