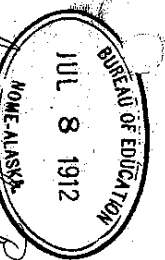


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June 18, 1912

Report of U. S. School for Natives at Deering Alaska

I General Review of Work in School
This has been a year of happy busy work for the pupils of Deering school. Sixty-three have been enrolled. The average attendance was twenty-three.

I am very glad to say that we have had an successful year. Each pupil seemed to enjoy school. On the first day all the children came with bright smiling faces. They were glad to get back again. How glad I have been to see each child happy in school and willing to comply with my wishes.

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How the people are improving every year!

Five and one half hours for seven months and five hours during the month of May has been the length of the daily session - from 9.00 A.M. to 3.30 P.M. with one hour intermission at noon - and this has seemed hardly long enough.

(a) entertainments

Five entertainments have been held during the eight months of school. One general program was given the last of October including a talk on sanitation by the teacher. Other programs of songs, readings, recitations and physical exercises were given for Thanksgiving.

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Christmas, Washington's Birthday, and
 a "Spring" Program near May 1st
 All the Eskimos enjoyed these en-
 tertainments which have been a
 help in overcoming the timidity
 of the children as well as in their
 use of English.

(c) Advancement of Pupils.

The little beginners have taken an
 interest in their work from the first.
 Five adults have been enrolled for
 regular school work. Four boys have
 worked faithfully in the 5th grade.
 One boy has done some 6th grade
 work. He uses good English and has
 succeeded well in multiplication
 and division of fractions. **COPY**
 in solving some miscellaneous

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practical problems in Miller's
Advanced Arithmetic.

(c) Alcohol and Narcotics

Teaching has been given to all pupils
each week during the greater part
of the year on the effects of Alcohol
and Narcotics, and to the other pupils
in the regular Hygiene and Physiology
recitations throughout the year.

(d) Music and Memory Work

Many songs have been learned, and
25 quotations from the Bible have
been memorized. Two pupils
have been given lessons on the
organ, outside of the regular
school hours and have practiced
faithfully. Both of these

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to play a number of songs

Drawing

(c) Cleaning of Rooms.

The larger boys and girls have taken turns in the daily sweeping and dusting of the school rooms and shops. About once a month there has been a thorough cleaning accomplished by the assignment of tasks to different ones, such as, mending desks, blacking the stove, and sweeping the floor.

(4.) Health of Pupils.

Disinfectants were used daily before sweeping. Physical culture exercises were much enjoyed for ten minutes each day. The health of the children has been remarkably good all year. After the change of the Sanitation kitchen from

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the "entrance", to the private room which was formerly the hospital ward, the last week of March, there has been a chance for the taking of baths. This opportunity was improved by the people, about 25 baths being taken in the month of April.

(9) Industrial Work

It is encouraging to see the skill men in their industries. Two hours each day throughout the year have been devoted to industrial work. I wish some of the Government officials could taste the good brew these boys and girls make, and also see other articles made. **COPY** their daily industrial hours.

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The boys certainly had a good time working in the shop. Some of them have been interested in knitting and bread-baking and in doing their own washing.

The little folks were greatly pleased with the sewing cards. Much pleasure and profit has been derived from the use of the folding and cutting papers in making boxes, chairs, lanterns, tables, windmills and may-baskets. The children helped in planting a little garden this spring.

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Dooring

The following is a tabulated report of the results in the Industrial Department

Carpentry

- 6 Sleds
- 11 Picture frames
- 4 Chairs
- 2 Tables
- 3 Cabinets with shelves or drawers
- 5 Shelves
- 2 Spears
- Toys
 - 3 Bonwick (knot) frames
 - 1 Kiyak frame
 - 4 Deer Sleds
 - 1 Dog sled
 - 1 Pair Snow shoes
 - 5 Mats
- 6 Dresses
- 8 Spears

Sawing

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Decorating

Sewing (Cont'd)

6 Pockets 4 pr. Overalls

10 pr. aprons 2 small quilts

2 Sun bonnets 7 cushions

Knitting

6 pr. Mittens 8 pr. Mittlets

6 Belts

Baskets

7 Baskets 1 cup, saucer, and spoon

Cooking

461 Loaves of Bread

52 Pans of Biscuits

Laundry

22 Washings

6 Drawings

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II In the Community

(a) Personal Cleanliness

In the houses not many take baths regularly for lack of proper facilities and privacy. At all the homes the people wash their clothes frequently.

(b) Cleanliness of Houses

Every Saturday a special effort is made to air bed clothing, to clean under beds and to wash the floors. The teacher has made it a rule to inspect each home on Saturday afternoon and encourage good housekeeping.

(c) Ventilation

The houses are provided with ventilators and the people have

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Warning

been encouraged to give their horses well each day, and especially after many have been in the house for a time.

d) Building of Stables

The houses are not as well built as we would like, partly on account of the scarcity of timber and expense of lumber. Some houses are large and the ceilings 7 or more feet high. These houses have two rooms.

(e) Sanitary Conditions

Some garbage has been dumped in the ocean. During June the raking and burning of trash around the houses has improved the condition of the **COPY**. It is hard to get this done in

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all the villages because so few Eskimos are left here after the snow has melted. Most of the people go away early in May and remain at their sealing places until July.

Five toilets were made for the village of fifteen houses.

ES means of Subpost.

The Eskimos have been quite successful in hunting and fishing. They trade furs, game, and deer meat for food supplies at the store. Our young men have been assisting white men in mining this spring. They earn good wages but do not always get the money promptly, owing to the failure

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Learning

of the mines to produce gold in paying quantities. Reminders are owned by members of 17 different families in this vicinity.

There was some scarcity of food during the last of April and the first of May, but no suffering resulted therefrom, and about that time there was a chance to get toward, so that none of the Destitution Fund was needed for the relief of the people there.

(g.) Treatment of Disease.

The frequent and repeated teaching in the eight years of **COPY** Fore, of Hygiene and Sanitation

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has had some effect on the Eskimos, although it seems difficult to get them to quit eating dogged meat. Two serious cases of ptomaine poisoning from that cause took much care during May, but both recovered. Four others feebled, but escaped serious illness.

The treatment of disease has been made more successful than it would otherwise have been by the use of Dr Newman's book and lectures and by the advice of Dr Toos of Candolle both by phone and when he was here in April and June.

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(iv) Observance of Law

It is generally believed that the law against giving liquor to natives was violated during Christmas week and during the week following March 17. Witnesses to this are almost impossible to obtain, although the infractions were reported to the Marshal at Candia, and he endeavored to secure evidence.

(v) Moral Conditions

Among themselves the Settlers have not, so far as we can learn, been guilty of immorality, except in one case which was suggested as a white man with the probable object of securing the **GOVERNMENT** for immoral purposes.

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One, Extensive workman, it is generally understood, is a public prostitute for white men.

(4) To Promote the Welfare of Nations
For the honor of our land, some effective way should be devised of punishing law-breakers for oversteering Extensive laws, with punishment for the Extensive, against liquor drinking and immorality would help some. Some winter indoor occupation for the men would be a great help here.

A competent instructor in carpentry would be a great benefit of a carpenter **COPIED** assist the people for a few weeks.

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or even a week or two in the
Fall when they are getting their
winter houses ready, it would
lead to the improvement of their
health and comfort and sanitary
conditions.

The Government is doing a
splendid work for these people
in providing useful knowledge
and occupation for minds and
hands, and there is a consider-
able degree of appreciation of
this by Deering Eskimos.

Respectfully submitted,
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