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### EDUCATION IN NOVA SCOTIA

We notice with decided pleasure the definite step which Nova Scotia has taken in appropriating a large sum of money for the purpose of establishing an Institute of Technology in Halifax. This institute, however, is to be but one part of the Local Government's plans. To quote from the Halifax Morning Chronicle:—

"The outstanding features of the scheme, which embraces the most complete system of technical education possessed by any Province of the Dominion, or any State of the American Union, are:—

"1.—The establishment of a central institution of university grade in the City of Halifax, to be called the 'Nova Scotia Institute of Technology,' for the purpose of affording instruction and professional training in metallurgical, civil, mining, mechanical, chemical and electrical engineering, and for the purpose of scientific research.

"2.—The establishment of subsidiary technical schools in industrial centres.

"3.—The continuation and enlargement of the Government mining schools, under the director of the Director of Technical Education.

"4.—The appointment of a Director of Technical Education, who will be Principal of the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology, and who will have supervision over the entire system of technical education."

The establishment of subsidiary technical schools appears to the JOURNAL to be a work of supererogation. Nova Scotia already has a good system of high schools and academies. In these students could be prepared for the central institute. Energy will be dissipated and misapplied in duplicating the work of the central institution. Far better were it to concentrate all expenditure and effort upon making the Institute of Technology a credit to the province.

For long Nova Scotia has felt the need of such a foundation. Her young men have been trained for the ministry, for law, and for commerce. She has supplied far more than her quota of eminent politicians and has produced not a few statesmen. Of mariners she has been prolific. Hardly a ship that crosses the Atlantic does not carry a Nova Scotian as captain or mate. But to prepare her sons to develop and conserve her vast mineral wealth she has hitherto done but little.

Dalhousie University, although handicapped by lack of funds and sadly restricted in the matter of accommodation, has, for the past few years, attempted to provide a mining and metallurgical course for a rapidly increasing number of students. Despite adverse conditions, very satisfactory work was done, and is being done.

The overcrowding of the Dalhousie School of Mining, and the plucky manner in which the college staff were attempting to meet the tremendous demands upon their energy, have doubtless been factors in awakening the Government to a proper sense of the country's need. But to the unremitting ardour of the president of the Nova Scotia Mining Society, and to the zeal and enter-

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