

Department of Indian Affairs.

ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN HOME,
FORT WILLIAM MISSION, Ont., 30th June, 1896.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my annual report for the year ended 30th June, 1896.

Our new home was completed and ready for occupation the 1st November last. It is a great improvement on the old building; being more convenient and more easily heated. There are twenty-six pupils in the institution at present, nine boys and seventeen girls; eight girls and two boys were admitted during the year, and three girls and one boy discharged.

The pupils are all healthy, happy and contented; their moral conduct for the year has been encouraging. I am thankful to state that we have had no sickness of any account this year.

The girls have been exercised in all kinds of domestic work; the senior girls receive training in turn in the kitchen, where they acquire a knowledge of cooking, baking, &c. Besides they are taught knitting, darning, sewing, mending and making their own clothes, &c.

In the class-room satisfactory progress has been made.

We have, &c.,

Sisters of St. Joseph.

MOUNT ELGIN INSTITUTION,
MUNCEY, ONT., 29th August, 1896.

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the condition and prospects of the Mount Elgin Industrial Institution for the year ended 30th June, 1896.

The year has been one of marked advancement and will be memorable by reason of the erection and equipment of a handsome new institution to supersede one that has done good service for half a century. It is beautifully located on the south bank of the River Thames, in the township of Caradoc, county of Middlesex, about twelve miles from the city of St. Thomas and twenty miles from London. This industrial farm [of two hundred and four acres is admirably adapted for all the purposes intended and is in a high state of cultivation.

The new building is 75 × 108 feet. The main tower is 108 feet, with a bell tower on the north end, which is 96 feet. Counting the basement (which is nearly altogether above ground) the building is four stories with an extensive attic. The building presents a commanding appearance from all sides and is much admired. It is constructed of stone and brick and is of the Renaissance style of architecture. The many-gabled roof is covered with Canadian slate.

It will comfortably accommodate one hundred pupils, and when the attic is completed an additional twenty-five can be accommodated. The building is so planned that every compartment is complete in itself. The north wing is for the boys and male officers, the south wing for the girls and female officers; while the centre of the building has