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C o p y

The Mount Elgin Indian Residential
School,
Muncey, Ontario.

Sept. 19th, 1945.

Mr. J. C. Bush,
Scotland,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Bush:

In reply to your request for more detailed information of this school let me say that Mount Elgin has served the Indian people of Ontario for one hundred years.

We now have in residence 105 children, the Government grant is \$175.00 per capita. Last year we had one hundred students, giving us an income of \$17,500. From this I paid to my staff eleven in all and including my own salary, \$10,000 leaving \$7,500. From this I had to feed, clothe and light and heat one hundred children for ten months, some of them for twelve months. This means that I have to earn the balance on the farm.

In time past when big boys and big girls came to the school this was possible. Today when we have 45 children under ten and only 3 who are sixteen three fifteen and five thirteen it is an impossibility. I have just paid out over six hundred dollars for repairs to one tractor. These wee children have to earn that. There is no other source from which it can come. If I were to publish that fact some one would be hurt.

Just now we need potatoe peelers, bread slicers. But we are told that this is impossible. I want to say that something else is impossible. It is impossible for babies of this age to feed, clothe and wash for themselves. I cannot afford to employ help.

The War Assets people have abundance of the things we need and need desperately. But we cannot get

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them. We have not the money. But the children need just what can be obtained, and without cost, if we could touch the magic spring.

Children have to go out to the barns to the poultry house, out to do chores but I cannot afford proper protection for them.

We need a dental clinic and a throat clinic. Numbers of these children come from back settlements where medical aid is impossible.

The long winter evenings are coming. We have no games equipment. We need a moving picture projector. Just think of having one hundred and twenty children to amuse seven nights a week for ten months of the year. We need equipment.

After I pay salaries I have just 20 cents a day from the grant to feed and clothe and warm and light the children. On top of that we have to pay all farm equipment repairs and transportation.

I hope that this is something in the line of what you needed.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) S. H. Soper

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Ottawa, October 18, 1945.

Dear Senator Taylor:

I desire to refer to that portion of your letter of October 12 in which you request information regarding the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, as outlined in a letter received by Mr. J. C. Bush from Reverend S. H. Soper, Principal of the School.

The Mount Elgin Residential School is a very old building, having been originally built approximately 75 years ago. In the Fall of 1943 a survey was made of our educational requirements in southwestern Ontario, and at that time the opinion was expressed, by the educationists whom we had engaged, that the Mohawk Institute at Brantford could handle all the Indian children from the reserves of southwestern Ontario requiring institutional care. The committee further recommended that the Mount Elgin Residential School be closed. However, the United Church authorities, under whose auspices this school has always been conducted, expressed a desire to have the school remain in operation for a further period, for the purpose of ascertaining if it was serving a real necessity.

In view of the age of the building, it is impossible to keep it in first-class condition, but the Department has endeavoured to keep up the repairs as far as our funds will permit.

I note that the Principal refers to lack of pupils. In the first place, it has always been our policy to have the Church interested recruit pupils,

Honourable W. H. Taylor,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

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with the co-operation of the Indian agent. In the second place, as intimated in the first part of this letter, this school is not actually needed at the present time, as the number of children requiring institutional care has decreased.

I can assure you that departmental officials will continue to give sympathetic consideration to the requirements of the Mount Elgin School.

Yours sincerely,

W.J.F. Pratt,
Private Secretary.

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Ottawa, May 29, 1946.

Memorandum:

MR. HOKY.

Inspector Arneil and I visited the Caradoc Agency on May 22 and 23, in connection with the proposed erection of a new four-room day school, to replace the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School.

There are two sites available - one in the village of Muncey and the other on the property formerly occupied by the Mount Elgin Residential School. We favour the latter site because there is an excellent location available and, in addition, we have an opportunity for teaching agricultural subjects to the pupils.

The only difficulty with this site is that the road from Muncey to the new site is reported to be in very bad condition at certain periods of the year. The road is one mile long and it may be expensive to put it in condition to be used at all periods of the year. However, this work will be necessary, as we expect to be driving the children to the new school and, consequently, a year around road will be required.

We interviewed Mr. T. S. Caldwell, District Engineer, Ontario Highways Department, London, with a view to obtaining some assistance from the Provincial Government. Mr. Caldwell promised to inspect the road and let us have an estimate of what it would cost to put it into proper condition. When visiting Mr. Caldwell, we also met Mr. Marshall, Chief Engineer of the Highways Department, and the latter instructed Mr. Caldwell to forward a report to him so that a decision might be made regarding what portion of the cost could be met by the Ontario Highways.

With reference to the erection of the new school, Inspector Arneil obtained the following information:

- (a) Foundation - Graham and Graham, London, Ontario, are prepared to shovel out the excavation in three days' time. They will require 2 weeks' notice before we desire to have the work completed.
- (b) Building Foreman - Charles Ludy, Builder, Rodney, Ont., is available. He has an excellent reputation as a builder and his services can be secured within the next two weeks. He has built many houses and one church at Rodney. He can read blue prints and take full charge. Indian helpers, many of whom are competent carpenters, are available, as well as other Indian labour.
- (c) Material - This can likely be secured within two months' time. It may be necessary to apply to the Timber Controller for priority. Arrangements were made with a qualified man to prepare a list of the materials and forward this to the Department by June 1.

In view of the above information, secured by Mr.

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Arnold, I would appreciate it if we could receive permission to proceed. The sooner we start purchasing the material, the sooner we can commence building.

I might also mention that both Indian Agent Down and the newly appointed farm instructor have had considerable experience in erecting buildings and will be in a position to supervise the erection of the school and keep the Department fully informed.



Philip Phelan

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Ottawa, June 24, 1946.


Mr. George W. Down, Indian Agent,
M u n c e y, Ontario.

With reference to Mr. Phelan's visit to the Caradoc Agency last week, regarding the proposed new school, I wish to confirm the following arrangements:-

1. You can secure the services of a surveyor to properly lay out the site. It is understood that the services of Mr. John Findlay, St. Thomas, Ontario, are available, and that his services will only be required for a very short time.
 2. Arrangements for the cement mixer and a competent man to operate it are in your hands and you will, no doubt, arrange for this when it is required.
 3. Nails and other hardware needed may be secured when and where available. I understand that these are in short supply at present and will have to be purchased wherever available.
 4. I am informed that in company with Mr. Phelan you interviewed Mr. D. D. Crawford, Delaware, Ontario, with reference to carpenters and brick-layers when needed. I am also informed that an endeavour was made to meet Mr. Ed. Bateman, Mount Brydges, but you did not succeed in meeting him. Both these gentlemen should be consulted before white brick-layers or carpenters are employed, but if they are unable to supply competent tradesmen when the work is ready to proceed, either yourself or the Foreman, Mr. Charles Lady, may make necessary arrangements.
- 5- The gentlemen mentioned in paragraph 4 should also be consulted with a view to having them nominate electrical contractors from whom quotations may be obtained for wiring the new school.

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6. As you are aware, Mr. Charles Ludy, Rodney, Ontario, has been appointed as Foreman and you should feel free to use his services in connection with arrangements for the new school so as to relieve your office. Before the actual construction of the school commences, you should let me know if you have been successful in obtaining the extra clerk in your office. If not, we will have to make other arrangements for handling the paylists.
7. Indian labour should be used as far as possible.
8. For your information, I enclose copies of letters that have been forwarded to the firms whom Mr. Phelan and yourself interviewed.


Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Encl.

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OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR

CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

July 4th, 1946.

Dear Mr. Fairlie:

I am forwarding you, under separate cover, two sets of basically standard plans and documents covering the erection by contract of a four classroom type day school. Each set includes the following:

- (a) Blueprints comprising 7 sheets of working drawings
- (b) Contract Agreement
- (c) General Conditions
- (d) Labour Conditions
- (e) General Specifications

I think these plans and documents are along the lines of our discussion last week and I hope this information will meet your requirements.

Schedule "A" Forms covering this type of four classroom Indian day school, were forwarded you in January last by the Director of the Indian Affairs Branch. If additional schools of this type are proposed, Form "A" will be submitted covering them. The same standard plans and documents being forwarded you now will, of course, cover all schools of this type.

It is our understanding that with the information now enclosed you will be able to approve this type of building project for the Indian Affairs Branch in the reserve list of public projects.

Yours very truly,

J.W. Fairlie, Esq.,
Public Projects Branch,
Department of Reconstruction
and Supply,
Ottawa.

Director.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

*Immediate
Mr. Murray*

~~443728~~
443495

March 11th, 1914.

MEMORANDUM -

The Accountants Branch -

Please arrange to have the insurance on the Mount Elgin Institute buildings - \$42,000.00 - placed for equal amounts with Mr. Cecil W. McIntyre, of St. Thomas, Ont., and Rev. W. J. Ford, LL.B., of Glencoe, Ont.

Duncan Chitt
P. S. G. I..A. *W.S.*

Return to Murray

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Handwritten notes and signatures at the top left of the page.

Ottawa, June 8th, 1915.

Reverend Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 3rd, instant, I beg to say that there is the following insurance on the Mount Elgin buildings,-

On Mount Elgin Main Building.....	\$24,000.00
" Foreman's Residence, \$8000.00, seating 2000...	8,200.00
" Laundry \$1600.00, Boiler etc \$1050.00.....	2,650.00
" Carriage house, \$400.00, shed & pig pen \$00...	900.00
" Stables, \$3500.00, granary \$2500.00.....	6,000.00
" Carpenter's shop, \$300.00, hen pen \$150.00....	450.00
Total,-	\$42, 200.00

Handwritten signature and initials on the left side of the page.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. [Signature]

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. S. R. McVitty,
Principal,
Mount Elgin Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA



February 7th. 1917.

H. N. Atwell

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MEMORANDUM

Mr. Paget -

When the insurance policies now current on the Mount Elgin Institute buildings become due, I think it will be only necessary to place insurance to the extent of \$12,000.00 on these buildings. This will protect the Indian funds ~~and~~ the balance of the amount contributed from capital towards building this institution. The amount may be divided between the Norwich Insurance Co. of which Mr. R. M. Trueman, Strathroy, is the agent, and the British Colonial Insurance Co., represented by Mr. Cecil M. McIntyre, St. Thomas, Ont.

Duncan
D. S. G. I. A.

135001-5B

Ottawa, 28th March, 1920.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, with which you forwarded policy No. 7958959 issued by the Norwich Union Assurance Company covering a risk for \$6000.00 on the Mount Elgin Institute; and in reply I beg to say that in the past there has been insurance to the amount of \$12000.00 placed on the building in question. The insurance has been covered by two Companies who each wrote a policy for \$6000.00 and the premium in each case has been \$102.00. The Department has placed insurance already to the amount of \$6000.00 on the building, the premium for which insurance amounts, as in the past, to \$102.00, and before the policy which you have submitted is accepted, an explanation is desired from you as to why ~~premium of \$102.00~~ ~~an increase of \$102.00~~ has been ~~submitted~~. It is thought that there must be an error in the matter. Pending the receipt of your reply to this letter, the policy No. 7958959 will be held, but I shall be glad to receive your explanation without delay.

Your obedient servant,

W.M.A.
[Signature]
Mr. R.M. Crossman,
Insurance Agent
Strathroy, Ont.

[Signature]
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

COPY

SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR CANADA

.000 On the 3¹/₂ story brick slate roofed building "A" on diagram, 60 X 107, with basement and attic, gas and water pipes and tanks, fixed heating and lighting apparatus plate stained and prismatic glass, fresco work and decoration on walls and ceilings, all plumbing work, attachments and additions, while occupied by the METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY as an INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BUILDING.

All owned by the Department of Indian Affairs for Canada and situate on Mount Elgin Industrial Farm Township of Caradoc, County of Middlesex, Ontario.

Further Concurrent Insurance "Norwich Union" \$6000.00.

Permission is hereby given the assured under this policy to use one gasoline engine mounted on wagon truck on condition that the engine will not be operated inside any building and not within ten feet of any building.

Warranted by the Assured that not more than one gallon of gasoline will be store in any of the buildings insured under this policy.

It is a condition of this policy without which an increased premium would have been charged that it is warranted by the Assured that no process of manufacture, mercantile business or trade or laundry work shall be carried on in the buildings hereby insured except such work as may directly attendant upon the maintenance and care of the establishment and the inmates thereof.

LIGHTNING AND ELECTRICAL CURRENT CLAUSE:- This policy also covers loss or damage caused by lightning whether fire ensues therefrom or not, but if dynamos, exciters, lamps, switches, motore or other electrical appliances or devices are insured, any loss or damage to them caused by lightning or other electrical currents, artificial or natural, is expressly excluded, and the Company is liable only for such loss or damage to them as may occur from resultant fire originating outside the machines themselves.

Loss, if any, on buildings only, payable to Assured.

Attached to and forming part of Policy No. 7215
of the TORONTO CASUALTY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY

D. H. Walkinshaw



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

7-0-5 "V".

Mr. [unclear]
Planer [unclear]
School Vote
[unclear]

Memorandum,

Dr. Scott:-

When the Mount Elgin Institute was erected in 1896, the sum of \$19,000.00 was contributed towards the erection of the same from Indian Trust Funds taken from several Bands as follows:

Chippewas of Walpole Island,	\$ 3,602.80
Chippewas of Sarnia,	2,500.15
Mississauga's of the Credit,	2,915.04
Chippewas of Beausoleil,	429.90
Chippewas of Nawash,	1,407.25
Chippewas of Saugeen,	1,520.70
Chippewas of Rama,	33.15
Moravians of the Thames,	1,290.70
Mississaugas of Alnwick,	313.35
Chippewas of the Thames,	1,584.90
Parry Island Band,	115.50
Six Nations,	3,286.56

*Stable burned 1915
money repaid 1917*

The above Bands were repaid the sum of \$7,408.64 for losses accruing from fire leaving a balance of \$11,591.36. On the 7th February, 1917, you gave instructions to place an insurance of \$12,000.00 on the buildings in order to protect the Indian Funds for the amount contributed by the different Bands. The premium amounting to \$80.00 per year has been charged to School Vote but Mr. Ferrier thinks this should not be thus charged. As this institution is used for the general education of Indian children, without respect to Bands, I think it would be unfair to now make these Bands who contributed towards the construction pay the premium for insurance on the same instead of charging it to the School Vote. I shall be pleased to have your opinion regarding the same.

J.H. [unclear]
Chief Accountant.

rma.

Ottawa, ~~January~~ 2nd, 1929.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA

March 22, 1932.

Memorandum:*Approved*
DR. SCOTT

The Auditor General has written with reference to the payment of insurance premiums on the Mt. Elgin Indian Residential School. He asks if this institution is the property of the Crown, and, if so, why the insurance. Further, he enquires, if the school does not belong to the Crown, what is the authority for making payment (I presume he means from Parliamentary Appropriation).

I believe that the protection of the Band's equity in this school should be provided from Band Funds. However, as the Band's equity is now only a small part of the value of the building and as 80 or 85 per cent. of this equity may have disappeared by depreciation, I wish to recommend that the insurance be discontinued.

In 1896, when the present building was erected, various Indian bands that are served by the school contributed \$19,000 from their funds toward the capital expense. Since that time and including the fiscal year 1930-31, the Department has expended from Parliamentary Appropriation, for buildings and improvements, a total of approximately \$116,300. In 1915, fire destroyed some of the outbuildings, and, pursuant to the collection of insurance, \$7,400 was repaid to the Band Funds, leaving their equity at \$11,600. Insurance to the extent of \$12,000 has been carried since that time.

The present policies expire in February and March, 1935. By this time, the Indian bands interested will have enjoyed educational facilities for 39 years, and their share in the building, because of depreciation, will really have disappeared. I repeat my recommendation that the insurance be not renewed when it next expires. Twelve bands are interested, as shown on Mr. Paget's memorandum of January 2, 1929.



Supt. of Indian Education.

Ottawa, March 23rd, 1932.

EX. 11.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant regarding the payment of insurance premiums on the Mount Elgin Industrial School, I am today enclosing to you a voucher for the same.

I might add that the insurance was placed on this building to protect the equity of the various Bands interested, which equity, due to depreciation, will about have disappeared at the expiration of the present term of insurance. The insurance will then be allowed to lapse, as the school will then practically belong to the Government.

Trusting this explanation may be satisfactory.

Your obedient servant,

JM
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Enc. 1.


A.F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

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George Gonthier, Esq.,
Auditor General,
Confederation Bldg.,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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WAR ASSETS CORPORATION

303 RICHMOND BLDG.
LONDON, ONTARIO.

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EXD.

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE REFER TO FILE

May 21, 1947.

Mr. Bernard F. Neary,
Superintendent of Welfare & Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Ontario.

School Bus required
for Caradoc Indian Agency

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 16th, addressed to our Montreal Office, has been forwarded to this branch for our attention.

We regret to advise you, that at the present time, we have no vehicles of this type available.

Should a vehicle of this type be declared surplus, we will be very glad to advise you immediately.

Thanking you for your inquiry, I remain,

Yours truly,

L.W.B./cm



L.W. Burton
L.W. Burton,
London Office,
War Assets Corporation.

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This publication is dedicated to the safe, economical, and comfortable transportation of America's School Children

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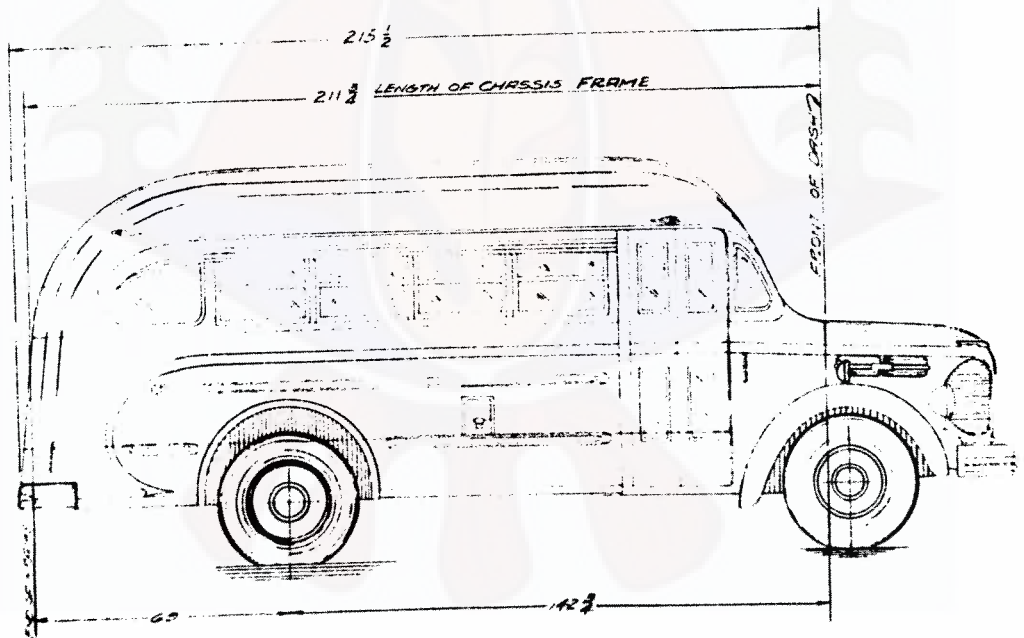
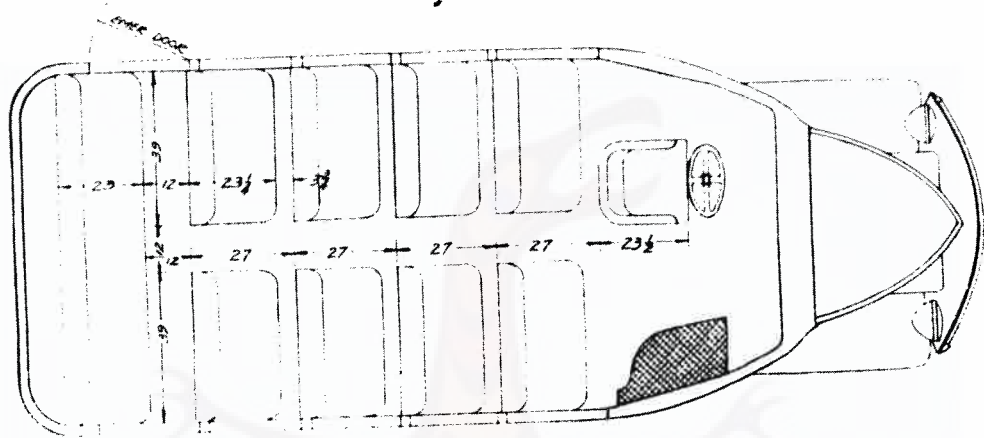
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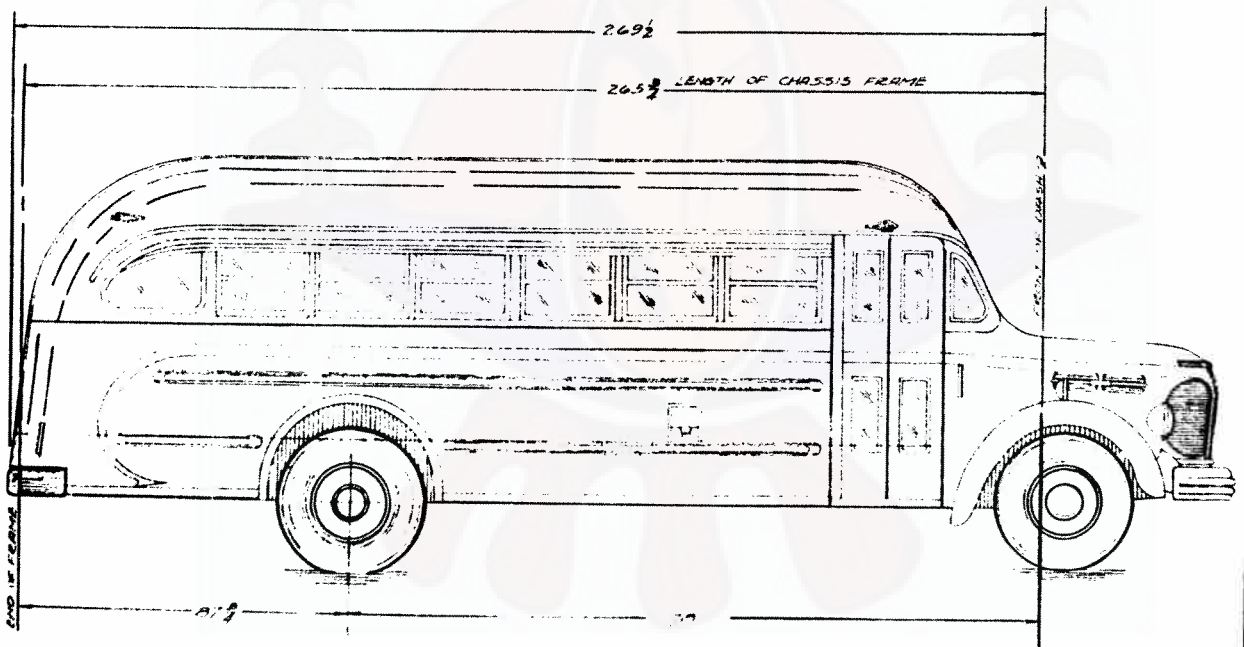
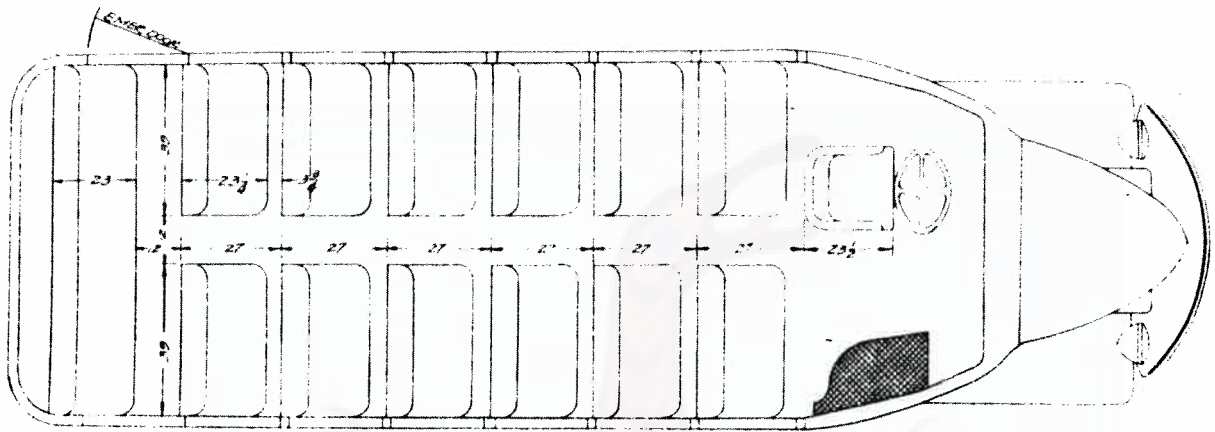
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MODEL 119-31 31 Passenger

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SEATING ARRANGEMENT



MODEL 119-43 43 Passenger

By Fiat



Above—Reo's exclusive front end design lends a pleasing touch to the overall appearance of the Safety-Bus, at the same time presents a design which makes it readily recognizable as a school bus by oncoming traffic.

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WMV/HC

ADDRESS REPLY TO
PURCHASING DIVISION

CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

PLEASE QUOTE
73170-15-11

OTTAWA July 24, 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch:

Re Busses for Eskasoni and Mount Elgin Indian
Day Schools.

We note from your memorandum of the 22nd instant, file 7-9-5 (W.T.1) and accompanying communication from Indian Agent Down that the busses offered by the London Street Railway Company are not satisfactory. I would appreciate your further advice as to whether or not you wish us to make additional inquiries from other prospective sources of supply, or to consider the two requisitions as cancelled.

W. M. VINCENT

Departmental Purchasing Agent.

7-9-5 (WT.).

D.
Ottawa, November 14, 1947.

Memorandum:

DEPARTMENTAL PURCHASING AGENT.

School Buses for Caradoc and Eskasoni
Indian Day Schools.

Reference your 73169-15-11
73170-15-11 of October 28th.

The answers to the questions raised by the Government Motor Vehicle Committee, concerning the purchase of these two buses are as follows:

- (1) Q. How many buses does the Department expect to purchase for the purpose of transporting Indian children to and from school?
 - A. This will depend upon the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee into the Indian Act. At the present time indications are that they will favour the operation of day schools over residential schools. If this is the case then it will become the gradual policy of the Department to reduce the number of residential schools and to operate day schools in their places. These consolidated day schools will require buses to carry the children daily to school.

- (2) Q. Where will they be located?
 - A. At the present time there are only four centres at which we feel these will be required. These are, Caradoc, Ontario, Eskasoni, Nova Scotia, Wkwemikong, Ontario and Six Nations, Ontario. At the first two places buses are definitely required at the present time. It is not anticipated that our building plans will have proceeded

far enough at the other two Reserves to necessitate the purchase of buses until next year.

- (3) Q. Approximately how many children will be carried at each centre?
- A. At Caradoc there are fifty children and at Eskasoni there are seventy children. At Six Nations and at Wikwemikong, the progress made in our building plans will decide the number who will have to be transported.
- (4) Q. How many round trips per day per vehicle?
- A. At Caradoc there will be two round trips per day as long as the old bus continues to function. In bad weather when we are unable to use the old bus, the new bus will have to do four round trips per day (See attached map).
- At Eskasoni there will be two round trips per day.
- (5) Q. What is the minimum and maximum distances from homes to schools at each centre?
- A. Our policy in this regard is to follow the regulations usually followed by Provincial Departments of Education. This is to the effect that children under ten years of age can be expected to walk up to two miles to school and that children over ten years of age can be expected to walk up to three miles.
- The maps attached hereto will show clearly the long distances involved in these two places.
- (6) Q. How do the children get to school presently at each centre?
- A. At Caradoc the residential school was closed on the understanding that a day school would be opened and that transportation for these children would be provided as prescribed in the Indian Act. We are unable to get tenders for the provision of a new bus, therefore, we obtained a former army ambulance. We are using this to do one circuit on the Caradoc Reserve and are using an open farm truck on the smaller circuit.

It is our intention to use the new bus on the larger circuit and to use the ambulance bus on the smaller circuit. At the present time we are running grave risks and are endangering the health and safety of these children by transporting them in an open farm truck.

The school block at the former residential school is one hundred years old and has been condemned but we have a new four room school now being rushed to completion. The school population on this Reserve has grown to such an extent that at the present time we are conducting classes in a church basement and in an agricultural hall as well as in the other school buildings previously provided. We can, undoubtedly, fill this new bus to capacity and within a short time have many standees. This new school will also operate as a consolidated high school.

At Eskasoni, the Indian Affairs Branch has been carrying out a large consolidation scheme by moving Indians from isolated Reserves of Nova Scotia to a centralized Reserve ideally located at Eskasoni. We have just completed a four room day school and have hired a staff of fully qualified teachers. The enrolment at this school is, at the present time one hundred and twenty and of these some sixty require transportation, (See attached map). We are using our farm truck to transport daily these sixty children back and forth to the school. This truck is an open panel model and we have stationed our Indian policemen on it daily to protect those carried. Here again, we are seriously endangering the health and safety of these children, until we provide them with a closed in vehicle as required by the school laws of every one of the nine provinces.

(7) Q. Under what authority is transportation by Government vehicles provided?

A. Section 9 (3) of the Indian Act reads as follows: "The Superintendent General (Minister) may provide for the transporting of Indian children to and from a boarding or industrial school to which they are assigned..."

Could we please have returned the Caradoc map attached hereto, as this is an official document required by the Indian Agent concerned.

Encl:
BPH/EM.


Director.

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E.D.

Ottawa, March 10th, 1947.

Dear Doctor Dorey:-

Your letter of the 3rd inst., with reference to articles purchased or taken over by the Department at the time of the closing of the Mount Elgin School has been referred to this Division.

Inspector Arneil intends to visit Caradoc Reserve next week and will set a price on the articles on which a price has not already been agreed. As soon as he returns arrangements will be made to pay for them.

Please forward three accounts as follows:

1. Account for adding machine at \$25.00 and typewriter desk at \$10.00 purchased for the use of the Indian office.
2. Account itemized for book case, filing cabinet, office desk and chair and second office chair at a total cost of \$80.00. These items will be paid from the Training Division Vote.
3. Account for the forty cots with mattress and pillow at \$1.00 each - \$40.00, which will be paid from the Welfare Vote.

Regarding the coal, it is presumed that you have an account from the firm from whom this coal was purchased and you should make up a separate account for this item, charging us for the coal at the same rate as you paid for it.

Yours very truly,

Bernard F. Neary
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Rev. George Dorey, D.D., Secretary
Board of Home Mission, United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St., W., Toronto, Canada.

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Department of Mines and Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Welfare Division.

- in account with -

Board of Home Missions, The
United Church of Canada.

To 2 Crosscut Saws	\$ 6.00
1 Post-hole Auger	2.00
15lbs. Axle Grease, Mica	1.00
1 Oil Pump (on drum)	5.00
1 Log Chain	3.00
1 Cordwood saw Blade, 28"	4.00
6 Pitch Forks	3.00
2 Scythes	3.00
2 Electric fence Chargers	5.00
1 Extension Ladder, 30 ft.	12.00
1 Step Ladder, 10 ft.	3.00
1 Truck Tarpaulin	50.00
1 Emery Wheel, 1 1/2 h.p. motor	110.00
	<u>\$207.00</u>

AUDITED
FOR PAYMENT
JUN 18 1917
Treasury Dept.
I. A. B.

Articles taken over by the Department
on the closing of the Mount Elgin
Indian Residential School.

(Signed) George Dorey.

P.O. VOTE
AGENCY ALLOT.
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Ottawa, November 21, 1947.

Memorandum:

Departmental Purchasing Agent

The Mount Elgin Indian Residential School in the Caradoc Indian Agency, has been closed since June 30th, 1946. In the basement of this building there is a wooden box refrigerator. It had been used by the school management for several years and if left where it is, it will soon need repair beyond its value.

Indian Agent Down states that he can secure \$50. for this refrigerator and I would appreciate it if the Salvage Officer would authorize its sale at the price mentioned.

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Bernard F. Heary
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Ottawa, May 30th, 1946.

Mr. Howy

Memorandum

Re: Mount Elgin School.

When visiting the Caradoc Agency on the 22nd and 23rd of May, Mr. Arnell, Indian Agent Downe, and myself, discussed what should be done with the present Mount Elgin School, when the new school is completed.

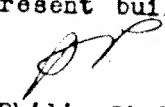
Mr. Downe suggested that we should remove the two top floors, leaving the ground floor of the building and use this partly for a recreational centre for the Indians, the balance for meetings of home makers clubs, etc.

My own opinion is, it would be a very expensive proposition to carry out Mr. Downe's suggestion, and when the work is completed, we would only have an old building, very difficult to heat, and likely, almost impossible to keep clean.

Mr. Downe has already had inquiries from wrecking firms wishing to quote a price on tearing down the building.

I feel very definitely that when the new school is completed, the old school should be demolished.

No doubt, a recreation centre for the Indians would be very advisable, and possibly it should be located on the site of the present Mount Elgin School, but I believe that a new building erected for this purpose would not cost as much as it would to endeavour to renovate the present building, and would be much more satisfactory.


Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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OTTAWA 23rd December, 1947.

MEMORANDUM:

Mr. Hoey.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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Former Mount Elgin Indian Residential
School Building.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of the 5th instant in connection with the above, together with files 7-0-57 and 7-0-57 closed.

It is noted that it has been recommended that the old main building (not the separate classroom block) be declared surplus and turned over to War Assets Corporation as surplus government property, the question in this connection being as to whether we have the authority to do this in view of the fact that some \$19,000.00 towards the erection of this school was paid from various Indian Band funds.

The monies so paid from band funds were paid by virtue of two Orders in Council dated the 12th day of June, 1893, and the 17th day of January, 1895, which said Orders were passed in accordance with the then provisions of the Indian Act. Under these circumstances I am of opinion that the Indians could not claim any equity in the old main building which it is now proposed to turn over to the War Assets Corporation.

I am returning your Branch files 7-0-57 and 7-0-57 closed.

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Departmental Solicitor.

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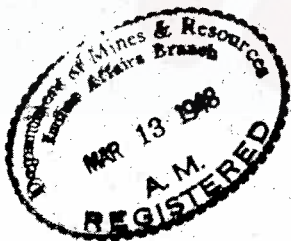
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Muncey, Ontario,
Mar. 11, 1948.

As the Department is aware, some time during the year it is expected that the Crown Assets Allocation Committee will be arranging for the removal of the old Residential School building; therefore it is drawn to your attention that in the building there is a certain amount of movable equipment which belongs to the Department and which, it is assumed, would not normally be disposed of in the salvaging of the building.

Among the said equipment are cots, mattresses, pillows, kitchen range, walk-in refrigerator, washing machine, extractor and mangle. May this Office receive advice as to what the intention of the Department is regarding this equipment as it, of course, should be moved out prior to the demolition of the building. As far as the cots, mattresses and pillows go, if the Department has no place for them it would seem best to permit them being distributed among needy Indian families on the Reserve.



Yours truly,

E. P. Randle,
A/SUPERINTENDENT.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Dep't of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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GENERAL CONSTRUCTION - Cont'd.

The building is approximately 207' x 10' x 12', divided into the following spaces:

- 11 - **Roof**
10' x 8' joint, 7/8" rough sheathing, heavy slate tiles, wood fiber board on steel gusseting around all eaves.
Fabric, painted.
- 12 - **Super Abbie**
10' x 40' (irregular in shape), frame construction, 2" x 8";
Floor 2" x 6"; 2" x 4" 7/8" rough sheathing, 1" x 4" rough flooring.
Contains 1 gravity tank, steel, 7' diameter x 10' high.
- 13 - **Railroad** x 12' having raised floor of one 4x4 x 2' x 1 1/2";
Frame construction 2" x 8", 2" x 6" and 2" x 4" with open
shuttering outside. Roof, slate tiles. Lines fabric, painted.

SERVICES

- 1 - Building is steam heated from central plant.
 - 2 - Water is pumped from springs.
 - 3 - Hydro Commission at Delaware supplies power.
- Note: All wiring in building is run in conduit.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 12 Durham bucket type return traps located in the wings and main centre section.
- 3 fire escapes, two attached to main centre section and one attached to south wing.

Ottawa, July 30, 1948.

Messrs. G.N. Weekes & Sons,
Solicitors,
396 Ridout Street,
London, Ontario.

Attention - Mr. G.N. Weekes

Dear Sir:

Former Mount Elgin Indian Residential School

I have for answer your letter of July 23rd and your telegram of July 28th concerning the above school buildings and the property on which they are located.

The school buildings are located not on the 200 acres described in Surrender 58½C but on the 4 acres described in Surrender 58½B, copy of which is attached. Both these Surrenders were signed on February 13th, 1849. At the same time, Surrenders 58½D and 58½E were signed.

The dormitory block of the old school, erected by the Canadian Wesleyan Methodist Conference and Missionary Society was destroyed by fire. In 1896 the Department built another dormitory block in order that a residential school could be continued at Mount Elgin.

A few years ago, this block was condemned by Departmental Engineers as it was in a condition dangerous to the school children. It was found that the brick arches were flattening and dislodging brick along

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the underside of the arch. This loosening was caused by the settlement of the building at the north end, thus removing the lateral support over the arches. Before building another dormitory block, it was decided to have a thorough educational survey made to determine the type of educational facilities which would best serve the Caradoc Indians.

This survey was made by a Provincial School Inspector and by the Reverend E.E.M. Joblin, M.A., of the United Church of Canada (now supervising principal of the Caradoc Schools). Acting upon the recommendations made in this survey, it was decided to close the Mount Elgin Residential School and to open a new consolidated day school.

Action was immediately taken to begin the erection of a four room consolidated school completely modern in every respect. This building is now practically finished. It is situated near the old residential school buildings.

We have provided two school buses both in charge of qualified Indian drivers. The children are transported daily to and from the consolidated school. A competent staff of qualified teachers has been conducting classes up to Grade X in the old classroom block. These classes will, of course, be conducted next year in the new building.

The Reverend Mr. Joblin who has an M.A., in Education from the University of Toronto, has been appointed Supervising Principal and is co-ordinating the work of the day schools and the new consolidated school. He has the confidence of the two Provincial School Inspectors who supervise the schools of the reserve and they have both expressed their pleasure at the manner in which progress is being made in our educational system at Caradoc.

In a report dated May 20, 1948, School Inspector Young made the following comments:

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"As the experiment advances, we see more and more benefits coming to the Indian Young People by reason of our policy. - - - - In the wider field of supervision of the Senior School, I think that Mr. Joblin has done a splendid piece of work - - - -."

We realize the need for agricultural instruction for these young Indians. At the present time we are negotiating with a qualified teacher who is a young veteran and a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, and hope to add him to our Caradoc teaching staff next year.

In view of the condemnation of the old dormitory block erected by the Department and the building of a new school, it was decided to declare this building surplus and to request War Assets Corporation to have it demolished.

You will note that we have not declared surplus the old classroom block or so-called Annex Building. This was erected in 1851 and enlarged in 1856. It contains three classrooms and living quarters for the teaching staff.

With regard to the 200 acres of land in Surrender 58½C, it was our intention to operate a model community welfare farm to be farmed by the Indians for the benefit of the aged and indigent Indians and for the instruction of young Indians in farming methods and techniques. Because of the lack of a farming instructor and the illness of former Superintendent Down, it was decided to delay this project until a new Superintendent and farming instructor were appointed.

A farming instructor is now at Caradoc and the Civil Service Commission is advertising for a

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new Superintendent. Therefore, it is our intention, in due course, to discuss these proposals with the Caradoc Indian Council.

You will find that Section II of the Indian Act refers to the taking of lands for school purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Director.

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