

MANUAL TRAINING CENTRES.

Sir William C. Macdonald furnished funds to establish manual training centres in connection with the public schools in twenty-one places from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia, and to maintain them without cost to the pupils or the public for a period, in most cases, of three years. At first special teachers of ability and experience were brought in from outside, mostly from England. Some twenty-seven manual training teachers were thus brought into Canada. As time went on, Canadian teachers were trained and became duly qualified. Before the end of the period of maintenance by the Macdonald fund, there were forty-five manual training teachers on the salary roll at a cost of some \$3,600 per month, and more than 7,000 boys were taking the course. Summer courses were provided for teachers of urban and rural schools. In the cities on Saturday forenoons, or at some other convenient time every week, classes were arranged for the teachers, from whose rooms the boys went to the manual training centres. In Ottawa these classes were attended by over ninety teachers, and in Montreal and in Toronto by over a hundred in each place. This work was begun eight years ago, and in 1903 (in Montreal in 1904) the local authorities in the several provinces took over and extended the work. The equipment was presented free to the school boards, and in the case of the Normal schools to the provincial governments. Now over 22,000 boys and girls in Canadian schools receive the benefits of manual training in their regular course under the local school authorities as a result of Sir William's benefaction in giving that form of industrial and agricultural education a good friendly lift.

SCHOOL GARDENS.

Under the Macdonald Rural Schools' Fund arrangements were made for providing a school garden at each of five rural schools in each of five provinces. A trained instructor was