

"Internally the building was in excellent condition, due largely to the thorough renovation in the way of painting and kalsomining which it underwent after the disappearance of the disease.

"The Engineer and his assistant have been engaged in fitting up the material for heating the sections of the building not yet supplied with appliances under the improved system, and the work is so far advanced that little will have to be done besides putting it in place, when the pupils have left the building for the vacation term. The saving to be effected in fuel, if in proportion to that already accomplished, will be very considerable, and will be greater each year than the expenditure for the work.

"The renewal of the roof, for which an appropriation has been made under the Public Works Department, will be proceeded with at an early day and will be completed before the re-assembling of the pupils on the second Wednesday in September.

"The original roof has become entirely worthless, and the present outlay is necessary to preserve the interior and walls of the centre building.

"The crops are in a promising condition. The grounds presented a neat and tidy appearance, and the premises generally were found to be in a very satisfactory state."

"I made an inspection of the Institution for the Blind on the 19th of October, and found that there were 128 pupils in attendance, 77 males and 51 females. Others who have been pupils during former sessions have again been awarded admission, and their return will make the number on the roll equal to the average of the past year.

"With one exception the pupils were all in good health, and the ailing one was not indisposed from a serious cause.

"The arrangement and classification of the pupils appeared to be very satisfactory, and made with due regard to their advancement and ability to acquire knowledge in the several branches taught in the Institution.

"The routine work of the Institution was also well systematized, and the teachers and officers generally were giving evidence of strict attention to their various duties. With such favourable conditions and good health prevailing, the hope may well be entertained that the work of the session will shew excellent results.

"The internal improvements which have been made, largely during vacation term, and rendered necessary in consequence of the prevalence of diphtheria during the former session, have added much to the appearance of the building. Every apartment has been kalsomined, painted, or varnished where required. The plumbing, also, has been refitted, and rearranged, where it was thought most necessary to secure the best sanitary conditions.

"The work of changing the system of steam-heating was found to be nearly completed, and so far as it could be tested shewed very satisfactory results. This rearrangement has been in progress for a year past with the view of securing the complete radiation of steam throughout the building at comparatively low pressure.

"The work has been wholly superintended, and largely done by the Institution Engineer, and credit is due to him for the good workmanship and success of the undertaking.

"By the reconstruction, the use of six stoves will be dispensed with, the temperature of the whole building kept uniform, and the saving in fuel in a very short time will be equal to the whole cost of material required to make the alterations. In consequence of the larger area of steam piping now used, it was

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