

Our surgeon has been regularly in attendance when required, and both skill and diligence have frequently been called into exercise in the treatment of the several ailments which have befallen the pupils during the year.

Water Supply.—A well on the hillside has afforded us a never-failing supply of very excellent water. A powerful air-motor wind-mill sixty feet above the ground level pumps the water into two tanks having a capacity of one thousand gallons each. From these the water supply is distributed by means of lead pipes to all parts of the building. On every floor we have fifty feet of hose, connected and nozzled, and behind these is all the pressure of the quantity contained in the tanks.

Fire Protection.—Every possible precaution is taken against danger from fire. Two Babcock extinguishers and three Star extinguishers charged and ready for action are placed at strategic points throughout the building. Forty-eight hand-grenades are distributed where it is thought they might be most required. Hose attachments are found in the basement, in the kitchen and in the several halls of the building, and hose ample in length and size are hung at convenient points so as to be in readiness for emergencies. It is difficult to see how with all these appliances fire could attain very great headway.

Heating.—The building is heated exclusively by hot air. This is supplied to most of the private rooms by two furnaces manufactured by McLeary, of London, and by Stewart, Burrow and Milne, of Hamilton. The class-rooms, dormitories and halls are heated by two large Smead-Dowd furnaces. There has been no trouble whatever in keeping the building sufficiently warm.

Recreation.—For the physical development of the pupils of our school there have been provided games and amusements of sufficient variety. Swings have been built on both the boys' and girls' sides. A large double croquet set has been provided for the amusement of the girls. Foot-ball and lacrosse are among the special attractions afforded for the boys. The one game which seems to be popular with the male pupils is foot-ball, but the girls pay most attention to their swing. The boys are looking forward very anxiously to the time when we shall be able to organize a brass band. This is looked upon by them as the climax of prospective advantage.

General Remarks.—While recognizing with pleasure and gratitude the kind and ample support given to our work by the department during the past year, we desire to give expression to the earnest hope that we may be authorized to proceed with the erection of the principal's residence, laundry-building, carpenter-shop, combined barn and stable. All these seem to us to be absolutely necessary to the proper equipment of the institution.

I must not close my report without making due recognition of the valuable help afforded by the several members of the staff whose individual exertions have contributed no little towards the success attained during the year. While we have not either in point of harmony or in the direction of effort reached our ideal, yet enough has been done to assure us that with greater unity and more united effort we may reach a very gratifying advance during the ensuing twelve months.

Last season the great difficulty in our way seemed to be the unwillingness of the parents to send their children to the Brandon Industrial-school owing to its remoteness from the usual line of traffic followed by the people who inhabit the Lake Winnipeg country. This has been completely reversed in the experience of the past spring, and applications for admission are being made far in advance of our power to accommodate. This change of front has, I believe, resulted mainly from the letters which the children themselves have written home, letters which in the main have been devoted to expressions of satisfaction with their surroundings and of desire that others might be sent in to share their advantages.

Gratified at the effective work already done, and hopeful that future action may far outdo the efficiency of the past, and with deep devotion to the work assigned me,

I have, &c.,

JOHN SEMMENS,

Principal.