


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

 whom were present on the day of my visit. There were two pupils sick in bed under the doctor's care, but the general health amongst the others appeared to be very good, and they presented a clean and well nourished appearance. The pupilage is divided into three classes - senior, intermediate, and junior. There are three Sisters who act as teachers. Sister St. Wilfred, in charge of the senior room, has a first class Alberta certificate. Sister Stebbing, intermediate classroom, and Sister St. Delmas, in charge of the junior classroom, each have Quebec certificates. The staff appear to be quite efficient.

The girls are given training in cooking, sewing, knitting, and laundry work, and, during the summer months, in the milking of cows. The boys assist on the farm and in the care of the stock. They are given ample meals of wholesome nourishing food, including soup, meat, eggs, potatoes, bread, butter, puddings, tea, and milk. The diet is varied.

I found the school building very clean and tidy throughout. This is a comparatively new building, but the work on the building was not performed in a satisfactory way. The plaster is cracked, and has fallen off in many places, and the paint on the outside of the building has peeled off to the boards. The lighting, heating, and plumbing appears to be satisfactory. The fire hose and equipment in the interior of the building is in good shape. A large 20 horse power Fairbanks-Morse engine, together with a force pump, is installed in a separate building for fire protection, but this unit cannot be used as there is no belt tightener provided.

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