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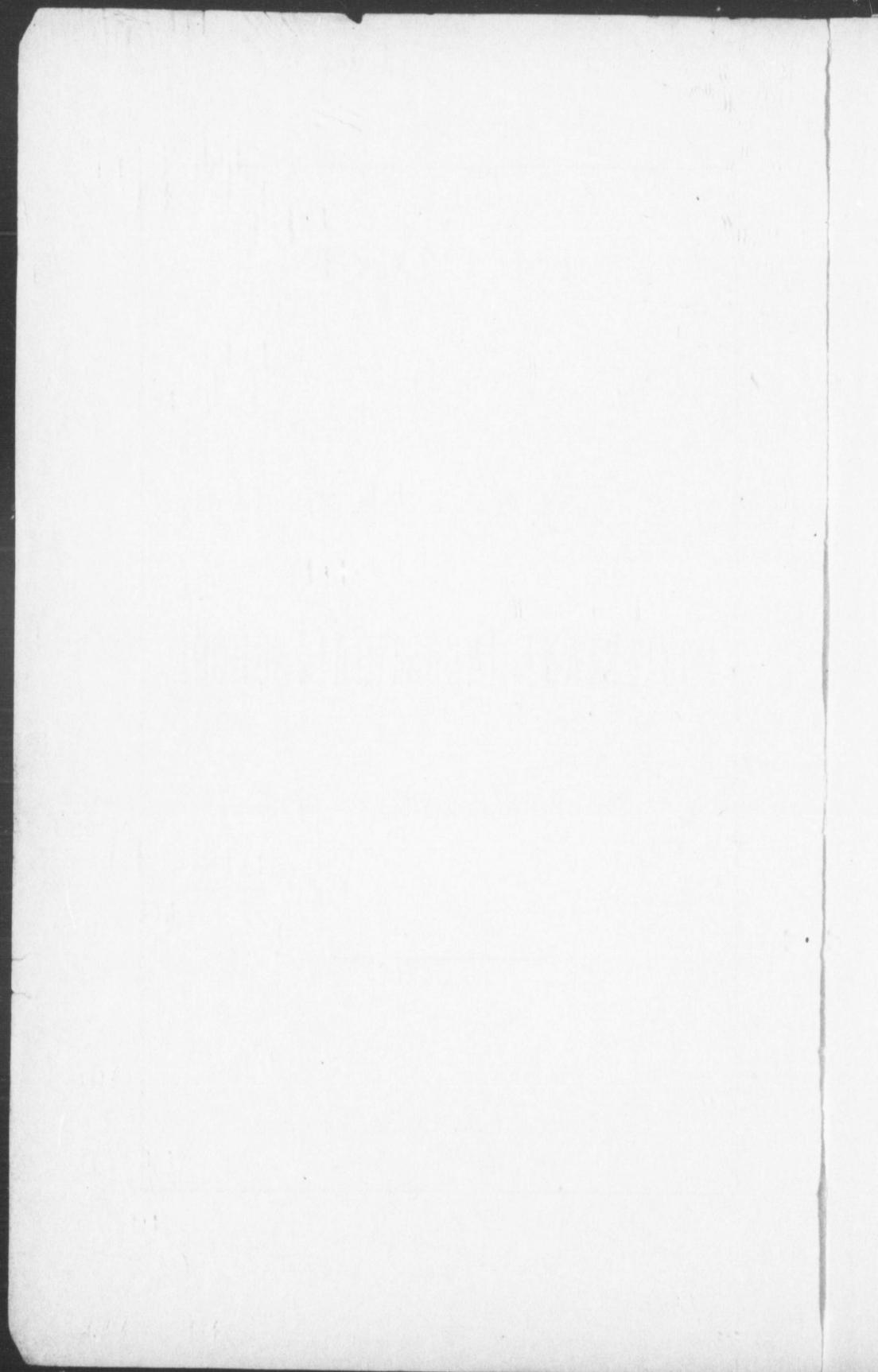
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REPORT  
ON THE  
PROGRESS OF THE  
SCHOOL  
DURING THE  
YEAR 1900

By  
THE  
DIRECTOR  
AND  
THE  
TEACHERS

HALIFAX  
 PROTESTANT INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

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COMMITTEE.

S. M. BROOKFIELD, *Chairman.*

HON. W. J. STAIRS.

REV. A. GANDIER.

S. E. WHISTON.

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SAUL MOSHER.

REV. FOSTER ALMON.

REV. D. M. GORDON, D. D.

G. E. FAULKNER.

GEO. E. BOAK.

*Secretary.*

G. H. FOSTER.

*Treasurer.*

M. C. GRANT.

*Surgeon.*

DR. LINDSAY.

*Superintendent.*

MR. ROBERT NORMAN.

*Matron.*

MRS. NORMAN.

## FINANCE AND SHOE DEPARTMENT.

G. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

H. P. BURTON.

R. J. SWEET.

H. A. FLEMMING.

The Secretary, (*ex-officio*)

The Treasurer, “

## HOUSE AND GROUNDS.

S. M. BROOKFIELD.

WM. ROBERTSON.

SAUL MOSHER.

GEO. E. BOAK.

R. J. SWEET.

## RELIGIOUS AND MORAL TRAINING.

REV. F. H. ALMON.

REV. D. M. GORDON, D. D.

REV. A GANDIER.

REV. F. H. WRIGHT.

S. E. WHISTON.

E. G. SMITH.

Monthly meetings of the Board are held at the office of Messrs. Grant, Oxley & Co., 68 Bedford Row and business connected with the Shoe Department is transacted in the same place.

# Halifax Industrial School.

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

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We commenced the year with a deficit of \$306.65. This however was shortly afterwards nearly wiped out by the receipt of \$278, the net proceeds of a successful concert held in the Academy of Music. The directors tender their hearty thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who kindly gave their services on that occasion. We end the year with a debit balance of \$330.64. Some reasons for this are given in the Superintendents' report to which we direct attention. The principal cause is no doubt the unfortunate result of the operations of the Shoe Department which shows a loss of about \$1000 as compared with the earnings of the previous year.

Several items of receipts show a falling off.

For instances: — The Sir Wm. Young's Benevolent Fund yielded only \$404, against \$535 in 1894. This is doubtless due to the reduced rate of interest invested monies now yield. The private guarantees produced only \$90, against \$265 the previous year. The fact of the guarantees becoming less and less, was alluded to in our last report. The amount paid by the City for boys other than truants was about \$300 less, on the other hand we received \$67 more for truants. Net loss \$233.

Possibly the effect of the carrying out of the compulsory School Law has been to lessen the number of boys who would have been sent to the Institution for other reasons; but the outlook for the future in this respect is not promising

for the boys who have usually been benefited by their detention at the Institution have been placed there for a term of years and not as the truants who as a rule are only sent for a few months or a year at the most.

Allusion has been made in the Courts to the want of a Reformatory, or to the lack of an arrangement being made between the County and the Industrial School, as a reason for sentencing lads to the Penitentiary. The Warden of the County assures us that when any boy comes before the Court belonging to the County, the Municipality is prepared to meet its obligation for his support at the Industrial School, should he be sentenced there, but it cannot be expected that the County is to be made liable for the maintenance of any lad belonging to the City of Halifax, or to the Town of Dartmouth.

The Late Mrs. Caroline M. Lawson generously left one-half of the residue of her estate to be equally divided between five benevolent objects, thereby creating a fund to be known as the DR. GEORGE LAWSON MEMORIAL FUND. An agreement was signed whereby it is required that the Fund be kept intact and only the interest used. Her brother and surviving executor, Rev. Louis H. Jordan handed us over securities and cash amounting to \$8,826. The revenue derived from the investment of this amount will be helpful to the School in meeting the expenses of the future.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a legacy from the Late Mrs. Keith (widow of the Hon. Alexander Keith,) of \$200. This amount we have had to use up in payment of our bills or our deficiency would have been greater.

Through the strenuous efforts of our Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee assisted by the Superintendent, our annual subscriptions aggregate an amount much larger than for some years past. The thanks of the Board are due to them and all others who have generously aided the Institution by their sympathy and by their donations to its funds.

The Secretary, Mr. R. J. Sweet, having been compelled in July last to resign on account of his health, the Board of Directors forwarded him a copy of the resolution adopted on

accepting his resignation, accompanied with a travelling clock as a testimonial of their appreciation of his services. This unexpected and tangible expression of good will on the part of the Board was suitably acknowledged by the late secretary.

In conclusion the Board looks for the continued support of its many friends in the City of Halifax. The reformation and future welfare of boys who fall into temptation when quite young and then are brought under the influence of an agency for their restoration like the Industrial School, is a work well worthy of being prosecuted with vigor and should command the time and attention and sympathy of any and all who are called upon to aid in its carrying on.

## The Halifax Protestant Industrial School,

Dr.

To Deficit from 1894 .....	\$ 306 65
Kindling Wood and Binding Yarn.....	237 75
Hardware, Stove Pipe and Tinware.....	92 93
Clothing .....	268 58
DIET :	
Bread, \$318.33, Meat, \$359.04, Fish, \$68.60 } Potatoes, \$54.86, Tea, Sugar, & Molasses, } \$166.68, Butter, Rice, Flour, &c. \$278.83.. }	1246 34
Soap and other washing material .....	69 22
Horse and Waggon acct.....	107 23
Feed acct. for Live Stock.....	363 14
FARM :	
Seeds, Pasturage, &c.....	\$ 40 10
Fence Posts .....	31 30
Labor, Mont. 8 months .....	274 00
Rent, Field.....	60 00
-----	405 40
Repairs inside and outside Buildings.....	98 78
Repairs to Machinery and Plumbing .....	184 46
Fitting up drying Room with Pipes.....	45 00
-----	229 46
Furniture and other House Furnishings.....	55 27
Medicines .....	25 90
Fuel.....	162 00
Machine Oil and Kerosene.....	63 85
SALARIES :	
Superintendent and Matron.....	540 00
Servants and other Wages. ....	267 00
-----	807 00
Water Rates 1 Year.....	27 50
Taxes on Cottage.....	27 60
Insurance .....	62 80
Telephone.....	15 00
Books and Printing.....	49 02
Boots for boys during year.....	123 60
Repaid Home for the Aged.....	50 00
S. E. Whiston balance N. Brynes College expenses	20 00
Interest on Loan (Cottage acct.).....	25 00
Boy at Hospital \$5. Ice \$5.....	10 00
Sundry small Items.....	29 57
-----	\$4979 60
1896.	
Jan'y 1. To Balance.....	\$ 330 64



The Managers of the Institution gratefully acknowledge the following:

### Christmas and other Gifts, 1895.

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- Allen, T. C., Parcel Books and Games.  
 Allison, J. W., 1 Box Chocolates.  
 Brown Bros. & Co., 3 Bottles Syrup.  
 Brown & Webb, 6 Bottles Syrup.  
 Burns & Murray, Parcel Caps, Hankerchiefs, &c.  
 Burton, H. P., 1 Bag Mixed Nuts.  
 Clayton & Sons, 1 Box Neckties.  
 Cragg Bros., 1 Pair Skates  
 Elliot, F., 1 Parcel Gloves and Neckties,  
 Fraser, Mrs R. W., 1 Parcel Doughnuts.  
 Friend, A., Ham and Box Raisins.  
 Grant, M. C., 1 Box Apples.  
 Harris, H., 1 Turkey.  
 Hebb, W. E., 1 Roll Fancy Paper for decorations.  
 Hesslein & Son, 2 Turkeys and 1 Goose.  
 Hugill, Mr., (Furness, Withy & Co.,) 1 Pair Fowls.  
 Kellogg, W. B., 1 Parcel Christmas Letters.  
 Leaman & Co., 3 Turkeys.  
 Longard Bros., 2 Turkeys.  
 MacKintosh, J. C., 2 Geese.  
 Mahon Bros., 1 Parcel Neckties.  
 Mahon, J. C., 1 Turkey.  
 McManus, A. E., 1 Parcel Hankerchiefs, & Neckties.  
 Methodist Book Room, The "Wesleyan."  
 Moir, Son & Co., 1 Large Box Mixed Biscuit.  
 Morton & Co., Parcel Fancy Paper for decorations.  
 Publishers of "The Presbyterian Witness."  
 Robertson, Wm., & Son, 2 Pair Skates.  
 Robertson, Wm., Jr, 100 Oranges and 1 Bag Nuts.  
 Sarre, N. & Sons, 1 Pair Skates.  
 Smith Bros., 1 Parcel Candies and Dry Goods.  
 Smith, E. G., Silver Medal to best conducted boy.  
 Smith, G. M., 1 Box Braces and Neckties.  
 Sweet, R. J., 1 Box Raisins.  
 Whiston, S. E., 1 Volume "Boys Own Annual."

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PROTESTANT  
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL:

*Gentlemen:—*

In presenting my report of the past year for your consideration I regret to say that in some Departments we have not been so successful as we would have desired. Our kindling-wood sales have been very much less. This has been caused in a great measure by not being able to get our usual supply of slab wood and also to competition. Todd's mills have supplied us with slabs for a number of years, but last year they were closed down. The mills have changed hands and I hope to be able to make some arrangement with the new firm for a good supply this year.

Carpet shaking receipts show an increase on the previous years of about fifty dollars.

Our Boot and Shoe Department (our most important industry) has I regret to say lost money, principally attributable to two causes. First—the sudden rise in the price of all kinds of leather. We do not keep any very large stock of leather on hand, and were not able to get as great an advance on the manufactured goods as the price of leather demanded. Secondly, during the year several of our lads in this department who were quite skilled at their work left us, their time having expired, and the lads who stepped into their places could not be expected to be as skillful. Our output from this cause was considerable less than that of the previous year. I think however the future in this Department looks very much brighter, and with careful management and a reduction of expenses as far as practicable, that this year we shall be able to make up, if not all, considerable of the deficit.

## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

In the forenoon of each Lord's Day the boys are marched to one of the Protestant Churches and in the afternoon, the International series of Lessons are studied, the Superintendent being assisted by Mr. Wm. G. Robertson, Family worship is regularly held morning and evening and one evening is devoted to Bible Reading, and study conducted by the Superintendent. At the latter I regret my not having had any assistance from the members of the religious and moral training committee whose presence some times would have been greatly appreciated by the boys in the school. Christmas was observed with the usual festivities. We were favored with an exceedingly appropriate address by Rev. Dr. Gordon.

## RECREATION.

Every facility is given for good healthful recreation in the grounds adjoining the school, where the boys enjoy cricket, base-ball, foot-ball, &c. Our thanks are tendered Mr. H. Oxley and Mr. W. G. Robertson members of the Wanderers' Club for a supply of cricket bats and football. On wet evenings and during the winter months they are supplied with plenty of good books, papers, and indoor games, which are in use in the reading room.

## EDUCATION.

I am glad to report upon the good results of the work of our School Teacher Mr. Gardener during the year. Since our last report the School Commissioners decided to change the hour for school meeting to the afternoon of each day, instead of the evening as heretofore. This arrangement seems to have given general satisfaction, and to be of benefit to the boys as was seen in a recent examination, the commissioners stating that it was the most satisfactory examination they had held and would compare favorably with any of the City Schools.

## CONDUCT.

The conduct of the boys during the year has been exemplary. No runaways for two years. One of our brightest and best conducted boys Frederick Welburn, secured the

Silver Medal for being considered the best all-round boy for the year, presented by Mr. E. G. Smith, one of the Directors.

## HEALTH.

The general health all through the year has been remarkably good, only once during the whole year had we to call the Doctor to the Home and this a case of measles. The lad was removed to the infectious disease hospital where he soon recovered.

## FARM.

Our School Farm shows better results this year than any previous year, the aggregate value of crops raised was about \$500.

17 tons Hay @ \$14.00 per ton . . . .	\$238 00
2 " Straw @ \$7.00 " . . . .	14 00
145 bush. Swede Turnips @ 25c. . .	36 25
90 " Mangles " 25c. . .	22 50
50 " Potatoes " 35c. . .	17 50
15 " Onions " 75c. . .	11 25
45 " Carrots " 50c. . .	22 50
15 " Parsnips " 50c. . .	7 50
28 doz. Cabbages " 50c. . .	14 00
Sale of Gooseberries . . . . .	7 50
" Young Pigs . . . . .	37 50
" 2 Calves . . . . .	5 00
" 1 Cow . . . . .	25 00
" 2 Pigs killed, sold . . . . .	27 04
" Old Horse . . . . .	10 00
" 62 bush. Turnips, @ 25c. . .	15 50
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## GENERAL REMARKS.

I am glad to say that the main building is in a very good state of repair. A new picket fence will be required from the east corner of the main building to the entrance gates, and if funds will permit I would recommend carrying it down

to the cottage fence. The fence mentioned in my last report on the line of our property facing Chebucto Road, was put up in July, and has greatly improved the appearance of the School premises. The new Drying Room has been connected with the boiler, and has proved a great success. Some repairs are needed to our coal and wood sheds, the posts, and in several places the boarded roof will require renewing. The cottage property is in good repair.

In looking back over the work of the past year we have been much encouraged in our work by the frequent visit of boys who have left the home, and occasional letters from others informing us that they are doing well, and appreciate what had been done for them while in the Institution. Thirteen boys have left us during the year, their term of service being completed, and with only one exception that we know of all are doing well, six of these boys I am glad to say I was able to get employment for, two went into the country and I hear they are both doing well, the others are going to school in the City. Our aim is now as in the past to give to each boy committed to our care a good moral and religious training and trade, to better prepare him to gain an honest living.

I desire to express my thanks to the President and Board of Directors for their kindness in granting me leave of absence for six weeks in the summer in order that I might accept the kind offer of Mr. Middlemore, of Birmingham, England, to visit my native land, he generously offering to pay my expenses there and back, thus giving me an opportunity of renewing old acquaintances, and visiting the home of my boyhood, and also that on my return trip I might assist in bringing out a lot of children such as he sends annually to this Province.

Our united thanks are due to the President and Board of Directors for ready and earnest attention at all times given to the wants of the school and sympathy with us in our work.

Yours obediently,

R. NORMAN, Sup't,

## LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS, 1895.

A Friend .....	\$10 00	Drysdale & McInnes.....	10 00
Arthur, W. B & Co.....	2 00	DeWolf, T. A. S., & Son.	4 00
Austen Bros.....	2 00	Davison, E .....	2 00
Allen, T. C.....	5 00	Duncan, D. H.....	5 00
Adams, E. D.....	2 00	Dumeresque, J. C.....	2 00
Almon, C. M.....	2 00	Dun, R., & Co .....	5 00
Archibald, Chas.....	5 00	Elliot, F.....	1 00
Bell, Charles.....	5 00	Flemming, H. A.....	5 00
Bell, H. H.....	5 00	Francklyn, Geo. E.....	10 00
Burns, A.....	10 00	Foster, J. E.....	1 00
Brookfield, S. M.....	25 00	Foster, Miner T .....	5 00
Brookfield, W. H.....	10 00	Faulkner, G. E.....	5 00
Brookfield, W. G.....	10 00	Forrest, A. ....	5 00
Bowes, John.....	4 00	Farquharson, John.....	4 00
Boak, Geo E. & Co.....	5 00	Fraser, W. J.....	5 00
Bell, A. J.....	2 00	Gray, B. G.....	10 00
Black Bros. & Co.....	5 00	Grant, A. J., & Co.....	2 00
Brown & Webb.....	10 00	Goreham, J. W.....	3 00
Black, S. G.....	5 00	Grant, Oxley & Co.....	10 00
Bell, J. A.....	2 00	Gordon & Keith.....	4 00
Billman & Chisholm, Co..	5 00	Gandier, Rev. A.....	5 00
Barnes, H. W.....	2 00	Hesslein, H , & Sons.....	10 00
Borden, R. L.....	10 00	Hart, Levi .....	10 00
Boak & Bennet.....	5 00	Harrington, W. D.....	5 00
Burton, H. P.....	3 00	Hamilton, W. H.....	1 00
Bligh, Howard....	1 00	Hillis, James & Son.....	3 00
Brown, M. S., & Co.....	1 00	Harris, R. E.....	5 00
Boak, Hon. R.....	10 00	Hugill, J. H.....	10 00
Burgoyne John.....	1 00	Hall, James.....	1 00
Chute, Rev. A. C.....	1 00	Jones, Hon. A. G.....	5 00
Cogswell, Rev. W. H.....	10 00	Keith, Mrs .....	6 00
Cogswell, Miss E. J.....	20 00	Kelley & Glassey.....	5 00
Clayton & Sons.....	10 00	Kellogg, W. B.....	3 00
Cunningham & Curren...	5 00	Leaman & Co., J. A.....	10 00
Crowell, M. O.....	2 00	Lundy, C W .....	1 00
Chipman, J. A.....	3 00	Longard, E. J.....	1 00
Coleman, W. J.....	2 00	Longard, Mrs.....	5 00
Clarke, H. B.....	5 00	Moir, Son & Co.....	5 00
Conrod, W. A.....	4 00		
Chalmers Church.....	5 00		
Campbell, Geo. E .....	3 00		
Church, Hon. C. E.....	2 00		

Mitchell, Walter.....	5 00	Robertson, Wm.....	10 00
Morrow, M. R.....	2 00	Smith, E. G.....	10 00
Mitchell & Sons, G. P....	5 00	Starr, John & Son.....	5 00
Muir, Wm.....	2 00	Simson Bros. & Co.....	10 00
Morrison, E., & Co.....	5 00	Schwartz, Sons.....	1 00
Musgrave & Co.....	5 00	Stairs, W, J.....	30 00
Maritime Brewing Co....	5 00	Sweet, R. J.....	2 00
MacKintosh, J. C..	5 00	Smith, A. & W., & Co ...	5 00
Morrow, James.....	5 00	Silver, John & Co.....	2 00
Mosher, Alderman.....	5 00	Silver, W. C.....	10 00
Mott & Co., John P.....	5 00	Short, Alfred.....	2 50
Middlemore, James T. {	24 33	Smith, E. F.....	5 00
Birmingham, England.		Smith, N. & M.....	5 00
Morse, J. E.....	3 00	Starr, Mrs. G. H .....	10 00
McLaren, P.....	5 00	Seeton, R. B.....	2 00
Mayor, His Worship the.	10 00	Stairs, J. F., M.P.....	10 00
Moir, W. & A.....	10 00	Thorne, E. L.....	2 00
McInnis, John & Son....	5 00	Theakston, R.....	3 00
McCallum, H. W.....	1 00	Uniacke, Robie.....	5 00
Nova Scotia Furn'g Co... 10 00		Wickwire, Dr.....	5 00
Outhit, Alderman.....	2 00	Woodbury, Dr., F.....	2 00
Oxley, Fred H.....	3 00	Woodbury, Dr., H .....	2 00
Peters & Co., John.....	2 00	Wallace, H. N.....	5 00
Pyke, G. A.....	2 00	Whitman, A.....	2 00
Payzant, J. Y.....	5 00	Whiston, S. E.....	5 00
Pickford & Black.....	25 00	Wood Bros & Co.....	3 00
Ritchie, Thos.....	25 00	Whitman, A. N.....	5 00
Redden, Alderman.....	2 00		
Roy, J. E.....	2 00		
Robertson, C. H. & Co..	1 00		
Ross, W. B.....	5 00		
Roche, Wm.. M.P.P.....	5 00		
			<u>\$780 00</u>

## MEMO.

Subscriptions, 1893 .....	\$600 83
“ 1894.....	692 83
“ 1895.....	780 00