

## Extracts from Speech of W. A. McLean, Esq.

Extracts from speech of W. A. McLean, Esq. Mayor of Owen Sound at the Presentation of Medals May 7, 1890. in the Northern Business College.

"It is with great pleasure that I occupy the chair here to-day at the invitation of principal Fleming. I have watched this institution from its commencement to the present and feel proud as we all do of its prosperity, standing and achievements to-day. An item or two of history might not be out of place on an occasion of this kind. I well remember when Mr. Fleming thought of starting a college here about ten years ago. He asked me along with several others what we thought of the idea. We all advised him not to undertake it as there were then quite a number of business colleges in Canada as many we thought as could make it profitable and further that there had already been two attempts to establish institutions of learning in town and each had crippled its projector financially. However the college was started in two small rooms in the

building recently occupied by the "Advertiser." A small beginning—but small as it was it continued to grow until now it is the foremost business school in the Dominion. Mr. Fleming has always done good work; he believes that "whatever is worth doing is worth doing well." He has exhibited perseverance, energy and enterprise such as few men possess or he would never have carried his undertaking through as he has. For years he carried off the best prizes, medals and diplomas given at the provincial and industrial fairs for penmanship.

The college is increasing every year. Some three years ago Mr. Fleming purchased this building, fitted it up and moved into it. At that time only one other business college in America owned their college premises. Only three others now occupy their own buildings. This suggests the idea of permanency which is just in line with all Mr. Fleming's ways. Though progressive in every sense of the word, he makes everything sure as he goes along. There is not a citizen in this town who would be surprised to see Mr. Fleming double the size of this already commodious building and fill it with students in the course of a very few years.

## Our Prizes, Medals, Diplomas, &c.

The following is a list of our awards for Penmanship, at the principal exhibitions up to the end of 1890 for Penmanship.

Two medals received at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, London, England.

ONE medal at the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto.

ONE bronze medal at the Provincial Exhibition.

ONE silver medal at the Provincial Exhibition.

### —DIPLOMAS.—

Two at the Colonial Exhibition, London, England.

ONE at the Provincial Exhibition.

THREE at the Industrial Exhibition Toronto.

### —FIRST AND SPECIAL PRICES—

THREE at the Industrial Exhibition

ELEVEN at the Provincial Exhibition.

No other College in Canada can show one fourth the awards for Penmanship.

*See engravings of medals on back page of cover.*