

Indian Affairs
School Files

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES

OTTAWA.

March 23rd.1925.

ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATION ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES AND THE FOLLOWING NUMBER SHOULD BE QUOTED: 59175 CABLE ADDRESS—MARINE, OTTAWA

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Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in which you state that the Superintendent of the Greater Winnipeg Water District has notified the Cecilia Jeffrey School that they must no longer use the bay as their approach to Waugh.

I understand that your Department granted a portion of Indian bay to the Greater Winnipeg Water District in April.1915, but made a reservation to the Crown for navigation purposes. I have not read the grant, but if it contains such a reservation I do not see how Indian bay can be closed to navigation.

Yours very truly,

E. Hawken, Assistant Deputy Minister.

J.D. McLean, Esq., Acting Deputy Superintendent General, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ont.

Handwritten: J.D. McLean, Esq., 1915

Handwritten: message in envelope

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The list of names signed.

Chief Kesik. ^H_M

Charles Ojormak

Councilor Big Joe ^H_M

Bald head Redsky ^H

Victor Martin

George Cheenah

Jim Cheenah

Alfred Jarr

Cheenah

Frankie Kabeetka

Jas Redsky

Tom Williamson

Pete Redsky Jr ^X

Pete Redsky Sr ^X

Jim Wahpuy

Geo Maudamin

Names signed.

Joe Martin.

A. Lyshen Landson.

D. Kesik D. C. M.

Tom Green x

Charlie Green

Pete Green

Jim Williams

Adam Green

Alfred Green

Gilbert

Wahpote

John Robert

Sam Kesik

Gordon Piness

Shoal Lake John

Aurthor Redsky

Charlie Williamson

John Bread

John Redsky

Names Signed

Aleck Mandamin.

Donald Mandamin.

Jim Green.

George Green.

~~Monday~~

Waugh Man
Indian Bay G.O.
March 30th 1925

meeting held at
Council house by
Bands 39th & 40th
Shoal Lake Out.

To Mr Frank Edwards
Indian Agent
Kenora Out.

Dear Sir:-

I have informed the Bands of Indian here concerning the removing of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Boarding School of the said Reserves. Placing of some close to Kenora. I myself do not agree or satisfied satisfied this statement. I do not want it to be removed otherwise. And I want you to let them know and make them understand clearly about this. Signed Chief Petchy H.

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Wauyah. Man.
Indian Bay P.O.
March 30th 1925.

Meeting held here
at Council house.

39th Skool Lake.

To Mr Frank Edwards
Tevora Out.

Dear Sir:

Chief Redsky

has informed my wife about removing
the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Boarding
School. I am not agreed with
this statement at all. And I
would like you to tell the
people that are running the school
this ...

Yours Truly
Chief Keik
Band 39th.

Meeting held here at council house
Bands 39th & 40 Shoal Lake. Out.
regarding of removing Cecilia Jeffrey
Indian Boarding School.
The whole of these two Bands
are not agreed with this statement.
And they wish you to give the
people a report of this.
In the first place they
tried all the bands of Lake of
the woods for the purpose of placing
a school. But when they came
to Shoal Lake they found us that
we were very glad indeed to have
it for the purpose of having our
children educated. And we do
not know the reasons why this
school is going to be removed.
The way we look at it
the we always look forward to
what we aim for our children that
is that we will continuously provide
the school our children and we
do not know when we had

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Refused our children for going to school.

And if so the school should be removed we will have not have to bother with it any more. We have quite a number of children that are grown up and are just about to go to school.

And if it is costing the school a lot of money for freighting goods a material we would rather wish the school be moved to end of the Greater Winnipeg water line. Indian Bay.

They did not say at first we remember for to move the school from one place to another. If the school was moved the children would be found running away. We found a good many that have done this in the past. But when they are close to us we know that they will not run away. We know when they run away here we take them back immediately.

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If the children are taken away
and should at any time run away
in cold weather It would
happen that they would freeze.

And if so that they
are not ~~more~~ satisfied in moving
the school to Waugh... we would
than rather have a Day School.
As to provide us what ~~to~~ have
promised us in the first place.

It looks very queer to
us why they want to do this,
look for instants if we look over
every thing is look how much
material ~~is~~ put into this school
and look how much land is
cleared. I suppose it has cost
lost of money. And Mr Bookson
has put in quite bit too the
year he was there. And Mr Manges
has fixed up the hospital and
we know that he doesn't do that
for nothing.

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all these ministers have had
the task and labor in order
to carry on the school. And
we do not know what would cause
all this.

The first time they asked us,
the thought was against the children
the children's parents die they are
immediately put in school, and
the Indians have an appreciation
on that school from time to time

We want you Mr Edward's
to try and help us try and
be on our side and fix it so
they can understand and you
write us or send a copy of
what they say.

We here by sign our name
that we do not agree with the
removing of Beella Jeffrey
Indian Boarding School.

Signed
Chief Reddy H X

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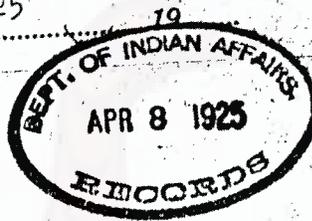
INDIAN OFFICE

108-13.

At Kenora.Ont.,

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April 6th 1925



MP

The Assistant Deputy
and Secretary.
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.Ont.,

Sir, I beg to enclose herewith letters of protest re the proposed removal of the Cecilia Jeffrey School which are self explanatory.

I have never informed the Indians of this proposition and they have evidently received their news from the school management.

I am writing the Indians informing them that nothing official has been decided on this matter.

If this school is removed I am certain that the Indians will agitate for a day school at Shoal Lake.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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189-8-1.

Ottawa, April 16, 1925.

Sir:

I have your 108-15 of the 6th instant, enclosing letters from members of the Shoak Lake Indian Band protesting against the changing of the locality of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I note that you are convinced they will agitate for a day school at Shoak Lake if the boarding school is moved.

Your obedient servant.

J. D. McLEAM

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

R.O.
Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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129-5-1.

Ottawa, April 16, 1925.

Sir:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your
59175 of the 25rd ultimo, relative to the use of Indian
Bay by the Cecilia Jeffrey School.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAM

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

W. H. C.
W. H. C.

W. H. C., Esq.,
Asst. Deputy Minister,
Dept. Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ont.

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, April 16, 1925.

Reverend Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that I am now in a position to write with reference to the use of Indian Bay by the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. This letter follows a study of the patent issued by this Department to the G. W. W. D. in April 1915 and correspondence with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

The patent in question reserved the free use, passage and enjoyment of, in, over and upon all navigable waters, and Indian Bay cannot be closed to navigation.

I believe you would be well advised to write to the G. W. W. D., informing them that the Department has assured you that you may use Indian Bay for navigation. You should intimate that every effort will be made to see that there is no contamination of the water by the school launch or barge. They should also be given to understand that we hope to move the school from its present locality in the near future and that the school will not require the use of Indian Bay very much longer.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Rev. A. D. Mensies,
Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Res. School,
Indian Bay, Man.

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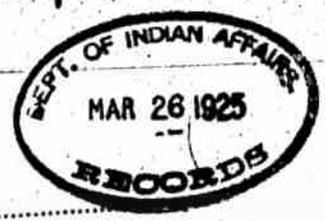
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R.D.
Some examination
Apr 16/25

Handwritten initials: B.W.W.

Miss O. Smiley 129-3-1

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Kenora. Ontario.



March 23rd 1925 19

108-13.
AS ABOVE OF THIS LETTER

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

R

Sir, I have received a letter from Nurse A.C.Reid of the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential Indian School, who is now at present living at Vancouver B.C. on two months sick leave with pay from the Department.

She states that she feels that she will be unable to return to her duties at the end of her leave of absence, but that at least she would require until about June the 23rd before she would require until about condition to do so., and that she considers that this is asking too much from the Department and prefers to tender her resignation.

I had a letter from the Principal in which he has told me confidentially that Nurse Reids substitute, Mrs Mary E.White is a graduate of Orangeville, Ont, and has an R.N.Diploma for Ontario, is doing good work, and gets on well with the children, and is in many respects more efficient and superior to Nurse Reid.

Miss Reid has asked me to advise her as to the Department's decision in this matter, and I shall be glad to hear as soon as possible as to whether it is decided that her resignation be accepted or not. Doctor Ferguson has been satisfied with Nurse Reid's work.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy Secretary.
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.



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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

.....Kenora.....Ontario.

.....26th March.....1925.

IF YOUR REPLY REFERS TO
No. 108-13.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

[Handwritten signature]

R

Sir,—

Reference Mr Duncan C. Scotts telegram to me dated 21st February.

Mrs M. E. White who has relieved Nurse Reid at the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School, is a graduate of Orangeville, Ontario and holds a R. N. Diploma.

She was engaged for the School by Mrs Gordon (Mrs Ralph Connor) and we have agreed to pay her at the rate of \$65.00 per month for two months from the date of taking over the duties i.e. 21st February 1925.

Her ~~salary~~ salary for February was not included in the returns.

I shall be glad therefore if you will send her a cheque for the amount due her and also for her salary for March.

Please also read my letter to you of the 23rd instant re Nurse Reid, and give me the necessary instructions.

Your obedient servant

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

*85-8357
Mrs White - 21 Feb - 31 March
Agent - Edwards - 15*

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INDIAN OFFICE



At Kenora. Ont.

April 13th 1925

R

The Assistant Deputy & Secretary.
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.,

*Immediate
Date*

Sir, With reference to my letter of March 23rd, re Nurse Reid, kindly inform me what the Department has decided to do in this matter.

She has written to me again and is anxious to know whether she will be granted an extension of two months leave of absence (without pay) or whether she will be required to resign.

Nurse White, who has taken Nurse Reid's place temporary, and who is aware that Nurse Reid wants the extension of leave, has written to me that although she has some differences with the management at the Cecilia Jeffrey School she would be willing to fulfill the duties of nurse for two months more, but no longer.

Kindly reply at your earliest convenience.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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W. H. ...
To Mr. ...

ACCOUNTANTS
17 1925

April 13, 1925.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of March 23 and 26 and April 13, your File 108-23, and to say in reply that Miss Reid, Nurse for the Cecilia Jeffrey school, who is now on leave of absence, may have an additional two months' leave, without pay, at the end of which time it is hoped that she will be able to resume her duties. I note that Nurse White, now acting as substitute for Miss Reid, will be willing to retain the position for two months longer.

Yours truly,

W. H. ...
Dureau Scott
Deputy Superintendent General.

ABM

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

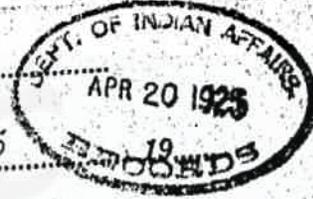
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INDIAN OFFICE

File No. 126

At Kenora. Ont.

April 15th 1925



R

MEMO.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.

*the letter
Apr 16/25 to
agent
below*

Nurse White - Cecilia Jeffrey School.

With reference to the above noted and the April pay list, I beg to draw to your notice that her name was inadvertently omitted from the March pay list, and I understand that she has not been paid for that month.

She is temporary employed at the rate of \$65.00 per month and commenced her duties on the 21st February 1924.

It was originally intended to employ her only for two months but Nurse Reid is unable to return to assume her duties, and has written to the effect that she will require two months more leave of absence before she will be able to return to her duties.

Kindly advise me if it will be in order to continue to employ Nurse White in the absence of Nurse Reid.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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*Aggt. Kola
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April 21, 1925.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, with reference to Nurse White, substitute for Nurse Reid, Cecilia Jeffrey school, and to say in reply that, as I wrote you on the 16th instant, Nurse Reid may have an additional two months' leave, this to be without pay, and it will be in order to continue Nurse White in the position for that time.

Yours truly,

D. J. [Signature]
Deputy Superintendent General.

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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Dear Sir,-

Mr. Frank Church Principal 129-3-1
To write Superintendent of Schools
 ONYIA STOUR
 Post to file
 May 28, 1925.

I beg to advise you that, after giving consideration to the matter, it has been decided to discontinue the services of a Nurse, who is paid by this Department, at the Cecilia Jeffrey school. We consider that this service should be given in return for the per capita grant allowed by the Department, as is the case in all other Indian residential schools. Miss White, now acting as substitute for Miss Reid, may be continued until the expiration of the time for which she was engaged, and, if Miss Reid is able to resume her duties when her leave, without pay, expires, she may do so, but she should be advised of the intention of the Department and that her services as an employee of this Department will terminate on September 30, next.

The Church authorities are being advised of

the decision of the Department.

Yours truly,

DCS
 Frank Edwards, Esq.,
 Indian Agent,
 Kenora, Ont.

Duncan
 Deputy Superintendent General.

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129-3-1.

*Content
see under
H.A.*

Ottawa, May 30, 1925.

Dear Dr. Eminson:

Some years ago, at the request of Dr. Grant, I appointed two nurses for duty at the Indian residential schools in Manitoba and Saskatchewan that are conducted under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. This was a temporary arrangement and the scheme was not extended. It has been decided to ask the two schools where the nurses are now situated to conform to the general practice, and I have directed that the Department discontinue paying for the services of nurses at the Portage la Prairie and Cecilia Jeffrey Schools as from August 31st and September 30th, respectively.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

*changed to
late new
school is occupied
D.C.S.*

*R.A.
del*

Rev. J. H. Eminson, D. D.,
General Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
434 Confederation Life Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.

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" C O P Y "

Toronto, June 9th, 1925.
15 Dinnick Crescent.

Dear Dr. Edmison,-

Your favor of June 2nd to hand enclosing a letter from Indian Dept. re dispensing without nurses at Portage and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Boarding School August 31st, 1925.

I have no comment on the matter re Portage school but I trust the Dept. will permit us to retain a nurse at Cecilia Jeffrey until the proposed new school is ready for occupation.

On no account would our W.M.S. leave our staff and pupils in that isolated spot without a nurse, one hundred miles from the nearest doctor. When our Sr. teacher, Miss Brodie, was seriously

ill this spring it was necessary to bring in a doctor from Winnipeg. He was compelled to remain with her four days so great was her danger. Our W.M.S. could not leave Miss Brodie to bear this ex-

pense and paid the doctor for the time he was away from his practice in Winnipeg. I feel confident that Dr. Scott, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, would not ask us to assume any such unnecessary responsibility but will permit nurse to remain until the new school is ready for occupation.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Adelaide Clark

Indian Secretary, W.M.S.

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REV. J. H. EDMISON, D.D.
GENERAL SECRETARY
REV. D. N. MGLACHLAN, B.D.
FIELD SECRETARY AND ACTING
SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

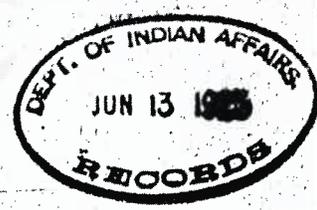
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Board of Home Missions and
Social Service

434 CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING
Toronto, June 11th, 1925.

BEWICK, D.D.
D.D.
NON-ANGLO
SAXON WORK

Mr. F. [unclear]

R



Duncan C. Scott, Esq., F.R.C.S., Litt.D.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Scott,-

I received your communication re the dispensing with
the nurses at Portage la Prairie and Cecilia Jeffrey Schools.
I conferred with the W.M.S. in regard to this and I have the
enclosed letter from Mrs. Clark today. You will see that she
is anxious that until the new Cecilia Jeffrey School is com-
pleted, the nurse be retained at that institution.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Edmison

JHE/EWS



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*As to
O'Popahol
H note. wtd
H.D.*

Ottawa, June 16, 1925.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

I have your letter of the 11th instant, with reference to the nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I have noted Mrs. Clark's request and wish to assure you that, when September 30th next was fixed as a date for discontinuing the payment for this service, it was hoped that the new building would be ready for occupation. It is intended to allow payment of a nurse's salary until such time as the new buildings are in use.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

J.M.
act
Rev. J. H. Edmison, D. D.,
General Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
434 Confederation Life Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.

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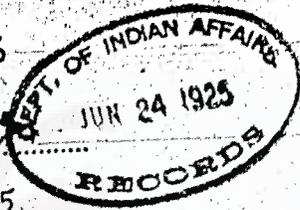
INDIAN OFFICE

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Kenora. Ont.

At

June 20th 1925



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Handwritten notes:
Mrs. O. J. ...
A.D.

The Asst. Deputy & Secretary.
Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.

R

Sir,

I have just received notification from the Rev.
A.D. Menzies, Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey School

that Nurse Reid had returned to resume her duties on
~~June~~
July 14th inst.

When I made out my ^{June} July pay sheet I had not received
any advice either from Nurse Reid or the Principal about
her returning, although she was notified in time to have
replied definitely, therefore I did not place her name
on the pay roll.

Handwritten note: Kindly add her name and
send cheque direct to C. J. School
Indian Bay.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

Handwritten notes:
12-30
9 cheques
on ...
A.D.

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INDIAN AGENTS' OFFICE



Kenora, Ontario,

September 29th 1925

YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 108-13
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

[Handwritten signature]

R

Sir,

From previous correspondence from the Department, Nurse Reid at the Cecelia Jeffrey Residential School will cease to be paid by the Department at the end of this month. Whilst visiting the School last week the principal and Nurse Reid informed me that they understood arrangements had been made by the Department with Mrs. Clarke of the Presbyterian Missionary Society, Toronto, that the Department would pay Nurse Reid's salary until the new school was opened. If this arrangement has been made I shall be glad to receive the necessary instructions to include her name on the monthly pay list.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.



Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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129-3-1

Ottawa, October 3rd, 1925.

Sir,-

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo, with reference to the continuing of the payment of salary for Nurse Reid at the Cecelia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

In reply I beg to say that it is intended to allow payment of a nurse's salary at this school until such time as the new buildings are in use.

The salary of Nurse Reid has been paid to the end of June last. You should include her name on your monthly pay list from that date and until such time as the new building is ready.

Your obedient servant.

Frank Edwards
Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Frank Edwards
Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENTS' OFFICE **R**

Kenora, Ontario

October 8th 1925

BY YOUR AGENT REFER TO
No. 108-13
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

[Handwritten signature]
Sir,—

[Handwritten signature]

RECEIVED

I am in receipt of your letter #129-3-1 of October 3rd re payment of salary for Nurse Reid at the Cecelia Jeffrey Residential School. You say Nurse Reid has only been paid to the end of June last but I think if you will look up your records, you will find she has been paid until the end of September, or at least this should have been done as she was included on my pay sheets.

I note that she is to be included until the school is moved. *on pay list*

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
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ACCOUNTANTS
OCT 13 1925
BRANCH

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EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND
SOCIAL SERVICE
(Presbyterian Church)
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Isolation Hospital for Cecilia Jeffrey
Indian Boarding School

" It was moved by Dr. Cormie and duly seconded, that the Department of Indian Affairs be approached with a view to the establishment of an Isolation Hospital for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. Carried."

129-3-5

WATSON, D.D.
YOUNG, R.D.
OFFICE OF HOSPITALS
SIXTH WARD

The United Church of Canada

Board of Home Missions and Social Service

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

REV. J. H. EDMISON, D.D.
GENERAL SECRETARY

REV. D. N. MCLACHLAN, S.D.
FIELD SECRETARY AND ACTING
SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

434 CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

Ottawa, 2, April 15, 1926.

W. J. P. P. P.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 16 1926
RECORDS

Edmond C. Scott, Esq., D.Litt., F.R.S.C.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

Enclosed please find a copy of a resolution passed at the recent meeting of our Executive in regard to an Isolation Hospital at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Boarding School.

I am also enclosing a copy of a resolution in regard to a Nurses Home for the Moose Mountain Reserve.

I expect to be in Ottawa tomorrow and will drop in and discuss these matters with you.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Edmison

Encs. 2.

JHE/HC

SCHOOLS BRANCH
APR 17 1926

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EXD

Ottawa, April 17, 1924.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

I have your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing copy of a resolution passed at a recent meeting of your Executive, concerning an isolation hospital at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. Please inform me if the resolution has to do with an isolation hospital for pupils of the school at the proposed new site.

Yours very truly,

DCS
Duncan C. Scott
Deputy Superintendent General.

AS
Rev. J. H. Edmison, D. D.,
General Secretary, Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
454 Confederation Life Bldg.,
Toronto (2) Ont.

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REV. J. H. EDMISON, D.D.
GENERAL SECRETARY
REV. D. N. MCLAUGHLIN, B.D.
FIELD SECRETARY AND ACTING
SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

The United Church of Canada

Board of Home Missions and
Social Service

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

34 CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

Toronto, 2, April 28, 1926.

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Duncan C. Scott, D.Litt., F.R.S.C.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

I have yours of April 17th in which you ask if the resolution we sent you on the 15th concerning an isolation hospital at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School has to do with "an isolation hospital for pupils of the school at the proposed new site".

That is not the suggestion of our Women's Missionary Society. They feel that the Tubercular Hospital for the Indians should not be near the new school. Our representatives in Winnipeg contend that the Principal's residence at the present Cecilia Jeffrey School could be used effectively as a hospital. It is a commodious building with three or four rooms upstairs as well as down stairs. It has running water, toilet, etc. It would not be an expensive matter to fit it out as an isolation hospital.

Our District Superintendent for the Manitoba Conference is strongly of the opinion that something should be done for the tubercular Indians in that locality. We will not require the building when the new school is ready for occupation.

If you did not regard the Principal's residence as adequate for hospital purposes, after you have the new school erected, the present Boarding School could be used.

Those who brought the matter before us were of the opinion that at first, a resident nurse might be sufficient with a visit from a medical assistant from Winnipeg twice a week.

If you find that the Principal's residence is adequate for the purpose, the Women's Missionary Society feel that the Government should have the use of it as their contribution to this most needy cause.

In a recent report from Cecilia Jeffrey, it was stated that the greatest discouragement in the work at this point is due to the prevalence of tuberculosis on the surrounding Reserves and consequently at the School. Some families have been or are being entirely removed by its ravages. During the past year our school

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lost seven pupils through this disease, while five others are now out of the school. We, of course, cannot retain pupils in the school and expose others to the infection. The Indians seem to object to their children being sent to Selkirk, as they say they never see them again, because of the distance, and because most of them go there to die.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Edmond

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Kenora, Ont.

June 8th. 19 26

YOUR EARLY REPLY REFER TO No. 132-13 ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

[Handwritten signature]



Sir,—

On Friday the 4th. inst. we inspected the Cecilia Jeffery Indian Residential School at Shoal Lake, and there would seem to be a lack of good feeling between the staff and the principal. I believe the church authorities should be informed and the matter investigated, so that things would run more smoothly to the advantage of staff and Indians alike.

In response to a request of the principal, Dr. Ferguson removed tonsils from three pupils named Tully, who are white. Their father is employed by the Greater Winnipeg Water District Railway at Waugh, Man. and I understand that payment is being made for their board and education. The teacher herself, who has been at the school for fifteen years, is averse to their presence, and I do not think for my own part that they should attend, since there are many Indian children on Lake of the Woods who could attend if they were properly recruited.

In regard to holidays, the principal tells me that he is giving six weeks, as he did last year. I think this is all right. although Dr. Ferguson feels that owing to the amount of Tuberculosis in that neighbourhood the vacation should be extended.

Nurse Reid, who is paid by the Department, asked me if she could have the same holidays as the children. I informed her that this would be quite satisfactory provided there were no sick children to be attended. In discussing the matter, the principal did not think she should have so long. I should be glad to have instructions confirming my recommendation.

The attitude of the principal towards the staff is that of an autocrat. Neither the staff nor the missionary are allowed to enter the school by the front door. The nurse had her first intimation of the operation on the Tully children when Dr. Ferguson told her he had been asked to operate. I would therefore recommend a change of principal, with a temporary appointment if the difficulties between the United and Presbyterian churches forbid anything more permanent.

I do not

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs

Commission has been applied for by the principal
[Handwritten initials]

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I do not wish to appear as interfering in the internal management of the school, but things are so bad that I have been asked to draw your attention to the matter.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards
Indian Agent.

129-5-1.

Ottawa, June 12, 1926.

Dear Dr. Manson:

I regret that it is my duty to draw to your attention a recent report from Mr. Indian Agent Edwards, of Kenora. Following a general inspection of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School on the 4th instant, he reports in part as follows: "There would seem to be a lack of good feeling between the staff and the principal. The attitude of the principal toward the staff is that of an autocrat. Neither the staff nor the missionary are allowed to enter the school by the front door. I would therefore recommend a change of principal. I do not wish to appear as interfering in the internal management of the school, but things are so bad that I have been asked to draw your attention to the matter."

I might add that the Superintendent of Indian Education visited this school in July, 1924, and reported that he was not impressed with Mr. Mansie's ability. He also stated that "his wife, who is matron, has no sympathy for the work and, I believe, is the actual head of the school. She is not the proper type for institutional life as she cannot handle the staff."

I am not urging you to arrange for a new incumbent at the present time, unless you consider such action advisable; but I am free to state that, if a new building is erected next year, the Department could hardly give favourable consideration to the retention of the Rev. and Mrs. Mansie.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. M. Manson, D. D.,
 General Secretary, Home Missions,
 Presbyterian Church in Canada,
 434 Confederation Life Bldg.,
 Toronto, (2) Ont.

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Ottawa, June 12, 1926.

Sir:

I have your 132-13 of the 8th instant, with general reference to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I regret to learn that there is lack of harmony between the principal and the staff. I am corresponding with the Church Authorities in this connection. I note that three white pupils have been taken in. Please inform the Rev. Principal it is the Department's opinion that he would be well advised to secure a full complement of Indian pupils. We have made certain capital investments at this institution and are paying the salary of the nurses. This assistance will be withdrawn if the education of white children becomes an important function of the institution.

The Department approves of 43 days' holidays with grant, the same as last year. Concerning the duration of Nurse Reid's holidays, I consider that you and the Rev. Principal should come to some mutually satisfactory agreement. As a Civil Servant, she is entitled to 18 working days, but the Department has no objection to a longer holiday if such can be taken without burdening the rest of the lady members of the staff. It might be advisable to give her the same holiday as the other school workers receive.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Frank Edwards
Frank Edwards, Esq.
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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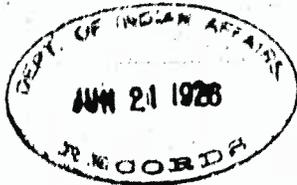
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434 CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

Toronto, 2, June 19th, 1926



[Handwritten signature]
Duncan C. Scott, Esq., F.R.S.C., Litt.D.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Scott, -

I have yours of June 12th in regard to Mr. and Mrs. Menzies of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. We have had information very similar to that sent to you by Indian Agent Edwards. It was the mind of both the Board of Home Missions and the Women's Missionary Society that this change was due but as the new School was definitely promised for this year, we had planned to have a new Principal and matron take up the work in the new building. Should it be that the new building is not erected this year, this upsets our plans. We, however, will be glad at the earliest opportunity to carry out your suggestions. I presume your estimates are through by this time. I will be glad to know if there is any possibility of the Department going ahead with the building this year.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: J. H. Edmison]

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, June 23, 1926.

Dear Dr. Hamison:

I have your letter of the 19th instant, with reference to Rev. and Mrs. Mensies, of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I am pleased to note that your Board agrees the indefinite retention of their services cannot be favourably considered.

It is with much regret that I inform you of the postponement of the erection of new buildings for this school. The Government is insisting upon the exercise of strict economy and the item was not allowed. Upon the occasion of our first interview, I shall be glad to explain our financial position this year.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. H. Hamison, D. D.,
General Secretary, Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
454 Confederation Life Building,
Toronto, (2) Ont.

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JUN 29 1926

CECILIA JEFFREY BOARDING SCHOOL

Indian Bay, Mass.,

June 24 1926

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 28 1926
RECORDS

Dear Mr Ferris:

There are ~~two~~ two points which I should like to get information.

Is it not a regulation of the department that Indian children between the ages of 7 and 15 must attend some school?

We are greatly disappointed that our new school building is not to be erected this year: it is a tremendous handicap when two other new schools are opened in the Agency within the year. We could however make some preparation for the larger building, which surely will be erected next year, by opening the Principal's Residence, now unused.

It has ten good rooms any of which would accommodate two with ample space and five are large enough for three or even four. We will also be able to accommodate at least fifteen additional pupils in the school building,

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fitting to the Department's limit, twenty.
We could thus provide for forty or forty
five new pupils when school reopens.
There are quite enough children now out
of school in the North West Angle, Assabaska
and Big Island Bands - nearest to us - to
provide this number. If it can be
argued that there is not school accom-
modation for all, why compel some to attend,
the age limit could be made 7 to 12 or
10 to 15. Many Indian Children are now
missing school simply because there
is not accommodation for all. What
can we do to supplement persuasion?

Our Indians are definitely informed
that Neura R. C. School is to get two
months' holidays and ask why are
our children given only six weeks.
Are they correctly informed?

Yours sincerely

W. D. Burgess

Of course if the Residence were
opened boys only would be placed in
it and kept under supervision

W. D. M.

Ottawa, June 29, 1926.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th instant and in reply beg to state that the Indian Act provides for the compulsory attendance at school of physically fit children from 7 to 15 years of age. The rigid enforcement of this section is undertaken by the Department only when it is considered advisable. I am not satisfied that drastic action to enforce attendance of the Lake of the Woods Indian children should be taken at the present time. Serious consideration to such action may be given when our building programme is completed.

I further doubt the advisability of making temporary arrangements for the accommodation of boys outside of the main building at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. A pupilage of 95 is allowed, and to earn a grant for this number, an enrolment of 99 or 100 would be necessary. I have examined the files and I find that the average attendance at your school has not reached more than 60 for any quarter during the past year. Before considering any temporary accommodation, would it not be well to make a special effort to recruit up to strength? If you concur, I will correspond with Mr. Indian Agent Edwards to secure his active cooperation. You might indicate the exact number of pupils that you believe can be safely accommodated in the main building at the present time.

Concerning your question regarding the length of holidays at the Kenora Indian Residential School, I have to inform you that we ask all our institutions to conform to the general practice - 43 days holiday with grant.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Rev. A. D. Mensies,
Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Res. School,
Indian Bay, Man.

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Cecelia Jeffrey Boarding School,
Indian Bay, Manitoba,
July 14th, 1926.

Mr. J. D. McLean,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 29th ultimo (129-3-1) was evidently delayed en route, arriving only by our last mail. I believe 75 is our pupilage limit, not 95 as you suppose, hence the enrolment should not be more than 75 or 79. If all were in actual residence we could if necessary utilize a staff room.

We have reported an average attendance of 62 for the June quarter, just closed; we will ask for the discharge of six after school reopens in September, and the health of two or three others makes their presence very uncertain. To take full advantage of our school's accommodation we should enroll 25 additional pupils for the fall term, and of this number we have one third or more in sight at present.

We have recently secured a missionary for work among the Indians of the Lake of the Woods district, one of whose duties will be the recruiting of pupils for our school. I thank you for your offer to secure the active cooperation of the Indian Agent, Capt. Nawaras, in this endeavor. We have no great difficulty in enrolling all of school age on the two Shoal Lake Reserves, but our school is very unfavorably located for all other Lake of Woods bands.

Two years ago your Mr. Ferrier told me we were next in order of time for a new school building; a few months later I was informed that official notification would be given our board in the immediate future of the department's intention to proceed with the erection of the school building. This went forward in due time and later we were given assurance that the building would be ready for occupation this fall. Within two years, referred to above, two other schools have been erected within this Agency, and we are now informed that we must wait at least another year though the necessary money had been voted. Needless to say this delay imposes a serious handicap on us, situated as we are in a remote corner, difficult of access and in an old building. The new schools serve the same territory.

It was because of the above facts and because scores of our L. or W. Indian children are getting absolutely no education that I suggested compulsory attendance at some school within age limits that might be fixed with knowledge of accommodation available. To increase this limit I offered to open our Principal's Residence, but do not regret your disapproval since the proportionate cost, if using a second building, would be greater though it is equipped with heating water and sewage systems.

*Yours
A. M. Nawaras*

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129-5-1.

Ottawa, July 22, 1926.

Reverend Sir:

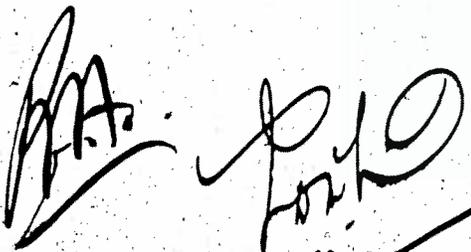
I have your letter of the 14th instant, with reference to the pupils at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I note that the accommodation will permit of a pupilage of only 75 and that you need 25 additional pupils for the fall term, eight or ten of which are now in sight. I shall ask Mr. Indian Agent Edwards to cooperate with a view to recruiting up to strength.

The Department officials regret exceedingly the fact that the new school building is not under way. Circumstances over which we had no control have caused the postponement of the activity.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.


Rev. A. D. Montie,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Indian Bay, Man.

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129-5-1.

Ottawa, July 22, 1926.

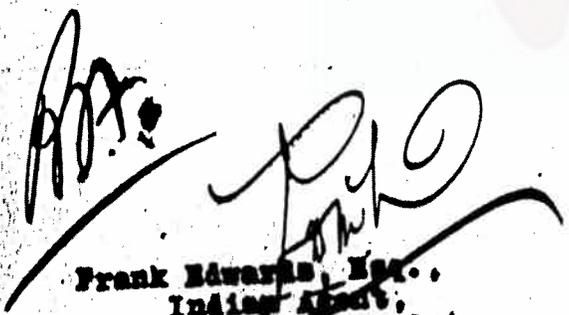
Sir:

I have to inform you that the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School requires 25 pupils for the fall term if they are to be up to strength. The Rev. Principal states that he has one third of this number in sight, as he has no great difficulty in enrolling all of school age on the two Sheal Lake reserves. I should be pleased if you would bend every energy to secure some 15 pupils from the Protestant families of the other Lake of the Woods bands. I am sure that Rev. Mr. Mansion will cooperate with you in this regard.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.


Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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Ottawa, January 20, 1927.

Dear Miss Cummings:

I am returning the communication from the Rev. A. D. Mensies, Indian Bay, Man., which you forwarded under cover of your letter of the 10th instant. Dr. Scott, of Indian Affairs, states that Mr. Mensies is the principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School and is employed by the Church Missionary Society. Some months ago, when it was proposed to replace the old school by a modern building, the Department of Indian Affairs wrote to the responsible church officer, mentioning certain criticisms of Mr. and Mrs. Mensies and suggesting that, when the new building was erected, it would be advisable to arrange for new management. The General Secretary of the Presbyterian section of the United Church Board of Home Missions replied in part as follows: -

"It was the mind of both the Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society that this change was due. . . . We had planned to have a new principal and matron take up the work in the new building."

I may say that funds for the new building are not yet available and it is uncertain just when it will be erected.

As far as the Department is concerned, the matter rested at that.

Yours very truly,

(Ed F. Pratt)
Private Secretary.

Am. initialed first draft

Miss Isabel Cummings,
Private Secretary,
Minister of Agriculture. CITT.

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C. J. School
Indian
Jan. 12th /27

Gask Indian
My dear friend

Just a few lines
to you to this morning.
I forget to tell you to be
careful not to get into
trouble when you come in
here, come over on
Thursday and on Sunday.
I may be I will go home
on Saturday.

I don't want you to be out
all the time.
You may go in for a while
and come back you are
standing.

I want you to come and
visit me if I don't go
home on Saturday I'm
not thinking. My grandmother
told me I could go
home and another I don't
like you to do. You to share
my things. I may stop
in when to do it.

I'm just telling you about
it. Please send a picture
of yourself.

But I would like to receive
it from you.
I will ship & will send
a picture of myself too
if my father sends them
to me sooner.

Well not much to you
One thing about you
don't talk to me.

I'm used to talking to a man
you see.

Oh yes. I was nearly out
of my mind, you shall
see soon.

Just wait outside, just
I wish I was in your
place instead of staying
here.

I will close now

Yours
Edna
I will answer you as
soon as possible

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

.....Kenora, Ont.....

...January 15th.....1927

108-13

Sir,—

I beg to submit herewith my report in the matter of Mildred Martin, #49 Shoal Lake Band No.40, reported by the principal of Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School as being a common prostitute and a menace to morality on the reserve and in the neighbourhood of the school. Attached hereto is the letter from Mr. Menzies setting forth his complaint, in consequence whereof I made a journey to Shoal Lake to investigate this along with other matters.

On arrival at the school I immediately went into Mildred's case with Mr. and Mrs. Menzies, and gathered from their expressed opinions that she was a sort of moral leper whose activities could not be curtailed except in a detention home. I was advised that I should be armed before going to interview Mildred and her parents, especially if I should suggest taking her to Winnipeg for mental observation, (this course being indicated by the reports). However, I found the girl quite ready to discuss her position, after she had recovered from the preliminary breakdown and shame attending my appearance. She admitted several indiscretions so openly that I was inclined to consider her either unbalanced or brazen, until further conversation gained her confidence, when she expressed her entire willingness to go to Winnipeg to see Mr. Bunn and to find, if possible, some sanctuary where she would not be subjected to overwhelming temptations. She admitted she was none too strong in the face of temptation, and her story coincides with subsequent investigation which showed that having once got on the wrong track she was hounded by a certain type of young loafer among the Indians.

Accordingly, I took Mildred to Waugh, Man. that same night, in company with Miss Reid, the nurse, so that we might get the train for Winnipeg in the morning. Before leaving the school Miss Reid was instructed by Mrs. Menzies to make Mildred sleep on the floor, and to lock the door. In this connection I would refer you to the last paragraph of Mr. Menzies' letter.

I took Mildred to Winnipeg the next day, but arrived too late to enable us to see Mr. Bunn, so I registered Mildred at the Y.W.C.A., putting her on her honour to be there when I should wish to find her. She was under no restraint, and I found her there whenever I required to see her. Desirous of neutral opinion, I took her to see my mother and sister, who both concluded that she was quite normal, but perhaps too young for her years, and undeveloped in the ability to protect herself from the effects of physical maturity.

Frank Edwards, Esq.
Indian Agent,
Kenora.

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On Monday, January 11th, Mildred and I went to see Mr. Bunn at his office. He had a long talk with Mildred, and stated his determination to take no steps involving her detention and the stamping of her as a degenerate, but he wrote a letter to Mr. Menzies, commending Mildred to his kindness and charity, suggesting that she be received at the school in some capacity and given a helping hand, since her case seemed to provide a good opportunity for the exercise of a clergyman's holy office.

On Wednesday, January 13th, Mildred and I returned to Sheal Lake, taking with us her tiny niece Elizabeth Martin, who had been in St. Boniface Hospital with a broken leg. Mildred gave her every possible attention so that the child arrived at the school feeling as comfortable as when she left the hospital.

Mildred's reception was not attended with the killing of any fatted calf, and Mr. Menzies refused to take her into the school in any capacity, and suggested that I send her back to the reserve, claiming that none of the pupils would have anything to do with her, and that he was glad of it. To return her to the reserve would have been to expose her to the former vicious circumstances, so I took the matter entirely into my own hands. The next day I sent Mildred home with her father, to see her mother, telling her I would call for her in a short time. This I did, and brought her back to the school for the night, to the evident dislike of Mrs. Menzies.

Next morning, at seven o'clock, I took Mildred from the school. She received a parcel from Miss Reid and Miss Brodie, and a request from nearly all the girls to write to them. Charley Green had his pony waiting, and we came to Ingolf and so to Kenora, where Mildred is at present, helping my wife with her housework, and giving satisfaction. We propose to pay her as we would pay a white girl for the same work, unless yourself or the Department should formulate some different plan.

While at Sheal Lake I ordered two Indians to return to their own reserves. These Indians had been concerned in Mildred's case, and had been hanging around the school at nights, with the permission of the principal, who complained to me that young Indians had given chewing snuff to very young boys, and stood outside the building at night and whistled to the girls in the dormitory, causing a stampede to the windows. I pointed out that the school site had been surrendered, and that he was empowered to keep such visitors away. He admitted that he knew this to be so, but apparently he had not utilized his powers in this direction. He told me that one girl pupil had complained that Norman Kelly had made advances to her and had attempted her virtue. Notwithstanding this, I found Norman Kelly visiting the school.

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the school.

In the course of my enquiries I discovered that male visitors to the school were making amorous advances to the girl pupils, and I took from one Indian who confessed to this practice a letter he had received in reply and which is attached to this report. In view of information received from Mildred since her establishment here I expect to bring to light even worse conditions than those already revealed.

Discipline at the school seems to consist of an even mixture of laxity and of severe repression. As the pupil's attached letter shows, pupils are permitted to go home for the week-end, although the principal realizes the dangers involved, and when a pupil falls from grace as in Mildred's case he suggests that she be placed in a detention home and branded as a Magdalene. In considering the conditions at the school one finds it difficult to absolve the principal from contribution to her downfall, and his refusal to rise to Mr. Bunn's kindly proposal is barely in keeping with the professed philosophy of Christ, as enjoined on the clergy. It is not decently Pagan.

Your obedient servant,

Hector M. Angus.

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108-13.

C. J. Bdg. School
Indian Bay, Mass.,
Dec 24, 1926.

Capt F. Edwards
Kenora, Ont.

Dear Capt Edwards:

You will remember that I spoke to you in the long ago about the advisability of trying to place Mildred Martin in some sort of Detention Home or Shelter where she would be looked after. As you are aware we asked for her discharge after the holidays. She is now on the Reserve, I will not say at home as report says they have no control over her and at night especially, the Reserve is said to be her field. Norman Kelly & Norman Grisdale are said to be two of her intimates Hansen tells me she has been to his fish camp with N.P. after night and on one occasion they were forced to keep them over night: he asked me if she was all right mentally. If half the reports are

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true she is making herself a common
prostitute, and even going after mine
if they do not go to her. She will certainly
demoralize the Reserves if the stories
told of her are true, and it seems to
me something should be done with
or for her. Since she has gone out
from the School I can no longer interfere
but I would suggest that you have her
case looked into and judge whether or
not something should be done

Yours &c
A. D. D. Jenkins

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INDIAN AGENTS' OFFICE

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JAN 22 1927

.....Kenora, Ont.....

January 18th, 1927

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Sir,—

Enclosed herewith please find a letter received from Rev. A.D. Menzies, principal of Cecilia Grey Residential School regarding the case of Mildred Martin, along with a report made by Mr. Angus constable, in the same connection, in consequence of my request that he proceed to Shoal Lake and investigate the matter.

I had previously discussed this matter with Mr. Bunn at Winnipeg, and he did not favour trying to have Mildred placed in a detention home if the affair could be otherwise disposed of, one of his reasons being the possible difficulties arising from her reserve being mostly in Ontario. I saw inspector Bunn again yesterday, the 17th, and his conversation on this subject coincides with Mr. Angus' report.

Mildred would appear to be in love with an Indian, Charley Green, but I do not know as yet whether he returns her affection. I shall see him as soon as possible, and if he should desire marriage it would furnish a good solution, but of course no pressure will be brought to bear.

The only reason I have for forwarding the enclosed report and correspondence is that it may be useful to have them on file in connection with any statements made or action taken by Mr. Menzies in view of his censure by the Church authorities, the Department, the Indians or members of the school staff as per previous correspondence. I think Mr. Ferrier is well aware of the difficulties in the case of this principal.

Your obedient servant,

Rank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy
and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

E/A Enc.

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Mildred Sett
go to school
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129-3-1.

Ottawa, January 25, 1927.

Sir:

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, your
108-15 of the 18th instant, concerning the case of
Mildred Martin of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian
Residential School.

Your obedient servant.

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.


Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 15 1927
RECORDED

Kenora, Ontario

12th February, 1927

SCHOOLS BRANCH
FEB 16 1927

108-13.

Syr. [Handwritten signature]

On Friday I went by train from St Bonaface to Waugh on route to make my usual inspection of the Cecilia Jeffrey School. At Waugh I met the Rev John A. Cormie, District Superintendent of the United Church who had been into the School to audit the books.

He informed me there was a certain amount of unrest at the School, between the staff and the Principal this I knew, and have informed you of it, some time ago. Mr Cormie said nothing could be done at the present time as the Continuing Presbyterians were taking over the School, and no changes could be made until the organisation was ready to take over.

Some of the staff complained to me of certain matters, but I informed them of my conversation with Dr Cormie, and that this was entirely a Church matter and things would no doubt be remedied at an early date, I also let them know it was entirely a Church matter and nothing to do with our Department.

I was informed that the Principal and his wife had gone to extremes, as previously they had been very strict disciplinarians, they were now too easy, and in consequence the children were hard to control.

Miss Brodie, the teacher informed me she had asked the Principal's wife for a loaf of bread for an old dying woman (Mrs Green) Mrs Menzies refused, so Miss Brodie asked if she could purchase a loaf for the old woman, this she was allowed to do, and paid for same out of her own pocket, Miss Reid, the Nurse, informed me she had asked for eggs for some sick children, but was refused, although there were plenty at the School, but she was allowed to purchase some herself from the School stock, which she did and supplied them at her own expense to the children.

I have authority as per Departmental letter 35-129 of 24th ultimo to purchase 5 tons of hay for the North West Angle Band #33. and as Shoal Lake Band #40 had no hay for their oxen, I asked the Principal of the School, if he would sell us some, he agreed, but said it would cost \$19.00 per ton. f.o.b. Waugh, as I found out afterwards the hay costs the school, \$15.00 per ton and about \$1.25 freight. The Indians were very hard up and I gave the Principal authority to issue a small amount of provision as relief. The staff inform me that the Principal even charges the Indians for clothing sent by the Church people for the Indians. He also runs a store at the School, and his prices are as high or higher than that charged by the store at Waugh. He claims that if he charged less the storekeeper at Waugh would object. I informed him that according to the act he should apply for permission to sell goods to the Indians, and that the Indians are not to be charged for goods.

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he practically never visits the Indians on the Reserves, although they live only a few minutes walk from the School.

Dr Cormie informs me that when the late Principal Mr Cookson left the School was in debt about \$1500 and that the present principal wiped this off and is now somewhere about \$3000 or \$4000.00 ahead, this does not look reasonable, I made enquiries and the children appear to be well fed and nourished, and it seems to me the surplus has been made from trading with the Indians, as well as Mr Menzies being a close business man, If he had used any surplus towards helping some of the poor Indians he would have had better feelings between the Indians and himself, a large amount of relief I understand was always previously given by the School to the destitutes.

There was a certain amount of immorality going on at the School, but I do not suggest this was the fault of the Principal, I had the offenders up before me, in front of the Principal and they were severely reprimanded.

All the above information is for your files, as I don't think anything can be done until the Presbyterian Church takes over, and make their own arrangements for their staff.

Dr Cormie asked me to inform him, the amount of grant per capita the school was receiving, and when this had been raised to the present amount, I should be glad therefore if you would kindly send him this information as soon as possible, also notifying me at the same time. Dr Cormie's address is:-
Rev John A. Cormie.

District Superintendent.
United Church of Canada.
Somerset Bldg.
Winnipeg. Man.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa. Ont.

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, February 21, 1927.

Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your 108-12 of the 12th instant, with general reference to the management of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I am enclosing, for your information, copy of my letter to the Rev. Mr. Carmic.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Encl.


Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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129-5-1.

Ottawa, February 21, 1927.

Reverend Sir:

At the request of Mr. Indian Agent Edwards, I am writing to inform you that the per capita grant in the case of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School is \$165 and that it has been paid at this rate since April first, 1921.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

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[Handwritten initials]

Rev. John A. Cernie,
District Superintendent,
United Church of Canada,
Summit Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Extract from letter of Frank Edwards, Indian Agent,
dated Kenora, Ont., February 16, 1927.

Original on File #30129-2.



108-13.

I have informed the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School that he should not trade with the Indians without a permit from the Department. He therefore applies for the necessary permit, which I recommend should be granted, but in giving same it might be mentioned that prices should be fair and reasonable, as I am informed his charges are rather high.

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Copy

Ottawa, February 23, 1927.

THE CECILIA JEFFREY INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL,
of SHOAL LAKE, MANITOBA, is hereby permitted to trade
for an indefinite period on INDIAN RESERVE NUMBER
FORTY, SHOAL LAKE, on which the school is situated.

This license is issued and accepted on and
with the following conditions, viz:

That the holder thereof will sell
to or barter with the Indians only serviceable
and useful articles and that the same shall be
sold to or bartered with them in accordance
with a scale of fair and reasonable prices,
which shall be approved by the Indian Agent;
that the holder thereof shall not in any
respect violate the provisions of the Indian
Act or of the amendments thereto.

This license may be revoked by the Super-
intendent General without notice.

Sgd. J. A. M. Lein

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, February 23, 1927.

Sir:

Referring to that portion of your letter of the 16th instant, relative to the Principal of the Cecilin Jeffrey Indian Residential School trading with the Indians without a permit from the Department, I enclose herewith the necessary permit, which you will be good enough to hand to the Principal. A copy is also enclosed, which you should retain on file in your office.

You will note in the permit the conditions on which the same is issued. You will also note that the Principal should deal with the Indians on a scale of fair and reasonable prices, the same to be approved by you, and that the license will be revoked without notice if for any reason the terms of the permit are not complied with.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN (2)
J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Egberts, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

132-9

Kenera, Ont.
April 25th, 1927.

Sir:

With reference to my letter 108-13 of Jan. 18th 1927 regarding Mildred Martin, an ex-pupil of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, I would say that our constable, Mr. Angus, and his wife have been keeping her and endeavouring to reform her to some extent, Mr. Inspector Bunn having expressed his belief that neither jail nor a detention home would be quite the right place, while the facilities for wrongdoing forbade her being left with her parents at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Angus kept this girl from Jan. 14th to the 14th inst, and there has been so much improvement shown that we have allowed the girl to go back to the reserve.

Mr. Angus is in receipt of a small salary, and is unable to keep a maid, and I would suggest that he be allowed to receive a nominal sum, say, \$15 a month, towards the maintenance of this girl. This would be cheaper than either detention home or jail. If you agree with the above suggestion I would be glad to receive a cheque for \$45 which should be charged against account 223, and on receipt of the same I shall send the necessary vouchers.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Mrs H. M. [unclear]

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DIIRIC ADMIN

May 6, 1927.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Pratt.

Your letter of January 20th to Miss Cummings cannot be usefully supplemented in any way. This Mr. Hennies is at present in charge of the school, which was handed over to the Presbyterian Church. It is probable that before long we may put up a new building for this institution, but we shall have to insist that Mr. Hennies shall disappear with the old building so far as the principalship is concerned.

Oct
Deputy Superintendent General.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 30 1927
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kenera, Ontario.
27th April, 1927

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAY 9 1927

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Dear Sir,

I am informed by Mrs (D.) Helen M. Strachan, that she is Secretary of the Womens Missionary Society of the resbyterian Church in Canada, and that her Society has taken over the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in this Agency, seley, as from 1st April, 1927. and that the arrangement is that the Rev. Mr Menzies and his staff, are staying on at the School in the meantime, so it will be carried on in the future as at present.

Mrs Strachan asked me to notify the Department as to their taking over the School, but I would suggest to the Department that it is advisable to make a change in the Management, (at not too late a date) as was suggested to the late Board of management of this school, so as to prevent a recurrence of the difficulties of the staff and Indians under Mr Menzies, although the Indians inform me he has improved in his treatment of them.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

*for address
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Edward Sec

*Per WWA
to Mr Menzies
Toronto*

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.
Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa.

Indian Affairs. School Files.

C O P Y

Original on 160-6.

May 18, 1927.

Dear Mrs. Strachan:

Rev. Dr. Manson has informed me that the Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential Schools are now under the control of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. I wish to assure your Society that you may count on the fullest cooperation of the officers of this Department in the conduct of these institutions. They are two important elements of the general programme for the education of the youth of our north and I trust that they will continue to be of much usefulness. The resignation of the Rev. Mr. Pitts, the incumbent at Birtle, has been brought to the attention of the Department and I should be grateful if you would let me know something of your plans for the management of these institutions.

Once every three months, the Department issues you capita grant cheques, and it will be necessary for us to know to whom they should be directed. They can be drawn in favour of the Society or sent direct to the Rev. Principals.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. Strachan,
Educational Secretary,
Presbyterian Women's Miss. Society,
12 ... Street,
... ..

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Extract from letter, dated May 18th, 1927, from the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

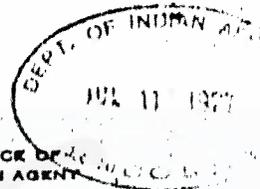
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"In regard to Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Rev. A. D. Mensies is still in charge, and I am not sure whether he wishes to make a change or not. We are perfectly satisfied for him to remain if he so desires."

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129-3-11

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



108-13

Kenora, Ont.
July 8th, 1927.

Sir:

Handwritten signature/initials

We have received a letter of resignation from Nurse Reid of Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School, to take effect after the holidays. The school closes on the 15th inst and will re-open, I presume, about Sept. 1st. I would imagine therefore, that it would be in order to pay her until August 31st. We shall therefore make entries accordingly on the monthly pay-sheets, and I should like to receive for Miss Reid a refund of superannuation deductions, cheques to be sent to this office.

Handwritten notes in left margin

I am also informed that two teachers, Miss Brodie and Miss Lonie, are likewise leaving, and in my opinion this all results from retention of the present principal, whom I still consider the wrong person to have charge of an Indian school.

Handwritten initials 'Jed' and 'RFB'

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: Rank Edwards

Indian Agent.

Handwritten notes: Miss S.H.O., As with file, makes further present.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

E/A

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129-5-1A

July 15, 1927.

Dear Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, in which you state that Miss Alberta G. Reid has tendered her resignation as Nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey residential school.

In reply I have to say that as Miss Reid is a permanent employee of this Department, it will be necessary to have her resignation accepted by Order in Council and in order that we may take this action she must forward her resignation in writing. Her resignation will be effective from August 31, and the money at her credit in the Retirement Fund will be forwarded her after that date.

Yours truly,

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 30 1927
RECORDS

R

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kenora, Ont.
July 27th, 1927.

108-13

Mrs. Reid
Reid

Sir;

Enclosed herewith please find the resignation of
Nurse Reid of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School,
effective August 31st, 1927.

Kindly send a cheque for her salary and for the
amount to her credit in the retirement fund to her in care
of this office.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa..

E/A

Enc.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

July 30, 1927.

Mr. MacInnes:-

Kindly prepare memorandum to Council to accept the resignation of Miss Alberta C. Reid as Nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School from August 31, 1927; Miss Reid is a contributor to the Retirement Fund.


D. S. G. L. A.

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189-3-2A

August 1, 1927.

His Excellency

The Governor General in Council.

The undersigned has the honor to recommend that charges Miss Alberta G. Reid, Graduate Nurse for the Indians at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, in the Kanora Indian Agency, in the Province of Ontario, has tendered her resignation. The same be accepted as from the 31st day of August 1927 and that the amount to her credit in the Retirement Fund be paid here.

over

K. M. Hall

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S. C. - 2 8. 27
 T. B. - 4 8. 27
 D. C. - 12 8. 27

Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

August 1,

27.

To accept the resignation of Miss Alberta C. Reid,
Graduate Nurse for the Indians at the Cecilia Jeffrey
Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont., as from the
31st of August, 1927, and that the amount to her
credit in the Retirement Fund be paid her.

W. Marshall

1. Records - To register. *R.C.*

2. Accounts - To note and take necessary action re Retirement Fund money.

3. Schools - To note.



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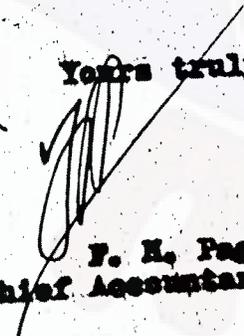
Ottawa, August 18th, 1927.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose, herewith, a copy of the Order-in-Council accepting the resignation of Miss Alberta C. Reid, Graduate Nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Kenora, and to request that you will kindly forward me a cheque for the amount standing at her credit in the Retirement Fund.

Yours truly,

Enclosure.

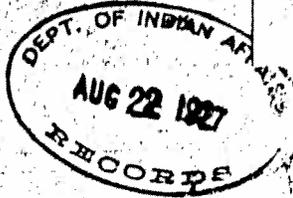

F. H. Paget,
Chief Accountant.

J. G. Macfarlane, Esq.,
Chief Accountant,
Department of Finance,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

R

Kenora, Ont.
August 18th, 1927.

108-13

[Handwritten initials]

Sir:

As I already stated in a letter to the Department, the teachers and nurse have resigned from Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, and the principal now informs me that he has engaged two teachers and a nurse for duty after the vacation.

I presume the nurse will be paid by the school authorities, as the Department has previously refused to continue supplying a nurse at the Department's expense.

Kindly let me hear from you in this regard, so that I shall know whether to include the nurse in the pay-lists. I do not know what salary the principal has arranged to pay the new nurse.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

E/A

L. Behrman
[Handwritten signature]

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189-5-1.

Ottawa, August 25, 1927.

Sir:

I have your 108-15 of the 18th instant, with reference to payment of nurse's salary at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

I have to inform you, in reply, that some time ago the Department intimated they would retain the position of nurse at this school until such time as the proposed new buildings were occupied. However, as the Rev. Principal has engaged a nurse, it may be his intention to pay her salary from school funds. If it is his wish that a nurse be placed on the Department's payroll, he should have his church authorities make a nomination to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Frank Edwards
Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamora, Ont.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

12 Meredith Crescent,
TORONTO 2, 5,
August 26th, 1927.

RECORDING SECRETARY
MISS MARGARET M. REID
27 PRINCE ST.
TREASURER AND FINANCIAL SECT.
MRS. E. G. DONALD
26 ADMIRAL RD.
CORRESPONDING AND INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY
MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY
122 SOUTH DRIVE

SCHOOLS BRANCH
AUG 2 1927

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 29 1927

The Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,
Ont.

Dear Sirs,-

I wish to notify you that our nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School has resigned, and we have appointed in her place Miss Bessie Clare, a registered nurse of Winnipeg, Man. I understand from the Rev. A. D. Mensies that the Department had agreed to pay the nurse's salary while the work was being carried on in the Cecilia Jeffrey building. Miss Reid, the former nurse received from you, I think, \$57.00 per month, but we could not secure a thoroughly qualified and competent nurse for less than \$60.00 per month. I presume that you will still continue to pay the salary of the nurse, and would like to ask if you will now pay the \$60.00, or if our Board will be required to meet the difference.

I also wish to thank the Department for providing the pillows for the Birtle Indian Boarding School. I am sorry that this has not been acknowledged sooner, but my absence from the city has prevented it.

Would you let me hear as soon as possible about the nurse's salary, that I may notify Mr. Mensies.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. E.) Helen M. Chace

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HMS/EO.

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Department of Finance

Ottawa, Canada, Sept 6 1927

R

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th August and enclose as requested cheques in favour of the undermentioned persons, being refund of deposits and interest thereon on account of Retirement Fund.

#3008 Alberta L. Reid \$120.92

Chyn Smith for \$120.92

For the

Ck. 3008 sent to Mrs. Reid
Kenno - out 7 Sept 1927 by
registered mail - 9 11/2

Yours truly,

W. H. Blair

For Deputy Minister of Finance

Rev W.H.

The Deputy Minister,
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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C.J. Boarding School,
Indian Bay, Man..

Sept. 8th., 1927.

Mr. Russell T. Ferrier,
Super't Indian Education,
Ottawa, Ontario.

R

Dear Mr. Ferrier:

A CERTAIN member of our Staff, for reasons best known to herself, has adopted a course of action ruinous to the harmony and co-operation, so necessary to the work of our School. She has estranged from her the entire Staff by language and conduct which I will not attempt to characterize. I have found it necessary to give her a month's notice as provided for in our agreements.

The air has cleared somewhat today, but I understand she has appealed to you and to the W.M.S. Board of Toronto, hence this letter. The Secretary of the Board will no doubt respond by our next weekly mail; should you wish an enquiry I should be pleased to have Capt. Edwards pay us a visit and make if desired a thorough investigation. Accordingly I will not burden you with details but may note that one cause of the outward storm can be traced to Labor Day. We had a very heavy fall of rain on the night preceding and mud and water lay everywhere; rain still threatened and I felt it was a day quite unfit for a holiday here as we must be watchful re wet feet and consequent colds. I told the Teachers to call School and we would have a holiday a little later when it could be enjoyed. This may not be strictly legal but I know you

We are interested in conserving the health of the children under our charge and will agree that there is an unwritten law that should on occasion take precedence.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Capt. Edwards that he may be informed regarding the situation.

Yours faithfully

A. D. Mearns
Prin.

124-3-1

INDIAN AGENTS OFFICE

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 1 1927
RECORDS

.....Kenora, Ont.....

.....Sept. 27th,.....19 27

IF YOUR ONLY COPY TO
No. 108-13
AND
NO BACK OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

SCHOOLS BRANCH
OCT 3 1927
H.A.D.

The principal of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School informs me that he has had trouble with one of his new teachers, whom he has replaced.

As these matters concern the internal management of the school I have not thought it necessary to bring it to your particular attention, presuming it was up to the church authorities.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

E/A

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MRS. D. STRACHAN,
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 12 MEREDITH CRESCENT,
TORONTO 5, ONT., March 1, 1928.
Letter addressed to Deputy Supt. General.

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Original on 129-3-9.



Would you think it wise for us to send
Rev. A. D. Mackies, the principal of the school also?
I would appreciate your advice in this matter.

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129-3-1.

March 9, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Strachan:

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter of the first instant, concerning the site for the new Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, I wish to inform you the Department does not consider it advisable to consult the Rev. Mr. Mensies. As you are, no doubt, aware, it was decided some time ago that another principal should be appointed for the new institution. As the new incumbent should be ready for duty when the building is under construction, there is no reason why your Society should not make a selection and nomination immediately. If a suitable gentleman can be secured without delay, it would be well to have him meet with Rev. Mr. Patterson and our Mr. Orr when the final selection of the site is made. If possible, your nominee should be experienced in institutional activity and capable of handling a staff and supervising the various phases of our educational work.

Yours very truly,



Duncan C. Scott
Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. Strachan,
Educational Secretary,
Presbyterian Women's Miss. Society,
12 Meredith Crescent,
Toronto 5, Ont.

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SECRETARY
MISS MARRIE MACHUGHY
118 SOUTH DRIVE

VERROLL
Toronto
M. H. BIRD
25 FRANKLIN ST.

12 Meredith Cres.,
TORONTO 5,
March 12th, 1928.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 13 1928
RECORDS

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAR 14 1928

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

Your letter of March 9th received, and it was a surprise to me to learn that it had been agreed upon that a new principal should be appointed for the new institution. I was not aware of this. I suppose this must have been decided upon before the division of the Indian work between the United Church and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. I wonder if I might ask why this was decided upon, and if it was the wish of the Department or the wish of the Board that was then carrying on the work? If it is not the wish of the Department that Mr. Mensies take over the duties of the new school, I suppose we must search for some other principal at once. May I also ask if Rev. Mr. Mensies is aware of this?

Awaiting your reply.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. J.) Helen M. Stuebe

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129-5-1.

Ottawa, May 30, 1928.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant, announcing the resignation as from the first proximo of Miss Bonnie Glaze, nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. Either you or the Presbyterian Church authorities should nominate a worker to fill this post, temporarily. I am enclosing an application form, which should be forwarded to the Department by the applicant. Salary at the rate of \$40 per month will be allowed for a suitable nurse.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Indian Agent Edwards, for his information and guidance.

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
F. E. L. MacInnes,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

[Signature]
Rev. A. B. MacInnes,
Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Res. School,
Indian Bay E. C. M.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Deputy and Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

SCHOOL DISTRICT
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June 2, 1928.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter #129-3-1 of May 30 to the principal of the Cecelia Jeffrey Indian Residential School re the resignation of Miss Bessie Clare, nurse.

On my visit to the school on May 21st, Mr. Menzies informed me Miss Clare was leaving as she had received the offer of a much better position. The principal was deducting two weeks salary in lieu of notice, this money to go to the school. I informed him that as Miss Clare was paid by the Department, I did not think they would agree to a deduction from her salary and as I was on Treaty payments, I asked him to try to arrange for someone to fill her place, subject to approval by the Department. He now writes me that he has engaged Margaret Matheson, who has had the following training; Eye Infirmary, Glasgow, 2 years; Northern Infirmary, Inverness, 3 years; General Hospital, Winnipeg, Obstetrical, 3 months. In addition to this she has had 4 or 5 years experience. Miss Matheson came to Canada in the fall and started duty on the 31st of May.

We have not been able to see Miss Matheson as yet as we are now on Treaty payments and shall be away until the 1st of July.

On the principal's recommendation, I would therefore ask that her resignation be approved. *at same rate as nurse Clare \$60 per month.*

Vouchers for the principal's expenses in this connection, will be forwarded as soon as possible after we return from Treaty payments.

Your obedient servant,

Bank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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Handwritten: HFD
Miss O'Donoghue
to note

Ottawa, June 6th, 1928.

Sir,-

I have your letter of the 2nd instant informing the Department that the principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School has engaged the services of Miss Margaret Matheson as nurse to succeed Miss Bessie Clare and stating the qualifications which Miss Matheson possesses. The Department approves of her appointment with salary at the same rate as was paid Miss Clare, viz., \$60. per month.

The principal should not make any deduction in Miss Clare's salary in lieu of notice from her in due time of her intention to resign.

Please inform the principal of the approval of the appointment of Miss Matheson and the salary allowed.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: F. Edwards

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Handwritten signature: A. F. MacKenzie

Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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CIVIL SERVICE OF CANADA

APPLICATION FORM

Application for the position of Teacher in Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School
In the Department of Indian Affairs Competition No.

Name in full, surname first Madison Margaret
Address Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School Indian Bay P.O. Manitoba
(Give Number and Street, City or Town, County and Province)
Candidates must inform the Commission immediately if any change of address.

Give, in full, particulars of the length of your residence in this locality Three weeks

If an examination is held, at which centre do you wish to write?
(See list of centres on last page)

Are you willing to serve in Ottawa? Amount of fee enclosed
Will you write in English or French? ; Do you speak and write well (a) English? Yes
(b) French? No

Place of birth Aird-Lang Lewis Scotland

Date of birth May 22nd 1895 Age last birthday 29
(Day, Month, Year)

Height 5' 4" Weight 130 lbs Are you in good health? Yes

Have you any defect of sight, hearing, speech, limb or otherwise? No

If so, give details

Are you physically fit to carry on the duties of the above position in a satisfactory manner? Yes
(You or no)

Sex Female Married or single Single Number of dependents
(Male or Female)

Are you a British subject? Yes Natural born or naturalized? Natural born

If naturalized, give date and place of naturalization

Length of residence in Canada Seven months Date of arrival in Canada November 20th 1927
(If naturalized through a parent's naturalization give the latter's name in full, also date and place where naturalization obtained)

Are you now employed in the Civil Service? Yes Department C. J. Indian School
(You or no)

Are any members of your family employed in the Civil Service? No
(You or no)

If so, state names, Department in which employed, and salary received by them

Name Department Salary

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? No

Names, addresses and occupations in full of three referees (not relatives) who can certify to your good character. (These names need not be filled in by the referees themselves.)

Rev. R. MacIntyre, Lehigh, Maine, Pastor
Mr. Callaway, Lehigh, Maine, School
Mrs. Hubbard Belmont, New City, Maine, Superintendent

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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

All statements are subject to investigation. Statements found to be untrue, exaggerated, or intentionally misleading, may result in the disqualification of the applicant.

State the schools, colleges or universities you have attended, giving approximately the date of entry and leaving in each case. Mention any subjects or courses in which you have specialized, and any technical training or apprenticeship you have received.

Long School 1915 - 1918

Nicholson High School 1918 - 1925

Degree or Diploma obtained: Scottish State Registration of Nurses

Age on finally leaving school or university: 25

Give a full account of your career and show in what respect the experience acquired would be of advantage in the discharge of the duties of the position for which you are now an applicant. (If you need more space attach an additional sheet of the same size as this form.)

Applicants (except for clerical or lower grade positions) must also submit herewith three letters of reference as to their experience and qualifications for the position in question, preferably from their most recent employers.

Candidates for clerical examinations Grades 1 and 2 should mention any special qualification they may possess, such as a knowledge of shorthand, typewriting, adding machines, multigraph, etc., etc.

Glasgow Eye Infirmary Berkeley St. Scotland
October 1918 - May 1920
(Special Ophthalmic Training)

Three years General training
in The Northern Infirmary Inverness Scotland
May 1920 - June 1923

Two years Private Nursing
in The Park Nursing Home Glasgow Scotland
February 1924 - March 1926

Belmont Nurse School Belmont Gardens Glasgow
Scotland June 1926 - July 1927

Winnipeg General Hospital Canada
Three months Voluntary Nurse
February 1928 - May 1928

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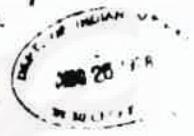


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Mr. Ferris

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Mr. Paget stated he would be willing to stay two days and listen to them, or longer if it was found necessary. This satisfied everybody.

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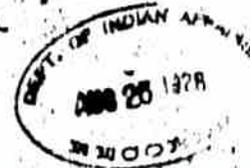


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decide for himself. Is it possible to teach children a better way to earn a living? He hears at the Cecelia Jeffrey they are taught trades. This is not done at the Catholic School. The boys in leaving school are not fitted to take up work in town and make a living. Could not they be taught some trades?

Mr. Paget said he would write to the Department what the Indians said about the schools.

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Chief Gardner said he hoped to see the new school filled with children and when the children were at the two schools in Kenora the parents would come to see them occasionally, but now the Indians have no Reserve or camping ground at Kenora and no house to live in when they came in the Winter or Summer. If they camped on a white man's land they might be and are often sent away. Could not some place be got for the Indians to stay?

Mr. Paget then said that the Agent had been speaking to him about this and the Department would see if anything could be done. The Agent has spoken to Mr. Paget each year about this and the matter would be taken up.

Chief Kejick wanted to know what had been done about the old school, Cecelia Jeffrey School, at Shoal Lake. Mr. Paget informed him that the school would be closed and a very much better one built at Kenora. Chief Kejick said the school should be left as it is as there are enough children at Shoal Lake and North West Angle to fill the present school. When the school was first built there, the other Chiefs were not in favor of it, but the Shoal Lake Indians were and that was why the school was built there, and the Indians were told that as long as the Indians were there, the school would be there, and they wished to have it kept there. He said he had 30 children from his own Reserve now attending the school, or would be able to attend shortly.

Mr. Paget said the Department were building a new school at Kenora as the Cecelia Jeffrey School was not large enough and was owned by the Church, and not the Department. Also that a larger school near town would cost much less to maintain and being nearer town the children would have a better chance to learn the white man's ways, etc.

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Chief Kejick, Shoal Lake Band No. 39, said he agreed with what the other Chiefs had said about the children. That they did not know how to make a living when they left school and would like trades taught. In the old days trapping was different. Now the only way the Indians can make a living is to work like the white man and owing to the furs going through white men trapping and the raising of waters, it made it harder for the Indians each year to make a living.

Chief Kejick said he had eight children from his Reserve in the school and when the children left they did not know anything and could hardly speak English. They work hard to see that the children attended every day and one of the troubles was that the children were made to work at cutting wood around the school and not in the classroom, and even the very young ones did this. He thinks this is wrong as they go to school to learn to read, write and speak English. He had no fault to find with the new school being built and would

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do his best to send the children from the Reserve. He said when the children left school there was nothing done for them, not even given a blanket. When the school was built they promised that when these pupils left school they should have a sewing machine or lumber for a house, or something given them to enable them to earn a living.

Mr. Paget promised to look into this for them and let the Agent know if anything could be done.

Chief Black Hawk, North West Angle Band, No. 33, said he was glad to hear about the school and had sent some children to the Cecelia Jeffrey School. He could not understand why the Indians were not consulted first as to where the schools should be built, and he was not in favor of it being built at Kenora. It should have been built at the South end of the lake nearer their Reserve. Mr. Paget said the attendance of school children was compulsory the same as the white children if the Department insisted on them going, but up to the present they had not been compelled. The Department could not build schools near all the Reserves and had to decide on the best positions. The Department could not please everybody and the Indians came to Kenora more than any other place, and could see their children once or twice a year.

Chief Black Hawk said he did not understand the school was going to be built right close to the town but now thought it would be alright after hearing the explanation. He hoped the Department would get some land where the Indians could camp and have a house where they could stay to be called an Indian House.

Chief Thunder, Buffalo Bay Reserve, speaking through Chief Gardner. I won't promise to send all our children to school, but I am glad the Department is building a school and I would like to see the Indians use it. Can all Indians send their children to this school?

Agent Edwards. Roman Catholic children must go to the Roman Catholic School and Protestant Children to the Protestant school and pagans can go to either school.

Councillor Jim Kahkeeway said he had a girl who had been in school four years and she was deaf. Could she be discharged. Agent Edwards promised to look into this.

Chief Williamson said that old man Sinclair had a girl in school who had bad eyes, and the only trouble she had was when she was in the classroom. The Chief wanted this girl discharged. Agent Edwards said this girl had been to see a Specialist in Winnipeg last Fall and he would get the particulars, and if the Doctor said she should be discharged, he would see that this was done.

Chief Jim Williams informed the Agent that it was reported to him that at the Kenora school the children are made to kneel sometimes for hours at a time. This is called "sitting punishment" but is not really sitting but kneeling. The Chief thinks this is cruel and should not be allowed. Agent Edwards promised to put this in his report and make inquiries.

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October 17, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Strachan:

May I remind you of the advisability of securing a suitable principal for the new Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School without delay. The building is now under construction, and I believe the new incumbent could be profitably engaged as from the first of the new year. I should be grateful if you would make a nomination as soon as possible.

The Department is erecting a modern building, on a suitable site, at considerable expense. The proximity to the city of Kamour suggests that it will be visited a great deal by the general public, and both the Church and the State should be desirous of conducting a well managed institution. Every energy should be bent towards securing the services of a reverend gentleman with real capacity for this important work.

Yours very truly.

Duncan C. Scott

Mrs. D. Strachan,
Educational Secretary,
Presbyterian Women's Miss. Society,
15 Meredith Crescent,
Toronto 5, Ont.

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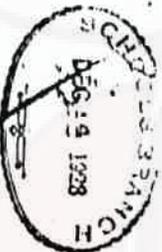
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December 11, 1928.

Dr. Duncan G. Scott

Dr. Duncan G. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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My dear Dr. Scott:

Since returning home I have been laid up with influenza and have therefore been unable to write you to tell you that on coming home I found a letter from Mr. May, whose name we had been discussing for Cecilia Jeffrey, saying that he had been appointed history instructor in the city of Guelph.

I am sorry that we have missed securing him. I am today pursuing information in regard to a Mr. MacPherson, who has been recommended, and will let you know later should he seem to be a suitable appointee.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours sincerely,
M. C. McKersell
Indian Secretary for W.M.S.

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Ottawa, January 25, 1929.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of recent date, with reference to the Department's wishes concerning the removal from the present school to the new institution. Of course, all equipment of any kind, that is worth moving over to the new Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, should be transferred. I refer, not only to house equipment, but to live stock, agricultural implements, boats, etc. In due course, the Department will ask Mr. Indian Agent Edwards to cooperate in this matter. At the present rate of progress, it appears that the new building will be ready for occupation early in June.

Concerning the last paragraph of your letter, I may say that, at the present time, the Department cannot compel attendance of Indian children at school past the 16th birthday. However, every effort is bent to have those who should remain longer stay until they are 18 years of age. This should guide you in your relations with both parents and children, and, if there are requests for the discharge of pupils who are 16 or 17, you should inform them that the matter will have to be referred to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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[Signature]
Rev. A. D. Hennies,
Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Res. School,
Indian Bay P. O.,
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Kenora, Ont.
February 18th./29.

Sir:-

I visited the Cecelia Jeffrey Residential school at Shoal Lake, last week, and discussed the question of when the children should be moved. It was suggested that the school close on July 1st. instead of the 15th., and that everything be moved to the new building at that time. It might be advisable to give the children a slightly longer holiday this year to enable the staff to get their regular holidays, and to be at the new school, say a couple of weeks, before the children return, so as to get things in shape.

I will forward an inventory of the equipment etc. to be moved from the old school, in a day or so.

While at the Shoal Lake school, I persuaded the truants over 16 years of age, to return to the school for a short time, until I obtain their discharge for which I will apply in a separate letter.

While in Winnipeg I called on Mrs. Hutcheson, convener of the Presbyterian Committee. She will come to Kenora shortly to look over the new school, and make arrangements. We have had no one here representing the Church since the building started.

While in the city I also picked out the electric light fixtures and gave orders for the wash basins in the dormitories, subject to Mr. Orr's approval.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy & Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Cecelia Jeffrey School,
Indian Bay, Man.,
Feb. 25th., 1929.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll
Toronto Ont.

Dear Madam:

It has been recently brought to our attention that certain charges have been filed against the Principal of the above named School. We, as members of the present Staff, would like to refute the said charges.

1. "There would seem to be a lack of good feeling between the Staff and principal."

In all our dealings with the Principal we have failed to find the least foundation for such a statement. Mr. Menzies has always supported the Staff in every way.

2. "The attitude of the Principal toward the staff is that of an autocrat."
We have always found him kind, considerate, and very just, a friendly spirit existing at all times between the Principal and Staff.

3. "Neither the Staff nor the Missionary are allowed to enter the School by the front door."
Although the front door of the School opens into Mr. Menzies' Office, it is always open to members of Staff when they wish to use it.

4. "The Principal's wife has no sympathy with the work of the School"

5. "She is not the proper type for institutional work as she cannot handle the Staff."

We cannot see that the above two charges have anything to do with the Principal, and their use against him seems unreasonable."

6. "I believe she is the real head of the School."
In our experience Mr. Menzies has been the head of the School

Signed:

Margaret Matheson
Mary Jensen
Evelyn M Fletcher
Archie Davidson
Marian D Cole
Agnes I Arnold

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Feb. 27th., 1929.

Capt. Frank Edwards
Indian Agent
Kenora, Ont.
Dear Capt. Edwards:

Some time ago, on false information furnished you by two members of staff at C.J., you formulated certain charges or complaints against me as Principal, adding "I would therefore recommend a change of Principal. I do not wish to appear as interfering in the internal management of the school, but things are so bad that I have been asked to draw your attention to the matter." This resulted in a finding by the Department, citing the charges and accepting all at their face value.

Presumably Mr. Ferrier, having made only a brief visit while the school was closed, is responsible for only one statement; I am quite content to let the record of the years answer it.

When appealed to for information, both you and the Department refused to say who the complainants were and, when invited to make thorough investigation at the school, failed to do so.

You have now frankly given me the names of the two responsible parties, and have yourself cited evidence that they were not wholly trustworthy. I have from the first been quite sure of the identity of one of the two, who had long had the reputation of being a trouble-maker, but I found it hard to believe the other capable of such dishonesty.

When confronted with the charges, the former admitted some of the statements but said she spoke only for herself, not for the staff, and that you had no right to so report her statements. The latter not only denied responsibility but when asked whether the charges were true to fact, replied "No, emphatically No" and assured me of her loyalty, yet she had been one of your informants. All other members of staff gave like positive denial of the truth of the assertions on which the finding of the Department was based.

On the testimony of reliable staff members these two tried constantly to prejudice new members of staff and to create ill feeling. They had their good qualities and did much good work, but they have made themselves responsible for many dishonorable acts and untrue statements.

We had been here only a short time when they informed us that they had little use for Capt. Edwards as an Agent and less as a man. Dr. Ferguson was disposed of in like radical fashion.

When informed that the two Chiefs and certain of the C.W.W.D. Railway officials had asked me if I was going to be Principal or if Misses B. and R. were still going to run the school, the reply was: "The two last Principals did little for the discipline of the school and every one knows the last Matron was no disciplinarian, so we had to take responsibility for the management of the children." They were restive under any semblance of authority and evidently wished

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to be a mere figure-head in the school.

After leaving the school in July 1927 they industriously defamed its management, tried to get an emissary on the staff (who by the way had to be dismissed), tried to carry on secret correspondence with the children, and informed at least two persons, where they thought it would do most harm, that the United Church Board, the Presbyterian Church Board and the Department of Indian Affairs had each asked for my resignation, but they could not get rid of me. Suffice it to say I have never been asked to resign.

I have just shown the present staff a copy of the charges sent to Ottawa; they were amazed. The enclosed, which is a copy of their signed statement, is their answer. Leaving out the two conspirators, a like reply would have been signed by all former members of staff.

Capt. Edwards you are an Englishman, with I fancy an Englishman's sense of honor and justice. On your report and recommendation, given presumably in good faith though on false information, the Department took action and, so far as their report could do so, discredited me with the Church of which I am a minister. Fortunately Dr Hamison, to whom the communication was sent, had known me as a fellow-student in the University, had asked me to undertake the work here and knew that such radical statements could not be true.

We have been above five years at C.J. School, we have not wrecked the institution, three who were on the staff since we came have again applied for work with us, discipline (for the sake of which we were asked to live in the school) has certainly improved greatly, you yourself stated, during your recent visit, that there is an improved spirit both amongst children and Indians since the two took their departure, (they had tried to make trouble in and out of the school) even these two special friends stated again and again that we had given both staff and children every much better table than formerly yet we changed an annual deficit into an annual surplus. We have been paying the salaries of four members of staff, yet keeping the balance on the right side. You have seemingly never found occasion to criticize our school or its work, or to suggest any line along which improvement might be made. I speak of Mrs Menzies as well as myself for without her efficient oversight and careful cooperation such results could not have been obtained.

As you are aware the Church's Board has expressed its hearty appreciation of our work and without my knowledge and months after my resignation had been given personally to their Secretary, the President and Secretary went to Ottawa and urged withdrawal of the finding of the Department, being unable to find anything to justify it. The Department refused reconsideration or enquiry, presumably because you, their only source of information, were supposed to stand by your original report and recommendation. They thus repeated to the Presbyterian Board the decision given the United Church some time ago, hence this communication and appeal.

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I have no desire to go to the new school, but I do object to go out under a cloud after five years of honest and not unsuccessful work. I object too to being condemned afresh before the Church with which I have worked harmoniously since our school was taken over by it, and this under utterly false charges, which have never been looked into and which the complainants themselves had not the courage to face.

Capt Edwards the facts are before you; if not sufficiently informed, the school and its conditions are open to you at any time. As you suggested I am sending forward to the Department a full statement of the case as above and I shall expect you as a man of honor to withdraw your former statements, discredited as above, and to ask for the United Church of which I am a Minister, and for the Presbyterian Board under which I am working, a statement from the Department of Indian Affairs in accord with the facts.

Yours &c.

C O P Y

108-13.

Kenora, Ont.,
February 28th, 1929.

A. D. Menzies,
Indian Residential School,
Shoal Lake.

Dear Mr. Menzies:-

Two people mentioned in your letter, as having been informants against you, are not the only ones who complained. I do not remember in any way saying that they were not wholly trustworthy.

At the present time your relations with the staff have appeared to me as always cordial; as are also your dealings with the Indians now. This is due, I believe, through your closer associations with them. I do not think that you leaving the school should make any difference in your relations with your Church as I spoke well of you to Mrs. Hutchison, who was here to see the new school.

You have very excellent business ability; although when you first came I did criticize your dealings with the Indians after complaints had been made by them. I am glad to say that you have now changed for the better in their opinion.

I am forwarding your letter to Ottawa, and if I receive any instructions I will follow them out. I cannot do anything further in this connection without hearing from them.

The forms for the school and hospital reports, etc. have already gone forward.

Yours faithfully,

Indian Agent.

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125 SOUTH DRIVE

19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,
March 20th, 1929.

Mr. Macensie,
Secretary to Dr. Campbell Scott,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

May I acknowledge the receipt of your wire
and the letter which followed the next day. It was
very kind of you to act so promptly, and to let me
know this information which was so vital for the gentle-
man whom we are arranging to appoint.

May I ask when Dr. Scott will be returning?

Thanking you very much for your kindness.

Yours very sincerely,

M. C. McFerrall

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125 SOUTH DRIVE

SECRETARY
MARGARET M. REID
OF PARLIAMENT ST.

19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,

April 5th, 1929.

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The Hon. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Your admonition when we were in Ottawa to secure a Principal at once and your letters since that time, urging us to make the appointment by the first of February, I am sorry to say, proved impossible. However, I am glad to notify you that we have appointed, subject to your confirmation, Mr. E.W. Byers of Brandon, Manitoba. I have been waiting very impatiently for his acceptance as he is a most excellent person and I was so afraid he would not accept. I only received his full acceptance yesterday and now send word of this at once to you. I telephoned to Ottawa while you were away in order to discuss with you this and some other matters and found you would be back in April.

Mr. Byers has been for six years, principal of the David Livingstone School in the City of Brandon. It is a fifteen room school, mostly composed of new Canadian pupils. Previously, he was principal at the King Edward school at Moose Jaw, and for eleven years before that in the High School at Rouleau, Saskatchewan, and in Bridgeport, Ontario, has been supervisor in boys' work for the Rotary Club for six years and is considered one of the outstanding community workers in Brandon. He holds certificates in the following subjects:- First Aid, St. Johns Ambulance; Physical Training; Cadet Instruction; Commercial Standing. Mr. Byers holds a first class Professional certificate for Saskatchewan and Manitoba and has also had one term in the Agricultural College, Saskatoon.

Mrs. Byers is described by those who know her as "a capable, strong and a splendid woman." She is a good dress-maker, has had much experience in nursing and has been President of various Mission Bands which shows her interest in children.

I have a number of recommendations which I could forward to you if you so desire. However, probably these extracts will serve the purpose.

Mr. Currie of Birtle says of him, "Mr. Byers has had fine experience in Military training. He is outstanding in Community Welfare. His present salary is \$2700.00 and it will

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be a sacrifice for him to consider this new position. From my ~~best~~ available information, you are not likely to secure a better applicant for the position."

Mr. Alex McIntyre of Winnipeg in his report of the David Livingstone School, says "This is the most interesting and most promising school in the Brandon School system. To be successful in such a school one must have the missionary spirit..... It would be difficult to find a better man for this community than the principal, Mr. E.W. Byers. Mr. Byers knows his work, he labors for the best and in the best spirit, and the evident results achieved, speak of his success."

Mr. C.W. Webb, superintendent of schools in Brandon, writes that, "Mr. Byers has been principal of the David Livingstone School since 1923. He has done and is still doing excellent work. As a disciplinarian, Mr. Byers is firm and courteous as well as sympathetic and winning in his attitude to his pupils. As a teacher, he employs a cool, concrete method, moving at a rate of speed adapted to the need of his class and explaining their difficulties with clearness and patience... Mr. Byers is a good manager of his school and has such a hold upon his staff as to win their good will and enjoy their whole hearted co-operation."

auditor
I find that Mr. Byers was for five years official auditor of school districts and rural municipalities in addition to his school duties. He was also a captain in the 229th Battalion, and served overseas. Among all those who have applied for the position, he appears to be the most outstanding and I hope the department will see fit to confirm his appointment.

It was a great disappointment to me to receive word from your secretary that the building is far from ready and that the principal's residence is not complete, nor is there any immediate prospect of furniture for it. Could you let me know if furniture for the principal's part could be sent on earlier than that for the school so that Mr. Byers could plan the putting in of the ~~bed~~ and what ever is to be done before perhaps the older boys would be moved over from the old site. Could you give me as soon as possible, an idea as to when it may be ready. It means extra expense for our Board to have to procure quarters in Kenora itself for him and yet I do not see what else could be done. If he stays at the old school he will be of no use. We are asking Mr. Menzies to complete the school term as you suggest.

In view of the building not being complete and the extra expense this entails on our Board, could the Government see fit to give us any grant to help meet the situation. The two salaries and the housing and board will run into quite a sum of money.

Mr. Byers is very anxious to know if he should take his electric washing machine with him. It is too bad to trouble you with these details, but it is the first time that a new school and residence have been equipped for us for a long time and I have forgotten the details of the furnishing that the Government does.

Would you kindly let me know if the appointing of Mr. Byers meets with your approbation, also if there is anything else which requires my attention that you know of, would you be kind enough to mention it.

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129-3-1.

April 10, 1929.

Dear Mrs. McKerroll:

I have your letter of the 5th instant, nominating Mr. E. W. Byers, of Brandon, for the principalship of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I have read concerning this gentleman's qualifications with interest, and as his experience appears to prepare him quite well for our work, I am pleased to approve of his appointment.

The Department is quite ready to furnish the Principal's residence at any time, but there is no prospect of water supply or sewage disposal for a few weeks. If Mr. Byers and his family are willing to put up with a little inconvenience until the water is in the building, there is no reason why he could not take up residence at an early date and supervise the farming activity, accept the furnishings as they arrive and look after the many details attendant upon a successful re-establishment of an institution of this type.

The Department is willing to bear a fair share of the expenditure before the new school is placed on per capita grant basis. It is our practice to allow about two-thirds of the total costs of the school management. When the school is opened, of course, a per capita grant is made for the current expenses. The work on the farm should be commenced at an early date, and the Department believes it advisable for Mr. Byers to visit Kenora, look over the situation and cooperate with Mr. Indian Agent Edwards in the selection of furnishings for his residence and in the commencement of the farm and garden activity.

The Department provides the necessary furnishings and equipment, not only for all the buildings, but also for the farm and garden. This, of course, includes the necessary live stock. However, Mr. Byers had better take his electric washing machine with him, as equipment of this kind is not supplied. Of course, the school laundry will be fully provided for. Mr. Byers should have a full discussion with Mr. Edwards in relation to all details of this character and he will be better prepared to decide what he should take with him to Kenora.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. F. L. McKerroll,
Educational Secretary,
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
12 Lane St., TORONTO 9, Ont.

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April 10, 1929.

Dear Captain Edwards:

I am enclosing, for your information and guidance, copy of my letter of today's date to Mrs. D. T. L. McCorrell, Educational Secretary, Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 19 Levee St., Toronto 2, Ont. When Mr. Evans presents himself at your office, I should be pleased if you would give him every assistance in his effort to familiarize himself with conditions at the new Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School. Before he is deemed of moving into the principal's residence, you should forward, for the Department's consideration, a list of the furnishings you recommend with an estimate of the cost.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott *over*

W.A.

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Toronto, Ont.

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April 10, 1929.

Dear Captain Edwards:

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Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

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Frank Edwards, Sec.-
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

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Kenora, Ont.
June 1st./29.

Sir:-

Mr. Byers the new principal of the Cecelia Jeffrey school asks me to write requesting the Department to keep on Miss Matheson, nurse, at the Department's expense.

It appears to me as a reasonable request, particularly as the Department is paying the major expenses until the new school is on a grant earning basis. Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Menzies and myself speak well of Miss Matheson and recommend this suggestion, as she is a very capable nurse and takes great interest in the children, and is well suited for the work.

Yours obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUN 6 1929

The Asst. Deputy & Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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C O P Y

C. J. Bdg. School,
Indian Bay, Man.,
Aug. 9, 1929.

Hon. Peter Heenan,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ont.

Hon. Sir:

The Chief of Shoal Lake #40, two councillors and other Indians called at the School yesterday to inform me of the Chief's interview with you re the closing of the School here and other matters. They asked me to report to you and to the Church's Board under which I am working. They claimed to be in a position to speak for the two Shoal Lake Bands, the two North West Angle Bands and Buffalo Bay Band, and I have good reason to believe their claim is justified by the facts.

These Bands assert that they can practically fill the school and keep it filled and this is probably true as they have now 50 children in the school and a very considerable number have been kept out lest they should have to go to the new school. They assert further that they are all agreed that they will not allow their children to go to the new school, even if it means jail for refusal, but will willingly send all their children to Shoal Lake School if it is re-opened. They also urge that Mrs. Mensies and I remain in charge of the work here.

Let me assure you that I have no axe to grind in stating their case for the Indians. While appreciating the confidence of the Indians, we told them we

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were leaving in any event. I may say, however, from my knowledge of the situation, after almost 6 years amongst them, that I consider they have a good case and are not making unreasonable request.

Why close a school accommodating 75 pupils when, if the new school be filled to capacity, 150 or 200 children in the agency will remain with no means of obtaining any education?

Why shut the door on the children of five Indian bands expressing readiness to send their children when so many others refuse to do so?

I do not know whether the Church would be willing to carry on here and at Kenora, but I do know the past six years has shown that the school, though small, can be run without undue cost as I have paid out of Maintenance Fund (per capita grant) four members of staff each year and am handing over a balance or surplus of around \$4000.00.

A PERSONAL WORD

The Department of Indian Affairs, through a report of four years ago from the Indian Agent at Kenora, judged Mrs. Mensies and myself incompetent or worse, but the attitude of the Indians, the emphatic commendation of the Church's Board, the testimony of the staff and the record of six years would seem to justify the Church's refusal to make a change.

Should the School be re-opened, it would be very necessary to overhaul the building and make some more or less radical changes.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) A. D. Mensies,
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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 21 1929
RECORDS

Ottawa, August 19, 1929.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
AUG 23 1929

Dear Doctor Scott,

I am forwarding you herewith letter which I received from Mr. A.D. Menzies, Indian Bay, Manitoba, regarding the Shoal Lake School.

I would be glad if you would look into this matter and let me have your opinions, together with the return of the attached communication.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature: Peter Heenan]

Minister of Labour.

Dr. D.C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
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*M. J. Miller
to the church*

August 24, 1929.

Dear Mr. Heenan:

I have your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing a communication from Rev. Mr. Mensies, Principal of the old Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Sheal Lake. I may say that this school is wholly unfit for educational purposes, as it is old and constitutes a very serious fire hazard. It was on these grounds that the Presbyterian Church authorities represented that it must be replaced. The new building near Kenora is now ready for occupation. The old building has been abandoned and no further Indian educational activity will be undertaken there. I have no doubt that the new school will be successful. I am returning Mr. Mensies' letter.

Yours faithfully,

Duncan C. Scott

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Honourable Peter Heenan,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa,
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125 SOUTH DRIVE

19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 2,

August 23rd, 1929.

Dr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dexter Scott,-

Although I have not yet heard from Mr. Byers and Captain Edwards, the exact date of the formal opening of the new Indian School at Kenora, we are planning about the invitations. I am not sure as to whether these should go out in the name of the Indian Department of the Government or our Society, or whether there should be a joint invitation. Would you be kind enough to let me know what the usual procedure is in such cases? I am planning to go out at the time of this official opening as our Board has appointed me to represent them.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

M. C. McKerrall

Secretary, Indian Department.

to the Superintendent ~~of the~~

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MISS MERRIE MACMURCHY
122 SOUTH DRIVE

19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,

September 10th, 1929. 

Dr. Duncan G. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Doctor Scott:

May I thank you for your letter of August 30th, in regard to the invitations for the opening of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I am writing Mr. Byers and instructing him to prepare an invitation list and to send it to me at once that it may be forwarded to your Department. We shall be only too glad to comply with your request in this regard.

I have received a telegram from Mr. Byers, which rather worries me, not the part about Mr. Mensies still being at Shoal Lake, as we gave him permission to spend a couple of weeks camping and resting there before finally pulling out, but the part about the non-attendance of the children. This looks rather serious. Can your Department, through the Agent at Kenora, do anything to reach these Indians and have their children sent in to the new school. They are still pressing for carrying on the two schools. I wrote Mr. Mensies as conciliatory a letter for them as I thought I could, saying that neither the Department nor the Church were in funds sufficient to carry on two schools, and urging that the Indians send their children in to the new school and give it a thorough trial, and we felt that they would not find it the hardship they expected, to have them a few miles further distant.

Mr. Mensies wrote me that he was turning over the books and the moneys to Mr. Byers at the beginning of September. He is forty-five miles away by launch and it is possible that they have lingered at the camp an extra week and this has not been done. Our Board has no desire to hurry Mr. Mensies, although we would like him to have turned over the books before now. However, he stated in his letter that he was making an effort to secure accounts which were owing for some supplies which he had brought out on the boat to accommodate the Indians

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and which had not been paid. Mr. Mensies informed me that
was leaving for Winnipeg as soon as the camping season
is over.

I am writing Mr. Byers to get in touch with the
Indian Agent in regard to the non-attendance of the children
and informing him that I am taking the matter up with you.
Is there something further that you feel I should do? I shall
be glad if you will let me know if this is the case.

Thanking you,

Yours very sincerely,

Mary C. McTerroll

Secretary, Indian Department.

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Ottawa, September 21, 1929.

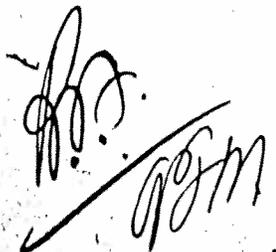
Sir:

The salary of Miss Matheson, Nurse at the old Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, has been paid by the Department up to the end of June of this year. As she was classified as a temporary civil servant and was paid by the month, there can issue no further cheque from the Department in her case. However, as she is now employed at the new school, there is no reason why you could not allow her for July and August whatever salary you contemplate paying her in the future. The Department will then consider this as one of the current expenses when making an adjustment in lieu of per capita grant, as explained in official 129-3-3 of June 8th. As Miss Matheson has been continually in the employ of the school during the year, there is no reason why she should not be allowed full salary for July, even though she took some holidays during the month.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.



E. W. Myers, Esq.,
Principal,
C. J. Indian Residential School,
Kamora, Ont.

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19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,

September 24th, 1929.

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Dr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Doctor Scott,-

We would appreciate having a cut of the new
Indian School at Kenora, to use in our papers. We are
preparing a poster now and we would be glad to have a
cut for this if you could send it by return mail.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. D. J. L. McKerral
Secretary, Publics Department.



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Copy

Honourable Peter Heenan,
Minister of Labour,
Member for Kenora District,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

We, the Chiefs and Councillors of Shoal Lake Bands 39 and 40, following a meeting of our Bands, assembled yesterday the 29th September and by their instructions hereby petition you, our Member, to represent us before the Department of Indian Affairs as follows:

We very earnestly desire to have the Cecelia Jeffrey Indian School reopened and in this desire are joined by the two North-West Angle Bands and Buffalo Point Band.

With some repair the present building would be made quite fit to carry on for some years, and we are willing to give without charge a suitable site and sufficient good land for a new school building when necessary. Such a site is available north of Indian Bay, two miles from Waugh, nine miles from Ingolf and six miles from the proposed highway.

When Mr. McKittrick, representing the Presbyterian church, arranged with us to build the school on Shoal Lake he promised us that the church would always give us a school in this vicinity.

We want education for our children and as there is a good deal of tuberculosis amongst us we want our children where we can see them often. We are a long way from a Doctor (45 miles), and a nurse at the school is a great help to us in time of sickness.

The school has helped us greatly, giving us wood to cut and other work, buying supplies from us, and furnishing us with clothing at a very low rate, our old people without any charge. Fur has become very scarce here, the high water has spoiled our rice fields and our hay and now they would take the help of the school away.

There are more than enough Indian children in Lake of Woods Bands to fill the new school at Kenora without sending our children there. We are willing to meet you at any time in Kenora, or to go down to Ottawa if necessary, and would urge you to visit the Shoal Lake School and see it for yourself.

The Department is not providing enough schools to educate all the Indian children in the Agency. Why close Cecelia Jeffrey?

Signed.....Chief Kesik (X)

Chief Jim Cheenah (X)

Councillor Baldhead #40 (X)

Councillor Pete Redsky #40 (X)

Councillor Cec. Mandanien #39 (X)

Witnessed at Shoal Lake

Sept. 30th, 1929 by----- (sg.) 'Joe La Pointe'

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Ottawa, October 15, 1929.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to holidays for Nurse Matheson. I may say that on the 21st ult. I wrote to Mr. Byers in part as follows: "There is no reason why you could not allow her for July and August whatever salary you contemplate paying her in the future. . . . As Miss Matheson has been continuously in the employ of the school during the year, there is no reason why she should not be allowed full salary for July, even though she took some holidays during the month."

I am sure that Mr. Byers will deal fairly with this officer of the staff. I am today writing to Mr. Byers, telling him that he may allow her full salary for August as well.

With reference to the payment of the June per capita grant, the Department has had no misunderstanding with the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. The per capita grant, of course, is not being used for buildings or land or equipment. As far as the Department is aware, the same Board is in charge of the new school as was in charge of the old one.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.


Rev. A. D. Mandies,
61 Carlton St.,
WINNIPEG, MAN.

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Ottawa, October 18, 1929.

Dear Mrs. MacKerrell:

Pursuant to Dr. Scott's letter of the 26th ultimo, I have sent, under separate cover, to you today, two photos of the new Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

Yours very truly,

Russell F. Ferrier

Russell F. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

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Mrs. D. F. L. MacKerrell,
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
19 Levesque St.,
Toronto 9, Ont.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

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TORONTO 2, October 18th, 1929.

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.



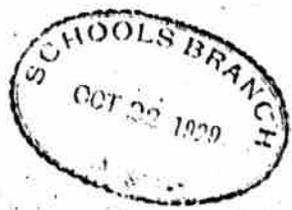
Dear Mr. Scott:

At the request of our Board of Missions
I am forwarding to you the following resolution
passed by the Board at its September meeting:

"It was moved, seconded, and agreed,
that the Board place on record its deep
appreciation of the generous action of the
Indian Department of the Government in
placing at the disposal of the Women's
Missionary Society of our Church, the
excellent and excellently equipped buildings
at Kenora, for the purpose of Indian education,
and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded
to the Department".

Yours sincerely,

Andrew S. Grant



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT KENORA, Ont.

October 18th, 1929

Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.



Dear Sir,

I have been informed by some of the Indians of the Shoal Lake Band that the late Principal of the Cecelia Jeffrey School, Reverend A.D. Menzies, prepared a petition for the Indians asking that the school be kept on at Shoal Lake, and that the petition was sent in direct to Ottawa. Mr. Menzies appears to have been the cause of a lot of the trouble we have had in getting the children back to the new school at Kenora as he was staying there until just lately and I have it on good authority that he has caused most of the dissatisfaction among the Indians. He has now left Shoal Lake, and I presume he will not be going back there.

Mr. Byers, the new Principal, also complains about him and particularly in connection with school funds. He told Mr. Byers he had about \$3,000 on hand, but from Mr. Byers statement to me he is unable to obtain the funds from him and Mr. Byers requires money to carry on the work at the school. I have advised him to write to his church authorities in connection with this and no doubt they will take the matter up with you.

Your obedient servant,

Rankin Edwards

Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, October 24, 1929.

Sir:

I have your 106-13 of the 18th instant, with reference to the Rev. Mr. Mennie, formerly principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I note, with satisfaction, that he has now left Sheel Lake. You were quite right in informing Mr. Myers that he should write to the church authorities in connection with the funds of the old school.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN
J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Frank
Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kenora. Ontario.
28th Oct, 1929.

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Russell T. Ferrier Esq.
Department of Indian Affairs.

Dear Mr Ferrier,

The new Cecilia Jeffrey School are having an official opening on the 6th November, and yourself and Mr Scott were invited,

Mr Scott writes me by todays mail, that it will be unlikely that a headquarters officer will be present for the occasion, and has informed Mrs McKerrill that I will represent the Department.

Under the circumstances I have to say a few words, and I have very little information about the school on file in this office, except since I have been Agent. would you be kind enough to give me anything that you think would be usefull, such as when the school first opened, who built it, The names of the different principals, who was Agent at the time of opening, was there any particular ceremony at this opening, and any other information that might be usefull.

The time is short so drop me a line as soon as you can.

With kindest regards,

Yours very faithfully,

Frank Edwards
Indian Agent.

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DEDICATION OF CECEL JEFFERY INDIAN SCHOOL

Impressive Ceremony Marked Official Opening of Splendid New Residential School at Round Lake

A new and distinguished chapter was added to the history of the Cecelia Jeffery Indian Residential School at Round Lake on Wednesday afternoon, November 6th, when the magnificent new building was opened; impressive ceremonial marking the dedication service which was presided over by Rev. Norman MacEachern, M.A., moderator of the Winnipeg Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who was assisted by a number of others in the interesting program.

A large number of Kenora citizens were present and they were received by Principal and Mrs. Byers, Mrs. McKerrroll, Secretary of Indian Affairs for the Women's Missionary Society, and Mrs. Strachan of Toronto, president of the council of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The visitors were conducted over the new building, inspecting the class rooms, some of which were occupied, spacious dormitories, play-rooms, and all parts of the new building.

Principal E. W. Byers presided over the opening ceremonies, and in opening he welcomed the people of Kenora and outside points to the new school. He felt that this was a red-letter day in the history of the school, and stated that the Department of Indian Affairs had placed a monument here in the school, that was worthy of any Government. He expressed regret at the absence of Hon. Charles Stewart and Dr. Scott, Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Earl Hutchinson, who acted as Dominion government representative, was then called on, and in handing the key of the building to Mrs. McKerrroll, Hutchinson said a tribute to the Government and the people of Kenora.

Mrs. McKerrroll in accepting the keys, stated that she did so with a full appreciation of what the Government had done, not only here but in other points. She received the key with every pledge and all sincerity to do all they could for the Indian children. Mrs. McKerrroll also paid a strong tribute to Cecelia Jeffery, after whom the school had been named. She then handed on the keys to Principal Byers as the Society's representative.

Captain F. Edwards, who represented the Department of Indian Affairs, thanked the former speakers for the compliments made to the Department. In a brief resume of the history of the Cecelia Jeffery school, Captain Edwards stated that it had been built by the church at Shoal Lake in 1901, with 210 acres of land secured, and the Department's contribution had been \$7,000. The new building was first thought of in 1925 and great care had been shown in choosing the site. The approximate expenditure was \$141,000. He thanked the Church, on behalf of the Department, for their good works, and also asked all present to show a continual interest in the children.

Rev. Norman MacEachern then took charge of the proceedings, and a service, marked with simplicity and impressive solemnity, was carried through, and the new building dedicated. Rev. David Johnstone, clerk of the Synod, and Rev. J. O. Ralston assisted in the Dedication Service.

Mrs. Strachan was called upon and in a most impressive address, she outlined the work of the Society. The Indian Department had done their part well, and the society was pledged to carry on the work of education. The upkeep of the school cost the Society approximately \$165 for each child per annum, or an

amount equal to that furnished by the department.

Rev. W. A. McKay, supervisor of missions for the Presbyterian church in northern Ontario and eastern Manitoba, brought greetings to all. He expressed the hope that the Indians would furnish a pulpit "Longboat" one who could be outstanding and not only carry a message to his or her own people, but also minister to the Anglo-Saxon congregations.

Before the conclusion of the service, Principal Byers read messages of greetings and congratulations from all parts of the Dominion. In the evening Principal and Mrs. Byers entertained at dinner the church and society representatives who had taken part in the service.

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The "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

A BRIEF HISTORY

THE "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School was opened in 1902 and was named in memory of one of our Women's Missionary Society Secretaries of Indian work, who had given long service in the work of the north-west. For a couple of years previous to this date, pioneering work had been carried on by Rev. A. D. McKittrick among the bands of Indians living on the Reserves round the Lake-of-the-Woods and Shoal Lake. These Indians were all pagans, but they received the missionary kindly and listened to his conversation and teaching. Mr. McKittrick had a knowledge of Cree which was a great help to him in his study of Ojibway and enabled him to converse with them in their own language.

A site for a school was chosen between Shoal Lake and Blue Bay, near the boundary line of Ontario and Manitoba and forty-five miles from the town of Kenora. The government granted ten acres free and one hundred and sixty more for a mere nominal sum, which would prevent anyone settling too near the school. The money to build this school was provided by the Women's Missionary Society.

The school, a commodious substantial building, two and one-half stories high, and thirty-eight by sixty feet, with accommodation for forty children and staff, was opened in January, 1902. After the dinner to the Chief and principal Indians, articles were signed by which they promised to send their children. The Chief at once brought his four, and the Chief Councillor three until nine were gathered. These children never having gone to school, it was thought best to take in only twenty-five to begin with.

While the school was in process of erection, Mrs. McKittrick endeavored to reach the women and, after many efforts, much tact, and the giving of a cup of tea, she succeeded, and ere long they came to her with their troubles and trials, then they began to come for tempting food and medicine for their sick and were anxious for the missionary to visit them.

The Indians were delighted with the school and its equipment, and began building houses close to it which meant that they came more under its influence. Even those from a distance who opposed it brought their children. In one year the children made a remarkable advance in neatness and thoroughness of work out of school and rapid progress and increasing interest in the school room.

The year 1905 saw forty names on the roll. It was the most successful year in the history of the school, not only in attendance, but in progress and influence. The scholars had begun to show the effects of earnest Christian teaching in their lives and characters and some older

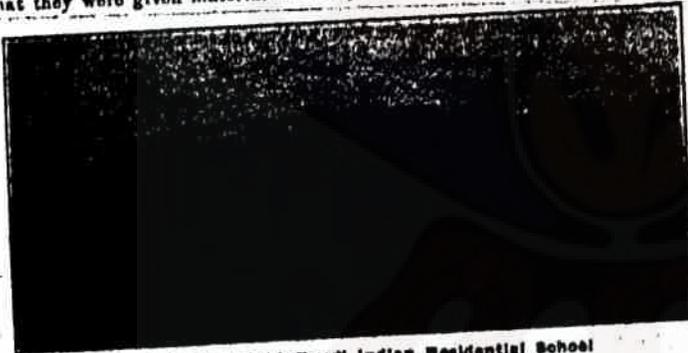
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students had accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. In December two of the graduates were united in Christian marriage and established a Christian home. From the very beginning worship was conducted in the school morning and evening. The class room work was also opened with Bible reading and prayer. On Sunday there was a morning service, Sunday School in the afternoon and a song service in the evening.

In 1909, an Auxillary composed of the older girls of the school was formed. It had a special educational value in teaching the Indian girls Christian duties, privileges, responsibilities and methods of organization which they could use in any Christian work they might undertake among their own people. Three years later a Mission Band was organized and so anxious were the smaller girls to do something to help outside of meeting, that they were given material and they made quilts for babies.



The old "Ceclilla Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

And as the work grew. By 1923, there were enough children in the district to fill two large schools. Despite the fact that the school had been remodelled and enlarged in 1912, there was not sufficient class room accommodation for the children who sought admission. New features were introduced such as public health nursing, with the result that one of the girls entered one of the W.M.S. hospitals to take a regular course of nursing, and our hope is that several others will take a similar course, while one of the senior boys took an advanced course in studies to enable him to help his own people. The attendance mounted steadily until the original nine have increased to eighty.

No review of the past would be complete without some reference to the Principals and staff who, in this isolated spot and amid many difficulties, accomplished such a fine piece of work for the Indians and the Church. The list of Principals includes the names of: Rev. Mr. Gandier; Mr. J. D. McGregor; Rev. F. T. Dodds; Mr. Matthews; Rev. F. Martin; Rev. J. T. Ross; Mr. W. Cookson; Rev. A. D. Menzies.

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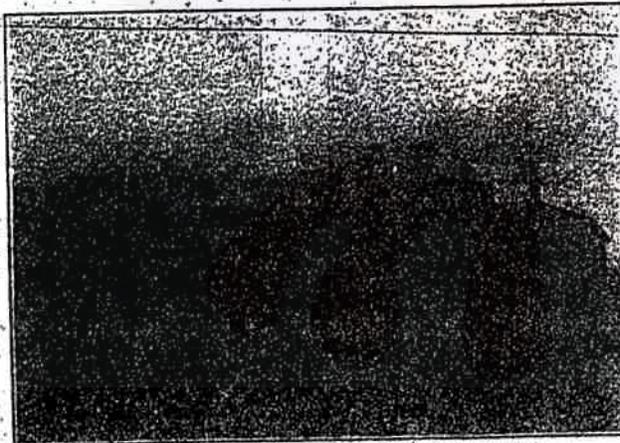
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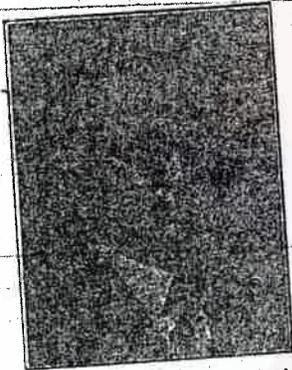
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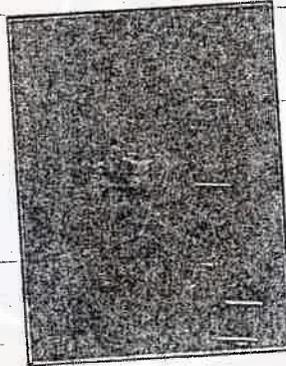
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guson, Indian Department Physician, Medical Officer of Health; Bishop Dewdney, Church of England; Archdeacon Lofthouse, Church of England; Canon Fairies, Church of England; Rev. R. Nairn, Treasurer of Ontario Government; Mr. Frainie, Superintendent C.P.R.; Mr. L. J. Chamberlain, Manager Maple Leaf Milling Company; Chief of Police Gordon; Fire Chief Dubois; Rev. H. Dickson, United Church; Mrs. Thos. Delbridge; Mrs. Evans; Captain F. Edwards; Dr. Snider, Official Dentist; W. H. Dickenson, Manager Bank of Nova Scotia, President of Boy Scouts; H. H. Tate, Manager Royal Bank; Chief J. China, Shoal Lake Band; Councillor Joe Crow, Big Island Band. Letters of regret were received from Dr. Scott, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs, Dr. W. M. Rochester, Editor of *The Presbyterian Record*, who had much to do with the building of the first school, and other interested friends.



Mr. E. W. Byers, Principal



Mrs. E. W. Byers, Matron

After the guests had been received they were shown through the building by members of the staff, then they returned to the Chapel for the opening services.

Principal Byers presided, and on the platform with him were:— Mr. Earl Hutchinson, M.P.P., representing the government; Capt. Edwards, the Department of Indian Affairs; Mrs. Daniel Strachan and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Toronto, and Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Winnipeg, the Women's Missionary Society.

After the singing of the National Anthem, Principal Byers gave a short introductory statement and introduced Mr. Earl Hutchinson, M.P.P., who made a brief address and, in closing, on behalf of the Government, handed over the key of the school to Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Secretary of Indian Schools, for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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Mrs. McKerroll, in receiving the key for the Society thanked the Government and the Department of Indian Affairs for the fine and splendidly equipped building, and promised that, as a Society, we would carry on the work of the School as efficiently as possible.

Captain Edwards, the next speaker, gave a short history of the School from its opening in 1902, with a statement of the monies expended on this School by the Department of Indian Affairs since then.

The Presbytery of Winnipeg, led by the Moderator in his robes, then came to the platform and took charge and conducted the service of dedication. Rev. N. A. MacEachren, of Winnipeg, was Acting Moderator, and other members of Presbytery present were:— Rev. J. O. Balston and Rev. David Johnstone, of Winnipeg. Rev. W. M. Mackay, Synodical Superintendent, sat as a corresponding member.

The service opened with the singing of Psalm 86—Old Hundred. Rev. J. O. Balston read the scripture lesson—Psalm 84; and Rev. David Johnstone led in prayer. A very beautiful dedication service was then conducted by the Moderator, Rev. N. A. MacEachren, the congregation joining in the response. Hymn 295, "The Church's One Foundation" was sung.

Mrs. MacEachren then introduced Mrs. D. Strachan, President of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Strachan referred briefly to the responsibilities of the Women's Missionary Society in connection with the training of the Indian children, and expressed the hope that from this School some Indian girls would soon come to the Missionary and Deaconess Home in Toronto, for training for work among their own people.

Rev. W. M. Mackay then spoke stressing the gratitude of the Church for this new building.

Principal Byers spoke briefly expressing his thanks to the citizens of Kenora for their kindly co-operation.

Rev. N. A. MacEachren pronounced the benediction.

Principal and Mrs. Byers entertained the out of town guests at dinner in the evening at the Tourist Hotel.

The School is a fine red brick building two and a half stories in height, with an extension to one side in which is the chapel. The Principal's residence also forms a part of the building with a door



Capt. Edwards
Indian Agent, Kenora, to
whose unflinching courtesy we
owe so much.

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connecting it and the school proper. The school is beautifully situated on rising ground and overlooking a lovely little lake. All the buildings necessary for carrying on farm work are also on the land adjoining the School. The property includes 168 acres of land, 70 of which are already under cultivation, the remainder is covered with wood. The dormitories are large, sunny and airy as, indeed, are all the rooms. The School has accommodation for 125 pupils. At present there are 82 boys and girls in attendance, leaving adequate room for expansion.

The Reunion of the Scottish Churches

[The material for this article describing the reunion of the Scottish Presbyterian Churches, has been taken from the *Record of the Church of Scotland* and from articles by Dr. Norman MacLean and other Church dignitaries, which appeared in the special supplement of *The Scotsman* devoted to this great event.—EDITOR.]

THE second of October, 1929, provided a new date in Scottish story for that day, in the stately city of Edinburgh, the reunited Church of Scotland entered a greatly enlarged sphere of opportunity and service and became again as it was in the past, the principal moral force in Scotland.

"It was a day with gleams and sunshine, and flecked with shadows, in which the two streams of Scottish Presbyterians separated for eighty-six years, came together at the top of Bank Street, and flowed into St. Giles'—the Temple of Conciliation. The scenes that preceded were impressive—the slow emptying of the two Assembly Halls, the issuing of the processions until at last the halls were tenantless. It was all very different from the great scene in St. Andrew's Church in 1843, when nearly half left and half remained. That was a scene of triumph and desolation, of glory and of tragedy. But, to-day nobody was left. Dense crowds watched the meeting of the two streams. As the two Moderators shook hands a cheer passed down the High Street. Some of the crowd raised the strains of a psalm. The united procession then moved four abreast and so passed into the Church of John Knox. As the procession went up the nave, the white Christ in the great east window glowed as if in benediction. It was a solemn thing to watch the ministers and elders come in. Church of Scotland and United Free Church of Scotland side by side. It took forty minutes ere the Church was filled, and at the end men stood against the walls for the great Cathedral could not seat all that throng.

A Great Heritage

"The first tense moment came when the west door was flung open and the Lord High Commissioner, His Royal Highness, the Duke of York,

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 7TH, 1930.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

TREASURER AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY
MRS. R. C. DONALD
26 ADMIRAL RD.
CORRESPONDING AND INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY
MISS BEBBIE MACMURDOY
125 SOUTH DRIVE

12 Meredith Cres.,
TORONTO 5,

November 14th, 1929.



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Dr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Doctor Scott,-

I have just returned from Kenora, where in company with Mrs. McKerroll, I attended the opening of the new Cecilia Jeffrey School. Our Board thought the occasion important enough to send out the President of our Society as well as the Secretary for Indian work.

I felt that I must write and tell you what a contribution that school is to work among the Indians. It is such a nice bright, airy building that it should be full of health for the children, and its nearness to the town of Kenora, will mean a great deal to keeping the staff happy and contented. I suppose the Secretary will have found some things that are not quite right, but I have nothing to do with that, she will likely be writing to you herself.

I met Mr. Byers, the principal, for the first time, and was very much pleased with the appointment. He seems to have already a good grasp of what is required in Indian work. May I also say how delighted I was to meet Captain Edwards, the Indian Agent, and what a good address he made at the opening of the School. Although I had corresponded with Captain Edwards when I was Indian Secretary, I had never met him and it was a real pleasure to do so at this time.

I simply want to write and thank you now, on behalf of my Board and the Society, for all that the Indian Department has done in placing this School at our disposal to carry on educational and religious work. May I also thank you for your own personal interest in all that has concerned the building of this School, and to say how much we regretted that you could not be present to see for yourself the splendid contribution that the Department has made to this work.

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Thanking you most sincerely, on behalf of the
Women's Missionary Society of our Church, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs L)

Helena M. Thacham

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CHILDREN'S MENU (WINTER)

SUNDAY	BRANKFAST.....	Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Syrup, Tea.
	Dinner	Roast Beef, Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Raisin Pie, Milk, Bread.
	SUPPER	Jelly, Bread & Lard, Cake, Cocoa.
Monday	Breakfast.....	Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread, Peanut Butter, Tea.
	Dinner	Beef Stew, Bread Rice Pudding, Milk.
	Supper	Barley Soup, Bread, Prunes, Cocoa
Tuesday	Breakfast	Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread, & Syrup, Tea.
	Dinner	Boiled Beef, Potatoes, Gravy, Corn Starch Pudding, Bread, M.
	Supper	Beans, Bread, Apple Sauce, Cocoa.
Wednesday	Breakfast	Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Jam, Tea.
	Dinner	Pea Soup, Bread, Coconut Cream Pudding, Milk.
	Supper	Meat Pie, Prunes, Bread, Bran Cake, Cocoa.
Thursday	Breakfast	Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Lard, Tea.
	Dinner	Stew & Dumplings, Bread, Sage Pudding, Milk.
	Supper	Potatoes, Bread, Apricots, Cocoa.
Friday	Breakfast	Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Syrup, Tea.
	Dinner	Meat Pie, Bread, Tapioca Pudding.
	Supper	Barley Soup, Bread, Prunes, Cocoa.
Saturday	Breakfast	Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Peanut Butter, Tea.
	Dinner	Stew, Bread, Rice Pudding, Milk.
	Supper	Pea soup, Bread, Apple Sauce, Cocoa.

Raw VegetablesThree times each week

Raw FruitTwice each week

CandyThree times each week.

*Card served with all meals unless
soup and gravy are served.*

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT Kenora, Ont.

March 10th, 1930

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SCHOOLS BRANCH
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RECORDS

Assistant Deputy Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter No. 129-3-1 of the 4th instant, enclosing an anonymous letter referring to the food for the children of the Cecelia Jeffrey School and also the general suitability of the Principal and Matron, I thought it advisable to go over the matter with the Principal himself which I did, and he immediately requested me to read the letter to the staff and get their opinion on it. I thought this was the best thing to do so went to the school on Saturday the 8th, and had a meeting of the Principal and all the staff, and went into the different matters complained of.

(1) As regards the food supplied to the children, the staff all informed me that they considered the children were getting plenty at the present time. One or two of them had an idea that they were not getting enough at one time. This was mentioned to the Principal and the matter was immediately rectified. I enclose a copy of the menu mentioned in the letter. The staff inform me this menu adhered to pretty well, but on one occasion some time ago there was not enough pudding to go around. This was no fault of the Principal and it only happened on one occasion. The menu is taken from that used at the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School and got up by the Church of England authorities. The Principal has made additions to that given at Sioux Lookout and I think there should be no complaints.

As regards the statement made in the letter that the matter had been reported to the Indian Agent by the Indians and children, a few weeks ago Chief Kejick of the Shoal Lake Band informed me he had heard the children were not getting enough to eat. I asked him to go to the school and be there at meal time, and not to inform the Principal or staff what he was there for, and to report back to me what he thought. He came in a few days afterwards and informed me he thought they had plenty to eat. His boy who was a pupil at the school also informed me they had plenty to eat so no further action was taken in the matter.

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(2) As regards latch keys for the staff, the Principal informed me he had given three out but there was only one to be found at the present time. He told the staff if anybody desired a key they could always have one. All the staff informed me that both Mr. and Mrs. Byers were reasonable and not rude, ill-mannered, and there did not seem to be any ill-feeling between any of them.

(3) As regards the Indian ex-pupil from the school. This girl was working there and Mr. Byers had been compelled to speak to her about several things she had done. His treatment of her according to what I heard, appeared reasonable. Mr. Byers informs me that he believes this anonymous letter came from or through one of the members of the staff he had to discharge some time ago, but of course, is not sure. This person, he informs me, persuaded the Indian ex-pupil to leave her position. The girl is not here now and I will not be able to see her for some time, but if I do I will try and find out what she left.

I asked all the staff if they had any complaints against the Principal and they told me "No." I told them the Principal and staff were all engaged by the Church but the Principal had to be approved by the Department and that we did not like interfering with any internal matters at the school but if there was any dissatisfaction or trouble, I would be only too glad to see what I could do on behalf of the Department. No one had any complaints of any kind and I do not think any particular notice need be taken of this communication. Mr. Byers mentioned that one had also been sent to the Church authorities in Toronto, which they had taken no notice of and destroyed.

As regards the letter, I made a full investigation and could not substantiate anything that was said in it. The staff inform me they have no knowledge of an indignation meeting having been held at the school by the Indians.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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Cecilia Jeffrey School ,

Kenora , Ont. March 21st , 1930.

The Secretary ,

Dept. of Indian Affairs ,

Ottawa , Ont.

Dear Sir , -

Re report from Engineer who visited the school recently and who reported unfavorably upon our Engineer as being not competent to look after the mechanical plant.

I wish to state that it was a rather unfortunate inspection . It was a condition which existed that day only. The Furnace room was untidy owing to the fact that it was the day on which the furnaces were being cleaned out . I have three of the older boys appointed to clean out the ashes and sweep the furnace room immediately after Breakfast. This is attended to daily without fail . This particular day the cleaning was left until the furnace was cleaned .

Re the pumps requiring packing it was our engineer who called the Inspector's attention to it. Our check valves were not holding and we had to order new ones. As we could not secure them locally we were obliged to send away for them and we were waiting for the valves before doing the packing. In fact it was not so much the need for packing as for new valves .

Re the chlorinating plant not being properly used - This was no fault of our engineer. Wallace and Tiernan will corroborate this statement that our engineer knows the Chlorinator plant in every detail. We did have the plant ready to operate when the pumps shut down in the Fall. Then when every thing was ready again the safety plug in the cylinder corroded through allowing the liquid gas to escape. This accident was entirely beyond our control and as Wallace and Tiernan stated might have occurred in any plant. The escaping gas certainly did a lot of damage and there is no telling just how far it will effect the plant. This was no neglect on our part , the gas could not be shut off , the only thing we could do was to disconnect the cylinder and carry it outside.

As regards fire hazards in the boiler room , we had a box containing the sweepings which are regularly burned. I do not consider there was any fire hazard however I have had the box removed.

Our engineer's work was very favorably commented on by such engineers as Campbell, of Campbell Heating Co.

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Robertson of Spencer Heating Co. and others.

He is a very trustworthy man and I would appreciate your giving him a further trial and see what a later inspection will prove regarding his suitability as an engineer .

I was away the day the engineer made his inspection and I feel that the conditions met with that day were very unusual and not a just basis upon which to judge our engineer. He spent two years as engineer in the old school at Shoal Lake.

I wish to lay this information before you and shall await your further ruling in the matter.

I remain ,
Sir,
Your obedient servant ,

E. W. Byers Principal.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF Kenora, Ont.
INDIAN AGENT

March 22nd, 1930



Assistant Deputy Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter No. 129-3-1 of the 17th instant informing me that the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey School had been asked to take immediate steps to secure a properly qualified Engineer, and that a recent report indicated that the chemical plant is not receiving proper care, and expert handling. I enclose a letter received yesterday from Mr. Byers, in reply to your letter to him. Mr. Byers is very averse to changing the Engineer who came to the Cecilia Jeffrey School at Shoal Lake some time ago and has been well spoken of by the previous staff and also by Mr. Byers. This young fellow was a student, and is wonderfully well liked as far as the school is concerned. Mr. Kelly, Boiler Inspector of Port Arthur, also spoke well of him and Mr. H.C. Lindsten of Wallace and Tiernan who installed the chlorinator, informed me the other day that he knew as much about the chlorinator as any man could know, and was a most efficient man. Mr. Byers does not wish to lose this Engineer as if he did he would probably also have to get rid of the Indian who is working with him, and he asks the Department if they will not reconsider their decision and keep him on. To have a proper qualified Engineer at the school the authorities would have to pay large wages, and they say this is impossible in view of the grant they get.

Mr. Gow of the Dominion Water Power Branch, who put in the report only visited the school once and his report is based on that visit. I personally think that the present Engineer will be alright but he has been working under a handicap. We have arranged, as advised by Mr. Orr, for the man in charge of the Toys chlorinator plant to visit the school occasionally and inspect the plant. I would, therefore, recommend that for the present at least the Engineer be kept on.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: R. A. D. Edwards

Indian Agent

Handwritten notes:
But as you think
P.A.D.
Give him another chance
The

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189-3-1.

Vjm

CECILIA JEFFREY RES. SCHOOL:-

Pupilage of 135 from April 1st, 1931.
Agent Edwards advised regarding this by letter
of July 14th, 1931, on File 189-3-3.

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Kenora, Ontario.
July, 17th. 1931.

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RECORDS

Dear Sir;

Some of the Indians have been objecting to their children at some of the Schools being baptized Christians, and mention was made particularly of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, where the Principal had some baptized Presbyterian, lately.

The Principal informs us that the children were asked to see their Parents and get permission, but apparently this was not done.

He also informs us that no pressure was brought to bear on the children, but they were baptized at their own request.

We would like to have a ruling re this, for future guidance.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

the Father and Mother of these girls belong to the Church of England and all the children baptized C. of E. and now baptized Presbyterian on June 19th.

Baptisms of children of the parents of the girls

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, July 23, 1931.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant, relative to the baptism by the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School of certain of the pupils who are in the school.

In reply I have to say that any baptisms of minor children should not be undertaken until the approval of the parents has first been obtained, and you will be good enough to inform the Principal accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

L. F. Macdonald
L. F. Macdonald,
Secretary.

Frank Edwards
Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OF CANADA

Cecilia Jeffrey
Cecilia Jeffrey School
PRESBYTERIAN

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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KENORA, ONT. October 31st, 1932.

Mr. J.D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. Indian Educo.
Dept. Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir, -

Relative to a conversation in your office re
an increase of pupilage I wish to state for your information
that there are six dormitories in the school of the following
dimensions :-

2 Girls' Dormitories	52.8' x 28.6 x 10'	-	30200
2 Boys' "	52.8' x 28.6 x 10'	-	30200
1 Girls' Dormitory	14' x 14' x 10'	-	1960
	19.7' x 23' x 10'		4531
1 boys' "	Do.		1960
			4531

Total
73382 c.ft.

This allows 500 c.ft of air space for 146.7 pupils
and there should be sufficient accommodation for 150.

I have gone over my roll and asked for several
discharges but there are quite a number of children who
should be in school and I shall appreciate it if you will
increase our pupilage to 145 as suggested, to take effect
from Oct. 1st of this year.

Thanking you for your worthy consideration of the

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foregoing ,

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant ,

E. W. Boyd
Principal

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OF CANADA

Cecilia Jeffrey School
PRESBYTERIAN

KENORA, ONT. Dec. 30th, 1932.

[Handwritten signature]
Mr. A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.



Dear Sir, -

Referring to your letter I29-3-1, dated Nov. 10th, 1932, I wish to make request that the increase of ten in our pupilage be authorized and to take effect as from Oct. 1st.

There are a number of pupils that should be in school and on the strength of the above letter I had made arrangements for the admission of additional pupils and unless I receive the Department's sanction to this I shall be obliged to return some children to the reserve.

I hope the Dept. will grant the above favor as I feel some of these children should be given an opportunity of attending school before they are too old.

Wishing you the very best of good things throughout the coming year and extending same to the various members of the Dept. ,

I remain ,

Sir ,

Your obedient servant ,

[Handwritten signature]

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, July 4, 1933.

Sir:

I have to inform you that our estimates for the current fiscal year provide a grant for an increase of 10 in the pupils at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School as from April first, last. The per capita grant will be paid up to an average attendance of 145 pupils from the date mentioned. The Principal of the School is being informed accordingly and he may recruit up to that number.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Handwritten initials

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Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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TORONTO 9,

July 11th, 1933.

Dr. H. W. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 19 1933
RECORDS

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUL 20 1933

Dear Sir,-

I wish to notify you in regard to changes of teachers at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora. Instead of Miss McQueen and Mrs. Douglas, two of the teachers at this school, who are now going elsewhere, we have appointed Miss Nora MacLeod, who is a fully qualified teacher of some seven years' experience, with high qualifications in discipline and teaching, also a graduate of our Deaconess Training Home, as one teacher. Miss Vesta Gast, who has had several years' experience in Indian work is to be the other teacher. She has been teaching also for several years and has excellent references from every standpoint. She, too, was a pupil in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

Our old nurse, Miss Carruthers, is going back to "G. J." in place of Miss Powell, who is coming on our staff in hospital work. Miss Carruthers is a valued and tried worker and is most interested in the Indian children, as well as being a most capable nurse. We knew we are adding a great strength to our staff in having her return.

These are the changes which we are making at the present time.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs D. L.) M. C. Kerrall
Secretary, Indian Department.

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L. S. W.

July 21, 1933.

Dear Mrs. McKerrell:

I have your letter of the 11th instant, with reference to changes of teachers at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

The qualifications of Miss Vera MacLeod appear quite satisfactory, and her appointment is approved.

With regard to Miss Vera East, I may say that she taught for a few years at the Onida No. 3 Indian Day School on the Carleton Place Reserve. At the end of June, 1932, the Department was obliged to request her resignation, owing to unsatisfactory reports received regarding the discipline at the school and methods used by the teacher when handling the pupils. In view of our previous experience with this teacher, I am inclined to feel that her services at the Cecilia Jeffrey School might not be satisfactory, and I would, therefore, appreciate your giving the matter further consideration before engaging her services.

I also note that Miss Carruthers is returning to the Cecilia Jeffrey School.

Yours very truly,

L. S. Williams
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

L.S.W.
Mrs. D. T. L. McKerrell,
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
19 Lamb St.,
Toronto 9, Ont.

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JUL 27 1933
RECORDS

July 26th, 1933.

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SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUL 28 1933

A.S. Williams,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 21st. I would be much obliged to you if you would be kind enough to send me more in detail the nature of the unsatisfactory reports about Miss Vesta East's work on the Indian Reserve at [redacted], as well as the report from your own agent. Would there be one from the School inspector? We were aware that she and the agent had not always been in accord, and we also realize that she was strapped the pupils in the enforcement of discipline only as a last resort. If we had a few more details about this matter it would be a help to us in coming to a final conclusion in the matter.

May I suggest that under Mr. Byers at "Gedilia Jeffrey" school, she would have unusual help in methods of discipline on account of his having been principal of a Public school himself.

I am much obliged to you for your letter as we are always glad to have all possible information about our appointees. May I ask for a reply to this letter at your earliest convenience as the matter of having the position filled is urgent.

Sincerely yours,
Mary E. M. Kerrall
Secretary of Indian Department.

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DIRECT

July 31, 1933.

Dear Mrs. McKerrell:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, with reference to Miss Vesta Gast.

I have reviewed the Inspector's reports and, for your information, quote the following from his report regarding his visit to the school on May 26, 1932:-

"Success - Fair.
First and Second Classes were poor. Reading also was not good. Some of the Spelling and Arithmetic of the Third Class was fair. 40% was poor.

"There cannot be satisfactory progress unless pupils attend more regularly. Regularity will depend upon the interest parents take in the progress of the pupils and also in the interest the teacher is able to create in the pupils for their studies."

The local Indian Agent's report, during the period of Miss Gast's services as teacher on the Oneida reserve, indicated that the discipline and methods used by her in the classroom were unsatisfactory. Her attitude towards the work and in her dealing with the children and Indian parents was in part responsible for the poor attendance. As pointed out in my letter of the 21st instant, it is felt, in view of previous experience with this teacher, that unless she has profited by her training at the Deaconess Training Home, it is doubtful if her services would be satisfactory at the Cecilia Jeffrey School. However, under the supervision of the Principal, Mr. Byers, she may give satisfactory service.

Yours very truly,

W. L. Dill

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. F. L. McKerrell,
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
19 Lane Street,
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SEP 20 1933

19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 19 1933

September 14th, 1933.

Dr. H. W. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

In regard to Miss Vesta Cast, I wish to notify you that we have reappointed Mrs. Douglas, who has found herself able to return to the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, and that Miss Cast is not coming on our staff this year. May I thank you for the information which you sent to us in her regard.

I am not sending you any information about Mrs. Douglas as you had that previously and quite approved. Therefore, I feel that her return to her old post will meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, Indian Department.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Sub-Division Detachment

Kenora
Date

11-11-35

Re: STANLEY BENN - "Treaty Indian" Cecilia Jeffery School
Kenora, Ont.

8-11-35

1. On this date I. Meikle Esq. Clerk Indian Office Kenora, Ont. phoned this office that he was in receipt of a complaint from E.W. Byeres, Principle of the Cecilia Jeffery Indian School that Stanley Benn the above mentioned Indian boy refused to answer his teacher and this was making a bad impression on the other Indian children attending the School and requested assistance from the police.

2 On the same date I patrolled via Private Car accompanied by Mr. I. Meikle to The Cecilia Jeffery Indian School, Kenora, Ont. and there interviewed the above mentioned boy, he informed me that he had a cold and when the teacher told him to speak up he just looked at her and would not say a word. I then explained to this boy that at anytime he should feel sick or have a cold to inform his teacher, and that he would find she, his teacher would assist him all she could, and that if he would apologize to his teacher in front of the other Indian children this would be satisfactory to all, this he did. The above action met with the approval of E. W. Byeres Esq. Principle of the Cecilia Jeffery Indian School.

3. This duty performed I returned on the same date via private car to Detachment.

Private Car Mileage 6 miles
No EXPENSE INCURRED

CONCLUDED

J.M. McCordle
J.M. McCordle Reg. No. 10

Const.

The Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Manitoba District,
Winnipeg, Man.

Sir; Forwarded 11-11-35

Commissioner,
M.P. OTTAWA, Ont.

Forwarded for your information,

M. Stanley

Inspector (M. STANLEY) Reg. No. 10175
I/O Kenora Detachment

Const.

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