

ONION LAKE R.C. INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL (CONT'D.)

and when they start the engine they cannot keep the belt on the pulleys. A belt tightener with a pulley with a 20" face, together with a shift lever, should be provided in order to make this unit workable. There is ample hose provided in connection with this plant, but it is absolutely useless, for the purpose for which it was provided, in its present condition.

There is also need for a small storage cellar in the building to enable them to keep milk and food stuffs. There was no room provided for this purpose. It could be easily added to the west side of the kitchen.

If burlap were provided in the hallways and stairways, it would be a great protection to the plaster in this building, which appears to be of a poor quality and easily knocked off.

The farm at this school is in charge of a practical farmer and so far has been very satisfactory. They have 170 acres under cultivation. Last year they raised 4,400 bus. of grain, 2,190 of which was wheat. They had 1,375 bus. of potatoes and a large quantity of other roots and vegetables sufficient for their requirements. They also grew 45 tons of sunflowers.

There are 10 cows milking, and 2 to freshen, and they already have 8 calves this spring. These animals are all Ayrshires. They have 62 pigs and about 80 hens. Their henhouse is rather small for the requirements of an institution of this size, and it should have at least another section added.

It was noted that a new ice house has been built since my last visit. It was also noted that a brick

chimney

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