

## INTERMEDIATE OR SECONDARY EDUCATION

Until the passing of the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1878, there was no organised co-ordination in the work of Irish Secondary Schools. There were the Royal Schools, the Grammar Schools of Erasmus Smith's Board, and of the Incorporated Society, and other detached schools whose methods were largely influenced by the requirements of the University of Dublin for entrance to which their most promising pupils were usually prepared. Others made a speciality of preparing pupils for admission to the Army, or the Civil Service, or to commercial employment. There were then also a large number of secondary schools which belonged to private owners, but in the developments which have taken place in

recent years these proprietary schools have now been materially reduced in number. The Diocesan Seminaries of the Roman Catholic Church which were primarily intended as feeders to the priesthood through St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and the colleges controlled by the Religious Orders pursued their course, without any reference to the standards existing in other establishments; and, whether the Intermediate system has been a success or not, it certainly must be credited with having brought all the agencies in Ireland for secondary education into a greater degree of association and co-ordination, and with having stimulated educational activity and development in many ways.

## Ulster Royal School Endowments.

These Endowments are now administered under a scheme framed under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, which came into operation on May 22, 1891. By this scheme the funds and property belonging to the Endowments of the Royal Schools continued to be vested in the Commissioners of Education (the Endowed Schools Commission). As the result of recent legislation, however, the endowments applicable to five of the Local Boards have been transferred to the Government of Northern Ireland, and by an Order of the Executive Council the Commissioners have been dissolved, the remaining endowments being vested in the Minister for Education, Saorstát Éireann. The annual produce of the endowment belonging to each Royal School is divided under the Scheme between a Protestant Local Board, and a Roman Catholic Local Board, in each of the five districts assigned to the respective Schools. In each case, for a consideration specified in the Scheme the building previously occupied by each Royal School is vested in the Protestant Local Board of the district, and the School there maintained by them continues to be designated as before; each Board is bound to apply its share of the annual income towards supporting one or more Schools in its district fulfilling certain prescribed conditions. The Local Boards are noticed in the COUNTY DIRECTORY, under the respective counties whose names they bear, namely, Armagh, Cavan, Donegal, Fermanagh, and Tyrone.

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