

is in good order, but the extreme wear and tear from constant practice tells severely upon them, and an additional instrument will be needed before another session commences.

THE TUNING CLASS.

The tuning class numbers 19 pupils, all but one under direct instructions from Mr. W. G. Raymond. The exception is a youth who has just joined the class and is receiving primary lessons from a senior, while two others, who attend Mr. Raymond's classes, are being helped forward in the same manner. Three young men are, this session, concluding their pianoforte tuning course. They divide between them the care of our instruments and also assist in the instruction of juniors. Reports from pupils who have graduated from this department, are on the whole very satisfactory. Those employed (four in number) by Messrs. Mason & Risch, of Toronto, are, I believe, all doing well, and others are making a good living by their independent exertions. I could desire, however, that other manufacturers than the firm mentioned should avail of our pupils' services. I can but believe that what one establishment has found profitable would be equally advantageous to others, while the young men would have the great advantage of employment under expert supervision and thus enjoy a sort of apprenticeship before going out into the world on their own account. It is well it should be understood, however, that our tuning class must be limited in numbers. The instructor attends only on two days in the week and, besides, the scope and opportunity for blind tuners to obtain a livelihood in this Province in competition with seeing rivals, are more or less contracted. For disciplinary reasons too, not easily explained to outsiders, while very apparent to the officers of the institution, I am obliged not unfrequently to disappoint the aspirations of pupils and the wishes in some instances of their friends by declining to place lads in the tuning class. Tuning, moreover, is a business needing certain well developed faculties, and where these are deficient even the most painstaking instructions will not produce a really first-class tuner.

THE WILLOW SHOP.

This very interesting and important branch of instruction, has been perhaps rather less disturbed than others during the past year. Its pupils being mostly among the seniors in age, very generally escaped contagion and, encouraged by the calm and fearless example of their worthy instructor, many of them worked quietly on with little interruption. Only one full graduate was presented for outfit at the close of the session, although several are working in the advanced stages of their industrial course. Mr. Truss's report is submitted herewith:—

TRADE INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

MR. A. H. DYMOND,

Principal.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my report upon the operations of the workshop during the year ending September 30th, 1886:

The session has been one of fair progress, considering the difficulties encountered and the more or less interrupted attendance of some of the pupils. The behaviour of the latter has been, during a somewhat trying time, worthy of praise and their industry as usual commendable. The following statements will show to some extent the practical nature of the instruction given:—

Sales of Manufactured articles	\$560 27
On hand unsold	75 00
Total	\$635 27