

Department of Indian Affairs

Farm and Garden.—The farm, consisting of thirty acres, is year by year proving more productive, and is being steadily enlarged by chopping into the bush. Better adapted for grazing purposes than the growing of cereals, I trust circumstances will eventually permit of our drifting more into stock. All the vegetables and milk necessary to our wants have been supplied from the farm, besides a quantity of butter and one thousand three hundred and forty-nine pounds of meat. Sufficient hay was cut and put up for the cattle and between sixty and seventy dollars worth of small fruits marketed. The farm is entirely worked by the boys under the supervision of a practical farmer.

Moral and Religious Training, Conduct, Discipline and Punishment.—The religious training is that of the Church of England. Two services are conducted each Sunday in the Shingwauk chapel; morning and evening prayers are held in the school-room every day and Sunday-school on Sunday afternoons. The pupils are always well behaved and reverent during the services.

With the exception of two or three pupils, the conduct has been excellent and good discipline has been maintained. The methods of punishment adopted are: fines, impositions and kept in to work on half-holidays. Corporal punishment is administered only as a last resource and in cases of repeated acts of disobedience.

Health of Pupils.—Not for many years have we been so free from sickness. With the exception of one case of scarlet fever of a mild form, and the sad case of a little Delaware boy of ten years of age, who after much suffering caused by a diseased ankle joint, was obliged to have his foot amputated, there has been no serious illness of any kind.

Sanitary Condition.—The sanitary condition of the school has been satisfactory. Pupils and staff closets (the former newly built in December last) are situated outside and some little distance from the main building, and supplied with zinc-lined boxes which are removed and emptied at regular appointed times. Pails from the boys' dormitories are carried and emptied into an open drain, west of the building, which has good drainage to the river. The plank drains leading from the boys' lavatories and kitchens continue to work satisfactorily. The overflow pipe from the water tank has lately been connected into this drain. All large refuse is placed in a barrel and carted to the farm daily.

Water Supply and Fire Protection.—The water supply is very good, being brought up from the St. Mary's River in iron pipes to a large tank (7 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. \times 3 ft. 3 in. \times 7 ft. $4\frac{1}{2}$ in.) capable of holding one thousand gallons, which is placed on top story of the main building. Pipes are connected from it to the kitchens, boys' lavatories and principal's quarters. The water is pumped by steam power at the factory, the intake pipe being two hundred feet from the shore. Hydrants are situated at convenient distances outside of the buildings, and on each flat of the main building to which one hundred feet of hose with nozzle, kept ready for use in case of fire can be readily attached. The home is also supplied with four Star glass-lined chemical fire-engines and fireman's axes. The former are properly charged and ready for use in case of fire. A barrel containing twenty gallons of prepared chemical fluid is placed on the second story for recharging same. I might also add in this connection that all the buildings with the exception of the factory are insured in the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Canada.

Heating.—The old wood stoves, the original method of heating the home, were abolished in February last, and a hot-water heating apparatus placed in the Shingwauk, consisting of two No. 8 Daisy Boilers, with an attachment of forty-nine radiators containing two thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight square feet of radiation exclusive of mains and branches, which is sufficient to diffuse a genial heat throughout the building in even the severest weather.

Recreation of Pupils.—About three hours each day is devoted to recreation, and on Saturdays six hours. Out-door games are encouraged, and freely indulged in by the pupils. They excel at foot-ball and base-ball (their favourite games) and are rarely beaten by outside teams. Some of the boys recently obtained prizes at the running and jumping contests held at St. Joseph's Island and the American Sault. In the