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Ottawa, September 5, 1929.

Dear Mr. Irwin:

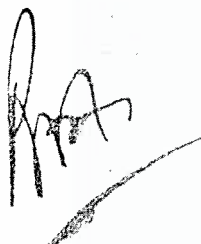
The church authorities at the Spanish Indian Residential School are making an intelligent effort to commence Boy Scout work at the institution. A Jesuit Father from Regina, now attached to the staff of Loyola College, Montreal, has been at the school for the past two months. He is experienced in the scout movement and has organized the work. A Mr. Kisel will be the scout master.

I consider this activity very valuable for the youth of our wards, and the Department intends to assist, as far as possible. Would it be convenient for one of the Ontario field executives to visit the school for the purpose of assisting the local management? The school is located at Spanish, on the mainland, north of Manitoulin Island.

Yours very truly,



Russell T. Ferrier,  
Supt. of Indian Education.

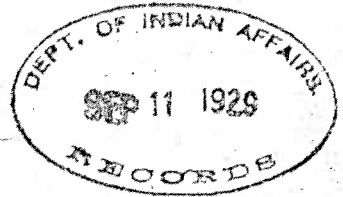


S. C. Irwin, Esq.,  
Boy Scout Association,  
330 Bay St.,  
Toronto 2, Ont.



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TORONTO 2, September 10, 1929

*File - Spanish*

Mr. Russell C. Ferrier,  
Supt. of Indian Education,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Ferrier:

Thank you for your letter No. 36-0-1 of the 5th inst. re proposed Boy Scout organization at your school at Spanish. We have also heard from Mr. Kisel, and have sent to him information re organization, registration, etc.

You may be sure that we will do anything and everything we can to help this new Troop along. The first time one of our field men is up that way we will arrange for him to spend a day at the school.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Provincial Commissioner.

P.S.- So that you will know our organization plan I am enclosing herewith a copy of our booklet "How to Organize a Boy Scout Troop."



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TORONTO 2, Sept. 25, 1929.

Mr. Russell T. Ferrier,  
Superintendent of Indian Education,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Ferrier:

With further reference to your  
Letter No. 36-0-1 dated September 5th.

Things have come right along in  
connection with the formation of the new Scout Troop in  
your school at Spanish and we are today in receipt of an  
application for Troop Charter.

The application is signed by Rev.  
Father Belanger, S.J., as Principal of the school, but  
in order to show the approval of your department I would  
be very glad to have you endorse the application which  
I am enclosing herewith. As this is a school Troop rather  
than a community Troop, there will be no Troop Committee  
in the ordinary sense and we will also forego the payment  
of registration fees as we do in the case of other schools  
under Government control.

When we receive the charter applica-  
tion back from you the document will be issued and sent to  
Spanish and registration certificates will be made out for  
the Scoutmaster and boys.

With every good wish, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Provincial Commissioner.

PCI/HLA.

# REQUISITION FOR SCHOOL MATERIAL

For Indian Residential School on Spanish

Reserve in Ontario Agency

Date Sept 9th. 1929

ARTICLES	NO. ON HAND	DATE OF LAST RECEIPT	NO. REQUIRED	NO. AUTHORIZED	REMARKS
Hats			9		From The Boy Scouts Association, 172 Wellington St., Ottawa Ont.
Shirts			9		
Breeches			9 pr		
Belts			9		
Stockings			9 pr		
Stuffs			9		
Jeanshow Hugs			2 pr		
Signalling flag sticks			4		
Rope			1		
Patrol leader's stripes			1 set		
second's stripes			1		
Charts			6		
Booklets			6		
Whistle			1		
Longyard			1		
Shoulder knots			9		
Neckerchiefs			9		
Turk's Headdress			9		
Tenderfoot badges (black)			9		Boy Scouts Association 330 Bay St Toronto.
Second class (black)			9		

Address to which above supplies are to be sent:

Name Rev Charles Belanger S.J.

School Indian Residential School

Post Office (nearest) Spanish,

Provincial Office (nearest) \_\_\_\_\_

Province Ontario

Number of Pupils on Roll \_\_\_\_\_

do in 1st Standard \_\_\_\_\_

do in 2nd do \_\_\_\_\_

do in 3rd do \_\_\_\_\_

do in 4th do \_\_\_\_\_

do in 5th do \_\_\_\_\_

do in 6th do \_\_\_\_\_

Note - To avoid delay and correspondence in filling Requisitions, the teacher should give full particulars regarding each article required. The name, series, number of grade and name of author and publisher of all books required should be given as fully as possible.

*Charles Kiel*  
Teacher

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have examined this requisition, and that the articles asked for by the teacher are necessary and are such as are in use in the Provincial schools.

*Chas Belanger S.J.*  
Indian Supl. or Agent

for each school.

CHIEF SCOUT FOR CANADA  
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TORONTO 2, Sept. 19, 1929.

Mr. Chas. J. Kisel,  
Boys' Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.

Dear Mr. Kisel:

Thank you for your letter of September 10th re the Boy Scout situation at your school. I am sending to you herewith copy of our application for Charter which I suggest that you complete so far as the boys' enrolments are concerned and particulars with reference to yourself as Scoutmaster. Have it signed by the head of the school and then send it to us direct or through Mr. Russell Ferrier, who has also written to me re the situation at Spanish. Mr. Ferrier is a personal friend of mine and I feel quite sure that he can reach some agreement that will be satisfactory to you, to him and to us. As soon as the application is forwarded to us you may consider the Troop as registered and then order such badges and supplies as you require.

With every good wish, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Provincial Commissioner.

FCI/HLA.

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St. Vincent & the  
Grenadines  
SPANISH ONT.

*New file*

36-0-17



*[Handwritten signature]*

September 29th. /29

Mr Ferrier, B.A.  
Supt. of Indian Education,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont  
Dear Mr Ferrier,

The first patrol of Indian Boy Scouts has been organized in our school. Work is actively under way and the interest which the boys take in it predicts a successful year.

According to arrangements made with Fr Smeaton your Department is to supply the boys with whatever they need. I am enclosing a list of our present needs. Although I am sending in a requisition for complete uniforms, the boys will receive them only a piece at a time as they earn it.

I am enclosing 2 lists...one for your records the other containing all the necessary details which you may send to the Boys Scout Association. This, I hope, will be more convenient to you as well as to the Association.

I trust that you will do your utmost to have these supplies sent soon. If at any time you should desire any information about the Scout movement in our school I shall be pleased and honoured to give it.

Your humble and obedient servant,

*Chas. J. Kisel*

*Q5246*

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IN ACCOUNT WITH—



THE STORES DEPT.  
THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

CANADIAN GENERAL COUNCIL

172 WELLINGTON STREET  
OTTAWA, CANADA

SOLD TO:—

MESSRS. THE DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

DOMINION GOVERNMENT

Our Invoice No. 7036

Your Order No. 36-0-17

Terms Cash

Date Shipped Oct. 5

Shipped Via C.P. Exp

*See note*

DATE OF INVOICE Oct. 7. 29.

OTTAWA.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	Sent to - Scoutmaster C.J. Kisel, Indian Residential School, Spanish Ont.			
9	only Scout Hats	1.55	13.95	
9	" " Shirts	1.45	13.05	
9	" " Breeches	3.25	29.25	
9	" " Belts	.75	6.75	
9	" " Hose	1.00	9.00	
9	Staffs	.35	3.15	
24	pr. Semaphore Flags	.80 pr	1.60	
1	only Signalling Flag Sticks	.25	1.00	
1	" Spinning Rope		1.50	
1	set P.L. Stripes		.05	
1	" " Seconds Stripes		.03	
9	Neckerchiefs	.45	4.05	
9	Knots	.05	.45	
9	Lanyard		.20	
9	Whistle		.35	
9	Heads	.15	1.35	
	Books			85.73
6	copies Starting to Scout	.15	.90	
6	Charts	.10	.60	
			1.50	87.23

*16/10/29*  
*Verified correct,  
copies furnished,  
9/10/29*

*4100*

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Indian Residential School  
Spanish.....Ont..

36-0-17

Dec 2nd. 1929

Mr Ferrier B.A.

Supt. Indian Education

Ottawa...Ont.

Dear Mr Ferrier,

Could I have a few minutes of your time <sup>in which</sup> ~~and when~~ to give you a sort of résumé of Boy Scout Work in our school up to date, and also to give you a brief outline about plans for the future?

The first nine boys which started in the movement are in good shape as far as the tests in Scout Work are concerned. They have had a good deal of fun and have a good understanding of Boy Scout ideals. The uniforms which you so graciously sent, were indeed a great boost and contributed greatly to create the fine spirit which is now in the troop. The results so far, are far ahead of our fondest hopes.

We are now training our recruits. Most of them are ready for the initial test. There are 29 of them. This will raise the number in the troop to 37 which is 5 more than Scout Headquarters advises. But the boys were so anxious to join that it was very difficult to draw the line at 32 and still be fair to the boys who wanted to join. However there will no doubt be some who will in time, not try to live up to the Scout Law so they will have to drop out, so that in the end the troop will consist of the regulation number of Scouts.

I am enclosing an application for registration for the new boys and also a list of a few things we need. Would you please send these on to the Provincial Headquarters, Boy Scout Association, 330 Bay St. Toronto.

Our work during the winter will be mostly indoor work with a lot of drill on the qualifications for the Second Class Badge. We also expect that the Scouts will stage some kind of demonstration at the Christmas Entertainment in the school. In the spring we hope to work on a project, ~~mainly~~ <sup>namely</sup>...a Scout Garden. If our plans are successful we shall have about half an acre of good garden land. My fellow teacher who will direct it, is an old and experienced farmer <sup>and</sup> gardener and we are looking forward to an A-1...Garden.

So you see, Mr Ferrier, the boys have made a creditable showing so far and if our plans for the year can be carried out we shall be able to show not only results of character building which are more or less intangible, but material results as well.

Trusting that you will attend to our needs at your earliest convenience.

I am,

Your humble servant,

  
(Scout Master)

Ottawa, December 7, 1929.

Dear Mr. Irwin:

The Scout Master of the Troop at the Spanish Indian Residential School has forwarded to me the enclosed application for registration of 29 additional scouts. You may forward an account, in duplicate, to this Department for the fees. Would you please supply this troop with 3 patrol leaders' buttonhole badges and 25 tenderfoot buttonhole badges. Please let the Department have your account, in duplicate.

I am pleased to state that recent reports indicate this little troop is doing very well.

Yours very truly,

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

Encl.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
~~Frank C. Irwin, Esq.,~~  
Assistant Commissioner,  
Boy Scouts Association,  
330 Bay St.,  
Toronto 2, Ont.

Ottawa, December 7, 1929.

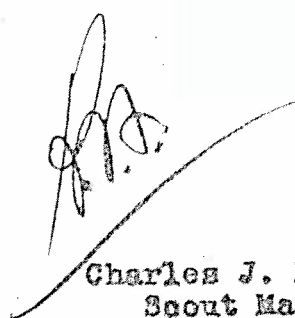
Dear Mr. Kisel:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, with enclosures, concerning boy scout work at the Spanish Indian Residential School. The Department wishes to congratulate you on the success which is rewarding your efforts. I believe it will be in order, in future, for you to deal direct with the Provincial and Dominion Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association. I understand that applications for registration of scouts go to Toronto. Requisitions for all boy scout equipment, with the exception of the badges, is made to Dominion Headquarters, Ottawa. The buttonhole badges are secured from the Provincial Headquarters. You may inform either Provincial or Dominion Headquarters that the Department will accept responsibility for the expenses and that they should send you the account, in duplicate. You will then certify to it and forward it to me for payment.

I am dealing with the enclosures this time. The application for registration of additional scouts is being sent to Mr. Frank S. Irwin, Assistant Commissioner, The Boy Scouts Association, 330 Bay St., Toronto, 2. I am also asking him for the buttonhole badges. I am requesting the Stores Department, Dominion Headquarters, Boy Scouts Association, 172 Wellington St., Ottawa, to send you signalling flags, flag sticks and a troop record book.

Yours very truly,

  
Russell T. Ferrier,  
Supt. of Indian Education.

  
Charles J. Kisel, Esq.,  
Scout Master,  
Indian Residential School,  
Spanish, Ont.

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*W. D. Ross*  
*See 20 file - Spanish*

TORONTO 2, December 9, 1929

Mr. Russell T. Ferris,  
Supt. of Indian Education,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Ref. Your No. 36-C-17  
dated December 7, 1929

Dear Mr. Ferris:

We are registering the additional Scouts of the 1st Spanish Troop as per your letter of the 7th inst. But we are not billing your Department for registration fees as it was our suggestion that the boys in such institutions be registered without payment of fees, this being our practice with reference to Troops in Provincial Government institutions.

Badges as ordered for the Troop are being sent direct to Mr. Kisel today, invoices for same being sent to you herewith for payment. I trust that this is satisfactory.

With every good wish, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Frank C. Irwin*

Assistant Provincial Commissioner.

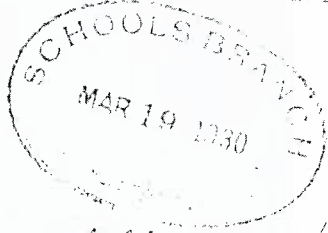
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36-0-17

Spanish, Ont.

Mar. 13, 1931

Mr. R. Ferrer, B.A.,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa, Ont.



Dear Mr. Ferrer -

*J. J. [Signature]*

You will perhaps recall my telling you that our Boy Scouts were planning to plant a garden this year. I'd aim to have it on a competitive basis and as part of the scout work.

It won't be long now before the ground is ready and we will be needing tools and seeds. Could the department supply us with these? Here is the list of our needs.

- 1. Planet Jr. Cultivator #95 (with fertilizer attachment if possible)
- 2 doz hoes

Request  
equipment  
*P. E. J. [Signature]*

1 doz rakes

1/2 doz sprinkling cans - 3 gal. capacity

1/2 ton fertilizer - suitable for light black soil (muck)

1/2 doz wide-tined digging forks

1/2 doz Planting trowels

1 lb. Giant sugar beet

1 lb. Swede Giant turnip

1/2 lb. Early gem ocheart carrots

1 oz. Early white plum celery

1 oz. Improved Autumn King cabbage

1/4 lb. Hollow crown parsnips

1/2 lb. Cardinal Globe beet (table)

1 lb. Golden Sunshine corn

~~1/4 lb.~~ 1/2 lb. Early Fortune Cucumber

2 lbs. Dwarf telephone peas

2 lbs. Dwarf white wax beans

1 lb. English broad beans

1 lb. Large Visafly Salsify

1/4 lb Improved Victoria Spinach

This list of seeds is taken from Kennie's seed catalogue.

Trusting that these will be forwarded in time to start work as soon as the ground is ready.

Yours

Your obedient servant

Chas. [unclear]



36-0-17.

Ottawa, March 19, 1930.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th instant, regarding the garden work the Boy Scouts at the Spanish Indian Residential School are planning to carry out this coming Spring and requesting that the Department supply the tools and seeds required, as per the itemized list of these supplies mentioned in your letter.

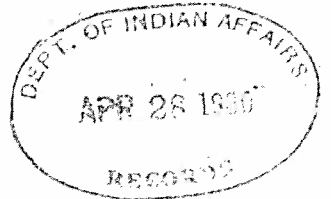
In reply I have to say it is not the policy of the Department to supply equipment of this nature to Indian residential schools, and the same should be purchased by the school authorities from their per capita earnings or other receipts. I regret, therefore, that it will not be possible for this Department to furnish the seeds and tools asked for.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. Mackenzie*  
A. F. Mackenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Spanish, Ont  
Apr. 25, 1936

Mr. R. Tierce, B.A.,  
Ctpt. of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

The Boy Scout Troop in our school now has thirty-six Scouts. Only nine of these have uniforms. Most of the others will have passed their second class tests soon and should have their uniforms when they do. Although you did tell me to order direct from the Scout Supply Dept. yet this order will be a rather heavy one so I thought that it would be better to have your approval before I did so. If the department sees the way clear to supply these uniforms, which I hope it does, I shall be pleased to send details re sizes etc.

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Boy Scout work has taken well here and the results so far have surpassed our fondest hopes. Those who have been away from

the school. for several months, on coming back, notice the difference in the boys and attribute it to Scouting.

The meetings themselves have improved. They are well conducted by the boys themselves.

We have just organized our Court of Honor. It has not had an opportunity to do any work yet but its future looks promising.

I could tell of many incidents to show that Scouting here has so far been a success. However I will not weary you with any more details or take up any more of your time.

I sincerely hope that the department will continue to give the movement the splendid support which it has given in the past.

Kindly advise concerning uniforms as soon as possible.

Your humble and obedient servant

Chas. J. H. [Signature]  
(Scoutmaster)

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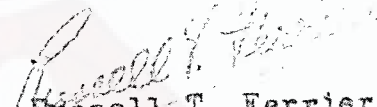
Ottawa, April 30, 1930.

Dear Mr. Kisel:

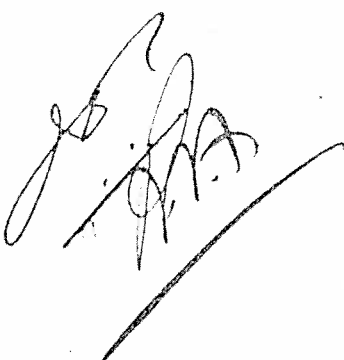
I have your letter of the 25th instant, requesting a further supply of uniforms for the boy scout troupe at the Spanish Indian Residential School.

In this connection I have to say that it is the usual practice for schools to purchase the uniforms. The Department, in order to encourage the taking up of scout work among the boys at the Spanish School, provided outfits for nine boys, but it is now hoped that the school authorities, themselves, will be able to provide the cost of any further uniforms for the additional number of scouts that may be enrolled in the troupe. The Department is pleased to note that the boy scout work is meeting with continued success and that the boys at the Spanish School are interested in the scout work.

Your obedient servant,



Russell T. Ferrier,  
Supt. of Indian Education.



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