

per capita grant is paid for all pupils over the age of 10 years for the actual time each pupil is in attendance at the school during the quarter for which payment is asked. Pupils under the age of 10 years are only paid for one-half the per capita rate, and in no case is the average attendance taken into consideration when making the calculation. This rule applies to all Industrial and Boarding Schools in the North West Territories and cannot be varied at the Regina Industrial School. I might here observe that the amounts shown by the books at the Regina School to have been paid by the Department as per capita grants and which were imported into the financial statement prepared by Mr. Menzies, the Accountant, were incorrect. This, no doubt, is owing to some faulty method of book-keeping which cannot be discovered here. The amounts stated in the Auditor General's report to have been paid to the school were actually paid. It is not plain why any doubt should exist as to the requirements of the Department regarding equipment. Every Industrial School is bound under agreement with the Department to maintain the ordinary equipment in an efficiency and good order, that is to make good all breakages and losses from wear and tear which occur in the ordinary conduct of the Institution. This covers all departments of the school, furniture, bedding, kitchen utensils, &c. &c. The Department intends to continue to pay the rental of the section of land adjoining the school now obtained and used for agricultural purposes. This action will of course place the area constantly at command of the school.

Your obedient servant,

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