

**Various Correspondences, Admissions & Discharges  
of the  
Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School  
1957-1962**

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**Edward G. Sadowski  
The Shingwauk Project  
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Rev. Canon H.G. Cook, D.D.,  
Superintendent,  
Indian School Administration of the  
Anglican Church of Canada,  
116 O'Connor St,  
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Ottawa, June 3rd, 1960.

Dear Canon Cook:

Re: Your File S.L. - 4.

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 27th in which you quote from a letter addressed to Mr. Foss by the Principal of the Sioux Lookout Residential School.

I am not able to identify, if I have a copy, the letter which Mr. Foss wrote to Mr. Barrington. As you perhaps know, the Education Division has been making a study, for the past several years, of the drop outs in our schools across Canada. Our concern has been with the problem generally and in one or two cases with specific problems. I was not particularly conscious that there was an unusual problem at Sioux Lookout, although there may be.

As you know Mr. Foss is new to the district and is probably not aware of occurrences which pre-date September 1959. In addition to the Department's general concern with drop outs across the country, the Education Division has been particularly conscious of our deficiencies in Northern Ontario. For this reason I directed Mr. Foss to make a particularly careful study of our deficiencies and requirements in this area. I know Mr. Barrington shares this concern and has very definite opinions of the best ways of meeting the needs which the Branch has not as yet been able to accept. I give this explanation because the paragraph you have quoted from Mr. Barrington's letter suggests that he feels that criticism of his school has been implied but I do not believe this was intended.

I did see the article "Why do Indians quit school?" in the "Indian Education" and found it most interesting.

Yours sincerely,  
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R.F. Davey,  
Chief, Education Division.

RFD/lh

DIOCESE OF KEEWATIN  
Rt. Rev. H. E. Hives, B.A., D.D., Bishop

Bishopstowe  
Box 118  
Kenora, Ont.

October 31st, 1960.

F. J. Foss, Esq.,  
District School Superintendent  
Indian Affairs Branch  
Port Arthur, Ont.

Dear Mr. Foss:

Thank you for your letter of the 19th inst., advising me that the Mission Residence at Big Trout Lake is not required for the accommodation of Mr. E. Bennett.

Recently, I visited the Pelican Lake Residential School and was concerned to find a condition existing between Principal E. L. Barrington and yourself which could very well destroy the congenial and happy atmosphere of the school. This situation would ultimately undermine the usefulness which the school serves and have the effect of detracting from the school the confidence which the Indian people have in the care and instruction which is given there.

It may be that the difficulty is due to a clash of personalities, but from my conversation with Mr. Barrington it would appear that the trouble goes deeper and is due to a changing concept of the Church's place in the educational program affecting the Indian people. Many of us are greatly concerned in this regard and feel that it is of the greatest importance that the Church should retain its place in determining the overall policy in matters relating to Education of the Native people.

The Residential School at Pelican Lake has over the past many years suffered a somewhat unhappy household atmosphere. Too rigid regimentation, lack of homelike surroundings and failure to regard the children as persons capable of responding to love, have contributed at times to that condition. Children unhappy at their treatment were continually running away. Reports reaching the Indian community did not foster a willingness on the part of parents to allow their children to be registered.

Happily these conditions have changed. Improved school room facilities have made it possible for the children to feel that they are not continually associated with the school room. The Residence took on a quality of the home. The provision of sitting rooms where the children could relax has provided at Pelican School a need which is all too frequently overlooked as a necessity in the schools as planned throughout the Residential School system. The staff relationship has likewise improved greatly so that there is a sense of unanimity and team work among the whole staff.

I believe that much of the foregoing has been due to the quality of leadership given by the present Principal. I should be very sorry to see such conditions impaired by lack of co-operation between the Principal and officials of the Department.

Mr. Barrington is disturbed by what he believes to be your point of view that the Pelican Lake School is losing its usefulness and will ultimately be closed. We have asked the Department on the other hand to increase the facilities of the Residential School - Hostel System by reserving the present school for Primary grade work and by providing a Hotel where the children of higher grades should be housed while enjoying a more integrated school life with the children attending school in Sioux Lookout.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we have seen such a large extension of the Day School system in Northern Communities. It remains however, a fact that these schools cannot accommodate all the children locally. Some consideration should be given for some of the children from northern schools to profit by their enrollment in such institutions as Pelican Lake School. As reported to me, I am given to understand that even the possibility of application for admission to Pelican School by children of northern communities is to be categorically denied should such come to your attention. The out of hand refusal to re-admit some of the best students from Pelican School for further education at Sault Ste. Marie seems to us to be a withholding of opportunities from such as could well profit by such training. This does not seem to agree with the expressed policy of the Minister. The Principal should not have to overcome such strong opposition to see that the children placed in his care receive every encouragement and opportunity to go forward.

May I therefore bespeak for Mr. Barrington a more courteous consideration of his responsibility and position. His is a relationship with the whole staff, both teaching and domestic, and I feel that the institution can fulfill its proper function only so long as both departments function harmoniously. He is the one to be consulted with, and advised upon all matters relating to the welfare of the children.

It is my hope that insofar as the foregoing represents a deterioration in the relationship between Principal and Inspector that due consideration may restore such harmony as may best serve the interests of the school. Until I am advised to the contrary I shall assume that the long enjoyed liaison between the Church and the Department still continues to exist and to be the working pattern of our interests.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) H. F. Keewatin

Bishop of Keewatin

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RT. REV. H. E. HIVES, B.A., D.D., Bishop  
Diocese of Keewatin  
Bishopstowe  
Box 118  
KENORA ONTARIO

NOVEMBER 1st, 1960

Dear Bishop Hives:

I thank you for your letter of October 31st, concerning relations between myself and Mr. Barrington.

I agree that these relations are rather unsatisfactory and would very much like to see an improvement. The difficulties cannot - as you conjecture - result from a clash of personalities, since we are not that well acquainted. My inspection of his school was carried out during his lengthy absence on personal business in England and, therefore, we have not as yet experienced the usual Inspector - Principal relations.

I should point out that relations between myself and relief Principal, Reverend Bonnard, were excellent.

Mr. Barrington appears to assume opposition to his ideas, rather than to present cases in a logical manner.

In regard to your comments about the role of the Sioux Lookout Residential School, and attendance of children from areas having Day Schools, I would repeat my statements made to Mr. Barrington, "children in post-primary grades, making satisfactory academic progress, may continue at residential school, be it at Sioux Lookout or Sault Ste. Marie, and regardless of the establishment of Day Schools on Reserves." Children attending Northern Day Schools and displaying considerable ability, will be considered for admission to residential school, if the facts are made known to this office on an application form.

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RT. REV. H. E. HIVES, B.A., D.D., Bishop

NOVEMBER 1st, 1960

Anything you can do to improve the attitude of Mr. Barrington towards myself, in particular, and the Branch, in general, would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you for your interest, I remain

Yours sincerely,

*F. J. FOSS*  
F. J. FOSS  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur

FJF:HF

cc: Ottawa.

MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

P.A

COPY

Makokibaton Lake  
Jan. 2/62

Dear Sir:

Sorry can make my oldest boy go back I had enought trouble to send the four back. And I thought to my self I guss its all right because he's old enough to work for him self. He can talk good English. He can be a good guide and all that stuff I don't think all of my kids won't get good jobs anyway and besides I need some one to help me too and I know I should had told you in the office but you know when you come to think about thinks makes lots of change in mind.

Yours truly,

Elijah Baxter.

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MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

*P.A.*

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TO Regional Supervisor, North Bay

YOUR FILE No.

FROM Superintendent, Nakina Indian Agency

OUR FILE No. 42/23-16-470

SUBJECT Attendance - Indian Residential  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

DATE Jan. 9, 1962.

We have received the attached letter from one Elijah Baxter father of Donald Clark Baxter, born January 29, 1947. This boy will be 15 years of age on January 29, 1962.

It would appear that this boy no longer wishes to return to residential school and I feel that the trouble at this school in connection with the Baxter children and which a report has gone forward to your office outlining the conditions, we believe this is the result of these conditions.

There seems little that we can do about this. The boy is with his father, 108 miles north of Nakina on the Albany River. We would request, therefore, that the boy be discharged from residential school. It would appear to us that it would be useless to try and send the boy back to residential school as he no longer wishes to return. To us it would be just a waste of time and money.

*Recommend  
discharge  
from*

*W. Gowans*  
W. Gowans,  
Superintendent.

WG/jc  
Encl.

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OTTAWA,  
October 23, 1957

Mr. G. Swartzman,  
Superintendent,  
Sioux Lookout Indian Agency,  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

The Department approves the admission  
of the following children to the Sioux Lookout Indian  
Residential School:

Alex Isiah Beardy  
Merris Fandabese  
Isabel Child  
Edith (Ada) Child  
Annie Child  
Jane Tait  
Albert Makotape  
Leolis Beardy  
Mary Williams

Original Signed by  
M.F. TRACK

MFT/nb

H.F. Davy,  
Superintendent of Education.

OTTAWA,  
August 27, 1957.

Mr. W. Gowans,  
Superintendent,  
Nakina Indian Agency,  
Nakina, Ont.

The Department approves the admission  
of the following pupils to the Sioux Lookout  
Indian Residential School:-

SHAWYHAWAYEH, Walter  
SHAWYHAWAYEH, Lana  
SHAWYHAWAYEH, Ellen  
GOODWIN, Tommy Roger  
GOODWIN, Alex  
MESHUMESHUM, Edward

GOODWIN, Marie Dorothy  
GOODWIN, Annie  
YELLOWHEAD, Adam  
YELLOWHEAD, Elijah  
YELLOWHEAD, Edith  
ATLOCKAN, Sophie

With reference to the applications for the  
Shawyhamish, Goodwin, Yellowhead families it is noted  
that more than one child is shown on the application,  
this is not satisfactory. Only one child should be shown  
on each form. We are approving the admissions this time.  
In the future please secure individual applications or  
prepare additional copies if required.

Original Signed by  
M. F. TRACY

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R.F. Dewey,  
Superintendent of Education.

# The Indian School Administration

of the  
Anglican Church of Canada

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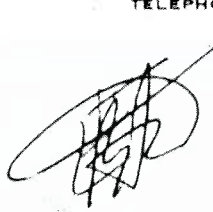
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

PLEASE QUOTE FILE NO. S.L.-4

116 O'CONNOR STREET

OTTAWA 4



May 27th, 1960

Mr. R.F. Davey,  
Superintendent of Education,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Citizenship & Immigration,  
Canadian Building,  
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: Sioux Lookout Residential School

Dear Mr. Davey:


Principal Barrington has forwarded this office a copy of a letter he wrote to Mr. F.J. Foss concerning what appears to be the Ottawa offices concern about the high drop-out rate of pupils at his particular school.

Just in case Mr. Foss does not pass on the information to you I do feel, in fairness to the Sioux Lookout School and the Principal there, that you ought to see what Mr. Barrington has to say concerning this worrying problem of pupils dropping out of classes. I am taking the liberty of quoting Mr. Barrington's paragraph.

"With reference to Ottawa's concern over a high drop out rate, I hope you will advise Ottawa on our behalf that we are very seriously concerned about this too. The drop out in the grades mentioned in the last couple of terms has been forced on the children and school by the Department not permitting continuity of attendance of these children. I speak more particularly about the Bearskin Lake children and the Trout Lake children living in the Central Patricia area, several of these children were among the most promising pupils we have worked with in a long while. However, at Central Pat. we were instructed through the Agency office that the children we have previously admitted from this area had now to attend the local day school, this was contrary to the desires of the parents,

the most earnest wish of the school and definitely against the best interests of the children in question. It is interesting to note that this residential school seems to be the only one that saw fit to co-operate with the Department in this matter. Apart from the Dept's policy making, and with the exception only of a couple of seriously age-grade retarded children we would have had no drop outs in the last two terms and I expect it would have been possible for me to give a fairly accurate estimate of who would or would not return next year, my consideration opinion is that if allowed to by the Dept. all children in the grades mentioned will return next year."

Yours faithfully,

  
Henry G. Cook

P.S. Did you see the interesting article "Why do Indians quit School?" page 4, issue 344 of the U.S. "Indian Education"?

H.G.C.

MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO: Regional School Superintendent  
North Bay

YOUR FILE No.

FROM: Supervising Principal  
Sioux Lookout Agency

OUR FILE No. 144/25-2

SUBJECT: Enrolment - Sioux Lookout  
Indian Residential School

DATE: Feb. 12/62

Reference is made to your recent visit, when you stressed the necessity of reducing the enrolment at Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School, and McIntosh Indian Residential School, to 130 pupils.

We were not able to visit McIntosh as per our schedule because Father Lemire is now on his annual retreat. It was felt that the principal should be present before any steps are taken to reduce his enrolment appreciably. We have, however, made the first steps towards reducing the enrolment at Sioux Lookout Indian Residential school.

According to the December 31st quarterly report, the enrolment at Sioux Lookout School was 147. Three of these did not return after Christmas, bringing the total down to 144. Four have since been discharged, bringing the total down to 140.

The three children who did not return are: Raymond Copenance, No. 27 Big Island Lake Band, who is being looked after by his guardian, Mattie Pemmanic, No. 344 Lac Seul Band. He was born January 3rd, 1959 and was in grade 3. It is suggested that he not be allowed to return. He lives at Hudson, and could attend Public School there. *and school Hudson*

Palysia Nate, No. 253 Fort Hope Band. She is from the Nakina Agency, and was born December 30th, 1943. She was in Grade 6. She is age-grade-retarded, and it is suggested that she also not be allowed to come back.

Victoria Nate, No. 253 Fort Hope Band. She was born August 17th, 1951 and was in Grade 4. Although she is not age-grade-retarded to any great extent, the principal and teachers request that she not be allowed to return, as she is a disciplinary problem. We concur in their recommendation.

The following children will be graduating and going to Shingwauk this fall:

Maggie Baxter	79 Martin Falls	B: January 30, 1947
Bobbie Baxter	93 Martin Falls	July 7, 1948
Maggie Jane Beardy	133 Trout Lake	January 28, 1947
Elizabeth Carpenter	548 Lac Seul	May 18, 1946
Roy Carpenter	548 Lac Seul	December 4, 1947
Gordon Keewaykapow	447 Lac Seul	September 12, 1949
Sarah Kejick	424 Lac Seul	March 5, 1949
Ophelia Mekanak	253 Trout Lake	March 17, 1948
Jimmy Trout	359 Lac Seul	February 2, 1949
Andrew Yesno	348 Fort Hope	February 5, 1948

If all the children, who are now in residence come back, the total next year will be 130. If we are to have room for any new entries, some other pupils will have to be weeded out. We could discover no pupils at Sioux Lookout Residential School who had spotty attendance records, so the only criteria for eliminating them were: age-grade-retardation, disciplinary problems, actual or potential, and the availability of Day or Public Schools near their homes.

The first four children who should not return next year are the Sapay children, No. 616 Lac Seul Band, who are, namely, as follows:

Irene Sapay	B: June 12, 1947	a grade 4 student	
Nora Sapay	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1951	a grade 3 student	<i>from school</i>
Jimmy Sapay	January 11, 1953	a grade 2 student	
Jackie Sapay	May 11, 1955	a grade 1 student	

Of these children, only Irene is age-grade-retarded. However, their father, Jack Sapay is residing in Sioux Lookout. He works at the Indian Hospital, and we were informed by the Hospital that he is a good worker and should have no trouble keeping his job. These children should attend the Sioux Lookout Public School. This is our understanding of the situation after participating in the Red Lake Survey. We recommend that these children not be allowed to return next year.

The following children should be eliminated from the enrolment for reasons of age-grade-retardation, and the disciplinary problems they precipitate:

Evelyn Anishinabie, No. 349 Fort Hope Band - born May 15th, 1951. She is in Grade 1. This girl is dreadfully age-grade-retarded. She has been examined by a psychologist and has been classified as a Moron. She will never progress past Grade 1. Her size, and her unpredictable behavior constitutes a serious behavior problem. It is recommended that she not be allowed to return next year. *on file in school*

Kenneth Thomas, No. 39 Fort Severn Band - born September 9th, 1951. He is presently in Grade 1, and it is not expected that he will grade. Additionally, he is developing into a serious behavior problem, which seems to manifest itself in sadistic acts towards younger children, and small animals, etc. Miss Stonehill strongly recommends that he not be readmitted next year. We concur in her recommendation. *By Miss Stonehill*

Tommy Wassaykeesick, No. 278 Osnaburgh Band - born July 17th, 1949. He is age-grade-retarded and a slow learner. He is not expected to grade this year. He is a potential disciplinary problem, although as yet, he has not become one in actuality. It is recommended that he not return next year. The teachers strongly endorse my recommendation. He will be able to attend Day School at Dog Hole Bay next year. *on file in school*

Sammy Baxter, No. 78 Martin Falls - born May 12th, 1949. He is in Grade 3, and is a poor student who is likely to fail. Even if he did grade, he would be 13 years of age entering Grade 4, and would not fit in too well with the white children in the Sioux Lookout Public School. It is recommended that he not be allowed to return.

David Bunting, No. 597 Lac Seul Band - born October 5th, 1949. He is in Grade 3, and is a poor student who is not expected to pass. What we have said about Sammy Baxter applies equally well to David.

Zelda Baxter, No. 78 Martin Falls Band - born January 12th, 1947. She is in Grade 5 for the second year. She is a very slow learner, who is especially poor in arithmetic. However, she is 3 years age-grade-retarded and has almost reached the maximum age for compulsory school attendance. She is in danger of developing into a disciplinary problem. It is recommended that she not be allowed to return next year.

Roy James Littledeer, No. 454 Lac Seul Band - born November 8th, 1948. He is still in Grade 3, and it is anticipated that he will not progress any further. He has been examined by a psychologist and classified as moronic. He wants to go home, and is not interested in school. He is a serious disciplinary problem. It is recommended that he not be allowed to return to Sioux Lookout Residential School.

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It is brought to your attention that Evelyn Anishinabe, Kenneth Thomas, LeRoy Baxter and David Hunting, Zelda Baxter and Roy James Littledeer all come from areas where no Day schools are available. However, since space is at a premium, it seems criminal to waste it on poor, age-grade-retarded pupils who have, or are likely to develop into behavior problems. It should be brought to your attention though, that the Baxter family will most likely kick up quite a fuss. They always send their children to school, and they are quite highly thought of in the Nakina Agency. However, the children we have mentioned are seriously age-grade-retarded. Additionally, the Baxters always send in their children, two or three years late, and action such as we recommend might induce them to send their children in at the proper time.

The following children are age-grade-retarded. It is felt, however, that they still have capabilities and, while they are not suitable for Sioux Lookout Residential School, they should not be deprived of a chance for further education. It is recommended that they be transferred to Shingwauk Residential School. Rev. Phillips has indicated that he would be willing to accept them.

Luke Beardy, No. 14 Trout Lake Band - born February 4th, 1947. He is in Grade 5 and is expected to grade into Grade 6. He is a fairly good student, but he is 3 years age-grade-retarded, and is starting to develop undesirable behavior traits. It is recommended that he be transferred to Shingwauk.

David Mitchell, No. 26 Fort Terebent Band - born August 2th, 1947. He is in Grade 5 and it is certain he will grade. He is quite lame as a result of polio. Because of his lameness, he can not be disciplined like the other boys, nor can he participate in any sports. He uses his lameness to gain sympathy and play on the authorities. He can never be sent back to the reserve on account of his lameness. He is unsuited to Sioux Lookout and the integrated programme. He also causes a lot of trouble on the bus, and in the dormitory. It is recommended that he be transferred to Shingwauk, or to some type of academy or trade school.

Joseph Falt, No. 288 Trout Lake Band - born November 4th, 1947. He is in Grade 5 and will grade to Grade 6. He is a slow, but good and steady student. He was mentioned in Mr. Cowan's letter as being mixed up in the knifing and beating incidents. Mr. Orman, and the teachers, however, are convinced that he is not a bad child, and he has been unjustly accused by Mr. Cowan. He is age-grade-retarded, but has not as yet developed into a serious disciplinary problem. It is recommended that he be transferred to Shingwauk. We submit this name for your consideration and make no recommendations ourselves.

Ann Goodwin, No. 356 Fort Hope Band - born September 25th, 1948. She is in Grade 5 and will be grading into Grade 6. She is a good student, although she is age-grade-retarded. It is felt that she should have a chance for more education, but not at Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School. It is recommended that she be transferred to Shingwauk. As an alternative, she could attend day school at Collins, as she comes from there.

Harriet Goodwin, No. 224 Fort Hope Band - born November 2, 1947. What we have said about Ann Goodwin, applies equally as well in every respect to Harriet. It might be noted that Rev. Phillips has even more room for girls than for boys, and is particularly desirous of obtaining good girl students.

The rest of the children we list can not be put into any classification, and each case must be considered individually.

Garnet Ross, No. 492 Lac Seul Band - born September 14th, 1942. He is in Grade 4 and is three or more years age-grade retarded. He is a poor student. He is not suited for Sioux Lookout Residential School, or the integration program. However, he is not a disciplinary problem. He comes from a very poor family in Lac Seul, and if he returned, he would be a burden on his parents and would most likely suffer from numerous deprivations. However, this is primarily a welfare problem and not an educational one. It is thought that if he could be placed in some school where terminal classes in manual training are available, he would benefit greatly. We would recommend action of this type, if possible.

Mary Punch, No. 303 Lac Seul Band - born May 6th, 1928. She is repeating Grade 4. It is presumed (hoped is more the word for it) that she will grade. She is a poor student, age-grade retarded, and fast developing into a disciplinary problem. She has run away two or three times this year. She is a sister of Margaret Punch. As you are aware, her being a member of this particular punch family is in itself an indication of the social, moral and other problems that will likely be precipitated if she remained at Sioux Lookout Residential School. It is recommended that she not be allowed to return to Sioux Lookout Residential School. Frankly, we do not know what else to recommend. If she does come back home, she will just get into trouble of some sort or other. We make no recommendations, but merely suggest the possibility that she be placed in a school where she could take terminal classes in some sort of trade or skill.

Walter Baxter, No. 23 Martin Falls - born March 24th, 1950. He is in grade 3. He is a fair student, but presents a problem in discipline, especially in class. If he grades, he will be 12 years of age entering grade 4. This is only an age-grade retardation of 2 years. The teaching staff at the school recommend that he not be allowed to return next year. However, we feel, and Mr. Orman concurs, that he has considerable ability and should not be deprived of further schooling. He has done three grades in three years. The only reason he is age-grade retarded is because his parents sent him in two years too late. We recommend that he be accepted next year on trial, and, if he develops into a disciplinary problem, he be discharged promptly.

Mary Jane Gray, No. 509 Lac Seul Band - born April 27th, 1951. This girl is in grade 2 and is not likely to progress much further. She presents no problem in discipline, but Miss Atkinson stressed the fact that she is a very slow learner. If we should include the Grade 2's in the integration program next year, she would not fit into the classes in the public school. We would suggest that she not be allowed to come back next year.

We have mentioned 23 pupils, 19 of whom we think should not come back to Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School. If you concur in our recommendations, this would allow the school to take 19 new entries, and still stay within the maximum enrolment of 130.

Out of a total enrolment of 147 at Christmas, Maxina Agency had 20 pupils enrolled. Of these, 3 will be going to Shinewauk, two have been recommended for transfer to Shinewauk, three have been recommended for discharge and two did not come back at Christmas and have been recommended for discharge. If you concur in our recommendations, there will be 18 pupils from Maxina Agency next year.

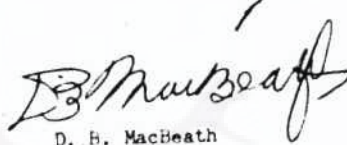


It is suggested that, out of the possible 19 new entries, Nakina Agency be requested to enrol 6 new pupils, and 13 be recruited from the Sioux Lookout Agency. Naturally, a back log of suitable recruits would be available, if any pupils presently in school do not return.

We would take means to ensure that in the Sioux Lookout Agency, no age-grade retarded pupils would be recruited, and that priority be given to children from broken homes, or children of migrant parents. Since we have no control over the Nakina Agency, we would have to solicit your help in ensuring that the Nakina Agency exercises proper selectivity in its choice of new entries.

We realize that this is a very lengthy letter, but it is a very important subject and we need your advice and the benefit of your experience, before we proceed any further.

We would appreciate receiving your comments and suggestions at your earliest convenience.



D. B. MacBeath

DBM:sa  
cc: Mr. Orman

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OUR FILE NO. 144/25-2-470

YOUR FILE NO.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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Sioux Lookout, Ontario  
October 9, 1957.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

Enclosed please find applications for the following children to attend the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School and it is recommended that these admissions be approved.

- Mary Jane Chisel - #605 Lac Seul Band
- John Tait - 29 Trout Lake Band
- Caroline Wesley - 556 Lac Seul Band
- Allan McKay - 203 Trout Lake Band
- Madeline Bluecoat - 30 Fort Severn Band
- Nancy Mathews - 21 Fort Severn Band
- Elie Albany - 11 Fort Severn Band
- Emmie Bluecoat - 30 Fort Severn Band
- Aglius Thomas - 39 Fort Severn Band
- Billie Bluecoat - 18 Fort Severn Band
- Maggie Ocheewassawan 467 Lac Seul Band
- Jane Ocheewassawan 467 Lac Seul Band

*G. Swarzman*  
 G. Swarzman  
 Superintendent  
 Sioux Lookout Agency

Oct 10 1957

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Encl.

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

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TO: Mr. F. Matters, Regional Supervisor  
FROM: Superintendent, Sioux Lookout Agency  
SUBJECT: Admissions - Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School.

OUR FILE: 144/25-2-470  
YOUR FILE:  
DATE: Aug. 21, 1958.

*[Handwritten initials]*

Enclosed please find applications for admission to Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School. These are for children who have been attending the Osnaburgh Seasonal School. It is recommended that these admissions be approved.

Alice Ashmegeesha	No. 271 Osnaburgh Band.
Elsie Loon	269 Osnaburgh Band.
Bella Loon	269 Osnaburgh Band.
Daisy Crane	259 Osnaburgh Band.
Edward L. Ashmegeesha	271 Osnaburgh Band.
Thomas Crane	259 Osnaburgh Band.
Morris Loon	269 Osnaburgh Band.
Morris Michene	251 Osnaburgh Band.
Andy Michene	251 Osnaburgh Band.

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Yours very truly,

*[Signature]*  
Superintendent  
Sioux Lookout Agency

Encls.



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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

C. 1111

144/25-2-470

TO: Superintendent, Makina Agency

OUR FILE: 42/25-2-470 (E)

FROM: Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,

YOUR FILE: 42/25-2-470

SUBJECT: Admission Sioux Lookout Residential School - Ida Atlookan  
- Andrew Atlookan

DATE: August 18, 1959.

In view of the age of these children and the fact they have had little or no schooling, I am unable to recommend their admission to residential school.

I would suggest that arrangements be made for these children to stay with friends at Lansdowne House and attend Lansdowne House C.E. Day School.

F. Matters.

MAIL TO

INDIAN REGISTRY

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## DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION .

TO: Regional Supervisor, North Bay. OUR FILE: 42/25-2-470

FROM: Superintendent, Nakina Indian Agency. YOUR FILE:

SUBJECT: Applications for Admission - Residential Schools DATE: August 13, 1959

Attached herewith are two Applications for Admission to the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School, #470, covering Andrew Atlookan, born January 9, 1946, and Ida Atlookan, born February 15, 1948, #377, Fort Hope Band.

The application for Andrew has not been recommended by this office due to the fact that this boy is now 13 years of age and is only in grade one. We have recommended Ida. However, it is noticed that this girl is 11 years of age and has not yet had any schooling due to the fact that the parents live in the bush and have not been interested in sending their children to residential school until now.

*W. Gowans*  
W. Gowans,  
Superintendent.

WG/mr  
Encl.





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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

REFER TO FILE NUMBER

144/25-2-470 (E17)

OTTAWA, February 24, 1960.

Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario.

Re: December Quarterly Return  
Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School.

It has been noted that this Return included the name(s) of the following pupil(s). We have no evidence to show that admission has been approved.

0664 - Baxter Catherine  
0669 - Anishinabie Mary  
0670 - Anishinabie Evelyn

In order that our records may be complete, it would be appreciated if you would let us know if you have approved the admission of the pupil(s) shown. A copy of the application is required for every new admission.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
P. DEZIEL

Chief, Education Division.

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Mr. F. Matters, Regional Supervisor.

144/25-2-470

Superintendent, Sioux Lookout Agency

New Admissions - Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School.

Sept. 24, 1958.

Enclosed please find applications for new admissions to the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School. It is recommended that these admissions be approved.

- very young* Albert Thomas Peetwayway No. 596 Lac Seul Band
- James Chapman No. 304 Trout Lake Band
- what grade* ✓ Jack (Joseph) Tait No. 288 Trout Lake Band
- ✓ Stanley Tait No. 288 Trout Lake Band
- ✓ Simon Angeconeb No. 442 Lac Seul Band
- young* ✓ ~~Robert Angeconeb~~ No. 211 Trout Lake Band
- ✓ David G. Bunting No. 597 Lac Seul Band.
- ✓ John Douglas Bess No. 402 Lac Seul Band.
- young* ✓ Robert Allan Bess No. 492 Lac Seul Band.
- ✓ Charlie Peetwayway No. 596 Lac Seul Band.
- ✓ George Kenny No. 402 Lac Seul Band
- ✓ Roger Southwind No. 510 Lac Seul Band.

Encls.

*G. Swartman*  
G. Swartman.

*It is presumed all above students already enrolled*  
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INDIAN RES. SCHOOLS  
SEP 30 1958  
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OTTAWA,  
August 27, 1957.

Mr. W. Gowans,  
Superintendent,  
Nakina Indian Agency,  
Nakina, Ont.

The Department approves the admission  
of the following pupils to the Sioux Lookout  
Indian Residential School:-

SHAWAYHAMAISH, Walter  
SHAWAYHAMAISH, Lana  
SHAWAYHAMAISH, Ellen  
GOODWIN, Tommy Roger  
GOODWIN, Alex  
MESHKOKESHUK, Edward

GOODWIN, Marie Dorothy  
GOODWIN, Annie  
YELLOWHEAD, Adam  
YELLOWHEAD, Elijah  
YELLOWHEAD, Edith  
ATLOOKAN, Sophie

With reference to the applications for the  
Shawayhamish, Goodwin, Yellowhead families it is noted  
that more than one child is shown on the application,  
this is not satisfactory. Only one child should be shown  
on each form. We are approving the admissions this time.  
In the future please secure individual applications or  
prepare additional copies if required.

Original Signed by  
M. F. TRACK

MFT/vt

R.F. Davay,  
Superintendent of Education.



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NAKINA INDIAN AGENCY

Nakina, Ontario,  
August 7, 1957.

F. Matters, Esq.,  
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,  
Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
North Bay, Ont.

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Dear Mr. Matters : Applications for Admission  
To Residential Schools

Attached herewith applications for admittance to the various  
Residential Schools.

<u>McIntosh #472</u>	Isidore	Nenance (Donie)	#220 Whitesand.	Collins Ont.
	Ernest	Kwandibens	#221 Whitesand.	Collins Ont.
	Annette	Wanahomeg	#118 Whitesand.	Collins Ont.
	Victor	Kwandibens	#228 Whitesand.	Collins Ont.
	Allan- Mabel- Dennis	Tewegejick	#180 Long Lac Band # 58	
<u>461 Cecilia</u>	Ernest	Taylor	# 38 Constance Lake	
<del>XXXXX</del>				

<u>464 St. Josephs</u>	Joseph	Leslie Echum	#119 Long Lac 77
	Vieper	Chapais	# 81 Long Lac 77

Sioux Lookout #470

Adam- Elijah-Edith	Yellowhead	#294 Fort Hope Band	Collins Ont.
Tommy-Alex-Marie-Annie	Goodwin	#336 Fort Hope Band	Collins Ont.
Walser -Lina-Ellen	Shawayhamaish	#256 Fort Hope Band	Collins Ont.
B	Edward	#188 Nipigon Band	Collins Ont.
	Sophie	#284 Fort Hope Band	Collins Ont.

Yours truly ,

Wm. Gowans, Supt. Nakina  
Agency

Note- This leaves some 8 children not accounted for at Collins Ont. these  
families have moved away and could not be located.

January 30, 1957

Mr. G. Swartman,  
Superintendent,  
Sioux Lookout Indian Agency,  
Sioux Lookout, Ont.

The Department approves the admission  
of the following pupils to the Sioux Lookout Indian  
Residential School:-

WESLEY, Barbara  
BOTTLE, Bernice  
BUNTING, Marjorie  
STONE, Mary Agnes  
BOTTLE, Linda Mae  
MCKAY, Jerry  
BEARMAN, Agnes

MEEKIS, Omar  
MEEKIS, James  
QUILL, Gifford Marlaski  
GRAY, Tom  
RAE, Oscar Martin  
NINGENANCE, Patricia  
TROUT, Connie

Original Signed by  
M. F. TRACY

R.F. Davey,  
Superintendent of Education.

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February 14, 1957.

Mr. O. Swartzman,  
 Superintendent,  
 Sioux Lookout Indian Agency,  
 Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

This refers to the September Quarterly Return for the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School. As the necessary applications for admission for the following pupils have not been received and their admission approved, we are disallowing the per capita grant claimed for them.

0602 McKay Sarah	535 Angeoqneb Jack
0603 Micanao Jessie	538 Ningswanoo Arbey R.
0605 Thomas Edith	539 Oubash T.
0606 Wesley Catherine	547 Oubash C.
0615 Ray Tolsie	563 Bunting Harvey
0620 Waboosa Charlotte	573 Waboosa Frank

If you concur, it would be appreciated if you would arrange to have these applications completed and submitted to this office for consideration. If the admissions are approved, retroactive grant may be allowed.

MFT/rs

c.c. General Turner

*R. F. Davey*  
 R. F. Davey,  
 Superintendent of Education.



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PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Your 144/25-2-470  
144/25-2-470 (E6)

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
 INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

E6

Sioux Lookout, Ontario  
 May 14, 1957.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa


Reference your letter of February 14, 1957 and your telegram of today's date with respect to applications for children who are attending the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School.

We enclose applications for the following children and it is recommended that these admissions be approved.

0602 McKay Sarah	0539 Ombash T.
0603 Micanac, Jessie	0547 Ombash C.
0605 Thomas Edith	0563 Bunting, Harvey
0606 Wesley Catherine	
0615 Ray, Talsie	
0538 Mingewance Arbey R.	
0535 Angeconeb, Jack	

The Application for Harriet (Charlotte) Waboose pupil No. 0620 has previously been approved, your letter to Mr. Gowans November 16th, 1956 file 144/25-2-470 (E6)

On February 22nd, we wrote to Mr. Gowans requesting that he forward an application for Admission on Behalf of Frank Waboose pupil No. 0573 who is a member of the Fort Hope Band to this office. To date this application has not been received.

  
 G. Swartman  
 Superintendent  
 Sioux Lookout Agency

Encl.

OTTAWA  
October 22, 1957.

Mr. G. Swartman,  
Superintendent,  
Sioux Lookout Indian Agency,  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

This refers to the September Quarterly Return  
for the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School.

As the necessary applications for admission for  
the following pupils have not been received and their  
admissions approved, we are disallowing the Per Capita Grant  
claimed for them.

0623 Beardy, Maggie Jane  
0629 Slipperjack, Lena  
0630 Slipperjack, Eileen  
0635 Lakekapan, Mils

If you concur, it will be appreciated if you will  
arrange to have these applications completed and submitted  
for consideration in the usual manner. If the admissions  
are approved, retroactive grant may be allowed.

Original Signed by  
M. F. TRACK

R. F. Davey,  
Superintendent of Education.

MFT/rs

c.c. General Turner

c.c. Mr. F. Matters

OTTAWA  
October 22, 1957.

Mr. G. Swartman,  
Superintendent,  
Sioux Lookout Indian Agency,  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

The Department approves the admission of the following pupils to the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School:

Caleb SAKCHEKAPO  
Cesar KEJICK  
Scotty ANGECONEB  
Benny KEJICK  
Roger KEJICK  
William QUEQUESH  
Raymond ADAMS  
Jane OCHEWASSAWAN  
Maggie OCHEWASSAWAN  
Mary Jane CHISEL

Billy BLUECOAT  
Aglus THOMAS  
Eddie BLUECOAT  
Helen ALBANY  
Honey MATTHEWS  
Madeleine BLUECOAT  
Allen McEAY  
Carolina WESLEY  
John TAIT

Original Signed by  
M. F. TRACK

MFT/rs

R. F. Davey,  
Superintendent of Education.



OUR FILE NO. 114/25-2-470

YOUR FILE NO.

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

*[Handwritten initials]*  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario  
October 11, 1957

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

Enclosed please find additional applications for the following children to attend the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School and it is recommended that these admissions be approved.

Raymond Adams	No. 62	Caribou Lake Band
William Quequeish	No. 77	Caribou Lake Band
Roger Kejick	No. 506	Lac Seul Band
Benny Kejick	No. 506	Lac Seul Band
Scotty Angecone	No. 403	Lac Seul Band
Cesar Kejick	No. 424	Lac Seul Band
Caleb Sakchekapo	No. 76	Caribou Lake Band

*[Handwritten signature]*  
G. Swarzman  
Superintendent  
Sioux Lookout Agency

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Mr. R. F. Davy 525

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Senior Administrative Officer

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

Establishing Religious Affiliation AM '58

November 28, 1958

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We are running into considerable difficulty in some Agencies with regard to Indians changing their religious affiliation frequently.

This is usually done from some Missionary desiring to get children into certain residential schools. Due to the entrance of several smaller sects into the Indian Missionary field, the matter is becoming quite a problem.

Our Superintendents have been requested to change their records in the form of letters or signed statements from Indians and Missionaries at different times during the year.

I have in mind issuing instructions to all Superintendents that no changes shall be made in our records until the Indian concerned signs a Statutory Declaration before one of our Senior staff authorized to take Oaths. Thus the influence of local Missionaries, who are actually competing to have Indians change their beliefs will be eliminated.

The situation is so confusing that we are now finding Roman Catholic children in Protestant Residential Schools and vice versa. I would appreciate Departmental reaction to the issuance of the above instructions.

F. Matters

c.c. Chief, Education Division

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

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TO: Mr. F. Matters, Regional Supervisor  
FROM: Superintendent, Sioux Lookout Agency  
SUBJECT: Admissions - Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School.

OUR FILE: 144/25-2-470  
YOUR FILE:  
DATE: Aug. 21, 1958.

Enclosed please find applications for admission to Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School. These are for children who have been attending the Osnaburgh Seasonal School. It is recommended that these admissions be approved.

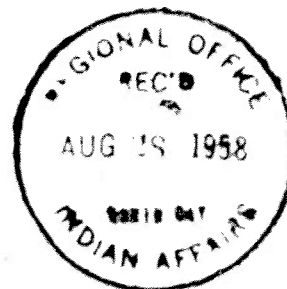
Alice Ashmegeesha	No. 271 Osnaburgh Band.
Elsie Loon	269 Osnaburgh Band.
Bella Loon	269 Osnaburgh Band.
Daisy Crane	259 Osnaburgh Band.
Edward L. Ashmegeesha	271 Osnaburgh Band.
Thomas Crane	259 Osnaburgh Band.
Morris Loon	269 Osnaburgh Band.
Morris Michenene	251 Osnaburgh Band.
Andy Michenene	251 Osnaburgh Band.

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Yours very truly,

Superintendent  
Sioux Lookout Agency

Encls.



144/25-2-1470 (86)

OTTAWA,  
October 23, 1957

**Mr. G. Searles,**  
Superintendent,  
Sioux Lookout Indian Agency,  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

The Department approves the admission  
of the following children to the Sioux Lookout Indian  
Residential School:

Alex Isiah Beardy  
Merris Parichese  
Isabel Child  
Edith (Ada) Child  
Annie Child  
Jane Tait  
Albert Sakchekapo  
Lealie Beardy  
Mary Williams

Original Signed by  
M.F. TRACK

MFT/wb

**R.F. Davay,**  
Superintendent of Education.



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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

OUR FILE NO. 51-5025-2-470

YOUR FILE NO.

Sioux Lookout, Ontario  
October 17, 1957.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

Re: Admissions - Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School.

Enclosed please find additional applications for the following children to attend the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School and it is recommended that these admissions be approved.

Mary Williams	30 Caribou Lake Band
Leslie Beardy	206 Trout Lake Band
Albert Sakchekapo	76 Caribou Lake Band
Sarah Jane Tait	27 Trout Lake Band
Annie Child	341 Trout Lake Band
Edith Child	341 Trout Lake Band
Isabel Child	341 Trout Lake Band
Morris Panicheese	305 Trout Lake Band
Alex (Isiah) Beardy	206 Trout Lake Band

*G. Swartman*  
G. Swartman  
Superintendent  
Sioux Lookout Agency

Oct 21 1957

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APPOINTMENT - Function

SIGNATURE

April 5, 1957.

Mr. O. Swartson,  
Superintendent,  
Sioux Lookout Indian Agency,  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

It has been brought to our attention that Alice Skibik from the Long Lake Band was admitted to the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School and subsequently transferred to the Shingauk Indian Residential School. We do not know the date on which this girl was admitted to the Sioux Lookout School, but the December Return for the Shingauk School indicates that she entered that school on December 13, 1956.

It has also been brought to our attention that the parents of this child are Roman Catholic and the father Michael Skibik has stated that he neither knew nor consented to this girl's transfer to the Shingauk School. We do not appear to have any correspondence pertaining to this girl's original admission to the Sioux Lookout School.

Representation has been received that the father has indicated his wishes that the child should be sent home to him or admitted to a catholic residential school nearer to his home, preferably at MacIntosh, Ontario.

As we do not appear to have any previous correspondence on this child, it will be appreciated if you will let us know:

- (a) The date on which she was admitted to the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School.

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- (b) Were you consulted on her admission to the school?
- (c) Secure from the Principal of the Sioux Lockout Residential School all information pertaining to her admission to that school. For example, was she brought by someone and if so, by whom? The principal reason for admitting her to the school without evidently securing previous authority for this admission and any other information that you can secure from the Principal.

It is presumed that you arranged for her transfer to the Shingwauk School as the accommodation at the Sioux Lockout School was limited.

I would appreciate your giving this matter your immediate attention.

R. F. Dewey,  
Superintendent of Education.

c.c. Mr. W. Cowans

c.c. Mr. F. Matters

c.c. File 13/15-2-469