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Major W. A. Mercer,
Supt.

Submits estimate of funds
required for support of school,
etc., for fiscal year 1909.

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Major T. H. Cavalry

Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

August 5, 1907. *J.R.W.*

The Honorable,

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

Sir:

Complying with the instructions contained in Circular No. 156, "Education", dated June 7, 1907, I have the honor to submit the following report as to the condition of this school plant and estimate of funds required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909:-

The general condition of the plant is very good. Though many of the buildings and some of the equipment are old and rather poorly adapted to their purpose, they have all been kept in as good repair as practicable, and the efficiency and convenience of the plant have been increased by repairs, improvements and additions.

Figures relating to enrollment are as follows:

Present enrollment, - - - - - 884

Average attendance for 12 months ending June
30, 1907, - - - - - 957

The present enrollment of 884 will of course be materially increased during the next few weeks by the arrival of new students before school reopens the first week in September. It is my purpose to maintain the enrollment at about 1000 during the school session of the present fiscal year.

The sewerage system is accomplishing the work required of it quite satisfactorily. The freedom of pupils and employees from illness of any kind that might result from improper sewage disposal

indicates this. The system, however, requires considerable attention and repairs to keep it in order. The sewage is emptied into the creek on the school farm a little over one-fourth of a mile from the school grounds.

The water supply is obtained by contract at 3-1/3 cents per thousand gallons from the Carlisle Gas & Water Co., the annual cost being about \$725. The water, which is the same as that supplied to the city of Carlisle, and is in fact delivered through the same system of pipes, is of fairly good quality, but the supply is at times inadequate, the pressure being insufficient to produce a flow of water on the upper floors of some of the buildings. Necessarily the fire protection from this source is not all that it should be, but it is supplemented by a large hand-power fire engine and hose cart and hose, besides a number of chemical fire extinguishers distributed through the several buildings.

Heat for warming the several buildings is supplied by steam from a central plant consisting of four 150-horsepower high pressure boilers. Steam for cooking in the school kitchen and for heating water in kitchen, dining room, laundry, and for bathing purposes in the dormitories is also supplied from this central plant. The heating plant is very efficient but is not economical. The pipes are all cased with wood and laid in the ground, whereas they should be cased with mineral wool and laid in conduits, to prevent loss from radiation and to facilitate repairs.

The several buildings are lighted by the equivalent of a total

of about 1300 16-c.p. incandescent electric lights, the current for which is supplied by the Carlisle Gas & Water Co. In addition there are three 2000 c.p. arc lights to light the grounds, the current for which is supplied by the same company. Electric current with which to operate our laundry, wood shop and printing office machinery is supplied by the Valley Traction Co.

I desire to repeat what I said a year ago to the effect that this school should by all means own and operate its own plant for supplying electric light and power current. I shall not, however, at this time request a specific appropriation for the purpose.

As stated in former reports, the system of ventilation for our dormitories is not modern or satisfactory. It has been greatly improved during the past year by the installation of folding sash boards in each of the rooms to deflect the current of air upward. These boards are manufactured in our shops, and the better ventilation and consequent improvement in the health of the pupils during the past year was manifest.

The erection of the new hospital, which will be available for use the coming year, will greatly relieve the crowded condition of the boys' quarters which has existed in the past, it being the purpose to use the old hospital for a large boys' dormitory.

The appropriation for the present fiscal year provides \$5000 for erection of cottages for employees quarters. Plans have been formulated and approved for the erection of one double two-story cottage in flats which will accommodate four families to do house-keeping. In addition one small two-story cottage is to be erected

for the florist near the greenhouse. The completion of these cottages will supply much needed quarters on the grounds for employees with families and it is thought that the same will meet the requirements of the school for the time being.

We are now required to pay full rates for all transportation of pupils to the railroads, thus very materially increasing the item of cost for transportation as compared with such cost a year or two ago. It is estimated that the total increase of such cost exceeds \$12000. The cost of all material and supplies required for the school has also very materially increased during the past year so that in order to properly conduct the school and maintain the present standard of efficiency and keep the plant and equipment in repair an increased appropriation over that for the last fiscal year would be warranted. However, it is believed, by the exercise of the utmost economy and by making only such improvements as are absolutely necessary the work of the school can be carried through another fiscal year with the same appropriation that was made last year.

It is therefore recommended that the appropriation for the next fiscal year be made as follows:

For support of school, transportation of pupils to and from said school, and for general repairs and improvements,	\$163,000.
For additional salary of superintendent in charge,	1,000
Total,	<u>-----</u> \$164,000.

The appropriation for the current fiscal year is as follows:

For support of school, transportation, general repairs and improvements, - - - - -	\$163,000.00
For additional salary of superintendent in charge, - - - - -	1,000.00
For two new cottages for employees, - - - - -	5,000.00
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$169,000.00</u>

Very respectfully,

W. A. Mercer
Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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