

entirely to the Protestant youth of the city of Halifax, but your Directors are pleased to state that Dominion and Provincial legislation has been secured which will enable the Institution to open its doors to the wayward youth of any municipality in Nova Scotia, and instead of confining boys in County jails in company with hardened criminals, as has heretofore been the case, these boys will now be brought under the good influence of the school, and will have every chance of being reformed before it is too late.

Not long since, Judge Armour, of Ontario, in sentencing four boys to the Central Prison for burglaries and assaults, expressed alarm at the daring character of the crimes, and regretted that there was no industrial reformatory in Canada.

Evidently Judge Armour was not aware that we had in Nova Scotia two such institutions, which have for many years been engaged in reclaiming and restoring to the path of rectitude young Halifax boys.

In addition to the minor occupations of preparing kindling wood and shaking carpets, our boys have been regularly trained in the Shoe Factory, and are being prepared to maintain themselves when their terms at the school shall expire.

During the past year your Directors have had the main building put in thorough repair both inside and out, and have added materially to the furniture; these improvements had become absolutely necessary in order to make the school habitable and comfortable, and the Directors were obliged to appropriate legacies to pay off the debts thus incurred. For several years the Electric Light Co. has supplied light for the main building and the work-shop from its station at the Arm, but the contract having expired and the company having removed its station to the city, the Directors were obliged to take the matter of lighting into serious consideration, and after mature deliberation, they decided to utilize the engine and boiler on the premises, purchase a dynamo and manufacture electric light on the spot; the result of this undertaking has been most satisfactory, and the institution is now supplied with excellent light at a comparatively small outlay.