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Manual Training in the Schools and the Advancement it is Making—The Branch at Horton Collegiate Academy, Windsor and What it Means.

That a Manual Training department is actually established at Horton Collegiate Academy, Wolfville, should be a matter of interest to the people of these Maritime Provinces, first, because it is a new departure in education among us, and secondly because of the opportunities it offers to our young men and boys to work directly toward other positions than teaching, preaching, law and medicine. These have been the chief goals of ambition for our young men hitherto; but observing ones now see these professions overcrowded, and are anxiously asking for a pathway to some other kinds of occupations which have greater guarantees of success. Manual training schools and the higher schools of technology have been gradually coming in year by year to supply this lack until today we find the former very numerous on this continent and the latter in such leading centres as Boston, Worcester, Brooklyn, etc.

The movement toward industrial education began many years ago, but has developed with rapid strides in recent days. In 1868 the Worcester Free Institute was opened. The object of this school was stated in the following words: "The aim of this school shall ever be the instruction

association of the United States held last year at Toronto, no section of the teachers was more enthusiastic than that of the manual trainers. Boys trained in these schools are earnestly sought after by manufacturers.

Why a Manual Training school should be established in a university is easy to understand. It is evident that all boys who attend an academy or college are not adapted to strictly professional callings, yet the tendency of the student who matriculates at an academy is to go on through college, and having become a graduate, he seldom has any inclination to enter any other than one of the three or four leading professions. His whole education has pointed to nothing else. It therefore not infrequently happens that the young graduate finds himself installed in some profession for which he is not adapted and in which he is neither happy nor successful. It is claimed by those competent to judge, that a manual training department in connection with an educational institution opens a door to other positions, because the course in mechanical drawing and in wood and iron construction is essential and is always prescribed in those technical schools which prepare young men for engineering, etc. The course in manual work, always taken in connection with mathematics, English and other regular academic studies, discovers to the student and his teachers his mechanical aptitudes, if he has any, and thus serves to reveal his proper calling and to give edge to his ambitions.

Then again, it is being very generally felt by practical educators that every educated man, whether professional or otherwise, should have some training of this character. A physician, in his emergencies, finds a hundred uses for tools in adapting appliances and in surgical operations. A lawyer is often placed at a

comes last in the course. Ascending the stairway we reach the second floor, two thirds of which is already partitioned off as a wood-working apartment. Here are systematically placed 24 work benches of superior construction and design, each provided with a drawer in which the student can lock his tools and his wood work, also his cap, apron, blouse, soap, towel, etc. A vise is attached to each bench, also a limited set of tools, consisting of two saws, two planes, steel square, try square, bevil gauge, marking gauge, oil stone, oil can, compasses, chisels, hammer, screw driver and bench brush, several sets of special tools are also placed in convenient places to be given to students for special use when the bench set does not suffice. In this same room also are placed twelve workbenches for turning lathes manufactured by A. Robb & Sons, Amherst. Turning tools and bench brush, several sets of special tools are also placed in convenient places to be given to students for special use when the bench set does not suffice. In this same room also are placed twelve workbenches for turning lathes manufactured by A. Robb & Sons, Amherst. Turning tools and bench brush, several sets of special tools are also placed in convenient places to be given to students for special use when the bench set does not suffice.

Leaving the wood-working room we enter the drawing department on the same floor and occupying the east end of the building. Here are blackboards, also 24 nearly constructed drawing tables. In this room the student begins with free hand projection, executed on a scale large enough to show clearly every measurable detail of form of the objects constructed. Mechanical drawing and construction will therefore be carried on simultaneously, and in these two adjacent rooms, and will occupy the first year of the course. The room is neatly sheathed with beaded spruce, and it is the intention of Mr. Young to suspend a portrait of his deceased son on the wall.

Ascending another stairway we enter the upper story, which is lighted by seven dormer windows. Here the stock for the school will be stored and a room reserved for any department of work which it may be found necessary to carry on upon this floor. Two chimneys are constructed, one large for the forges and the smelting cupola and another smaller one for heating purposes. A. Robb & Sons, of Amherst, have kindly donated a 12 H. P. steam engine, but negotiations are now being conducted with a view to supply the power for a time at least with an efficient water motor, as being more convenient for the present. Among other donors towards equipment the committee gratefully acknowledge sets of tools from Andrew DeWolfe, DeWolfe & Dinsmore and G. W. Ganong, St. Stephen, from Rev. C. B. Welton, S. Hayward & Co., Kerr & Co., Hiramston, and Hon. David McLean, of St. John; Mr. W. A. Spiller, of Newton Centre, and Chancellor T. H. Rand, of McMaster university; also two work benches from Mr. Rupert Hale, St. John; a portable forge from F. B. Sturtevant Co., Jamaica Plains, Boston; a set of bench brushes from T. S. Simms, St. John; also two turning lathes from A. Robb & Sons, Amherst.

The entire equipment will, it is hoped, be completed early in September. Students attending Horton Academy will hereafter be able to supplement their regular academic studies with a profitable industrial course, thus affording them a choice between a preparation leading toward a strictly professional position on the one hand, and other positions, often more lucrative, such as engineering, mechanics, etc., on the other hand. After the manual training course is completed, only a year or two more at a school of Technology will be necessary to graduate as master of good positions early in life and at a very high calling. Thus they will reach good positions early in life and at a very moderate cost, compared with an entire course abroad.

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But apart from all this, while such ideas help to fill a house, it is the entertainment that keeps it full. If Mr. Somerby did not have a good show, he would not have sustained the splendid attendance that has received during this four week's engagement. The people of this city are always glad to see him, because they know that it opens amusement's doors, they are certain of something not only reasonable in price, but novel and entertaining.

Across the Bay in September. The Annapolis valley in the autumn is one of the places that people see scenes that are remembered with pleasure. The Monticello has been carried by crowds of excursionists all summer, and during September will run Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday trips, returning on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and connecting with the Flying Blenose at Annapolis.

Will Return in November. Mr. J. S. Ford, organist of the Stone church sailed from Montreal last Saturday on the steamer Nunidia for England, where he will enjoy a well earned vacation. He will be seen by his card in PARRIS, he intends to return to St. John in November, when he will resume his classes and other professional duties.



EDWARD W. YOUNG MANUAL TRAINING HALL.

of youth in those branches of education not usually taught in the public schools, which are essential and best adapted to train the young for practical life." Especially such as were to be mechanics or manufacturers. In the same year, 1868, Victor Della Vos introduced at Moscow what is now known as the Russian method of instruction in the use of tools. Here the students were eighteen years old on admission, and were to become government engineers. In 1870 a wood working shop was added to the appliances for Architecture at the University of Illinois, also an iron working shop to the appliances in mechanical engineering. In 1871 the Stevens Institute of Hoboken, New Jersey, a school of mechanical engineering, fitted up a series of manual training shops for the use of its students. In 1872, Washington University, St. Louis, equipped a department for work in wood and metals.

At the Philadelphia Exposition in 1876, the Russian school of tool instruction of Victor Della Vos was exhibited and attracted the earnest attention of American educators. It presented clear cut and definite work that had been ill defined or unthought of. Prof. Runkle, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, immediately adopted the system and fitted up departments to carry it out. He looked deeper into the problem than had Della Vos. He saw that this instruction was essential to a mechanical engineer and had also elements of great value in a general education. In 1877 the school of mechanic arts, a sub department of the institute, was established.

In June 1879, The St. Louis Manual Training school was founded. It embodied hopes long cherished and plans long formed. For the first time in America the age of admission to school shops was reduced to fourteen years, and a three years course was organized. The ordinance specifying its objects states, that "it shall provide instruction in Mathematics, drawing, and the English branches of a high school course, and instruction and practice in the use of tools, including carpentry, wood turning, pattern making, iron clipping and filing, forge work, brazing and soldering and the use of mechanical tools." In 1880 this school enrolled 67 pupils, in 1881, 107, in 1882, 174, and by 1887 it had grown to an enrolment of 220.

The growth of manual training schools has been very rapid in recent years, both in Europe and America. Before 1879 most of these manual labor shops or schools were established chiefly to fit young men for the higher occupations of engineering and mechanics, but it came to be seen more and more that shop processes by which the hand and the eye, the judgment and the taste were being so effectively trained and in which mathematical principles were being applied, should really hold an important place in general public education; it has therefore come to pass that a large number of these schools have been established alongside of the public high school and on the same footing. The Baltimore Manual T. school, a public school on a level with the high school was opened in 1883. In 1884 the Chicago Manual T. school of Toledo were opened. In 1885 and 1886 schools were opened in New York city, Philadelphia, Omaha, Denver, Cleveland, New Haven, and other places, until now there is scarcely a town of importance in the United States in which the manual training school, in some form, does not flourish. In earlier years these schools were generally established by private munificence, but of late many are being supported by civic taxation, and at the annual conventions of teachers, manual training has for years held a place on their programmes. At the National Educational

disadvantage in court because he does not fully understand the details of cases touching mechanics and the like. The country clergyman often wishes he could minister to his necessities by mending or making, and all professional men and capitalists would far better if the gulf which separates them from the laboring classes was a little narrower. It was such considerations as these that led Prof. N. Wolverton, of Woodstock, Ontario, Rev. Dr. Saunders, of Halifax, Mr. N. A. Rhodes, of the firm of Rhodes & Curry, and others to advocate a manual training department at the Baptist Convention held at Moncton in August following. After extensive inquiries and inspections of these institutions in New England, the committee recommended a forward movement. The convention sanctioned the recommendation and enlarged the former committee by adding the names of Mr. A. Rhodes and Principal Oakes, authorizing them to collect subscriptions and proceed to build and equip a manual training school. A short time only was necessary to secure pledges to the amount of \$5,000, as a fund to help maintain the needed instructor. To Mr. N. A. Rhodes, belongs the honor of heading the list with a subscription of \$500. Other members of the Rhodes & Curry establishment subscribed \$500 more.

It next became necessary to provide for a suitable building, but all unknown to the committee a thought concerning this was already working in the heart of a young student, Edward W. Young, son of Mr. Chas. E. Young, of Falmouth, and a member of Horton academy for two years, was stricken by disease during the summer of '91 and died in October following. He belonged to the matriculating class of that year and before his death manifested a deep interest both in his class and in the enterprise it had inaugurated. Not long after his son's death Mr. Young intimated his willingness to erect a suitable manual training building as a monument to the memory of his beloved Edward, and accordingly the contract was given to Messrs. Rhodes & Curry, who have recently completed the structure.

The building, a cut of which appears on this page, is situated on the campus near the academy home and faces the university and seminary buildings. It is 70 feet long and 35 feet wide and is entered by an arched portico terminating in a pediment and is well lighted by 50 windows. Over the front entrance the name, "Edward W. Young Manual Training Hall," stands in clear relief in raised gilt letters. The frame is substantial and the structure is thoroughly built and neatly finished, reflecting much credit upon the contractors, who have spared no pains to produce a building equal to all the needs contemplated.

The work of equipment is now going forward under the supervision of Mr. C. A. McDonald, of Cornell university who has been engaged as teacher of this department. On the eastern half of the ground floor, forging and filing, moulding and casting will be carried on. On the western half of this floor machine work will be provided for, but not this year, as machine work

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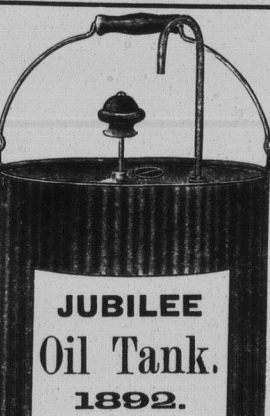
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