

The benefits received by the Military School were in part at least repaid by the military authorities :—

“Twenty-seven soldiers’ great coats have been received from Lt.-Col. Evans by Capt. and Adj. Sampson, 70th Regiment, and have been sent to the ladies of the Dorcas Society to clothe the poor children of the school.”

The benefits of the system were extended to the Indian population. It is worthy of remark that the movement in this direction appears to have been in answer to a request made by the Indians themselves. Early in January, 1824, a letter was received by the Committee from an Indian schoolmaster residing on the St. Francis River. The Secretary, Mr. Lunn, invited him to come to Montreal for the purpose of being trained in the British system, but when he arrived he found himself, through old age and debility, incapable of entering upon new courses. Accordingly he recommended that his assistant, a young Indian of 25 years, should be trained and instructed in his stead. Application was then made to Sir John Johnson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, for rations for the young Indian during the time of his sojourn in the city, but the discouraging reply was received that, “as there is a schoolmaster already in the settlement, who receives £20 sterling per annum from Government, no allowance can be granted to any other Indian.” Nothing daunted, the Committee resolve, under date 5th April, 1824 :—

“That the Indian schoolmaster in the Indian settlement on the River St. Francis, in this Province, be instructed to send his assistant, and an Indian boy of good character, to the British and Canadian School Society, to receive further instruction in the English language, and to be trained to the British system, with a view of extending religious education among the Indian tribes in this country.”

It would appear that Earl Dalhousie, on learning of the difficulty raised by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, immediately offered through Colonel Darling to bear the expense out of his own private resources, and that after the Indians had been in attendance at the school for more than half a year, the Department of Indian Affairs contributed £10 in aid of their maintenance. The Committee paid Mrs. Rian (*sic*) £3 per month for the board of the Indians. The Society’s report for the year says :—

“Your Committee would next with pleasure advert to an