

the summer months. At present there are two cases of scrofula. This is a loathsome disease. The glands of the neck first swell, then break and keep discharging, perhaps for a year and a half or two years. We have not the means for isolating these children as thoroughly as they should be. Although the discharges are almost daily, more or less, the general health of the children is not much affected. They are able to be in school and play as the others. Care is required in dressing the sores in order to prevent contagion, but we have not found it go from one child to another.

The Department has made provision for the board of 42 children for the current year. This is by no means adequate. Fifty-five should at least be provided for. The grant for the quarter ending June last was smaller than it should have been, and for the September quarter the number to be paid for would at least have been 50 had there not been three weeks holidays. Besides I have been keeping six non-treaty children for the past year, only two of whom are provided for.

Provision should be made here for at least 75 children as early as possible. We can easily secure that number in constant attendance. So far as sending children to Regina is concerned, nothing has been done, and I think when it comes to the point very few of the Indians will be willing for their children to go. I am perfectly willing to make the trip to Regina providing the Department makes some allowance for the transference of pupils, but I hardly feel like going at my own expense, especially as I have regular duties which occupy my time pretty fully. Then if the boys go the probability is that they will stay three or six months and come back, either with or without liberty, and the ordeal of taking them back a second time will have to be undertaken.

We are looking forward here to a fully equipped Industrial School, at least as fully equipped as we can make it. In this connection Mr. Wright has mentioned that the Committee is taking steps to secure a set of carpenter's tools. As little time as possible should elapse before forwarding them, in order that his services may be better utilized. We could very well have a blacksmith's shop on a limited scale if we had tools. We have the buildings partly provided for both."

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The first communion since the arrival of the Rev. F. O. Nichol, was to be celebrated at Mistawasis on the first Sabbath of November. The names of eleven additional members were being added to the roll.

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The Birtle Indian School has moved into new quarters in a large private dwelling owned by the mayor. Mr. and Miss McLaren hope to be much more comfortable than they were last winter.