


Indian Affairs
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To the Honorable D. C. Scott,
Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Please

Honorable Sir:

It just came to my knowledge that the Waterways Commission had a meeting in September last, regarding the raising of the level of Rainy Lake, two feet and a half from the high water mark.

The same Commission will meet again on the 15th Nov. If such a thing is allowed to Backus our school is lost because the basement will be inundated.

In 1916 when the level of the water
was over the present marks we
were obliged to block the sewer
because the lake was overflowing
the school.

Last year when the
same question was brought up,
I advised the Dept. of Indian Affairs

Very truly yours,

Wm. J. Brumwell
Principal

124-1-5.

Noted R.7.7.

Ottawa, Oct. 28, 1922.

Sir:-

I am directed to acknowledge your No. 7260 of the 12th instant, enclosing copies of communications from the Rev. Principal of the Fort Frances Boarding School.

In reply I beg to state that the Deputy Superintendent General is directing a letter to the Rev. Father Brassard in this connection. The additions needed at the school and the repairs to the barn will receive the earnest consideration of the Department when the Estimates for 1923-24 are being prepared.

I have noted that portion of your letter referring to the danger to the Fort Frances Boarding School in the event of a raising of the level of Rainy Lake.

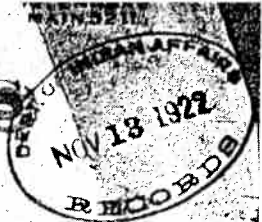
Your obedient servant,

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

R.7.7. *Wright*
J. P. Wright, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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MEYER BROTHERS

MANUFACTURERS OF
LAUNDRY MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES
DYERS AND CLEANERS SPECIALTIES



[Handwritten signature]

TORONTO November 10, 1922.

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The Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
NOV 14 1922
ARCHITECT.

Dear Sir: ATTENTION OF MR. McLEAN

We received your letter of the 11th ult., reference No. 124-1-5, and contents carefully noted. We regret that, owing to the absence of the writer, your letter was not answered before.

What we furnished to the Fort Francis School was a machine equal to the Canadian Laundry Machine Co.'s machine, and we will guarantee that the mangle is an up to date machine in every respect.

We note that the principal of the school raises an objection to the feeding device. We maintain that the feeding device on our mangle is superior to any feeding device which is being manufactured for any mangle. We can refer you to such institutions as -

- The Industrial Refuge - Toronto
- Toronto General Hospital "
- Isolation Hospital - "
- Hospital for incurables "
- Free Consumptive Hospital - Weston
- Gravehurst Sanitarium - Gravenhurst
- St. Vincent de Paul Hospital - Brockville
- St. Joseph's Hospital - Port Arthur
- McKeller Hospital - Port William
- Woodstock Hospital - Woodstock
- Ingersoll Hospital - Ingersoll
- Welland Hospital - Welland
- Perth Hospital - Perth
- Nicholl's Hospital - Peterboro
- Victoria Hospital - London
- Amassa Wood Hospital - St. Thomas

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL

FORT FRANCES, ONT.

Irat. Dec. 1922

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
DEC 4 1922
RECORDS

To Mr. J. D. McLean

Assist. Deputy & Secretary

Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
- DEC 5 1922
ARCHITECT.

Dear Sir,

I delayed in answering to your last of the 14 Nov. re. No. I24 - I - 5. Referring to the mangle furnished to the school, and also of Mr. Meyers visit to the school. I regret to have to say that until the present, I am still waiting for his visit.

Now in reference to the letters you received from Mr. Meyers regarding the mangle, I noticed, at the beginning of his letter, he said: "What we furnished to the Fort Frances School was a machine equal to the Canadian Laundry Machine Co."..... He forget to say that the difference of the value of his machine and that of Canadian Laundry Co. is only the small item of three hundred dollars (\$300.), that is what he calls an equal valuable machine

In the second paragraph of his letter he says: "We know that the Principal of the School raised an objection to the feeding device & & &"..... It is easy to make an affirmation without any proof. His feeding device, that he calls so good, we have always trouble with it, and it is not of his to criticize the complicated mechanism of the other Co. HIS, as he as he says: "It is the simplest feeding device..." It so simple that I do not want it.

Further on, in his letter he says: "We are the first in the laundry business in Canada. We started in 1884"..... WHAT DOES THAT PROVE??? It prove only that they have maybe a great lot of old stock, and the Dept. of Indian Affairs is a good open door to pass them, and to verify it I can shew him one of his EXTRACTOR? ~~WHICH~~ which is still at the back of the barn at the School ~~and~~ of Fort Frances

He has furthermore said: "I do not know what the Principal means by a second or a third class machine..." I mean all kinds of machines that could not be put on exposition ground with a chance of obtaining a baby prize he would have a chance...

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I compare his mangle with the out of the mangle of the Canadian Laundry Machine or any of the modern type, as I would compare it to a Harry Ford's Tin Box Machine with a Super-Six or a McLaughlin or a Pirce-Arrex & .&. &. &.

Furthermore, referring again to the paragraph concerning the feeding device and the rest of the mechanism, I do not consider myself competent, (although knowing something in machanic) to answer, however as he is disgracing the feeding device of the other modern machine, it is my humble opinion that the said paragraph of his letter should be transmitted to the Manager of the Canadian Laundry Machine Co.....

He added: " We have had some nice business from your Dept....
What dose he mean ? ?

Once more, I ask to have the name of the Co., put on the black list.

Again, for more reference be kind enough to refer to Rev. Father J. Guy O.M.I. University Ottawa

Yours very truly

Henri Duhamel J. A. M. S.
Principal

To Mr. J. D. McLean Esq.
Assist. Deputy & Secretary,
Dept of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Dept. of Indian Affairs

Ottawa

In acct with

Dr. S. A. Reuss

Dental work for Indian School children (Fort Frances Ont)

Oct 24	Mary Cyr		
	2 large caps on amalgam fillings		2.50
	3 synthetic porcelain fillings		5.25
	1 small ag. 4 medium ags		4.75
	1 extraction (novocain)		.75
Oct 24	Christine Bournault		
	1 small ag. 3 medium ags		3.75
	3 syn. porc. 4 exts. (novocain)		8.25
	2 exts tempy teeth		.50
Oct 24	George Cyr		
	1 large cap on amalgam filling		1.25
Oct 28	Clara Bruyere		
	1 ext. (novocain) 2 small ags		2.25
	1 medium ag. 1 large ag		2.25
	2 exts tempy teeth		.50
Oct 31	George Bruyere		
	1 small ag. 2 medium ags		2.75
	+ exts. (no local anesthetic)		2.00
Nov. 5	Charlotte Trisswell		
	1 ext. (novocain) 3 exts tempy teeth		1.50
	2 exts (no chg)		
Nov. 10	Martin Bournault		
	13 ag. in 1 tooth & large amalgam		6.50
	2 caps new 1 medium ag		1.50
	1 large amalgam		1.25
	2 exts tempy teeth 2 exts (no chg)		.50
	Amortment carried over out		4.00

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Dept. of Indian Affairs Ottawa

Amount brought forward		48.00
Nov 10	Joseph Adams	
	1 large amalgam ^{1.25} 1 cap new ²⁵	1.50
	2 large amalgam ^{2.50} 1 medium ag ^{1.00}	3.50
	3 ags in 1 cast ^{1.50} 1 medium ag ^{1.00}	2.50
	6 extractions (novocain) ⁷⁵ ^{4.50}	4.50
Nov 11	Andrew Jordan	
	2 small ags ^{1.50} 2 medium ags ^{2.00}	3.50
	2 sets temp. teeth ^{1.50} 2 sets (no ch)	50
Nov 11	Ernest Perrault	
	1 large ag ^{1.25} 1 cap new ²⁵	1.50
	1 large ag ^{1.25} 1 medium ^{1.00}	2.25
	1 set temp teeth	25
Nov 17	Caroline Bruyere	
	3 large ags ^{3.75} 2 sets temp teeth ⁵⁰	4.25
	2 sets (no ch)	
Nov 17	Teronica Leonard	
	2 ags. pore ^{3.50} 2 large ags ^{2.50}	6.00
	1 small ag ²⁵ 1 large ag ^{1.75}	2.00
	1 set (novocain) ⁷⁵	75
Nov 18	3 large ags ^{3.75} 3 sets novocain ^{2.25}	6.00
Nov 18	Theresa Jordan	
	2 large ags ^{2.50} 2 sets novocain ^{1.50}	4.00
	2 sets temp teeth ⁵⁰	50
Nov 18	Lora Adams	
	1 small ag ⁷⁵ 2 large ags ^{2.50}	3.25
	2 cap new ⁵⁰ 2 sets novocain ^{1.50}	2.00
	1 medium ag ^{1.00}	1.00
Nov 20	Theresa Adams	
	1 small ag ⁷⁵	

Amt. Brought Forward		99.00
Nov 20	Theresa Adams (cont'd)	
	3 sets (novecin) ^{2.25} 2 sets novecin ^{1.50}	3.75
Nov 20	Mary Lyons	
	1 very large ag. ^{1.25} 1 small ag. ^{.75}	2.00
	1 set temp. test	.25
Nov 23	Luey Adams	
	1 very large ag. ^{1.25} 1 caps. nurse ^{.25}	1.50
	1 set novecin ^{.75} 2 sets temp. test ^{1.50}	2.25
Nov 23	Martha Jourdain	
	1 large ag. ^{1.25} 1 medium ag. ^{1.00}	2.25
	1 small ag. ^{.75} 1 set temp. test ^{1.25}	2.00
Nov 23	Belle Jourdain	
	2 large ag. ^{2.50} 2 medium ^{2.00}	4.50
Nov 25	Katherine Adams	
	2 medium ag. ^{2.00} 2 sets temp. test ^{1.50}	3.50
Nov 25	Blodie Jourdain	
	3 sets novecin ^{.75}	2.25
Nov 25	Mae Jourdain	
	1 large ag. ^{1.25} 1 medium ag. ^{1.00}	2.25
	1 set (novecin)	.75
Nov 29	Bertha Snowball	
	+ small ag. ^{.75} 3 sets temp. test ^{3.00}	3.75
Nov 29	Francis Monahan	
	1 large ag. ^{1.25} 1 medium ag. ^{1.00}	2.25
	1 small ag. ^{.75}	.75

130.00

Dept. of Indian Affairs

Nov 29. Alice Adams	Am't brought forward	13.00
1 day for filing		1.75
3 cuts (morning) ^{2.25} (rest of day) ^{2.50}		2.50
29 Annie Speaker		
2 days ^{2.50} (rest of day)		3.25
Total to Nov 30/22		137.50

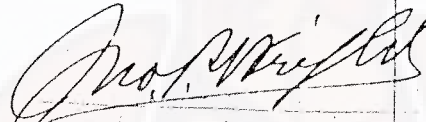
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Authorized by Department letter of the 3rd October 1922

No. I24-I-I

Certified Correct.

Work performed, charges fair and just

No 86 

Indian Agent.

sent Dec 11/22
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Dr. B. A. Reeves

DENTIST AND
OPTOMETRIST

FORT FRANCES, Dec. 1st, 1922
Ontario

Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith, statement of account for Dental work done for the children of the Industrial School here, up to and including the 30th. of November.

So far, I have attended to and completed the work on the teeth of twenty six children, and these with eleven others, for whom no work was required at the time examination was made (unless cavities have developed since) would make thirty seven or about half the total number.

I may say that I took the worst cases first- those in which the greatest amount of work was to be done, consequently the average amount of work yet to be done and average cost per pupil, will be much below the first ones. You will notice this from the statement for those already done- the average cost gradually decreased as the work progressed. I am under the impression that the average will be still lower than those on the last two sheets but am not sure of this.

In the matter of one class of fillings, I possibly exceeded the authority given me a little. This is in the case of Synthetic porcelain fillings in anterior teeth, which I put in rather than put in cement fillings. To put in cement fillings in any of the cases in which I used Synthetic porcelain, would be poor economy, as the cement would dissolve out in a year or two, whereas the Synthetic porcelain will last for many years and the difference in cost is trifling.

As these were all in front teeth, it would be too bad to use silver or amalgam which would turn black and be unsightly.

If you wish to refer the question of cost to any dentist, he will tell you that the fees charged for the Synthetic porcelain or for any of the work is very reasonable indeed.

The teeth of the Indian people are quite hard to extract, and I thought it only fair to them to use a local anesthetic in practically all cases. There were many cases of abscessed teeth, old roots and large cavities in molars which must have had a considerable effect on the vitality of the children through inability to properly masticate their food and also because of the secretions from ulcerated teeth and decaying food material in cavities. I believe there will be less illness among these children.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am
Yours sincerely

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124-1-5.

Ottawa, December 12, 1922.

Gentlemen,-

A further communication has been received from the Reverend Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Boarding School, regarding the "mangle" furnished this school by you, in which he states that up to the present an officer of your firm has not visited the school to examine the mangle.

Please give this matter your immediate attention .

Your obedient servant,

(J. D. McLean)

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Moyer Brothers,

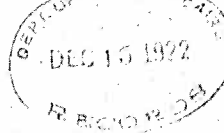
Toronto,

Ont.

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R
 Department of Indian Affairs

Vote No. _____

Treaty No. _____



To Robt. Moore, M.D.

Fort Frances

Ont.

DATE 1922	SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
	To Glasses purchased for pupils of the Fort Frances Boarding School	
Oct 31	" Glasses for Pupil No. 087 Voucher No. 1	10.00
Nov 23	" Do. " " " 057 " " 2	8.50
29	" Do. " " " 068 & 067 " " 3	10.00
Dec 2	" Do. " " " 088 " " 4	9.00
TOTAL.		\$37.50

While these pupils were being treated for dental work, see Voucher No. 86, it was found that they required their eyes attended to and upon recommendation of Doctor Moore they were supplied.

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 Paid 19/2/22*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

1091 *[Signature]*

CABLE ADDRESS
"MEYER"

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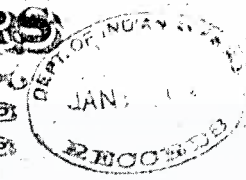
TELEPHONE
MAIN 5211



W. Meyer

MEYER BROTHERS

MANUFACTURERS OF
LAUNDRY MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES
DYERS AND CLEANERS SPECIALTIES



TORONTO January 19, 1923.

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The Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

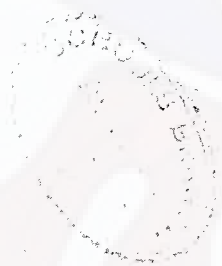
One of our representatives is now on the way to give attention to the mangle at Fort Francis in the Indian Boarding School. We very much regret this delay but it was impossible to avoid it.

Yours very truly,

MEYER BROS.

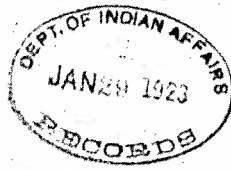
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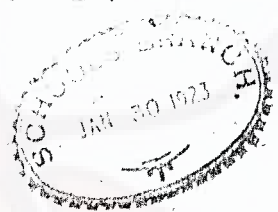
Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances, Ontario.

Jan. 26. 1923

~~Schools R.A.~~

578370

To the Honorable D. C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent Gen.
Ottawa.



Honorable Sir:

Please permit me to recall
to your mind the good hope you gave
me in your honored letter dated Oct 25-1922,
regarding the enlargement of Fort Frances
Indian Boarding School, so as to be
able to admit a larger number of pupils.

Thanking you, kind Sir in
anticipation of a favorable reply,
in the near future.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Refers to
"no work"

H. W. Crossland Pto. Aust.

Believe many can be made to
assist in the school as approach it
with interest.

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MEYER BROTHERS

MANUFACTURERS OF
LAUNDRY MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES
DYERS AND CLEANERS SPECIALTIES



TORONTO November 10, 1922.

There are hundreds of other institutions which have our complete equipment.

We were the first in the laundry machine business in Canada. We started in 1884.

What we propose to do is to have our Mr. Meyer make a trip to Fort Francis and take up this matter with the principal with your permission.

I do not know what your Principal means by a second or third class machine.

Coming back to the feeding device, we consider that our feeding device is the simplest and the safest that is being used on any mangles at the present time. Now take the La Salle College at Aurora where they are using one of these machines, they have young help operating this. It is almost impossible for an accident to happen with this device. The feeding device which he refers to, made by the Canadian Laundry Machine Co., is so complicated that it is not open half the time which makes it very dangerous. I can show you such a device on ten or fifteen Flat Work Irons used in the city of Toronto and none of these automatic stops are in operation or have been, owing to the complicated construction.

We have had some nice business from your department and we are here to give you service and will attend to this at once. We thank you for drawing our attention to the matter.

Yours very truly,
MEYER BROS.

LM

R.F.F.

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124-1-5

FORT FRANCES INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL



noted R.F.F.

1c-ENLARGMENT OF SCHOOL:-Approximate expense:\$25,000.00
Cf Principal's letter to Department dated
October 11th, 1922, and stating reasons
in full.

noted R.F.F.

2c-REPAIRS TO STABLES:Approximate expense:\$1,000.00.
Cf Principal's letter of October 11th, 1922.

3c-OVEN:-The principal emphasizes the necessity of a lar-
ger oven and makes request for one.

Joseph Guy out

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL

FORT FRANCES, ONT.

1st. Feb. 1923

To Mr. M. C. Orr Esq. Architect of the Dept Of Ind. Affairs
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday the 31st. of Jan. Last, I received the visit of Mr. L. Myers of the Myers Bros of Toronto. We had a talk, and I told him why I did not like his mangle, and that the said mangle was far from giving satisfaction.

We went to the laundry and after he had started it, he recognized that the machine was not giving satisfaction.-----He worked at it for about two hours and a half.---- He put new padding on the feeding roller, and he said that the padding of the pressing roller was not sufficient.---- He lower down the said roller, and now the roller can not be put out of gear.-----He said that he will send a new padding, and than the roller, with that new padding will be put up agin. etc. etc.

Now, he says, you understand when we take a contract with the Dept. it is always on specification or on equal.

On specification : I do not think that the Dept. of Indian Affairs specified such a mangle, neither had they the intention to do so.

An equal : That machine, is not equal to the modern Laundry machine and he did not deny it either. There is the misunderstanding.

And than he came to the point of the complication device of the modern laundry machine those of the Immediate stops saying that most of the time they are out of order.

I do not know that point, but our representative Rev Fater J. Guy O. M. I. of the University of Ottawa had installed one of these machine with a n Immediate stops at the Sacred-Hart Junierat so he can answer to that question. I refer to him.

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told to Mr Myers that I would rather have no mangle at all than to have one in which the hands of the children would be exposed and so forth, and I showed him how I come very closely to be caught myself, whilst pressing a roller towel, more over I told him that if I had been at Fort Frances when the machine came I would have sent it right back.

Now, I leave off in ~~my~~ your hands and I am sure you will take our interest.

Thanking you in advance ?

I remain very truly your's

*H. M. J. Brassard Jno.
Principal*

To Mr. R. G. Orr Esq. Architect of
the Dept of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

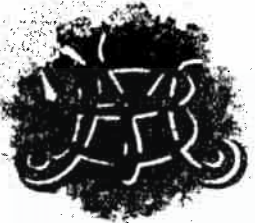
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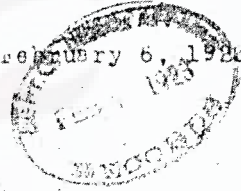
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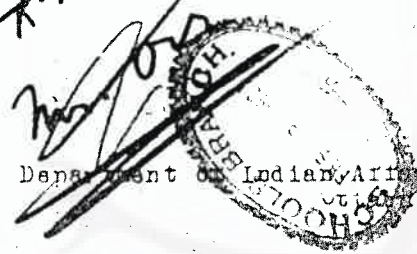
MANUFACTURERS OF
LAUNDRY MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES
DYERS AND CLEANERS SPECIALTIES



TORONTO February 6, 1920.



Handwritten initials: R 72



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The Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs: ATTENTION MR. McLEAN

The writer has just returned from Ft. Francis where he inspected the mangle at the Boarding School. He has succeeded in arranging the defective parts to the satisfaction of the principal. There were some parts evidently dislocated in transportation that were causing the trouble. Also our shipping department had not sent sufficient padding. However this has all been straightened up now.

Yours very truly,

Handwritten signature: Meyer Bros.

LM

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124-1-5.

Ottawa, February 27, 1923.

Dear Sirs,-

With further reference to the "Mangle" supplied by you to the Fort Frances Indian Boarding School, I beg to say that from information received, it would appear that this mangle is not in accordance with the specification on which you figured.

One very important feature is missing from your machine, and that is a "Safety Guard". The absence of this exposes the workers in the laundry, to accident.

I would ask you to make arrangements at once to equip this machine as called for in the specification, and, if it is not possible to do so, it will be necessary for the Department to notify the Principal to return same to you and ask your Company to refund to the Department for the machine.

Your obedient servant,

(J. D. McLean)
Assistant Deputy and Secretary.


MEYER BROTHERS,

Toronto,

Ont.

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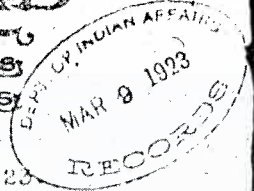
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MEYER BROTHERS

MANUFACTURERS OF
LAUNDRY MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES
DYERS AND CLEANERS SPECIALTIES



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TORONTO MARCH 7, 1923

580236

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to yours of the 27th ulto. we wish to say that the writer was in Port Francis himself and inspected the machine and placed it in first class working order. The safety guard that you refer to is on the machine. It is impossible for any operator to get injured owing to the manner in which the safety guard is operated. However the writer has been away for the last three weeks and was just returned and within the next day or two he will look into the specifications on this order.

The writer is rather surprised at receiving this letter as he was assured by the principal of the school that everything was entirely satisfactory except that we were to send him some extra padding for the padded roll. This has not gone forward yet because we are waiting for this material to arrive from the factory.

So far as we can see at present the machine supplied is according to specifications, but you will hear from us further in a few days without fail.

Yours very truly,

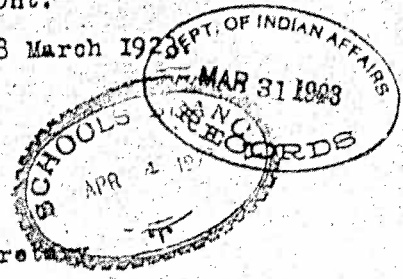
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(AC 10, Volume 519A, File 463-5, part 1)

Fort Frances, Ont.

28 March 1923



[Handwritten signature]
To Mr. J. D. McLean Esq.
Asst. Deputy Minister & Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,

Ray your lastx of the 22d. of March I beg to say that all the correspondences I had regarding the MANGLE are in the hands of the Dept. of Indian Affairs in your office or in the office of Mr. Orr Architect and in any one of them you cannot find out that I have been satisfied, by the way that we have been served by the Myers Bros.

On the 20th. of Sept 1922, File No 124-I-5B you have addressed me a cut of a mangle of the Canadian Laundry Co. You will find my answer to that letter. He, Mr Myers to whom I have ~~shown~~ shown the cut at the end of January last, pretends that his machine is equal to the machine represented on the cut, but he forgot that there is a difference at least of threghundred dollars (\$300.00). in the value, that is what Mr. Myers calls an equal value.....

Our representative Rev J. Guy O. M. I. of the University of Ottawa saw by himself the machine sent by Myers to the School, and can tell you of about it . I refer to him again.

Coming now to your last letter of the 22d. March, this is what I have to say about the Myers Co. I was, and I am afraid to write to them because I have no faith in them..... As he said by what you have quoted of his own letter: "...The writer is rather surprised at receiving this letter as he was assured by the Principal of the school" "that every thing was entirely satisfactory & & &" It is not ~~th~~ true. Here is a part of the conversation we had together: I told Mr Myers that if I had been at Fort Frances at the time that the mangle came I would have shipped it back immediately, and he answered ~~th~~: " It is a good thing then, that you had not been here ". So I said I had already one of their machines, the Extractor at the back of my barn, and that the said machine is still there.

Going than to the laundry I showed him the Extractor of the Beaver Soap Co. Than Mr Myers said : " We make the same machine. " I replied then. Why do you not ship me one like it. He did not say a word, but between us in my own humble opinion I think that their back-store is so full of old style machine, that they want some green Principals to accept them in their school.

Now what Myers has done here at the machine? He put a heavy cushion on the front roller or the roller protector, if you wish. (b) He releveled the driving motor; (c) he lowered ~~down~~ down the pressing roller, in such a way that now we cannot put it out of gear, and if any thing happens the sole resource to stop it is only the main switch of the driving motor; and if we have to change the cushion or the wrapper, you have to go under the machine, take the wrench and loosen the springs untill the press roller goes out of gear. I remarked it after Mr Myers left the school, but he was still yet in the town of Fort Frances, and I phoned to him and that is what he answered me..... In fact an easy matter to do for children or ladies ??????????

He promised to send us a new cushion heavier for the pressing roller, but he never kept his promise. On the 26th. March I wrote to Mr Orr the Arch. about it.

~~Another~~ Another remark I made him, was that the press roller of the machine was not arranged to be put at work in a single throw but working on a worm-gear that old fashion machine. I make him remarked also that the present machine we had in front of us was so well equipped that even no handle was on the wheel lowering the roller.

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Now that is what he, Mr Myers?, calls a very satisfied man?????
There is a word to qualify such a Co. but it is not parliamentary
I will not use it, but they deserve it.....

Your's very truly

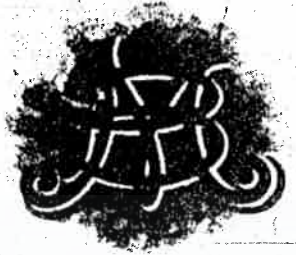
Wm. B. Bassard
Principal

To Mr. J. D. McLean Esq.
Asst. Deputy Minister & Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

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MEYER BROTHERS

MANUFACTURERS OF
LAUNDRY MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES
DYERS AND CLEANERS SPECIALTIES



File
[Signature]

TORONTO May 3, 1923.

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The Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, -- Ontario.

Dear Sir: ATTENTION MR. J. D. McLEAN

You will pardon my delay in answering your last letter of April 13th relating to your reference No. 124-1-5 re Mangle at the Indian Boarding School.

The writer personally inspected the complaint made and spent a day adjusting the electric motor and lining the motor gears and shafting, padding the feed roll and doing all other necessary work on the mangle and before leaving he was given to understand by the principal that everything was satisfactory.

The mangle must have been thoroughly examined and pronounced satisfactory before it was placed in the second story of the laundry building. *By the Principle*

Upon looking up our sale or contract we find that it is quite in keeping with what we supplied, namely - equal to the Canadian Laundry Machinery Co.'s machine. We claim that this machine is better than theirs for the reason that children are not compelled to start the motor whenever the mangle is stopped, which is the case when using a Canadian Laundry Machinery Ironer. They have a small Iron Plate in front of the operating table and when the children's fingers touch this plate it stops the machine. There are two alternatives

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TORONTO May 3, 1923.

one for the children to go and start the motor or else have a practical man with the machine at all times to do this.

It is utterly impossible for the fingers to be caught in our machine or for the operator to receive any injury by the fingers coming in contact with the padded roll of the steam chest. I showed this to the principal but he seemed to want to be very obstinate in the matter and carry out his own ideas which are entirely wrong. Children operating this machine cannot be injured while feeding the clothes into same.

The writer will be in Ottawa very soon and will, with your permission, call on you personally with illustrations and B/P of this machine and explain the matter to you.

As we have already said these automatic devices are pitfalls on any machine. They are not perfect nor can you depend upon them at any time and should it go wrong, which they all do, there is danger to children feeding the clothes in. With our safety guard it is impossible for anyone to be injured while the machine is in operation.

We have gone into this matter and have arrived at the conclusion that we have carried out our contract to the letter.

We very much regret that you have put to so much trouble but we assure you that the complaint made is absolutely groundless.

Yours very truly,

MEYER BROS.

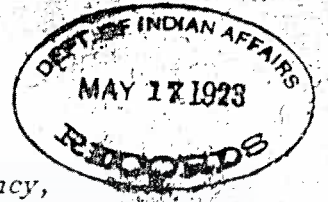


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124-1-5

Letter No. 7391



Office of the FORT FRANCES Indian Agency,

[Handwritten signature]

14th May 1923

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Sir,



I have the honour to enclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 6, amounting to \$ 25.00

in favour of J.P. Wright, Fort Frances, Ont.

for cash paid for cleaning chimneys at the Fort Frances Boarding School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. dated

[Handwritten signature]

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature: J.P. Wright]

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

124-1-5.

Ottawa, July 10, 1923.

Sir:

Rev. Father Brassard, O.M.I., Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Boarding School, has brought to our attention the need for repairs to the cow stable and for an approach to the barn. The Department has on file a plan of the cow stable and an estimate of the cost of installing Beatty Brothers' equipment. I understand \$370 is needed for this purpose and labour for the installation, \$100. The Department has also a note on file to the effect that 126 sacks of cement, 28 yards of gravel and 20 yards of crushed stone will be needed for the interior repairs in question. I have also an estimate of \$700 for labour and gravel in connection with the approach to the barn.

I should be pleased if you would see the principal and ascertain if these facts are correct and if the repairs are in harmony with his present wishes. You should also recommend whether this work can be undertaken by day labour, under your supervision. Certain funds have been provided by Parliament for these purposes.

Your obedient servant,

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

R.P.W.
J.D.M.
J. P. Wright, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, August 17, 1923.

To Mr. [unclear] for [unclear] Council

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MEMORANDUM.

ACTING DEPUTY MINISTER.

Certain repairs are required to the cow stable and approach to the barn at Fort Frances Indian Boarding School. Indian Agent Wright was asked to obtain and submit to the Department, competitive prices for this work. He has obtained and submitted two tenders as follows :-

* The John East Co. Ltd....Fort Frances....	\$797.00
Pioneer Builders Ltd..... " "	1200.00

The Indian Agent recommends that the John East Co. Ltd., are reliable and their work in the past has always been satisfactory. As the price quoted by them is fair and reasonable, I beg to recommend that it be accepted.

Funds are available in the Vote for Indian Education and an Order in Council will be required before the contract can be awarded.

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ARCHITECT.

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Extract from Inspector's Report on the Fort Frances Residential School. October 9, 1923.

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The main building is in urgent need of repairs to the three entrances.- new steps and landing needed in rear (100 ft. lumber) Front walk is dangerous its whole length- front steps need partly to be replaced. A new bannister is needed on the side entrance. All these are urgently needing attention.

The new concrete floor is being put in the cowstable. All the old flooring is piled outside. Most of it is positively rotten, proof that the work was urgently needed. I might point out that the flooring in the horse stable is also in a dangerously decayed condition that will necessitate early attention.

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I wish to point out that while one side of this plant has three stories and from outside appearance it is a three-story building, on one side is only two stories. This end has only two rooms in it. One extra large class-room with a very high ceiling and over it the boys' dormitory with an extra high ceiling. The class-room ceiling should be lowered to make three stories and so give extra room that is needed.

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Church authorities will discuss this with R34

I wish to call your attention to the proposed extension of this school. Beyond a doubt this school could be enlarged to accommodate the Indians in this large district. Father Brassard is enthusiastic and earnest in his contention. I understand you have been approached. An extension to the south of 40 feet square and three stories high would provide for a big increase in Indian pupils. He also has the idea of adding 15 feet to the north but if the above was done to give one extra story it would accomplish the same almost. It means the lowering of one ceiling and the building of another floor and ceiling.

J. M. Bennett, Insp.

124-1-5-

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



FORT FRANCES AGENCY

20th Nov, 1923

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 7523
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Sir,—

I have the honor to enclose Voucher No, 75, in favour of the John East Company, for the sum of \$858.70, for putting in the Beatty Bros equipment for the cattle stable for the Fort Frances Boarding School, as per their tender of August last.

The extras were for lengthening the 6 roof supports, as those supplied by Beatty Bros, were to short and had to be lengthened and for connecting the School water pipe to the water bowls in the stalls.

The new concrete floor is about a foot lower than the old floor and it was found that the studding on the inside wall of the building, which had the full weight of the building, had rotten for a foot or more, from the sill and it was necessary to repair this.

The work has been very satisfactorily done and the Principal of the School is well satisfied with it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent

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

Ottawa, Dec. 21, 1923.

Reverend Sir:-

With reference to Reverend Brother Gauthier's request for certain articles required to complete the water supply system at the Fort Francis Indian Boarding School, I beg to advise you that Brother Gauthier may purchase the articles, as enumerated below, for this school when in Winnipeg.

In purchasing the articles it will be necessary for him to obtain competitive prices and make the purchase to the best advantage.

When submitting accounts to the Department a memorandum should be attached showing the names of the firms asked to quote and the prices quoted. The following is a list of the articles that may be purchased:

- 1 - 1/2" Pemberty injector,
- 1 - 2" brass reducing valve,
- 1 - pneumatic water tank controller,
- 70 feet of 1-1/4" galvanised wrought steel pipe, and
- 1 - double bar double throw switch.

Your obedient servant,

J.D. McLean,
Assistant Deputy & Secretary.

Reverend Father Guy, O.M.I.,
Ottawa University,
Ottawa.

124-1-5-B

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

FORT FRANCES AGENCY,

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 22 1924

18th March 19 24

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 7617
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

In view of fact that water system was out of order it was necessary to have proper provision for laundry. Purchase of motor to run washer was in nature of "Emergency purchase". I would recommend that action if purchased be approved.

5/13/24

Sir,

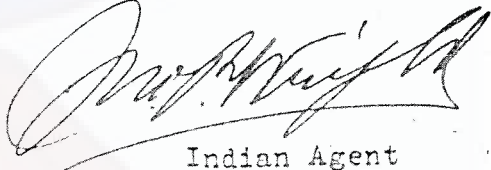
Referring to your letter of the 22nd Jany, 1921 No. 124-I-5B and subsequent correspondence, relative to the motor supplied the washing machine at the Fort Frances Boarding School, I have the honor to enclose a letter from Rev. Brother Cauthier, an expert machinist, who is working on the water supply system at this school, regarding the necessity of purchasing a larger motor for the washing machine.

I visited the School last Saturday and the Rev. Brother proved to my satisfaction that it was necessary to have a larger motor, and I informed him I would ask the Department for authority to purchase one, but he apparently misunderstood me, as from the letter he sent the Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co. a copy herewith enclosed, he has ordered one, and I would recommend that his action be approved, as it is very necessary to have this washing machine working and there not being time to get competitive prices, but I feel certain that the price of the Fairbank-Morse Co, will be as satisfactory as any we could get.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



Indian Agent

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAR 28 1924

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs

Ottawa

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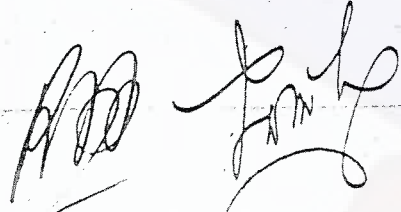
Ottawa, May 9, 1924.

Sir:

I have to draw your attention to the advisability of supporting any voucher for unauthorized repairs or work done at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School by a letter of explanation. I believe that your vouchers Nos. 3, 4 and 5 of the 3rd instant are in the nature of emergencies and these are being paid. Voucher No. 2, dated the first instant, was unauthorized and I have to inform you that it is not the Department's policy to allow expenditure for cleaning chimneys and furnaces at Indian residential schools. A cheque was directed to you because you had paid out the money in wages; but in future you should secure authority before incurring expenses. If certain emergency repairs are necessary and are inconsiderable because of the money involved, they may be undertaken, but you should support your voucher with a letter of explanation.

Your obedient servant,

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


J. P. Wright, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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University of Ottawa

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May 6, 1922

PERSONAL

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

Dear Mr. Scott:

Reverend Father Brassard of Fort Frances Indian Boarding School has sent me the enclosed account with the following explanations.

Some time ago, a boat was given by the Department to the Indian School at Fort Frances. This boat was first intended for the agent, Mr. J. P. Wright, but it seems that difficulties arose on account of the heavy expenses entailed for its upkeep (\$200.00 a year), and to get rid of it the agent offered it to the Reverend Father Brassard with the consent of the Department. It was understood that the boat was to belong to the school but the Department would not be responsible for the ordinary expenses, viz: gasoline, oil, repairs, etc. The very first night that the boat was brought to the school, a terrible storm which lasted the whole night put the boat out of order. Reverend Father Brassard had to repair it at his own expenses, but decided to build a boat-house to avoid future damages, but the difficulties lie in the fact that the Reverend Father had no requisition or authority to build this boat-house. He has not even mentioned the case to the agent and does not seem disposed to ask for such requisition at the present time on account of previous difficulties concerning that boat. This explains why the Reverend Father has applied to me in order to ask the Department if it would be possible to reimburse him for the enclosed account.

Reverend Father Brassard states that he has given 28 cedar posts for this boat-house and has paid \$95.00 to the Shevlin Clark for the same purpose.

Do you think it would be possible to do some thing in favour of this school by paying this account? I have already advised Reverend Father Brassard that he certainly did not act in the right way by giving a contract for such a high amount without consulting his agent or the Department, and that he will therefore be more attentive to follow the regulations of the Department in future.

Yours very truly,

Joseph G. ...

124-1-5

INDIAN AGENTS' OFFICE

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 17 1924

FORT FRANCES AGENCY

13th May 1924

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 7666
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

See under

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Sir,
Referring to your letter of the 9th instant, relative to certain vouchers for supplies required for the water and air system at the Fort Frances Boarding School, I beg to state that authority was given in your letter of the 21st Dec, last to the Rev. Father Guy, O.M.I. Ottawa, for certain supplies required for this purpose, and as the Rev. Bro. Gauthier who did the work, did not know what supplies he would require, he asked for authority to purchase what was necessary, as stated in his letter enclosed, and knowing that it would be necessary to have what he required I had him make out a list and competitive prices were obtained and are herewith enclosed.

BRUCE'S PATENT
MAY 16 1924

I have repeatedly told the Principal of the School that authority must be first obtained before purchasing, but when he wants any thing, he wants it in a hurry, but I think he will be more careful in future.

I did not know that it was not the Department's policy not to allow expenditure for cleaning chimneys and furnaces in Indian Residential Schools, as the Dept, has paid for this work here for the past three years, see Voucher No, 25 for #30. in 1922; Voucher No, 6 for \$25. in 1923 and Voucher No, 2 for \$25, this year. The Principal of the School has in each case had the work done before I knew any thing about, and he sends the man to me for payment, which is the first information I have of the matter.

This work is essential for the safety of the building and should be done by someone.

By School

The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa,
Ont.

ACCOUNTANTS
MAY 19 1924

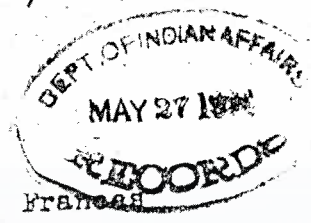
I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. R. ...
Indian Agent

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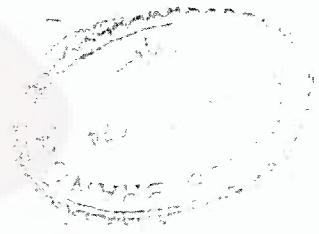
Extract from Inspector's Report on the Fort Frances Residential School. May 20, 1924.

Rev. Father Brassard deserves credit for the unselfish interest he has exhibited in endeavouring to do all possible for the training of the Indian under his charge. A visit to this school is educative in every sense of the term. I inspected the premises as well as the rooms.

- 1,- Toilets with 3 bowls for outside use - bad condition. Toilets built in 1908 and the boys especially should be rebuilt.
- 2,- In the carpenter shop the floor and joist at the door are decayed and should be repaired.
- 3 In the laundry the mangle still gives trouble. (See letter of February 1, 1923 re this mangle.)
- 3 4,- Ice house built in 1907 is in a terrible deteriorated condition. Ice can be kept but the roof, while all right, is supported by a base in decaying condition.
- 4 5,- Three entrances to main building need repairs, not much, but yet rotten boards, etc., need replacing; sidewalk also.
- 5 6,- Horse stable floor is in terrible condition. The holes in the floor are dangerous and already a horse was caught and nearly injured itself. The partitions need replaced.

J. M. Bennett,

Insp.



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11 August 1924

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To Mr. Russell T. Frerrier Esq.
Sup. of Education of Indians.

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Dear Sir:-

I am always afraid that some-times our building will be exposed to a conflagration. Our kitchen stove laid simply on sheet of Galvanised-iron, just on a wooden floor, as the ashes of ~~the~~ ~~stove~~ we the stove can fall out of the fire-box, and it may happen some-time that sheet iron would be heated up too much and set fire to the floor. So to prevent it I think the best to do for us should be to cutoff that piece of floor and make a cement bed, and we ~~would~~ would be absolutely sure of a good fire protection .

But as we have at the School ELECTRICT HEATING INSTALATION it would be adviseable to have an ELECTRICT RANGE in place of the one we have now. The Rangew we have at present time is some around twenty (20) ~~years~~ years old, and when will we have to change it ?..... It is a question.....

If we consider the safty aginst fire and the expenses in my humble opinion I am in favour of an Electric Range, as I have already seen some of them in Winnipeg. The cost of the said Range is something around four hundred and fifty dollars (450.00) But to give you the name of the said range, I am sorry I did not Keep it in memory.

Your's truly

H. M. Brassard O. M. I.

Principal

H. M. Brassard
Principal

To Mr Russell T. Frerrier Esq.
Supt. of Indian Education, Ottawa.

124-1-5.

1 - Mr. Wright
2 - Secretary

Ottawa, Sept. 17, 1924.

Sir:

I have to inform you that favourable consideration has been given to the question of repairing the barn at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. Please secure from the John East Company a written agreement showing in detail the work they will undertake for the sum of \$985, as indicated in their letter of September 3rd. The dimensions of the floor to be cemented, the depth of the cement and the number of barrels to be used should be mentioned. Details concerning the extra fill of 50 yards should be furnished. Further, the Beatty Brothers' stable equipment, which they propose to install, should be referred to by catalogue number and the number of stalls mentioned. The agreement should also indicate whether or not steel posts are to be supplied. You should keep a copy of this agreement in your office, for reference. When it has been submitted to the Department, you will be given instructions.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

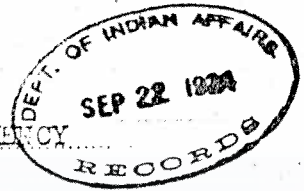
J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. P. Wright
J. P. Wright

J. P. Wright, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



FORT FRANCES AGENCY

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
 No. 7764
 ALSO
 TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

[Handwritten scribble]

17th Sept. 1924

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F. 124-I-5

Sir,—

Referring to your letter of the 20th August last, relative to a small grain separator for the Fort Frances Residential School, I beg to state that the Rev. Principal of the school has handed me a cutting of a J.I. Case 20 X 28 separator, price \$534.00 f.o.b. Winnipeg, which he states he would like to have,

I would recommend that this separator be supplied this school, as they require one and it might be the means of getting the Indians on the Couchiching reserve to go more into farming.

*Regret no funds available KFO
 only 300 for next year*

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Indian Agent,

The Secretary,
 Dept. of Indian Affairs
 Ottawa,

Ont.

124-1-5
Indian Boarding School

Fort Frances, Ont.

Irts. Oct. 1924



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The Honorable D. C. Scott

Deputy Minister of the Dept. of Indian Affairs

Ottawa.

Honorable Sir:-

On the 29 of Sept. last I had a communication from our Agent Mr. J/ P/ Wright that the Dept. will not agree to buy a thrashing machine or a separator for the Indian School of Fort Frances.

I am very sorry for it, because without a thrashing machine it obliges us to make ~~x~~ new expenses of money; moreover being unable to trash our grain, we are losing our crop most of the time sufficient ~~for~~ ^{us} for us. It is a necessity for the school to have four working horses then we need about five hundred bushels of oats; besides we have about 20 heads of cattle furnishing a part of the beef for the winter. In autumn it is a necessity to fatten the ones we want to kill. Therefore about 50 bushels of oats-chopped are required for. As we have the crusher and as we have the grain we do not need to buy.

We have also about a hundred hens that furnish eggs the whole year ~~in~~ round, (once in a while a good meal). It takes about a hundred or a hundred and twintyfive bushels of wheat to feed them, and we have the wheat, but cannot trash it, that means new expenses.

Please let us recapitulate it

500 bushels of oats at 60cts. -----	\$300.00
100 " " wheat at 90Cts. -----	90.00
Total Amount-----	\$390.00

So by these figures you see that the CAPITAL and INTEREST of ~~the~~ money is paid inside of two years, for a small machine costing \$580.00 proposed to you by our Indian Agent Mr. J. P. Wright.

Now please let us make another consideration. It is the desire of the Dept. of Indian Affairs to teach the boys farming and the use of the machines. . . . As far as it is possible in the present circumstances in which each school is, how can we do so with the small grant we have to support the school, and we see that on the said grant \$20.00 of each pupil is discarded away.

With these considerations well reflected on, I prove that my request to the Dept. of Indian Affairs is absolutely sensible.

Your's very truly

H. M. T. Brannard

To Honorable D. C. Scott

Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs

Ottawa, Ont.

124-1-5

Letter No. 7804

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Office of the FORT FRANCES Indian Agency,

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EXD

30th October 1924

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 27, 28, 29 & 30

amounting to \$1060.70 in favour

of The John East Co. Fort Frances, Ont.

for repairing horse stable; cleaning Cesspool and repairs and
cleaning and repairing Boiler in Laundry, of the Fort Frances
Residential School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 124-1-5 dated 30th Sept. 1924

Your obedient servant,

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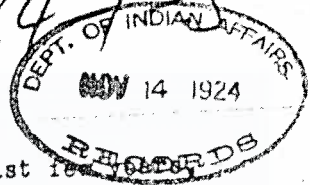
Indian Agent.
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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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FORT FRANCES INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

CONSTRUCTION OF ANNEX.



Noted & Estimated

For the last year
Reverend Father Brassard, O.M.I., Principal of Fort Frances Indian Residential School, has been requesting the construction of an annex to his School. His plans provide for the readjustment of the annex built a few years ago and the construction of an annex along the lines of the present building. This work would entail an outlay of about \$55,000.00. However, if such plan could not be followed the Reverend Principal would be in favour of the construction of an annex similar to that of Fort Alexander erected in the course of last year at a cost of \$25,000.00

Very Reverend Father Beys approves of this request and would be grateful to the Department for considering it in view of the estimates.

GENERAL REPAIRS.

In the course of the present fiscal year, Rev. Father F. Brassard has been asking for very urgent repairs at the barn and other out-buildings. Part of such repairs have been allowed by the Department, but others to the extent of \$1000.00 would have to be done in a very near future and I therefore ask that this sum be included in the Estimates.

Joseph Beys

Indian Boarding School

Fort Frances, Ont.

16 Dec. 1924.

To Mr. Russell T. Ferrier Esq.

Supt. of Education of Indiand

De ar Sir:-

I beg to inform the Dept of Indian Affairs that I have a case exposing the health of the children of the school, that is, the use of the same drinking cup in the play-room and as very often the children play with this cup, it being impossiable to always keep them from doing so. Therefore the said cup is very often filthy, and some pupils take it to drinki while in that state, moreover it happens some times that some of the children have sore mouths and it inoculates the sickness to the others who use the said cup so I address myself to the Dept. of Aducation to notify them that disease might be communicated in this way. I thought for a while to use x sanitary cups, but with children like these it would be a waste, and I consider it would be an impossibilty to keep such a cup ~~frum dix~~ for that use, so I thought of installing two drinking-fountains the same as those used in the Public-Schools of Onterio, and in Public Offices where they have good water-works.

As here at the School we have ant to complain of that point, for we have a constant pressure of 38# to the square inch, consequently it gives ~~an~~ ample satisfaction.

The estimate made for the ~~instalment~~ instalment of the said drinking-fountain will be some where about \$113.70 one hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy cts.

Knowing your great int~~est~~est in the health of our children I am convinced you will take this request into consideration, and thanking you in~~an~~ anticipation of a favorabla reply.

I remain

Very sincerely your's

H. M. T. Brannard
Principal

Mr. Russell T. Ferrier Esq.

Supt. of Education of the Indians

Ottawa.

124-1-5.

Ottawa, December 23, 1924.

Sir:

I have your No. 7846 of the 18th instant, enclosing a communication from the Rev. Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, relative to the installation of drinking fountains for the use of the pupils. I note the recommendation that two fountains, one for girls and one for boys, be provided. The principal's estimate of \$113.70, however, appears high and I should be pleased if you would make enquiries with reference to less expensive equipment which will serve the purpose.

Your obedient servant,
J. D. McLEAN

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

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A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 5 1925
RECORDS

Office of the... FORT FRANCES, ONT... Indian Agency,

March 2nd 1925

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 147

amounting to \$ 41.43 in favour

of CRANE, LIMITED, Montreal, Quebec.

for 2, 30" Standard Drinking Fountains No. P-6550
Supplied Fort Frances Residential School,

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. dated

Your obedient servant,

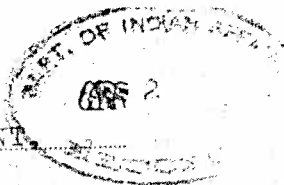
A. Spencer
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

School Files

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

FORT FRANCES, ONT.



March 28th 1925

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 7235
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Handwritten signature/initials

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 1 1925
SURVEYS

Sir,—

I have the honor to write you in regard to a letter I seen written by the Hon Chas Stewart, to the Hon Dr Lannion, in regard to the water level in

Lake of the woods, and Rainy Lake, in which he states that the level of Lake of the woods is definitely settled, but the level of Rainy Lake, would go before the joint water way commission, now from what I can find out, Mr Backus, is applying for to have the bench mark on Rainy Lake raised from 478 Bench Mark to 500 B.M. and the benefit derived by Mr Backus, would be \$55,000 additional horse power, which means an income of \$55,000. per Annum,

but in giving Mr Backus this we would have a loss that could not be estimated in Dollars and Cents.

I am informed that the Border Lumber Co, who has about 60 Acres of land rented on 18B Couchiching reserve would be nearly put out of business, also The Residential School on Couchiching Reserve would be put out of commission through sewer trouble and likely foundation of building.

The Indian Agent, *W. H. Wright* at their joint would be damaged to big extent by flooding of the joint, so to save such damages to Indian property I would try and have a good inspection of the conditions of the lake, In a letter written by Mr J. F. Wright, on Oct 12th 1922 No 7260 you will see what he had to say in regard to the raising of the water level of Rainy Lake at that time,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: W. H. Wright
Indian Agent,

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,

Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, 25th April 1925

Memorandum

for file

I have discussed with Mr. Scoville, Assistant Director, Dominion Water Power Branch, the question of the level of Rainy Lake being raised and he informs me that the two governments have referred ~~the~~ ^{the} matter to the International Waterways Commission and that one of these is the consideration of whether it would be justifiable to increase the present level of this lake.

The Commission is to hold a meeting in Montreal on May 15th and it is expected that a decision will be made at that time. This decision, however, is by no means binding on either Government and afterwards should it be decided to permit any increase, a questionnaire will be sent to all parties who might be considered interested and several months will be given them to prepare their information should they wish to contest any decision which might be arrived at.

H. Robertson
Chief Surveyor.

Mr. Scoville is acting as Canadian Engineer for the Board at this meeting and has informed me that he will supply me with what information he can at a later date.

See action being taken on file 440259 letter to Director of Water Power & Transportation 1/10/25/17/25

Indian Boarding School, Fort Frances, Ont.

April 24th, 1925.

Honourable Duncoun Scott,
Deputy General Superintendent,

Honourable Sir:-

I beg to inform you that two of our sewing machines are so badly worn out since some time that they cannot be repaired. They ought to be replaced as soon as possible for there are only 3 left; which are far from being adequate for the general sewing of an Indian Boarding School of over 80 pupils, where nearly all the clothes are home made.

The bad condition of my finances does not permit me to make such expenses, for my last cheque, for the quarter ending March 31st leaves me a deficit of over \$1000.00. Therefore I request you to supply to our School those needed sewing machines as soon as possible.

Hoping you will consider favorably my petition

I remain yours respectfully,

S. Perrault, o.m. Principal

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Ottawa, May 1st, 1925.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th ultimo, enclosing a communication from the Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School in which he requests that two new sewing machines be supplied for the use of the girls who are learning to make up clothing for themselves.

In reply I beg to say that we are today placing an order with the Singer Sewing Machine Company to supply 2 machines of the type described in their catalogue as "No. 2 - 5 Drawer Machine, 127 - 3 G.O." This firm has been requested to notify you when they will be available, and you should then give them full directions as to delivery.

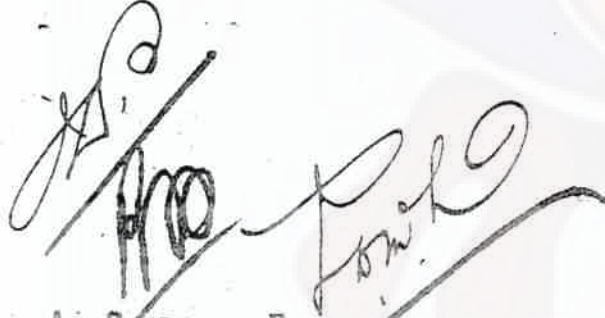
The account for the machines will be sent you in duplicate, and will show the retail price and discount of 40% allowed, on which terms purchase is made. When the machines have been delivered, if in good condition, you should certify the account and forward it to the Department in order that payment can be made.

Please inform the Reverend Principal that the order has been placed for 2 sewing machines.

Your obedient servant,



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


A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

Indian Boarding School

Fort Frances Ontario

May 23rd, 1925.

Honourable Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs

Ottwa Ont.

Honourable Sir:-

No doubt I am meeting the views of the Indian Department in taking steps to embellish the premises of the Indian School of Fort Frances, especially the flower garden situated at the front of the school and the playing yards of the boys and girls. For that purpose I started to rebuild the old fences made fifteen years ago with wide rough boards which have never been even white washed. All those boards are to be taken apart, sawn into lengths of 3inch-wide planed and nailed on the same posts and scantlings; still most of them are in good condition yet, producing the effect of a new fence. All that work is to be done by the employers and boys of the school. Even the painting provided, the material needed, White Lead Linseed Oil is supplied by the Indian Department.

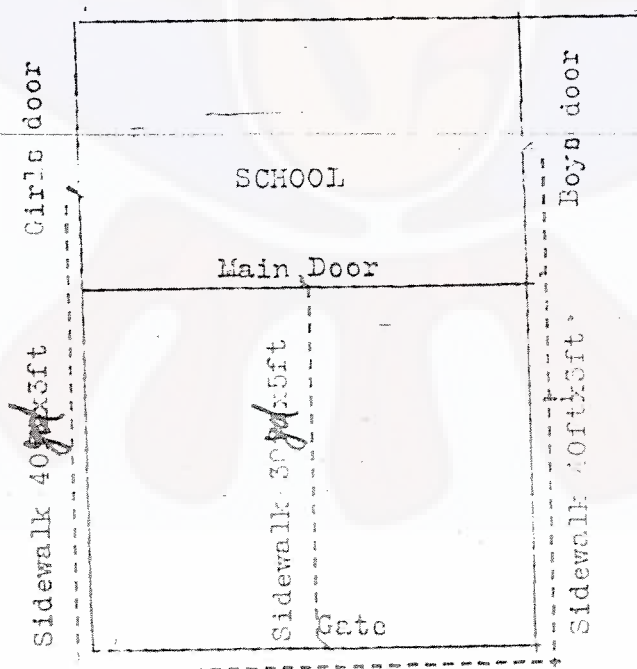
It is a question of covering the surface of 1200 feet which should incur expenses too considerable to be included in the ordinary budget of running expenses.

To effectuate a real good effect of embellishment it is necessary to renew the sidewalks, as shown by the enclosed here below design, made ^{with} rough planks fifteen years ago, which are altogether rotten and have to be removed to avoid accidents. I would ask you to kindly authorize me to replace them by cement, which of course would cost more than any other material, but which will have a better appearance and a more durable effect.

Hoping to hear favorably from you and that you will comply to my two requests,

Yours respectfully,

S. Perrault, Principal



Going to Church.

Indian Boarding School

Fort Frances Ont.

August 19th 1925.

Mr L. D. McLean, Secretary

Indian Department

Ottawa

Dear Sir:-

It is urgent to repair all the fence of the School property which is in a very bad condition since a long time ago. In order to ^{prevent} the cattle from doing any more damage to gardens and grain.

For that purpose the following material which I hope you will supply as soon as possible is needed:-

100 Cedar Posts 6 inch & 2 Driveway gates 16 ft.

For the present the only gates which are in use excepted one, are made out of barb wire.

Yours truly

S. Perault, Principal

Ottawa, August 29, 1925.

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SIR,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing a request from the principal of the Fort Frances Residential School for an expenditure of \$50.00 in order to repair the fence.

In reply I beg to say that the Department feels that the expenditure necessary in this regard should be made by the management of the school from the amount received from the per capita grant.

Your obedient servant,

T. R. J. MacInnes,
for Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances,
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Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ont.
Sept. 22nd., 1925.

Mr. L. D. McLean, Secretary,
Indian Department, Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that the hot water tank attached to the furnace heating the school is leaking in many places in the joint soldered in the ordinary way. At my request an expert plumber of Fort Frances has been sent by the Indian agent for inspection. According to his opinion it would not be advisable to have it soldered again as it might not stand the high pressure of the water reaching to 85, and give much trouble when starting to heat the furnace. He recommends to buy a new one with joints riveted.

Here enclosed in triplicate the estimates of the plumber. I hope that you will comply with my petition as soon as possible.

Yours truly

S. Perrault.

Principal.

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(RG 10, Volume 6194, File 463-5, part 1)

Indian Boarding School

Fort Frances Ont.

October 3rd 1925

L D McLean Secretary

Indian Department

Ottawa Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that it is urgent to build an addition to the Cootchiching Indian Boarding School of Fort Frances making a total capacity for 150 pupils. At the present time the school is filled to its utmost capacity almost by the children of Cootchiching & North West Bay Reserves alone leaving no room for the numerous children of the other Reserves of the Agency who consequently are deprived of the benefit of school education to which they are entitled so necessary for them to become intelligent and useful citizens of our society and to be well equipped to earn their living among the white people.

The policy of the Indian Department is "to civilize the Indians by the School" that ^{is} to say to build Schools everywhere there is none and enlarge them when already erected if being too small.

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I know that the Indian Department has done much in this regard especially in the last few years .I had the pleasure to visit last summer some of the Schools recently built in different places ;they are certainly magnificent and a credit for the Country but would be fair that the Cootchiching Boarding School which is the only one in the whole Agency may have its turn next summer and be enlarged for 150 pupils in order to accommodate all the Indian Children of the Agency .

Hoping that you will comply with my request .

Yours truly

S. Perrault
Principal

Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances Ont.
October 29th 1925

L.D. McLean Secretary
Indian Department; Ottawa Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find an extract from the report of Mr I. M. Bennett Inspector recommending that some repairs should be made this year at the Indian boarding School, of Fort Frances. I would reduce the list to the most urgent repairs as following :-

1c. The actual ice house is twice too big for the use of of the School; consequently the meat box is emerging from the ice, half of its length and could not have the required temperature to keep cool and fresh in summer the meat and other victuals. It should be remodelled to a smaller dimension on a modern plan, for that it would require about \$ 200.00.

2c. The outdoor closets built since the beginning of the School have never been painted and repaired consequently they are in bad condition. It would require about \$ 50.00 to repair them.

3c. The same sum is needed to rebuild the fence in the boys & girls play yards as it has been done around the flower garden of the School giving a good appearance.

Enclosed please find two photos of the School showing the old and the new fence.

4c. 12 Double desks and Rear Seats.

Hoping to hear favourably

Yours truly;

S. Perrault Principal

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Ottawa, November 27th, 1925.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant, relative to the desks required to complete the seating equipment at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. We note that the desks at present in use were supplied by the Globe Furniture Co. Ltd., or by the E. N. Moyer Co. Ltd., Toronto. It is not stated whether the single or double type of desk is required.

You may obtain prices for the supplying of the following desks of the type required, viz: -

3 No. 3 Desks,
 3 No. 4 Desks,
 2 No. 5 Desks,
 2 No. 4 Rear Seats,
 2 No. 5 " " .

You should ask the following firms, and any others whom you wish, to quote F.O.B. Fort Frances, Ont., Government sales tax included, on this equipment, viz:

Western Seating Co., 179 Bannatyne Ave. E.,
 Winnipeg, Man.

(Who are the western representatives of the Globe
 Furniture Co.)

and

Messrs. E. N. Moyer Co. Ltd., Winnipeg.

When you have received the quotations from these two firms, you should place the order with the one quoting the lowest price.

Please obtain accounts, in duplicate, and when the desks have been delivered at the school, you should certify the accounts and send them to the Department in order that payment can be made.

I shall be pleased to hear from you later as to the action taken and the firm with whom you have placed the order.

Your obedient servant,

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

A. Spencer, Esq.,
 Indian Agent,
 Fort Frances, Ont.

124-1-5.

Ottawa, February 1st, 1927.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosing a communication from the Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School in which he requests to be supplied with two tailor's sewing machines.

In reply I beg to say that in February, 1922, we supplied this school with one tailor's machine of the same type as the cut enclosed in your letter, and in May, 1925, with two ordinary sewing machines. This is the full equipment of this nature we are prepared to supply for the use of this school.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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JUL 29 1927

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,

No, 2062,

JULY, 25th, 1927,

Sir.

No. 124-1-5,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 9th, relative to repairs to the Fort Frances Indian Residential School,

And in reply to same, I have to report that it is nearly impossible to get a competent carpenter to do this work with a bunch of Indian Boys for help, and I would recommend that Tenders be called for the 3 Outside stairs and Balcony, and that the Principal be given the shingles for flour-shed, and the paint for implement shed, and request that he have the boys of the school to perform the work, as he promised he would do last year, The new sidewalk I have refused to grant him, as we supplied cement for him last summer, and he promised that he would do the work, I have seen him and he reports that he used the cement for the Church, but would replace it and make the sidewalk,

The reason I have recommended that tenders be called for outside stairs and balcony, is that I think that we can get it done cheaper and more substantially,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent,

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

Ont.

124-1-5

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 22 1927
RECORDS

Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances Ont.
August 17th 1927.

SCHOOLS BRITAIN I
AUG 24 1927

J.D. McLean *Secretary*
Ottawa Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Mr L. Spencer, Indian Agent informed me over a month ago that he had received authorization from the Indian Department to make the repairs on the steps of the school. So far nothing has been done yet. I am sorry for the delay as all the steps except one, are in a bad condition, especially two, one leading to the Principal's Office and the other one at the girls side are in urgent repairs. I wish the work to be carried out as soon as possible; as the pupils are back to school from the vacations the boys could help the carpenter in his work as requested by the agent.

I am glad to inform you that I could find at any time a first class carpenter who could do the work either by day or contract and so assist the Indian Agent who seems to not be able for the present to secure one to do the job.

Hoping to hear soon favourably from you.

I remain,

Yours truly,

S. Perrault - Principal

School Files.

List of repairs with the approximate costs for the
Fort Frances Indian Residential School Buildings for
the next year:-

10- Ceiling & partition in cow stable.....	\$ 300.00
20- To renew shiplat on the East Gable end.....	300.00
30- Lumber & paint for fence, on boys fence.....	200.00
40- Shiplap for general repairs.....	25.00
50- Renew part of ceiling in girls dormitory.....	50.00
60- Sewing machine for shoe shop.....	200.00

\$1075.00

Indian Boarding School

29 September 1927

Port Frances, Ont.

I D. Maclean Asst Deputy Secretary

~~Indian Department~~

Ottawa

Dear Sir

The sad tragedy of the burning of the Lac La Plonge Indian Boarding School which happened recently when 19 Indian boys and one Sister were burnt gives me the occasion to look after the fire protection of my school; and to ~~secure~~ all the means to avoid such a disaster.

For the present there are two exterior fire escapes one for the boys which is in a very good condition consisting of a 4-inch pipe on which the boys slide from the dormitory to the ground in a few minutes.

The other one for the girls is composed of two wooden stairs the first part starts from the dormitory and lands on the top of the porch of the second floor making the platform of the second stairs leading to the ground 8 feet above forcing the girls & Sisters to leap 8 feet before they reach the ground which is too high, consequently it is necessary to cover that distance by an other stairs but it cannot be made without blocking the window which is in the way.

For that reason and for more fire protection, I would advise the Department to replace those wooden stairs built 21 years ago by a sliding pipe as for the boys.

Moreover the railing of the stairs and platform is made of 1 inch pipe leaving a space of 29 inches between the top and the bottom which is a danger for the small girls to stumble aside.

It would be urgent to place an other pipe in the middle of that open space.

So with those suggested repairs the school would be sufficiently equipped inside with fire protection. For besides the two fire escapes there are in every story two fire hoses connected with water pipes which could be opened by turning a valve, but I am sorry to inform you that there is no fire protection out side of the school, so in a case of fire there would be no means on hand to fight the flames. Of course we could always call the Fire Bregade of Fort Frances in summer ^{but} not with great avail as there is a distance of 3 miles. In winter it would be impossible for the Pump men to take their out-fit to the school, therefore I ask the Department to supply my school with about 400 feet of hose to be connected to the water pipe in the pump room which could be opened at any time by turning a valve in case of ^{either at} fire the school or at the other buildings.

Hoping to hear favourably

Your obidant servant

S. Serrault - Principal

124-1-5.


Ottawa, October 7, 1927.

Sir:

I have your 2139 of the 3rd instant, with an enclosure from the Rev. Principal relative to fire escapes and fire hose at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. I should be pleased if you would immediately secure prices on 400 ft. of hose suitable for protecting the outbuildings and for an extra railing on the existing fire escape on the girls' side. You should also obtain at the earliest opportunity one or more prices for replacing the wooden fire escape stairs on the girls' side with a sliding pole scheme as is used on the boys' side.

You should attend to this immediately, after consulting with the Rev. Principal and looking over the girls' fire escape, as the Department wishes to make the improvement without delay. When your report is to hand, telegraphic instructions will be directed to you.

Your obedient servant,


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


A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.



FORT FRANCES AGENCY,

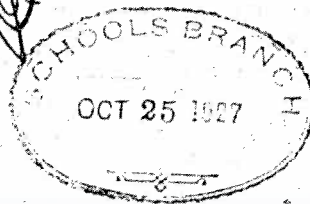
Oct. 21st, 1927

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

NO. 2163

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



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No. I24-I-5.

Sir,— I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7th Ultimo;— in regard to Fire Escapes for Fort Frances Residential School, And in reply to same, the Rev Father S. Perrault, Principal of the School, who I went into details as to fire escape is requesting that the Department put iron balconys and iron ladders for escape, that would mean a very expencive fire escape, and of which I didnt think that the Department would consent to, I think that there should be New ladders or new Fire escape made, and be larger than the old ones, as they are very narrow, and no doubt but they are not safe now, as they have been built for about 15 Years, and likely very unsafe,

I would recommend that we call for Tender for rebuilding of wooden stairs, only larger than the one that was there before, with a good safe Iron Railing so that children could not fall through, or bust off, I have not asked for tenders for replaccing wooden Fire Escape, as the principal requests Iron stairs, so Would like to know what I will get tenders on,

In regard to Fire Hose, I have got a tender from the Dominion Rubber System of Winnipeg, and for a good 1 1/2 Inch Fire hose, in fact I got prices on three differant grades, 1st Grade would cost, up for 400Ft \$192.00. F.O.B. Fort Frances, 2nd Grade, \$124.20, 3rd Grade, \$79.20, Nozzles would cost \$1.00 each, I would recommend that we purchase the 2nd, grade, as we have some like the 3rd grade in the School now and it leaks all through the hose, and I can see very little difference between 1st and 2nd grade, as I had samples sent to me here, I will wait for your further order before doing anything further,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

A. Spruce
Indian Agent,

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

Ont.

Fort Frances Ontario.
Nog 22nx 1927.

Mr. D. McLean Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Indian Department.

Ottawa Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Please find here below the list of urgent repairs which I hope you will kindly authorize.

- School*
1. A chute to take the wood into the laundry for the furnace. At the present time the wood is carried by hands by the door leading to the kitchen, for that it has to pass through three doors, one narrow stairs of four steps, one passage two feet ten inches by twenty feet.
 2. To patch the floor in the boys playroom, swelled up in different places by dampness.
 3. To put a cement floor at the boys toilet in the playroom, in the actual condition the floor has some ridges of two or three inches high which are a continuous danger for the boys to stumble. It is very important to have a cement floor in the boys toilet with a drain pipe to facilitate a proper washing everyday and so to keep up the hygiene.

of June

3. Urgent repairs in the cellar of the barn has been made in the first week of November by the Indian Agent presuming the consent of the department, consisting in replaceng four posts completely rotten under the beam and adding another post against the beam giving way, at the same time all the lumber for bins had to be thrown away being thoroughly rotten and replaced by boards, two by four and planks which cost me over sixty dollars. As these expences were considerable and out of the ordinary routine I asked the Indian Agent to help me but notwithstanding all his good will to assist my school in every respect he did not dare to presume the consent of the department but he advised me to purchase the lumber at once as it was urgent to remove the potatoes into the cellar immediately in fear of the cold weather, in the mean time he would recommend my request hoping that the required authorization would be granted.

The reason of all these necessary repairs which are only temporary, for the whole beams and posts have to be renewed shortly is the great dampness caused by two or three inches of water covering the floor constantly, the drain pipe being out of order although efforts have been made in different occasions to clean it but without any avail, however in the last part of summer all the water receded probably the obstacle which was blocking the pipe gave way.

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It is the most important to keep that drain pipe always in good condition for the preservation of the structure and the vegetables, and if the same difficulty happens again I ask the Department to take the steps to remove the obstacle by all means.

It would be very important also to put a window over the door of the boys dormitory to give light to the passage leading to the dormitory which is completely dark when the door is closed and which should be kept closed during the day. At the same time that window fixed on hinges could be used for a ventilation.

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Hoping to receive from the Department the usual attention.

Your Obedient Servant.

S. Perrault

Principal

Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances Ont
Sept 24th 1928

Mr. J.D. McLean Asst, Deputy & Secretary
Indian Department
Ottawa Ont

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that the heating system of our school did not give satisfaction last winter especially in the Sisters apartments and in the men's house where all the steam pipes got frozen causing expensive repairs; consequently I called the attention of the Indian Agent on that matter requesting him to get the proper information from an Expert Plumber to improve the situation. It is what he done. At that effect the plumber suggested that the old air Valves should be replaced by the new style of vacuum valves which are in general use now. and no doubt that the difficult which we experienced last winter would be so removed. Therefore I ask you to kindly authorize the installation of those valves at once as it is urgent. Hoping that you will comply with my request.

Yours Truly

S. Perrault

Principal

Ottawa, October 27th, 1928.

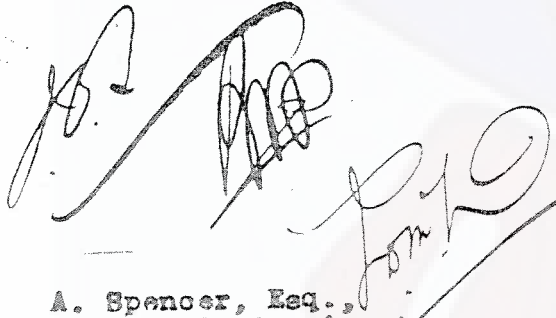
Sir:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing a communication which you received from the Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School requesting that the Department supply vacuum valves for the heating system.

In this connection it is noted that you obtained a report from an expert plumber who states that the present system could hardly be improved upon and that the difficulty seems to be that the school furnace is not properly attended to. The Department is not prepared to authorize the supplying of vacuum valves which the Principal requests. You should inform him that the Department expects he will have on his staff a man competent to attend to the furnace. All ashes should be kept cleaned out from under the grates, and the firing of the furnace should not be left to the care of the pupils. You should take up with the Principal the question of his obtaining the services of a competent man to attend to the furnace.

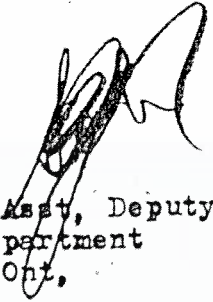
Your obedient servant,

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


A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances Ontario
Feb, 1st 1929


J, D, Melean Asst, Deputy & Secretary
Indian Department
Ottawa Ont,

Dear Sir;

I beg to inform you that the 2 drinking fountains which you supplied to my school for the use of the pupils boys & girls in their respective play-rooms four years ago, have been out of order some time ago, and removed as I could not find any where the necessary pieces for repairs. In place of them I wish you supply me two combination drinking water cocks which would cost only \$3.00 each and would give better result than the former, where the water cocks being out of the basin were dropping on the floor.

Presuming your consent I bought already one from the plumber who worked in my school last month, He had purchased it for his personal use but he did not used it yet and was not in need of, I hopethat I Did not presume too much and will refund me the money for same, and will supply me the other one which could be installed by one of the school man, Enclosed please find the bill of purchased, Hoping to receive a favourable answer.

Yours Truly

S. Perrault
Principal

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,

No. 2627.

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FEB, 13th, 1929,

Sir.

In regard to this Account, I have to report that the pipes at the Indian Residential School, froze up, so that I had to send a plumber up and repair the damage, no doubt but it was caused by not keeping the fires up, so that it was a careless thing of the Principal, so much so that I took it up with the Church officials at St Boniface, and they sent their Inspector down, with the result that the present Principal Father Perrault, is being removed from here, and a new Principal is being sent in his place, the School has ~~been~~ under his care been going to pieces, and I had to do something to stop the careless way, I might say also that the Father has been too careless in lots of other things, that should not be around the school, such as letting the children run all over and not regular at School, the Indians has put in several claims that the children were not being properly fed and clothed, and were also freezing in the School, And I only hope that the new Principal will put things in shape, and carry on to the benefit of both the church and the Indian Department more successfully,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

R. Spencer
Indian Agent,

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

Ont.

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File 463-2, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Quarterly Returns. 1941-1952

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School - Building Maintenance - Supplies -
Accounts - General Administration. 1922-1929~~

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School - Building Maintenance - Supplies -
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School - Building Maintenance - Supplies -
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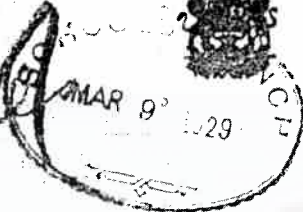
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,

MARCH, 5th, 1929,

No. 2647.

[Handwritten signature]
Sir.

I have the honor to report that I have a lot of complaint from the Residential School, of the Oven, which they claim will not bake the bread, so on the 25th of February, I visited the School and made a inspection of the Oven, and I find that it is a Galvalmized oven, and the doors are all worped, and will not hold the heat, the Fire Box is only 9 x 16, and cannot get heat enough to bake the bread, I am told by the Cook that it takes her Two and a half hours to bake the bread, I also seen some of the bread and it was burn^d on the outside and hardly cooked on the inside, and is not good bread for the children, and as bread is the main living for the children, I would recommend that a new oven be installed if the Department could see their way clear to do so, I do not know what an electric oven would cost, but if one could be secured at a reasonable price, I would like to see it put in, because if the bread is not good, the meal is not relished by the children, it would have to bake about Two sacks of flour at once, which would mean about 60 loaves of bread, at all events there should be something done about a new oven for the Residential School, as soon as posible, because it is badly needed,

I have the honor to be,
Sir.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature: R. Spencer]
Indian Agent,

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

Indian Boarding School 124-1-0

Fort Frances, Ont.

28 March 1929

SCHOOL BRANCH
APR 3 1929

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 2 1929
RECORDED

To the Secretary if the Dept of Indan Affairs, Ottawa.

Dear Sir,-

On the 26inst. in the visit to the School of Mr. Spencer our Ind. Agent he communicated to me your last letter regarding the oven of which the school is in an emergency need.

The said oven has been condemned years ago. I remember on my part I made a ~~xxxm~~ report that the oven was not satisfactory in 1924 and that we were unable to cook any bread in a proper manner. Instead of amilioration the said oven turned to the worst, this is why on my taking charge again of the School I called immediately your Agent Mr Spencer and I showed him the bread and the Oven, and I am sorry to say that in the four last years of my absence the children and the Staff have been condemned to eat such bread, and put a slavery work on the shoulders of the Cook and on the Children she was oblige to teach.

Nothing is exaggerated in what I am saying now.

Why now did I recommend an electric oven? Because the chimney on which the present wood oven is connected has not been built for that purpose, but for vantilation purpose so to have draft from the stove we are oblige to close the ventilation. (b) In the matter it may be a danger for fier. I remarked that fier has been ~~xi~~ set to the floor already.

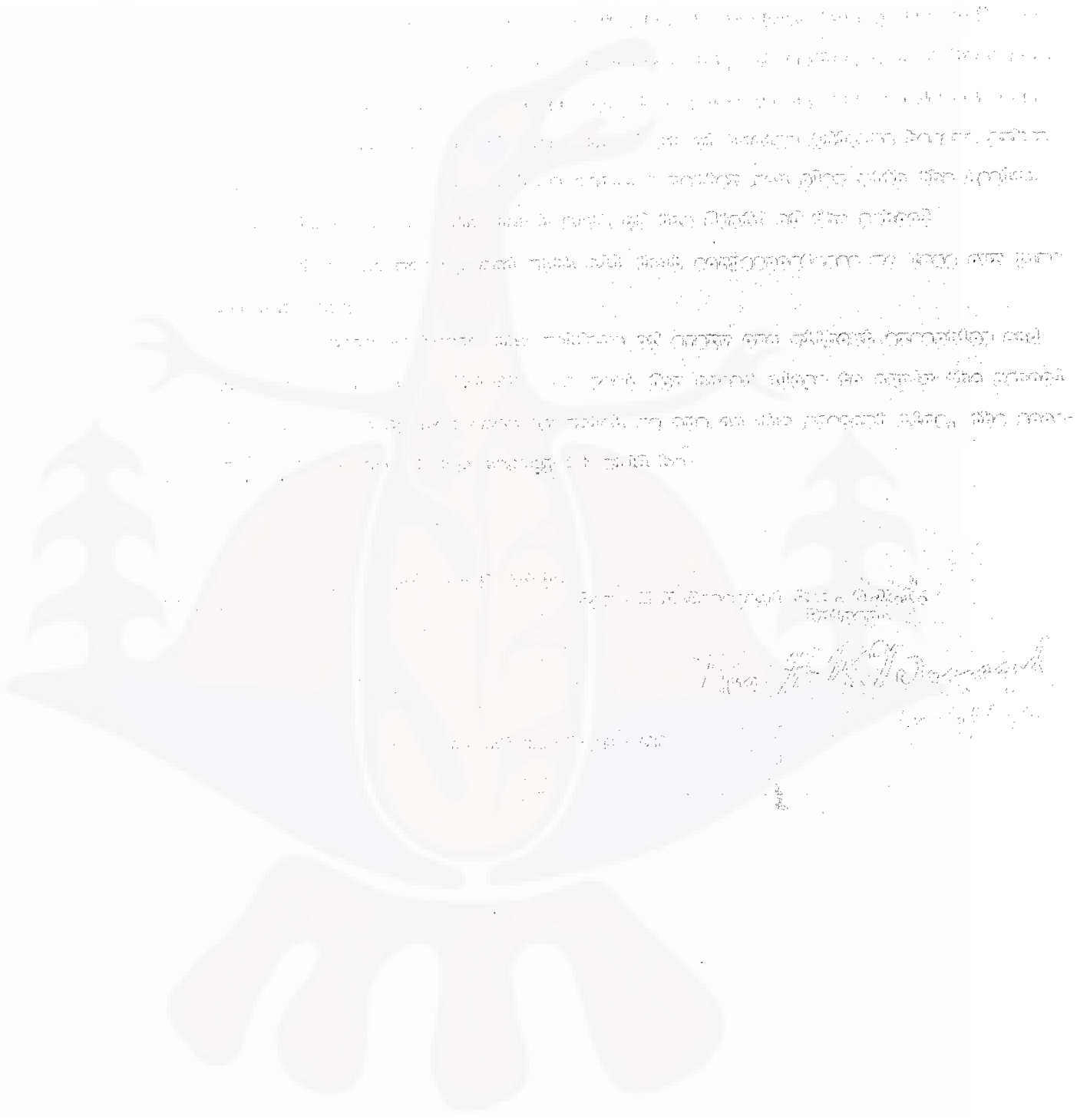
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Handwritten signature:
The Hon. Justice [Name]
[Date]

Ottawa, April 3rd, 1929.

Rev. Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo, regarding your request to be supplied with an electric oven for the use of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

In reply I have to say that, if you are not prepared to provide one-half the cost of the type of electric oven which you require, as manufactured by William Roberts & Son, the Department regrets, owing to the cost, viz., \$900 installed, that it will be unable to supply same. I would point out that the Department has never furnished an electric oven for the use of a residential school. The type of oven we have supplied to other schools is a wood burning oven, which has given satisfaction. This oven is manufactured by Jean J. Deoust, Limited, St. Boniface, and is supplied at a cost of from \$400 to \$450, depending on the size. If the Department is called upon to pay the full cost of an oven, this is the type we would be prepared to supply your school, unless, as stated, you would be prepared to pay the difference in cost between the installing of an electric oven over that of the cost of a wood burning oven.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean
J. D. McLean,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. E. M. Brassard, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Ottawa , March 20, 1929.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant, with reference to the request for an electric bake oven for the use of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. The catalogue which you enclosed was also received giving particulars of the electric oven which you recommend be supplied, the cost of which, installed, is \$900. I may say that the Department has received prices from Jean J. Daoust, Limited, for their Models B and C, ovens. The price of the Model B oven is \$564.70 and of their Model C, \$719.55.

If the school authorities will be responsible for one-half the total cost, viz. \$900, of the oven manufactured by William Roberts & Son, this Department will make payment of the other half. I may add that we have never supplied electric ovens for residential schools but, as it is noted that sufficient power to operate this oven can be obtained, the Department would be prepared to favourably consider supplying same on the above terms. Please ascertain from the school authorities whether they will be responsible for half the cost of supplying the oven requested, and advise the Department, and steps will be taken to arrange for the purchase and installation.

Your obedient servant,

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

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

*Answer to 26th 1929
of March 26th 1929*

Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances, Ont.
28 March 1929.

To the Secretary of the Dept of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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I am opposed to the Daoust's Oven(a) because it is too thin in its construction. (b) The doors are too large and in sheet iron exposed to warp under the action of the heat, and not closing tight enough to keep the heat as it happens for the other ovens of its own standard. (c) The conclusion is, that the present construction of the Daoust's oven is on the expense of electricity and I do not see any other reason for the 18 Killowatts to heat it up to the cooking point.

The second part of your letter, I am sorry to say so, but I can not help it... it made me laugh. But, of course I have been away from the school business since the last four years, and I did not know that during that lapse of time, the Dept of Indian Affairs became a begging Institution. It is a serious matter you play with the health of the children and with the health of the Staff of the School.

Time is money, and with all that correspondence we lose our time and our money.

I have at heart the welfare of every one without exception and this is why it cost \$30.00 per week for bread alone to supply the school. So it is an emergency case in which we are in the present time.

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Indian Boarding School

Fort Frances, Ont.

April 10 1929.

To The Honorable
Duncan Scott.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 15 1929
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APR 17 1929

Honorable Sir,

I take the liberty to address to under the registered Mail, the correspondence we had lately with the Sec. of the Dept. of Indian Affairs regarding the electric oven of which we are in immediate need at the School. Already Mr. Spencer the Agent got a full report of it at the Dept. and we are no more advanced now than we are in the beginning.

Counting on your immense interest in the success and welfare of the Indian School. I decided to address myself directly to you, being sure in advance that you will not refuse to hear me.

In my answer to the letter of Mr McKenzie Sub. Secretary, you will find all the reasons in favor of the said mentioned electric oven I have nothing particular against the Dacust Oven, but on the contrary if I had any feeling it would be in favor of the said Company, all my feeling is for the School and the interest of the School.

Now regarding Dacust's Oven it is one of those ovens we have and that is condemned, and I do not understand why the Dept. wants suppl

one of the same defective kind, that we may be obliged to condemn again and when with a little more expense we can have 100 % better in a William Robert's Oven Co.,.

As you can read in Mr. McLean's answer he refused to supply an electric Oven, because as he says they have not supplied yet any School with it.

Considering this last point, I do not find in it an adequate answer to the argument of my letter.

(a) The defectivity of the chimney on which the half of the said oven has to be connected.

(b) Danger of, fire.

(c) The fire has been already set to the floor.

Now for the cheap rate of it for heating purpose, at one cent a kilowatt, is a sufficient reason to make us prefer an electric oven to a wood one.

I understand very well the location of the Indian Schools except a few, none of them are in position to have an electric supply, for some ovens at a reasonable rate, but here at Fort Frances School we have 2200 volts.

Now another remark made again that you will find in my letter is that the William Robert's Electric Ovens, need only 14 kilowatts to heat it up, to the heating point, but the Daoust Oven takes 18 kilowatts and if you refer to my letter you will find the explanation of it.

I am sorry to have taken so much of your precious time, but knowing your kindness I am aware you will forgive me, and your great interest

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in the Indian Education, will bring you to our rescue in this matter.

Thank you very much.

I am in full hopes that you will grant us our petition.

Your obedient servant.

H. M. Branson, Jr.
June 1, 1914

*To the Hon. Sec. of the Interior
Department
Capt. Curtis
Washington*

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Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances Ont.
April 25th 1929

To The Honorable
Duncan Scott

[Handwritten signature]

Received of H.M. Brassard
H.M. Brassard
concerned with the school

RECORDS
APR 28 1929

Honorable Sir

I am just in receipt of your last of the 18th inst. and I am surprised with the answer.

I am sorry to say that there is a part of it, I am not able to understand the meaning; this is, what I quote from your letter. "In consideration of request from Indian Schools, we are governed largely by our usual practice". What do you mean?

Does it mean that the Officers of the Dept. of Indian Affairs, if they are in need of a piece of furniture or equipment are obliged to meet half way the Government in the expenses?

This is what you ask me in your letter.

In another consideration; is the Dept. obliged to come to help the Principals of the Schools, for the equipment of the farm?

I know on my part that the School at Fort Frances I never get such a help, and I never saw the Dept. meeting me half way in the expenses. And after all it is the property the Dept. of Indian Affairs, and I think it should be only reasonable to have the Dept. to supply the implements necessary for the farm.

All the money to pay for those implements is taken from the per Capita. I can say for my part for all the years I spent for the work of the School. I never take a cent of salary, only my own living.

Work surely worth a salary.

Moreover, our school should be the first of all of the same kind, and the reason why is because we are on the boundary of the U.S. and that we receive the visit of tourists of all kinds from away South of the U.S. where there Indians raised up to the highest of education and if we stand with the system of 50 or 60 % 100 years old we are away back and considered so.

In the eyes of the public there is a reason, and for the welfare of the School, you have all the reason in my letter of the 28th of March last.

My Superior agree with me that the Dept. is calling on an impossibility to keep up those schools in the right way.

Sincerely Yours

H.M. Brassard Priest

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To the Honorable D.C. Scott
Deputy Minister
Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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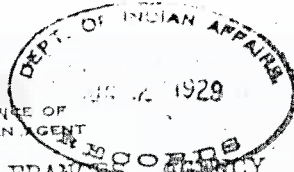
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CANADA

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT
FORT FRANCES, BRITISH COLUMBIA,
AUG. 9th, 1929.

Sir.

No. I24-I-5.

[Handwritten signature]

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo; -In which you requested me to interview the Principal of the Residential School in regard to overhauling the heating system. and as requested, I have seen the Principal, and he said that the heating system was more urgently required than the other things that he was asking for,

In regard to this change in heating system, I have to report that the Boiler will have to be build in again, as it has fallen in, and is in bad shape, so that I would recommend that Tenders be called for the work complete, which would mean extra cost to what was reported last December, and this work should be commenced as soon as possible, to have completed before fall.

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]
Indian Agent,

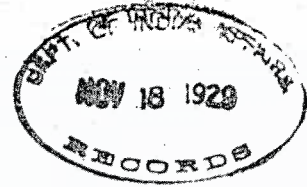
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Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,
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Letter No. 4027.....

Office of the FORT FRANCES, ONT., Indian Agency,

[Handwritten signature]

NOV. 15th. 1929.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 467 & 468, amounting to \$1950.50 in favour

of The John East Co., Ltd.; - Fort Frances, Ont.

for Changing heating system to dunham and relining Boiler and bricking.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. I24-I-5. dated September, 10th. 1929

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

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Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Form No. 101

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Indian Boarding School

Fort Frances, Ont.

October 1, 1929.

To Mr. L. Spencer Indian Agent.

Fort Frances, Ontario.

Honored Sir,

According to the regulations of the Department of Indian Affairs, our Senior Girls are allowed a half day of manual labor, so that in later years besides having the class formation, they receive during school, they will also have, that, which is necessary to have to be competent house-keepers.

At the present moment there is great lack to this formation in our Sewing Department. We have two machines completely out of order, and it is really impossible for me to meet the expense of buying any other.

Another inconvenience arising from lack of machines is that we are unable to make the underwear and other articles of clothing necessary for the cold season so near at hand.

Would it be possible for you kind Agent, to interest the Department in our favor?

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,
NOV, 15th, 1929,

No. 4025.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from Fort Frances Residential School, in which they requisition the Department to purchase for the use of Girls in Manual training, Two New Sewing Machines, as the Two Old ones are worn out,

*Feb 1/22 - 1 machine
May 1/25 - 2 machines*

And I have to report that I have investigated this case, and find that there is Two machines of very little use, and as they are used in manual training, for the girls to learn sewing, and to make clothing for other children, I would recommend that they be purchased, if the Dept. has funds on hand for that purpose, as it is an education for the girls, and one very much needed, in their household duties,

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I have the honor to be,

Sir.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
NOV 25 1929

Your obedient servant,

R. Spencer
Indian Agent,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Mr Fred Arnold,

FORT FRANCES,

ONT.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Dec 18th	To Lease of 12 Acres of Land more or less for use of Fort Frances Residential School purpose @ \$15.00.per Year.	\$ 15.00
TOTAL,		

Nov 31 - 12 - 29.

ENGRAVED and
Signed
[Signature]

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

[Signature]
Agent.

Form 62.

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Letter No. 4060

Office of the FORT FRANCES, ONT, Indian Agency,

Asst

DECEMBER, 18th, 1929

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 479 & 480,

amounting to \$ 30.00	in favour	
Charles Jourdain, Fort Frances, Ont		\$15.00
Fred Arnold " " "		15.00
of		\$30.00

for Rent of land for Residential School purpose.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. dated

Your obedient servant,

R. Spencer
Indian Agent.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
June 18th. 1930.

Mr. A.S. Spencer, Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to make an application for a requisition to the Dept. for beds for our children. We are in great need of a dozen 6 ft. beds for the boys and an equal number of the same size for the girls.

If you remember your last visit to the School during which you were asked to look over our beds, you will know that our request is amply justified from whatever angle you may choose to look at it.

These beds for the greater part have springs that cannot be repaired, and these broken springs play a large part in the destruction of the mattresses. Moreover, our children are outgrowing their beds.

As far as I can recall, our School has not been supplied with beds since 1917. In 1922 we received some mattresses, but some of these have been destroyed by broken springs and but a few can be repaired.

Hoping that you will put this requisition through at your earliest convenience, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

H. M. Brassard, C.E.I.

H. M. Brassard
Principal.

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Ottawa, July 3, 1930.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will supply, for the use of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, and ship addressed to Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I., Fort Frances, Ont., the following:


12 institution beds, design No. 4000, 6' x 2'6", equipped with rustproof twisted link fabric springs.

12 mattresses to fit above beds, composed entirely of white layer cotton felt, with 4 1/2" band, covered with S.M. grade blue and white striped ticking, and to be similar to your yellow label - all materials throughout the mattresses to be guaranteed new.

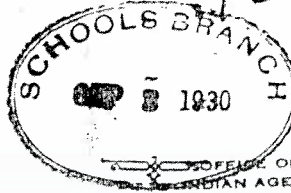
The above equipment should be supplied at your lowest possible price F.O.B. Fort Frances, Ont., sales tax, if any, included, and your account, in triplicate, covering the cost of the beds and mattresses should be forwarded to Mr. A. Spencer, Indian Agent, Fort Frances, Ont., who is being informed of the order placed with you, and requested, upon receipt of the beds and mattresses, if in good condition, to certify the account and send it to the Department, when payment will be made.

Yours very truly,

F. H. Paget,
Accountant & Purchasing Agent.


Simmons Limited,
400 St. Ambroise St.,
Montreal, P.Q.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,

AUG, 29th, 1930.

No. 4188.

Sir.

I have the honor to again refer back to your letter of the 20th of March, Letter No. 124-1-5. in regard to a baking oven for Fort Frances Residential School, In regard to the Electric oven, the School authorities do not feel like putting the half of the price in an electric oven, as requested by the Department,

and since that time have been looking around for an oven that would suit their purpose, and so enclosed you will find a catalogue with ovens listed, Model No. 12 on Page # No 1006 you will find the stove that they would like the Department to purchase for their requirements, which costs \$475.00. F.O.B. factory,

The Residential School have since requesting the Department for a new stove, been buying Bakers bread, and no doubt but it is costing them a great deal for bread to feed 85 children, and I would recommend that the Department purchase Model No. 12 as the School is certainly in need of a new oven, Model No. 8. is a little too small, as they require a bag of flour for each baking, to take care of the children, and Model No. 12 will bake a sack of flour at a time,

ENCLOSED,

Frank M. [Signature]
Wm. [Signature]
J. [Signature]

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

I have the honor, to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Indian Agent,

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, September 3rd, 1930.

MEMORANDUM

Dr. Scott:

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When visiting Fort Frances Agency in July last my attention was drawn to the necessity of painting both the exterior and interior of the Residential School.

In the interests of economy this should not be delayed beyond next year, not to mention the bad impression given the Public. Many tourists visit Fort Frances from the United States, coming in over the State of Minnesota's paved Highways. The tourist camp is located not far from the School on the Lake Shore and not a few tourists visit the School. In fact it has been one of the show places of Fort Frances, but I must say that I was not proud of the appearance of the building in its present state.

I asked the Agent to provide for this work in his next Estimates. He informed me that he had placed a sum in his last Estimates, but had heard nothing of it. I told him that we had to curtail expenditure this year, but that I felt sure it would be provided for next year.

W. R. G. G.
Chief Accountant.

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SEP 8 1930
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No. 4202.

Immediate

SCHOOLS BRANCH
SEP 9 1930

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,
SEP 5th, 1930.

Sir.

I have the honor to have the sad news to report that at 8 A.M. this morning, the Fort Frances Residential School Barn was burnt with all contents in it, Included with the barn, there was about 30 tons of hay 70 hundred of chopped grain, Three horses, Two sleighs, One Buggy, One democrat, One wagon, harness, and every thing pertaining to the Barn and Stable, The School is left without any thing except the Cows, and no place to take care of them in, It is a sad loss both to the School authorities and to the Department, The Principal has put an Estimate of about \$15000, loss but I think that he is a little high in his Estimate,

But now that the fire has cleaned the Barn out, it will have to be replaced by another, I don't know if the Dept. had Insurance on it or not, but at any rate we will have to consider the erection of another in the place of the one burnt, and as it is late now, it will have to be rushed for to be completed for the winter, so would like to have instructions what to do,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

Spencer
Indian Agent,

*Barn 5000
Hay 400
Grain 350
Horses 400
Wagon 500
Sf. 500
\$ 7150*

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

Ont.

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Indian Boarding School,

Fort Frances, Ontario.

Sept. 6th. 1930.

The following is a list of the articles destroyed by fire in our barn on Friday Sept 5th.

I wagon

3 horses

1 buggy

2 outbuildings damaged
(1 beyond repair)

I democrat

2 sets toting sleighs

I potato planter

I potato cutter

I chop grinder (10 in. wheel)

I fan mill

2 hoists (4 ton cap.)

3 sets harness

I 45 ft. ladder

I set automobile chains

I horse-drawn cab

I set scales

cap. 1000 #

150 ft. lumber

300 " 1½" rope

3½ tons grain (feed)

4 " oat sheaves

30-35 tons of hay

All garden tools

Neckyokes & whipple-trees

25 cords of wood

Immediate
[Signature]

Fort Frances, Ontario.

Sept. 6th. 1930.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 9 1930
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To The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I beg to report that our barn was destroyed by fire around 7.45 a.m. yesterday.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The only theory that can be advanced is that spontaneous combustion was caused by new hay not sufficiently dried. This hay must have heated to the point of combustion and fire eventually broke out.

No one was smoking in or around the barn. Mr. Magnan left the barn ten minutes late for breakfast, that is about 7.40. Everything was in good order. He saw, heard or smelled nothing. At about 7.55 the alarm was given. Mr. Green ran into the barn; it was already filled with smoke. He saved two of the horses, but could not get the other two out. One of the horses saved had to be shot afterwards on account of burns. Mr. Doiron rushed for the hose and started the pumps while I tried to get at the fire with the hose. Mr. Magnan in the meantime managed to get the bull and the calves out. Before coming out I sent an alarm in town. The Fire Dept. came, but could do nothing for the barn. It was one mass of flames.

All we could do was to try to save the outbuildings, and all our efforts were barely sufficient to succeed even in that. Of the outbuildings, two were damaged. The blacksmith shop is beyond repair, but the granary can still be repaired.

In consequence of this report, I beg to be allowed to petition the Department for immediate assistance. The season now demands that the cattle be given protection from the cold if we would maintain our milk supply. Moreover, our crop of potatoes, which will amount to some 1200 bu. this year, will be ready next week. We have no room for these, and they are of

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too great importance to us to allow them to be frozen. We have a few calves that are too young to be wintered out of doors.

Shelter will have to be found for them.

The only shelter we have for our stock is the ~~ix~~ implement shed. This, with a little alteration will do for the time being, but when heavy frost comes, it will be practically useless. So, you can see how badly we need a barn immediately.

Another important item I would like to submit to your consideration is the loss of three of our horses. This leaves us with only one horse. We have arranged to hire three horses from the Border Lumber Co. in order to finish what work we can. It is doubtful if we may keep them long enough to dig our potatoes. If not, you can imagine the predicament we will be in. So, I ask the Department to look into this matter and trust it will receive prompt and favorable consideration.

Once more I would like to impress upon you the need we have of immediate attention as winter is coming fast and if we haven't proper accomodation for our stock, our position will be a sad one. The young stock will likely die off. The milk and butter supply will be stopped and there will be no room for our potatoes.

Herewith enclosed a list of articles lost in the fire.

Thanking you in advance for the consideration and interest I feel sure you will give this matter, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

H. M. Brassard, O. M. I.

H. M. Brassard
Principal.

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M. MacKenzie

Ottawa, September 12, 1930.

Sir:

Father Brassard, Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, visited the Department today and states that he believes there are two fire hazards in the main building. One is the chimney which will be used for the proposed new bake oven and the other is behind the boiler of the main heating plant. Will you please arrange to have these places inspected immediately and let the Department have a report and recommendation, with estimate of the cost, if any expenditure is necessary. The Department wishes you to give this serious and immediate consideration.

Your obedient servant,

A. P. MacKenzie
A. P. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

A. Spencer
A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

September 17, 1930.

Memorandum:

HONOURABLE THOMAS C. MURPHY.

I regret to inform you that, recently, two barns have been destroyed by fire at Indian residential schools in western Ontario - one at the Indian Residential School at Fort Frances and the other at the Cecilia Jeffrey Institution, near Kenora. These losses are incidental to the work and the buildings must be replaced as soon as possible. I have hesitated to ask for authority to rebuild this fall, because of the condition of the Appropriation for Indian Education. However, the postponement of the large new main building at the Shingwauk Home School, Sault Ste. Marie, relieves the situation somewhat. Regarding the condition of the Vote, I may say I have informed the Minister of Finance that we should have a supplementary appropriation for Indian Education of \$245,000.00 if our obligations of this year are to be met promptly. At the first opportunity, I wish to have a full and frank discussion with you in this connection.

The two barns must really be replaced without delay, or there will be serious consequences, and I should be grateful if you would let me have the name of a competent carpenter-foreman at Fort Frances and one at Kenora, to whom the reconstruction could be entrusted. I believe it advisable to have the work done on a day labour basis, the Indian Agent to purchase the materials.

I should also like to have the names of lumber, cement and hardware dealers at Kenora and Fort Frances, so that the materials can be purchased without delay. Plans for these barns will be forwarded from the Department.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.



R

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,
SEPT, 19th, 1930.

4216.

Sir.

I have the honor to report, that while at the Residential School on the 16th Ultimo, looking over Fire Hazards requested by the Department, I find that there are no Fire Extinguishers in the School, and has been nont put there for a number of Years, and in case of a fire there is no fire protection except the small hose operated by a gasoline engine, which we found out was of little use, except for a fire when it firsts starts, if it had not been for the Fort Frances Fire begrade, when the School Barn was burnt, the School would of went up in smoke as well as the barn, but their chemical engine is what saved the School, Owing to the suituation of the School and so many children in it, I would Recommend that the Department, secure more fire protection for the School, I am enclosing pamphlets of Fir Extinguishers and would Recommend that we purchase at least Three Captain Fry-Fyter, and at least Six 1 1/2 Quart Fry-Fyters to be scattered through the Residential School, we have no protection from fire in the School, and if a fire was to happen, we would get the condemnation of the whole country, I would Recommend that the Department purchase the Extinguishers or give me the authority to purchase them for the Residential School,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

R. Spencer
Indian Agent,

A. Hummer
6-11-30

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

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Ottawa, September 30, 1930.

Gentlemen:

Please ship as soon as possible, charges prepaid, addressed to Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I., Indian Residential School, Fort Frances, Ont., the following fire extinguishers:

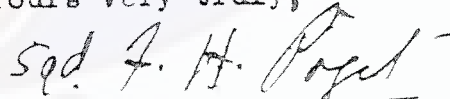
- 4 - 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ Gal. Thermene extinguishers, complete with non-freeze chemicals,
- 6 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Quart Pyrene extinguishers, complete with chemical and wall brackets.

The above should be supplied at your lowest possible price F.O.B. Fort Frances.

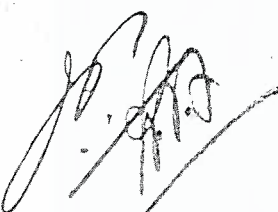
Please forward your account, in triplicate, covering the cost to A. Spencer, Esq., Fort Frances, Ont., who is being informed of the order placed with you, and requested, upon receipt of the extinguishers, if in good condition, to certify the account and send it to the Department, when payment will be made.

Your early attention to this order will oblige,

Yours very truly,



F. H. Paget,
Accountant & Purchasing Agent.



Pyrene Mfg. Co. of Canada Ltd.,
1197-1207 King St. W.,
Toronto, 2, Ont.

M. J. MacKenzie
Secretary

Ottawa, September 30, 1930.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the fire equipment at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, and requesting that a supply of extinguishers be furnished and enclosing pamphlets of the extinguishers which you recommend.

In reply I have to say it is noted that the Fyter extinguishers are manufactured in the United States. The Department prefers to provide supplies of Canadian manufacture, and we are, therefore, placing an order today with the Pyrene Manufacturing Company of Canada, Ltd., to ship, addressed to Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I., Fort Frances, Ont., the following:

- 4 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gal. Thermene extinguishers, complete with non-freeze chemicals,
- 6 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Quart Pyrene extinguishers, complete with chemical and wall brackets.

The above firm have been requested to prepay shipping charges and to forward their account, in triplicate, to you covering the cost F.O.B. Fort Frances. When the extinguishers are received, if in good condition, you should certify the account and return same to the Department in duplicate, retaining one copy for file in your office.

Both the above types of extinguishers are supplied with a non-freeze chemical. When they are received, you should instruct the Principal to see that they are distributed at strategic points throughout the buildings, where they will be readily accessible in case of fire. You might also inform the Principal of the order for these extinguishers, and request him to accept delivery when they arrive at Fort Frances. We are requesting the above firm to make early shipment.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

A. Spencer

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

Sept. 30, 1930.

Sir,-

I beg to advise you that it is the wish of the Department to proceed at once with the rebuilding of the barn which was destroyed by fire at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, the barn to be built similar to the one which was destroyed and in accordance with the plans which are being sent you, under separate cover. These plans were traced from a plan submitted to the Department some years ago by the Principal and as far as the records show the barn that was burned was built in accordance with these plans.

The work is to be carried out by day labour employing Mr. O. Vézinau, of Fort Frances, as carpenter-foreman. The lumber is to be purchased from Langstaffe, Schurg & Co. of Emo, Ont. and the cement and hardware from the Wells Hardware Co. of Fort Frances.

Time sheets should be kept for all labour and forwarded to the Department in duplicate. An accountable cheque for the payment of labour will be sent you on application. All accounts for materials should be forwarded to the Department for payment, duly certified to by you in the regular way.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie.
SECRETARY.

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,

SEPT, 30th. 1930,

R

No. 4224.

Sir.

I have the honor to report that through the Principal of the Residential School, I have been informed that the Department are considering building the New Barn by Day Labor, and that a man by the name of Veziņa is to be the overseer of same, in the interest of the Department, and saving of money, I would recommend that the work be given to a reliable party with equipment to do the work, as this man has no equipment and from what I can find out is not reliable, he has built one house in Fort Frances, and has never paid for material up to the present time, and as soon as he starts at the School barn, we can look for garnishes of his wages, which amounts to around \$700.00.

The reason I have written this letter is that, Mr East has just handed me an offer for the building of the New Barn at the School, which I think is an offer to the best interest of the Department, which I enclose with this letter.

enclosed,

I am not interested in who gets the building of the Barn, for my part I would like to see the Contract let by Tender, which would be the fairest to all parties, and no partiality to any person,

But I would like if the department would take into consideration for work to be done, the best mechanics that could be secured,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

R. Spencer
Indian Agent,

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

See note

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Account No.

Fort Frances, Oct. 1st. 1930
Ont.

Mr. Indian Department, Dr.

c/o Mr. A. Spencer
No. Street

Fort Frances,

in account with

THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

This account must be paid within 30 days of date of rendering.
Interest charged at 7% per annum on all overdue accounts.
Make all cheques payable to the Treasurer, Town of Fort Frances.

To 12 firemen attending fire at Indian School - Sept. 5th. 1930. @ \$5.00	60.00
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Service performed, price fair & just,

A. Spencer
Indian Agent,

Sept 21-18-30

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Credit

Fire B. Exp.

J. W. Shore

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

October 14th. 1930.

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Mr. Orr -

The Minister directs that the offer of the John East Company, Ltd., of Fort Frances, Ont. to build the barn at the Indian industrial school on the basis of cost plus ten per cent, as set forth in their letter to Mr. Agent Spencer of the 30th. ultimo, be accepted.

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To The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 4 1930
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Dear Sir:-

I beg to be allowed to bring forward again the question of a Frigidaire for our School. I would like to submit, for your consideration, a few points in favor of this system that are evident.

As it has already been brought to your notice, our present ice-house is in such a state of deterioration that it calls for immediate attention.— Should the Department consider the ice-house, it would be found in a condition virtually beyond repair, as the whole bottom and four feet on the walls are rotting away, so that the only logical solution would be to rebuild it.— A new building could not be had for less than \$1000.00 to \$1100.00.

On the other hand, if the Department were to grant us a Frigidaire, the purchase and cost of installation would not be any greater than a new ice-house.

Now, the initial cost in both cases being about equal, it might be well to consider the cost of upkeep.— The ice cost us \$80.00 last spring. The expense of cleaning the building for the fresh supply; the packing of the ice after it was in; carrying the ice to the kitchen ice-box through the summer would bring this total to \$100.00 to 125.00.— We in the neighborhood of Fort Frances are able to get power very cheap. Supposing a Frigidaire required a 1½ h.p. motor, (that is approximately what we would need,) the power used in 24 hrs. allowing the motor to run 15 mins. per hr. would be 111-100 K.W.H. per hour for 6 hrs. at 3 cts. per K.W.H., or 20 cts per day, making an average of \$70.00 per year. This amount represents the total expenditure for that dept. of the kitchen for a whole year.

Looking at it from an economical point of view, the School would profit largely by this system, for we would be able to get a larger supply of food, and consequently at a lower price, and be in a position to keep this food in good condition.— From a hygienic point of view we also have everything to gain, because our meats and other foodstuffs will not come in contact with sawdust and other such germ-breeding substances, and they will, also have protection from mice and rats that generally give us no end of trouble every winter.— As for the convenient side of the question, a Frigidaire would be adjoining the kitchen. The cook would have access to it at all times, where now she has to go some 200 ft. out of doors through snow or rain to get what is needed for her kitchen, and this every day because we have no room to keep any more than one day's supply at one time in our small ice-box.

From what you have read you may see the the superiority of a Frigidaire over an ice-house in our case. Now, as we must have either a new ice-house or a Frigidaire and the cost of either being about equal, why could it not be a Frigidaire? The upkeep is cheaper and the advantages so much greater that there can hardly be any comparison. The Department will save by having a plant that will be reliable and economical and by that same fact the School will also save by having plenty of good food, with a minimum of waste, and the assurance of good health to everyone and the credit for this happy condition will, I feel assured, be reflected on the Department that will have made this improvement possible.

*Wanted for
Frigidaire*

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Hoping, dear Sir, that after having considered these facts, our School will be highly favored by your approval of this proposition, for which we heartily thank you in advance.

Yours very truly,

H.M. Brassard, OMI.

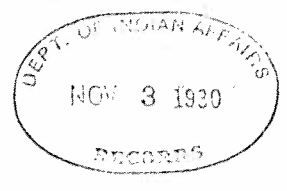
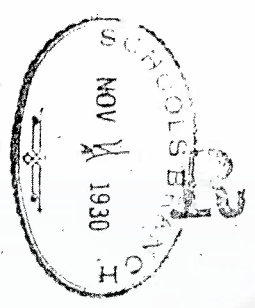
H. M. Brassard

Principal.

Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

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Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
Oct. 30th. 1930.



To The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-
Estimates have already been sent to the Department for the alteration of the girls' dormitory ceiling from its present state to that of an arched ceiling, and also for the installing of an electric fan for ventilation purposes.

This ceiling was first built on its present plan on account of the water tanks that were placed above it, but since our water system has been changed the space above the dormitory is vacant. Moreover the ceiling itself is in bad state of repair; the plaster is breaking and falling.

The bad state of the ceiling brought about my proposition to Mr. Spencer that the Department be petitioned to provide funds for its repair. I also took advantage of the opportunity to point out that the dormitory being but 9 ft. high, it would be well to make use of an otherwise useless space by raising a new ^{ceiling} up to the roof in an arched form, thus providing better circulation and purer air for the occupants of the dormitory.

In addition to this I also suggested that a ventilation system governed by an electric fan be installed to provide for such change in air that will become necessary from time to time. At present this is impossible, due to the fact that the windows in this dormitory are level with the beds, and their being opened causes a draught that is decidedly unhealthy.

At this season, when it is necessary to heat in the evenings, this room becomes overheated causing the to uncover, then when it cools off they are in great danger of contracting colds.

In this matter, I have asked the opinion of men who are competent, and they are unanimous in the approval of my plan. Now as the estimates have already been sent, we would consider it a great favor to see them placed before the House to be voted. This alteration would be to the advantage of all, but particularly of the children concerned.

Yours truly,
H.M. Brassard, O.M.I.

H.M. Brassard
Principal.

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Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
Nov. 6th. 1930.



To The Honorable D. C. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

During the past while, the necessity of repainting the School and its outbuildings, both inside and outside, has become very apparent. It is the opinion of all who have ventured to say it, that in this respect the School is far behind what it should be.

The greater part of the interior of the School, so far as I know, has not been painted since about 1906. The annex was painted in 1911. Apart from this, some three or four rooms were painted a little over a year ago at our own expense. The outside painting was done around 1921 or 1922.

If I may be allowed to express my opinion, I think that this request is wholly within reason, for the preservation of all our buildings and also, and this reason should not be overlooked, because our School being situated near the border of the U.S.A. we are constantly having visiting tourists. These visitors expect to find this, a government institution, as up-to-date as those in their country. It must be admitted that from an appearance point of view they have been badly deceived in this School. Walls that haven't seen paint in some twenty years cannot possibly be expected to show.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of estimates on the paint work in these buildings submitted by Mr. Morrison of Ft. Frances. As a good part of this work can be done in winter time, it was thought a good way of alleviating some unemployment by applying for authority to go ahead with it this winter, as Mr. Morrison is willing to wait till the estimates have been voted to get paid. In view of this opportunity, I beg to be allowed to recommend this plan to the Department as one that will be to the advantage of all concerned.

Yours truly,

H. M. Brassard, O.M.I.

Principal.

H. M. Brassard

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EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF SEPARATE SCHOOL INSPECTOR GREENING, DATED OCTOBER 22nd, 1930, ON HIS INSPECTION OF THE FORT FRANCES INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

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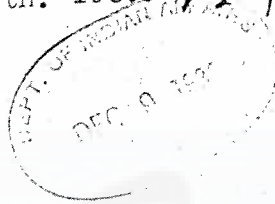
Upon entering the school, I was very much struck with the shabby appearance of the walls, which had the appearance of not having been painted for years. I would recommend that something be done in this matter. I do not think that calsoining would be very satisfactory, in view of the number of children. If the walls were painted and varnished, they might be kept washed.

I question very much, also, if the sleeping quarters for the girls are altogether satisfactory. Some forty-five to fifty girls are accommodated in a dormitory which can scarcely provide sufficient cubic feet of air space for such a number. Lack of sufficient fresh air for sleeping cannot, of course, fail to reflect adversely upon their work in class.

See correspondence under J.P.

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Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
Dec. 4th. 1930. 124-1-5



Russel T. Ferrier, Esq.
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:--

In accordance with the rule set by the Department relative to enabling the children to keep their health; rule that I have endeavored to observe during my many years of service in various Schools, I beg to be allowed to petition the Department to authorize me to build a toboggan slide for our girls.

Fresh air and sunshine, as we all know, are nature's best remedy for all ailments, but to encourage the children to take fresh air, and plenty of it, they must be lured in some way.

In the case of the boys, the case is simple. They have a good skating rink and are kept interested in hockey, so that the trouble with them is rather to keep them inside. With the girls, however, it is different. They don't skate or play hockey, and have nothing in the line of out-door amusements in winter, so that, it is difficult to induce them to go outside for any length of time.

If they were given a toboggan slide, I know they would appreciate it immensely and make wonderful use of it, and the wholesome, healthy exercise they would get from it would cause them to become healthier, livelier and sturdier children.

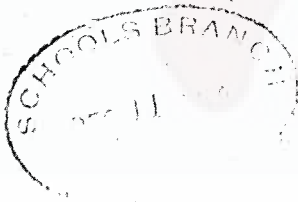
An estimate as to the cost of such a slide was made at \$85.00. This estimate calls for a good, strong, demountable slide. Taken apart in the spring to be set up again in the fall, a slide like this is good for many years' service, and in consequence the children are assured of many years of healthy out-door exercise in winter time.

Hoping to be granted a favorable reply to this petition made in the sole interest of the children, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

H.M. Brassard, O.M.I.

H.M. Brassard
Principal.



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Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
Dec. 15th 1930.

INDIAN AFFAIRS
DEC 15 1930

Honorable D. C. Scott,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Honorable Sir:-

It was with a sense of satisfaction and pride that we opened the doors of our new barn to our stock on the 2nd. of this month. Though the cattle were poor, owing to lack of proper shelter during three months, we nevertheless feel very grateful to the Department for granting us this barn so speedily.

This building will reflect great credit on the Department, in the eyes of the many American visitors we have each year. To these people, a Government institution is one that is as near perfect as it is humanly possible. That is one of the causes of attraction to so many, and it will be with pride that next year we will show these tourists, this Canadian achievement.

I hereby wish to express my very sincere thanks to you, Mr. Scott, for the great help you have given me while in Ottawa and after I came back here. My burden, though still heavy, is greatly lightened by the knowledge that my losses in this respect are over and that I shall now be able begin a new ascent towards the top, financially speaking.

Allow me to avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you my most sincere greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

H. M. Brassard, O. M. I.

H. M. Brassard / Principal

Principal.

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Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
March 2nd, 1931

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Office,
Fort Frances.

Dear Sir:-

The state of repair of our laundry dryer has already been the subject of some discussion during our past interviews and once again I wish to bring the subject to your notice.

Sometime ago, a pipe in this dryer burst, causing quite a lot of inconvenience to the staff. Mr. Watson was called, and while repairing the damaged section he examined the remaining sections and declared that the whole dryer system was corroded to the point of being in danger of causing similar accidents again, soon and often.

This should in no way be a source of surprise to anyone, as these coils have been installed now for some twenty years and this period exceeds by a few years the guarantee given by the manufacturers.

The point I want to get at is that, instead of applying to the Department for the renewal of these coils, we ask for the purchase of a mechanical dryer. The revolving dryers have already been installed in some schools and have proven themselves to be satisfactory and economical.

And now, I beg of you to send a requisition to the Department pointing out the need the School is in of having this thing attended to and the superiority of the modern devices over our present system. I feel sure that once estimates have been voted, they will be in a position to look after this matter.

Thanking you in advance for this and other past favors, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

H. L. Brassard, O. M. I.

H. L. Brassard
Principal.

Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
June 22nd, 1931.

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to apply for authority to carry on the following work:

- 1- Cleaning of all chimneys.
- 2- Cleaning of the two water supply tanks.
- 3- Replacing of 3 valves on the above water tanks.
- 4- Replacing connections on hot water tank in boiler room.

To my knowledge the chimneys have not been swept since 1925, and I think it would be very prudent to have this matter attended to.

As for the water tanks, they have not been cleaned since 1923. It would be advisable, I think, that this should be done this year. There are three valves on these tanks, one of which is the main valve, that are out of order and should be replaced.

There are also a few connections on the hot water tank in the boiler room that are corroded and should be replaced.

Hoping that you will be able to grant us authority to have this work done at an early date, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

H. M. Brassard, C.L.I.

H. M. Brassard *Prin.*

Principal.

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July 23, 1931.

Memorandum:

MR. BUSKARD.

I have your memorandum of the 20th instant, with reference to the account for \$482.31 of the John East Company, of Fort Frances, for work at the Indian Residential School there. This account was incurred by the Reverend Principal of the Fort Frances School, entirely on his own responsibility. It has reference to alterations to an implement shed, so that live stock could be temporarily housed last fall and early winter.

On September 5th, last, the barns at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School were destroyed by fire. The Reverend Principal, of course, asked us to replace them, and, on the 10th of September, he was informed that the Department was considering the matter. On September 30th, instructions were sent to the Indian Agent to have the new barn erected on a day labour basis. There were objections to this, and, on October 14th, the Department telegraphed that the John East Company, Limited, was to build a new barn on a cost plus 10% basis. On December 2nd, the barn was ready for occupation.

On September 6th, when the Reverend Principal wrote to the Department concerning the loss of the barn, he stated in part: "The only shelter we have for our stock is the implement shed. This, with a little alteration, will do for the time being; but, when heavy frost comes, it will be practically useless. So, you can see how badly we need a barn immediately." The Department was not requested to assist with the alteration for the implement shed, and, when the Reverend Principal presented the account to the Indian Agent, he returned it, as he had no authority to incur the expenditure. The Reverend Principal insisted that the Agent forward the account to Ottawa for consideration. Our funds were extremely limited, and we returned the account to the Principal for settlement.

The copy of the account you forwarded is returned herewith.

Encl.

Duncan C. Scott

Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
December 4, 1931.

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Office,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Winter has once again made its appearance and with it has also come its problems and difficulties. Chief among these, for those connected with institutions such as our School, is the safeguarding of the health of the inmates.

The rudiments of hygiene afford sufficient proof that fresh air is essential to good health that this point need not be stressed. In like manner, experience has proven beyond any doubt that children must be given some inducement if they are to be made to acquire those good habits they are taught.

A year ago we requested the Department to grant us the necessary funds for erecting a toboggan slide for the girls of this School. We stressed the hygienic side of the question, stating that the girls needed this slide to encourage them to play more outdoors. We cannot afford to supply them with skates and a rink, no more than we can afford to build them a slide. The result is that after a few minutes outdoors, having nothing which to play, they ask to come in on account of the cold.

Some time ago, the Department requested that this School organize and enroll a class in the Junior Red Cross Society. This was done. The rules of the Society were taught and enforced. They were taught that fresh air ^{was} essential to good health. They were told to spend as much time as possible out of doors. But, can they be expected to do this unless they have something with which to pass the time away?

In a letter, (I24-I-5, Dec. 12, 1930), we were advised that funds were unavailable at that time for this purpose, but that is a year ago. It would seem, in my humble opinion, that for a matter of such importance, the Department would be willing to make the sacrifice of the amount needed in our case. Our per capita is not sufficient to include extras of this

A. Spencer, Esq.,

amount. This work was estimated at \$85.00 last year, and we do not feel able to spend this when there are so many other necessary things to provide for the School.

Would you kindly present our requisition to the Department asking them to authorize the building of this slide. Its necessity is obvious and I feel that it is up to the Department to provide us with it.

Hoping that you will be able to put this through without delay and thanking you in advance for the attention you will bring to this matter, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

H. M. Brassard, O. M. I.

H. M. Brassard

Principal.

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School - Quarterly Returns. 1941-1952

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School - Building Maintenance - Supplies -
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Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
February 20, 1932.

SCHOOL
FEB 28 1932
H.C.C.
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Russell T. Ferrier, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Re. circular No. 1-1-5 of Feb. 5, 1932.

Dear Sir:-

The danger of fire, as expressed in this circular, is one that certainly does prey on our minds and is a frequent topic of discussion among the members of the staff. The sad experience of other Schools that have gone down in fire in recent years and above all the loss of life of some of the innocent inmates have caused our worries in this respect to greatly increase.

Ours is a frame building, 26 years old and a regular fire-trap. The construction is of a draft-creating nature, and should fire ever break out, it will spread with such rapidity that in a very few moments this School will be a thing of the past.

Our fire-fighting equipment consists of the few "Pyrene" and "Thermene" apparatuses supplied by the Department a year ago. These are placed at strategic points and will be of great use at the outset of a fire. Should the fire prove of larger proportions, we have six fire hoses distributed throughout the building plus a 400 ft. hose located outside the building. These, with a lot of luck, should be sufficient ordinarily.

The fire-escapes are really our stumbling-block. At the boys' end we have but a 3" pole; at the girls' end besides the pole, we have wooden steps. These are really not sufficient. The danger of injury for the smaller children is too great. Fire-drills have proven this, as on two different occasions we have had serious accidents: one a fractured leg, the other a broken foot. Imagine a child of 7 years reaching across an opening 3 ft. in diameter to grasp a pole at a height of 40 ft. and sliding down to the ground without injury. The thing is possible, but the risk is great.

Recently, while discussing your circular with Mr. Agent Spencer, this matter was given all due consideration and the need of new and more modern fire-escapes was so evident that this report was decided on.

Another paragraph in your letter dealt with a night

Russell T. Ferrier, Esq.-

watchman. This matter was brought to the attention of the Department by our representative at Ottawa about a year ago, and we were told that a requisition was made to the Department to allow the Schools a certain amount of money for the salary of a night watchman. This evidently was turned down, as no more was said about it.

How can the Department expect the Principal of a School to engage extra help with the per capita grant at its present level? After feeding, clothing and caring for 85 children; after heating and looking after the buildings; after paying salaries to a staff of 11 people; after doing all these things on less than \$14,000.00 per annum, where are we going to get money for extra expenses? To anyone looking on, this might appear to be a snap, but those who must carry on the work know just how much of a snap it is.

The responsibility of the safe-keeping of our charges lies as much with the Department as it does with us. We do all that is humanly possible to keep our School at the high standard it should be kept with the means that are given us, but I must say that I feel that the Department should co-operate with us in any extra expenses we are called upon to make.

Hoping that this report will prove satisfactory and that it will be held in conformance with the last paragraph of your circular asking that any dissatisfaction should be reported promptly, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

H. M. Brassard, O.M.I.

H. M. Brassard
Principal.

124-1-5.

Ottawa, April 2, 1932.

Rev. Sir:


Replying to your letter of the 11th ultimo, requesting that a time clock be supplied for the use of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, I have to inform you that we are today placing an order with the Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co. Ltd., here, to supply from their nearest branch office to the school one only D-P Watchman's Clock, complete, with ten stations, and one year's supply of record dials.

The above Company have been requested to forward the clock to you, together with their account, in triplicate, covering the cost. When the clock is received, you should certify the account as follows: "Goods received. Prices charged fair and just", and forward same to the Department, retaining one copy on your file.

It is hoped that you have been able to engage the services of a reliable man as night watchman at this school, and I shall be pleased if you will inform the Department of the name, qualifications, etc., of the man engaged by you and the date upon which he began duties.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.



Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I.,
Principal, Indian Res. School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 6 1932
OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT
RECORDS

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,

MAY, 30th, 1932,

No. 74.

Sir.

*Repaired
2 Sept 1932*

I have the honor to report as follows, in regard to the Fort Frances Residential School, This School was built about 25 Years ago, and while making my Monthly Visit this Month I made a thur inspection of the interior of of the building, and I find that the walls has been washed a number of times and while in the Class Room, I noticed that the ceiling and for three of feet from the ceiling it could not be reached, and it is nearly black with smoke and dirt, the woodwork has been washed so much that the paint is nearly all washed off, In fact the interior of the School is in bad state for redecoration, I also saw Two of the old Toilets which are out of repair and closed and the Boys have to go to the barn or some place else, I would strongly recommend that this School be redeccerated as the walls and woodwork are in bad need of paint,

Repair Here

I have put in estimates for the last Three Years, for this work to be done, and if hadent been necessary, I would not of put it in the estimates, so that i hope that the Department will see their way clear to have this work done dureing the holidays, as it is certainly needed,

No funds for painting

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUN 8 1932 I

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

R. J. ...
Indian Agent,

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

The Indian Residential School.
Fort Frances. Ont.

June 20 1932

To Ind. Department.
Ottawa.

For 3 months salary paid to Mr. W. Doiron, night watchman,
\$ 40.00 per month..... \$ 120.00.

*Not used
See memorandum
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CANADA



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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 25 1932
RECORDS
OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,
JULY, 21st, 1932,

No. 253.

Sir.

I have the honor to report that while visiting the Fort Frances Residential School last Monday, in regards to repairs to the School, I was over all the rooms, and I find that several of the Rooms are in need of patching on either walls or ceiling,

Also the Kitchen sink is in bad shape and should be rebuilt as the water from washing dishes, is getting onto the floor and it is commencing to rot,

The big range boiler in the kitchen has a great number of plugs in it now and I had to send a plumer up yesterday to put another one in, as it had sprung another leak, this would cost for boiler the sum of \$45.00. plus the installing which would probably cost \$5.00.

Also the conductor pipe from the evertroughs are in bad shape the water is coming down out of them and it is damaging the stone foundation and should be repaired,

If it is at all possible to repair these few things, I would recommend that they be done while vacation is on, and before all the Children get back to school,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

B. J. ...
Indian Agent,

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ontario.

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124-1-5.

253.

Ottawa, July 30, 1932.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant, with reference to various repairs required at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

In reply I have to say that the Department will approve of your arranging for the purchase, from a firm on the list to receive consideration, of a range boiler for use in the kitchen. It is noted that you estimate the cost to be \$50, including boiler and installation. You may also arrange to have the conductor pipe from the eave trough repaired and placed in good condition. Any expense for this purpose should be kept as low as possible.

Regarding the kitchen sink, I would request that you furnish an estimate of the cost of rebuilding this sink and placing it in a satisfactory condition.


You should also furnish a report regarding the work required in patching the walls and ceilings of the rooms, giving an estimate of the cost of the work and stating whether it is urgent that this work be carried out. Our funds this year are extremely limited and only the work absolutely necessary can be authorized.

Please furnish an itemized account, in triplicate, properly certified, covering the cost of the range boiler and installation and for the repairs to the eave troughs.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.



A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Indian Residential School.
Port Frances.Ont.

August 24 1932.

[Handwritten signature]
The Secretary
of the Depart. of the Ind. Affairs
Ottawa.

[Handwritten initials]

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 31 1932
SCHOOLS
SEP 1932

Dear sir,

On the 5th. of July, I had to discharge and to send away our night watchman, W. Doiron, for his misconduct and carelessness in his work. Before to leave, he got paid \$ 18.65 for his last 14 nights; but afterwards, to do harm to me, he refused to give me a receipt for that sum.

In those circumstances, I got from two of our hired men, who were witnesses of the conduct of Mr. W. Doiron, a declaration attesting that man has been up ^{here} to the 5th. of July, and lost his job by his own fault. I hope their testimony and my explanations will be strong enough to satisfy you, and from there to reimburse the money I gave to him. I cannot afford to lose that sum.

When W. Doiron went away, I was affraid he would try to do some bad trucks around our school. So I hired Nichol Mainvil until I could find a permanent Night watchman. I paid him \$ 2.00 per night and I gave him his board. I attach his declaration.

We have now Mr. John Green for night watchman. He was farmer for the School during five years. So we know that he can trust him.

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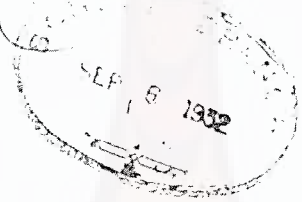
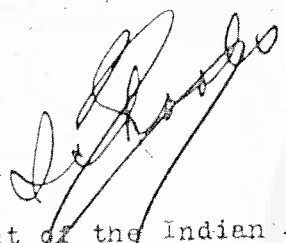
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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 1 1932
RECORDS

Indian Residential School.
Port Frances, Ont.

August 28 1932.

The Secretary
of the Department of the Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.



Dear sir,

RE FIRE ESCAPE... To your letter No 124-1-5
July 30 last.

I herewith enclose an estimate given by the John East Co. from Port Frances. He estimates that the Kirker-Bender spiral Fire Escape would cost \$ 1404.00 ;and ~~the~~ an iron stair type fire~~x~~ escape will cost \$ 440.40.

I do not know which one of those two fire escapes you are to give us; but as to the choice, I would prefer the first one for many reasons:-1st. for the security of children; 2ndly. nobody could use it to go up into different rooms.

Moreover we need one very badly, for, as Father Brassard was making you remark in a letter dated from the 20th. of February last, - our 3" pole 40 ft. long, used for fire escape, is too dangerous for boys 7, 8, and 9 years old. In the past, one fractured his leg, another one broke his ankle. If this happens in day light, when children are cold minded, what would happen in conflagration in the middle of the night, when children

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Suddenly awakened, half asleep and frightened, will have to slide down 40 feet ???..I am affraid to think that in such a case we would have to deplore many deaths.

Fire hazards have considerably decreased since we have a night watchman; but I beg to make you remark that in case of fire he has no electric bells to give the alarm in the dormitories and awake up staff and children. So I suggest to establish in the building four electric bells, and I beleive this could be done at a very small expense.

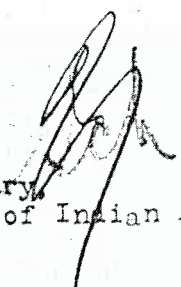
I remain, sir,

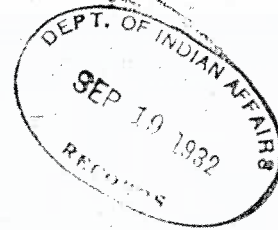
Yours very truly.

P. Bousquet, O. L. I
Principal.

Indian Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.
Sept. 15th, 1932.

124-7-5


The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



Dear Sir:-

I hereby wish to express my most sincere thanks to the Department for granting us a fire escape for the boys' wing and repairs to the kitchen sink. The fire escape is certainly a load off our shoulders and has dispelled a good amount of worry over the boys' safety.

One matter, however remains. That is the refusal by the Department to allow repairs to the plaster in the building, which is of absolute necessity. Your communication to Mr. Agent Spencer that authority was given to remove all loose plaster, but that permission to replace it was denied on account of lack of funds, was verbally transmitted to us by Mr. Spencer.

It is past our powers of conception to grasp this plan. This School has been in existence for over 26 years, and in this whole space of time, it has never come in contact with paint or brush, with the exception of a couple of rooms that could be neglected no longer, and these were painted at the School's expense. Repairs to plaster were never allowed in 26 years!! Can you, imagine, or can anyone in the Department imagine their house or their office after a quarter of a century without painting or repairing of plaster? I don't think so, because if your imagination would take you that far, you wouldn't expect others to live in a building in this condition, even if it were only for appearance's sake.

The places where most of the plaster has fallen ~~is~~ in the Rev. Sisters' sleeping quarters, the girls' dormitory and the laundry. As regards the two first mentioned places, if we should remove more plaster after what has already fallen, these rooms would be too cold to live in. As it is now, there is a good deal of cold coming in and this winter we will be required to use so much more fuel than we would have to use if these rooms were in good condition. I respectfully, but strongly urge the Department for the sake of the health of the staff and children, to look into this matter at once and to grant us authority to make these repairs.

As for the laundry, if I were allowed, I would make the following suggestion: The plaster should be removed and a metal or wood ceiling should be put in its stead. My reasons for this

suggestion are that the laundry being situated at such a distance from the main section of the building, it is practically impossible to keep it at the same high temperature especially at night. It is very easily understood, in these circumstances, that the variation of temperature will affect the plaster and the damp atmosphere on wash days will make it fall. I sincerely believe that, if this suggestion were accepted, our troubles of this nature in this particular department would be definitely eliminated.

Hoping that this requisition will meet with your favor and that we will be granted a reply at an early enough date to enable us to make these repairs before winter sets in, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

P. Bousquet

P. Bousquet, O.M.I.
Principal.

124-1-5

Winnipeg, December 31st, 1932.

[Handwritten signature]

General Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA,
Ont.

RECEIVED
INDIAN AFFAIRS
DEC 31 1932

Dear Sir,

The following is a list of the requirements (for 1933-34) for the Indian Schools under our jurisdiction.

Fort Frances School

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- 1- Inside and outside painting, \$1500.00.
- 2- Repairs to laundry building, \$1200.00.
- 3- Repairs and alterations to dormitories so as to give more air space. This work was to have been done last year, but the money originally intended for it was set aside for the payment of salaries of night watchmen in non-fireproof schools. We respectfully request that this amount be included in this year's estimates so that the work may be proceeded with.

(Sgd.) J. O. Plourde, O.M.I.,
619 McDermot St.,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa, March 10, 1933.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of a telegram from Rev. Father Plourde, Winnipeg, requesting that urgent repairs be carried out to the laundry at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, that a ventilation system be installed in the dormitory and that a fan and motor be also installed in classrooms and recreation halls. He states that the John East Company had quoted on the above work.

In this connection I have to confirm night lettergram to you of today's date, as follows:

"Department informed John East Company quote Eight Hundred Fifty-three Dollars completing urgent repairs laundry also Two Hundred Three Dollars installing ventilation system Fort Frances School. Consult Principal and have work proceed immediately. Accounts must reach Department before end of March."

You should consult the Principal and ascertain from him the work the above Company have agreed to complete for the amount of their quotation, and have them proceed with the work and complete same as soon as possible, in order that accounts covering the cost can reach the Department before our books close for the present fiscal year. We will have certain funds available in our Appropriation this year, and it was, therefore, decided to authorize having the above mentioned work carried out.

The accounts covering the cost should be in triplicate, and should state in full detail the work done and material and equipment supplied. Accounts covering the cost of the repairs to the laundry and installing of the ventilation system should be rendered separately. It is imperative that the accounts reach the Department before the end of March, next. It was stated in the telegram referred to above that the John East Company could complete all work in time for the accounts to reach the Department by the date mentioned.

The Department will rely on you to see that a satisfactory job is completed.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances,
Ont.

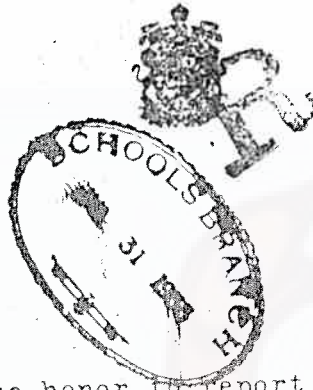
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

No. 540.



DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT RECORD AGENCY,
FORT FRANCES,
JULY, 28th. 1933.

Sir.

I have the honor to report that while visiting the Fort Frances Residential School on the 17th of July, I was shown repairs that are very necessary and will have to be done, so I at once requested The John East Co to go and make an estimate of repairs that are urgently needed, which you will

find enclosed,

The Boilers are in need of repairs very bad, the Toilets are in bad shape owing to wear from old age, the Foundation of the Laundry is crumbling on account of a part of the Eave trough being broke, Roof over balcony is rotten and if not repaired, the whole porch on the east side of the School will also be rotten,

And I would Requisition you for authority to have these repairs done immediatly, befor School starts and if the Dept. approves of these repairs, I would like to be notified by Telegram. so they could be commenced at once,

There are a lot of more repairs and painting that should be done, which Mr Brury will report when he arrives back,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

R. Brury
Indian Agent,

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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SCHOOLS BRANCH
AUG 22 1933

Indian Residential School
Fort Frances, Ont.
August 15 1933

Handwritten signature/initials

The Secretary of the Ind. Department.
Ottawa.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 18 1933

Dear sir,

About two months ago, by the mediation of Mr. Spence Indian Agent in Fort Frances, -I asked the Department to make some repairs in our school. They authorized to spend \$ 140.00 only; and they refused to paint the class and play rooms as requested.

I am astonished they refused a thing that they know absolutely necessary; these rooms have not been painted for 27 years, and moreover have been damaged by the children.

Nevertheless I still persist in asking assistance to repair these rooms. I will have the work done by our boys but please grant us at least \$ 75.00 to buy the necessary material and reward a little our young workers.

Hoping this request will meet with your kind approval, I remain, sir,

Yours truly.

Handwritten signature: P. Bousquet

P. Bousquet, Omi. principal
Fort Frances, Ont.

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C. A. W.

Ottawa, August 26, 1933.

Sir:

The Rev. Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School has made a request to be supplied with a grant to purchase paint and other materials required to redecorate the class and play rooms.

In this connection I have to say the Department is approving of the purchase of the paint, etc., required, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$75.00. I enclose an encumbrance certificate authorizing this expenditure. After consulting the Principal concerning his requirements, you should arrange for the purchase of the paint, etc., from a firm on the approved list. The cost should not exceed the amount mentioned. Please obtain an itemized account, in triplicate, covering the expenditure. This, you should attach to proper voucher forms, certify in the usual manner and forward for payment. You should state, on each copy of your voucher, that the expenditure was incurred under authority of E. R. No. 879.

It is to be distinctly understood that all work will be carried out by the school, without expense to this Department.

Your obedient servant,

Encl.

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

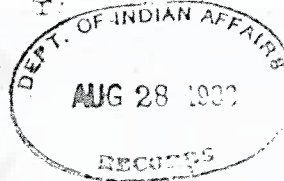
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Department of Indian Affairs



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AUG 24 1933



Lands and Timber Branch

Ottawa, Aug. 23rd, 1933. 193

Fort Frances Indian Boarding School.

In company with agent Spencer, I visited the Fort Frances Indian Boarding School at the request of Father P. Bousquet, the principal, and made a careful inspection of the buildings.

The school building is very old and is badly in need of repair. The ceiling in the girls' dormitory is badly cracked and in danger of collapse, many of the interior partitions, (plaster) are cracked and bulging out. The ceiling in the upper class room is defective and all the walls need kalsomining. The wooden floor in the boy's recreation room is heaving up, the eave troughing is defective, both the boilers in the main building and laundry are sadly in need of repair, the school desks and benches are broken and the ice house is so dilapidated that it is in danger of falling down. The fire hose in the building for the last 26 years is useless, as it falls to pieces when handled, and the whole structure has not had a coat of paint for 21 years.

Father Bosquet explained that he would be only too glad to attend to general repair work if he had funds, but the grant having been reduced and no assistance forthcoming, he is at his wit's end to know what to do.

The school accomodation is inadequate for the needs of the district, but it is vitally important that some steps should be taken to stave off utter ruin of this old building.

I would recommend that if at all possible, some small appropriation be made for the purpose of repairing the worst defects before the wintry weather sets in, and with your approval I would suggest that the agent be requested to make an estimate of cost, and report as to the most urgent requirements.

J. J. Bury

*Approved School
Authority under the
Act of 1907
Antoine
All funds*

Memo. Dr. McGill:

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

FORT FRANCES, ONT.,
NOVEMBER 28th. 1933.

No. 764.

Sir;

No. 124-1-5.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 23rd. - in regard to repair work of the Residential School. In reply to the same I have to report that this was an emergency case.

About 8 o'clock at night the Principal of the Residential School called me on the phone that the boiler in the School was leaking and that the fires were out. I could not get a plumber that night and the School was without fire until the next morning when I sent a plumber up at 7 o'clock to repair the boiler so that the School could be made warm. It was a case that I could not even telegraph for authority because it had to be attended to the first thing in the morning. It would have been at least 12 o'clock before I could have received a reply back from the Department, and by that time everything would have been frozen up in the School.

I hope that the Department can see that I am not authorizing anything that can be avoided. In the future I will not authorize anything without authority, although there may be suffering caused by delay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ontario.

B. Brown
Indian Agent.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,
FEBRUARY, 15th, 1934,

No. 913.

Sir.

No. I24-I-5. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9th Inst; -Re Fire call to the Fort Frances Residential School of the Firemen of the Fort Frances Fire Department.

And in reply to same, I have to report, that on April 23rd 1933 while the employes of the Residential School were burning up refuge around the grounds the fire got away from them, and got into the burch wood piles, and as these wood piles were less than 50ft from the work shop and laundry, the Principal was afraid that the School would be burnt, so he called the Fire Department from Fort Frances to assist him to extinguish the fire,

I was not informed of the fire till the firemen were back in Fort Frances, and the fire out,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten Signature]
Indian Agent,

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa Ontario.

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The Secretary
Dept. of the Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

Dear sir,
I direct to you a list of different things
badly needed in our school. I hope you will grant them all.

PAINTING AND REPAIRING.

Our school was built 28 years ago.--The outside was painted again some 13 years ago.--But the inside never had a coat of paint or had any repairs done since the school is built. So every thing is cracked and black. We are really ashamed every time we have visitors.

The Government has promised many times to have it fixed but the promises have not been realised. At last ^{you} listen to our request, and make our school decent and hygienique.

Frigidaire.

Many times, my predecessor, Father Brassard, has been after ^{you} for a frigidaire... To day it is a thing of an absolute necessity for our school., for our ice house, having the walls written all around, is to fall at the first wind storm. To keep it up we have put outside a dozen of logs to brace the walls, but this could be temporary good but not for long time before everything collapses. A frigidaire shouldnt cost more than an ice house, but ^{will} last longer and will be far handier.... We need the one or the other,

FLOORS.

THE floor in boys play room, at the kitchen and few other places need to be renewed. They are full of holes and worn out of hard wood.
I suggest to use asphalt where it can used instead

Dryer.

Every week we have to stop our washing work because the pipes get burst in the dryer: the steam comes through holes made by the rust in the iron pipes, 28 years old.

I suggest to replace the five sets of ~~xxxx~~ coiles of our dryer.

BOILERS AND CHIMNEYS.

They chimneys and the boilers have not been swept or cleaned for the last nine years.

Our boilers have not been inspected yet since they are installed, that is since 28 years. Although there is a law in Ontario saying that every boiler should be inspected every year.

Many other items of minor importance should be done for the benefit of our school; but I will be satisfied if the Government grants me what I have mentioned.

I remain, sir,

Yours respectfully.

P. Bousquet

P. Bousquet, O.K.I.
Principal.

REPORT TO THE ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FROM THE SANITARY ENGINEERING DIVISION.-

RE: SEWAGE DISPOSAL AT CATHOLIC INDIAN SCHOOL, FORT FRANCES:

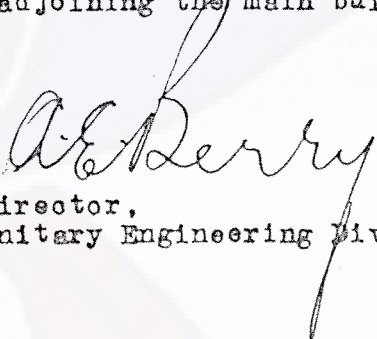
On August 1st 1934 in company with Dr. O'Donnell, Medical Officer of Health an inspection of the sewage disposal system of the Catholic Indian School at Fort Frances was made by Lawrence A. Kay, who reports as follows:-

At present there are about 85 pupils at the school, including the staff, the total personnel being approximately 100 people.

The sewage from the school drains to a two chambered concrete vault, situated between the school building and the lakefront, at a distance of 50 feet from the latter. The size of the tank could not be ascertained. Probing with a pipe indicated a sewage depth of 5 feet, and a solid bottom, at least, in the vicinity of the manhole. The only outlet aside from seepage consists of an overflow pipe, discharging directly to the lake, at an elevation lower than the normal lake level.

The municipal pumphouse of Fort Frances is about half a mile from the school. In between are located a public park and swimming area, the municipal tourist camp, and several privately owned cottages.

In view of the proximity of the above, it is recommended that the present sewage disposal system be replaced by a septic tank and tiled filter bed of adequate capacity to prevent pollution of the waterfront. It is suggested that the proposed disposal plant could be located in the playground, immediately adjoining the main building of the school.


Director,
Sanitary Engineering Division.

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Indian Residential School
Fort Frances Ont

12 th December 1934

Spencer

To the Secretary of the Department
of Indian Affairs

OTTAWA

INDIAN AFFAIRS
DEC 14 1934
OTTAWA

Dear Sir ,

Re- Repairs performed into the School -

I beg to inform you that I have invested in the repairs for painting and redecorating the inside of the school the \$ 200,00 you kindly have granted for the most urgent needs. To day I like to bring to your acknowledgment that owing to my own efforts , I succeeded to give a better outlook to any visitor we might by chance receive into our walls . All my free time was so employed to work with our big boys for that purpose and so I saved the money required for wages of painters and showed the children the way of housekeeping .

We are proud of our work to day and personally I would not be too much ashamed of showing any Official of the Department some of our rooms . Besides this I intend to continue for the rest of the building as soon as possible , particularly for the dormitories .

However I dare to call the attention of the Department upon the fact that the amount above mentioned was asked by my predecessor for putting too a new floor into the kitchen . After discussion with Mr. Agent SPENCER , I came to the conclusion that all the grant will be invested into the purchase of material for painting at the firm mentioned by your letter , and that I would take the burden of repairing the kitchen floor .

But when working and trying to ameliorate our conditions , I took upon me another little alteration . We did not have any room for receiving the parents of children coming from afar Reserves , my office of Principal was never enjoying that privacy required for its use . And so I simply utilized an abandoned old building , situated close the main one , for that use .

Now , so , with very little expenses I succeeded to secure quarters that it would have been impossible for the Department to afford on our behalf .

(F. Frances School ..)

Of course I was not authorized by the Department to incurred these expenses in its name , but my purpose in enacting accordingly was to save money and draw the best of the conditions in which I had found the School at my arrival , especially improving the relations between the Principal and the Indians without making any breach of the regular discipline of the School , what is far more easy when these people come a little aside of the precincts where are their children and youngsters coming from their Reservations where they always intend to carry some of their childish gossips . In the conditions of a rather small building it was , besides this the only solution .

After these explanations , I feel sure that the Department would approve my idea and be ready to help me a little . Enclosed , you will find invoices and receipts in triplicate of some of the expenses I have undertaken ; I do not put them all , I do not , neither claim the reimbursemant of them all ; but according to your generosity I expect some help . Be assured that by so doing I do not intend to anticipate again your authorization in a similar case ; the circumstances alone put me in that predicament . But what I intend to do again it is to cooperate with the Department in that policy of economy by doing the most with my own means in the upkeep and repairs of our buildings .

I remain yours very truly ,

M. de Bretagne

Rev. M. de Bretagne
Principal.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
MAY 3 1935
FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,
APRIL, 30th, 1935.

No. 5-15.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith letter received from the Rev M. DeBretagne C.M.I. of the Residential School, in which he is asking for Fire Hose for the inside of the School so that they will have protection,

This Fire Hose is rotten and will not stand any presure and now that the watchman is taken off for the summer Months, I would recommend that they be given 7 sections of Canvas Fire Hose, to replace Fire Hose that is of no more use,

Also I would recommend that Three Recharge for Thermene extinguisers be sent to the Rev, Father as soon as possible so that Fire Protection of the School will be as efficent as we can make it,

I have the honor to be,
Sir.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent,

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,, Ontario.

COPY

FORT FRANCES ONT.
INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

April 30th, 1935.

Mr. HAMILTON
Inspector
Department of Indian Affairs,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir Re Repairs to the buildings of our School

Following your visit, I beg to inform you that I would propose the following repairs to be submitted to the Department.

But understanding the difficulty of providing the necessary funds to make them all, I am ready to take a good share of the burden by the following scheme.

If the Department would authorize Mr. Agent SPENCER to buy from the list of merchants he received from the Deputy Minister for the amount pointed out in this present letter the different materials required for each item mentioned, I am ready to undertake this task with my own staff.

I dare to call your attention however upon the necessity of securing a very little extra amount for the absolute extra labour required from skilled handicraftsman: The rest of the work being provided at my own expenses. So, you will understand better certain figures of my estimate.

- (1) - Painting the buildings outside as mentioned in the previous estimates in a good, substantial manner.....600.00
- (2) - Repairs to be done before painting in the exterior of the woodwork, stairs, siding(material & labor) 150.00
- (3) - Finish the painting of the inside of the school and Principal's quarters (Material).....350.00
- (4) - Renew the Boys' playroom floor by a well finished and painted cement floor, as well as the benches around - Renew the worn out steps of the stairs inside of the school building (Material & some extra labor.).....285.00
- (5) - The erection of a garage in the corner of the furnace addition as well as an exterior concrete building to receive the frigidaire (The advantages of that scheme have been pointed out to you to solve all further demand about necessary other additions) - (Material & extra labour).....280.00
- Contract to be given to some Electrical Firm for the amount of..... for a FRIGIDAIRE.....900.00

ceci s'ajoute

Furthermore, I guarantee that the work will be as well performed as the one you saw done by me into the school. My purpose here is to help the Department to do its share in the upkeep of our buildings according to its principles of economy dictated by our present depression.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd) M. de Bretagne O.M.I. - Prince

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

EDWINNIPEG, MAN., May 2nd, 1935.

[Handwritten signature]

Fort Frances R.C. Indian Residential School.

Sir:-

This school is situated two miles from Fort Frances, on the Couchiching Indian Reserve. Rev. Father M. de Bretagne is now Principal and I do not think a better selection could have been made. He is alert, active, and greatly interested in the children. He has a high standard in connection with school management and is an ardent worker.

There are two classrooms, both well equipped. The Sisters in charge, I am informed, are qualified teachers. There are 47 boys and 42 girls enrolled, a total of 89 pupils. The grades range from 1 to 7.

The school building has apparently been greatly neglected, but within the last few months a lot of repair work and interior painting has been carried out. The work has all been well done and has brightened and transformed the living conditions. The paint purchased has

been nearly all used and there is yet the two large dormitories and all the top storey to be done, as well as the children's dining room and pantries. Some of the walls are very dirty, never having been painted, and two coats will be required to make any impression. Additional paint will be required and I would recommend that \$250.00 be allowed. The work will be carried out by the staff.

This improvement is needed and I hope the Department will see fit, if possible, to encourage Father de Bretagne

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

by supplying

Refugees - 900
Severely deficient 10'00
Painting 14'00
Shoes boys 42'00
Prayer 3'00
Repair church 26'50

1400
4200
2650
2750

by supplying the material. I might say that splendid use has been made of that already allowed.

The boys' playroom is in the basement. It is well lighted, but needs to be re-floored as the floor is worn through in many places. I understand the present floor is laid over cement and, in view of this, I would recommend that the new floor be cement. This work could be done by the school staff if material were supplied.

The kitchen is small, but well arranged. The children are taught to do all kinds of plain cooking. A frigidaire has been requested and it was suggested that same be installed in the pantry. The pantry room is needed and, to avoid a later request for such room, I would recommend that a small room be added, as per the attached sketch. This work could be done by the staff and I do not think the arrangement could be improved. The cost would only consist of material required. The room would in no way effect the present building and a more convenient spot could not be found. I trust the authority for the work will be granted as a frigidaire is greatly needed. The ice house is unsafe and at present the building is only kept together by strong props all along one side.

The Rev. Principal has given up his quarters in the main building and is having the rooms re-furnished as a reception room and spare guest room. He has taken part of the workshop and fitted up for himself an office and living quarters. This building is close to the school, steam heated, and connected with telephone extension.

The Assistant

The Assistant Principal, Rev. Father Jalbert, along with the boys' supervisor, sleeps in the main building.

The sewing room is small, but the girls are given a good training and do excellent work.

The laundry is well equipped with machinery, all of which appears in good condition. The steam boiler has been in use for many years without being inspected. I would recommend that Mr. Spencer, the Indian Agent, be instructed to have this work done at once. The furnace boiler should also be inspected. I feel this has been neglected and, if not attended to, may yet be the cause of serious trouble.

The girls' dormitory was clean, the toilets in good working order, and the room well aired. The beds were all neatly made and the bedding clean. The boys' dormitory was also in good condition. The Rev. Father has improved conditions in this room by the purchase of 20 - two bunk style steel beds. These give more floor space in which to move about and, as the beds are the latest in style and construction, they are easy to keep clean and at a glance every child in the dormitory can be seen from any position. This dormitory has a very high ceiling and is well ventilated by windows. The purchase of these beds indicates the interest taken by the Principal in charge. The bedding was clean, but showed signs of wear. The Rev. Principal admitted he needed a new blanket for each bed, but at present was

unable to

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unable to make the purchase. If the Department could assist in the purchase of blankets, it would be greatly appreciated.

The fire escapes were in good condition and are well located. The fire hose are very old and badly cracked. These should be renewed. Fire extinguishers are placed throughout the building and appeared to be in good condition. I was greatly surprised to find no fire alarm bells. There is one large bell on the first floor, but this is inadequate. A system of bells should be installed. The Principal will have the work done by his assistant, Father Jalbert, without cost to the Department and asks only that the material be supplied. He guarantees the work will pass government inspection.

At present, there is no sickness, but one boy is still under quarantine for diphtheria. The children appeared to be in good health and were all well clothed. The meals provided were plain, but well prepared. There appeared to be plenty for all.

The exterior of the school and other outbuildings, except the barn, should be painted. However, before this is done, some repair work is needed. Many boards are loose, while others have rotted and should be renewed. The Rev. Father appeared willing to do this work at little cost to the Department, other than the material.

The old chicken house has been remodelled and made into a good house, which is used now by the farmer and mechanic. This work was all carried out by the staff

staff and the expense borne by the school authorities.

The barn is in good repair and supplies the necessary accommodation. The cellar is large, but unfortunately not well drained. At present, it is necessary each day to carry out the water which accumulates, in order to save the vegetables. The draining of this basement would no doubt entail considerable expense, but, sooner or later, should be carried out.

The cattle are in poor condition and insufficient in number. At present they have 6 cows with several head of young stock. The Rev. Father is anxious to obtain better cattle and, from appearances, I think a new herd should be started. The present cattle are of a poor type and I feel expensive at any price. The school should be started with dual purpose shorthorn stock; this would insure milk and also plenty of meat.

The farm is nicely laid out and well fenced. The land appears to be of excellent quality and, under proper management, should produce heavy crops. The school have 6 horses. Recently the Principal purchased a new team which, he informed me, cost \$300.00.

The school is now under excellent management and the Department can be assured that the best use is made from all grants. The Principal and his staff give untiring of their labour and the greatest care is taken of all Government property. The Rev. Father is anxious to make his school one of the best and I trust the Department will assist as far as possible in putting the school in first class repair.

The present

The present garage is small and built as a lean-to on the carpenter shop. This should be used for a blacksmith shop, thus keeping the repair work all together. The present building, used as a shop, is some distance away. It is well built, with a cement floor and foundation, and would make a good storehouse for flour. At present the flour is stored in a lean-to on the ice house. It is damp and over-run with rats and is unfit to be used for this purpose. A new garage could be erected, joining the engine room, as shown on the attached sketch. It could be heated from the engine room and would be more convenient. This new building would cost only the material, as all work could be done by the staff. It would only require the roof and one wall and the necessary doors.

I am also attaching a copy of a letter received from the Rev. Principal which deals with the repair and upkeep.

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1. The Principal is offering to do all the outside painting, both school and outbuildings, if the Department will allow \$600.00. This price will, according to information gathered, only pay for the paint and brushes.
2. The buildings all need to be gone over and the boards nailed more firmly. Boards will need replacing and some shingles renewed. Steps need repairing. I think \$150.00 will little more than pay the cost of material.
3. This work will require as much paint, if not more, than the quantity already supplied, and the paint will no doubt cost close to the figure submitted.
4. Here, again, I figure the material will cost the amount given by the Principal, namely \$285.00, and I doubt if he has anything for his work.
5. In connection with these two buildings, the figure is only intended to cover the cost of material. These buildings are needed and I trust will be authorized.

If these

—If these expenditures can be allowed and the Rev. Principal permitted to do the work, we will find this school in splendid condition, with frigidaire installed for slightly over \$2,500.00. I am confident that when the building is once put into shape, it will be a credit, both to the Department and the present management. I believe, in the past, the Department has been somewhat disappointed with the results obtained from the money expended, consequently my endeavour to acquaint them with the fact that the whole situation has changed. I hope Rev. Father de Bretagne will receive the encouragement he needs and I am sure we can always count on his hearty co-operation.

I would like to be advised if the Department accept my recommendations and what work is to be undertaken during the coming summer.

Your obedient servant,



A. G. Hamilton
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Manitoba.

Schools

MEMORANDUM:

May 10, 1935.

The Honourable the Superintendent General,-

The Appropriation for Indian Education for the current fiscal year provides funds to carry out certain repairs and alterations and also to paint the interior and exterior of the buildings, at the Indian Residential School, Fort Frances, (Electoral District of Kenora-Rainy River) Ont.

Mr. Inspector Hamilton, Winnipeg, has submitted a report of the work he recommends be carried out. The Principal and staff will perform the greater part of the labour. The work to be undertaken is as follows:-

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| 3. | To complete painting of interior of school building and Principal's quarters (material only - work to be performed by school staff) | 350. |
| 4. | To install cement floor in boys' playroom, to install new benches; also to renew worn out steps of stairs, inside of main building. The cost of material and some extra labour will be - | 285. |
| 5. | To erect a small room, in which to install frigidaire; other alterations in kitchen. Material and some extra labour | 300. |

The total cost of the repairs, renovations, etc., which it is proposed to carry out at the present time, will amount to \$1,735. You will note that the Principal and staff have agreed to carry out the greater part of the work. I beg to recommend that the purchase of the material and the supervision of the work be placed in the hands of Mr. A. Spencer, Indian Agent, Fort Frances, Ont.

I would request to be advised of the names of the firms who should be asked to quote on the paint, oils, etc., and also the names of the firms from whom quotations should be obtained for the building material, cement, etc. It would be necessary, further, to obtain the services of a competent man to install the cement floor in the boys' playroom and also extra labour as carpenter. I should be pleased to be advised of the names of the persons who should be engaged for this work.

Deputy Superintendent General.

cc. 300.
10/5/35

May 7 th 1938

A.F. Mac Kenzie , Esq.
SECRETARY of the DEPARTMENT
of INDIAN AFFAIRS

MAY 11 1938

OTTAWA -

Dear Sir ,

Re - Yours 124-1-5- January 26 th 1925 -

Again I take the liberty of calling your attention upon the same matter i. e. the ownership of our car .

By the terms of your letter 150-50 , dated March 22d 1935, concerning the Government property, an inventory is required from all the Principals of Indian Schools . In these lists, all articles in use are mentioned without any special data about their origin .

This fact makes me bewildered , because it seems very hard to draw the line where and whence begins the ownership by the Department of these numerous articles if we have to apply to each the terms of the reason you gave me concerning the non-ownership by the Indian Department of the car operated on behalf of our School .

My predecessor, last year pointed out in his annual official Inventory the motor car . Should I suppress it in the next inventory ? Should I do the same for all articles for which a special allowance was not granted by the Department ?

Indeed, many items mentioned in the past inventories have been purchased by the Principals from their own or school funds ; but would it not be wiser to consider them all as belonging to the Department by the fact that the Principals abandon their property to the School they are managing ?

May I mention to you that Bishop GUY when in charge of our representation near the Department sent a letter to a former Principal of our School to express his opinion in this last sense .

The required certificate of ownership by the Indian Department does not render the said Department responsible for payment of the registration fees , but would this year and the next years exempt our School from that Tax as well as are exempted our buildings , chattels , lands etc...

Yours very truly ,

M. de Bretagne

Rev. M de Bretagne O.M. I
Principal



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

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- S.R. 3388*
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A.S. Williams
acting Deputy Superintendent General.

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Spencer

Ottawa, June 26, 1935.

Sir:

Mr. Inspector Hamilton, who forwarded a report on his inspection of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, has recommended the following:-

1. Supplying of paint for exterior of buildings - the Principal and staff to carry out the work of painting.
2. Replacing of boards and renewing of shingles on buildings, and also repairing of steps. Supplying of materials and of labour, other than that performed by school staff.
3. Completing painting of interior of school building and Principal's quarters - material only to be supplied and work to be performed by school staff.
4. Supplying of material and some extra labour to install cement floor in boys' playroom and to install new benches; and to renew worn out steps of stairs, inside of main building.
5. Supplying of material and some extra labour to erect a small room in which to install frigidaire and to make other alterations in kitchen.

E.R. 3388

It is understood that, if the Department will supply the materials for the above work, the Principal and staff will perform the greater part of the labour. In this connection I enclose copy of a communication from the Principal, addressed to Mr. Inspector Hamilton, setting forth the work he is prepared to undertake.

You may arrange for the purchase of the quantity of paints and oils, obtaining quotations from the Pearson Electric & Hardware Company and the Wells Hardware Company, Fort Frances, and purchase from the firm quoting the lowest price.

Spencer

Any other materials required in carrying out the above work are to be purchased by you, to the best advantage, from firms on the approved list.

You should obtain itemized accounts, in triplicate, covering the cost of all materials. These, you should attach to proper voucher forms, certify in the usual manner and forward Encl. for payment.

Spencer

No doubt, it will be necessary to obtain the services of a competent man to install the cement floor in the boys' - playroom

A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

playroom and also extra labour as carpenter. You may arrange for this service and forward accounts, in triplicate, properly certified, covering payment. You should state definitely the number of days or hours employed and the rate paid.

Regarding the installing of cold storage equipment, you will be advised later with reference to the purchase. Before erecting the small room in which to install this system, it would be advisable to wait until the order is placed for the supplying and installing of the equipment, when the firm could give particulars as to the size and type of room required. It is considered that the inside storage space should not exceed 7 ft. in height.

The Department will leave the work authorized above in the hands of the Principal and yourself, to see that a satisfactory job is completed and at the lowest possible cost. The work should be completed during the summer holidays.

I enclose an encumbrance certificate, authorizing an expenditure to the amount of \$1,735.00 in carrying out the work at this school. When forwarding the vouchers for payment of the materials, labour, etc., you should state on each copy thereof that the expenditure is authorized by E. R. 3388.

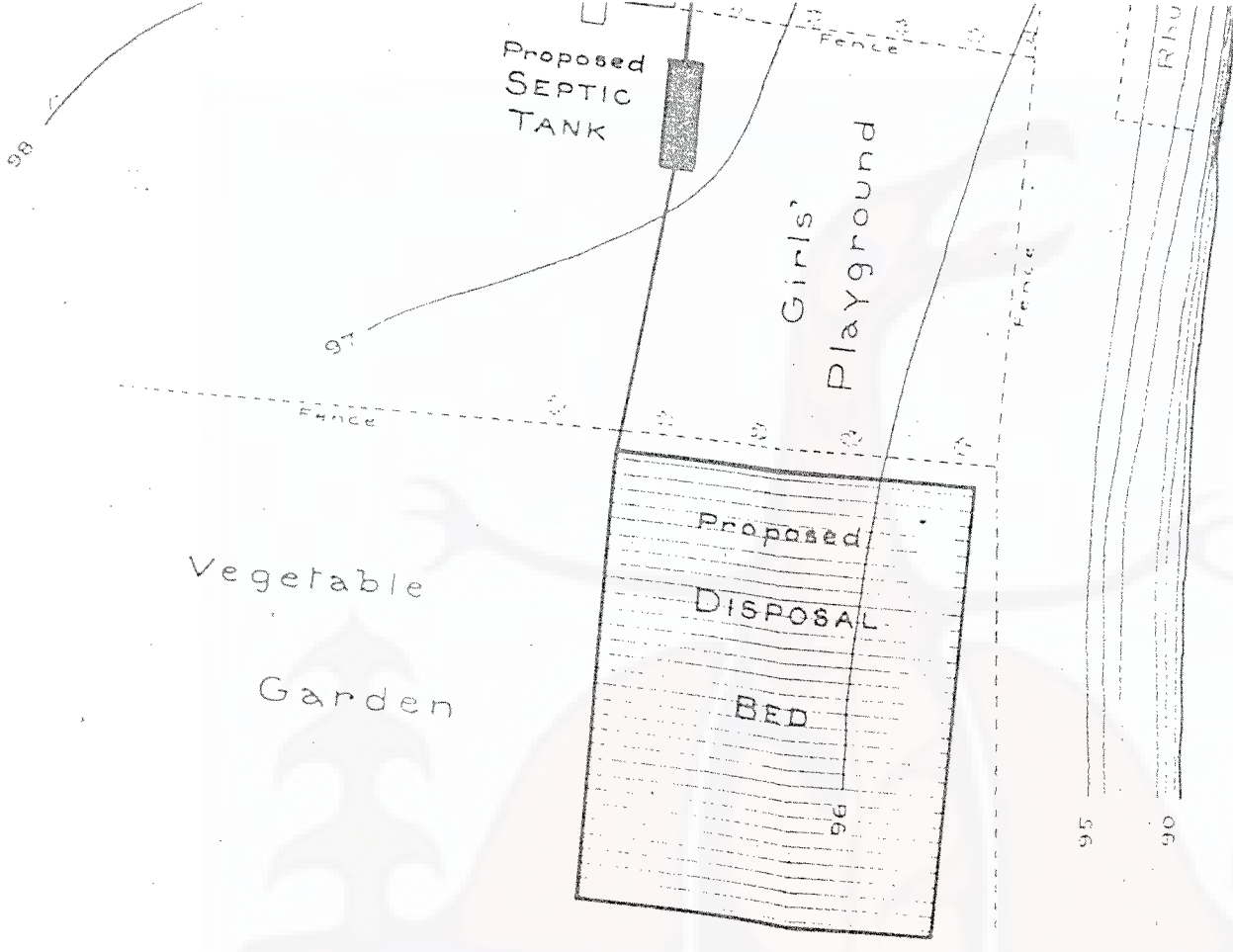
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Your obedient servant,

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A. F. MacIsaac,
Secretary

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Department of the Interior Canada
 DOMINION WATER POWER & HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
 FORT FRANCES. ONT.

PROPOSED
 SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

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 JUNE 1935.

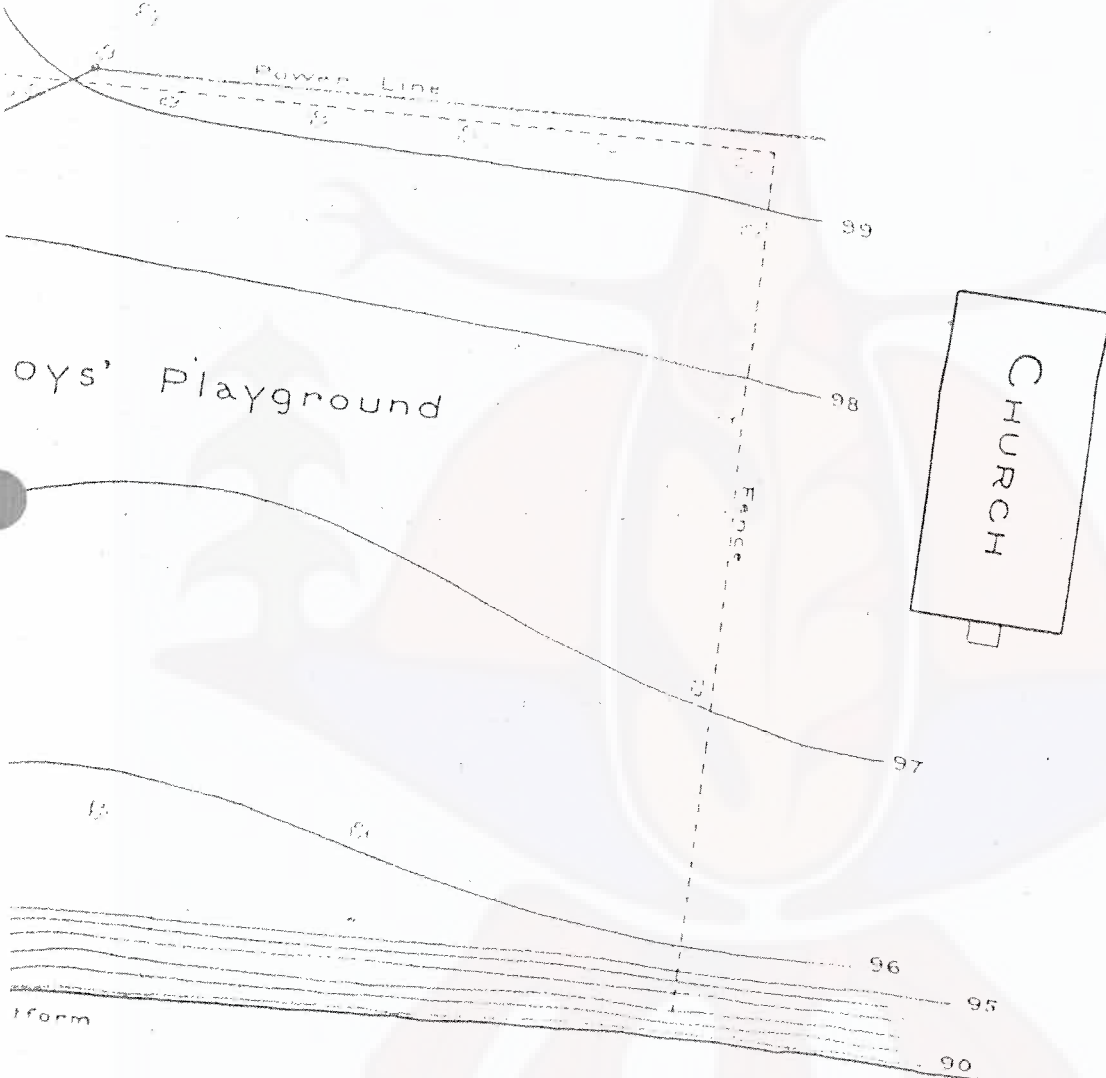
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Road to FORT FRANCES



RAINY LAKE

Water Level 83.1
June 12th 1935



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Preliminary
REPORT
ON
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM
FOR
FORT FRANCES INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

Winnipeg, Manitoba,
July 5, 1935.

D. B. Gow,
Acting District Chief Engineer

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REPORT
ON
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM
FOR
FORT FRANCES INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

INTRODUCTORY:

On May 25th instructions were received from Ottawa to make an inspection of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School and to forward a report with an estimate of the cost of installing a sewage disposal system. On June 12th, the writer, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Wallace, visited the site and made a survey of the school grounds with transit and level in considerable detail, inasmuch as it was realized that the very limited elevation of the foundation of the school above the summer level of Rainy lake would necessitate accuracy in the design and layout of any sewage disposal system.

The general plan of the school site accompanying this report, shows the location of school buildings, playgrounds, gardens, fences, etc., in relation to the waterfront of Rainy lake. Elevations are shown by one foot contours and relate to an assumed elevation of 100.00 for a bench mark established on the concrete window sill at the north-east corner of the building.

EXISTING SEWAGE SYSTEM:

We were unable to secure any plan of the school which showed the location of the existing drains or any details concerning the septic tank. The local plumbing firm who have at times made repairs to the system, was unable to offer any useful information. Apparently two sewage lines lead from the building to the septic tank and evidently laundry and kitchen drainage is passed through the tank.

The septic tank is said to be about 12' x 20' x 5' divided into two compartments and access is permitted by means of one manhole. There is overflow from one

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compartment to the other and the effluent flows freely through a pipe line into Rainy lake at an elevation unknown to the writer.

While a certain amount of septic action takes place in this tank, yet it is greatly overloaded and prior to the arrival of the present Principal of the school late last fall, it was sadly neglected. The tank is obsolete and in a deteriorated condition.

PROPOSED SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS:

GENERAL:

The sewage disposal system proposed for this school will depend upon the extent to which it is desired to prevent the discharge of sewage from the school into the lake. To prevent the passage of any sewage other than laundry and kitchen drainage into the lake, will necessitate the construction of a new septic tank and disposal bed of underground tile. On the other hand the construction of a new septic tank without disposal bed will improve the present situation but will not meet the desires of the Medical Health Officer at Fort Frances.

Inasmuch as the writer is not convinced of the necessity of the tile disposal bed, it has been decided to outline the two sewage disposal systems, viz:- Septic tank either with or without the subsurface tile disposal bed. While the capacity and design of septic tank is the same in either scheme, yet the location is different and also the sewage lines leading to the septic tank are different. On the accompanying plan the outside installation for the septic tank with disposal bed is outlined in red, whereas the scheme of septic tank without disposal bed is outlined in ~~blue~~ green.

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SEPTIC TANK:

With Rainy lake at summer level there is only about 6.0 feet difference in elevation between the school drain as it leaves the building and the water level of the lake. Accordingly, a shallow septic tank is necessary.

The septic tank as proposed, will be the usual type installed at Indian schools and will consist of the usual settling chamber and syphon chambers, constructed of reinforced concrete and provided with two manholes.

Inside dimensions of the settling tank are to be 20 x 8 x 4 and of the syphon chamber, 8 x 8 x 1.5, providing capacities of 4,000 and 600 gallons respectively. The retention period in the settling chamber will be about 48 hours and the effluent will be syphoned about thrice daily.

The septic tank will be the same for both proposals considered, but if a disposal bed is utilized it is necessary to maintain the highest elevation possible for the septic tank and for this reason it should be located near the south end of the building. In the other proposal where no disposal bed is considered, the site selected is one of convenience and economy.

DISPOSAL BED:

Allowing 30 lineal feet of field tile for each individual in the institution will necessitate 3,000 lineal feet in the disposal bed and the size should be 100' x 120'. It is not desirable to locate the disposal bed in the playground area and we have selected a site in the vegetable garden as is shown on the plan. It is located at a general ground elevation of 96.0 or as low as is possible.

The discharge pipe from the syphon chamber is to be at elevation 91.9 and the bottom elevation of the tile in the disposal bed will be 91.0 and the surface of the bed 93.0. As the ground level is approximately 96.0, it will

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be necessary to excavate to 93.0 for the disposal bed and to 91.0 for the placement of the leaders and headers in trenches. The soil is light and sandy, excavation is easy and no special preparation of the soil is required.

The only alternative to this excavated site for the disposal bed would be to replace the syphon in the syphon chamber with an electrically-operated, automatically controlled pump to lift the effluent and discharge the same to a disposal bed, the surface elevation of which could be 96.0 and the bottom of the tile at elevation 94.0. This disposal bed would be more efficient, easier to maintain and would conform to the general ground level, but the initial cost would be somewhat higher because of the cost of pumping equipment.

LAUNDRY DRAIN:

It will probably be necessary to separate the laundry and kitchen drainage from the existing school drains, although it is possible they are now separate. A new 6" tile drain is required to carry kitchen and laundry drainage whether or not a disposal bed is utilized and if it is proposed to connect it with the overflow pipe from the existing old septic tank if it is found such pipe is serviceable.

SEWAGE DRAINS:

At present there are presumably two lines of sewer pipe leading to the old septic tank. It is proposed to abandon both lines and lay one new 6" tile drain to the new septic tank, the proposed locations being shown on the accompanying plan. If the septic tank without disposal bed is used, then the effluent will be discharged through a new 6" drain connecting with the overflow pipe from the old existing septic tank, provided such overflow pipe is found to be serviceable.

ESTIMATES OF COSTS:

We are unable at the present time to give but a very rough estimate of the probable cost of a new sewage disposal system for the Fort Frances Indian School. Time has not been taken to figure out quantities of excavation, concrete work, etc. However, the following estimates will serve to indicate the probable costs of the work to be recommended.

Estimates of Costs.

(a) <u>Sewage Disposal System without ^{Disposal bed} Septic Tank.</u>		
Storm Water, Laundry and Kitchen Drain - 140'.		
Excavation and Backfilling, 140' @ .40¢	--	\$56.00
140' Glazed 6" Pipe, Elbows, etc.	--	60.00
Handling, Connecting, Laying-	--	<u>25.00</u>
		\$141.00
Sewage Line to and from Septic Tank - 90'.		
Excavation and Backfilling-	--	35.00
90' Glazed 6" Tile - Connections-	--	40.00
Handling, Connecting, Laying-	--	20.00
Alterations in School Building-	--	<u>125.00</u>
		\$220.00
Septic Tank.		
Construction - Complete	--	<u>1250.00</u>
		\$1,250.00
Contractor's Profit 10%	--	<u>161.00</u>
		\$1,411.00
Contingencies and Supervision 10%	--	<u>178.00</u>
		\$1,589.00
Total Cost:-	--	<u>\$1,950.00</u>
(b) <u>Sewage System with Disposal Bed.</u>		
Storm Water, Laundry and Kitchen Drain.		
Same as in (a) above-	--	\$141.00
Sewage Line to and from Septic Tank.		
Excavation and Backfilling, 175'	--	70.00
175' Glazed 6" Tile - Connections	--	80.00
Handling, Laying, Connecting-	--	35.00
Alterations in School Buildings	--	<u>125.00</u>
		310.00
Septic Tank.		
Same as in (a) above-	--	\$1,250.00
		\$1,560.00
Carried Forward:		\$1,701.00

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ESTIMATES OF COSTS (Continued).

Brought Forward:-		\$1,701.00
Disposal Bed.		
Excavation, 1600 yards @ .20¢	- - - - -	\$320.00
" " 225 " @ .50¢	- - - - -	112.50
6" Glazed Tile with 4" Y's,		
55 Lengths @ \$1.40	- - - - -	77.00
6" Glazed 1/8 Bends,		
55 Lengths @ \$1.50	- - - - -	82.50
3200 Lineal Feet 4" Field Tile @ .09¢	- - - - -	288.00
Laying Distributor and Feeder Lines	- - - - -	150.00
Surfacing and Finishing	- - - - -	75.00
		<u>\$1,105.00</u>
		\$2,806.00
Contractor's Profit 10%	- - - - -	280.60
		<u>\$3,086.60</u>
Contingencies and Supervision, 10%	- - - - -	308.60
		<u>\$3,395.20</u>
Total Cost:--	- - - - -	

SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The water supply for the Fort Frances Indian School is taken by pipe line extending several hundred feet out into the lake and the water supply is not treated.

The Town of Fort Frances secures its water supply from an intake approximately 4,500 feet away from the Indian School, the intake being located more or less in the current leading to the lake outlet. Their water supply is chlorinated. The water of Rainy lake is more or less contaminated in the vicinity of the town's intake from the Town of Ranier, Minnesota, from saw-mills, private cottages, etc., so that the Indian School is but a minor factor in the contamination of the lake.

The Town of Fort Frances passes all of its raw untreated sewage into Rainy river, as does also the City of International Falls. It would appear rather inconsistent for the Town of Fort Frances or the Ontario Department of Health to insist upon a complete sewage system at the Indian School under the circumstances.

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However, I understand that all roof drainage as well as sewage passes through the existing septic tank so that it is frequently passing practically raw sewage into Rainy lake. This situation should be remedied and I would recommend that conditions be improved by the construction of a new septic tank and the segregation of the storm water, laundry and kitchen drainage from the sewage, so that only sewage pass through the septic tank. If the Department considers it advisable to fully meet the desires of the Provincial Authorities, then I would recommend the use of the sub-surface tile disposal bed in conjunction with the new septic tank. It would also be advisable to use an electrically driven, automatically controlled pumping system in order to permit of the disposal bed being raised to conform with the general ground elevation. Such an installation will not materially increase the cost of the system since we eliminate the cost of syphon and the considerable item for excavation from elevation 96.0 to 93.0.

D. B. Gow,

Acting District Chief Engineer.

Winnipeg, Manitoba,
July 5, 1935.

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BOILER DATA REPORT No.

BOILER INSPECTION BRANCH



ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Certificate No. _____
 Boiler No. 3

Date of Inspection 24-7-35
 Owner Department of Indian Affairs, Mr. A. Sponcer, Indian Agt. Fort Frances
 Name of User St. Margaret's Indian Home Address Fort Frances,
 Location of Boiler St. Margaret's Indian Residential School, Fort Frances,
 Boiler used for Laundry purposes Business Education

Type of Boiler 1 used H. R. T. 31r Year Built _____ Made by _____
 Diam. of Shell or Drums 30" No. of Drums _____ Length of Drums _____
 No. of Sections, or Courses one course Length Overall 5'11"
 Material steel Brand and T.S. _____
 Thickness of Plate 3/4" Long Seam Lap Dia. of Rivets 11/16" Riveting double
 Dia. of Rivet Holes 11/16" Pitch of Rivets 2 1/2" Efficiency .725
 Thickness of Tube Sheet _____ No. of Tubes 20 Dia. 3" Length _____ Pitch of Tube Hole _____
 Efficiency of Tube Ligament _____ Thickness and Form of Head 3/8" flat
 Headers, Water Tube Boilers _____ Distance, Upper Tubes to Shell 2 1/2"
 Area to be Stayed 49 sq. inches Rivetted over and below tubes
 Stays above Tubes 2 through stays 1" dia. No. and Size of Rivets per Stay _____
 Stays below Tubes _____
 Stay Bolts, Max. Pitch _____ ins. _____ ins. Dia. _____ ins. No. of Rows _____ If Hollow _____
 Dome: Dia. _____ ins. Plates _____ ins. Riveting _____ Head, Flat or Dished _____
 Riveted to Shell _____ Is Opening in Shell Full Size of Dome? _____ Braces in Dome _____
 Neutral Sheet Reinforcement _____ Neutral Sheet Stays _____
 Furnace: Dia. _____ ins. Length _____ Thickness _____ ins. Type _____
 Safety Valves, Type Pop Size 2" No. 1 Area of Grate _____ Sq. Ft. _____
 Pressure Gauge 1 No. of Water Gauges 1 Location head No. and Sizes of Try Cocks 3, 1 1/2" ftgs.
 Size of Blow-off 1 1/2" Where Located in returns
 Check Valves: on Return Pipes _____ on Feed Pipes Yes Feed Pipe Size 1"
 How Many Feed Appliances _____ two, returns & feed from tank.
 Stop Valves: on Steam Pipes Yes on Return Pipes _____ On other Connections _____
 Pressure Allowed 80 Lbs. _____ Lbs. Factor of Safety 3 Hydrostatic test _____ Lbs. _____
 Is Condition of Boiler and Fittings such that Certificate may be issued? See over
 Any Changes or Repairs Ordered _____
 H.R.T. Boiler: Flush or Overhanging Front _____ How is Boiler Supported? _____
 No. of Lugs _____ If Suspended, Give Full Details Boiler resting on brickwork

Grates or Firebox: Width _____ Length _____ Other Details _____
 Kind of Fuel Used wood Automatic Stoker _____ Type _____ Maker _____
 Superheater _____ Type _____ Approved _____ Is Heat Applied Direct? _____
 Superheater Safety Valves _____ Size _____ Type _____
 Is there a Stop Valve between boiler and Super heater? _____
 Cone Top—Make Sketch Giving Full Bracing Data _____
 Manhole—If in Shell, Give all Data Necessary to Compute Strength _____

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ADOLPHUS

BOILER DATA REPORT No.

BOILER INSPECTION BRANCH



DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Certificate No. _____
 Boiler No. 1

Date of Inspection 24-7-33

Owner Department of Indian Affairs, Mr. A. Spence, Indian Agt. Fort Frances.
Address of Owner

Name of User St. Margaret's Residential School
If user is not owner, give names of both Address Fort Frances, Ontario.

Location of Boiler St. Margaret's Indian Residential School, Fort Frances,
Town County

Boiler used for Heating purposes Business Education

Type of Boiler used H.R.T. H.T. Year Built _____ Made by Vulcan Iron Wks. Winnipeg.

Diam. of Shell or Drums 42" No. of Drums _____ Length of Drums _____

No. of Sections, or Courses 3 courses Length Overall 12'3"

Material steel Brand and T.S. 55,000

Thickness of Plate 1/4" Long Seam Lap Dia. of Rivet 1/16" Riveting double
Iron or Steel Lap or butt

Dia. of Rivet Holes 11/16" Pitch of Rivets 2 1/2" Efficiency .75

Thickness of Tube Sheet _____ No. of Tubes 30 Dia. 3" Length 12'5" Pitch of Tube Hole _____
Long seam

Efficiency of Tube Ligament _____ Thickness and Form of Head 3/8"

Headers, Water Tube Boilers _____ Distance, Upper Tubes to Shell 16 1/2"
If tubes enter shell Hrt. Loco. or Scotch Marine

Area to be Stayed 65 sq. ins.
Each head above tubes

Stays above Tubes 4 diagonal 1-1/8" dia. No. and Size of Rivets per Stay _____
No. each head and type (through head to head, or diagonal, welded or weldless), net cross sectional area

Stays below Tubes _____
No. each head and type (through head to head, or diagonal, welded or weldless), net cross sectional area

Stay Bolts, Max. Pitch _____ Dia. _____ ins. No. of Rows _____ If Hollow _____

Dome: Dia. _____ ins. Plates _____ ins. Riveting _____ Head, Flat or Dished _____

Riveted to Shell _____ Is Opening in Shell Full Size of Dome? _____ Braces in Dome _____
No. of rows

Neutral Sheet Reinforcement _____ Neutral Sheet Stays _____

Furnace: Dia. _____ ins. Length _____ Thickness _____ ins. Type _____
(Corrugated Adamson Ring, etc.)

Safety Valves, Type Pop Size 3" No. 1 Area of Grate _____ Sq. Ft.

Pressure Gauge 1 No. of Water Gauges 1 Location head No. and Sizes of Try Cocks 3, 1/2" ftgs

Size of Blow-off 2" Where Located in returns

Check Valves: on Return Pipes _____ on Feed Pipes Yes Feed Pipe Size 1 1/2"

How Many Feed Appliances two, returns and feed from tanks

Stop Valves: on Steam Pipes Yes on Return Pipes _____ On other Connections _____

Pressure Allowed 30 Lbs. Factor of Safety 7 Hydrostatic test _____ Lbs.
This inspection Previous inspection This inspection

Is Condition of Boiler and Fittings such that Certificate may be issued? _____

Any Changes or Repairs Ordered See Over

H.R.T. Boiler: Flush or Overhanging Front _____ How is Boiler Supported? _____
Give details and sketches on squared blank

No. of Lugs _____ If Suspended, Give Full Details _____

Grates or Firebox: Width _____ Length _____ Other Details _____

Kind of Fuel Used Wood Automatic Stoker _____ Type _____ Maker _____

Superheater _____ Type _____ Approved _____ Is Heat Applied Direct? _____

Superheater Safety Valves _____ Size _____ Type _____

Is there a Stop Valve between boiler and Super heater? _____

Cons Top--Make Sketch Giving Full Bracing Data _____

Manhole--If in Shell, Give all Data Necessary to Compute Strength _____

11" x 10" 1/2" reinforced plate. 12, 11/16" rivets.

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Ottawa, August 22, 1935.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I beg to say that the Machinery Inspector has recommended the following at the Fort Frances Residential School:

"Bread Mixer ... Projecting key in shaft and wheel to be sawed off flush. Screen with a large pitch mesh to be fitted over trough. This would allow flour to be sprinkled over dough and would necessitate machine being stopped before inside could be scraped out.

A Notice in English and French to be posted stating machine to be stopped before commencing to scrape the dough out of inside of trough.

Drying Machine in Laundry ... Lower belt and sheaves to be guarded.

Emery Wheels in carpenter shop to have strong guards $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick to be placed over stove."

The above should be directed to the attention of the Principal, as it is considered the school staff can do any of the work that is necessary.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

A. Spencer
A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

Ottawa, September 19, 1935.

Sir:

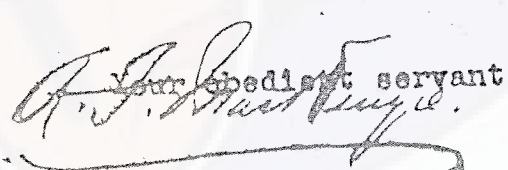
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 14th, with reference to sanitary matters at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. Answer has been delayed, as we were awaiting report of the Engineer of the Dominion Water Power Branch. This report has now been received and carefully considered by this Department. For your information, I quote the following excerpt from our letter to the Director of the Dominion Water Power Branch:

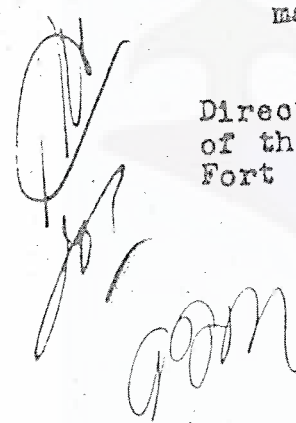
"It is noted from Page 6 of Mr. Gow's report that he considers it rather inconsistent for the Town of Fort Frances to insist upon a complete sewage system at the Fort Frances School in view of the fact that both the Town of Fort Frances and the City of International Falls pass all of their raw untreated sewage into Rainy River. The Department agrees with Mr. Gow in this regard.

I have noted the estimate supplied by Mr. Gow regarding the manner in which the sewage system at Fort Frances School could be improved, but no funds have been provided for this purpose in the current year's Appropriation, and the matter will have to stand for the present."

The above excerpt from our letter to the Director of the Water Power Branch outlines the position of this Department at the present time with regard to the Fort Frances School.

Your obedient servant,


A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.


A. E. Berry, Esq.,
Director,
Sanitary Engineering Division,
Department of Health,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

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ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 14 1935
RECORDS

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October 12th, 1935.

A. F. MacKenzie, Sec.
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:- RE: Fort Frances Indian School

I regret that your letter of September 19th in connection with the sewage disposal from the above institution has remained unanswered owing to my absence from the office.

In connection with the report of Mr. Gow may I point out that treatment of this sewage is not in the same position as that of the municipalities of Fort Frances and International Falls. It is true that sewage from the latter municipalities is discharged untreated into this river, but no water supply is being taken from there for some distance below, and the dilution is an important factor. I might also point out that consideration is being given to treatment of these wastes at both these municipalities. In connection with the Indian Residential School the matter is somewhat different. You are located reasonably close to the waterworks intake of Fort Frances, and for that reason we feel it essential to take steps to properly treat the sewage. Apart from this, however, it does not appear a very good example for a Government Department to discharge untreated sewage into a water supply of this kind.

I trust that this will be sufficient explanation as to the reason for requesting some action on the treatment of this sewage.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature: A. E. Perry]

Director, Sanitary Engineering Division.

ABB/JG

[Handwritten note: Copy to Mr. [unclear] (5) Oct. 18, 1935 E.M.]

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File 463-1, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Boarding
School - General Administration - School
Establishment. 1898-1934

File 463-2, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Quarterly Returns. 1941-1952

File 463-5, part 1


Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Building Maintenance - Supplies -
Accounts - General Administration. 1922-1929

File 463-5, part 2

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Building Maintenance - Supplies -
Accounts - General Administration. 1929-1931

File 463-5, part 3

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Building Maintenance - Supplies -
Accounts - General Administration. 1932-1935

 File 463-5, part 4

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Building Maintenance (inc. Blue-line
Print Disposal System) - Accounts - Supplies -
General Administration. 1935-1938



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA.

April 30, 1936.

*L. W. [unclear]
Z. Architect*

Memorandum:

MR. OPR, -

The Main Estimates for Indian Education for the fiscal year 1936-37 provide the sum of \$3,400.00 to install a sewage disposal system at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. In this connection I would refer you to a preliminary report, prepared by Mr. Gow, Acting District Chief Engineer, Winnipeg, dated July 5, 1935. I would request that you make the necessary arrangements with the Dominion Water Power Branch to have this work proceeded with.

J. Duthers

*Approved
[unclear]*



DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

WINNIPEG, MAN..

July 28, 1936.

Sir:

Re: Fort Frances Indian School.

I have for acknowledgment your letter of July 8th requesting that plans be prepared for a new sewage disposal system at the above mentioned school, also for an estimate of the cost and recommendations as to the best way of carrying out the work.

Since an amount of \$3,400. has been provided in this year's estimates for this work, we have assumed that the Department considers it advisable to provide for a sewage system with a disposal bed, as covered in our report of July, 1935.

In the short time at our disposal we have designed a complete disposal system and prepared detailed drawings covering the same. We are enclosing, in duplicate, prints of the following plans:

- I. Proposed Sewage Disposal System,
- II. Details of Septic Tank,
- III. Details of Disposal Bed,
- IV. Profile of Sewage Disposal System.

The proposed system provides for the passage of roof drainage, laundry and kitchen wastes to Rainy Lake direct and for the treatment of all other sewage by means of a septic tank and under-ground tile. Information is not available as to the drainage layout at the School so we are unable to show on plans what work is required to get laundry and kitchen drainage out of the building. It is our aim to use the outer portion of the existing drain into the lake if examination reveals the drain to be serviceable.

The septic tank is of standard construction but we are planning to utilize a motor-driven pump in place of the usual syphon in the syphon chamber. This is necessary in order to maintain the disposal bed at an elevation sufficiently above the high water level of Rainy Lake. This pumping unit will consist of a 50 gallons per minute pump driven by a 1 1/2 H.P. Motor and located within the septic tank. The pump will be automatically controlled by floats and switch, but we are making provision for an overflow pipe to the storm sewer.

The disposal bed presents no special features and involves no hauling of special material.

We have once more given consideration to the probable cost of the work outlined and are not prepared to lower our previous estimate, owing to unknown factors regarding the drainage system in the school and the extent of plumbing work necessary to segregate the kitchen and laundry wastes.

J. T. Johnston, Esq.,
Director,
Dominion Water Power and
Hydrometric Bureau,
Toronto, Ontario.

The contract for the work can be given to a reputable contractor, either on a cost plus 10% basis or on a cost basis plus a fixed amount of \$300.00 - the contractor to supply equipment and superintendence. This office should do the engineering work and supervise the work, having a representative on the job during the duration of the work - this representative not necessarily being a member of the staff. This representative will act as time-keeper and no orders for materials can be given without his authority. In this way the cost of the work can be materially reduced and this office can assume responsibility for the installation.

It will probably be advisable to submit the plans to the Ontario Department of Health for approval. That Department may possibly raise objection to the discharging of kitchen and laundry wastes directly into the lake. Such an attitude would be unreasonable in view of the fact that unrestricted contamination of Rainy lake is now permitted at saw mills, bathing beaches, summer homes, etc., on both sides of the International Boundary. Furthermore, both Fort Frances and International Falls are permitted to discharge immense quantities of raw sewage into Rainy river, contaminating the water supply from that river and also the waters of Lake of the Woods.

Your obedient servant,



D. B. Gow,

Acting District Chief Engineer.

Encls.



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

ED WINNIPEG, MAN. August 6th, 1936.

Dear Doctor McGill:

I recently inspected the Fort Frances Indian Residential School (R.C.) and beg to submit the following report in connection with certain requirements.

The root cellar in the barn collects water, no doubt largely due to the fact that there is no eave-troughing on either side of the barn. The Principal states his men can do the work if the material is supplied. The wall needs repairing and re-surfacing. It will require 35 or 40 bags of cement and a barrel of tar.

The water pump for the school is badly worn and past repairing. A new pump should be provided and installed before winter. A suitable pump will cost approximately \$275.00.

There is no chicken house or pig pen. The Rev. Father wishes to keep 100 hens and about 20 pigs. The pupils should be instructed and encouraged in this line of work and I would recommend that a building be erected, part for chickens and part for pigs. The cost of such a building should not exceed \$1200.

A request has also been made to finish the upstairs in one of the outbuildings as an isolation room. The downstairs is used by the Rev. Principal as an office. Such a room would be very useful and as the infirmary is small, I would recommend that \$200. be allowed for the purpose. This would supply the material and the staff could do the

Dr. Harold W. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

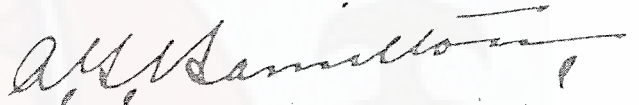
could do the work.

The residence now used by the engineer should be enlarged to accommodate the farming instructor. It will require about \$500. for material and the staff could no doubt do most of the work. At present the farmer lives in a rented house some distance away, which arrangement is most unsatisfactory.

I would suggest that the proposed disposal bed be left in abeyance as at present the septic tank works well and no odor can be detected. The money allowed for this work would more than supply the needs outlined above. I trust these matters will receive favourable consideration.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,



A. G. Hamilton
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Manitoba.

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EXTRACT from Report of Mr. A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies, Winnipeg, Man.
regarding his inspection of the Fort Frances
Indian Residential School on October 21, 1936.

Original on File 124-1-6.

I would again point out the fact that there is no bathtub in the infirmary. This is very much needed and the expense should not exceed \$75.00.

The shower baths are not used as the galvanized floor is badly cracked. The floors should be renewed in all three rooms and will cost approximately \$25 for each, a total of \$75. The shower is ideal for the Indian child and I hope funds are available to do the necessary repairs.

The isolation ward is practically completed. It is upstairs in one of the outbuildings and will be a great help in case of sickness.

The Rev. Principal has carried out a large amount of repair work and on each visit I find many improvements.

The children are well fed. At present there are 12 cows milking and the milk is used for the pupils. The more delicate children receive special food, as well as a lunch during the morning and afternoon.

The Principal is anxious to obtain a pigpen and chicken house in order that he may not only supply extra food for the pupils, but also instruct and interest them in this line of industry. I trust that next year the buildings will be provided.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

No. 5-6.

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124-1-5

FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,

APRIL, 20th, 1937,

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith Requisition from the Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, in which he is requesting that the Department give him authority to purchase paint for the barn Sheds and roof of School, also authority to purchase lumber for a small igger and to enlarge the implement shed for a slaughter-house, which would cost the sum of \$280.00.

He is also requesting that you purchase 40 Single Desks for the larger children of the School, and four Backs and four Fronts,

The Desks are needed very badly, as these desks have been in this School since it was built, and getting in pretty bad shape, besides some of the children have outgrown the size of desks installed in the school,

If there is an operation for this school, I should recommend that they be given these few requests,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

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Indian Agent,

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Ottawa, May 14th, 1937.

Gentlemen,-

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant, the Department accepts your quotation of \$309.76 for the desks required at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

Please ship the following desks in cherry color top:-

8 No. 2 single desks
32 No. 3 "
4 No. 2 rears
4 No. 3 fronts

The desks should be shipped to:-

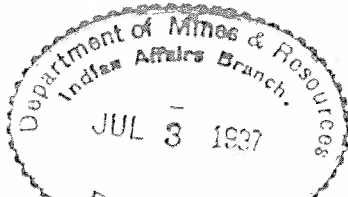
A. Spencer, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

Your account, in triplicate, should also be forwarded to Mr. Spencer and, upon receipt of the desks, he will certify the account and forward same to the Department for payment.

Yours truly,


R. A. Hoey.
Supt. of Welfare & Training.


Globe Furniture Co., Ltd.,
Waterloo, Ontario.



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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM A. RECORDS, INSPECTOR
OF INDIAN AGENCIES, WINNIPEG, MAN., dated June 25, 1937.
RE: FORT FRANCES R. C. RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.
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Original on 124-1-6.

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The building throughout was clean and everything denoted care and attention. The fire hose and equipment was in good condition. The Rev. Principal purchased one dozen 'Chief Scientific Fire extinguishers' from Preston, Ont. He would like another dozen and in view of the building's construction it might be advisable to grant this added protection. **R**

The girls receive a thorough training in sewing. This department I consider one of the most important and I was delighted with the class of work being turned out. One sewing machine is beyond repair and one of the others is giving a lot of trouble. I would recommend two new sewing machines and trust these will be allowed.

*Order
2 machines*

The chapel in the school is being refinished. There are no pews and the Rev. Father asked for lumber to make proper pews. He will have the work done by his men, without further cost to the Department. As the chapel is part of the school, I feel it should be properly equipped with pews and recommend an allowance be granted for the purchase of lumber.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

No.5-106,

Sir.

No.124-I-5,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th Inst;- In which you are inquiring about Poultry being kept at the Indian Residential School. And in reply to same. I have to report, that I visited the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, and I find that there are no Hens kept there and they have no Hen House in which to keep them, A few Years ago they had hens that stayed in the Barn, they were not a success and they disposed of them,

I would like to Recommend that a Hen House be built for the School, and a number of Hens be purchased to give them a start in poultry, and at the same time the Pupils be given instruction in the care of Poultry,

There is several Indians on the Reserves that have hens and are making a success of their poultry,

I have the honor to be,
Sir.

Your obedient servant,

W. J. G. G. G.
Indian Agent,

R. A. Hoey, Esq;-
Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario,



FORT FRANCES, AGENCY,
JULY, 30th, 1937,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Office of
The Deputy Minister

Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ontario,
August 11, 1937.

Dr. R. E. Wodehouse,
Deputy Minister, Department of
Pensions and National Health,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Dear Doctor Wodehouse:

The attention of the Department has been repeatedly drawn to the failure on the part of the Department of Indian Affairs to ensure some satisfactory method of sewage disposal at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the water supply for the school is taken from the bay on which the school is situated, at a point said to be about 1,000 feet distant from the point at which the sewage is discharged. This water is untreated. Sewage from the institution passes through a settling tank or septic tank and is discharged without further treatment into the bay at the point referred to.

Further, the point where the sewage is discharged is quite close to a summer colony, where bathing is very prevalent in the summer. The intake pipe for the Town of Fort Frances is also situated at a reasonable distance from the point of discharge.

The apparent attitude of the Department is that, in view of the fact that other agencies are discharging untreated waste into the bay, they should feel perfectly justified in doing so. A continuance of this practice is not likely to assist this Department in securing any change in the present system of sewage disposal in adjoining centres. However, the significant point is that the intimacy of the sewage outfall and the source of water and its proximity to the neighboring bathing beach, makes for a very serious potential health hazard.

The providing of appropriate treatment for this sewage is neither involved nor should it be costly. All that would appear to be required is a filter bed of field tiles, appropriately laid. This could probably be secured at a cost of \$400 or \$500. Might I ask if it would be possible for you to use your good offices in focussing the attention of the Department on this matter?

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. T. Phair
(J.T. Phair, M.B., D.P.H.)
Chief Medical Officer of Health.

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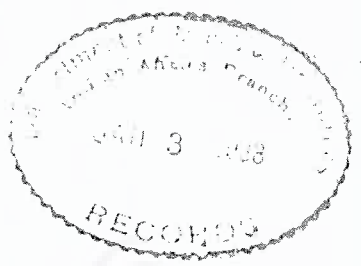
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MINES AND RESOURCES
SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING BRANCH

OTTAWA December 30, 1937.



Memorandum:

Dr. McGill.

Re: Water Supply,
Fort Frances Residential
School, Ontario.

In connection with the above it would appear from the information on the file of the Indian Affairs Branch that the water supply for the above school is being taken from the bay on which the school is located at a distance of approximately one thousand feet from the point at which sewage is being discharged. While it is understood that the water used for domestic purposes at the school is boiled for the length of time required for sterilization it is suggested as an additional precaution that you arrange for samples of water to be taken periodically and analysed in order that a careful check can be made to see that the quality of water being used is satisfactory.

J. J. Mills

Dr. H.W. McGill,
Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada.

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H.Y.D.

Ottawa, January 5, 1938.

MEMORANDUM:

Mr. Wardle

From time to time this Branch has received complaints regarding the sewage disposal system at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

For your information I may say that a report received in 1936 from the Acting District Chief Engineer of the Dominion Water Power and Hydrometric Bureau stated that unrestricted contamination of Rainy Lake is now permitted at saw mills, bathing beaches, summer homes, etc., on both sides of the International Boundary, and that both Fort Frances and International Falls are permitted to discharge immense quantities of raw sewage into Rainy River, contaminating the water supply from that river and also the waters of Lake of the Woods.

It is felt, however, that it would be advisable to make some improvements to the sewage disposal system at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School and an amount of \$1,400.00 for this purpose is being provided in our appropriation for the fiscal year 1938-39. The Fort Frances Indian Residential School is located three miles from the Town of Fort Frances, Ontario.

I would appreciate if you would arrange to have one of your engineers visit the Fort Frances School as soon as weather conditions permit next Spring and examine the sewage disposal system. When you receive his report, you might advise me, in order that we can decide if the amount provided in our appropriation will be sufficient to materially improve the condition of the sewage disposal system at this school.

T.R.L.M.
En Director.

Address Reply to En-
gineering and Construc-
tion Service.

DEPARTMENT OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
Surveys and Engineering Branch

Ottawa, March 7, 1938.

MEMORANDUM:

Mr. Mills.

Re: Proposed Improvement to sewage
disposal system, Fort Frances
Indian Residential School,
Ontario.

In connection with the above I beg to advise that I was requested, while with the Indian Affairs Branch, to examine this proposal as outlined in a report prepared by an engineer of the Winnipeg Office of the Dominion Water and Power Bureau dated July 28th, 1936. This report was submitted upon a request made by the Indian Affairs Branch in a letter dated July 6th, 1936, when an amount of \$3400.00 was being provided for in that year's estimates for the above mentioned sewerage work. This new sewage disposal system was taken into consideration on account of the representation made by the Ontario Department of Health that the present one was unsatisfactory and a source of pollution of the Rainy Lake where the effluent from the present cess pool was overflowing at times and discharging into the lake. However, the proposal in question was not given further consideration on account of a recommendation made in the report from Inspector A.G. Hamilton of Winnipeg dated August 6th, 1936, which stated that the present septic tank or cess pool was working satisfactorily, etc.

The Sanitary Engineering Division of the Department of Health was subsequently informed in a departmental letter from Indian Affairs Branch dated October 24th, 1936, that although consideration had been given, that year, to the installation of a new sewage disposal system for the above mentioned school it was finally decided not to proceed with the work in 1936 for the reason that unrestricted contamination of Rainy Lake was permitted at saw mills, bathing beaches, and summer homes on both sides of the international boundary as they were allowed to discharge immense quantities of raw sewage into Rainy River thus contaminating the water supply from that river and also the water of the Lake of the Woods as mentioned in a report from the Acting Chief Engineer of the Dominion Water and Power Bureau.

T.S. Mills, Esq.,
Chief Engineer,
Engineering and Construction Service,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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The question of making some improvements to the present disposal system serving the Fort Frances Indian Residential School was again considered in the memorandum of the Director of the Indian Affairs Branch to Mr. Wardle dated January 5th, 1938, this on account of the fact that an amount of \$1400.00 was being provided for in the 1938-39 estimates for the above mentioned purposes in which communication it was suggested that arrangements be made to have an engineer of this Branch examine the present sewage disposal system at that school in order that this Service be furnished with a report as to what improvement could be carried out with the amount above mentioned. The report applied for was furnished you on the 21st ultimo (Mr. Gow's report) and was since carefully examined. It is observed in this additional report that a new septic tank as first planned, but with some alterations, could be constructed at an estimated cost of \$850.00. It is further represented that the work as outlined which could be performed for the \$1400.00 is not of an immediate necessity as far as the operation of this institution is concerned but would prevent the discharge of raw sewage into the Rainy Lake.

In view of the fact that such new septic tank as that now suggested would not stop the pollution of Rainy Lake as desired by the Provincial Department of Health due to the discharge of sewage from this institution and that the work outlined with the expenditure of \$1400.00 would not fit in a complete disposal scheme should it be decided to construct a disposal bed as originally planned, would it not be advisable that no improvements be taken into consideration until sufficient funds are made available to cover the cost of an adequate and complete new system which would satisfy the requirements of the Provincial Health Department although it is represented that such a costly undertaking would not materially improve the condition of the water in Rainy Lake which is as previously mentioned already polluted from many other sources.

Respectfully submitted,

(sgd) J.D. Chene.

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Ottawa,
April 23, 1938.

Memorandum:

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DEPUTY MINISTER

A request has been received for a new washing machine for the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. This school is situated near Fort Frances, Ontario, in the Electoral District of Kenora-Rainy River. The approximate cost of the new machine will be \$817.00. The Indian Agent points out that the present machine is practically worthless and that the new machine is required as soon as possible.

Funds for the purchase of this machine are available in our appropriation for the fiscal year 1938-39 and I would appreciate receiving the approval of the Honourable the Minister for this purchase. In the hope that he will approve I enclose purchase requisition which you can forward to the Purchasing Agent.

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Director.

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