

the evergreens the season permitted of; a throne was placed in the centre upon which one of the number was seated as *Queen*, who was arrayed in robes of Royalty. Tea was served up in a style, of course, peculiar to such an inauguration; after tea a procession was formed, when the Queen, with her retinue, visited several of her subjects, who were loyal to the core,—thus ended one of these harmless juvenile meetings of the pupils of this school.

Education in Nova Scotia in 1859.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.—The attendance of pupils was 37,847, while in 1838 it was 34,440; the number of teachers, male and female, was in 1859, 1140; the average salary of each was £44 per annum, being a little in advance of the previous year. Of the support of Schools, the Province pays 3s. 4½d. per pupil, and the pupils each pay 9s. 5½d. The number of Grammar Schools in 1859, was 56; being an increase of five on the previous year.

NORMAL SCHOOL.—Since the commencement of this institution over 100 persons have obtained first class diplomas at this institution. And at the Model Schools the number of students enrolled is 193, and the average attendance 169. Doctor Forrester strongly urges the establishment of a system of local Inspectorship; and comments on the little interest taken in the Journal of Education and Agriculture.

Doctor Forrester recommends the adoption of direct taxation in part support of Schools, and the erection of better School-houses.

The Superintendent had in the course of the year visited some of the leading institutions of education in Nova Scotia—Free Church Academy, Dalhousie College, Halifax Grammar School and the Pictou Academy, and found that the average attendance in all these institutions was somewhat less than 55, and only a small proportion were studying the higher branches of learning. The Doctor urges the establishment of a thorough *University* for the Province, as the crowning point in the education of the country. This is a step in the right direction; let the country have good elementary schools, superior schools, and a thorough University, and we have no fears for the result.

We shall return to a further review of this able Report at some future time.

Editorial Items.

It is said that one of the Pennsylvania Oil Wells yields sixty barrels a day of forty gallons each. Some of these wells produce pure oil, while others contain about one-tenth of water in the oil.

A Railway train on the Hudson River railroad lately ran seven miles in six minutes.

A new translation of the Bible is being published in the Russian language.

The California and Australia mines have produced in the last ten years £350,000,000.

The Oil Works, Albert, New Bruns-