

instruction in Drawing—and a knowledge of the Art is soon acquired, for it is admitted that almost any person who can learn to write, can, with equal facility, learn to draw—our first-class teachers would, in all our schools, impart an elementary knowledge of this useful Art.

A more complete arrangement to give instruction in *Natural Sciences*, more particularly those branches which aid in the development of the mineral wealth of the country, is greatly needed. It is well known that we have, beneath our soil, minerals of almost fabulous worth, much of which is to be developed by the generation now entering upon the activities of life; and to suppose that our own young men, can without the educational specialty asked for, do justice either to their country, or to themselves, in our great mining interest, is to contradict the experience of older countries, and to deny the outspoken opinions and convictions of men of long research and profound knowledge.

We have the commencement of a school of the required description in Halifax, under the able supervision of Dr. Honeyman. It should be more completely utilized, and some more definite inducement afforded to our young men, who are contemplating mining operations, to spend a stated time in this school, and receive certificates of proficiency in study.

There is not, so far as I know, in the Dominion of Canada, one *School of Agriculture* suited to the necessities of the Dominion. Surely such ought not to be the case; and it must be hoped that, with the new and youthful vigor being infused into the General Government of the Dominion, this evil will not go long unremedied. It is to be hoped that, ere long, we may see, in some favorable location in each of the Provinces of the Dominion, an Agricultural School, in connection with a Model Farm, both of such dimensions and capabilities as will attract the young farmers of the neighbouring agricultural districts, and afford them facilities for becoming masters of their noble vocation.

In addition to our present educational provisions, let us have, in the Maritime Provinces at least, Nautical Schools, and, in all the Provinces, schools for imparting instruction in *Natural Science* and in *Agriculture*, ample for the necessities of the Dominion;—then, and not till then, we may begin to feel that the educational machinery of our land is beginning to wear the aspect of efficiency, and to bear some reasonable proportion to our contemplated future.

In conclusion, I beg leave to commend to favorable notice the appended Reports of the several County Inspectors, from several of which I have already made extracts; and, at the same time, to express my acknowledgement and high appreciation of the attentive and able manner in which these gentlemen have acquitted themselves in the performance of their duties during the year.