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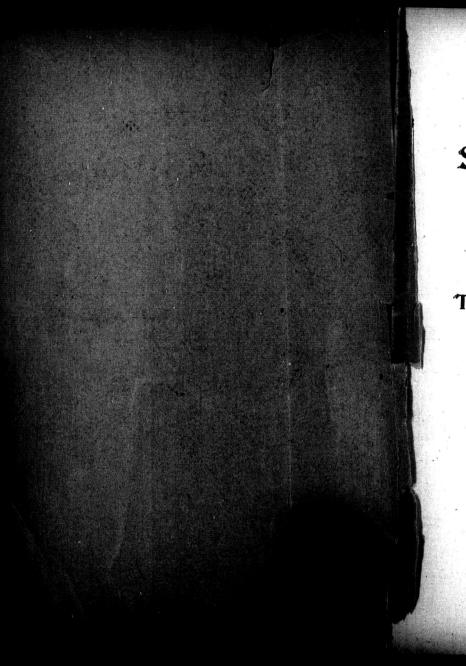
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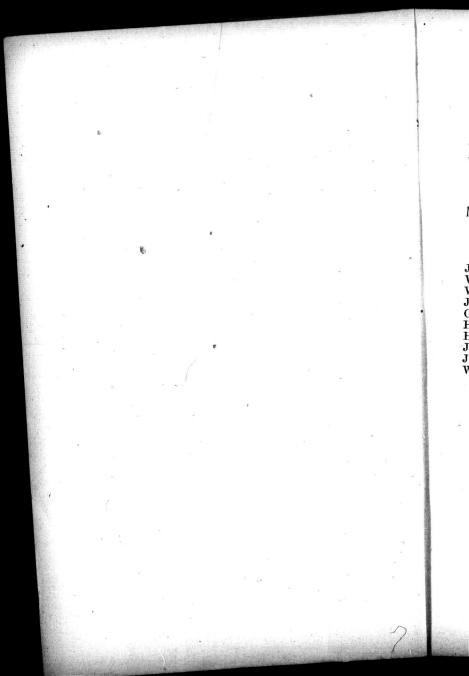
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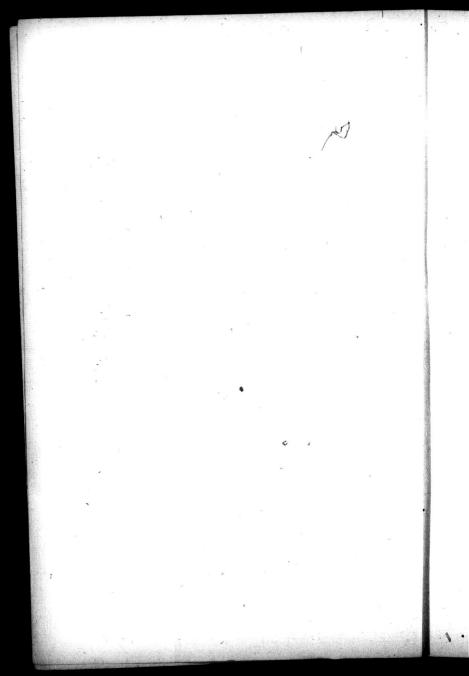
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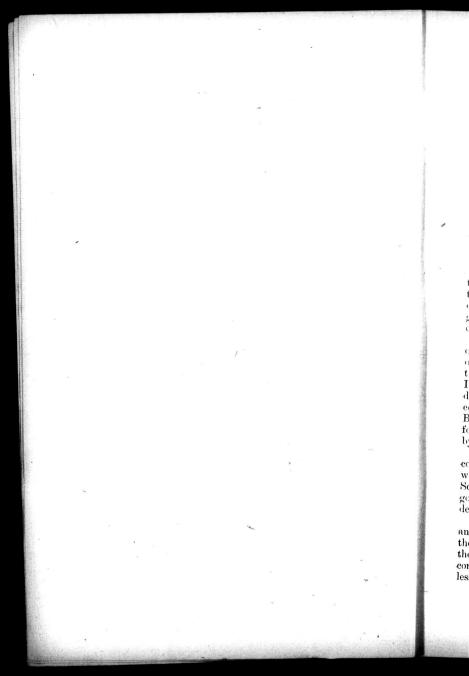
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# TWENTY-SECORD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF MANAGERS

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# HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

The Board of Managers have much pleasure in submitting to the Members of the Corporation and to those interested in the education of the Blind, the Twenty-Second Annual Report of the School, and in so doing they desire to acknowledge their gratitude to a kind Providence for the many blessings poured out upon their work.

During the year 1892 the principle of the free education of the Blind has been endorsed by the Provincial Legislature of New Brunswick, and a law has been enacted providing for the free education of the blind youth of that Province in this Institution. This recognition of the claims of those who are deprived of sight, to participate in the privileges of a free education has been a great source of satisfaction to your Board, and now that so much has been accomplished they look forward with confidence to a similar recognition being made by the Provinces of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

In order that the friends of the Blind may more fully comprehend the scope of the work in which we are engaged, we have thought it best to briefly outline the history of the School from its inception, more particularly as respects its government and the sources from whence it revenues are derived.

In the year 1867 Mr. Wm. Murdoch, a retired merchant and banker of Halifax, died in London, and by will bequeathed the sum of £5000 Nova Scotia currency, (\$19,466.67) toward the endowment of our Asylum for the Blind in Halifax, upon condition that a building would be erected at a cost of not less than £3000. Steps were immediately taken by the Hon. M. B. Almonand other prominent gentlemen of Halifax to procure an Act of Incorporation, and a strong Committee was selected tocanvas the city for subscriptions.

The Act of Incorporation of the Halifax School for the Blind was passed on May 7th, 1867, and the requisite sum for the erection of the building having been subscribed, His Excellency J. H. Francklyn, C. B., Administrator of the Government of Nova Scotia, on April 11th, 1868, issued a proclamation declaring the Act to be in operation, and the Corporation was thereby authorized to meet on April 27th, 1868, as a body corporate and elect a Board of Managers and other Officers.

The first regular meeting under the Act of Incorporation was held in the City Council Chamber on Monday, April 27th, His Worship Mayor Tobin in the chair, when the following gentlemen were elected as the Board of Managers for the ensuing year:--

HON. M. B. ALMON,
CHIEF JUSTICE YOUNG,
DR. AVERY,
JOHN TOBIN,
HIS WORSHIP MAYOR TOBIN,
W. C. SILVER,

J. S. MCLEAN, M. H. RICHEY, CHARLES MURDOCH, JOHN DUFFUS, S. A. WHITE, W. H. NEAL. ł

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The City of Halifax having agreed to transfer to the Corporation a certain portion of the South Common containing three acres, known as Carey's Lot, and an arrangement having been made with Mr. Carey, the lessee, to surrender his lease for the sum of \$500, the proper deeds were executed and recorded, and thus the Corporation became possessed of the property on which the buildings now stand.

In the summer of 1868 Mr. H. Peters was awarded the contract for erecting a building, the plans and specifications of which were prepared by Mr. David Stirling, an architect of Halifax. The building was completed in the autumn of 1869, at a cost of \$14,027.08.

During the year 1870 the outhouses were erected, the property fenced in and a large sum of money expended upon the improvement of the grounds.

Including the grant of \$2000 by the Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia the total subscriptions up to this date amounted to \$15,557.38. According to the original constitution and by-laws any original subscriber to the fund contributing \$1 per annum or any person contributing \$5 per annum towards the funds became a member of the Corporation.

By the Act of Incorporation the School was placed under the control of a Board of Managers, consisting of twelves members, who were elected annually by the members of the Corporation. The officers of the Board of Managers and the officials of the School were appointed by the Board. Some modifications of the constitution have taken place, which will be referred to later on; but in the main the government of the institution remains as it was originally constituted, and it may be said that it has been found to work satisfactorily to all concerned, and in our judgment in the best interests of the education of the blind.

The School was opened with four pupils on the first of August, 1871, since which time the number has slowly but steadily increased. For information as to the course of instruction, the appliances that have been or are in use, and the general results of the training of the pupils, we refer all interested to the report of the Superintendent herewith subjoined.

In 1874 applications were received and accepted for the admission of pupils from the Provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and the Board of Managers of that year applied to the Governments of these Provinces to join with Nova Scotia in helping to maintain the Institution by annual appropriations towards its support. The Legislatures of the two Provinces named responded liberally to the request for assistance, and thus the School became Maritime Provincial in the extent of its usefulness.

In 1877 the growth of the School demanded an increase of accommodation, and through the liberality of the public a commodious building was erected. This building contained a fine gymnasium and workshop, both of which have been in constant use for the past fifteen years.

In 1881 the main building of the School was greatly improved by the addition of a hot water heating apparatus, which was put in at a cost of \$2,400. In this same year the Board of Managers made an urgent appeal through the Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Fraser, to obtain for the Blind of this Province the privileges of a free education. For several years the question had been considered by the Government and the Legislature, but no definite action having been taken, the Board decided to obtain an expression of public opinion, and accordingly public meetings were organized in the principal towns, cities and villages throughout the Province, and the claims of those deprived of sight to the blessings of a free education were fully and fairly expressed. Strong resolutions favoring the movement were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted, and the Legislature was petitioned to grant to the Blind of the Province the same free educational privileges as those enjoyed by their brothers and sisters with sight.

In the year 1882 the "Act in relation to the education of the Blind" was adopted by the Provincial Legislature, by which this Institution was recognized as a special academy for those deprived of sight, and the Provincial Secretary, as representative of the Government, became, ex officio, a member of the Board of Managers.

The full text of this Act, with its amendments, will be found in the appendix to this report.

In 1884 it was decided by a vote of the members of this Corporation to ask the Legislature to change the name of the Institution to one more in keeping with its educational character, and in accordance with this request an Act was passed changing the name of the Institution from The Halifax Asylum for the Blind to the Halifax School for the Blind.

In 1887 two pupils were received from the Province of Newfoundland, and in that year for the first time pupils from all the four Provinces, namely, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, were in attendance at the School.

In 1890 the Act of Incorporation was amended, by which the Board of Managers was given power to extend its number by electing as an ex officio member the Premier or first Minister of any Province contributing towards the funds of the School. Under this Act the Premiers of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland became members of the Board of Managers.

In this year the increased number of applications for the admission of pupils caused the Board of Managers to make a strong effort to secure additional accommodations, which resulted in the erection of a fine new wing to the main building at a cost of \$15,954. The Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia liberally appropriated \$4,000 toward paying for the ł

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building, and this sum being supplemented by the bequests of the late J. P. Mott, Esq., and the late S. A. White, Esq., and being further augumented by the handsome subscriptions of the many friends of the Blind throughout the Maritime Provinces, the Board of Managers was gratified to find that but a small balance of debt had to be incurred, which has since gradually been reduced.

The plans and specifications of the new building were prepared by Mr. J. C. Dumaresq, and the contract was taken by Mr. S. A. Marshall, builder.

The wing was completed and occupied in May, 1891, since which time the School has steadily increased in the number of its pupils, there being upon the register at this date 46 pupils.

This brief record of twenty-one years of progressive work cannot fail to be interesting to the members of the Corporation and to the friends of the Blind.

The two characteristic features of the year just drawing to a close, are, so far as this School is concerned, (1) the adoption of an Act by the Provincial Legislature of New Brunswick making the education in this Institution free to the blind of that Province; and (2) the inauguration of a systematic plan, whereby the names, ages and addresses of all blind children under twenty-one years of age can be obtained. This information is to be secured through the agency of the public school teachers. Several questions have been added respecting the blind and the deaf to those answered semi-annually by the 2200 teachers throughout the Province of N.S., and through these answers we hope to learn the whereabouts of many blind children who might otherwise be overlooked and allowed to grow up in darkness and ignorance. The current revenue of the School is derived from three sources, as follows :----

First.—A per capita grant of \$150 for each pupil in attendance. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick one half of this amount is paid by the government of the Province and the remaining half by the municipality in which the pupil has a legal settlement. In Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland the grants are paid annually from the Provincial Treasuries.

Second.—The interest upon investments.—The invested funds of the School have been derived from the bequests of benevolent and public-spirited men and women, and as the Treasurer's report will show, the interest upon these funds forms a considerable portion of the revenues of the School.

Third.—Subscriptions and Donations.—The subscriptions of the Corporation and the donations of other friends and organizations have been and are of great assistance in carrying forward the work, and had it not been for these contributions the pupils would have been deprived of many of the advantages they have enjoyed.

The several departments of the School are in thorough working order. The teachers have been faithful in their duties and have zealously worked to forward the interests of their pupils.

The positions of Steward and Matron of the School are occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Blair, who have for the past seventeen years done their best for the comfort of the pupils and for the economical management of the domestic depart ment.

The Board of Managers is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of \$400, kindly bequeathed to the School by the late Sir Edward Kenny; and they also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of an additional amount of \$11,876.66 as one of the residuary legatees of the late J. P. Mott, Esq., of Dartmouth. These funds have been invested in good securities.

During the year two tried friends of the School have resigned their positions as members of the Board of Managers.

Ex-Governor Richey has been connected with the School from its inception, and for many years acted as Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Managers.

Mr. E. D. Meynell has for the past twelve years filled the responsible positions of Secretary of the Board of Managers and Treasurer of the School; resigning these positions on account of his leaving the Province to spend the evening of his days among his friends in the Motherland.

Both of these gentlemen have done much to forward the interests of the Institution and in accepting their resignations, the Board of Managers desires to express its regret that circumstances have necessitated their severing their connection with the Board.

In each and every recorded step in advance the Managers recognize the able and devoted hand of the Superintendent, C. F. Fraser, who came to the work richly endowed with combined ability and zeal, eminently fitting him for the varied and responsible duties appertaining to his office. His late app

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appointment to the office of Secretary opens an additional field of usefulness, which his untiring energy will certainly turn to the benefit of the Institution. The thanks of the Board of Managers are hereby tendered to Drs. Lindsay, Dodge, Kirkpatrick, and Cogswell for their kindly attention to the pupils. To H. B. Clarke, Lessee of the Academy of Music, and to the Orpheus Club for tickets to entertainments. To a number of leading lecturers and musicians in Halifax for lectures and concerts given to the pupils in the Assembly Hall of the School; and to the railway, steamship and coach proprietors for privileges granted to our pupils.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

## W. C. SILVER,

President.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Managers of the School for the Blind.

#### GENTLEMAN :---

The table of attendance herewith submitted shows that 54 blind persons have been under instruction during the past year, 37 of whom were males and 17 females; 7 of these have since graduated or left the School, and one has been removed by death, making the total attendance on Dec. 1st, 1892, 46; of whom 22 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 17 from New Brunswick, 1 from Prince Edward Island and 6 from Newfoundland.

#### TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered Dec. 1st, 1891	.28	11	0	39
Entered during the year	. 7	6	2	15
Graduated or remained at home	. 5	2	ō	7
Died during the year.	. ` 0	ĩ	ŏ	i
Registered December 1st, 1892	.30	14	2	46

#### LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

The work of this department has been faithfully carried forward by the teaching staff.

The pupils have been industrious and the results have been satisfactory.

Owing to ill health Miss J. E. G. Roberts resigned her position as a teacher in March last, and the School was, in consequence, deprived of the services of a talented teacher, and the pupils of a kind and sympathetic friend. The position vacated by Miss Roberts has since been occupied by Miss Kate Sutcliffe, of Halifax, who has thrown into her work a large measure of earnestness and enthusiasm, and whose qualifications eminently fit her to achieve success in this special department of education. Mr. E. P. Fletcher and Miss C. Bowman, the other members of the literary staff, have been co Si de

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conscientious and painstaking in " cir work, and with Miss-Sutcliffe they have won the esteem of the pupils, and well deserve the confidence placed in them.

In the education and training of the blind great advances have been made during the century, but still more remains to be accomplished. Many of those engaged in this work have been, and still are, imbued with the idea that the methods of instructing the blind should follow closely upon those employed in teaching children with sight. This idea led Hauy, the French apostle of the blind, into many errors, which have been perpetuated by the instructors of the blind in all parts of the world, and indeed so deeply rooted is this prejudice in favor of making the methods employed in the education of the blind conform to the standards of those with sight, that scarce an advance has been made or an improvement generally adopted without having been met with strong opposition. In the public schools the eye is the main avenue through which knowledge is gained, while in schools for the blind the sense of touch is one of the principal mediums for obtaining imformation. These senses of sight and touch are as distinctive as taste and smell, and hence those instructors of the blind who have adherred to the seeing standards have blocked the wheels of progress and have hindered rather than advanced this special educational work.

It has been our endeavor to keep this School in the frontrank of similar institutions, and that we have succeeded in doing this, is a fact that can readily be verified. The appliances used in the School have been selected with great care. Experience has taught us that merit alone is the true test of superiority, and our choice of apparatus has been made with the sole motive of securing for our pupils the most practical and the very best results. It was this motive which led us to abandon books embossed in the line letter, and to substitute for them books printed in Braille point characters. The line letter is well adapted to the eye, but it is too intricate for the sense of touch, while the Braille point letter offers many advantages beside that of increased tangibility.

For the past fifteen years the Braille system has been exclusively taught in this School, and it is worthy of note that it was only during the present year that the American conference of instructors of the Blind declared in favor of the point system as opposed to the line system. We have now in our circulating library 170 volumes printed or written in Braille characters, and the eagerness with which these books are read proves that the point print is more generally popular than experience has shown any print to have been in the past.

In the study of Arithmetic, especially with beginners, calculating boards are of great use. We have used side by side the Philadelphia, Boston and Taylor ciphering boards, and in our experience the superiority of the latter is beyond question. Aside from its cheapness and simplicity it has the advantage of economizing the time of the pupil, which is well worthy of consideration. In the Philadelphia board the ten Arabic signs are embossed upon ten sets of type, and much time is lost by the pupil in the selection and distribution of these. The same objection in a lesser degree applies to the Boston board, in which there are two distinct classes of type. The type in the Taylor board are square on one end, one of the edges is raised into a prominent ridge; on the other end there is a similar ridge divided in the middle by a deep notch. The holes in the board are star-shaped with eight angles. In these the type can be placed in eight different positions, and by reversing the type in eight more; this gives ten signs for the Arabic numerals and six for the ordinary Algebraic signs.

In the teaching of geography raised wall maps have been very generally used in the School, but here again experience has shown us that much better and more effective work can be accomplished by the use of individual class maps. Many of these have been made in the Institution, but as they are now manufactured at a comparatively cheap rate by the British and Foreign Blind Association, our supply of class maps is principally drawn from that source.

The appliances used in point and pencil writing, in the study of geometry and in the kindergarten department are in our estimation the best that have yet been provided; and in the foregoing the School is kept well abreast of the times, and the educational advantages enjoyed by the pupils are probably greater in proportion to the expenditure than those of any similar Institution in America.

The following is a list of the classes now under instruction :---

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Geography, I., II. and III. Division.

Physical Geography, II. Reading, II. and III.

Spelling, II. and III.

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Braille Writing, II. and III. Division. Pencil Writing, I. and II. Grammar, I. and II. " Composition, I. and II. " Literature, I. and II. British History, II. and III. " Natural History, I. " Arithmetic, I., II. and III. " Geometry, I. and II. " Theory of Music, I. and II. " Kindergarten, III. "

## MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The aim in this department is to qualify the pupils to become teachers of music and pianoforte tuners.

During the past year Stephen Harivel of Stellarton, N. S., and John A. Dunn of Advocate Harbor, N. S., have received their graduating diplomas, and gone forth from the School prepared to maintain themselves. The former was awarded a first-class certificate as a teacher of music, and the latter a first-class certificate as a pianoforte tuner. Both of these young men have been carefully and thoroughly taught, both of them have gone energetically to work, and they both feel confident that with industry success is assured.

The thorough work being done by Mr. A. M. Chisholm, our teacher of music, is evidenced throughout the musical department, as well in the pianoforte work of the pupils as in the School band and choir. Mr. D. M. Reid, instructor of pianoforte tuning, has likewise done good work in his own department.

In the study of music, the Braille musical notation is found of great advantage. In addition to the use of our library of Braille point music, the pupils are able to write out from dictation and to afterwards memorize any piece of vocal or instrumental music they may be learning; and as this enables them to at any time refresh their memories by a reference to the tangible copy, the great advantage of such a system of notation is at once apparent.

A knowledge of how music is written for persons with sight is acquired by careful instruction on the part of the teacher, and by the study of the work containing the characters used by the seeing, embossed in such a way that they can readily be distinguished by the touch.

In pianoforte tuning the pupils are taught to examine, adjust, take to pieces and put together the models of different actions, and in this way they gain a knowledge of the differences in construction of the pianos of many different makers.

#### WORK DEPARTMENT.

Many trades have been tried in this School with a view to ascertaining which gave to the blind workman the best results.

Brush, corn broom and mat making as occupations for the Blind, at least in this country, have been "tried and found wanting"; the chief reasons being that the Blind cannot work to advantage with second-class material, that the material used had to be imported in comparatively small quantities, and that the margin between the cost of material and the selling price of the finished product did not leave a living profit. In our experience willow basket making and the cane seating of chairs are the trades best adapted to the Blind in the eastern portion of Canada, as they afford a fair livelihood to any industrious workman. As a preparation for the learning of these trades and for instruction in the tuning department, our youngest boys are trained according to the Sloyd system to use all kinds of carpenter's tools; and the results prove the advantages of technical training for the young.

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Our workshops are in charge of Mr. D. A. Baird, who makes every effort to advance his pupils.

Our girls' work department is in a flourishing condition, and under the careful instruction of Miss Bella Bowman it has shown steady-improvement. Many of our girls and some of our graduates have found remunerative employment in the making of various kinds of useful and fancy articles, and as the orders are continually increasing we hope to give employment to many more of our deserving graduates and thus to materially assist them in providing for themselves.

#### OUR GRADUATES.

Thus far our report has dealt with the every-day work of the School, but in order to appreciate the results we must look beyond the walls of the Institution and see what the graduates of the School are doing.

A careful record of the pupils and graduates has been kept, of which the following is a brief summary of the graduates now living :-

28 per cent. are engaged in teaching music. 11

in conducting or taking part in concert companies.

in piano forte tuning. " 8 ...

in business. 4 11

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in manufacturing. 12...

giving instruction in or working at trades. 2 11

as agents. 9 11

in farm work. 2 11

in literary callings. 29 11

residing at home.

Of these latter a large proportion help in the household and partially maintain themselves by the work of their

25 per cent. of the graduates are married and residing in comfortable homes.

### HOME TEACHING.

There are two classes of blind persons to whom we desire to lend a helping hand, and for whom much can be done.

First-There are those who are too young to enter the School; and Second-Those who lose their sight when they are too old to take advantage of regular School training. The first of these we endeavor to reach by correspondence with the parents or guardians, by supplying them with copies of the "Mentor" and other publications dealing with the education of the Blind, by furnishing them with books printed in raised letters and helpful appliances, and by advising them as to the best manner of training little boys and girls who are without sight. For the adult Blind who are not graduates of the School, we desire to do much more in future than as yet we have been able to accomplish. There are many hundreds of middle aged and elderly blind persons living throughout the four Provinces who require assistance. Many of these persons are overwhelmed by the loss of sight, and the results of the weary monotony of their idle lives is pitiable in the extreme. To such, this Institution should be a beacon light of hope, and thank God it has been a direct blessing to many such. Many of those who lose their sight after they reach manhood or womanhood can with very little

help be taught to read raised print, and be encouraged to resume the active duties of life. There are very few callings or occupations which a man or a woman with sight has followed successfully which the same man or woman without sight could not follow with equal success.

Vidal, the French sculptor, who died in Paris last summer, lost his sight shortly after he had completed the study of his art, and yet he continued to follow his profession for the remainder of his life. Instances are on record of professional and business men, farmers and mechanics, housekeepers and salesmen and women having continued to follow their customary pursuits in life after they have been deprived of sight.

For this class of our Blind we are doing all that lies in our power, but we feel that this particular branch of our work should be taken up and carried forward by a home teaching association; that an experienced agent and teacher should be employed, and that a systematic effort should be made to brighten the lives and lighten the burdens of those who, being overwhelmed by the loss of sight, are powerless to help themselves.

#### FREE EDUCATION.

During the session of the Legislature of New Brunswick I took a representative party of the School to Fredericton, and afterward visited St. John, Moncton and Sackville. Enthusiastic and largely attended meetings were held, and resolutions endorsing the action of the Government in making education free to the Blind of New Brunswick were unanimously adopted.

The New Brunswick Act respecting the education of the Blind was favorably received by the supporters of the Government as well as by the members of the Opposition, and the unanimity with which it passed reflects great credit upon the liberality, intelligence, and broad sense of justice of the gentlemen who in their representative capacity form the Legislature of New Brunswick. The youthful Blind of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia now receive education in this School as a right; and ere long these privileges, which the Blind youth of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland enjoy, but for which they are dependent upon annual appropriations, should be contirmed to them by the Acts of their respective Legislatures. When this is accomplished and education is free by Act of Parliament to every Blind child of the four Maritime Provinces, the friends of the Blind will have reason to feel thankful, the status of the Blind will be improved, and those who are engaged in the work will be able to devote their energies to other departments, one of which, respecting the adult Blind, has been referred to in this report.

Among the acknowledgments of contributions towards our building fund will be found the names of many gentlemen well known in New Brunswick, some of whom have subscribed \$25.00 and upwards and these have become life members of the Corporation. It is earnestly to be hoped that leading gentlemen in all sections of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland will show their living interest in the work in which we are engaged by becoming members or life members of the Corporation, by employing and encouraging our graduates, and by doing what lies in their power to help forward as opportunity offers an educational and benevolent work; the success of which must always depend largely upon the number and earnestness of its friends.

In closing this report I beg to acknowledge my appreciation of the cordial co-operation and support of the Board of Managers, and to express my hope that the same mutually friendly relations may long continue to exist.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

# C. F. FRASER,

Superintendent.

# Register of Pupils in Attendance, Dec. 1st, 1892.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

Name. Place. Martha Robertson .... Glengary Isabelle Durham.....Springhill Eunice Legge ......Scotts Bay Freelove Kaulback..New Germany Blanche Brewster....Ross Creek Florence Flinn ....... Halifax City George Towel ....... Halifax City Wm. Johnstone ...... Westville Geo. Steele .....Stewiacke Samuel Stewart ...... Westville Simon Chisholm ...... West Cariboo Ralph Giffin ..... Isaacs Harbor Geo. Corning .....Brookville Edward Blackburn.. Halifax City Hudson Smith ......Trenton Robert Finlayson ...... Truro William Walsh ....., Halifax City Ernest Ogilvie ....... Harborville William McKenzie....Malagawatch Sylvain Lefare ......Belle Ville Lewis A. Fletcher....De Bert

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#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

Alma CampbellCampbell Settlem	entSussex
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Jessie McArthurSussex	Kings
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Mary RankineChipman	Queens
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Wm. Hulen	St. George's Bay
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# PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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Blanche BrewsterRoss Creek, N. S.
Florence Flinn Halifax, N. S.
Maude McTavishRed Bank, N. S.
Mary McDonald Welsford, N. B.
Martha Rankine Chipman, N. B.
Alberta Eagles Eagles Settlement, N. B.
Thomas Hubley Halifax, N. S.
william Walsh Halifax N S
Ernest Ogilvie Harborville N S
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Sylvain Lefare Belle Ville N S
Lewis A. Fletcher, DeBert, N. S.
George Corning Brookville N S
Thos. Davis Harbor Grace, Nfld
Wm. HulenSt. George's Bay, Nfld.

# GRADUATED OR REMAINED AT HOME.

Kate McLaughl	inCurryville, N. B.
Adelaide Saund	ersSandy Cove N S
John Dunn	Advocate Harbor N S
Stephen Harive	elStellarton N S
John O'Donald	Halifax, N. S.
Wm. Sloan	Halifax, N. S.
Ernest Chesley	Clementsport, N.S.

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Lorena Roy

# .....Port Mouton, N.S.

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#### LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

#### 1st Division.

1st Prize-Samuel Hussey, Bonavista Bay, Nfid. 2nd " -Harry Johnson, Westville, Pictou Co., N. S.

#### 2nd Division.

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#### 3rd Division.

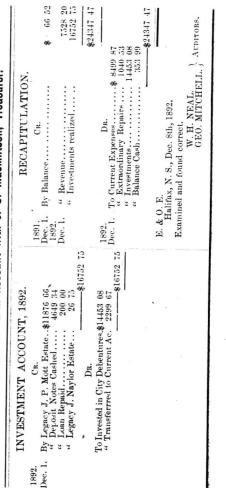
1st Prize-Alma Campbell, Campbell Settlement, Sussex, N. B. 2nd " -- Lillian Breaker, St. John's, Nfld.

#### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

1st Prize—Isabelle Durham, Springhill, Cumberland Co., N. S. 2nd " —Clifford Williston, Newcastle, Northumberland, N.B. School for the Blind in Account with J. C. Mackintosh, Treasurer.

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I hereby give and bequeath to "The Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate) all that, .etc., (if personal,) the sum of etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

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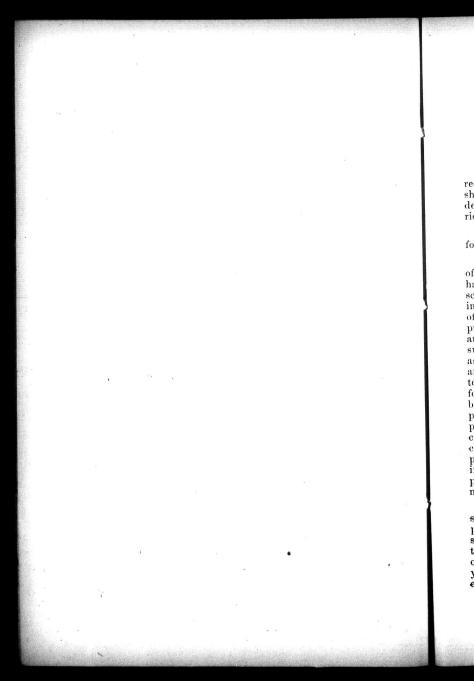
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# AN ACT

#### To Incorporate the Halifax School for the Blind.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that an institution for the reception, maintenance and education of blind persons should be established in the City of Halifax, and it is desirable that such institution should be founded and carried on by individual enterprise and voluntary association:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :---

1.-When it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor-in-Council, that no less than twelve persons have associated themselves for the above object, and subscribed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and paid thereon into the hands of the Treasurer, by them appointed, the sum of two thousand dollars, the Governor-in-Council shall by proclamation, declare this Act to have come into operation, and thereupon immediately thereafter, such persons, and all such other persons as shall from time to time become associated with them, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby incorporated into a company and declared to be a body corporated by the name "The Halifax School for the Blind," and by that name shall have succession and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended in all courts and . places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, matters, complaints, and causes whatsoever; may have and use a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure; and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real and personal estate for the purposes of this incorporation, and none other, which shall not exceed the annual value of ten thousand dollars.

2—For the better carrying into effect the objects of the said incorporation, there shall annually be elected twelve persons, who shall constitute a Board of Managers, who shall have power to conduct and manage all its concerns, the Managers to be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the members of the Society, to hold their offices for one year, or until others be elected in their places; the said election to be held at such time and places as the said corporation shall by their by-laws from time to time appoint and direct; the aforesaid Managers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at such election; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies in the said Board of Managers, by death, resignation or otherwise, then the said Board shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next annual election.

3.—The Board of Managers shall as soon after the annual election as shall be convenient, proceed to elect by ballot, from among their own number, a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and two Secretaries, who shall serve for one year, or until others are elected in their room; and the first election of Managers and Officers shall take place on a day to be fixed by the Governor-in-Council, in the proclamation aforesaid.

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4.—The Board of Managers, so elected as aforesaid, shall have full power to make such by-laws as from time to time may be necessary, relative to the management, disposition of the estate and concerns of the said corporation, and regulations of the persons exercising the offices aforesaid, not contrary to law, and may appoint such agents and servants as may be deemed necessary to transact the business of the said corporation, and designate their duties.

5.—It shall be lawful for the City of Halifax to transfer by deed duly executed to the "Halifax School for the Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land hereditaments now vested in the said City of Halifax, either by Act of this Province or by purchase, so that the value of such land and hereditaments shall not exceed in the whole the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

6.—The Managers of the said Institution shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, make a full report to the Governor-in-Council of their proceedings.

7.—Whereas, the Halifax School for the Blind, in the City of Halifax, receives pupils from the adjacent provinces, and it is desirable that arrangements be made for securing proper representation on the Board of Managers for such provinces as may be willing to make satisfactory contributions to the school funds.

Be it enacted therefore by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:

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Whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind, that the Government of the Province of New Brunswick, or the Government of the Province of Prince Edward Island, or the Government of the Colony of Newfoundland, are willing to make provision for the education and support at said School of pupils from their province or colony, the said Board of Managers may enlarge their number by appointing to the Board the Premier or recognised first minister of the Government of such province or colony, who shall thereupon be *ex officio* a member of the said Board, and the Board may provide that in the absence of the official so named, any other member of the government of such province or colony, may act as a substitute, and represent his government at any meeting of the Board.

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# HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

# CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.

This Association shall, conformable to the Amended Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50, be styled, "The HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND."

## ARTICLE II.-MEMBERSHIP.

All original subscribers to the fund for erecting the School for the Blind within the City of Halifax shall be and continue members of this Association, as long as they contribute the sum of one dollar or upwards to the support of the Institution.

Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards may be constituted a member by the Board of Managers at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during his annual payment of five dollars.

Donors of twenty-five dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall thereby be constituted life members of the Association.

Payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a patron of the Association.

Patrons and members shall have the right of voting at the election of Managers, and shall themselves be eligible.

#### ARTICLE III.-MANAGEMENT.

The Management of the Institution shall be entrusted to a Board of twelve members, who shall chose from their own number a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.

An annual meeting for the election of the Board of Management shall be held on such day of the second week of the last month of the year as the Board of Managers may appoint, due notice thereof being given in two at least of the Halifax newspapers. Any number of persons present in a half hour from the time named in such notice shall be a quorum for the election of Managers, and the transaction of any business to be passed upon at such annual meeting; but any five members then present may, if they shall deem the business to require it, demand an adjournment to some other day or hour within one week therefrom, and the same shall stand adjourned accordingly, and the business so postponed shall at the first adjourned meeting be first taken up and

finally disposed of. If for any reason the election of Managers be, pursuant to the foregoing provision or otherwise, postponed, the Managers of the preceding year shall hold office until the new Board be elected.

new Board be elected. The Board of Managers shall have power to supply vacancies occurring therein between the periods of the annual

elections. At the annual meeting the votes shall be taken by ballot, and the first twelve persons named on a list made in the order of the number of votes given for them respectively, beginning with the largest number of votes so on to the least, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

# ARTICLE IV.-By-LAWS.

The power of making, amending and repealing by-laws, and regulations for their own guidance and the government of the Institution, and the appointment and removal of all officers, and regarding salaries and allowances, is vested in the Board of Management, but no by-law once passed shall be altered or repealed except on a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at a regular monthly meeting thereof, and after notice of such alteration or repeal given at next preceding monthly meeting.

# ARTICLE V.-AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing articles, together with the provisions contained in the Act of Incorporation, are declared to be the Constitution of the "Halifax School for the Blind," and no alteration shall be made therein except by a vote of twothirds of the persons present at an annual meeting of the Corporation upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, of which at least one month's notice in writing shall be given to the patron or member, and mailed at Halifax, or left at his place of business or abode.

#### BY•LAWS.

#### BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING.

#### I.-STATED MEETINGS.

The Board shall hold a stated meeting at the Institution on the first Monday of every month, except when such Monday shall fall on a public holiday, then on the day following, and at such hours as they may from time to time appoint.

#### II.-SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings may be convened by request of the President or three members of the Board, the time, place, and object to be specified in such request, and inserted in the notice of meeting by the Secretary.

At least twenty-four hours' notice of special meeting shall be given, and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted.

#### III.-QUORUM.

Five of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### IV.—PRESIDING OFFICER.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he may be present, and shall be *ex officio* member of all standing committees. In his absence the Vice-President shall represent him, as well at standing committees as at the Board. In the absence of both President and Vice-President from any meeting of the Board, the chair shall be taken by the first named on the list of Managers present at the hour for commencing business.

#### V.-COMMITTEES.

(1) Finance-

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the President, Treasurer and four members of the Board, whose duty it sh se In Ti

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shall be to devise and recommend ways and means for securing and preserving the financial prosperity of the Institution, to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's annual report, and at the end of every year prepare and submit a full and clear report of the financial condition of the Institution.

Every Standing Committee shall from time to time furnish the Committee of Finance with such information as they may require, and particularly before the close of every year with a full inventory of all the property in their respective positions.

#### (2) Instruction-

A Committee of Instruction, consisting of four members of the Board, who shall have supervision of the Educational Department, and shall enquire from time to time into the methods pursued in the instuction of the blind in other places.

#### (3) Manufactures-

A committee of three on Manufactures to supervise the Manufacturing Department, supply that department with raw material, and dispose of the articles manufactured.

#### (4) House-

A House Committee on Supplies, Repairs and Improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessaries; the regulation of the domestic arrangements of the Institution, and care of the building and grounds.

## (5) General Duties—

Each Standing Committee shall visit the Institution at least once a month and arrange for one of their number to do so weekly. They shall have the entire and conclusive control, subject only to the full Board, over the department allotted to them; shall keep a book in the Institution, in which all their proceedings shall be entered, and especially all requisitions, instructions and orders given to the Superintendent or other officers shall be clearly set down therein, for the prevention of any misunderstanding regarding the The Chairman shall be bound to see that the duties same. of his committee are in every respect fully performed, and shall furnish the Board whenever required with the minutes of their proceedings, and all other information required.

#### VI-DUTIES OF THE TREASUTER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securitics belonging to the Institution, and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committe of Finance; shall deposit all moneys of the Institution, and pay, by cheques drawn thereon, all bills certified by the Chairman or any Standing Committee. He shall present at every stated meeting in each year a full report for the year, and in such forms as the Board may prescribe.

# VII.—Duties of the Corresponding Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Institution and submit the same at each stated meeting of the Board. He shall file at the Institution all letters received by him or the Board, and copies of all letters written by him, and keep the same under his charge for the exclusive use of the Board.

## VIII-DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and enter the same in Book of Minutes; shall prepare and issue all notices required in conducting the business of the Institution; and communicate all resolutions of the Board to the Committee or officer affected thereby.

He shall have the custody of the seal, and use the same only as directed by the Board of Managers.

He shall see that all by-laws of the Institution are properly recorded in a book kept for that purpose; shall file at the Institution all reports and papers submitted to the Board or placed in his custody, and safely keep them for the exclusive use of the Board.

Whenever the Secretary is mentioned in any by-law, resolution or other proceedings, it shall mean the Recording Secretary.

In his absence the Managers shall appoint one of their number to act pro tempore.

#### IX.-Admission of Pupils.

#### (1) General Terms-

Young blind persons of good moral character between the ages of ten and twenty-one, may be admitted to the Ir re Institution in accordance with the provisions of the Acts in relation to the Education of the Blind.

Their friends may visit them at reasonable times under the regulation of the Board.

## (2) Day Scholars-

The Board may, at their discretion, receive day scholars upon such terms and conditions as they may prescribe.

#### (3) Forms, &c.

Applications for admission must be addressed to the Recording Secretary, at the School, and made upon the forms and in accordance with the directions prescribed by the Board.

# CONSOLIDATED ACTS

# In relation to the Education of the Blind of Nova Scotia.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :

1. The parents or guardian of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has under the provisions of Chap. 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 4th Series, a settlement within any County or District of the Provinces incorporated by Chap. I., Statutes of 1879, may apply to the Warden of such Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind, which order the Warden shall at once grant under his hand and the Corporate Seal of the Municipality on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the Municipality.

2. Such order shall entitle a blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School for the Blind and subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein, during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age when entering the School shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen years shall be entitled to remain five years, and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3. For every blind person received into the Halifax School for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasurer at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such Municipality shall not comprise an entire County, the last-mentioned grant of Seventy-five dollars shall be charged against the County School Funds of both Districts included within the County in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the County School Fund. of de n

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4. It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5. In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the managers of the Halifax School of the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasury of the respective Municipalities.

6. The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Managers of the School for the Blind.

In the case of an incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first Section of this Act has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said School of seventyfive dollars per annum shall beassessed upon the inhabitants of said city or town, in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said Managers for each such blind person sent to the said School, and each such blind person shall be admited to said School in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the Chief Executive officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality Pand there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury, for such blind persons for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

8.—The Governor-in-Council, upon being satisfied that an applicant has a settlement within the Province, and has no means for paying the expenses of his or her education, may. by Order-in-Council, upon recommendation of the Board of Managers, make the provisions of said Act apply to any blind person over the age of twenty-one years. Such an Order in-Council shall entitle the blind person to be received on the same terms as persons mentioned in the first and second sections of said Act.

9.—The Governor-in-Council shall have authority by Order-in-Council, upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, to extend the time of any pupil who has entered under the provisions of this chapter. 10.—The parents or guardians of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has not the settlement referred to in section 1 of chapter 17 of the Acts of 1882, may, nevertheless apply to the Warden of the Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School for the Blind; and if the Warden be satisfied that such parents or guardian have or has *bona jide* settled in the Municipality, with the intention of remaining, the Warden may grant such order, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said section.

11.—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the Halifax School for the Blind, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any County or District of the Province as required by section 1 of chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay, or agree to pay, to the Board of Managers of the said School the same sum as is allowed from the Provincial treasury in the case of a person admitted under the provisions of the said chapter and the amendments thereto.

## AN ACT

#### Relating to the Education of the Blind of New Brunswick.

#### Chap. VIII, Acts of the General Assembly, 1892

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:---

1.—The Parents or Guardian of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chapter 102 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, a settlement within any County or City of the Province, may apply to the Warden of the Municipality or the Mayor of the City for an Order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or any other Institution for the Blind approved by the Governor-in-Council, and the said Warden or Mayor on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed and has a legal settlement in the Municipality or City, shall at once grant such order for admission as aforesaid under his hand and th

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the corporate scal of the Municipality or City, and forward the same to the Provincial Secretary for his approval to be endorsed thereon.

2.—Such Otder so approved by the Provincial Secretary shall entitle the blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and subject to conditions hereinafter prescribed, to be educated and boarded therein during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age, when entering the school shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years; and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years./

3.—For every blind person received into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind, approved as aforesaid, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded thereinthe Board of Managers of such School or Institution for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasury, at the rate of seventy-five dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind person belongs. This section to apply to the blind persons in attendance at the Halifax Institution at the time of the passing of this Act.

4.—The Board of Managers of the said Halifax School, or other Institution for the Blind approved as aforesaid, shall furnish semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each year, to the Chief Superintendent of Education of the Province of New Brunswick, full returns of the names, ages, residence, attendance, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5.—In the semi-annual apportiontment of the County School Fund, the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of any Institution for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasurers of the respective Municipalities.

6.—In the case of any incorporated City or Town within the Province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first Section of this Act, has a legal settlement, and which City or Town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such City or Town to the Board of Managers of the said School an allowance of seventy-five dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such City or Town for each blind person sent to said School, and each such blind person sent to the said School shall be admitted to the said School in the manner prescribed in the first Section of this Act, the chief executive officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality, and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person, for which such City or Town contributes such allowance, the sûm of seventy-five dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

7.—The Parents or Guardian of any blind person between the ages of ten and twenty-one years who have or has not the settlement referred to in Section one of this Act, may, nevertheless, apply to the Warden of a Municipality or the Mayor of a City for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, and if the Warden or Mayor of a City be satisfied that such Parents or Guardian have or has *bona fide* settled in the Municipality or City with the intention of remaining, the Warden or Mayor may grant such order in manner and form as prescribed in the first Section of this Act, which shall have the same force and effect as an order given under the provisions of the said Section.

S<sub>i</sub>—In the case of any person who has been admitted to the Halifax 'School or other Institution for the Blind as aforesaid, or on whose behalf application for admission to such School has been made, who has no settlement within any County or District of the Province as required by Section one of this Act, the Provincial Secretary, if satisfied that such person is fairly chargeable to the Province, may pay or agree to pay to the Board of Managers of the said School the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum from the Provincial Treasury.