

willow shop, and the work completed showed care and neatness, due regard being had to durability and suitability for the purposes for which the wares were intended.

The health of the pupils was found to be excellent, no sickness of any kind being reported; and it is pleasing to note that although 120 cases of "la grippe" occurred in the institution during the prevalence of the epidemic all are now restored to good health.

In company with the Provincial Architect, I again made an inspection of this institution on the 23rd June, particularly with the view of conferring with the city authorities on the questions of a sufficient water supply for the institution for fire purposes, and the forming a connection between the sewage system of the city and the institution. When the contemplated works are in a sufficiently advanced state to admit of a definite estimate being made of the actual cost to the institution, as compared with the expenditure which would be involved in constructing the sewage works by applying the precipitant porous carbon system to the drains now constructed at the institution, a selection of the best and most economical plan will then be made.

By previous appointment, the mayor, Dr. Griffin, medical health officer, and Alderman Heath, chairman of the drainage committee, and other members of the council were met at the city hall. An ample water supply, with sufficient force to make it thoroughly efficient for fire purposes is an important desideratum.

Although an approximate estimate had been made as to the outlay on the part of the city for this service, the authorities could not give any definite statement and consequently no conclusive arrangement was arrived at. It was, therefore, proposed that the engineer of the water works should, in company with the Principal, measure the distance and determine the actual amount of money which the city would require for making the connection, they to supply all necessary pipes, hydrants, etc., and all labour in excavating and fitting. They were then to name a fixed or annual lump sum for the service, to include the placing of four hydrants in the institution ground at \$40 per hydrant as rental.

Inasmuch as no actual work had been commenced on the sewage system of the town it would have been premature to make a bargain in regard to that branch of the service. Consequently the only course was to defer action in the matter until at least some progress has been made with the works.

The session of the institution closed on the 11th June, and it is pleasing to note that the examiners' report in regard to the literary, musical and industrial departments gave evidence of good progress having been made generally during the past session. The institution, in consequence of its untenanted condition, had its usual depleted appearance, and ordinary repairs, cleaning, etc., were being prosecuted vigorously, and everything in connection with the internal arrangements will be put in as good condition as possible before the pupils reassemble on the 10th September, next.

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