

Deering U.S. School.  
Annual Report.

I. General Review of School Work.

Attendance. Fifty-six have been enrolled this year, nine being adults. The average attendance for the seven months is thirty-two. Most of the reindeer apprentices have attended school for two months.

The children living in the village have been almost perfect in attendance.

Advancement of Pupils. The chart and primer classes have taken much interest in reading and writing numbers.

The First and Second Reader Classes have been drilled in pronunciation and can read fairly well. They have had English Lessons from the "First Book for Foreigners" and "First Book for Non-English Speaking People". There was no Third Grade. The 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades have had frequent Phonic Drills.

Music  
and  
Memory.

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Thirty or more songs have been learned this year. McLaughlin's Song Reader has some fine songs for the boys and girls. A number of Gospel Hymns have been learned.

Bible verses and quotations have been memorized by all the school, and also a number of songs.

Alcohol  
and  
Narcotics

Teaching has been given to all pupils on the effects of alcohol and narcotics - to the younger ones orally and to the older ones in connection with Hygiene and Physiology.

Industrial  
Work

Two hours each day have been devoted to Industrial work.

One day each week bread baking and washing was done by the girls, and the same kind of work was done on another day by the boys part of the year.

Other kinds of work were sewing,

Knitting, basket making, shop work with wood. The use of the tools continues with interest and profit to the boys. More lumber is needed for the boys.

Accuracy in measuring, folding and cutting has been secured by the use of folding and cutting papers. Some taste has been developed in designing and the use of colors.

Weaving mats and sewing cards are a delight to the children.

#### Tabulated Report of Industries. Carpentry.

12 Box Trunks	3 coal boxes
2 large cupboards with doors and drawers and shelves, one boy making hinges for the doors.	6 shelves.
7 chairs	10 Picture frames
3 small cabinets with drawers.	
5 small sleds	2 comb cases
2 eraser boxes	1 Pointer.

## Sewing

38 Handkerchiefs  
 3 waists                      3 bags  
 4 skirts                      6 towels  
 7 caps                        7 doilies  
 10 Wall Pockets            4 curtains

## Knitting

2 pr. mittens                2 pr. Wristlets

## 1 Belt

## Raffia

2 mats                        4 baskets  
 1 cup                         1 tray  
 4 braided raffia cups.

## Cooking

476 Loaves of Bread.  
 51 Pans of Biscuits  
 Beans, Rice, Apples, and Cornmeal mush.

## Laundry

101 Washings  
 19 Ironings

Shool  
Republic

Instructions concerning the School Republic were received on the last mail in March, too late to organize this year. The plan of the Republic was explained to the older boys and girls, and they will be ready for it next year.

Remarks

Much has been accomplished this year, I believe, although my ill health and the lack of training of Miss Pommok who took Mrs. Taber's place Nov. 1, have been hindrances to the greatest efficiency.



II.

## Community Life

Cleanliness

Most of the people who have lived here a few years understand the meaning of clean, although they do not always practice it.

Some new families who moved to the village this year have not shown very marked improvement in this regard.

Washing  
Clothes.

All families wash their clothes frequently.

Cleaning  
and

The majority of the people have taken pride in fixing up their homes this winter and in keeping them clean.

Ventilating

All houses have ventilators.

Building

Improved  
Houses.

Four new houses were built last Fall. Lumber for these was secured at the store. They were quite well built, - in two of them two walls of lumber with building paper between were made

Others relined their rooms and added more room. All except one family have beds up from the floor.

Nearly all the houses are comfortable. Each house is occupied by one family, except in two instances.

Sanitary  
Conditions

Garbage is dumped in the ocean. Nearly every household built a snow toilet this winter.

Tubercular cases use some care about expectorating.

Means  
of  
Support.

The natives have caught many foxes this winter. Ptarmigan have been plentiful. Tomcod and white fish have also been secured.

A large catch of seal just before the "freeze up" supplied the people with food. All except two families own reindeer.

Many of the men did longshoring last fall. Two have helped

in the restaurant. Some have done freighting for white men.

The store takes game, furs, and reindeer meat in exchange for food and clothing.

Treatment  
of Disease

Some were sick with "Grippe" near Christmas time. One tubercular case died in January. Two babies died with bronchitis, and one with tuberculosis. Food and medicine and help were given to the sick as far as I was able. It has not been necessary to telephone to Dr. Smith of Candle concerning the sick.

He has been in Deering twice and examined some cases each time and gave advice.

His help has been appreciated.

Observance  
of Law

No cases of breaking the liquor law have been reported to us.



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*Moral Conditions* One Eskimo woman lives with a white man, not her husband. No other cases of immorality have been reported to us.

*Ways to promote Welfare of Eskimos* The work of teaching and training the children and young people in right living, practical industry, cleanliness and purity, as well as the mental discipline of the regular studies will surely have its effect.

It is greatly to be desired that the Eskimos shall develop independence and self reliance in business and personal conduct.

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