

INSPECTION REPORT

Report of C. F. Peirce, Supervisor.

Agency or school Carlisle, Pa.

Date of report February 20, 1911.

Section 2 Subject Material Plant.



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Date of action.

~~April 20, 1911.~~

~~July 10, 1911~~

FINAL ACTION TAKEN.

Action should be taken or memorandum prepared on each of the following matters referred to in the report:

1. See 95269-1-1910, Inspector McLaughlin's report.
2. New floors in the girls' quarters.
3. More adequate bathing facilities.
4. Improve conditions in the large boys' quarters.
5. Improve conditions in the small boys' quarters.

~~6.~~ Put the guardhouse in sanitary condition.

New one being constructed

(See Schenk Statistics File)

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See 85084-1-1911

Supervisor Charles' report

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

CARLISLE, PA.

Report on
material plant.

May 31, 1911.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
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The Honorable
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:-

I have your Office letter dated May nineteenth relative to making improvements on the material plant of the Carlisle School, and relative to the small appropriation granted for the year 1912 for improvements. It will be impossible, of course, to do much next year with the small amount of \$5,000, but I am in hopes now of making a sufficient saving so that some of the materials for necessary improvements may be purchased this year and prior to July first.

I note that the Office is desirous of cooperating in this matter to the extent of doing as much as possible toward making these improvements, and I shall send in recommendations for building materials as rapidly as is possible and consistent with the amount of money on hand out of this year's appropriation.

Very respectfully,

M. Friedman
Superintendent.

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No action required.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,
Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

The Office has received a report from Supervisor Charles F. Peirce on the material plant of the Carlisle School in which he comments rather fully on the conditions of the various buildings and grounds and recommends somewhat extensive repairs thereto.

The Office understands from this report and from previous correspondence of your own that the buildings particularly are in great need of repair but the Office recognizes the fact that your appropriation this year is far from being sufficient to make these expenditures and there seems but little prospect of their accomplishment during 1912. However, the Office will be glad to cooperate with you as far as possible to accommodate you in this direction.

Respectfully, *(Signed) C. F. Hauke,*

Name of School: Carlisle, Pa.

Report of Chas F. peirce, Supervisor. February 20, 1911.

Section 2. Material Plant.

General Remarks:

In general, the outward appearance of the school plant is good, the buildings have been kept fairly well painted and otherwise repaired so that they present an attractive appearance. However, the interior of the dormitory buildings is not so well kept up, and repairs are very badly needed in many places. In the girls' quarters, plastering and painting is now going on, which will improve conditions materially. There is, however, great need of new floors in this building as the old ones are badly worn down, the great cracks making homes for all sorts of disease germs. This important improvement should receive attention as soon as funds are available.

In the small boys' home, painting, plastering and new flooring is about finished, and this building will soon be in the best condition of any dormitory building on the premises. The toilet and lavatory facilities are very poor and need attention. The water heater in the bath room is not of proper capacity, and it is often necessary to stop bathing and wait for water to heat. The bath room is not properly heated, and is frequently very uncomfortable on bath day.

In the quarters for large boys, there is need of much repair work; the floors are very badly worn, and almost the entire building needs re-flooring. There is also need of paint in halls and in pupils rooms. The toilet and lavatory facilities here are a dis-

grace to the school and ought not to be tolerated. It appears that the Superintendent has taken this matter up with your Office, and in part made the following statement, every word of which I endorse:

"My second specific recommendation is for an item of \$10,000 to erect a bath and lavatory building at the Large Boys' Quarters. I need not emphasize the importance of teaching cleanliness to Indians. It is a vital necessity, for disease is inevitable without it. The bathing and lavatory facilities are both inadequate and unsanitary, and the Government ought not to tolerate a building such as has to be used at the present time by our large boys.

It is a dilapidated building, contains old style plumbing fixtures and wooden floors and can not be kept clean nor free from smell. In its present condition it is a menace to the health of students and a constant danger to those who are compelled to use it. The building was erected twenty-three years ago from brick left over from the construction of several other buildings being erected at that time.

Even then it can not have been built along the latest sanitary lines. It is a regular old style out-house and has been condemned by former school physicians as well as by the present acting school physician."

In a report concerning this matter, the school physician says:

"I want to call your attention to the bath rooms and toilet fixtures of the large boys' quarters. This building is becoming dilapidated and inadequate. The plumbing is inadequate and old style and the drainage insufficient. The bath tubs and attendant plumbing attachments are rapidly deteriorating. The water closets are foul and require constant attention and the overflow is imperfect. The flooring is rotting and in the bath quarters the granolithic flooring is irregular, resulting in imperfect drainage from the room. The condition of the building is a menace to the health of the school. I would therefore recommend a new building with improved plumbing, etc."

Superintendent Friedman has estimated that it would require \$10,000 to erect a modern sanitary building, but states that it will not be possible to do so this year, owing to the small amount made available in the Indian Appropriation bill. I would state that while the conditions at the small boys' home are not as bad, at the

same time a lavatory building is also needed there. This would bring the expense up to about \$20,000, an amount which it appears to me is rather more than is justifiable under present conditions.

These lavatory buildings are 20x50 feet, two stories high, built of brick, and I am inclined to think can be remodeled, putting in steel floor joists so as to carry cement floors, and sanitary fixtures, at a much less cost than is estimated for one new building.

The shop, barn, and dairy buildings are all in good condition and need very little in the way of repair.

The new dairy barn is a model for sanitary and convenient construction, being fully modern in every particular.

As it has been generally conceded that a guard house or lockup is a sort of necessary evil at all large schools, it would seem that some action should be taken toward making the guard house here sanitary and safe for the unfortunate occupants. As it is well known, the present guard house is about one hundred thirty-five years old, is poorly lighted, poorly heated, and has no toilet fixtures. Boys who have been confined, informed me that in cold weather, they either had to remain covered with blankets in a bed on the cement floor, or walk all of the time to keep warm.

The building is about 32x75 feet, and it would seem that several windows might be cut in the walls, the inside partitions removed, some steel cages built so as to accommodate six or eight prisoners, and the building connected up with steam heating and sewer systems, for a few hundred dollars.

These changes would make the building safe and sanitary and, at the same time, would not materially change its outward appearance nor destroy its historic recollections.

Chas. F. Peirce

Respectfully submitted
Supervisor of Indian Schools

Name of School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Report of Chas. F. Peirce, Supervisor Date, February 20, 1911

Recommendations: Section No. 2. Material Plant.

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As I have stated, the general repairs to the dormitory buildings, the construction of two lavatory buildings for boys and the change of the guard home are the most necessary improvements at this place. Under the plans of the Superintendent the lavatories will cost \$10000 each, and a new guard house nearly the same amount, so that the aggregate of cost would be not less than \$28000. It does not appear to me to be wise to expend this amount on the buildings here, and I would therefore recommend that estimates providing for the various changes, as outlined in my general remarks, be made at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. F. Peirce
Supervisor of Indian Schools.