

The present Government has remedied this injustice. Since its advent to power the amounts voted for High Schools and Collegiate Institutes have been as follows:

1905	\$110,000
1906	115,000
1907	128,500
1907	134,000

Moreover, during the present year an initial grant has been made to stimulate Art in the High Schools, where, in this most important department, the work has hitherto been of a very elementary character. The Minister intends that, in future, Art, including Mechanical Drawing, will receive the attention it deserves.

BETTER TRAINING FOR TEACHERS.

To provide better teachers for the schools was also an urgent necessity. Ontario was lagging behind other communities in this respect. In other countries the universities are being utilized for the training of the highest grade of teachers. A more liberal salary scale also tends to retain in the profession the services of the best qualified. In this Province not only were many of the most accomplished teachers leaving the profession with advantage to themselves; not only were many rural schools being conducted by young girls and youths without any professional training at all, and holding temporary certificates, but the schools were falling under the control of juvenile instructors, with Third Class certificates, who had taken up teaching as a stepping-stone to other occupations. This critical situation had been developing for years, with the knowledge of all concerned, and no means had been adopted to check it.

The Minister of Education decided, in the first place, to transfer the training of first class teachers and High School assistants to the Provincial University where a Faculty of Education was organized and the extensive equipment of a modern university was utilized for the benefit of the profession. Aid was also given to enable Queen's University to establish a similar Faculty.

For Normal trained teachers, it was resolved to erect four new Normal Schools at convenient points in the Province, in addition to those already existing in Toronto, London, and Ottawa. The places selected were Hamilton, Stratford, Peterborough, and North Bay, and these schools will be opened in September, 1908. They are being equipped after the most modern methods, will be provided with