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Indian Industrial School

Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th Cav.

Supt.

Dec. 22. 87

Forwards Statement
of Cost of Articles issued
& expended at the
School during Tr.
ending Sept. 30. 1887.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 22 1887.

To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In forwarding under instructions of your letter of the 13th inst, marked Education, the first report of articles issued, ^{& expended,} on Form 5-307, it seems best to inform you that it is a very material undertaking to make these reports, and quite impossible to make them represent the facts. In the matter of clothing, for instance, we give simply the cost of the raw material, without freight, which we have expended in manufacturing clothing. This represents no fact connected with the cost of the School sufficient for a guide as to the expense of clothing, for the reason that

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that we hire hands and use our ~~own~~
Pupils to make our own clothing, and
the material used and expended in
any one Quarter does not fairly represent
the clothing cost for that Quarter, for,
being ahead with our work, we are already
making clothing for next Summer's wear.

In the matter of school furnishing,
which the instructions say must include
cost of all school furniture, bedding &c.,
we do not issue nor expend our bedding,
furniture &c., but carry it on our papers
from year to year until it is worn out,
so that a Quarter containing the condemned
property, acted upon and disposed of by a
Board of Survey, might, and probably would,
show under the statement a greater cost
of material than all the other Quarters
combined.

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Under the head of Miscellaneous Cost we give cost of material used in manufacturing articles shipped to Agencies, while a part, or all of this cost comes back to us under the system of Contract and purchase of which this is a part.

There are other points, which I need not present, in this statement that render it non-effective as a guide. Some years ago a similar form was inaugurated by the then School Inspector, Mr. Haworth, I then verbally explained to the Commission its want of force and we were never required to make it.

In this connection I feel impelled to say that the complicated system of reports and returns of accountability have always been oppressive to me, as well as to every other field worker under the De-

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-partment, and I cannot help wishing
that our School Division might exercise
its genius in the way of relief on this
line, instead of adding to. The best
way to get at the Quarterly cost of this
School is to divide our Annual Appro-
-priation by four, as we always have
consumed and always expect to consume
every dollar appropriated.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

R.H. Pratt
Capt. 10th Regt.
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STATEMENT

OF

ISSUES AND EXPENDITURES

ON ACCOUNT OF

Indian Training *School,*

Carlisle Barrack *Agency,*

for quarter ended *Sept 30. 1887*

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(5-307.)

STATEMENT of cost of all articles issued on account of *Indian Training*
school, at *Carlisle Barracks* Agency, during quarter ended *Sept 30. 1887*

ARTICLES.	COST.	REMARKS.
Subsistence	3315.81	
Clothing	1801.32	
School materials	245.74	
School furnishings		
Light and fuel	759.50	
Buildings and repairs	1645.52	
Miscellaneous	851.65	
Subsistence raised by school and issued to pupils.	620.40	
Total	\$ 9239.94	✓

"School materials" must include the cost of books, paper, ink, pencils, etc. "School furnishings" must include cost of all school furniture, bedding, etc. "Miscellaneous" must include cost of all articles not included in other headings. Opposite "Subsistence raised by school" give the market value of amount issued.

This report must be filled up and forwarded to the Indian Office, in a separate envelope, as soon as possible after the close of each quarter. A separate blank must be used for each school.

I certify on honor that the above statement is correct.

R. H. [Signature]
Chapman - Chief Supr U. S. Indian Agent.