

In the year 1887, of which I have not made any formal report as yet, we commenced with twenty-four boys on the roll. Eleven entered during the year, and six left, their time having expired, one died of consumption, leaving at the close of the year thirty-one boys in the school. Twelve boys are now employed in the shoe factory, eleven cut and make kindling wood, one has charge of engine, two boys are in charge of the express waggon, two are on the farm, three assist in doing the house work.

I am glad to report that since the first of the present year our shoe factory has been in active operation; thanks to our esteemed friend and director, Mr. E. D. Meynell, who has taken upon himself the responsibility of running it. New machinery has been imported from Boston and Montreal.

The kindling wood sales have been steadily increasing from year to year. In 1888, 121,365 bundles were sold. these were made by twelve boys, and during the months of April, May and June, these same lads shook a large number of carpets and helped in other kinds of work on the farm, especially during the season of hay-making. It will be readily seen that the boys of the Protestant Industrial School are not kept in idleness.

Every Sabbath, weather permitting, the boys with the Superintendant attend Divine Service twice a day, at one of the Protestant Churches. Sabbath School is held every Sunday afternoon conducted by the Superintendant.

I am glad to state that the general conduct of the boys during the year has been very satisfactory, their conduct also at the different churches has been very highly spoken of.

We endeavour to keep up a correspondence with the boys who leave us, and it is very gratifying, from time to time, to receive letters from them, and to find that they are doing well.

I desire to thank the Board for their kindness in giving the boys a day's outing in the summer, which is highly appreciated by them. The boys also look forward to their Annual Christmas Dinner with pleasurable anticipation.