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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Jan 27 1898.

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

*In regard to number
of pupils received from
points west of the Mississippi
River, transportation
etc.*

See letter to Secty Feb. 10/98

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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., January 27th, 1898.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

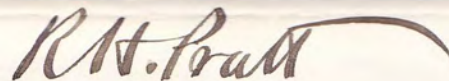
Complying with the request in your letter of the 24th inst. marked "Education", relative to number and cost of transportation of pupils from west of the Mississippi River for the last fiscal year, etc., I respectfully state that there were received during the fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1896, and ending June 30th, 1897, (143) pupils from the section named at an average cost for railroad transportation of \$38.70 per capita.

The further cost of supporting these pupils at Carlisle, including all expenses of board, clothing, tuition, industrial training and medical attention, but exclusive of building and repairs, averaged \$111.30 each, making a total cost for each for the first year of \$150.00 per capita.

It should be borne in mind, however, that the transportation charges usually cover the school period of five years, and, assuming that the home-going cost will be about the same as the incoming, we find we have an annual transportation charge of \$15.48 on account of each pupil, or a total annual charge of \$126.78 for support and transportation. It will, however, amount to a little more than this, as all may not stay the full five years' term, and so increase a little the per annum ratio.

The total cost of transportation for the fiscal year mentioned was \$11,391.52, for all incoming and outgoing students, expense of collecting, escorts, etc., making a charge against each of the 920 pupils in attendance during the year of \$12.38, which added to the cost of support, \$111.30, gives an average cost per pupil of \$123.68 for all expenses, exclusive of building and repairs.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Capt. 10th Cav'y., Supt.

(Dictated) Mc