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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 21 1896.

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Replies to Office Circular
Letter of July 30th,
giving estimates for
fiscal year 1898.

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., August 21st 1896.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your Circular Letter of July 30th, directing estimates for the fiscal year 1898, I have to respectfully inform you that the possible capacity of this School with the Outing is 1500, as stated last year. The actual proper accommodations at the School will provide for 700.

The greatest number present at any time during the fiscal year 1896 was 666. The greatest number on our rolls at any one time, including the Outing, was 764. The average for the year was 722.

The number of buildings now in use is 33, the estimated cost of which was \$171,475.00. To these a new laundry building will soon be added, which will relieve the spaces now occupied as laundry and add to the capacity of the dining room and kitchen, and also furnish additional room for employes. The shop room is not as ample as it should be, but I have already submitted plans and our present appropriation provides for enlargement there. I may also, during the current year, ask to add two new school rooms, but this I will leave

until spring.

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The water supply of the School comes from the town system. It is ample at a pressure of 30 pounds. We have abundance of fire plugs and an excellent fire engine. The water comes from the Conodoguinet River. The quality is only fair, but the Water Company has just contracted for a filter system which will improve the quality. We have in addition three mammoth cisterns, which I clean out every fall and then store with winter water. This gives us excellent drinking water throughout the year.

The drainage is into a small running stream bordering the School grounds, which serves only fairly well because of the smallness of the stream. The question of a sewerage system for the borough of Carlisle has been agitated, and whenever the plans are carried out the natural flow will be near the School. Connection with such a system will be very desirable.

As my proposition the past two years to undertake 1500 children has not been favorably considered, I now suggest that Congress be asked to give for transportation, support and maintenance of 1000 pupils, and for repairs and improvements, for the fiscal year 1898, \$115,000.00, and extra compensation for the Officer in Charge \$1,000.00, in all \$116,000.00.

I expect to handle during the present school year on this year's appropriation about 800 children, and also to cover the expense of new buildings, repairs and improvements.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)

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R.H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y Supt