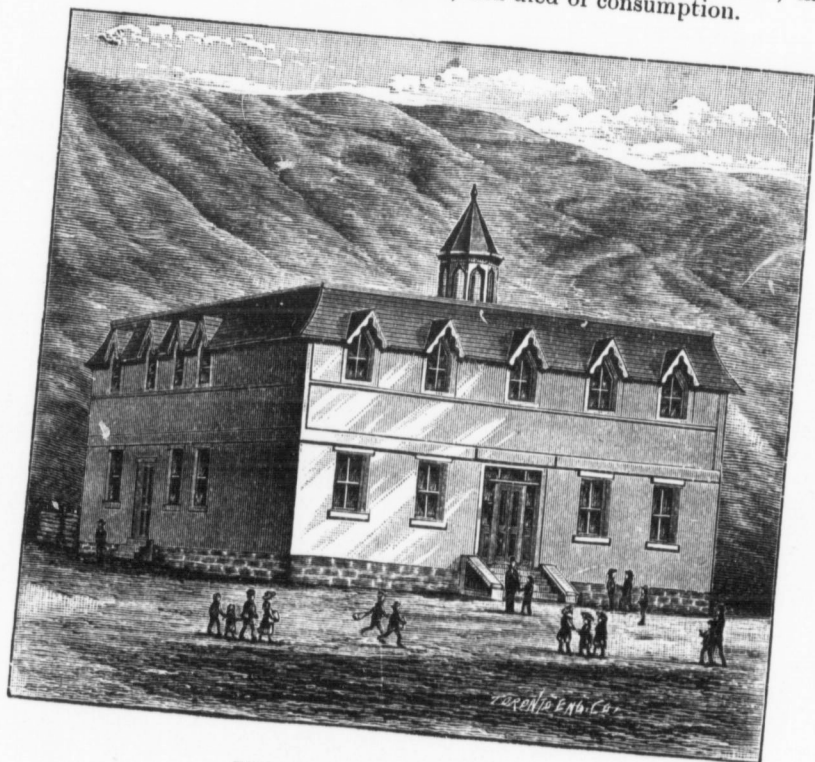


(1890), on account of the lack of funds. As spring came on, in anticipation of an increased government grant, we gradually augmented our numbers—the boys to 51; the girls to 28. At the close of the year we had 49 boys at the Shingwauk; 23 girls at the Wawanosh. The entire number of pupils under my charge during the year, at Sault Ste. Marie and at Elkhorn, as shown by the accompanying list, has been 140.

I regret to say we had several cases of sickness here during the year, and that two pupils while resident in the Home died—a boy named William Esquimau, in April, and a little girl named Mary Petuhwegezhik, in December; both were scrofulous subjects, and died of consumption.



THE MEDICINE HAT HOME.

We were disappointed in our expectation of a government grant towards adding to and improving our buildings. There had been placed in the estimates for us, \$2,500 for building purposes, \$900 to provide fire protection, and \$1,380 toward the support of additional pupils; but on account, we suppose, of the Premier's death, and everything in consequence being thrown somewhat out of gear at Ottawa, these grants failed to pass the Privy Council; and we have been obliged to do without them. And not only so, but even the allowed grants towards the maintenance of our Algoma Homes have, since the 1st of July last, been only partly paid, and are now very considerably in arrear.

Notwithstanding all this inconvenience, which the lack of ready cash generally entails, we have managed, I think, to keep things together pretty fairly. Not only have we kept up the trades which were already being taught at the Shingwauk, but have launched out somewhat afresh. Instead of a female being in charge of our tailoring department, as formerly, we have now a man in charge; and are taking and executing orders from town, having more work on hand generally than the tailor and his five boys can get through with. We have also engaged a weaver for the six winter months; and the click of the shuttle is heard constantly in the weaving room—turning out cloth and carpets. Our carpenter shop and factory have also been in full operation,

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