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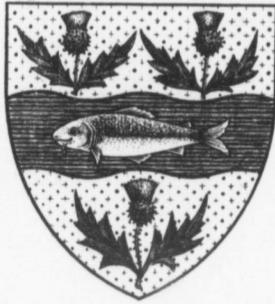
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TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR.

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
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HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

In submitting to the Members of the Corporation, and to the public, the Twentieth Annual Report of the Halifax School for the Blind, the Board of Managers have reason to feel thankful to a kind Providence for the continued welfare and prosperity of the Institution, and for the many blessings which they are now enabled to extend to the Blind of the Maritime Provinces.

Vigorous work is being carried on in the several departments of the School, and the zeal and devotion of the staff of teachers finds a happy response in the industry and application of the pupils. Each year your Board finds fresh encouragement in the success achieved by the graduates of the Institution, and it is no small gratification for them to realize that each year the confidence of the public in the music teachers and pianoforte tuners, trained in this School, shows a steady increase. In the report of the Superintendent will be found a schedule of the work being done for the Blind of the Maritime Provinces, and we believe that such work done thoroughly and conscientiously cannot fail to prove a blessing to every blind child committed to our charge.

In assuming the responsibility of extending the accommodation of the Institution, your Board relied largely on the generosity of the Legislature of Nova Scotia and of the pub-

lic of the Maritime Provinces, and recognizing the urgent necessity of such, a contract was entered into with Samuel A. Marshall to construct the new wing and make certain alterations in the main building, at a cost of \$12,975.00; this, with the cost of the heating apparatus, supplied by Macdonald & Co., the services of architect J. C. Dumaresq, and the furniture and fittings, will make the total cost of the new building, when ready for occupation, about \$16,000.00. Of this sum \$4,000.00 has been provided by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, \$1,000.00 was bequeathed by the late S. A. White, Esq., \$3,000.00 has been appropriated from last year's bequests, and the Superintendent has set himself the task of raising the balance, \$8,000.00, of which about \$5,000.00 has already been subscribed. The new building is now nearly completed, and will be ready for occupation about Feb. 1st. It forms a wing or addition to the main building, with which it has fire-proof connections. This new addition is set apart for the residence of the boys, and it is hoped in the near future to erect a similar wing at the west end of the main building for the girls. This new addition is planned as follows:—In the basement are the culinary departments, dining-room, pantries, &c.; on the ground floor are two fine sitting-rooms and a commodious assembly hall; on the first floor are six music rooms, two dormitories, hospital room and bath room; on the second floor are teachers' sleeping rooms, seven dormitories, &c. The addition provides accommodation for two teachers and thirty-two pupils. The main building has been thoroughly remodelled and the school-room accommodation doubled.

The Board of Managers join with the Superintendent in thanking the Legislature and the many friends of the blind for their liberal contributions towards the building fund; and they sincerely trust that within the next few months a sufficient sum may be realized to place the building in their hands free of debt. This Institution belongs to the people, and to the people your Board look for that support and encouragement which the grand work of educating the blind deserves;

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stand still we cannot, progress we must, and we believe that the enlarging of the sphere of usefulness of this School makes a step of unusual progress which the public will not be slow to appreciate.

It is proposed to ask the Legislature to amend the Constitution of the School for the Blind, so as to make all donors of \$25.00 and upwards life members of the Corporation. The object of this is not so much to raise funds as to increase the number of the Corporation, believing that by so doing we will secure the interest and co-operation of our leading men in the success of our graduates.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, an Act was introduced into the Legislature of Nova Scotia by the Hon. Provincial Secretary, giving power to your Board to extend its numbers by electing as ex-officio members 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 have been elected members of the Board of Managers of the Halifax School for the Blind.

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of our co-manager, Mr. George Thomson, who has lately left Halifax and taken up his residence in Wolfville, N. S. For the past fourteen years Mr. Thomson has taken a deep interest in the School, discharging the duties of Treasurer with much ability.

Your Board deeply appreciates the generosity and kindly forethought of our late benefactor, John P. Mott, Esq., of Dartmouth, who, with a public spirit worthy of the man, remembered this Institution and those for whom it has been established. Who can estimate what a blessing such a bequest may bring to many a child deprived of sight, and who can fail to appreciate the noble generosity which prompted this liberal remembrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair still occupy the positions as steward and matron of the School, which they have filled satisfactorily

for fourteen years. Mrs. Blair is ever on the alert to prevent the spread of contagious or infectious diseases among the pupils, and is ever ready with her timely dose to stamp out all dreaded scourges.

In closing this report your Board cannot too strongly speak of the manner in which our Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Fraser, has performed not only the duties incumbent upon him, but also other duties and responsibilities for the good of the Institution. The friends of the blind throughout the Maritime Provinces can never repay the debt they owe to the Superintendent for the zeal, energy and enterprise exerted on behalf of that most interesting class of young people for whom this Institution is conducted. The present prosperous condition of the School is mainly due to the untiring labors of Mr. Fraser, and the Directors consider it a pleasure to testify to their sense of the value of his services.

The thanks of the Managers are due to Doctors Lindsay, Dougal and Cogswell for their kindly attention to the pupils; to the Committees of the Orpheus Club, Y. M. C. Association, and to the Manager of the Academy, for tickets to their excellent concerts and entertainments; to the railway, steamship and coach proprietors, for privileges granted to the Superintendent and pupils.

The Treasurer's statement herewith subjoined shows a balance of \$271.99 to the credit of current accounts, which, after the settlement of all outstanding bills at the end of the year, will leave a small balance towards the expenses of the current year.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Halifax School for the Blind:

GENTLEMEN:—

The table of attendance herewith submitted shows that 38 blind persons have been under instruction during the past year; 25 of whom were males and 13 females; 6 of these have since graduated or left the school, and one has been removed by death, making the total attendance Dec. 1st, 1890, 31, of whom 22 are males and 9 are females. Of these 19 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 9 from New Brunswick, 1 from Prince Edward Island, and 2 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered December 1st, 1889.....	18	12	1	31
Entered during the year.....	6	1	0	7
Graduated during the year.....	1	4	1	6
Died during the year.....	1	0	0	1
Registered December 1st, 1890.....	22	9	0	31

GENERAL MATTERS.

The several departments of the school have been kept well up to the standard of former years, and the conscientious and pains-taking work of the teachers is evidenced on every hand.

In the school department proper instruction has been given in reading, dictation, spelling, point-writing, pencil-writing, geography, Canadian, British and Grecian history, English grammar, English literature, English composition, physiology, arithmetic, geometry and algebra. Kindergarten classes have also received regular instruction.

In the musical department twenty-seven of the thirty-one pupils have received lessons in pianoforte or organ playing ; eighteen have been instructed in singing ; and classes have been taught in the theory of music and in the writing of Braille's musical notation, and a class for the studying of the forms of musical science, such as are used by persons with sight, has also been regularly carried on.

In the tuning department some of the young men have been systematically trained as pianoforte tuners, while in the work-shop others have received instruction in cane-seating and willow basket-making, and the girls in sewing, knitting and fancy work.

The foregoing briefly outlines the daily work being done by the school, and from the sound of the rising bell at 6.30, A. M., to that of the retiring bell at 9.30, P. M., the pupils, excepting in the hours set apart for meals and recreation, are engaged in a constant round of varied class and individual work ; and upon this training is dependent their success in the work-a-day world.

The position occupied by Mr. E. P. Fletcher has been temporarily filled by Miss Carry Bowman, Mr. Fletcher having obtained leave of absence in order that he might complete his course at Acadia College. Miss Hunter has continued her work in school with faithful devotion. Messrs. Chisholm and Reid have done excellent work in the musical and tuning departments ; and Miss Bowman in the girls' work department, and Mr. Baird in the boys' work department, have faithfully discharged their duties.

The class work in the gymnasium for the past seven years has been under the care of that well-known and popular athlete, Sergeant-Major Bailey, and on his departure from this station the pupils evinced their appreciation of his services by presenting him with a silver cup, suitably inscribed. Since he left us his place has been filled by Sergeant Chetman.

"La Grippe" made its appearance in the school in the early part of last winter, and we regret to say that in one

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case the result was fatal. Martin Fletcher, of DeBert, Colchester Co., entered the school seven years ago, and during his career as a pupil he was uniformly a well-behaved, hard-working and successful student, and his death was equally regretted by officers, teachers and pupils, with all of whom he was a favorite.

Of the six graduates two took first-class certificates as teachers of music, two gained second-class certificates, one graduated from the workshop as a willow basket-maker, and one left the school, having completed her term of years, and is now engaged in the establishment. Of these six pupils two are worthy of especial mention, having reached a high degree of proficiency as pianoforte players and teachers. Miss Belle Staten, of Foreston, Carleton Co., N. B., graduated with honors, and is now settled in her native place, where she has obtained a large class of music pupils. Mr. Montague Warren is one of the best musicians that ever graduated from the school, and it is gratifying for me to state that immediately upon his leaving the school he was engaged as a pianoforte tuner by these well-known dealers in musical instruments, W. H. Johnson & Co.

The new building is now nearly completed, and it is with no small degree of pleasure that we look forward to occupying it. That such an extension had become a necessity is plainly apparent to those aware of the crowded state of the main building, but when it is known that there are at least eighteen eligible blind girls and boys in the Maritime Provinces who are not enjoying the privileges of an education, it will be understood why the call for this addition was considered so urgent by me.

In my last annual report I expressed the opinion that the friends of the blind would rally round us at this crisis, and contribute towards our building fund. The work of collecting is still going on, but the acknowledgments made elsewhere prove that the people of these Provinces have a deep interest

in the success of the education of the blind, and that where aid is solicited it will meet with a generous response.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for your continued confidence and earnest support.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

C. F. FRASER,

Superintendent Halifax School for the Blind.

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SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of School days in the term, 220. Possible number of marks to be obtained in the Literary or Musical Department, or for Deportment, 1000.

NAMES OF PUPILS.	Attendance— No. of days.	School.	Music.	Deportment.
<i>Senior Division.</i>				
1. Isabel Staten, Foreston, Carleton Co., N. B.	240		984	1000
2. Bertha Hall, Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co., N. S.	240		873	906
3. Kate McLaughlin, Curryville, Albert Co., N. B.	202	810	817	908
4. Alice Gammon, Canso, Guysboro Co., N. S.	240		934	879
5. Agnes Valley, Chatham, N. B.	240		555	861
6. Isabella Durham, Springhill, N. S.	240		880	939
7. Martin Fletcher, DeBert River, N. S.	127		581	545
8. Stephen Harivell, Stellarton, N. S.	240		580	992
9. John Dunn, Advocate Harbor, N. S.	240		850	908
10. James Upham, Prosser Brook, Albert Co., N. B.	240		819	825
11. Stephen Hulan, St. George's Bay, Newfoundland.	228		713	879
12. Clifford Williston, Newcastle, N. B.	238		792	832
13. Samuel Hussey, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland.	240		827	831
14. Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, P. E. I.	238		982	939
<i>Junior Division.</i>				
15. Eunice Legg, Scott's Bay, King's Co., N. S.	240	842	828	956
16. Freelove Kaulback, New Germany, N. S.	240	929	840	1000
17. Martha Robinson, Glengarry, Pictou Co., N. S.	240	866	851	998
18. Amelia Kaddy, East Dover, Halifax Co., N. S.	200	515	472	949
19. Adelaide Saunders, Sandy Cove, Digby Co., N. S.	190	400	497	1000
20. William Sloane, Halifax, N. S.	197	545	413	903
21. Frederick Campbell, Campbell Settlement, N. B.	239	844	898	983
22. Beverly Campbell, Campbell Settlement, N. B.	239	893	777	996
23. Jacob Wilson, St. John, N. B.	240	735	797	940
24. William Johnson, Westville, Pictou, N. S.	240	962	869	972
25. Frank Nixon, Aberdeen, Carleton Co., N. B.	240	650	777	960
26. Edward Blackburn, Halifax, N. S.	198		391	969
27. Ernest Chesley, Clementsport, N. S.	215		448	993
28. Ingovald Wilson, Thorburn, N. S.	180		260	985
29. George Towel, Halifax, N. S.	90	230		1000

GRADUATED.

Isabel Staten, Foreston, Carleton Co., N. B.
 Agnes Valley, Chatham, N. B.
 Bertha Hall, Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co., N. S.
 Phebe Armstrong, Kent, Hants Co., N. S.
 Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, P. E. I.
 Thomas McGuire, Halifax City.

DIED.

Martin Fletcher, Debert, Colchester Co., N. S.

ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Grace Aiton, Hartland, Carleton Co., N. B.
 William Huntingdon, Campbellton, Restigouche, N. B.
 William Farrell, Sturgeon, P. E. I.
 Samuel Stewart, Westville, Pictou Co., N. S.
 George Steele, Stewiacke, Col. Co., N. S.
 John O'Donnell, Halifax City.
 James Hudson Smith, Trenton, Pictou Co., N. S.

PRIZES.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

Senior Division.

1st Prize—Alice Gammon, Canso, Guysboro Co., N. S.
2nd Prize—Isabella Durham, Springhill, Cumberland Co., N.S.

Junior Division.

1st Prize—William Johnson, Westville, Pictou Co., N. S.
2nd Prize—Freelove Kaulback, New Germany, Lunenburg, N.S.

Musical Department.

1st Prize—Stephen Harivell, Stellarton, Pictou Co., N. S.
2nd Prize—Isabel Staten, Foreston, Carleton Co., N. B.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE GIVEN BY
 MRS. N. C. JAMES.

Alice Gammon, Canso, Guysboro Co., N. S.

Halifax School for the Blind in Account with E. D. MEYNELL, Treasurer.

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Dec. 1.	To Paid House Expenses, including Salaries to Steward, Matron and Servants.....	By Balance.....
	" Salaries to Superintendent and Teachers.....	" Interest and Dividends.....
	" Repairs to Building.....	" Donations and Thanksgiving Col.....
	" Grounds.....	" Grants Nova Scotia Co. and Govt.....
	" Printing, Stationery and Postage.....	" Newfoundland.....
	" Instruction in Singing and Musical Instru-ments.....	" New Brunswick.....
	" Prizes.....	" P. E. Island.....
	" Board of Adult Pupils.....	" Repaid Water Rate, 1889.....
	" Travelling Expenses.....	
	Balance.....	
	\$6480 32	\$ 157 08

	By Balance.....	\$ 271 99
	LEGACIES RECEIVED.	
1890.	G. G. Gray.....	\$ 100 00
	Finlay Campbell, P. E. Island.....	100 00
	J. P. Mott.....	3000 00
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Examined and found correct.
 HALIFAX, N. S., 12th Dec., 1890.

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Treasurer.

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PATRONS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 1.—The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

WILLIAM CUNARD, Esq.

LIFE MEMBERS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 2.—Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall be constituted life members of the Association.

Lieut.-Genl. Lord Alex. Russell.
Sir Edward Kenny.
W. J. Stairs.
J. Duffus.
William Hare.
Edward Albro.
Hon. J. W. Ritchie.
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H. P. Burton.
Capt. Lowry, 47th Regt.
Hon. John Boyd.
George Thomson.
M. H. Richey.
J. C. Mackintosh.
M. A. Buckley.
James R. Lithgow.
Sir Patrick McDougall, K.C.B.
Lt. Thos. A. W. Cochran, R.N.
George Mitchell.
H. H. Fuller.
E. B. Sutcliffe.
Michael Dwyer.
T. E. Kenny, M.P.
R. I. Hart.
Thos. Ritchie.
C. F. Mott.

MEMBERS.

BY-LAWS, ART. 2.—Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards, may be constituted a member, on motion of a member of the Board of Managers, at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during the annual payment of five dollars.

Prof. Johnson.
James Farquhar.
Prof. Chas. Macdonald.
His Worship the Mayor.

A. P. Reid, M.D.
Mrs. C. C. Blackadar.
A. Moffatt.
A. Tremain.

LEGACIES.

1871—Jane Molloy.....	\$88 87	1884—Alex. McLeod.....	\$ 100 00
1872—Robert Noble.....	100 00	1885—James Thomson....	100 00
1874—R. Purvis.....	100 00	H. Hesslein.....	100 00
1875—James McDonald....	150 00	1886—S. B. Smith.....	100 00
1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge....	20 00	A. Shields.....	553 00
N. L. West.....	800 00	James G. Merkel....	50 00
1877—J. M. Walker.....	500 00	1887—J. C. Macdonald....	50 00
1878—W. L. Black.....	250 00	W. H. Merkel.....	50 00
1879—Charles Roche.....	100 00	Jas. A. Buist.....	500 00
Miss Service.....	400 00	Mrs. M. J. Hamilton..	50 00
1880—Mrs. Williamson....	200 00	Mrs. Jer. Northup...	200 00
G. Frieze.....	100 00	Mrs. E. Binney.....	500 00
Ann Wilson.....	100 00	1888—J. W. Metzler.....	40 00
1881—Ann Hunter.....	20 00	J. U. Ross.....	50 00
1882—John Saunders.....	416 36	1889—Mrs. W. L. Wilmot..	250 00
John King.....	600 00	Miss E. Smith.....	16 75
W. P. West.....	1000 00	1890—G. G. Gray.....	100 00
1883—Jos. Hart.....	100 00	Finlay Campbell, P.E.I	100 00
Mrs. G. Gunn.....	40 00	J. P. Mott.....	3000 00
1884—Hugh Elliott.....	100 00		

FORM OF LEGACY.

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.

DONATIONS, 1890.

James Farquhar.....	5 00	A. P. Reid, M.D.....	\$ 5 00
The Mayor, D. McPherson...	5 00	Mrs. Lawrence, Margaree, C.B.	2 00
Prof. J. Johnson.....	5 00	Prof. C. Macdonald.....	5 00
Mrs. C. C. Blackadar.....	5 00		

THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, ETC., 1890.

Presbyterian Church, West Mines and Green Hill, 1889.....	\$ 5 00
St. Andrew's Church, Truro.....	10 00
Fishers' Grant, per Rev. H. McKinnon.....	8 00
Knox Church.....	1 00
United Church, New Glasgow, per Rev. P. McGregor.....	65 00
Congregation, Thorburn, per Rev. J. McLean.....	15 50
" Hopewell, " " P. Melville.....	10 00
" Union Center, per Rev. H. McLean.....	5 00
" West River and Green Hill, per Rev. C. Carson.....	5 00
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The contributions towards the Building Fund will be fully acknowledged in the next Annual Report.

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.

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 two thirds 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 patrons and members, individually, by letter, addressed to the patron or member, and mailed at Halifax, or left at his place of business or abode.

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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.

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.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Managers at the first meeting in each year :—

(1) *Finance*—

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the President, Treasurer and four members of the Board, whose duty it 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 departments.

(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 instruction 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 same. The Chairman shall be bound to see that the duties 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 TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Institution, and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee of Finance; shall deposit all monies of the Institution, and pay by cheques drawn thereon all bills certified by the Chairman of 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.

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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 Institution in accordance with the provisions of the Acts in relation to the Education of the Blind, in Chap. 17, Act of 1882, and Amendments thereto, passed 1883, which shall entitle them to free education in the Institution.

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 Asylum, and made upon the forms and in accordance with the directions prescribed by the Board.

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AN ACT

IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

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

1. The parents or guardians 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 Asylum 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 Asylum 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 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 Asylum for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasurer at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum, payable half yearly, and also 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 Sixty 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.

4. It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax Asylum 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 semiannual apportionment of the County School Fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax Asylum 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 Asylum for the Blind.

7. 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 Asylum of Sixty Dollars per annum may be assessed upon the inhabitants of the 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 Asylum, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said Asylum 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 such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of Sixty Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

(See Amended Acts of 1883 and 1884.)

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ACTS OF 1882. ENTITLED: "AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND."

(Passed on the 19th day of April, 1883.)

Section 1. Sec. 7 and clause substituted.

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

1. Section 7 of Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1882, is hereby repealed and following substituted:

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 Asylum 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 such blind person sent to the said Asylum; and each such blind person sent to the said Asylum shall be admitted to the said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first Section of the Act hereby amended, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation exercising the power 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 sum of Seventy-five Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of the Act hereby amended.

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AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM 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 not 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 corporate by the name of "The Halifax Asylum 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 times and places as the said corporations 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.

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 Asylum for the Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land and 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.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

(Passed the 19th day of April, A.D. 1884.)

WHEREAS, it has been deemed advisable to change the name of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which was incorporated under that name by Chapter 50 of the Acts of the Province, passed in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven;

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

1. The Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be called and known as "The Halifax School for the Blind," which name shall be the corporate name of the Institution, which shall be used and have effect in all respects, and for all purposes as fully as if such name had been inserted in the original act of incorporation.

2. All gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and

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transactions, to, by, with, for, or on account of the said institution before the passing of this Act, shall be, remain and continue and inure to the benefit of the said "The Halifax School for the Blind," as fully as though the name, "The Halifax School for the Blind," had been used or specified in said gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions.

4. The said Act, as hereby amended, shall stand and remain valid and effectual in all other respects.