

winter the Dramatic and Debating Society is a source of considerable pleasure and amusement, at the same time being instructive; while the ice on the St. Mary's River as a rule affords good skating, a pastime the boys are particularly fond of, many of them being very fast skaters.

Before closing my report, I desire to express our gratitude and appreciation of the department's generosity in placing one of the best of modern heating apparatus in the home, and for the department's grant of \$2,500 for repairs, which were so urgently needed.

The old wooden bedsteads, many of them nearly as old as the Shingwauk itself, have been abolished, and fifty new iron bedsteads with spring mattresses substituted. With the fifteen previously in use, this now permits of the dormitories being furnished throughout with iron beds. The interior of the main building has been quite remodeled, useless partitions, dark cupboards and passages have been removed, thereby enlarging the main rooms, giving more light and better ventilation. A new main staircase, four feet wide, has been built from basement to top floor, the boys' lavatories enlarged and newly painted, and new hardwood maple floors laid down throughout the institution. The dining-room also has been enlarged, and a new sewing-room, offices, clothing-room and store-room constructed, and numerous other changes and improvements made.

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GEO. LEY KING,
Principal.

WIKWEMIKONG INDUSTRIAL-SCHOOL,

WIKWEMIKONG, ONT., 7th July, 1896.

The Honourable

The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your consideration the annual report of this institution for the past year.

This industrial-school is located on the unceded part of Manitoulin Island, at the head of Smith Bay, in the Wikwemikong village.

We have had this year one hundred and twenty pupils attending school, sixty-five boys and fifty-five girls, the department granting subsidy for ninety pupils only at the rate of five dollars *per capita* per month.

There are about two hundred acres of land held in connection with the school; about one hundred acres are tilled, and the rest is used as a pasture. The farm is operated with a view of supplying the school with meat and vegetables, milk and butter. We keep about sixty head of cattle, as many sheep, eight horses, a few hogs and about one hundred chickens. The work is done partly by the boys with the help of Indian workmen under the charge of a head farmer.

The boys and girls are educated in two different frame buildings, the former under the care of men and the latter of women. The institution is managed in connection with the mission, and as almost all the employees give their services gratis, we are enabled to keep thirty pupils above the number subsidized by the department. We would have room for about thirty pupils more, and in fact that many are waiting their turn for admission, but we have not the means to support them.

The sanitary condition of both schools is fair, although a better system of ventilation is desirable and contemplated.

The water is supplied from wells dug near the buildings; it is plentiful and as pure as such a supply can be.