

The Superintendent's Report, which is hereto appended, shows that each department of the School is carefully looked after, and that the interests and welfare of the pupils is made the first consideration.

We are pleased to place on record the expression of our appreciation of the faithful and satisfactory work which is being done by the members of the teaching staff, and believe that its personnel will compare favorably with that of any similar Institution in Great Britain or the United States.

It is a satisfaction to your Board to have to report the domestic department of the establishment as being conducted efficiently and economically. Mrs. Dudley, the energetic Matron, with her assistant, superintends the cleanliness of the School-rooms and dormitories, sees to the repairing of the wearing apparel, and attends to the daily wants of upwards of one hundred people. As may be imagined, neither Mrs. Dudley nor her assistant have very much idle time upon their hands.

Upon Mr. H. Towell, the Steward, devolves the duty of caring for the stores and seeing that the food is properly cooked and served. This duty he performs most satisfactorily, notwithstanding the many calls upon his time in looking after the grounds, and in supervising the work in the laundry, furnace-room, etc. Mr. Towell is the right man for the position which he holds.

The health of the pupils during the past year has been very satisfactory, and this we attribute in no small measure to the care which is taken to make the sanitary condition of our building as nearly perfect as possible, to good food, regular hours and out-door exercise. In this connection we might state that the proposal of the Superintendent to make a skating pond at the lower end of the play-grounds has been approved of by your Board, and will be carried out as soon as funds for this purpose are available.

The most noticeable increase in the attendance during the past year has been in the number of pupils from the Province of Nova Scotia.

In the census returns of Canada for 1891, the number of blind persons in Nova Scotia under 19 years of age is given as 49, but as there are now in the School from this Province 53 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 19, it is evident that these returns are far from accurate. The inaccuracy is probably due to the enumerators only registering as blind persons those who are totally deprived of sight, and not taking into account as blind those whose sight is so defective that they cannot see to read ordinary print.

In many States throughout the neighboring Republic a school census of children who should be attending school is taken every few years. Were this done in Nova Scotia, and we believe it could

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