

of the fact, they will give us their hearty support in the future.

THE SEMINARY AS A SCHOOL AND HOME.

THOUGH the Seminary is now an old institution, having been opened in 1836, it is almost new to its present situation. After 35 years of useful service in Fredericton, it was opened in St. John in rented premises, where it remained till two years ago. Now, since it has come to rest in St. Martins, in a fine new building splendidly situated, with a Principal eminently adapted for its successful management, and with an able and competent staff of teachers, the school is in the way of doing good work; and is now rapidly coming to the front, with the reputation of being a place where exceptional educational advantages are to be found. Among schools of a like character it now has few equals; and, we believe we may with safety say, no superiors.

We will now endeavor to give a short description of the Seminary, first as a school, then as a home. In our sketch of the school we will only deal with it on general principles, without going into details.

The building itself is a fine large structure of red brick, set off with trimmings of freestone, and most pleasantly situated on a slight eminence at a short distance from the street. The interior of the building is most conveniently arranged, great pains having been taken to make it as comfortable as possible. The classrooms are roomy and pleasant, being thoroughly heated and ventilated (the heat for these as well as the rest of the building is furnished by eleven large furnaces, situated in the basement). The lessons are proportionate to the grade of the classes; while the study hours, divided into two sessions of two hours each, guard against long and exhaustive toil. The last, but by no means the least important, feature to be noted concerning our school life, is the willingness and ability of our teachers to render any assistance to the students that may be desired. The course of study takes in too many branches for us to enumerate. Full information on this point may be obtained by consulting the catalogue. As for the Faculty, and the departments of each of its members, a statement will be found on the covers of the BEMA.

The students are highly favored in regard to privileges, of which we have many; much greater freedom being allowed here than in similar institutions.

As to the second portion of our subject, that respecting the Seminary as a home, we could say much, but our space is limited, and we must be brief. To sum it

all up in a few words we would say: The rooms are good, the table well and neatly spread, and the opportunities of society, to those who are worthy, are of the best. As for the religious privileges, these are exceptional. Preaching services are held in the town every Sunday, while in the chapel of the Seminary we have a morning prayer meeting, with a Bible-school in the afternoon. Besides this, there are chapel exercises every morning, with praise meeting one evening a week. Add to all these advantages and excellencies, the kindly attentions we receive from our esteemed matron, Mrs. Scribner (those who had "la grippe" can testify to her motherly care and consideration in those trying times), and we find ourselves blessed with all the comforts and enjoyments of a home.

Taken all together, the Seminary provides for the students an excellent school, as well as being a home in the deepest meaning of the word.

OUR LUMBER KINGS.

ONE of the most important industries of St. Martins is the lumber trade. Shipbuilding, the once all-important business, occupies a secondary position. The most prominent men engaged in the manufacture of lumber are the firm of W. H. & J. Rourke. In '63 these men purchased from Mr. David Vaughan the site on which their mill now stands. During the 27 years which have elapsed they have erected a large mill, and launched from their ship-yard two ships, one brig, and ten schooners. A schooner of 150 tons is now in course of construction, and is to be launched in April. The mill is fitted with all the modern improvements—patent edgers, inserted tooth saws, etc.—and the machinery is propelled both by water and steam power. In September of last autumn, two new boilers and a 100 horse-power engine were set in position. With this force, combined with that of the water power, the mill will turn out on an average forty-five thousand feet per day. The firm ships about 3,500,000 feet per season; the home trade amounts to 300,000 feet. Employment is given to 150 men. In their store, which is situated a short distance from the mill, are found all the requisites of the country trade. The junior member of the firm, J. S. Rourke, holds a seat in the Local Legislature, having been elected to that position in the recent contest. In a firm of such experience and tact, St. Martins finds an important acquisition. Giving employment as they do to such a number of men, their influence is felt far beyond the confines of our thriving town.

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