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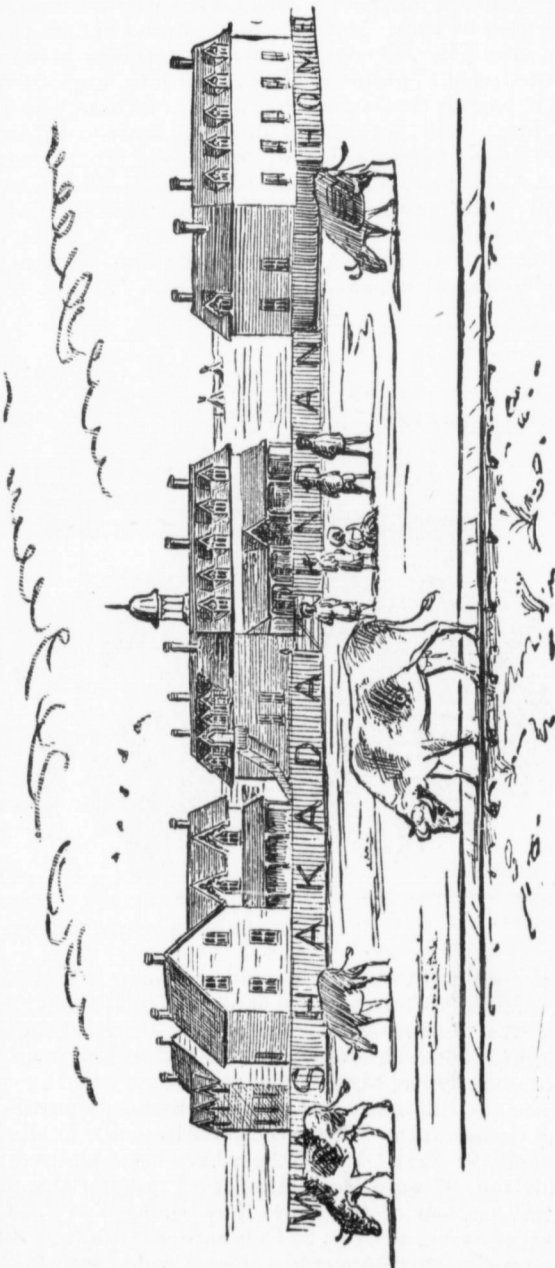
completing some government work that was left over from last year, and taking in any outside job-work that might offer. Our buildings at the Shingwauk consist now of the following: The main Shingwauk building with two wings, stone; the Chapel, stone; the Hospital, stone; the Industrial build-

ing, stone; the Factory, frame; Carpenter's cottage, stone; Barn and Stables, frame; Farm man's cottage, frame; the Shingwauk Hall (with school-room upstairs and drill hall below), frame. These buildings stand on ninety acres of land, about two-thirds of which has been cleared. At the Wawanosh we have the Main building, stone; Laundry and Laundresses' Cottage, frame; Playhouse and Stables, frame; these buildings stand on fifteen acres of land. We also rent about eighty acres of hardwood land, whence we draw our fuel, about four miles back from the Shingwauk. The total value of our present buildings at Sault Ste. Marie is estimated to be about \$22,000.

In May last, after consultation with the Committee, I introduced the plan of having six school examinations in the year, and doing away with summer holidays. The difficulty had been that the pupils went away for seven or eight weeks' holiday, just at the very busiest time of the year, when farm, garden, carpenter work, &c., were all in full operation; and when visitors to the Homes were coming in largest numbers. So

the plan at present is to have about seven or eight days' holidays at the close of each of the six examinations, and to have no general break-up for the summer—pupils, whose parents live at a distance, and particularly wish to have them home for a visit, being allowed occasionally to miss one term and go to their homes for seven weeks. The plan seems to answer very well, as regards the pupils; but is not so acceptable to the school teachers.

I have felt a little disappointed, I think, of late, in regard to the results of our work. The Indians do not, unfortunately, seem to show any great appre-



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