

lie of the Maritime Provinces, and recognizing the urgent necessity of such, a contract was entered into with Samuel A. Marshall to construct the new wing and make certain alterations in the main building, at a cost of \$12,975.00; this, with the cost of the heating apparatus, supplied by Macdonald & Co., the services of architect J. C. Dumaresq, and the furniture and fittings, will make the total cost of the new building, when ready for occupation, about \$16,000.00. Of this sum \$4,000.00 has been provided by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, \$1,000.00 was bequeathed by the late S. A. White, Esq., \$3,000.00 has been appropriated from last year's bequests, and the Superintendent has set himself the task of raising the balance, \$8,000.00, of which about \$5,000.00 has already been subscribed. The new building is now nearly completed, and will be ready for occupation about Feb. 1st. It forms a wing or addition to the main building, with which it has fire-proof connections. This new addition is set apart for the residence of the boys, and it is hoped in the near future to erect a similar wing at the west end of the main building for the girls. This new addition is planned as follows:—In the basement are the culinary departments, dining-room, pantries, &c.; on the ground floor are two fine sitting-rooms and a commodious assembly hall; on the first floor are six music rooms, two dormitories, hospital room and bath room; on the second floor are teachers' sleeping rooms, seven dormitories, &c. The addition provides accommodation for two teachers and thirty-two pupils. The main building has been thoroughly remodelled and the school-room accommodation doubled.

The Board of Managers join with the Superintendent in thanking the Legislature and the many friends of the blind for their liberal contributions towards the building fund; and they sincerely trust that within the next few months a sufficient sum may be realized to place the building in their hands free of debt. This Institution belongs to the people, and to the people your Board look for that support and encouragement which the grand work of educating the blind deserves;

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