

tremely sensitive to cold, and therefore a higher temperature is required for them than for any other class of physical defectives, not only on account of health, but also that their sense of touch may not be numbed. For this reason, it had been found necessary at the commencement of the winter season to supplement the steam heating arrangements, which had not been thoroughly completed, by the use of coal stoves.

The Principal reported that the Literary Department stood in need of another teacher. Authority was given him to engage a suitable person on probation.

He was also authorized to accept a tender he had received for printing six hundred copies of his Annual Report, together with that portion of my own relating to the Institution.

I made a second inspection on the 11th June, for the purpose of deciding what purchases were to be made on account of the capital appropriation voted by the Legislature at the previous session. This appropriation was chiefly granted to meet the expenditures for furnishing the Principal's house, which had been erected on the grounds, and for fitting up, for the purposes of the Institution, those portions of the main building which would be rendered vacant when the Principal moved into the new house above referred to. As the result, I granted authority for the following purchases, leaving minute instructions regarding the manner in which they were to be made, viz: Furniture for an additional class-room, \$125; for an extra dormitory for girls, \$382; and for the bedroom for the new teacher, \$111; appliances for the Industrial Department, \$100; books, apparatus, etc., for the Literary Department, \$461.46; furniture for the Principal's residence, \$1,660.38; gravel and trees for the grounds, \$140; additional stoves and heating appliances, \$264.23. These expenditures overdrew the appropriation to a small extent, but for this I had received the authority of the Treasurer.

It was reported by the engineer that the steam pump in the boiler-house required re-boring and other repairs. The Principal was directed to have the work done, if the Public Works Department did not include it in the alterations they were about to make to the heating arrangements.

Authority was given to have the Institution connected with the city telephone service, at a cost of twenty dollars yearly.

In view of the substantial advantages accruing from a visitation of the blind during the vacation, the Principal was instructed to again detail two of the teachers for such visitation during the vacation then about to commence. He was also directed to move into the house provided for him directly the session terminated, and to then give full effect to the instructions I had previously recorded, regarding the allocation of the rooms used as his private quarters.

My third inspection was made on the 16th and 17th October, when on examining the register, I found that since the opening of the current session on the 10th September, 169 pupils had been enrolled, 88 being males and 81 females. One of these had been sent home owing to sickness, leaving 168 pupils on the muster roll.]

Admission for the first time had been awarded to 25 pupils (10 males and 15 females), six of whom were over age. Prior to the admission of these pupils, full particulars of their cases had been submitted to me, and as the Principal considered that they would be benefited by the scholastic and industrial training of the Institution, authority was granted to receive them. One of these persons was a young man from the Province of Quebec, whose maintenance and education were being paid for at the rate specified in the by-laws. Two of the pupils were absent last session, but had been re-admitted.

From an examination of the records in the Principal's possession, and of the correspondence he had with parents and others, it appeared that 202 pupils should have been in the Institution, but for various reasons, chiefly the poverty of the parents, 33 of the number were still retained at home. However, it appeared likely that the number of pupils would be increased to about 180 before the close of the year.

The teaching and instructing staff of the Institution numbered twelve persons, viz., five teachers in the literary department (two of whom also assisted in the industrial and musical branches), three teachers of instrumental music, one of vocal, and three instructors and one assistant instructor in the industrial department.

I visited the literary classes and examined pretty minutely into the methods of instruc-