

B. MARINE SCHOOLS.

During a debate in the Dominion Parliament on the expenditure in connection with the schools of navigation, Hon. Mr. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, stated that schools are being established at Montreal, Quebec, Sydney, Charlottetown, Halifax, St. John, Kingston, Victoria and St. Catharines. This afforded an opportunity for Mr. L. G. McCarthy, M.P., to speak on behalf of his constituents and he did so. He said: "It is desired and I have already made application on behalf of the seamen in my district, that these lectures should be extended to the northern lakes. I do not agree, with all respect to the Minister of Marine, that there are more seamen in St. Catharines than in many towns in the upper lakes. Collingwood has already made application and is prepared, the seamen themselves are prepared to furnish a room, light and heat, if the Government would only supply them with some one who would instruct them in the part of navigation, and I would ask the Minister to take into consideration the provision of a lecturer under these circumstances." In replying Mr. Brodeur said: "With regard to the observations which have been made by the hon. member for North Simcoe (Mr. L. G. McCarthy) I was under the impression that St. Catharines was supplying a large number of seamen. I know that Collingwood is a very important place, and there are other important places on the lakes such as Fort William and Port Arthur, and we shall be very glad to consider the advisability of giving lectures at those points." The school here, it is proposed, shall be one of the educational features of the Y.M.C.A. The building has class rooms specially adapted for just such a school.