

Construction now nearing completion, includes the addition of four class-rooms to Alexandra School and the building of the new St. Patrick's High School. The rooms at Alexandra will be ready for occupancy in January, 1954 and St. Patrick's High School will be ready by September.

**Enlargement of Play Areas.** Through the kind co-operation of the City Council, a number of houses adjacent to Alexandra School and St. Patrick's Girls' School were removed, and the land thus gained was used to enlarge the playgrounds of the schools in question. The removal of these houses has improved the appearance and usefulness of these school grounds.

With the assistance of the City the fill was removed from Richmond School yard without expense to the Board. This excavation has greatly improved the appearance and utility of these grounds. Paving of this area should be considered by the incoming Board.

Additional play space was gained for the LeMarchant grounds by the demolition of the old LeMarchant School. A paved area on these grounds should also be considered. Similar improvements in the Morris Street grounds will follow the removal of the old Morris Street School.

**Quinpool Road School.** When it was found that the students of this school could be accommodated in other schools, the site and building were turned over to the City.

**Africville School.** The arrangement of last year, whereby buses were supplied to transport children living in Africville to city schools, has been continued. This action on the part of the Board, although at first meeting with some opposition, has proven satisfactory. The transition has not produced any serious effects on the schools to which the pupils have been assigned, and it has given the Africville children the advantages of modern sanitary conveniences which were lacking in the Africville School building.

**Use of School Buildings by Adult Groups.** Adult groups have been encouraged to use our school buildings when they are not in use by school organizations. The Queen Elizabeth Auditorium is used extensively all during the year and other Auditoria-Gymnasia are used by Home and School Associations and other civic organizations. Several buildings are used as training centres for Scouts, Youth Groups and Boys' Clubs. Some of the class-rooms are used after hours for formal instruction in group piano and other cultural subjects.

**Elections.** Further use was made of our plant this year when the Board made schools available free of charge for elec-