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Report of W.S. COLEMAN

Agency or school CARLISLE

Date of report MAY 1, 1918

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IN OILING, HEALTH CONDITIONS ETC.



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Carlisle Indian
School,
Carlisle, Pa.
W. S. Coleman,
Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1918.

Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Sells:

Under your instructions dated April 19th, I visited the Government School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for a few days, returning to Washington Wednesday afternoon, April 24th.

My visit to Carlisle was too short to make any extensive or detailed inspection, but my trip covered a hasty overlook of this institution in a general way. I am therefore making this report brief, giving my observations as a whole on the present status of this school.

STUDENTS IN OUTING

There are at the present about 248 students in the outing, many having been called home for agricultural purposes in view of home conditions caused by the war, while many others are quartered in desirable homes under the usual "outing system" practised by Carlisle. Superintendent John Francis informs me that his reports are as a rule very gratifying from the Carlisle boys and girls wherever located.

INDIAN VOLUNTEERS

It should be remembered that about sixty fine young Indians volunteered for the war, and are serving their country in both the Army and Navy. This patriotic feeling is backed up very finely by the students and the employes at Carlisle, and in all governmental activities from the Third Liberty Loan Bonds to the smallest detail in Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. aid, all are contributing their share and doing quite a deal of substantial work along these lines.

It is a matter of pride to this Indian school that it has so many excellent representatives in the fighting arm of the public service, and this fact stimulates a patriotic feeling on the grounds and gives this institution a standing over the country that is most admirable.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

There has been a general average of good health at the school the past scholastic year that has been rather above the usual, the institution being immune from epidemics of any character that so often demoralize school conditions. Barring one case of small pox in a ~~light~~ form there have been few cases of sickness. There is one case of "german" measles, and during the week Inspector was at Carlisle, some twelve or fifteen students were quartered in the hospital

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for treatment for a mild form of grippe. These, however, are not considered serious, and with three or four days of confinement the average patient is returned to their regular quarters and school attendance.

The Inspector found the hospital in apparently first class condition considering the fact that it has fortunately not been used very much during this year for any purpose.

SCHOOL FARM

The farming conditions at the school are not advanced for the time of year, recent rains retarding the work of plowing and spring preparation of the land. Some spring sowing of small seed for rye, oats and alfalfa has been made. Every preparation is ready for activities just as soon as the soil is dry enough for plowing.

DAIRY HERD

The dairy herd appears to be in very good condition, the Holstein breed of cattle being the kind used exclusively. There are a number of fine young heifers that will be available for milking purposes at the close of this year or early next spring. The culling process is eliminating the older cows from the herd, and it is the purpose of the management to have next year the best blood and best milkers possible from the present stock.

ATHLETICS

The question of general athletics still holds good at this institution, and the spring season for contest in La Crosse and baseball is engaging the attention of the athletic teams. Carlisle is holding her own everywhere and is maintaining her reputation in a commendable way for general prowess in athletic contests of every kind. The volunteers for service in the war and the outing contingent necessarily took from the school roster many of the largest and healthiest specimens of physical young manhood, which has in a measure weakened the athletic teams.

GENERAL MORALE

The Inspector found the general morale at Carlisle very satisfactory indeed. The teaching force and employees generally are cooperating throughout the institution with the Superintendent, and there seems to be a most gratifying harmony prevailing both with the student body and the Government force. The appearance of the students on the campus, the condition of their quarters and their conduct generally indicate a splendid discipline and the moving of the general machinery in a smooth and satisfactory way. The Inspector did not visit the school rooms on account of the shortness of time, but there is every indication of studious

application and very good results so far as outward appearances indicated to me.

The Inspector was invited to address the student body on Tuesday evening the 23d in the assembly hall and the entire school and employes attended in a body. The Inspector was much gratified at the general and cordial reception of his remarks, and the spirit of the occasion breathed patriotic feeling on account of the war and a general sense of interdependence between the white man and the Indian.

The Inspector has no specific recommendations to make at this time, concerning either the policy prevailing at Carlisle or in the matter of improvements or changes at the school or on the farm. There were a few minor details which the Inspector discussed with the Superintendent, and it is the purpose of Mr. Francis to care for all matters deemed wise to be brought to his attention.

A board of survey was organized and a lot of accumulated, worthless Government property was condemned in the usual way.

With assurances of my very highest consideration, I have the honor to be,

Very truly yours,

W. S. Colman,

Inspector.