

apply, have been doing even more thorough work. I think, however, that the specialization in our Grade A course, and the reduction in the number of subjects, will enable us to attain a higher standard in both classics and science in the future, without straining to such an extent as formerly the natural bent of different students."

NOVA SCOTIA SCHOOL REPORT.

The annual report on the public schools of Nova Scotia for 1891-92 has been received and shows that decided advancement has been made in that province in school matters all along the line. The total number of teachers employed and schools in operation increased by about 40. The pupils increased by over 1,000. The attendance was more regular than during any previous year. The average salaries of first-class male and female teachers increased, while those of the other classes decreased,—showing a growing appreciation for superior teachers. The government increased its expenditure by over \$2,500, and the people gave \$19,000 more than during the previous year. The total government expenditure for schools was \$216,429.73. Local expenditure, \$530,145.12. Total expenditure for public education, \$746,574.85. The average attendance of pupils was nearly 60 per cent. The number of different pupils registered during the year 1892 was 102,586. The number of schools in operation during the winter term was 2,158, and during the summer term 2,281.

There were 558 male teachers employed and 1,691 females. The average salaries were:

Male teachers,	I. class,	\$488.95	increase	over 1890-91
"	II. "	255.45	decrease	" "
"	III. "	180.05	"	" "
Female	I. "	295.77	increase	" "
"	II. "	224.24	decrease	" "
"	III. "	158.43	"	" "

The total of grants to teachers (\$167,500) is now fixed by law in Nova Scotia, so that the more schools that are in operation the greater the sub-divisions of this amount. The new superintendent appears to have begun his work vigorously and progressively. Some changes have already been made and others are foreshadowed. A few of the changes already made may be summarized:

One school term in a year.

The engagement of a teacher for a less period than a year illegal, except under special circumstances by sanction of the inspector, the opening of every school to be immediately reported to the inspector.

Annual meeting of sections on last Monday in June.

Provincial grants payable in February and July. County grants in July.

Registers modified to give fuller statistics.

Returns in full to be made annually.

The high school course of study and the syllabus of the "Teachers' Examination" unified.

Provincial classification and certification of high school scholarship, admitting to universities, normal schools, teaching profession, etc.

Candidates for teachers' licenses, having all the other qualifications, can obtain licenses whenever they attain age limit.

Premium on normal school training equal to one grade in class of license.

Normal school devoted to professional training and special teaching.

Temperance teaching made compulsory in all schools; special attention to different subjects in the course of instruction, emphasizing modern and practical requirements.

Beside the general report, there are full statistical tables and appendices, embracing reports of normal school, Inspectors, Halifax School Commissioners, Institutions of Deaf and Dumb and Blind, miscellaneous institutions and universities.

DALHOUSIE CONVOCATION.

The convocation exercises of Dalhousie University took place on Tuesday afternoon, April 25th, in the Academy of Music, Halifax. President Forrest, in an energetic address, referred to the work of the year, which in all departments had been of a most satisfactory character—the most satisfactory in the history of the institution. But the financial condition of the college was not what it should be. Had it not been for the benefactions of Munro, McLeod and Mott, work might have ceased. The college needs an endowment of \$100,000 at once, or at least \$4,000 annually. Dalhousie's 500 graduates, her 700 partial students, her 1,000 alumni, should find the raising of that amount a small matter. An appeal was made to other friends of the college to contribute to her support.

The degree of B. A. was conferred on twenty graduates, B. Sc. on two, LL. B. on twenty, and M. D. on six. The degree of M. L. was conferred on Ethel Muir, B. L.; of M. A. (*ad eundem*) on Prof. W. C. Murray, M. A. (Edin.); of M. D. (*ad eundem*) on Arthur Morrow, M. B. C. M. (Edin.); and Hon. LL. D. on His Honor Judge Sedgewick.

The latter, in acknowledging the honor conferred upon him, said that to Dalhousie more than to anything else was he indebted for whatever good luck had followed him. He thought that in Nova Scotia there was need of a better cultivation of sentiments of loyalty, not merely to the empire, but to this