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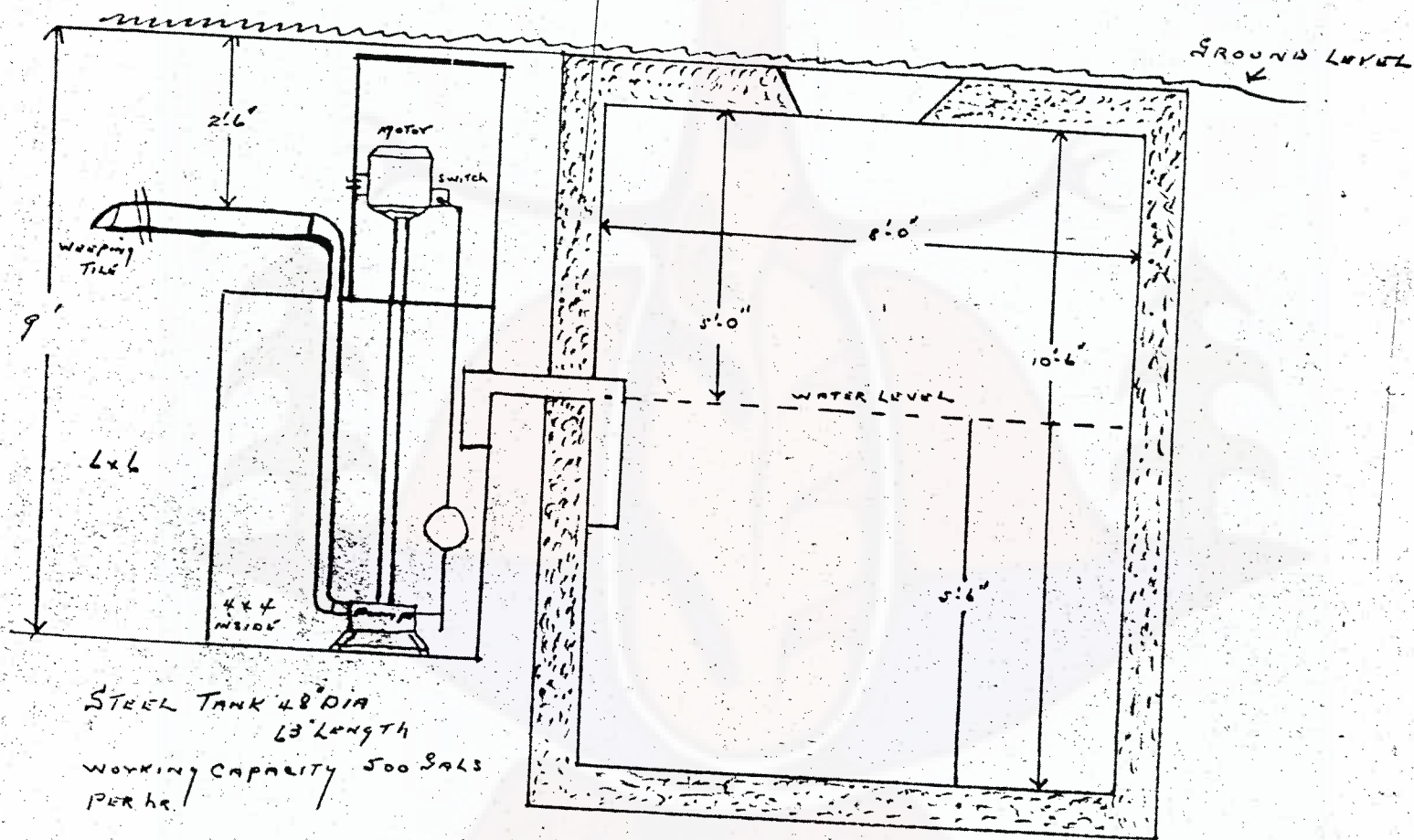


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Fort Frances Residential School



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Lake

School Fence

Proposed
Roof Drain

275 ft

School

Laundry

11 ft

split
tank

Proposed
Roof Drain

Disposal
Bed

Gate

School Fence

Proposed
Roof Drain

275 ft

School

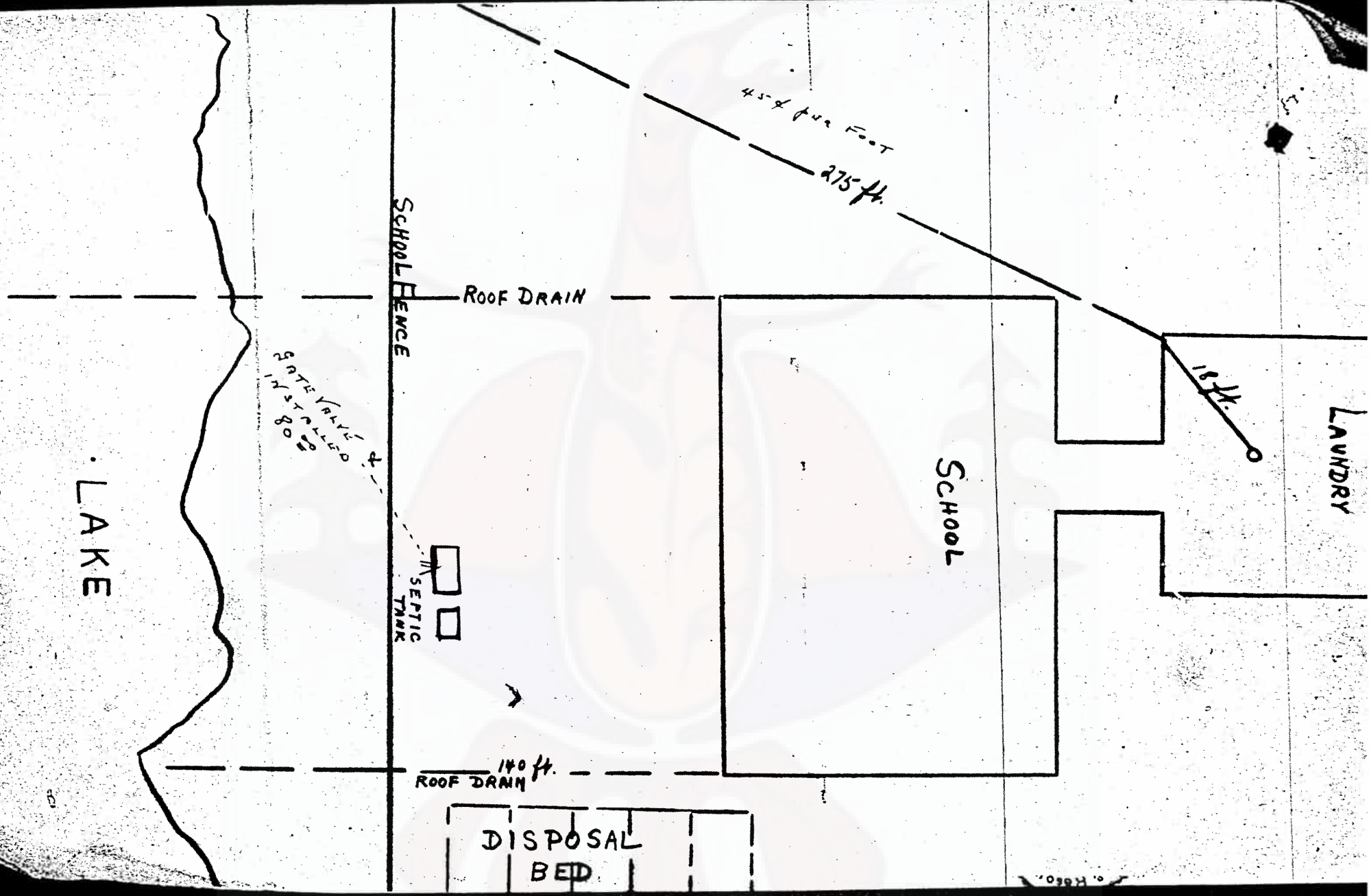
Laundry

15 ft

Septic
Tank

Proposed
Roof Drain

Disposal	Area			
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Ottawa, July 21, 1945.

Dear Father Chatelain:

Reverend Father Plourde has again brought to my attention the water situation at the Fort Frances Residential School. I suppose you are aware of the previous suggestion, which would involve an expenditure of over \$6,000.00, and no funds to this amount are available in the current year's appropriation.

However, we are requesting the Surveys and Engineering Branch to have one of their engineers visit Fort Frances as soon as possible, in order to review the situation and submit a report to us for further consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Reverend P. Chatelain, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

COPY SENT TO FATHER PLOURDE

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Ottawa, July 20, 1945.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR,
SURVEYS & ENGINEERING BRANCH.

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

The water situation at this school is causing considerable concern and I enclose, for your information, copies of the following letters:-

1. Letter from A.G. Hamilton, dated November 24, 1944.
2. Letter from Indian Agent, dated March 27, 1945, together with Principal's letter of March 26, 1945.

I would appreciate it if you would have one of your engineers visit this school at the earliest possible date, study the situation and let me know what you consider could be done to improve the water supply.

Director.

Encl.

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
 Also sent
 sketches
 Hamilton
 2/20/45
 [Signature]

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File: #241615

Ottawa, 31st January, 1946.

Reverend Sir:

I am in receipt of the blue copy of Purchase Order No. 7707 covering cost of materials purchased from J.A. Mathieu Ltd., Rainy Lake, Ontario, for benches and tables for the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

Please obtain an account in duplicate from this firm and if the items have been received you should certify it and return for payment.

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Rev. P. Chatelain, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

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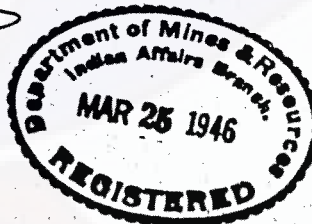
PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Fort Frances, Ont., March 21, 1946.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.

When visiting the Indian Residential School two days ago the Principal brought to my attention that the eaves on the rectory and shop were in very poor condition. As this building has recently been re-shingled, I would like to recommend that new eavesdrops be supplied. A quotation has been received from Whiddon & Sons, Fort Frances, amounting to \$100.00 for this work.

Kindly advise if this expenditure will be approved, and oblige.

J. F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

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FORT FRANCES INDIAN AGENCY

AGENT'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31st, 1946.

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The workshop and rectory at the Residential School was reshingled, and a request for new iron for eavesdropping on this building has gone forward. Estimates have also been submitted for the installation of a stoker as the school management has had great difficulty in the past in securing sufficient wood to heat the school.

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J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

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June 28, 1946.

Re: Water Supply-
Fort Frances Indian
Residential School-Ontario.

The report on the matter of connecting up the above school to the water supply of the town of Fort Frances mentioned in Mr. Gow's previous report of June 17th, has now been received from Mr. Gow.

Duplicate copies of this report dated June 20th, are attached herewith in which Mr. Gow suggests that it would be advisable to conclude an agreement with the town of Fort Frances in order that water from the town supply can be delivered to the school and would like to be advised if Indian Affairs desire an agreement to be reached on the matter.

We recommend this be done.

W. C. Milby
Chief Engineer.

Encls.

J. M. Wardle,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa.



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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

Ottawa, August 31st



[Handwritten scribbles]

Mr. Hoey

Re: Water Supply, Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

Enclosed, for your information, is a report from Mr. Gow, dated August 24th, dealing with the water supply for Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

It is regretted that it has not been found possible to free the present pipe from its obstruction so that it could continue in use for the time it may be necessary until a connection can be made with the supply from the town of Fort Frances.

We do not consider that the suggestion to lay a new pipeline for 400 feet out into the lake will definitely eliminate the danger of contamination from the sewage effluent. The direction of the currents and movements of the water in the lake are unknown, so that no guarantee of success in this connection can be given.

Mr. Gow's recommendation is concurred in that \$600.00 should be advanced to the Indian Agent at Fort Frances, Mr. Lockhart, and that he be authorized to engage Mr. August Kivimiski to lay a 400 ft. intake out into the lake from the shore line and make the necessary changes in the pump room.

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THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO,

April 29, 1947.

Mr. D. B. Gow,
District Chief Engineer,
Department of Mines and Resources,
538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

The Superintendent of the Industrial School was in to see me two or three times in regard to the water charges which will be made against the school after the installation of water service. This is rather difficult to decide definitely at the present time.

Considering that circumstances are altogether different from any established rate, I have no precedent to go by. The local schools are open for only ten months of the year and are not occupied as residences, while this one is occupied as a residence the year round by practically about 110 persons.

In addition to this there is the consideration of farm service for which the water will be used, cattle etc. However, it may be that we shall put in a meter and under these circumstances, I think I can promise that the charge will not be over 11¢ per 1,000 gallons.

I would appreciate being informed if this would be acceptable to your Department.

Yours respectfully,


"J. E. Walker"
CLERK.

JWW/c

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
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[Handwritten initials]

Fort Frances, Ont., Nov. 17, 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.

When visiting the Residential School I found 51 pupils in the Junior Classroom and there is not sufficient seats for this number. Some children were sitting on wooden blocks which gives no support to the back and their posture is out of line for writing.

The front row of seats cannot be used as there are no desks, and I would like to request the immediate purchase of 6 single desks (only) No. 5, then the back row can be moved forward. There is one row of double seats holding 16 pupils which should be replaced at a future date, but for this year the 6 mentioned above are urgently needed.

May I be favoured with an early reply, and oblige.

*Review of
reply
by
Mr. [unclear]
from
[unclear]*

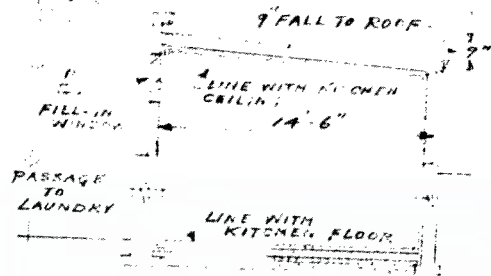
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J. F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.



789 SHEETING 2'-6"

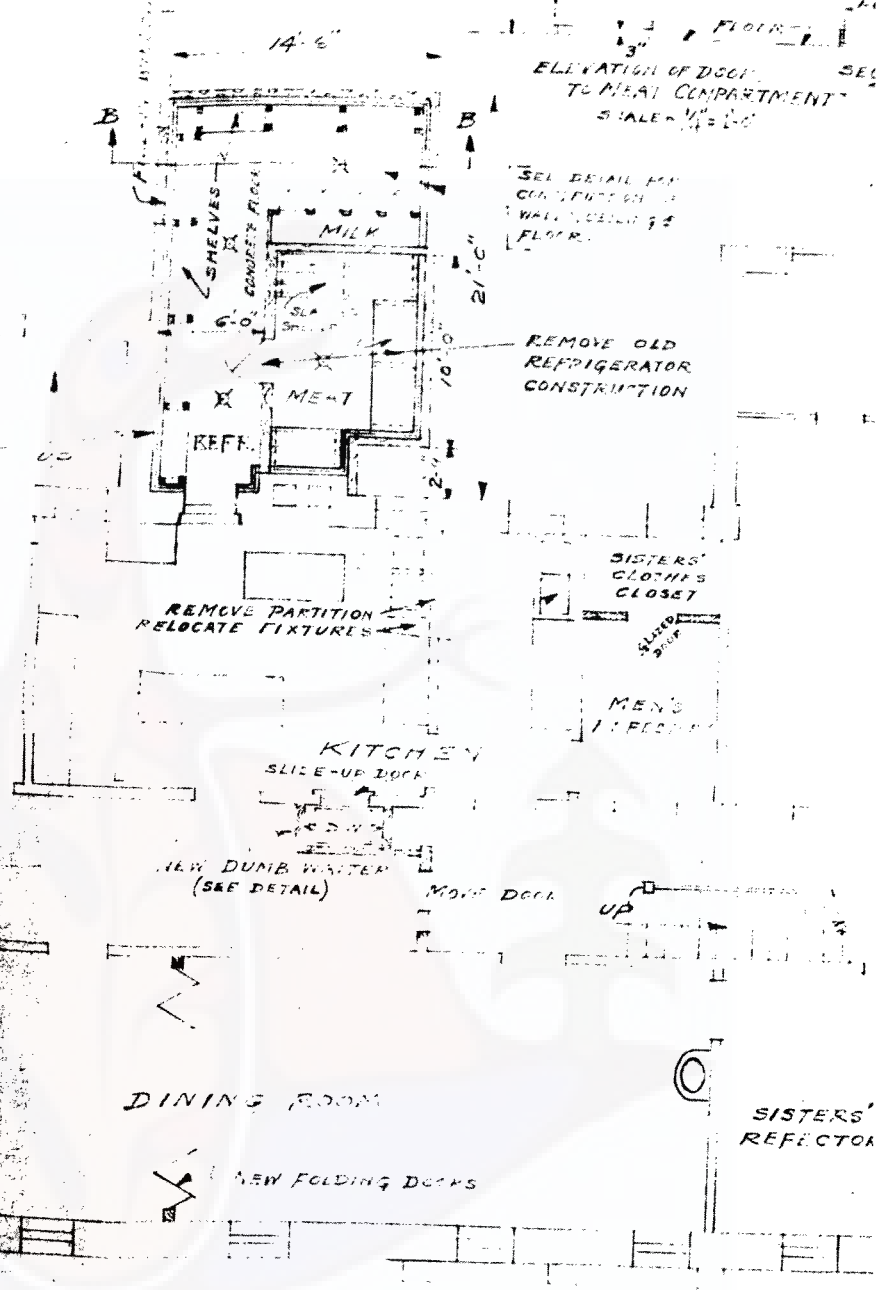
FLOOR

ELEVATION OF DOOR TO MEAT COMPARTMENT SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"



CROSS SECTION B-B
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

NOTE: MAKE ALL MASONRY PERFECTLY SMOOTH, WITH CEMENT MORTAR, BEFORE APPLYING CONCRETE BOARD



FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

DRAWN BY EEL
TRACED BY
CHECKED BY

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICE
SURVEYS & ENGINEERING BRANCH
DEPARTMENT OF MINES & RESOURCES
OTTAWA, CANADA

ARCHITECT

MAY 1947

APPROVED

J.S. Miller
per B.

ENGINEER

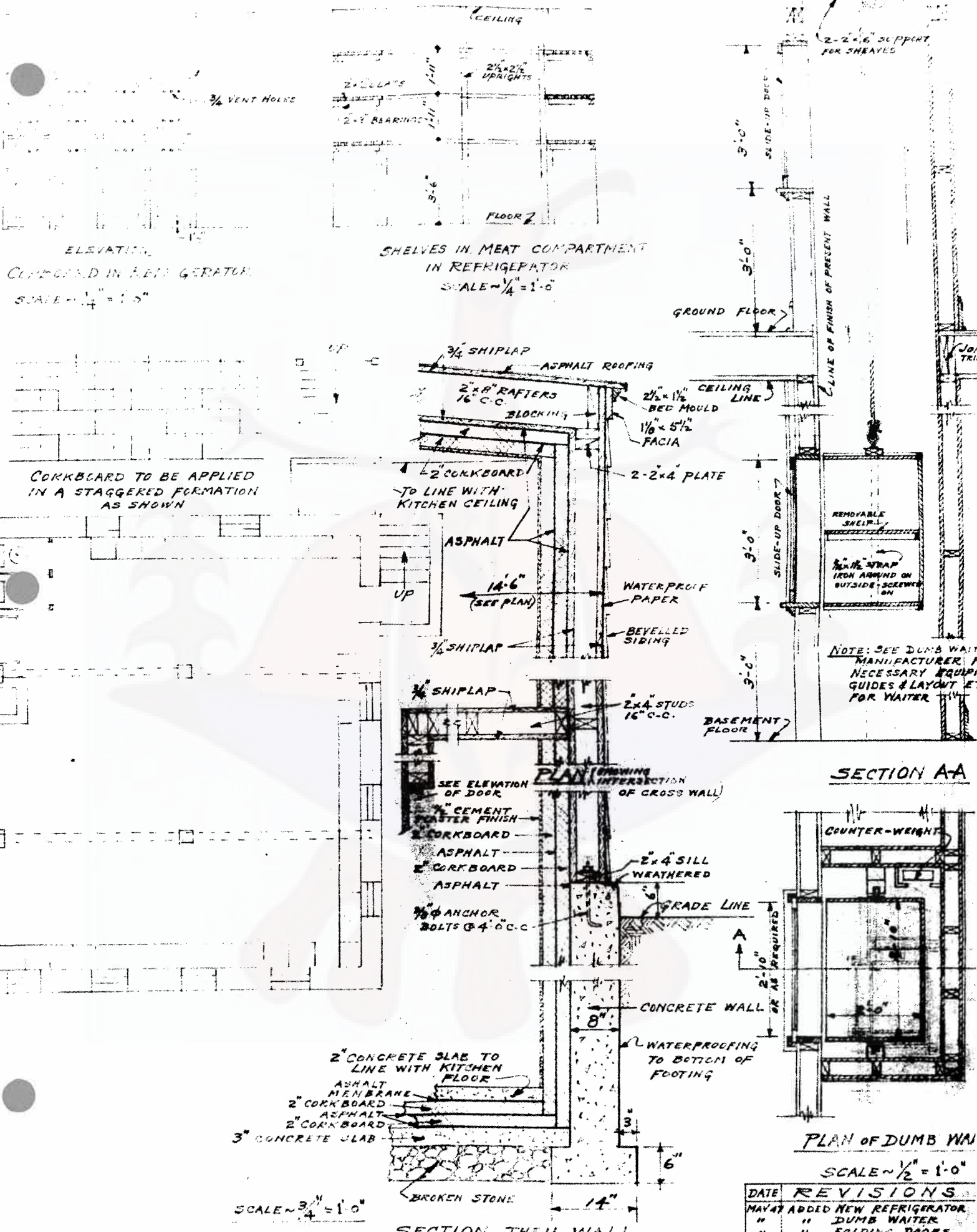
ALTERATIONS TO
AT FOR

ELEVATION
 COMPARED IN REFRIGERATOR
 SCALE $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'-0''$

SHELVES IN MEAT COMPARTMENT
 IN REFRIGERATOR
 SCALE $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'-0''$

CORKBOARD TO BE APPLIED
 IN A STAGGERED FORMATION
 AS SHOWN

NOTE: SEE DUMB WAIT
 MANUFACTURER'S
 NECESSARY EQUIP
 GUIDES & LAYOUT E
 FOR WAITER



SCALE $\frac{3}{4}'' = 1'-0''$

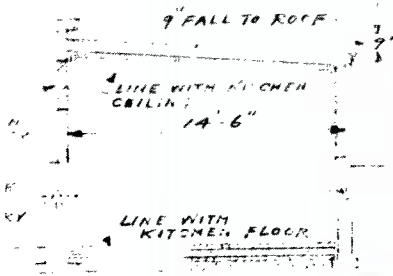
SECTION THROUGH WALL

SECTION A-A

PLAN OF DUMB WAIT

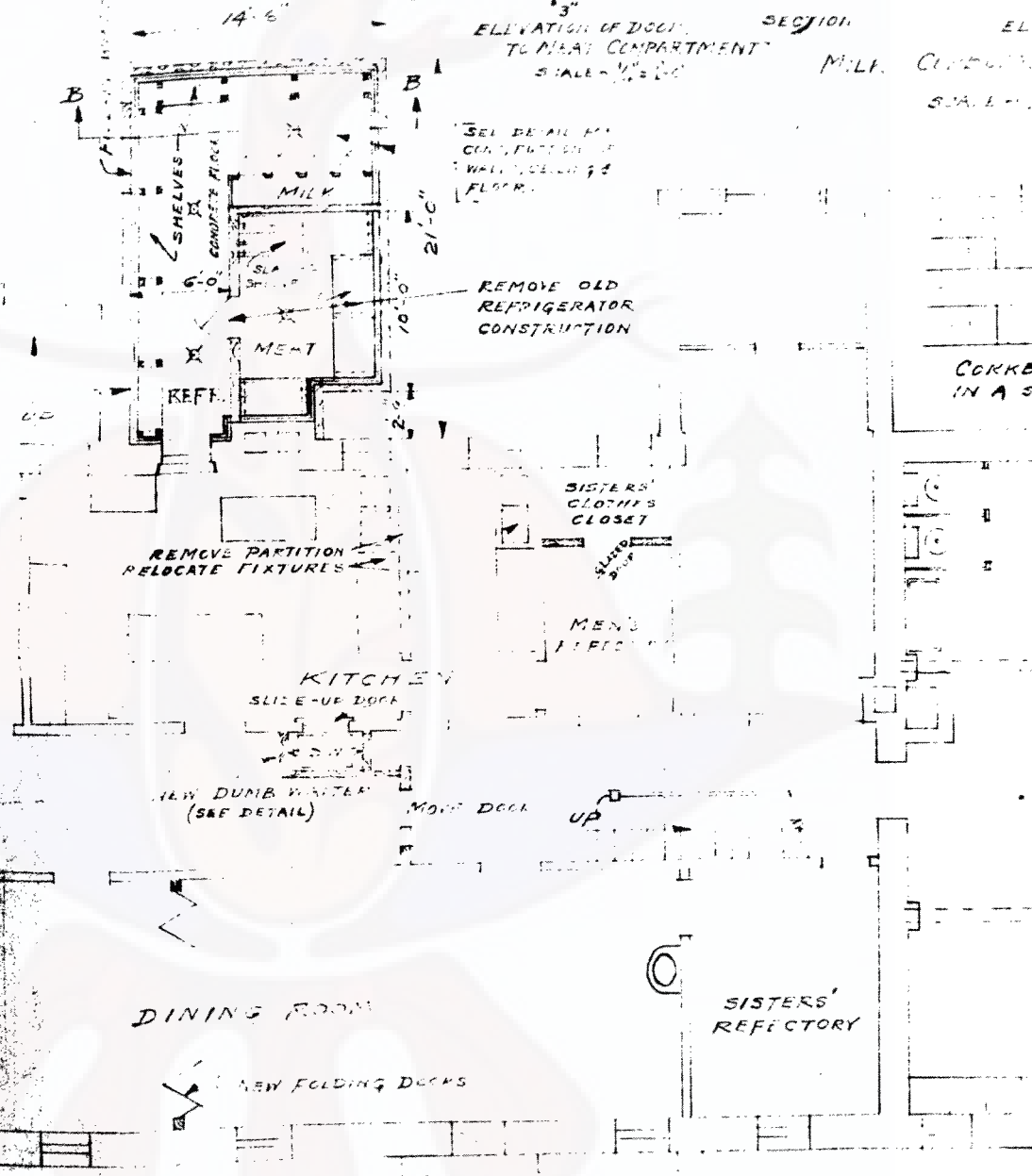
SCALE $\frac{1}{2}'' = 1'-0''$

DATE	REVISIONS
NAVAT	ADDED NEW REFRIGERATOR
"	" DUMB WAITER
"	" FOLDING DOORS

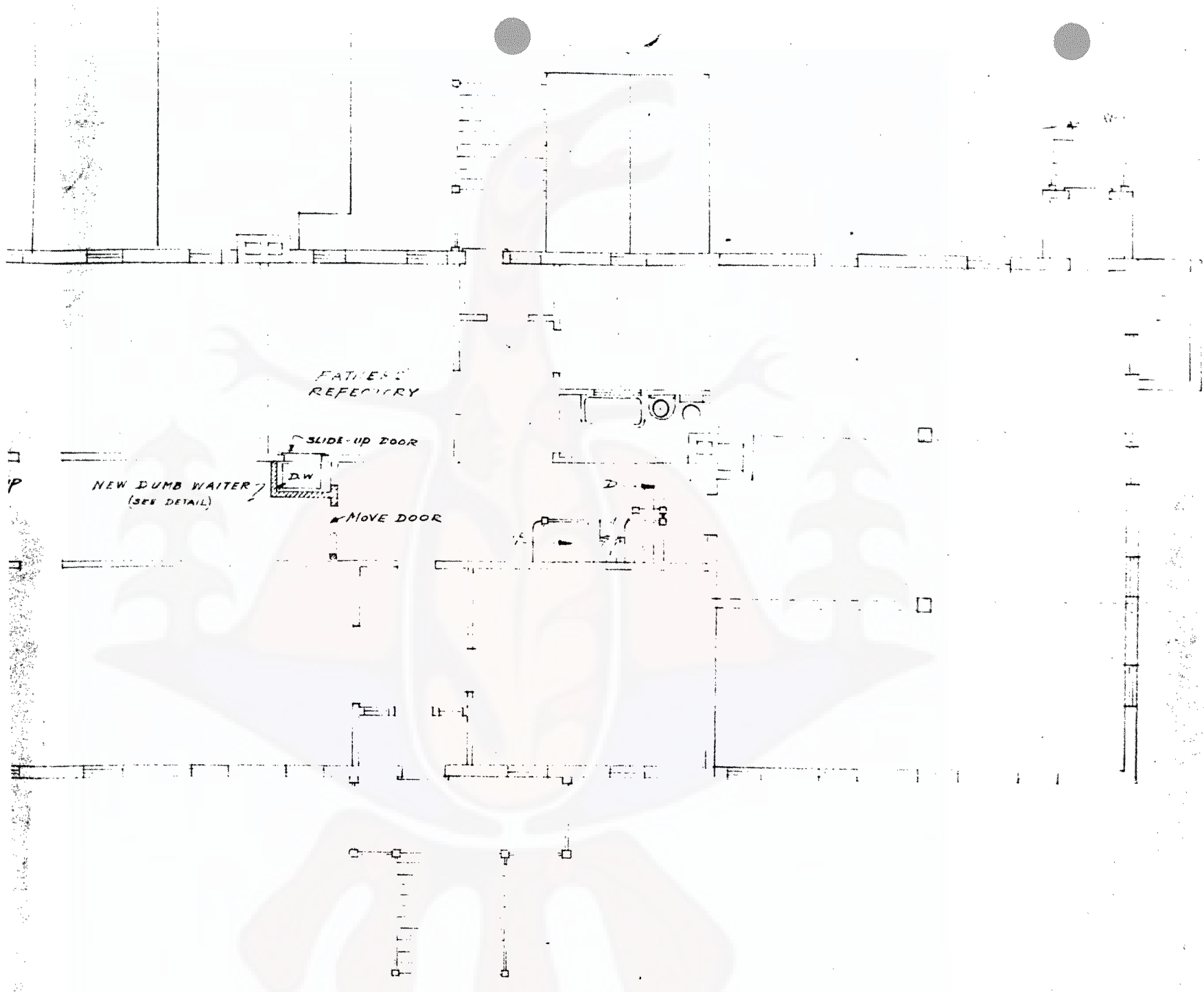


CROSS SECTION B-B
SCALE $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$

NOTE: MAKE ALL MASONRY PERFECTLY SMOOTH WITH CEMENT MORTAR BEFORE APPLYING CORKBOARD

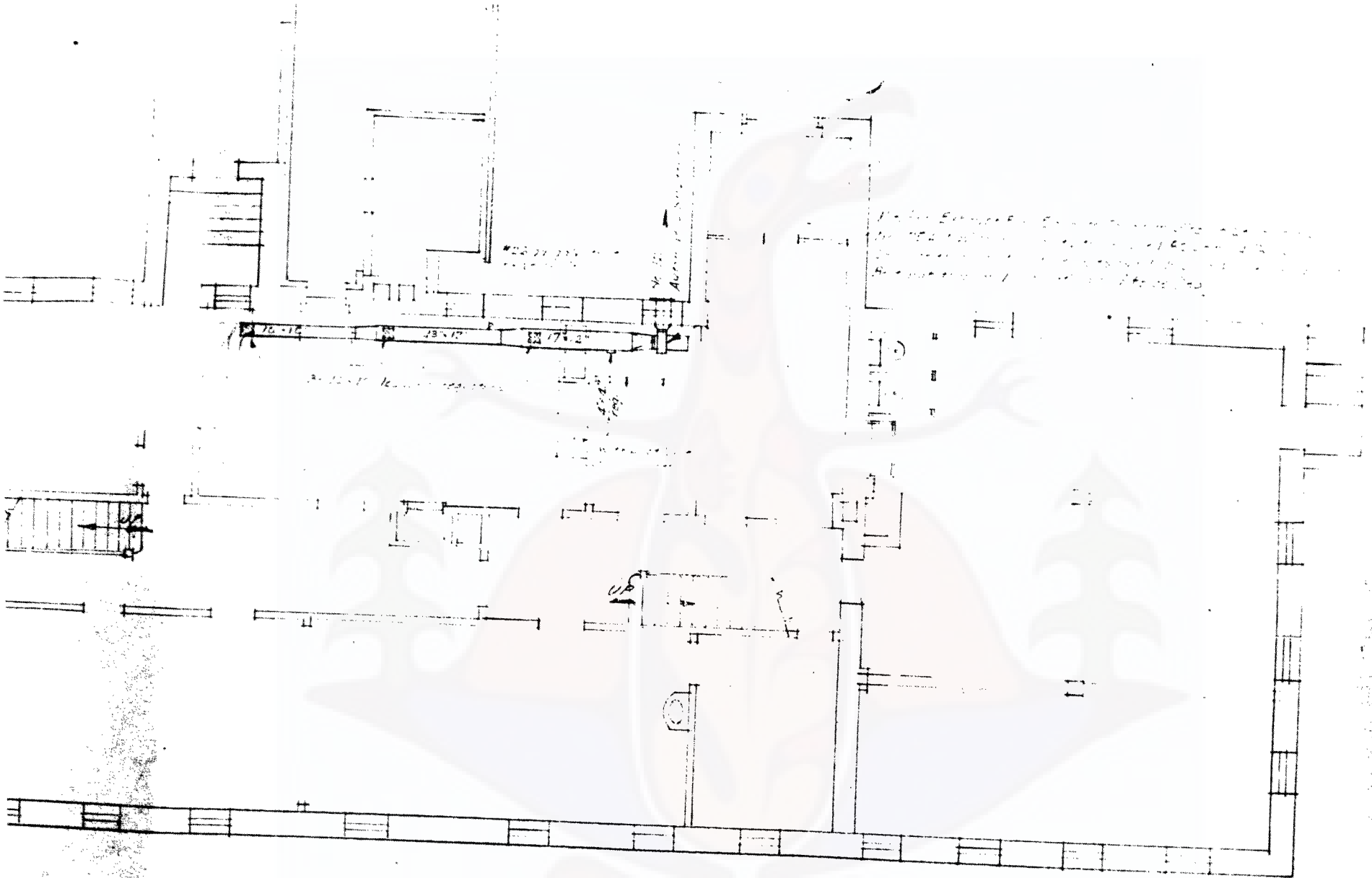


FLOOR PLAN
SCALE $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE ~ 1/8" = 1'-0"



The following information was obtained from the
 1942 Census of the City of New York
 for the City of New York
 Borough of Manhattan
 Census of the City of New York

BASMENT FLOOR
 SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

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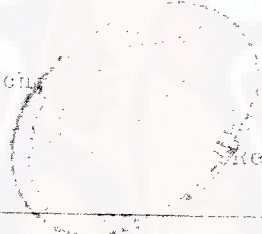
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

February 17th 48.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa.



Re: Alterations to
Indian Reserves, District
of ...

My dear Mr. ...

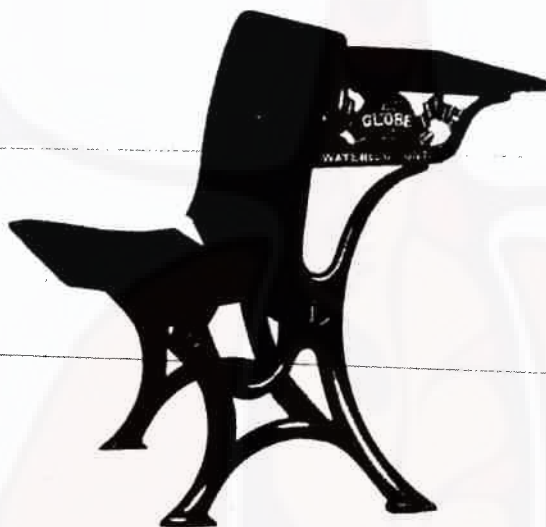
As promised, I am enclosing ...
prepared by ... for the above alterations. As these were
prepared in May 1947, it is to be hoped that the Govern-
ment will find the necessary funds, to have them ...
during the present fiscal year.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature]
J.C. Bourne, C.M.A.

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ON RIGHT LINES

Style No. 10 New Globe Combination Desk



Two Styles—Single and Double Entire.

Sizes—Stocked in five standard sizes of Desks, Rears and Fronts.

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Standards—Globe special style, double truss design, cast iron, smooth, neat, and graceful, tough and durable.

Seat Hinge—Globe exclusive patented Ball Bearing—no contact of iron against iron, large size steel balls take up all friction and wear, free action, NOISELESS, never needs oil or adjusting.

Wood Parts—Tops, Backs and Seats made of full thickness Canadian Clear Birch and Maple, strips joined by dove-tailed glue joints, which positively prevents warping, checking or opening of joints.

Attaching Woods to Iron Parts—Tops, Backs and Seats fitted to irons by the Globe Exclusive Serpentine Fastening, which holds woods solidly the full width of metal contact.

Finish of Iron Parts—Black Japan, heat treated.

Finish of Woods—Tops, Backs and Seats are finished in our New Brown color, or Natural color Back and seat, Cherry color top, or all Cherry color.

Inkwells—One standard pressed steel, nickel plated shell, with half-round glass inkwell, supplied in Desks and Fronts, for sizes 1, 2, 3 and 4 only.

TABLE OF SIZES

Size	Numbers	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5
Length of Top, single desk	Inches	23 ¹ / ₂	23 ¹ / ₂	20 ¹ / ₂	20 ¹ / ₂	17 ¹ / ₂
Length of Top, double desk	Inches	40	40	38	38	36
Width of Top	Inches	16	16	14	14	12
Height of Top	Inches	30	28 ¹ / ₄	26 ¹ / ₂	24 ³ / ₄	23
Height of Seat	Inches	17 ³ / ₄	16	14 ³ / ₄	13 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₄
Spacing, Back to Back	Inches	30-31	30-31	27-28	27-28	24-25
Age of Pupils accommodated	Years	16 to 20	12 to 16	10 to 12	8 to 10	5 to 8

129,992

Draft

Ottawa, September 14th, 1895.

Sir,

Enclosed is a tracing showing No. 1 General Reserve, situated at the foot of Rainy Lake. The two lines inclosed indicate the portion of land desired by His Grace Archbishop Langrvin, for the purpose of establishing a Roman Catholic Mission at this point. The area within for is about 20 acres.

I have to ask you to ascertain what the probable length of each of the lines would be, and the distance between them; also whether the proposed boundaries would interface with the ground now, or that may in future be, required for Agency purposes, or if it interferes with Indian claimings or holdings.

This Reserve appears to have been intended for the Saulteaux Tribe in general, as well as for Agency purposes, and you will be careful to ascertain and report which Bands, if any, are considered to have a proprietary right to this Reserve. You will also report whether there are any objections to the proposed establishment at this point of ^a Roman Catholic mission. A reservation of two chains in depth appears to have been made along the shore, for roads, right-of-way for lumbermen, booms, wharves, and other public purposes. You will also report

F. C. Cornish, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Fort Frances,

Ontario.

FORT FRANCIS

Sketch
OF
INDIAN RESERVES NEAR
FORT FRANCIS
RAINY LAKE

40 chains to an inch

1 3/4 miles

TRACED
W. Williams
29-7-95

RESERVE
A
1600 acs. trail

5 miles North Astor
Reserve No 1 170 acs

Course West
Traverse 50-7-95

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PART OF
RESERVE B
7 1/2 Square Miles

Rainy
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Creek
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River

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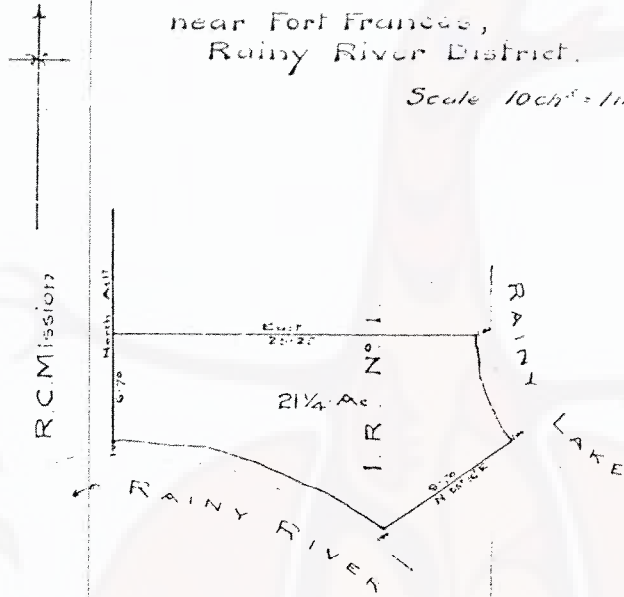
Creek



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PLAN of part of
INDIAN RESERVE N^o 1
near Fort Frances,
Rainy River District.

Scale 10ch² = 1in



To accompany application
of Archbishop Langrish

D. J. Gillon
of S.

Fort Frances
Jun 5, 1896

M. 129092

S.P.

12 Dec. 1895

Mouth of
Rainy River

Course North Ist.

RESERVE No. 1
170 ACRES

RESERVE

A

160 ACRES

Course West

RESERVE B

Creek

RAINY
LAKE

Sketch showing
Indian Reserves A and No. 1. near
Fort Frances. Rainy River District.

Scale = 40 chains to an inch.

EXTRACT
ORIGINAL
116751-1A.

COPY.

Ottawa, 5th January, 1904.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that it has been decided to accept the proposition made by the Oblate Fathers of St. Boniface for the transfer to them of the St. Boniface Industrial School property in exchange for three boarding schools to be erected at an aggregate cost of \$33,922.00,- such exchange to take effect as soon as the boarding schools are erected to the satisfaction of this Department.

Plans of the proposed buildings have been submitted, which will be referred to the Government Architect for approval, but past experience having shown that schools have been put up in most undesirable locations, the Department would like to have a report on the proposed sites of the buildings which are to be erected at Sandy Bay, Fort Francis and Fort Alexander. Such reports should state what facilities are afforded for obtaining a supply of water, wood and arable land, as well as a proper drainage system.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Frank Redley,

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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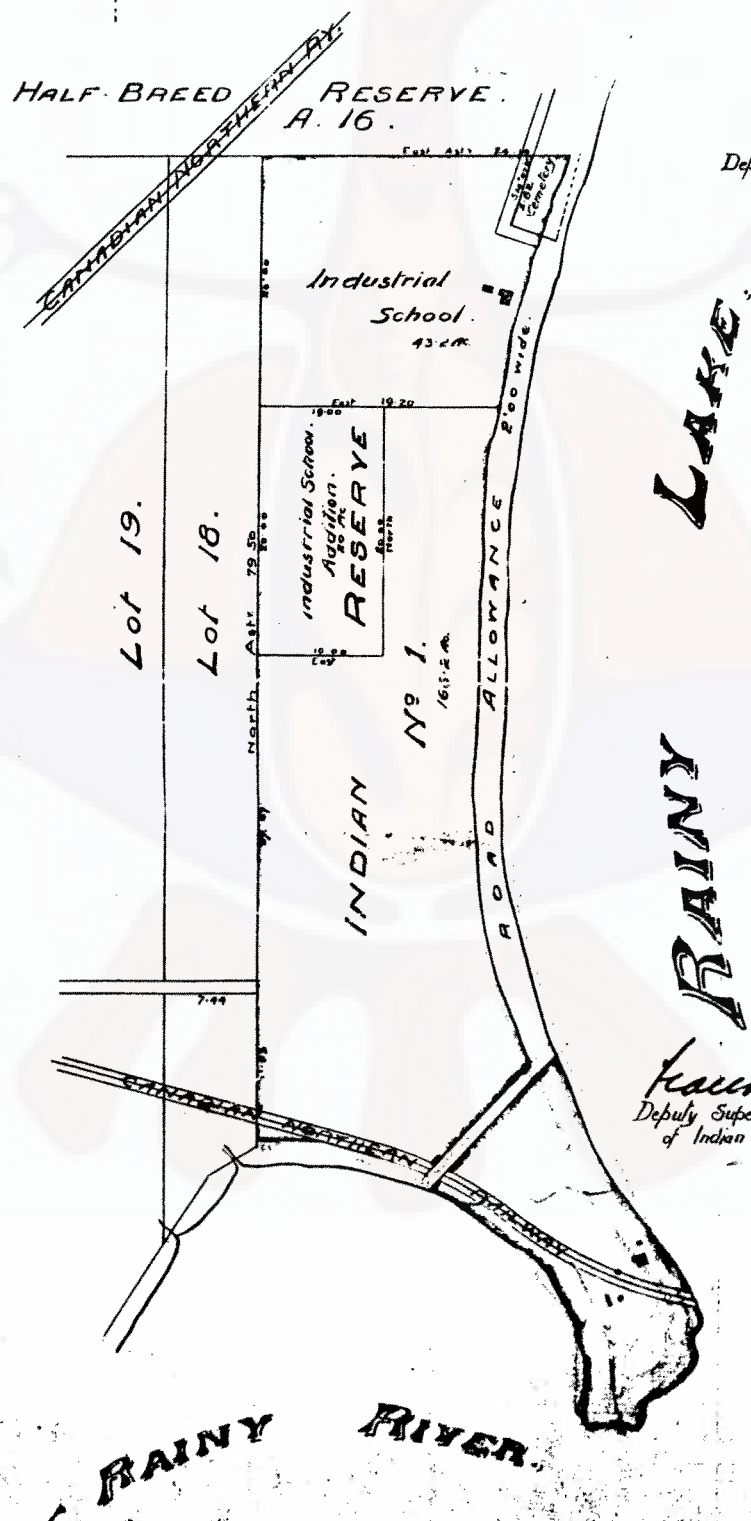
PLAN OF INDIAN RESERVE N^o 1

RAINY LAKE.

Rainy River Dist.
ONTARIO.

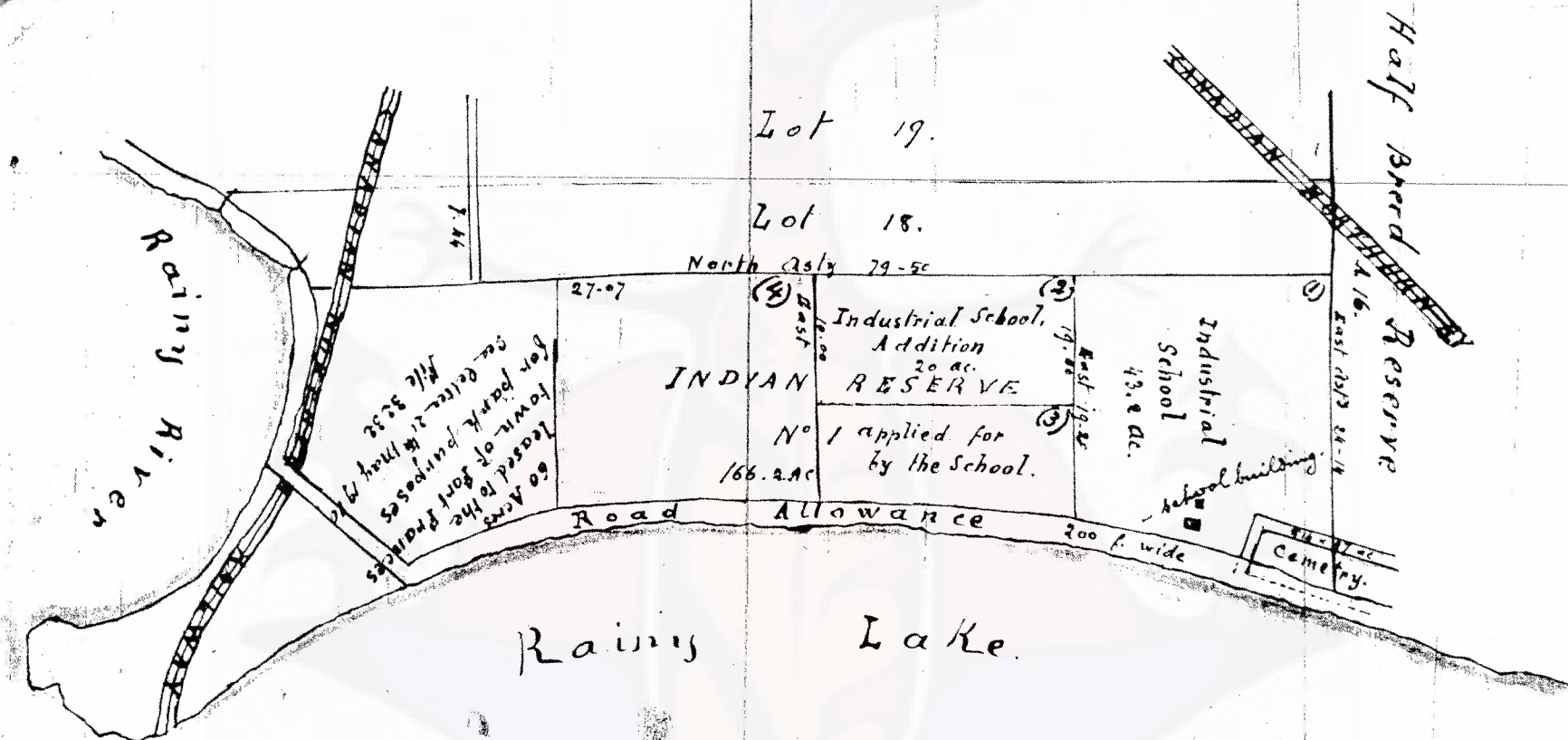
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Surveyed by D.J. Gillon O.L.S. 1908.



S. Bray
Chief Surveyor
Dept. of Indian Affairs.

Kennedy
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

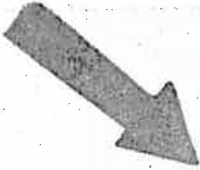


- (1) Industrial school Property (43 acres)
- (2) " " " (20 ")
- (3) Property applied for by the school (about 20 acres)
- (4) " " " " (about 40 ")

Plan of
 Indian Reserve N° 1.
 Rainy Lake Ont.
 Surveyed by D.J. Gillon C.L.S. 1908.

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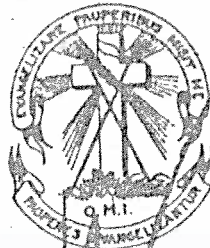
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Oblate Catholic Indian Missions

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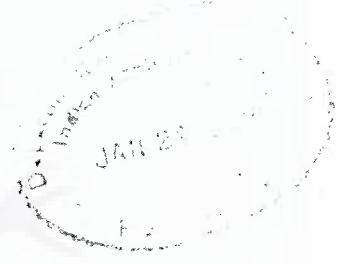


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WINNIPEG, January 20, 1939.
 MANITOBA



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Mr. Philip Phelan, Chief
 Welfare and Training
 OTTAWA, Ont.

My dear Mr. Phelan:

Reverend Father P. Chatelain, the new principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School is desirous of furnishing his chapel with pews. The pupils now use old style benches that are very uncomfortable and unsightly.

I am enclosing a quotation from the J. A. Mathieu Limited of Rainy Lake, Ontario, for the lumber for these pews. The balance of the material needed for these pews would not amount to more than \$30.00; that would include nails, screws and varnish.

Father Chatelain advises me that the making of these pews in his own school would furnish the older boys occasion to be trained in carpentry.

Hoping that you will be able to supply this material, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Handwritten signature: P. Plourde

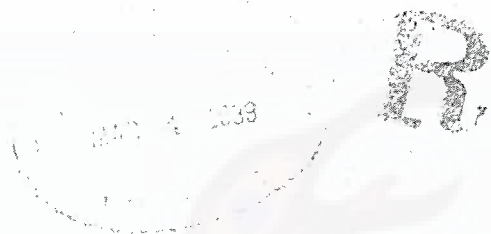
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124-1-5

Extract for 124-1-5

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Extract from Inspector Hamilton's report on the Fort Frances R.C. Indian residential school dated February 28, 1939.

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The fire-escapes were all in good condition but the doors open in instead of outward; this should be changed at once. Fire extinguishers are placed in convenient places and have recently been refilled.

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The laundry equipment is in good repair except for the boiler. This is reported in poor condition and should be carefully checked this coming summer.

The main heating boiler is reported to need new flues. This should be checked by a boiler inspector this spring and put in safe condition before another fall.

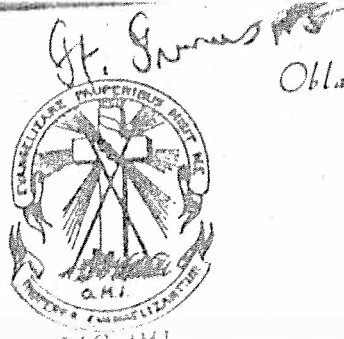
The water intake is giving trouble and it may be necessary to put down a new intake line. In order to keep near the proper pressure the pump must operate most of the time. This would indicate some leak in the line and the pipe probably has rusted through. The water situation must receive attention this coming summer if we are fortunate to get by for that period.

(Sgd.) A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
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WINNIPEG, March 16, 1939.
 MANITOBA

RECORDS
 MAR 21 1939
 Indian Affairs Branch

Mr. Philip Phelan, Chief
 Welfare and Training Division
 Indian Affairs Branch
 OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Phelan:

Reverend Father P. Chatelain, principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School informs me that quite a large number of the mattresses in both the boys and the girls' dormitory are in such a poor condition that they cannot be repaired and, in his estimation, should be replaced as soon as possible.

He would require:

15 mattresses..... 6 ft. long by 2 1/2 ft. wide
 26 " 5 " " " 2 1/2 " "

He would also require four beds 6 ft. long and eight beds 5 1/2 ft. long.

Would it be possible to supply the above out of the 1938-39 vote so that his school vote for next year may be used for the purpose for which it was inserted in the estimates.

Yours very truly,

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JOP/TR

Indian Residential School,

Fort Frances, Ont,

June, 16, 1939.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to be allowed to bring forward again the question of a new septic tank for our school.

As it has already been brought to your notice, our present sewage system was condemned by a representative of the Department of Health of Ontario and by Doctor O'Donnel.

Now, I am nearly sure that the Indian Department at Ottawa is willing to give us a more modern equipment required for the 100 inhabitants of our school. Mr. A. Spencer, a few days before he died, told me that he received instructions from Ottawa about this, but I never received a letter confirming this matter.

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

Yours very truly,



P. Chatelain, O. M. I.
Principal.

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124-1-5



ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF
THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, June 21, 1939.

Mr. R.A. Hoey,
Superintendent of Welfare & Training,
Department of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

May I acknowledge your letter of March 31st. which, unfortunately, had been mislaid and has just come to light. In this you mentioned what further treatment might be given at Fort Frances Indian residential school.

The situation, as observed by our officials sometime ago, was that there were approximately one hundred in residence in the school and that there was at the time a septic tank in operation but the effluent from this tank discharged directly into the lake without getting further treatment.

The proposal that we had in mind was that, providing this tank was large enough, and we have no information to the contrary, all that would be required would be to lay open-joint field tile between the tank and the lake. There is an area of some considerable width on which these tiles might be laid. They should be laid parallel with the water and the rows might be placed three to four feet apart. For this purpose it would be necessary to have about 3,000 feet of 4" tile. The soil is quite sandy here and if these tiles are laid at a depth of approximately 2 to 2½ feet they should give quite satisfactory results. The cost of this should be quite moderate and would not exceed \$500.00 under ordinary circumstances.

Yours very truly,

A. G. Perry
Director,
Sanitary Engineering Division.

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ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

July 26th,
1939.

Indian Agent,
Department of Indian Affairs,
FORT FRANCES, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

We are enclosing, herewith, in triplicate as required by your Department, our Inspection Reports of boilers at St. Margaret's Indian Residential School, Fort Frances. You will observe that one new tube has been fitted to the H.R.T. heating boiler, and that several others are leaking and they are very thin so I would advise this boiler be retubed entirely.

Regarding the H.R.T. boiler in the Laundry; one new tube has been fitted to this boiler also. This sort of thing may happen at any time, and although there may be more thin tubes in the boiler, it may not be necessary to retube this one altogether at this time because, after all, in case of a tube going it would not be of such great inconvenience as the tubes would be in your heating boiler, especially if they happened to give trouble during the very cold winter weather.

It is necessary to have a new 2" pop safety valve fitted to this Laundry boiler, set to pop at 80 lbs. The caretaker spoke to me about all the valves leaking. I do not consider this would necessitate all new valves being fitted. Probably, they just need to be reseated. Any machine shop, such as Maffey Machine & Boat Works or Preston Engineers Works, would be able to take care of such small jobs as that, if it is necessary to do same.

We are also enclosing, herewith, in triplicate, our account covering these two boilers, amounting to \$20.00. Kindly have cheque made out as per letterhead of account and forward to Toronto. Certificates will be issued in due course.

Yours very truly,

John M. Kelly

DEPARTMENTAL INSPECTOR.

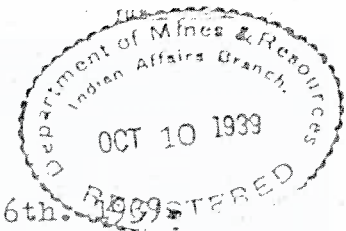
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CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE



Fort Frances, Ont. Oct. 6th.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Sewage Disposal at the Fort
Frances Indian Residential School.

I regret to advise that the above mentioned work has been suspended for the present, due to the fact, that the information supplied by the Department of Health, Toronto, which was contained in your letter No. 124-1-5, July 4th. 1939, was not correct.

From the extract as shown in your letter, they state, that field tile placed from 2 to 2½ feet deep would give satisfactory results, and it was on this basis that we estimated \$200.00 for labour to trench and lay 3000 feet of tile.

Before commencing this work we had Mr. Kay, Field Officer from the Department of Health, come to Fort Frances and outline the work. After Mr. Kay examined the Septic Tank, he stated, that the field tile would have to be placed 9 feet deep, owing to the construction and depth of the tank. At this depth no drainage could be had, as the tile would then be in clay. Also, at that depth there would be danger of seepage from the lake.

Mr. Kay, who appears to have had considerable experience with septic tanks, advises, that no work be started at present, as the \$200.00 allowed would be of no value.

I have requested Mr. Kay to forward a detailed report of exactly what is required and I would suggest that you take this matter up with the Department of Health, Toronto, who by this date should be in possession of all the particulars.

The tile and septic tank fittings are on the ground, ready for installation, when a solution can be arrived at.

Yours very truly,

J.F. Lockhart,
Acting Indian Agent.

The Secretary.

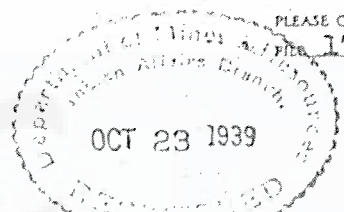
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 17

Fort Frances, Ont. Oct. 20th. 1939.

Dear Sir:-

Upon receipt of your Night Letter received yesterday, concerning difficulty encountered with sewage and pumping water at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, I proceeded to the School and had a plumber accompany me.

We found the pumping facilities in good order. Pumps were started and tanks filled in the usual length of time. The Principal admitted that the pumps were working alright now. A week or ten days ago they did have difficulty in getting water and upon inspection a fish was found in the intake pipe, having slipped through the check-valve or it may have grown in the pipe. However, since this was removed the pumping has been O.K.

Another complaint he had was that hot water was to be found in the cold water pipes. This can be understood, as a new hot water tank was installed recently and being free from any corrosion, heats faster and supplies more hot water than they are using. When the pressure rises in the hot water tank it forces the hot water back through the cold water pipes as it is the only place it can go and circulates through the building. When the same situation arises in a town residence, the hot water backs up and is forced out into the main, but at the school where there is no main it has to go back to the water tanks. This can be overcome by placing a check-valve on the cold water pipe at the hot water tank and a safety valve placed on the hot water tank, then when the pressure rises in the tank it sets off the safety valve as it cannot back through the cold water intake pipe.

The sewage had been blocked and backed up in the school. Water had risen in one room and filled the school with odor.

Upon enquiries yesterday I found out that the school does not supply the children with toilet paper but gives them old newspaper. I believe a lot of their trouble with the sewage blocking is due to this practice, when one realizes the amount of newspaper put into the sewage by 88 children.

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The stoppage is between the school and the septic tank, as the plumber ran the rod through from the lake shore to the septic tank and it is free from that end. The Principal is having the school boys dig up the main between the school and the septic tank, to see if any roots from the trees have interfered with the pipes.

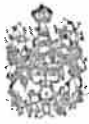
The question of diverting the sewage from the lake to a tile bed, in my opinion, is an engineering problem, as reported in my letter dated October 6th.

Yours very truly,

J.F. Lockhart,
Clerk in Charge,
Fort Frances Agency.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

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MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
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124-1-5

Fort Frances, Ont. Nov. 22nd. 1939.

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 124-1-5 of the 18th. instant, relative to proposed work on diverting the sewage at the Indian Residential School.

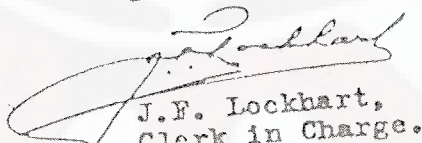
The season is too far advanced to continue this work this fall, as the frost is now in the ground and digging would be slow work and the cost greater.

I would recommend that this work be suspended until the frost is out next spring. In the mean time the Sanitary Engineering Division could prepare a plan showing in detail, just what should be done to give satisfactory results.

In the opinion of local men, the outlet of 1 1/2" in the pump suggested by the Sanitary Division, is not large enough. They contend, that this pump is designed for handling water only, but for the particular work required here, there would always be the danger of a hard substance or paper getting into the pumping chamber and blocking such a small outlet. Then again, this pump is only 3'5" over all, which would result in it having to be installed approximately 6" below the surface.

The Principal can offer no information regarding installation and insists that he never was instructed in this connection.

Yours very truly,


J.F. Lockhart,
Clerk in Charge.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

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Fort Frances, Ont. Dec. 5th. 1939.

Dear Sir:-

I have received two copies of letters which have been sent to the Department by Joseph Lambert and the Sisters at the Residential School.

This morning while at the School, I was surprised to learn that Mr. Lambert had written the above mentioned letter, denying, that he had ever told me that the water and sewage were working O.K. I had the Principal call Mr. Lambert and when confronted, he admitted that he had told me the water and sewage were working O.K. on my visit to the school, the day the Principal was absent in Winnipeg. He added that he only meant everything was O.K. the day I enquired.

With regard to the letter sent by the Sisters, I can only say that this letter refers to conditions that has existed over a period of two years. That for the past month no stoppage has occurred in the sewage. In fact, not since toilet paper has been supplied by the school management.


I have done my best to correct trouble at the school and have reported my findings just as I found them. The Principal agrees that I have done all that I can. I explained to the Principal, that I am not a plumber or steam-fitter, and that I have to depend on the reports of the men who made the repairs.

Sunday morning the Principal called in the Plumber as they could not get any water. The trouble was not in the intake line as suspected, but the pump was not operating properly. This morning when called to the school the Principal stated that they were again without water. The pump was started in my presence and water obtained. This was the third time I have been called to the school re water trouble and on each occasion they were able to obtain water while I was there. However, the Principal states that the pump does not work all the time, but that it takes spells of starting and stopping.

The Principal is not at all satisfied with the way in which the pumps etc. are working and has requested that a qualified engineer be sent from Winnipeg to check all equipment.

I would gladly recommend that such a man be sent, if possible, and thus get to the bottom of the trouble at the school.

Yours very truly,


J.F. Lockhart,
Clerk in Charge.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

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THE SECRETARY

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH ATTN R A HOEY OTTAWA

HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED WATER SYSTEM FORTFRANCES SCHOOL STILL

GIVING SERIOUS TROUBLE STOP SUGGEST THAT MR GOW BE ASKED TO MAKE

IMMEDIATE INSPECTION PERSONALLY OR THAT HE SEND ONE OF HIS ENGINEERS

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SEVERE WINTER WEATHER SETS IN

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Ottawa,
December 12, 1939.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of another report stating that the water system at the Fort Frances school is giving serious trouble.

The previous communications received from you have been so detailed and so satisfactory as far as the Department is concerned that it is difficult to understand why the Principal is still complaining about the water system.

The Department has also reviewed the letter dated November 15, 1939, from John East, General Contractor, Fort Frances, with reference to the water supply and sewage system at the school. It would appear from this letter that he considered that everything was in proper order.

However, in view of the additional complaints that have reached us the Department desires you to again take Mr. East to the school at once and have him carefully check the water and sewage system and let us have a detailed report. I trust that this action will settle the matter.

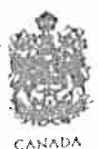
Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mr. J.F. Lockhart,
Clerk in Charge,
Indian Agency,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT



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OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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Fort Frances, Ont. Dec. 5th. 1939.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find account received from John East covering repair work done at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

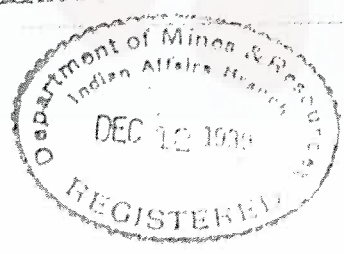
On November 6th. I received a telephone call from the Principal of the school, requesting that I go out to the school as they were having trouble in securing water. On my arrival at the school I found a plumber and two other men working on the water line. They had been called early Sunday morning by the Principal. They had worked all day in an endeavour to locate the stoppage but were unsuccessful up to Monday morning. As the school was badly in need of water for the toilets etc. they were rigging up a temporary line in order that the school tanks could be filled. Eventually they cleared the stoppage which was between the shore and 1800 feet out in the lake. The hole that was dug down to the line at the shore was boxed in so that in case a stoppage occurs again, a force pump can be attached and the obstruction cleared with very little expense.

Yours very truly,

J.F. Lockhart,
Clerk in Charge.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Fort Frances, Ont., August 9th. 1940.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter No. 124-1-5 of June 18th. relative to repairs etc. at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, please be advised that the under mentioned is requested.

The Sisters at the school would like to have a new sewing machine, the cost of which is \$114.00 less 40% discount, \$68.40.

The Principal would like to paint the barn if the Department supply the paint which would cost approximately \$90.00. The school management would supply the labor.

The Boiler Inspector has recommended relining the fire box in the low pressure boiler. Also, a new cross and valve for water gauge. I have had John East estimate on this work and he will supply all material and labor for \$73.00.

The total expenditure for the above would amount to \$231.40.

Before recommending this expenditure I would like to be advised if the Department is going to complete the proposed work of diverting the sewage from the lake to field tile. We have the field tile on the ground but last fall when this work was authorized it was too late to lay the tile as the frost was in the ground. The advance for labour was returned to the Department.

No doubt the work on the boiler is essential, as recommended by the Boiler Inspector. The paint and sewing machine would be set aside if it is the Department's wish to proceed with the sewage work, which entails the laying of tile, repairing septic tank, purchase of lift pump. But as your letter states that only \$400.00 is available, it would be impossible to purchase any equipment if this work is contemplated.

On the other hand the Department may wish to leave the sewage work for the present and expend the \$231.40 at this time, and hold the balance of \$168.60 to be used in case of emergencies.

Yours very truly,

J.F. Lockhart,
w/c Fort Frances Agency.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, August 13, 1940.

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Dear Sir:

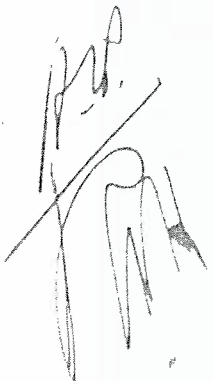
I have your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to repairs, etc., required at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

I am inclined to feel that it is important to have the sewage system fixed if at all possible. In this connection I would refer you to my letters of October 24 and November 18, 1939. Please let me know if you are prepared to proceed with repairs to the sewage system and, if so, let me have detailed information regarding the cost. I presume, from previous correspondence, that Indians can be employed for any labour required.

The Department is also prepared to consider making the repairs to the low pressure boiler at a cost of \$73.00. Consideration of the other requests from the Principal should be deferred until you advise us further regarding the repairs to the sewage system.

Yours truly,

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare and Training.


Mr. J. F. Lockhart,
In charge Indian Agency,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Ottawa,
November 13, 1940.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

The Fort Frances Indian Residential School is situated 3 miles from the town of Fort Frances and on the shore of Rainy Lake. For the past 5 or 6 years the District Medical Health Officer of the Province of Ontario has been complaining that the sewage from the school is not properly treated before discharge into the lake and as a consequence contaminates the water. Mr. Gow made an investigation in 1935 and estimated that it would require \$3,400.00 to provide a proper system.

Since the time of Mr. Gow's report we have not been able to include in our appropriation an amount sufficient to carry out the work in the manner suggested by Mr. Gow. However, in the meantime the Provincial medical authorities have continued to criticize our system of sewage disposal. Early this year we wrote to them and stated that the reason for not taking any action was due to the fact that our engineer had suggested an expenditure of \$3,400.00 which it was not possible to provide. In reply the Provincial Department of Health stated that it was unnecessary to expend such a large amount and in a letter addressed to the Acting Indian Agent, Mr. Lockhart, recommended the following:

1 metal tank one quarter size of septic tank and installing same below the overflow level of septic tank, also installing small sump pump and float controls.

Mr. John East, General Contractor and Sanitary Engineer, has forwarded a quotation of \$661.66 for carrying out the work suggested by the Provincial Department of Health.

Funds to the above amount are available in the current year's appropriation and I should appreciate receiving the Minister's approval to proceed with the work at once in order that the installation may be made before the cold weather sets in.

Harold D. McGill
Director.

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Dr. McGill -

Referring to the above, the Minister approves of this work being proceeded with if you are satisfied that the cost will not exceed the amount estimated by the Sanitary Engineer, Mr. John East who, it is understood, is an official of the Provincial Department of Health. It might be well for you, however, to have the Surveys and Engineering Branch examine into the plan proposed by him to remedy the situation now existing.

W. J. ...
Chief Executive Assistant.

Ottawa, November 22, 1940.

Ottawa,
February 18, 1941.

Memorandum:

MR. BAILEY

I attach account amounting to \$350.28 covering the cost of material purchased in connection with diverting the sewage at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

A memorandum dated November 13, 1940, was submitted to the Deputy Minister requesting authority to expend an amount not exceeding \$661.86 for carrying out the improvements to the sewage system at this school. In memorandum dated November 23, 1940, the Chief Executive Assistant gave approval for this expenditure.

It would be appreciated if you would issue purchase order so that the account may be paid. The coding is as follows: 463-76-10-691.

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Ottawa,
April 28, 1941.

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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, in connection with the completion of the sewage system at the Fort Frances School, it is understood that it will be necessary to pay the John East Company an additional amount of \$311.58 for necessary work that this firm will do. I also understand that there will be an additional \$200.00 for Indian labour in laying the field tile.

You may arrange to proceed with this work at once. If you desire an accountable cheque for the Indian labour please make application for same.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mr. J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

File

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EXTRACT
ORIGINAL ON
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Fort Frances, Ont.
June 5th, 1941.

Dear Sir:

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1941.

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During the month we laid the 3000 feet of field tile at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. This work was done by Indian Labour.

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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa.

J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT
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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH



PLEASE QUOTE
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124-1-5
Fort Frances, Ont., June 19th. 1941.

Dear Sir:-

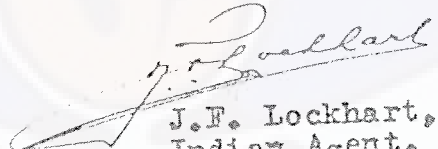
Re: Sewage Disposal at Fort Frances
Indian Residential School.

We have completed laying the 3000 feet of field tile
by Indian labour.

Mr. John East has built the additional concrete tank
4' x 4' x 9' as per his contract, and has the lift pump etc. on
the ground. He is unable to continue as no one at the school
or here can tell how the sewage pipes under the school are laid
or where they connect up leading to the Cess Pool. There are
two separate outlets from the school emptying into the pool.
All the rain water from the roof, laundry water and barn waste
water is going through these pipes, and until they are cut off
and diverted elsewhere the action of the Cess Pool cannot take
place as there is too much water emptying into the pool.

No doubt when the school was built and addition made
a plan was made of the plumbing and sewage and we would appreciate
receiving a sketch showing this information.

Yours very truly,



J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
July 14th, 1941.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir: Re: Sewerage Disposal at Fort Frances
Indian Residential School

I visited the above school last week and wish to submit the following information and recommendations.

The disposal bed is laid ready for use. However, before it is connected, I am convinced the water from the school roof together with the laundry water should be diverted from the septic tank. This volume of water I fear will destroy the chemical action of the tank and will keep the automatic pump in the septic tank working all the time.

I attach a sketch showing the school, and would recommend that Agent Lockhart be instructed to take the roof water by tile to the lake from both front corners of the school. Mr. Lockhart has tile, and sufficient money left over from installing the disposal bed, to do this work. The extra required would be labour for repairing eave troughing and supplying some extra round pipe to carry the water from the rear of the roof.

The laundry water could be taken to the corner of the laundry and across the playground, 275 feet to the lake. This work, if authorized, could be done by Indians, except the plumbing work inside the laundry. The Indians could take up the cement floor and have everything ready for the plumber. The tile required should, I think, be 6" glazed tile. The digging and laying of the tile could be supervised by Agent Lockhart. The tile costs about 45¢ per foot, f.o.b. Winnipeg, less 10%.

Considerable money has already been spent, and I recommend that Mr. Lockhart be advised at once concerning the above recommendations. The land in this district is soaked with water and I am sure the disposal bed will be unable to handle the situation unless we relieve it of as much water as possible. It might also be advisable to obtain advice from Mr. Gow of the Dominion Water Power, or some other competent Engineer.

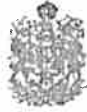
The work at this school should be completed, and I would request instructions be issued at once to Mr. Lockhart authorizing the necessary expense.

Yours very truly,

A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies
for Manitoba.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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CANADA

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

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538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
July 15, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I wish to recommend the purchase of 14 mattresses for the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. The sizes required are as follows:

5 mattresses, 5 ft. long X 29 inches wide
9 " " 6 ft. " X 29 inches "

I found that this number of mattresses is urgently needed as the ones in use on the beds were practically useless. A folded blanket would give more comfort than the present arrangement.

I would be pleased to know if the above purchase can be authorized.

Yours very truly,

P.S. From information just rec'd from Parkhill Bedding Ltd., the above mattresses will cost approximately \$82.00 f.o.b. Wpg.

[Handwritten signature: A. G. Hamilton]

A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies
for Manitoba.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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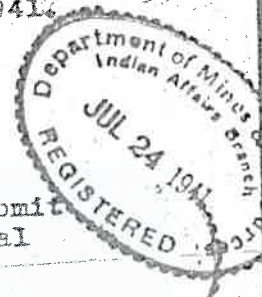
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Fort Frances, Ont., July 22nd. 1941

Dear Sir,

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Re File 124-1-5, July 17th. 1941.



With reference to the above letter I beg to submit the following estimate of proposed work on sewage disposal as outlined by Mr. Inspector Hamilton.

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| (1) Repairing eavestrough on school and connect to weeping tile on North and South Corners. Bring conductor pipe from back on North side and connect to pipe running into tile on N.E. corner..... | \$31.00 |
| (2) Furnish fittings and soil pipe and run from catch basin in laundry and connect up to 6" sewer outside building..... | 21.25 |
| (3) 300 feet of 6" sewer pipe @ 45¢ per foot..... | 135.00 |
| (4) Gate valve and installation..... | 80.00 |
| (5) Advance re Indian labour..... | 50.00 |
| | <u>\$317.25</u> |

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It was suggested that a gate valve be installed on present outlet from the septic tank, that could be opened in case of emergency, such as power going off or pump stopping.

As stated in your letter I have a sufficient balance for Indian labour remaining that would take care of laying field tile from the two corners on school to the lake, but would require an additional \$50.00 for Indian labour in laying the 300 feet of sewer pipe from laundry to the lake,

The estimate on tinsmith work was obtained from Mr. Alex Thompson, Fort Frances and the estimate on sewer pipe and gate valve was obtained from Mr. John East, Town.

As this work entails considerable expenditure, I would appreciate having the Department's approval before proceeding.

Kindly advise and oblige.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature]
J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

EXTRACT
ORIGINAL ON

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File

Fort Frances, Ont. Sept 2nd, 1941.

Dear Sir:

Report for the month of August 1941.

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During the month we laid field tile as instructed from two corners of the Residential School to the lake to take care of rain water from the roof. We also laid 300 feet of sewer pipe from the school laundry to the lake. This water previously had been going through the septic tank. This work was done by Indian labour. I have requested the tinsmith and plumber to finish their work so that the whole job may be completed without any further delay.

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J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Ottawa.

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File 463-5, part 5

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Building Maintenance (Including Plan), Supplies, General Administration. 1938 - 1941

File 463-5, part 6

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies and General Administration. 1941 - 1947

File 463-5, part 7

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies and Related Correspondence. 1946 - 1947

File 463-5, part 8

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies and Related Correspondence. 1948

File 463-9, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - School Land - Accounts, Related Correspondence (Including Plans Reserve). 1895 - 1938

File 463-14, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Livestock. 1925 - 1942

File 463-17, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Cadet Corps & Band. 1930 - 1946

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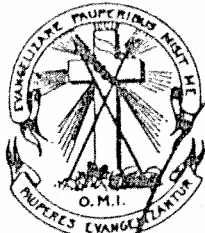
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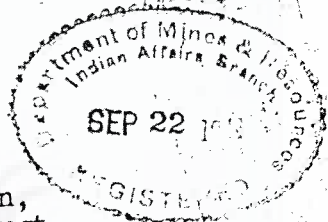
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WINNIPEG, September 19, 1941
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The Secretary
Indians Affairs Branch
Ottawa



Dear Sir: Attention Mr. Philip Phelan

I am informed by Rev. Father Chatelain, O.M.I., of Fort Frances, that the school roof must be reshingled as it is leaking quite badly. The cost of the material, as per the tender of the North-American Lumber and Supply Co., of Fort Frances, is \$818.25. The Principal offers to supply the labour free of charge.

Father Chatelain is of the opinion that this work should be done immediately so as to avoid serious damages to the plaster in the dormitories during the Winter, but principally next Spring. If the materials were supplied without any delay, the job could be done this Fall as there will be probably no serious cold weather before the middle of November.

Your sympathetic consideration of Father's request is hoped for.

Yours very truly,
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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE _____

Fort Frances, Ont., Oct. 24th. 1941.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Sewage Disposal Residential School.

Enclosed please find account received from John East re work performed on Sewage Diversion at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

I beg to offer the following explanation regarding several small items of expenditure.

When laying the field tile it was necessary to wrap each connection with tar paper to prevent sand and dirt from getting into the pipes, hence the charge of \$11.70 for this material.

When the plumber installed the soil pipe diverting the laundry water from septic tank to sewer pipe, the concrete floor had to be replaced in the laundry and the items of \$2.00, and \$3.00 cover material used for this purpose. The work was done by Indian labour.

The laying of sewer pipe was also done by Indian labour and we found that it would be necessary to have a boxing made of wood at the outlet to the lake, otherwise the pipe if left exposed would freeze and break. The items of \$6.32 - .30¢ and .12¢ were for material used for this purpose. Also, the item of \$14.40 covers oakum required to pack joints in sewer pipe.

Mr. East's work was performed in a satisfactory manner and I would recommend that his account be paid.



Yours very truly,

J.F. Lockhart
J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources.

school files.

Ottawa,
May 15, 1942.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th instant, with reference to reshingling the roof of the Fort Frances Residential School. In the current year's appropriation we included an amount of \$800.00 for this purpose. Please forward a requisition for the materials that will be required. At the same time you should state if the school management is willing to assist in the cost of labour by providing some member of the staff to help do the necessary work. You should also state what other tradesmen are required and the approximate cost of their services.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mr. J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

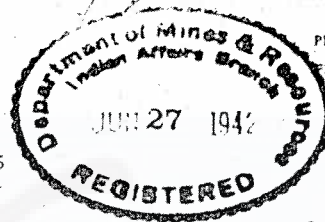
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Fort Frances, Ont. June 23rd. 1942.

Dear Sir:-

Re file No. 124-1-5.

Enclosed please find list of material required to re-shingle the Fort Frances Indian Residential School in the opinion of the North American Lumber & Supply Co. Ltd. Their Manager informs me that they could not supply all No. 1 B.C. Shingles at the present time. He also stated that he would hesitate to estimate on the labour as they were unable to secure competent carpenters.

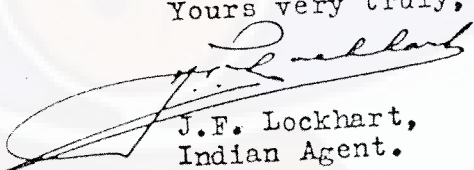
Also enclosed please find a quotation from the John East Firm to furnish labour and material for a specific amount.

As the whole job will require a lot of scaffolding it is very difficult to estimate accurately the total cost.

With the acute shortage of tradesmen it might be advisable to consider John East's quotation for a complete job.

The eave trough needs replacing and it would be a good opportunity to have this done when the scaffolding is up. I have asked for a quotation of this work and will forward same as soon as received.

Yours very truly,


J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

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J.F. Lockhart

532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
WINNIPEG, November 23, 1942.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 17th with reference to the roofing material for the repair work to be carried out at the Indian Residential School at Fort Frances, Ontario.

As requested in your letter, we inquired of Building Products Limited whether the standard thick butt twin shingles could be made available. After some delay we were informed that they now have available a sufficient quantity of such shingles to meet your order but not of one color. They would have to supply equal quantities of two colors, presumably red and green. They could not say how long the supply would be available or advise as to the prospects of any supply being available after these have been disposed of.

I do not believe the above mentioned shingles could be satisfactorily placed under the weather conditions that now prevail, for they become quite brittle with low temperatures. Furthermore, I believe you will find it difficult to carry out the roofing job on the school with any material during the winter months.

It is possible that some shingles will be available for shipment to dealers before March 31st next but orders for the same must be placed early. I telephoned Mr. Carter and suggested he write his people at the Coast as to the possibility of there being some shingles available by spring. He agreed to do so and I would suggest that you place your order for shingles with Mr. Carter as soon as possible if it is decided not to utilize a substitute material for roofing.

It is possible that you have the men available to carry out the roofing job under winter conditions but I understand the labor situation in your town is such that younger men are not available and accordingly this job with older men only available might be difficult. Should the Ottawa officials desire the work to proceed with composition shingles and you are agreeable to proceeding during the winter, I believe the material will be available. Personally, I would suggest that the work might advantageously be postponed until spring; every effort being made in the meantime to procure B. C. Cedar Shingles. If these are not available by March 1st, they will not be obtainable after that date and I think Building Products Limited could then arrange to supply their product. I do not know whether the Ottawa officials would approve of the use of such material for I believe Cedar Shingles are much to be preferred.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) D. B. Gow

District Chief Engineer.

The John East Estate,
FORT FRANCES, Ontario.

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JOHN EAST
General Contractor and Builder
Heating and Sanitary Engineer

FORT FRANCES, Ontario
November 17th, 1942.

Mr. D. B. Gow
District Chief Engineer
Dept. Mines and Resources
Winnipeg, Man.

Your File No. 28960-M

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of letter from Mr. T. S. Mills, Chief Engineer, requesting price using asbestos slate shingles, if procurable. We have not yet inquired from Johns-Manville whether we could procure them, since in our opinion and experience with these shingles they could not be applied satisfactorily on this particular roof on account of the curve on the lower portion. A year or so ago we did the Court House roof here which has no curve such as the one in question, but found that any slight irregularity in the roof would cause the shingle to break, therefore we would not attempt to apply these shingles on this curved roof.

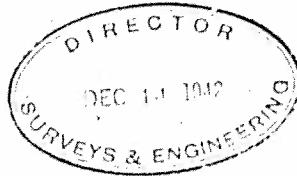
The only substitute for B. C. Cedar shingles would be that standard thick butt twin shingle manufactured by Building Products, Ltd., providing it is possible to procure them. We have not inquired into this yet since we do not know if the Dept would approve, and thought it best to take the matter up with you before replying to Mr. Mills letter. If you believe our suggestion satisfactory would you be kind enough to phone Building Products Ltd., inquiring if these would be obtainable, we would require about 95 sq.

Yours very truly,

John East Estate.

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IA1380-3

December 12th, 1942

Memorandum:

Re: Roofing Repairs, Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ontario

With reference to your notation dated the 13th ultimo on Dr. McGill's memorandum to you of November 12th, 1942, in connection with substituting asbestos slate shingles for cedar shingles on the roof at the above, I may say that this Service communicated with the John East Estate under date of November 14th last, with a view to determining what effect the substitution would have on the Contractor's accepted tender price of \$1481.25 for the work.

In this connection we are now in receipt of correspondence on the matter, copies of which are attached for your information as follows:

- (a) Letter dated November 17th, 1942, from the John East Estate to Mr. D. B. Gow.
- (b) Letter dated November 23rd, 1942, from Mr. Gow to the John East Estate.
- (c) Letter dated November 24th, 1942, from the John East Estate to this Service.

It will be observed that the Contractors are not prepared to use asbestos slate shingles, owing to the difficulty in laying them over the curved surface of the bell cast above the cornice, and state that they consider asphalt thick butt twin shingles, the best substitute for the cedar shingles covered by their contract. Accordingly, they have not quoted on asbestos shingles as requested.

It will be noted that Mr. Gow co-operated with the Contractors in an endeavour to locate asphalt shingles as substitute material, but the available quantity could only be obtained by accepting mixed colours, which would not be satisfactory, and there was no assurance that sufficient stock for our purpose could be obtained at any time. This confirms information furnished by various supply houses to our Architect, of which you were advised in our memorandum dated September 29th, 1942.

Further, the statement by Mr. Gow, with which the Contractors agree, that laying of asphalt shingles in frosty weather may result in damage, is concurred in by this Service.

It appears that at Mr. Gow's suggestion, the Contractors have placed their order for B. C. Cedar Shingles with which to carry out the work, and that they will be advised by the mill regarding the date of delivery.

These arrangements are in accordance with our advice to the Contractor dated October 9th, 1942, a copy of which was attached to our memorandum to you of October 23rd, 1942, and which we consider should be allowed to stand.

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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J. M. Wardle
Chief Engineer.

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Ottawa,
February 16, 1948.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential
School, Fort Frances, Ontario.

I desire to refer to my memorandum of July 2, 1948, and subsequent communications between your Branch and ours with reference to a new roof for the above building.

I am today in receipt of the following telegram:

FATHER CHATELAIN PRINCIPAL FORT FRANCOIS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL ADVISES THAT ROOF OF SCHOOL IS IN EXTREMELY BAD CONDITION - stop - WATER SEEPING THROUGH CEILINGS AND WALLS CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE - stop - FATHER CHATELAIN AGREES TO SUPPLY MATERIALS AND LABOUR FOR THIS URGENT JOB ON CONDITION DEPARTMENT PAY SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS

A review of previous correspondence between your Branch and ours indicates that the reason for the delay in completing the roofing of this school was due to the inability to secure the necessary materials. It now appears, from the telegram just quoted, that the Principal is able to secure this material. You will note the damage that is being done to the school owing to the condition of the roof and it would, therefore, be appreciated if you would communicate immediately with Mr. Cow and arrange to have the necessary work done at the earliest possible date.

Director.

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OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR



CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

February 26th, 1943.

Dr. McGill

Re: Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.



With reference to your memorandum of February 16th, relative to the above and confirming telephone conversation with Mr. Phelan this morning, I may say that the proposal of the principal of the school has been referred to our Engineering and Construction Service for report.

Mr. Mills points out that he has been advised that there has been an extremely severe winter at Fort Frances with very heavy snow fall and that it would not be unreasonable therefore to assume that the reported serious leakages are the result of thermal action from the interior of the building on accumulated snow and ice on the roof, causing water to back up under the shingles producing leakages through the gambrel roof or at the side walls of the dormers. This action will occur even on a new roof and points at which moisture is evident in the habitable parts of the building are not necessarily an indication of where water is coming in. There is thus no assurance that spot repairs which apparently Father Chatelain has in mind would be effective.

We would recommend the removal of snow and ice deposits from all roof surfaces, this would probably eliminate the trouble and should be carried out immediately on authority of the Indian Agent before any expenditure on spot repairs is incurred.

The John East Estate which has the contract for the repairs to the roof has advised that they have reason to

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believe their order for shingles will be shipped from the Coast early in March and that we can rest assured the work will be commenced just as soon as the weather permits. It is improbable, however, that the work can be completed by March 31st. We would suggest, therefore, that half of the \$1600. allotted to this project be released to your Branch for other purposes and the remaining \$800. be retained for use as a progress payment to the contractors when material is delivered. Kindly advise if this suggestion regarding funds is agreeable to you.

We would also recommend that no action regarding the principal's proposal be taken for the present and that your Branch make no independent arrangements with Father Chatelain.

J. M. Hardle,

Director.

Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

April 30, 1943



Dear Sir:-

As you are aware, the John East Co. is re-roofing the school. I think it will be a good idea, as the scaffoldings are on, to paint the outside windows and mouldings of the fourth story. As a matter of fact, the whole building should be painted, as suggested by the inspector from Winnipeg.

If the Department is willing, to allow me \$200.00, I am ready to do this work as I have at present a painter.

I would appreciate if you would take this matter up with the Department immediately.

Yours very truly,

P. Chatelain, O.M.I.
P. Chatelain, O.M.I.
Principal.

Mr. J.F. Lockhart,
Fort Frances, Ont.

Suggest right letter by air mail.

Ottawa,
June 28, 1943.



EX-111
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Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

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Please transfer to the Surveys & Engineering Branch an amount of \$309.25 to complete the repairs to the roof at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

This work was commenced last year but could not be completed as the firm awarded the contract by the Surveys & Engineering Branch was unable to secure the shingles until the latter part of March, 1943. Last year we transferred \$1600.00 to the Surveys & Engineering Branch for repairing this roof, but, as intimated above, the firm with whom the Surveys & Engineering Branch placed the business was only able to secure the shingles in March and at that time payment amounting to \$798.75 was made for the shingles and an amount of \$801.25 was refunded to this Branch.

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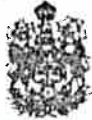
The Surveys & Engineering Branch now advise that the work has been completed and Mr. Gow has personally examined it and is satisfied that the work has been carried out satisfactorily. The amount mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter is required to complete the contract.

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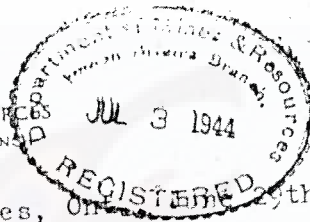
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Fort Frances, Ont. 29th. 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

Re: Water Main to Residential School.

In 1922 the Department of Indians Affairs sold a portion of Agency Reserve No.1 by public auction and summer homes were erected on same. These property owners are very anxious to have the Town of Fort Frances extend their water main to service these homes and the Town has consented to undertake this work providing the Indian Residential School together with the property owners agree to pay a portion of the cost of construction.

The Town is prepared to take the water to the end of the leased portion that was obtained for park purpose, and the other parties would be required to pay the cost from there to the school. The distance from where the Town would stop to the school would be 3650 feet. At a cost of \$2.50 per foot, which covers the laying of a 6" main together with hydrants etc., would be a total of \$9124.00.

The property owners are prepared to pay \$3000.00 towards this work, considering that they only use their summer homes for about three months of the year, they figure that \$3000.00 would be a fair percentage to pay.

I have been requested to bring this matter to the Department's attention and see if they would consider paying the balance, or approximately \$6000.00 to have a good water supply at the school.

The present water supply at the School is obtained direct from the Lake, through a pipe extending some 1800 feet out from the shore. This intake was installed in 1905 and has not been very satisfactory the last few years, as fish get up in the line and have to be removed. It is not a dependable source of supply in case of fire.

I would appreciate an early reply so that I may acquaint the Town and property owners the Department's views in this connection.

J. J. Vallart
Indian Agent.

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Fort Frances, Ont., August 23rd. 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

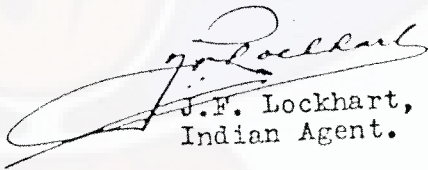
I have just returned from visiting the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. The School Management was busy repairing the flooring in Classroom No.1, which had become heaved and warped.

The desks in this room are very old and broken. They were supplied in 1906 and the Principal informs me that they have been trying to have them replaced for the past 11 years. Since they are repairing the floor and have all the old desks out, would it be at all possible to have new ones put in at this time. If funds are available I would recommend that purchase be made now.

They also require two new charts which are yellow with age and worn out. A new Beacon Phonetic Chart to be used in preparation for work of the New Beacon Primer 1. Also a New Beacon Reading Chart to be used for the work of the New Beacon Primer. These charts are by James H. Fassett and are published by Ginn & Co. London, New York Etc. These charts are yellow with age and torn and should be replaced.

A list of seats required is attached herewith, together with page 6, from Moyer's catalogue No. 58-7, 1942-43.

Please advise the Department's decision in this connection and oblige.


J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

Encl.

INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES

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538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
November 24th, 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Proposed New Water Line from
Fort Frances to the Indian School
Your letter dated July 7th, 1944,
File 124-15.

During my recent inspection of the Fort Frances Agency I discussed this matter with Mr. Lockhart, Mr. Frank Stewart, (Sec.-Treas. of the Township of McIrvine), Walter Gagnon, John McVey and the principal of the school.

I attach a sketch which will help to make the situation clearer. From the nearest connection to the corner of the land owned by the summer campers is approximately 1500 feet. Fort Frances will bring the water line to that point and the town citizens will be assessed for the cost. The campers are also citizens of Fort Frances so will share in this expense. Then the distance along the camp grounds is as shown on the map - approximately 2650 feet. From that to the school is 1000 feet, or a total of 3650 feet. The proposed cost is at the rate of \$2.50 per foot, or \$9,124.00. The property owners, some of which do not even have a house on their lot, are prepared to pay \$3,000.00 in addition to their assessment on the 1500 feet assessed by the town. This will leave approximately \$6100.00 as our share.

These camp "property owners" can lay a surface pipe line which will meet their needs for a much smaller investment; but are prepared to spend more for a permanent piece of work.

If we were to look ahead over a period of ten years this proposal might pay dividends. At present we have a pipe line into the lake about 1800 feet long. The water is pumped into two large pressure tanks, both of which may be twenty years old. The pipe line has given some trouble, also the pump, and if we were forced to renew the present system the expense would perhaps reach four or five thousand dollars.
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When the water system is to be put into the protection
and maintenance in inside where the pipe is
most likely to occur. Again the children and their
children are not to be taken. I don't know if the Public Health
authorities will allow this to continue much longer, when
there is no continuous repair and upkeep.

Now, again, this we would pay about \$2000.00 and
receive a water main, the property of North Beach and go
their responsibility and upkeep. We would have a big tank
main and a hydrant outside the school. This would greatly
improve our water protection. We would also have properly
chlorinated water - a safeguard to the health of all. The
upkeep would be minimized, but we would be obliged to pay for
the water and this brought some objection from the Municipal

The Council promised to submit a price on the water
but this has not yet arrived. I will forward the same as soon
as received. I might just add that unless the same conditions
are decided to carry on in 1945 it is doubtful if the above
proposals will receive consideration.

A. C. Hamilton

A. C. Hamilton,
Inspector of Public Health
for Manhattan.

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Fort Frances, Ont., Dec. 6th. 1944.

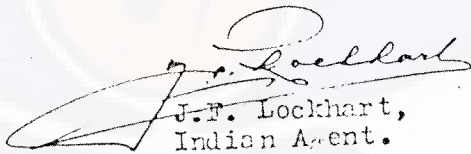
Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

Father Chateelain, Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School has had difficulty in securing suitable fuel wood the last few years. It has been necessary for him to haul wood a distance of 12 miles, after paying the Indians \$3.00 per cord for cutting. As the Indians can make much more money in bush camps and cutting pulpwood, they are unwilling to cut fuel wood.

The Principal has decided to burn coal this winter and has obtained a price on changing the grates from wood to coal grates, the cost would be \$250.00. He also obtained a quotation on the installation of a stoker which amounts to \$700.00. However, if a stoker was supplied it would not be necessary to put in new grates.

The Principal has requested that I place this matter before the Department with the recommendation that a stoker be supplied.

I do not hesitate in recommending the purchase of a stoker if funds permit.


J.F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, July 21, 1945.

Dear Father Chatelain:

Reverend Father Plourde has again brought to my attention the water situation at the Fort Frances Residential School. I suppose you are aware of the previous suggestion, which would involve an expenditure of over \$8,000.00, and no funds to this amount are available in the current year's appropriation.

However, we are requesting the Surveys and Engineering Branch to have one of their engineers visit Fort Frances as soon as possible, in order to review the situation and submit a report to us for further consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Reverend P. Chatelain, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

COPY SENT TO FATHER PLOURDE

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532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
WINNIPEG, September 10, 1945.

Re: - Indian Residential School Water Supply,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

The writer visited the above mentioned school on August 30th and made inquiries of the Principal and the engineer as regards the water supply. The water supply situation was also discussed with Mr. Lockhart, Indian Agent at Fort Frances.

The present intake consists of a 2" Cast Iron Pipe extending out into Rainy Lake, probably 1500 to 1800 feet. This pipe was laid many years ago before Rainy Lake was raised to its present level and there is nothing to indicate the location of the pipe line. The pump, driven by a 1 H.P. motor, feeds into two pressure tanks and when the school is in operation the pump must be in operation almost continuously throughout the day time. Because of the small sized intake and small capacity of pump, there is very little fire protection afforded the school.

The Principal of the School advised that last spring there were complaints to him from the laundry of dirt and sand in the water, that there was a large deposit of sand in the pressure tanks necessitating frequent cleaning and that the sand scoured the pump cylinders necessitating frequent overhauling. There was also some complaint as to water insects from the taps and also the matter some time previous of the presence of fish somewhere in the water system. The engineer at the school advised that he cleaned the tanks about every second year and there was usually less than 2" of sand and dirt removed from the bottom of the tanks. There appeared to be no complaint as to the quality of water at the time of my visit.

It is quite possible and very probable, that the pipe line is broken at one or more points between the pump and the original intake and that the water supply is being pumped without benefit of any screening. If such breaks exist, it is considered quite possible and advisable to locate the same by emptying one of the pressure tanks and by operation of the air compressor force air into the intake pipe and out through any breaks that may occur. At the time of my visit the men were busy haying but Mr. Lockhart agreed to have the compressed air test made as soon as possible and to advise this office as to the results. If such tests show breaks have not occurred within 1,000 feet of the present shore line, then it should be possible to locate the break and with the aid of a diver affix a new screen and elevate the end of the pipe so as to eliminate the pumping of sand, dirt and insects. This expedient, if successfully carried out, will enable the school to carry on with the same water supply system as at present in use.

T. S. Mills, Esq.,
Chief Engineer,
Engineering and Construction Service,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada.

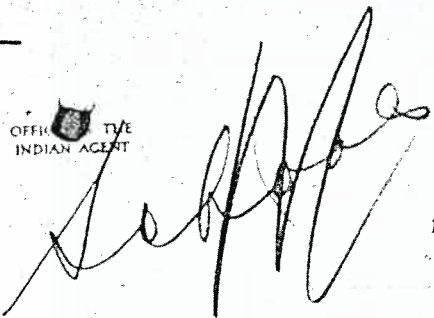
The proposed new water line from Fort Frances, as outlined in Mr. Hamilton's letter of November 24th last, is worthy of consideration. As pointed out above, the present water supply affords little in the way of fire protection. The sewage disposal system at the school undoubtedly passes the effluent from the septic tank directly into the lake at or about the location of the water intake pipe. While the water intake originally was extended to good water, the situation now may be serious if breaks have occurred within a few hundred feet of the shore line. It is altogether probable that a new intake will be required at the school, also a new pump and some greater measure of fire protection. If it is found that a new intake is required following the making of the tests, then serious consideration should be given to the proposal to connect up with the Fort Frances water system. It is not definitely known what the daily use of water at the school may be but it is probably quite high due to the fact that there has been no necessity for conservation and it might average 8,000 to 10,000 gallons daily. At 25¢ per 1,000 gallons, the yearly cost would be from \$600.00 to \$750.00.

We will communicate further with you with respect to this water supply as soon as a test has been made as to the continued use of the present intake.

(Sgd.) D. B. GOW
D. B. Gow,
District Chief Engineer.

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Fort Frances, Nov. 9/45.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

I have been requested by the Principal of the Fort Frances Residential School to forward the enclosed requisition.

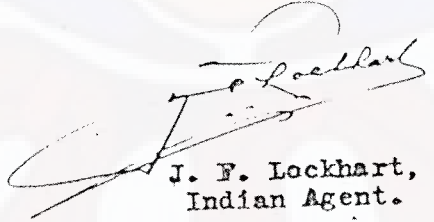
The House occupied by the Farm Manager is very old and needs replacing. However, I do not know if the Department is responsible for this expenditure or not.

The shop and laundry are each separate buildings and require shingling.

I understand from the Principal that a grant is being supplied towards a manual training instructor. If such is the case tables and benches will be required for teaching this work.

Kindly advise if this work is contemplated and estimates will be obtained.

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J. F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

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Fort Frances, Ont., March 21, 1946.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.

When visiting the Indian Residential School two days ago the Principal brought to my attention that the eaves on the rectory and shop were in very poor condition. As this building has recently been re-shingled, I would like to recommend that new eavesdrops be supplied. A quotation has been received from Whiddon & Sons, Fort Frances, amounting to \$100.00 for this work.

Kindly advise if this expenditure will be approved, and oblige.

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J. F. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.



532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
WINNIPEG, June 20, 1946.

Re: Water Supply, Fort Frances Indian Residential
School, Fort Frances, Ontario.

The information available in this office relative to a proposed new water line from Fort Frances to the Indian Residential School was limited to the letters of November 24, 1944 and March 29, 1945 from Inspector Hamilton of Winnipeg to the Indian Affairs Branch at Ottawa. Inspector Hamilton's discussions apparently were not with officials of the Town of Fort Frances but rather with officials of the Township of McIrvine in which the Indian School is located.

This correspondence shows that a new pipe line about 5,150 feet in length was necessary. Of this new main, 1500 feet in Fort Frances would be constructed and maintained by the Town of Fort Frances in order to ensure a water supply and fire protection for their buildings in the Tourist Park. For 2,650 feet the line would be in the Township of McIrvine and thence 1,000 feet to the Indian School. The estimated cost of this 3,650 feet was about \$9,000.00 of which the summer camp owners, resident in McIrvine Township, were to pay \$3,000.00 and the Indian Affairs Branch \$6,000. The Township didn't pay any of the cost but would collect 25¢ per 1,000 gallons for all water used and for which they would be responsible for upkeep and maintenance of this portion of the line, that is, 3,650 feet.

Upon calling at the Town Hall at Fort Frances on June 12th to see the Clerk about a possible water supply from the Town, he informed the writer that the Council was just commencing a session and requested that I discuss the matter with the Mayor and Council in person. In the discussion which followed, I found that the Mayor and Council were whole heartedly in favour of any proposal to extend their water supply to the Indian Residential School. They desired to have a 6" main extended in order to provide fire protection to the buildings in their tourist park and also that the permanent residents of Fort Frances with summer homes along the lake in McIrvine Township might enjoy the advantages of an adequate and safe water supply and also because they realized that the Indian Residential School, although situated in McIrvine Township, was a contributing factor in the commercial life of Fort Frances. It was pointed out to the Council that my visit to Fort Frances had not been made with any expectation of discussing this matter with them and that we were merely desirous of obtaining data upon which we could make suggestions to Ottawa as to what might best be done to overcome the rather unsatisfactory water supply situation at the school. The subject was discussed later with the Town Officials and I expressed the view that we would prefer to conclude an agreement with the Town of Fort Frances to build and maintain the new water main and make the levy for water rates which should not exceed a cost of 10¢ per 1,000 gallons used. The officials were also heartily in favour of excluding the Township of McIrvine from any such agreement.

T. S. Mills, Esq.,
Chief Engineer,
Engineering and Construction Service,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada.

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It will, I believe, be possible and advisable for the Indian Affairs Branch to conclude an agreement with the Town of Fort Frances to supply town water to the Indian School. The proposed arrangement must provide for the laying of a new 6" water main, the installation of hydrants in close proximity to the farm buildings and the Indian School. The Town should be responsible for maintenance of the main and hydrants and should collect water rates at an approximate cost of 10¢ to 12¢ per thousand gallons used. While the principle of a Government grant towards such a project is open to question, it must be realized that the agreement cannot be made unless some sizable grant is made and accordingly an amount of \$6,000.00 is suggested. It is impossible for the Town of Fort Frances to get delivery of 6" Anthes pipe or 6" transite pipe before the spring of 1947, even were they to place an order now, so that some agreement should be made so as to ensure delivery of the necessary pipe during 1947.

The water supply situation at this time at the school is decidedly unsatisfactory. An effort will have to be made to locate the 2" intake pipe and to secure water through this line. If such efforts are unsuccessful, then it is advisable to lay a new 2" main at least 400 feet out into the lake and to protect such intake against freezing conditions during the coming winter. Such measures will permit of a water supply being secured until a new main can be laid but it will not provide the school with any more measure of fire protection than they have at present, nor will it ensure a supply of safe water for use.

We would appreciate receiving advice from you at an early date as to whether or not the Indian Affairs Branch are desirous of an agreement being reached with the Town of Fort Frances along the lines above mentioned.

(Sgd.) D. B. Gow,

D. B. Gow,

District Chief Engineer.

532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
WINNIPEG, June 17, 1946.

Re: Water Supply, Fort Frances Indian Residential
School, Fort Frances, Ontario.

On June 12th and 13th visits were made by Mr. G. M. Lyon of this staff and the writer to the Fort Frances Indian Residential School and on the 12th the writer met the Mayor and Council of Fort Frances in connection with a proposal to extend the Fort Frances water supply system to the Indian Residential School.

The visit to the school on the 12th disclosed that a few days previously the water supply had failed completely due to the intake pipe being plugged at whatever point water had previously been drawn. As a temporary measure the school engineer had excavated down to the 2" intake pipe in the vicinity of the water's edge and at the location of the relief valve had laid one - 20 foot length of 1" pipe out into the lake in order to secure a water supply for the school. The writer arranged with the Town Engineer of Fort Frances to send their air compressor to the school on the morning of the 13th and it was connected with the 2" intake pipe beyond the check valve at the water's edge. Although over 100 pound pressure was applied, they were unable to clear the intake pipe and because of the rough water on the lake, escaping air bubbles could not be detected. The air compressor would cut in at 90 pounds and cut out at 105 pounds and while it took 70 seconds at first to drop the 15 pounds of pressure, after one hour of operation the interval was fairly steady at about 32 seconds. Pumping tests on the 2" line later showed no suction and so the 1" line had to be again utilized.

The water supply with this 1" intake is being taken from within 100 feet of the outlet from the septic tank that receives the sewage from the school. The septic tank does not discharge into the disposal bed but flows freely from tank to the lake so that there is no septic action in the tank whatsoever. The Principal of the School stated that the situation had been reported to the Indian Affairs Branch Medical Officer at Fort Frances and that he (that is the Principal) had instructed the Sister in charge at the school to boil all water for cooking and drinking. The Indian Agent was absent on treaty payments, the Medical Officer was away visiting the reserves and Inspector Hamilton of Winnipeg is also away until July, but it is expected that the Indian Agent and Medical Officer would be back in their offices over the past week-end and could assume responsibility for the dangerous situation that exists in connection with the present supply. A very simple solution would be to close the Institution now rather than wait until the holiday period commenced on July 1st.

There is no possibility of connecting up the water supply system of this school with the Fort Frances water supply until 1947 at the earliest, due to the inability of the Municipality to obtain the necessary pipe. It is necessary, therefore, to ensure an adequate water supply at this school for September 1st next, and this water supply must be such that it will not be experienced during the winter. The present intake of 2" pipe is said to extend 1800 feet into the lake and was laid many years ago when the water was about 7 feet lower than at present. Lumbering companies have booming areas nearby and their alligators are thought to have disturbed this line with their dragging anchors. Some very few years ago a test was made of this pipe line by Mr. Smith of the John East Company of Fort Frances. Oil was forced out through the intake line and the test showed that oil came out of the pipe line at a long distance from shore, presumably at the outer end of the line. If at all possible, the existing intake should be located and the intake cleared. The present intake from the school to the water's edge is clear of obstructions and about six feet underground but at the water's edge it dips steeply underground into the lake and to lay a new line at this time under the water at this point would involve considerable coffer dam work. The location of the pipe line is not known but if it is could be located and broken, even as close as 1,000 feet to shore, a diver could affix a new intake screen and thus permit of an adequate water supply until other arrangements could be carried out.

In a following letter the proposal to derive a water supply for this school from Fort Frances is dealt with. It is anticipated that a very satisfactory arrangement can be made with the Town of Fort Frances and it is unfortunate that the inability to secure the necessary pipe line for the extension will not permit of the connection being made during the present year.

(Sgd.) D. B. Gow,

D. B. Gow,
District Chief Engineer.

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124-1-5
July 18th, 1946

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Mr. Hoey

Re: Water Supply - Fort Frances
Indian Residential School.

This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of July 10th, relative to the above, in which you expressed the opinion that the Town of Fort Frances expects Indian Affairs Branch to pay more than the latter's fair share of the cost of the proposed water supply scheme.

It is thought that in forming this opinion the following points may have been overlooked:-

- (1) The entire scheme, as outlined by Mr. A.G. Hamilton, Inspector of Indian Agencies, in his letter of November 24th 1944, was estimated to cost approximately \$12,900, of which it was suggested Indian Affairs should pay about \$6100.00. Accordingly, the cost to Indian Affairs Branch would be only one-half not two-thirds of the entire scheme.
 - (2) It must be realized that the portion of the proposed water main which would serve the Residential School solely, 1,000 feet in length, can be installed only if the sections which are to serve the town's tourist park and the area occupied by owners of summer cottages, are installed first. For the privilege of making use of these latter sections it is reasonable that a fraction of their cost be paid by Indian Affairs Branch. This
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is particularly the case since the needs of the tourist park and the cottagers could probably be met in a large degree by a smaller than 6-in. main not so deeply buried. It will be recalled that Inspector Hamilton stated that the immediate needs of the cottagers could be met by a surface pipeline, and this might be true of the tourist park also. Accordingly, it is suggested that Indian Affairs' share of the cost of the scheme, based on an estimated cost of \$2.50 per foot, might well be as follows:-

(a) 1,000 feet solely for the use of the school, at \$2.50.....\$ 2,500.00

(b) 2,650 feet would be used the year round by the school and presumably very little by the cottagers except for about four months in the summer. It is thought, therefore, that Indian Affairs' share of this would reasonably be \$1.50 per foot, or.....\$ 3,975.00

(c) 1,500 feet would be used the year round by the school and presumably very little by the town tourist park or the cottagers except for about four months in the summer. It is thought that Indian Affairs' share of this would reasonably be 75¢ per foot, or.....\$ 1,125.00

The total capital cost to Indian Affairs Branch might, therefore, be considered to be reasonably as much as \$7,600.00. This is on the basis of a cost of \$2.50 per foot as estimated in November 1944. If unit prices of material and labour are now higher than at that date, the costs would necessarily be proportionately greater.

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In addition, of course, the school would have to pay 10¢ or 12¢ per thousand gallons for water actually used. If the school uses 8,000 gallons per day, which is a large amount, the annual cost would be \$300 to \$400 per year. This would be offset by Indian Affairs Branch being relieved by the town of any pumping or maintenance costs.

On the whole the proposal that a 6-in. main be laid to the school at a cost of \$6,000.00 to Indian Affairs Branch, with a water rate of 10¢ or 12¢ per thousand gallons, and the town to be responsible for maintenance, seems to us reasonable. If, after reconsideration, you concur in this view, we would be agreeable to sending Mr. Gow instructions to negotiate as favourable an agreement with the town as possible, but if necessary he could tentatively agree to the foregoing terms.

In this connection we would refer you to correspondence in 1942 and 1943 regarding the water supply to Coqualeetza Hospital at Sardis, B.C. In that case, after very lengthy consideration, we recommended that Indian Affairs Branch contribute \$4200 towards the installation by the Elk Creek Water Company of a 10-in. water main, two and one-half miles in length, and which main would provide service to many other customers of the Company. This \$4200 was approximately one-third of the total cost of the proposed new main. In addition, we recommended that a new 6-in. main, 1600 feet in length, be installed from the 10-in. main to the hospital, at a cost of \$1,575, and the installation of a fire pump at \$1,650, these costs to be borne solely by Indian Affairs. Although this scheme could not be proceeded with at the time since the necessary pipe could not be obtained, it is a somewhat parallel case to that of Fort Frances Indian Residential School, and it may be inferred from it that the proposed agreement with the town of Fort Frances is not unreasonable.

J. M. Wardle
Director.

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532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, July 5, 1946.

Dear Mr. Lockhart:

The writer recently met with the Council of the Town of Fort Frances and found them quite agreeable to arranging to co-operate with the Indian Affairs Branch for the extension of the town water supply to the Indian Residential School. It is hoped that the 6" pipe will be available in 1947 to enable this work to be carried out. In the meantime it is necessary to take steps to ensure an adequate water supply to the Indian School until such time as the town supply is available. As you are aware, the present water supply intake is plugged and as a temporary expedient the school have laid a short length of 1" pipe connecting with the old line at the shore line and are utilizing water which cannot help but be contaminated.

We appreciate the fact that the present pipe line has been in place for a long time, that it must be in poor condition and also difficult to locate. However, before abandoning this pipe line entirely and laying a shorter line, we believe another attempt should be made to locate the old line. As you are aware, we have had the town air compressor with crew attempt to clear the line without success. The lake was too rough and unsettled to permit of any attempts being made to detect any air leakage along the supposed location of intake pipe. We believe a further attempt should be made with the compressor, not to clear the line, but to force air into the line so as to observe any air leaks that may occur and thus locate and mark the position of the pipe so that later it can be broken and a new intake screen attached. The test can only be successful when very calm conditions will permit of air bubbles being observed from a boat and should not be attempted otherwise. We are unable to spare an engineer to proceed to Fort Frances and await such a favourable condition. It would be greatly appreciated if you could contact Mr. Henry, Town Engineer, and the School Engineer and arrange for such a test being made when calm conditions do prevail. The school has a suitable boat for observing the results of the test. If the pipe line can be located and marked with a small buoy or float, we can see about obtaining the services of a diver from Port Arthur to break the pipe and affix a screen at some safe distance from the shore line.

If this test, made under favourable conditions, shows negative results then it will be necessary to lay a new 2" pipe line from the shore line check valve location out about 400 feet into the lake. This line will have to be laid so as to be safe from freezing conditions in winter and also with an anticipated lowering of Rainy lake by two feet below its present level. We would also appreciate it if you would contact Mr. Smith, Contractor, formerly the John East Estate, and secure from him as close an estimate as he can give of the cost of 400 feet of 2" pipe, the expense involved in laying and connecting such a pipe line and also the cost of covering such line in the vicinity of the shore line so as to ensure it being safe from frost action for the coming winter. It is realized that any such estimate as may be given by Mr. Smith can only be approximate. It will, however, serve our purpose for requesting a suitable amount of money.

Yours very truly,

D.R.Gow, District Chief Engineer.

Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

Aug. 19th. 1946.



Dear Sir:-

Due to increasing difficulties to obtain manual labors, it becomes more difficult to secure help of a night watchman at the salary paid in the past by the Indian Department. Nobody will work for \$40.00 a month any more.

I am therefore requesting the Department to increase this salary to \$75.00 a month. Otherwise, I am afraid that this school will be left without a night watchman in the future.

Wishing that necessary steps will be taken to straighten up this matter, I remain, Sir,

Yours very truly,

P. Chatelain, O.M.I.
P. Chatelain, O.M.I.
Principal.

Mr. J.F. Lockhart, Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Branch.

File 28960-M

532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
WINNIPEG, August 24, 1946.

Re: Temporary Water Supply, Fort Frances,
Indian School, Ontario.

The writer has just returned from Fort Frances where the matter of the above mentioned project was discussed with local plumbing firms, the Town's Works Superintendent, the Principal of the School and Indian Agent Lockhart.

It appears hopeless to attempt to locate and utilize the existing intake placed some 41 years ago and so a new shorter intake is necessary now. It is proposed to lay 400 feet of 2" pipe from the shore line out into the lake and connect same to the existing line at the point where it dips at a 45° slope under the lake bed and the location of the check valve. Some years ago, to protect the foreshore from erosion, broken stone rip-rap was dumped along the bank in considerable quantity. This rip-rap is composed of large pieces of broken stone extending from above the present water line to about 25 feet into the lake where there is a present depth of 5 feet of water. The present lake level is very high, being only 0.5 feet below the maximum summer regulated limit. This rock must be removed sufficiently to permit of the laying of a new line along the lake bottom and its removal will involve considerable effort and expense as it is entirely under water. Rainy Lake will undoubtedly be drawn down over two feet during the coming winter and ice will form to a depth of 2 feet so that it is going to be difficult to protect the intake from freezing through out the 100 foot length extending from the connection to the old intake. The proper method of protection would involve construction of heavy timber cribwork with boarded sides and earth fill. The exposed shore line and heavy ice shove would necessitate very heavy protection. We are interested in a water supply for one year only and propose to eliminate such type of protection. The 2" pipe line will be laid along the lake bottom and will be covered with earth, sand gravel and rock until a depth of 4 feet of water is reached. To prevent the intake freezing, it is proposed to operate the pump in the pump house continuously. This will be accomplished by connecting one of the pressure tanks to the existing drain in the pump house and inserting a relief valve to open at 60# pressure or just below the pressure at which the pump now cuts out. The present pump is operated by a 1/3 H.P. Motor and when the school is in operation this pump is going almost continuously during the day. Provided no break-down occurs in connection with this pump, it is considered that continuous flow of water from the intake will prevent freezing. There is a large pump in the pump room which is also used for pumping water and in case of emergency this can be utilized to continue the continuous pumping.

The labour and material situation at Fort Frances at the present time is very difficult. I was unable to locate any supply of 2" Black or Galvanized Pipe and from inquiries made, I am confident that none will be available in time for this job. Mr. Henry, Superintendent of Works at Fort Frances, advises me that he could release 200 feet of

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Chief Engineer,
Department of Mines and Resources,

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2" steel pipe; his total available supply. This pipe would cost 70% more than Black or Galvanized Pipe. The plumber whom it is proposed to engage, assured me that he could secure 200 additional feet of this steel pipe. As for the labour situation, I was not impressed by the ability of the firm of Whiddon & Sons to perform a satisfactory job and so was guided by the advice of Mr. Henry, Works Superintendent at Fort Frances, in contacting Mr. August Kivimaki of Fort Frances, a plumber and steamfitter whom he strongly recommended. This man is willing to undertake the job of clearing the rocks, installing the pipe line and is assured of the co-operation of the Superintendent of Works of the Town of Fort Frances in getting pipe and the loan of equipment such as tractor and etc. However, Mr. Kivimaki wants to do the job of rock removal before the water gets cold as the work will involve working under water to above the waist line. No plumbing outfit in Fort Frances will or can quote a price on the work involved. They are all very busy and have more work now than they can handle and are handicapped by labour and material shortages. Accordingly the work cannot be done on a contract basis. Roughly I would estimate the cost of the work as follows:

Labour of rock removal and protection	\$150.00
Laying and connecting pipe	75.00
Miscellaneous valves, fittings and screen.....	50.00
400 feet of 2" pipe	300.00
Total:.....	<u>\$575.00</u>

If we are able to secure a supply of Black or Galvanized Pipe the cost of the pipe would be about \$120.00 less.

I would strongly recommend that the Indian Affairs Branch advance Mr. Lockhart, Indian Agent at Fort Frances, Six Hundred dollars (\$600.00) and authorize him to engage Mr. August Kivimaki to lay the 400 foot intake out into the lake from the shore line and make the necessary changes in the pump room. The work involved is as follows:

Clear right-of-way pipe line by removal of rock rip-rap; providing 400 feet of 2" pipe, black or galvanized, if available, or steel if the other makes are not available, together with all necessary foot valves, check valves, relief valves, screen and etc. The connection of the new line with the existing intake at the present check valve on the shore line and the extension of the line 400 feet into the lake. Backfilling of all excavation and protection of pipe insofar as is possible out to a depth of 4 feet of water. The installation of a drain pipe from the pressure tank to the existing drain and placing of check valve and relief valve on this line so as to permit of continuous operation of the pump.

Admittedly there is some element of danger in depending upon such a source of water supply for the following two reasons:

- (1) There is danger of an interruption to the electric power - a danger which may be considered as rather remote and less likely to happen than a break-down of the small pumping plant.
- (2) There is a danger of contaminated water after ice forms inasmuch as the intake will be only about 500 feet removed from the present outlet from the aseptie tank. To overcome this last danger, it will be essential that the Medical Health Officer for the Indian Affairs Branch at Fort Frances secure frequent samples of water in use and have same tested

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and if contamination exists, he should insist upon water chlorination throughout the school.

It is essential that the work of clearing the rock be proceeded with forthwith and Mr. Lockhart should be authorized to have this part of the work undertaken immediately. Unfortunately, we are faced with a severe staff shortage for the next six or eight weeks due to resignations and the carrying on of field survey work and so will not be able to give this project direct supervision. We will, however, arrange to inspect the same upon its completion.

(Sgd.) D.B. Gow

D.B. Gow,
District Chief Engineer.

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Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ont.
Oct. 8th. 1946.

Mr. B. F. Neary,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

I have recourse to you, to help me solve the difficulties I encountered with the putting up of a new house here at the Indian School.

First it was decided that the house would be for the farmer instructor, but the building we now occupy is more like a home for a family. So, it was agreed with Rev. Father Provincial and consent from the Indian Agent that we would build the new house for the Fathers, thus satisfying the farmer, the Fathers and school's staff. It will give more space to the farmer, more rooms for classrooms; children are really too crowded. The Principal will take his quarters in the new building instead of at school.

It was agreed that the Department would pay for the material used and the Principal would pay labor.

There came a shortage; I had to buy more lumber etc. Actually I have in hand a bill of \$1,220.22 not paid. I enclose the list of the items.

I already paid \$1,322.43 of salary to the workers. In view of all this, I beg the Department to help me. At least, in my opinion, all material should be paid by the Department. So, will the Department prefer to pay directly the different Companies or give me the authority to do so with the assurance of reimbursement.

May I have a prompt answer, Sir, to this letter. I have the hope that you will be able to settle this matter advantageously to all concern.

Thanking you in advance, I remain, Sir,

Yours very truly,

P. J. Chatelain: O.M.I.
P. Chatelain, O.M.I.
Principal.

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Ottawa, January 29, 1947.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, SURVEYS & ENGINEERING BRANCH
Fort Frances Indian Residential School

W.B.D.

The nutritionist employed by the Nutrition Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare and engaged in conducting a dietary service for our Indian schools has reported upon unsatisfactory conditions at the above school. I attach for your information pertinent extracts from her report. Could you have an estimate prepared of the work involved in

- (a) moving the hot water pipes,
- (b) providing better lighting in the kitchen,
- (c) providing adequate ventilation in the kitchen.

We would also appreciate your Engineer's comments upon the enlarging of the dining room and kitchen and the re-location of the store-room in the event that (a) above is not satisfactory.

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Director

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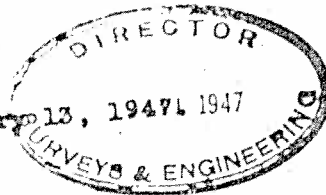
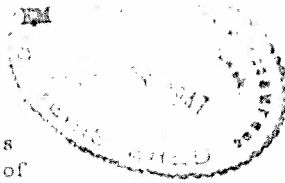
For your information, please. With reference to the last paragraph of this memorandum, will you kindly advise us of your wishes with respect to arranging for an Agreement with the Town of Fort Frances.

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MEMORANDUM

R.J.M.W.

I.A.1380-3



Ottawa, February 13, 1947

Re: Water Supply
Fort Frances Indian Residential School

Referring to your notation on a copy of a memorandum of July 23, 1946 from Indian Affairs in connection with the above Water Supply, we are now in receipt of further information from Mr. Gow under date of February 11th:

"Following the forwarding of our letter of June 20th last, the water supply situation at the Indian School became quite serious. The intake line into the lake became plugged; we were unable to clear the same and later efforts to locate the line were futile. It was necessary to lay a temporary short line of 400 feet out into the lake in order to secure an emergency water supply for the winter months. This emergency water supply line was laid at a total cost for labor and material of \$374.42. We are hopeful that this temporary line will not fail because of freezing before next spring. However, the outer end of this short intake is only 500 feet from the sewer outlet and the present intake can only be considered an emergency measure until some other safe water supply is available.

There are the two alternatives for a water supply for this school, namely, the laying of a new 4" intake out into the lake or an agreement with the Town of Fort Frances for extension of their water supply to the school. The laying of a new intake with the necessary protective crib-work against freezing and etc., would probably entail an initial expenditure greater than the proposed payment to the Town of Fort Frances. The water supply would be contaminated and also would provide no appreciable measure of fire protection. The advantages of reaching an agreement with the Town are so apparent that the building of a new intake could not possibly be justified and apparently the officials of the Town of Fort Frances are quite aware of this situation. Our negotiations with the Town of Fort Frances with respect to the proposed extension of their water supply to the Indian School were as outlined in our letter of June 20th last and since that date we have had no further contact with them with respect to the proposal. However, a letter from Mr. Lockhart, Indian Agent at Fort Frances, in which he stated that the property owners held a meeting a few days previous with the Town officials and agreed to pay \$3,000.00 in cash towards laying of the water main to the school over their respective lots. The letter also advised that the Town of Fort Frances had placed an order for sufficient pipe and expected delivery early in 1947. Mr. Lockhart now advises, under date of February 5th, that Mayor B.V. Holmes, Fort Frances, had informed him that they had received the necessary pipe

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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to install the town water to the school and intimated that as soon as the money agreed upon was paid by the Department that the work would be commenced. Presumably, the Town Officials, knowing the situation with which the Indian Affairs Branch is faced as regards a water supply for this school, have proceeded on the assumption that an agreement will be reached. However, it will be necessary for the Indian Affairs Branch to announce their desires with respect to the agreement and authorize this office or someone to reach an agreement with the Town of Fort Frances as to the amount to be paid towards the construction and maintenance of the line and also as to the rate to be paid for the water furnished."

We would appreciate further advice as to the wishes of the Indian Affairs Branch and particularly if they desire us to proceed with arrangements for the drawing up of an agreement with the Town of Fort Frances in order that the installation can be completed this year and before the opening of the fall term.

J. J. Mill
Chief Engineer.

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Extracts from letter from A.G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies for Manitoba.
Letter dated February 19th. Original on
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The Principal stated he expected arrangements to be made for enlarging the kitchen and the children's dining room. I understand the change was suggested by Miss A. McCreedy, Department of National Health and Welfare.

The senior teacher requested that the following two bookcases be purchased from Moyer's catalogue, #58 and #43. I am advised that both have been discontinued. I think Father Chatelain could perhaps have these made in the Carpenter's Shop, if the materials were supplied. I would request authority to purchase shelving, ply board, moulding and stain, to a total of perhaps \$35.00.

The boy's playroom has practically no sports equipment. A request was made for a punching bag. I recommend that same be supplied.

The temporary water line appears to be meeting our requirements. However, I do not think we should delay too long - either renewing the line or arranging with the town of Fort Frances for water from their supply. I am convinced the cheapest way of meeting our need, especially extended to the School, even at a cost of around \$6,000.00. I am told a new pipe line into the lake will probably exceed this cost and the water would still not be chlorinated. The pressure for fire fighting would be inadequate and, in addition, there would be repair and upkeep.

I gather the town council might consider proceeding with the installation shortly - if definite authority was issued from Ottawa. I understand money was provided for this work in the 1946-47 estimates and if it is still available the work might even yet be completed if authorized at once.

Mr. Gow, District Chief Engineer, Surveys and Engineering Branch, is familiar with the water situation and

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I recommend that he be authorized to proceed with the
matters of the final arrangements as to the cost of con-
struction and also the cost per gallon for water. This
school is well operated and the children are fortunate
in having excellent teachers.

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Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Building Maintenance (Including Plan),
Supplies, General Administration. 1938 - 1941

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Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies
and General Administration. 1941 - 1947

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Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School -
Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies and
Related Correspondence. 1946 - 1947

File 463-5, part 8

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies
and Related Correspondence. 1948

File 463-9, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - School Land - Accounts, Related Correspondence
(Including Plans Reserve). 1895 - 1938

File 463-14, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Livestock. 1925 - 1942

File 463-17, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Cadet Corps & Band. 1930 - 1946

File 463-23, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential
School - Death of Pupils. 1942 - 1953

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Ottawa, March 11th, 1947.

Mr. J.F. Lockhart, Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

We enclose for your information copy of letter received from the Reverend Principal of the Fort Frances Residential School urging the erection of a recreation hall on the Couchiching Reserve.

We regret that we have no funds provided in our appropriation that could be used for the erection of this building. However, it is possible that the Council might be willing to vote the money required from their Band Funds.

If the Band is willing to provide the expenditure required, the following points should be taken into consideration:

1. The Indian Council should decide on the plan of the building and obtain an estimate of its approximate cost.
2. The Council should pass the necessary resolution requesting expenditure from Band funds.
3. The resolution passed by the Band, together with the plan of the proposed building and an estimate of the cost should be submitted to this office in order that we may forward it to the Minister with a view to obtaining his approval.

If Reverend Father Chatelain has not already discussed the matter with you, I suggest that you interview him at an early date and obtain his views regarding what is required before submitting the whole matter to the Couchiching Band.


Bernard F. Neary
Supt. of welfare & Training.

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R. V. GREEN

FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO

March 5, 1947

Mr. D. B. Gow,
District Chief Engineer,
532 Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Gow:-

Re:- Water Line - Idlewyld to Industrial School

At a meeting held on September 12, 1946, the land owners of Idlewyld committed themselves to a portion of the expense to the Town of Fort Frances for the installation of a water line through or past their property. These signatures were procured for the committee by Mr. R. McTaggart and Mr. G.G. Baeker of Fort Frances.

At an interview with the Town Clerk, Mr. J.W. Walker, our committee was informed that the Town had not received any approving commitments from the Department of Industrial Schools. It is necessary to have these commitments before the Town Council will pass on the installation of the water main.

I am writing you at this time to press upon you the importance of immediate action as this installation depends on the co-operative approval of the Town of Fort Frances, the Department representing Industrial Schools, and the property owners of the Idlewyld Division. Already the Town of Fort Frances have signified their cooperation.

To give you further information regarding the property owners, majority of them only require summer service, therefore if it is necessary, this coming summer, for them to install individual water systems, it will possibly discourage a number of supporting the installation of this proposed water line before the due date.

Our committee have been informed that the pipe the Town last fall is on hand ready for use in the installation of the contemplated water main.

Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if you would give our immediate attention.

Yours very truly,
PROPERTY OWNERS, IDLEWYLD SUB-

President "R.V. Green"

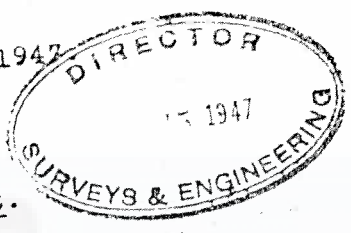
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Mr. Heey.

Will you kindly advise of your views in regard to this matter.
1/47 J.M.W.J.R.W.

Ottawa, March 14, 1947



Memorandum

Re: Water Supply - Fort Frances Indian Residential School, Fort Frances, Ont.

Referring to our memorandum of February 13th on the subject of an agreement with the Town of Fort Frances towards the provision of a water supply for the school from the town system, we have not yet received any reply.

Mr. Gow writes again under date of March 12th as follows:-

"We wrote you under date of February 11th in connection with the above mentioned subject but to date have received no advice as to any action having resulted. We are now enclosing copy of a letter received from the President of the Property Owners, Idlewyld Subdivision at Fort Frances, with further reference to this subject.

The Town Engineer of Fort Frances has the water pipe on hand and planned to proceed with the excavation for and the laying of the pipe line while the ground was frozen and thus eliminate a great deal of expense by eliminating the necessity for shoring the deep excavation. It was planned to do the work by excavating machinery. The delay of the Indian Affairs Branch in making known their desires with respect to an agreement, is therefore unfortunate. All that is required from the Indian Affairs Branch to permit this work to proceed immediately is a commitment that it will contribute \$6,000. towards the project. The details of the Agreement can be arranged later along the lines as tentatively arranged by the writer with the town's officials.

I am informed that the Indian Affairs Branch are including an item in the 1947-48 Estimates to cover this grant. However, I believe \$7,000. was voted in the 1946-47 Estimates for "...Fort Frances Water Supply and Heating Repairs". The heating repairs were carried out and new stoker installed so that presumably the item was voted and at least \$6,000. should remain for this project to be paid for from the present fiscal year's funds. I would urge that the Indian Affairs Branch be asked to take immediate action with respect to the water supply, otherwise they may be faced with the necessity of installing a pipe line out into the lake during the coming summer."

You will note the desire of the Town Engineer to proceed with the installation of the new pipeline during the winter months. There are of course objections which might be advanced to the adoption of the idea of installing such a pipeline during severe winter weather. However it would be a decided advantage to have the work proceed as soon as possible in the Spring and to this end the agreement should be drawn up now and if the Town should

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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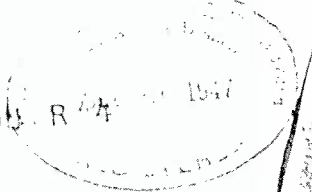
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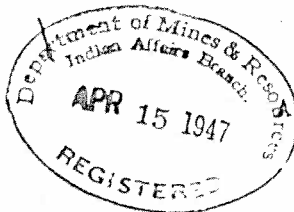
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GREEN CHAIRMAN



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Mr. Hoey

For your information, please.
Recommendations concurred in.
Will you kindly advise us of your
wishes regarding the proposed items in
due course.
14/4/47 J.M.W. J.M.W.



April 10, 1947.

Memorandum

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential School

Further to our memorandum of February 15th, 1947,
you are advised that an officer from this Service visited
the above and investigated the points raised in Mr. Hoey's
memorandum of January 29th, 1947.

In addition, complete data was obtained in regard
to the boiler room and heating plant, as it was noted that
the equipment is loaded to its full capacity, and the boiler
is of an ancient vintage; all of which presupposes that re-
placements will be necessary in the near future. The laundry
and a workmen's residence have been added to the heating load,
and to step up the boiler efficiency, a stoker has been added
fairly recently.

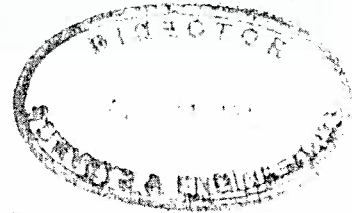
Dealing with the points raised in Mr. Hoey's memo-
randum and additional requests from the School Authorities,
we would recommend that the following operations be carried
out:

1. Provide a hood over the Kitchen range with exhaust fan and necessary duct work for adequate ventilation.
2. Build new dumb waiter from Kitchen to Priests' Dining Room.
3. Remove several partitions in Basement to enlarge Kitchen, Pupils' Dining Room and Sisters' Refectory.
4. Build new clothes closet for Sisters.
5. Provide new lighting in above areas.
6. Rearrange and extend walk-in refrigerator to provide additional and more adequate food storage, which will permit the Frigidaire unit to function with its intended efficiency.

The above work will cost in the neighbourhood of \$2,500.00.

Requests were advanced by the Principal and Staff for various items including articles of furniture. Such items, it was felt, should receive attention and action from the Indian Agent and the Principal was advised to that effect.

J.M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ont.



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THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO,
April 29, 1947.

Mr. D. E. Gow,
District Chief Engineer,
Department of Mines and Resources,
532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

The Superintendent of the Industrial School was in to see me two or three times in regard to the water charges which will be made against the school after the installation of water service. This is rather difficult to decide definitely at the present time.

Considering that circumstances are altogether different from any established rate, I have no precedent to go by. The local schools are open for only ten months of the year and are not occupied as residences, while this one is occupied as a residence the year round by practically about 110 persons.

In addition to this there is the consideration of farm service for which the water will be used, cattle etc. However, it may be that we shall put in a meter and under these circumstances, I think I can promise that the charge will not be over 11¢ per 1,000 gallons.

I would appreciate being informed if this would be acceptable to your Department.

Yours respectfully,

"J. W. Walker"
CLERK.

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532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
WINNIPEG, May 1, 1947.

Re:- Water Supply - Fort Frances Indian
Residential School, Ontario

I am enclosing copy of a letter received from the Town of Fort Frances relating to the proposed water supply by the Town to the Indian Residential School near Fort Frances. You will please note the reference to the Principal of the School making inquiries as to the water charges and also the Clerk's assurance to this office that the charge for metered water will not exceed eleven cents per thousand gallons.

Following the receipt of your letter of April 3, relating to the arrangements to be made with the Town of Fort Frances for a water supply, we wrote the Mayor of Fort Frances under date of April 5 - one paragraph of which read as follows:

"Will you please confer with your officials and have them draft a proposed agreement with the Indian Affairs Branch outlining the extent of the service to be rendered by the Town and the proposed financial terms covering initial cost and water rates to be charged. This draft agreement should be sent here and if in line with the tentative arrangements previously discussed with your officials by the writer, then final agreement can be drawn up for signature by the proper officials".

We have had no reply to this letter and inasmuch as the writer expects to be in Fort Frances shortly in connection with other matters, we will call at the Town Office and endeavour to hurry up the proceedings.

Personally, I think a charge of 11¢ per 1,000 gallons is a very reasonable charge for water. The actual pumping costs to the Town are, or were a year ago, 7¢ so that with an average daily use of 8,000 gallons, the annual net profit to the Town would be under \$120.00 - a very limited amount to provide for maintenance, inspection, and replacement of pipe, meter, hydrants and etc.

It is quite important that the School Management be made responsible for the payment of the water charges as they will then undoubtedly utilize the auxiliary pumping system from the lake for the watering of lawn and garden, and possibly also for the water supply for the stock during the non-winter months. Such auxiliary pumping equipment is available and can readily be made use of by the School Management.

I would ask that you advise this office at your earliest convenience whether or not assurance can be given to the Town of Fort Frances that a charge of not more than 11 cents initially for the one thousand gallons of water is acceptable.

(Sgd.) D. B. Gow

D.B. Gow

Encl.

T.S. Mills, Esq.,
Chief Engineer,
Engineering and Construction Service,
OTTAWA, Canada.

124-1-5 (WT 1)

Handwritten initials
E.A.D.

Ottawa, May 14th, 1947.

Mr. J.F. Lockhart, Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

Re: Water Supply - Fort Frances Indian
Residential School

As you have been previously informed, the Department is endeavouring to negotiate an agreement with the Town of Fort Frances to supply water to the Fort Frances Residential School. The Department is contributing to the cost of the pipe line and we are now advised that if we proceed, the Town will put a meter on the water and the charge will be .11¢ per thousand gallons. Of course, both the Principal and yourself understand that this cost will have to be paid by the school management.

The officers of the Surveys and Engineering Branch consider that this rate is reasonable; the Town will be responsible for maintenance, inspection and replacement of the piping, meter, hydrants, etc.

Handwritten mark
It is important that the school management should utilize the auxiliary pumping system from the lake for the watering of lawn and gardens and possibly also for water supply for the stock, except during the winter. The auxiliary pumping equipment is stated to be available and can readily be made use of by the school management.

Please consult the Principal immediately and let me know if he agrees to the rate of .11¢ per thousand gallons.

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

PP/MGD

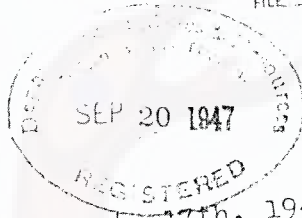
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CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE NO.



Fort Frances, Ont., Sept. 17th. 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

Re: Residential School

A short time ago a new electric range was supplied to the above school and they have had considerable trouble as it was necessary to change fuses every two hours and only able to get four burners to work. The Principal called in Mr. Robert Taylor, Superintendent of Public Utilities for the Town of Fort Frances, who accompanied with an Inspector of The Ontario Hydro Electric Commission visited the school and found that the load being carried by the school is in excess to the present system.

From what I can ascertain the present line was put in in 1922 and was ample for the school's requirements then, however, a stoker and other motors have since been installed until the line is over-loaded.

I also understand from Mr. Taylor that the present switches now in use at the school would not pass inspection at this time, and the Hydro inspector suggests new paneling be installed.

May I suggest that the Department communicate with the Hydro Electric Commission, Port Arthur, Ont. in this connection as to what is actually required to pass inspection and the size of service needed at the school. Mr. Taylor would not attempt to give me an estimate on what the probable cost would be. He did state that the whole wiring set-up was very poor.

J.F. Lockhart
J.F. Lockhart.

*Electric
work
done
have Hydro
we
get estimates*

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Indian Residential School
Fort Frances ONT.

List of foreseen expenses for the Year 1948-49

- 1 Dough Mixer
- 1 Potato Peeler
- 1 Bread & Meat slicer
- 8 High Pressure Flusher to replace Hight tanks, not repairable with necessary Pipes.
- New steps & railing, entrance the School
- Swings & Sea-Saw for Boys & Girls yards
- 1 Darning Machine
- 1 Sewing Machine
- Enlargment of the present School for additional class-rooms, dormitories, play-rooms, because many children have been refused this year.
- Battleships for Boys play-room, refectory, antrance of the School.
- 25 gals One Coat White Paint (Western Paint Co.) Inside
- 2 gls Lionoil
- 2 " Varnish
- 2 " Turpentine
- 10 " Outside White Paint
- 2 " Raw Linseed Oil
- 1 " Dryer
- 2 " Good Grey Floor Paint
- 1 Moving Picture Machine
- 1 Sewing Club Room for outside Ladies and ex-pupils.

V. de Varenes
M.D.

Principal

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this _____ day of September A.D. 1947.

BETWEEN:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING, as represented by the Department of Indian Affairs of Canada, hereinafter called the party of the First Part,

- and -

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES, hereinafter called the party of the Second Part.

WHEREAS the party of the second part has installed a water main to the Indian Industrial School situated on the shore of Sand Bay, Rainy Lake, near the Town of Fort Frances and in the Township of McIrvine,

AND WHEREAS the party of the first part agreed to pay to the party of the second part the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars in consideration of such installation,

THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree each with the other as follows:

1. That the Town of Fort Frances shall maintain the watermain so constructed and, subject to conditions beyond its control, will supply water to the said Industrial School.
2. The Town of Fort Frances shall have the right to charge and collect in accordance with its by-laws and regulations for the water so supplied, at the rate of eleven (11¢) cents per thousand gallons, and pending installation of a water meter a charge of \$1.00 per day shall be made for the said service.
3. The Department of Indian Affairs shall supply a three inch water meter, approved by the Superintendent of the Waterworks System of the said municipality, for measurement of the said service, which shall be installed by the Town of Fort Frances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED

in the presence of:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY _____

MAYOR

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CONTINUED

SCHEDULE "A" -
Attached to By-Law Number 492 of the Township of McIrvine and
By-Law Number 1452 of the Town of Fort Frances.

Being a Memorandum of an Agreement made this 10th Day of April
1947 between:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McIRVINE
hereinafter called the "Township";

and

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
hereinafter called the "Town";

Respecting the construction of a water main in the Township of
McIrvine.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances has requested
permission to construct a water main within the said Township
and whereas the Township of McIrvine has agreed thereto subject
to certain terms and conditions;

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH:

1. The Township agrees to permit the Town to construct and
maintain a water main within the Township of McIrvine for
the purpose of supplying the residents of S.M. 88. and
Indian School situated on the shores of Rainy Lake with a
supply of water and to install hydrants and other necessary
water connections on the public highway adjacent to the
said property and it is further agreed that during the life
time of the works, the Town are entitled to collect all rates
or other revenue derived from said works.
2. The Town agrees to construct the proposed pipe line on
East part of the Highway running north so as not to interfere
with the travelled portion of the said road.
3. (a) Where it becomes necessary to construct the said works
through the travelled portion of any public road, the Town
agrees to put the said road into good condition as soon as
it can reasonably be done.
(b) The Town further agrees to indemnify the Township
for any damage or loss sustained to the said Township
in connection with the construction and maintenance of
the said works.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto set their hands
and Seals by their respective officers the day and year first
above written.

Signed, Sealed and
Delivered in the presence of:

(signed) "Eleanor Rudolph"

(signed) "Wilena Clark"

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
McIRVINE
by (signed) "J.A. Biddeson" Reeve

(signed) "F.E. Stewart" Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT
FRANCES
BY "B. V. Holmes" Mayor

by (signed) "J.W. Walker" Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF McIRVINE

By-Law Number 492

Being a By-Law for the purpose of permitting the Town of Fort Frances to construct a water-main within the Township of McIrvine.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances has asked the Municipal Corporation of the Township of McIrvine for permission to construct a water main in the sub-division known as S.M. 88-Township of McIrvine commencing at or near the west end of Lot 1 S.M. 88 and continuing north on the easterly part of the Lake Shore Road to the Indian School.

WHEREAS it is considered expedient and in the best interests of the Corporation that the Town of Fort Frances to be allowed to construct the proposed water line subject to certain conditions as shown on Schedule A being a memorandum of agreement between the Town of Fort Frances and the Township of McIrvine attached to this by-law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances be given authority to construct a water main commencing at a point at or near the west end of the Lot 1 S.M. 88 and continuing north along the east part of the road running north parallel to the west end of Lots 1 to 26 inclusive, S.M. 88 and continuing on to the Indian School.

ALSO RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances be authorized to collect all rates from consumers using said utility.

Passed in open Council this 10th day of April 1947 A.D.

Reeve (Sgd.) "J.A. Biddeson"

Clerk (Sgd.) "F.E. Stewart"

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(see 10, Files 500-515-5, part 7)

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THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
BY-LAW NO. 1452

BEING a By-Law to confirm an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of McIrvine respecting the construction and maintenance of a watermain abutting Plan SM-88 and across lands of the Department of Indian Affairs to the Indian Industrial School (situate in the said Township of McIrvine).

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Memorandum of an agreement made the 10th day of April, 1947, between the Corporation of the Township of McIrvine and the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances, being SCHEDULE "A" attached to By-Law Number 492 of the said Township of McIrvine be and the same is hereby approved.

2. That the Mayor and Clerk be, and they are hereby instructed and authorized to sign and seal the said agreement as evidence of this approval.

PASSED in open Council this 9th day of May 1947.

(signed) B.V. Holmes, Mayor

(signed) J.W. Walker, Clerk

Indian Affairs. Special Files.
(CG 10, Volume 21, File 155-5, Part 7)

September 9th, 1947.

Memorandum:

Re: Water Supply, Fort Frances Indian Residential School, Ontario.

Further to our memorandum of August 25th we are now in receipt of the following from Mr. Gow under date of September 5th, 1947:

"With further reference to the above mentioned project, we are now enclosing copy of a form of agreement prepared by and received from the Town Clerk of Fort Frances, Ontario. I might say that the agreement covers the main points of our arrangement with the Town but doubtless you will prefer to draft your own form now that you have the substance of the agreement. In drawing up a draft agreement, I would suggest that Clause 2 is quite satisfactory inasmuch as it does not imply that the Government is being the responsibility of the management of the school. However, I believe a clause should be inserted, or clause one enlarged, to cover the liability of the Town for supplying fire protection.

We are also enclosing copy of By-Law No. 1452 of the Town of Fort Frances; this By-Law covers an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of McIrvine and Fort Frances respecting the construction of the watermain over the Township of McIrvine. It is important inasmuch as it ensures the Town of Fort Frances the right to the construction of the pipe line which serves the Indian School.

The Mayor of Fort Frances suggested that the Town would appreciate receiving payment from the Indian Affairs Branch of the construction costs as soon as possible; if not for the full amount, at least for 50%. I think it is now in order for at least \$3,000.00 to be paid and the remainder to be paid as soon as we are assured that the water supply has been hooked up to the school mains."

Enclosed in duplicate are copies of the following documents:

1. By-Law No. 1452 of the Town of Fort Frances.
2. By-Law No. 492 of the Township of McIrvine with Schedule A attached.
3. Proposed draft of a memorandum of agreement to be completed by His Majesty the King and the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances.

Encls.

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
 Director,
 Surveys and Engineering Branch,
 Department of Mines and Resources,
 O T T A W A.



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 File 1380-3 (Part 7)
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The Town of Fort Frances has thus obtained permission to construct the water extension to the Indian School through the Township of McIrvine and the attached draft agreement for completion by the Town of Fort Frances and our Minister indicates that Indian Affairs will have to pay \$6,000 in consideration of the installation of this water extension plus the cost of a 3" water meter for measurement of the water supplied to the school. You will note that the water charges will be 11¢ per thousand gallons when the meter has been installed, but until that time a flat charge of \$1.00 per day will be made.

The terms of the proposed agreement appear to be quite satisfactory and we recommend that our Departmental Solicitor be asked to draw up the agreement embodying the clauses in the draft and submit to the Town of Fort Frances and then to our Deputy Minister for execution.

With regard to fire protection it would seem to have been the intention of the Town of Fort Frances to install two hydrants close to the school and if these have been installed on the school side of the point where the water meter is to go, it would not seem necessary to include anything in the agreement about fire protection as the present draft undertakes to supply water to the school which would naturally include any water used for fire protection. If the hydrants are so placed as to draw direct from the Town supply before passing through the meter, then some arrangement will have to be made with the Town in this connection and perhaps some clause inserted in the agreement. We will, however, take this matter up with Mr. Gow and advise you.

With regard to the suggestion of Mr. Gow to pay \$3,000 to the Town of Fort Frances we believe that it would be wiser to complete the agreement before making any payment but the agreement should of course be completed as soon as possible.

T. S. Mills

T. S. Mills,
Chief Engineer.

Indian Affairs, School Files,
(see 10, Volume 216, File 403-3, part 7)

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Ottawa, September 12th, 1947.

Mr. Hoey

Re: Water Supply, Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

With further reference to previous correspondence on this matter, I am enclosing for your information copy of a memorandum from Mr. Mills, dated September 9th, which is largely self-explanatory, together with copies of the attachments referred to therein.

It will be noted in the penultimate paragraph of Mr. Mills' memorandum that he has secured definite information with regard to the location of the two hydrants with respect to the water meter which is to be installed. In the meantime it is thought that a re-draft on the agreement might be begun by the Departmental Solicitor on the basis that these hydrants will be installed on the school side of the water meter.

Referring to our memorandum of July 18th, 1946, it is thought that the terms for which water is to be secured from the Town of Fort Frances are very favourable to Indian Affairs Branch and to the school. In spite of increases in the cost of labour, pipe and other materials since that date, the Town is still willing to install the main at a cost of \$6,000.00 to Indian Affairs and to supply water at a rate of 11¢ per M., which rate or even 12¢ per M. had been anticipated at that time. The only new item is the water meter to be purchased by Indian Affairs Branch at an estimated cost of \$400 and to be installed by the Town.

Since the school may possibly use 8,000 gallons of water per day, a daily rate of \$1.00 until the meter is installed also is reasonable.

Mr. Mills' recommendation that the Departmental Solicitor be asked to draw up an agreement embodying the clauses in the enclosed draft, to be submitted to the Town of Fort Frances and then to the Deputy Minister for execution, is concurred in.

If the agreement can be completed by an early date, it would not seem necessary to make any partial payment to Fort Frances in the meantime.

(Signed) John A. Pounder,
General Executive Assistant.

Indian Affairs, School Files, File 453-5, part 7

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this _____ day of
October, 1947,
BETWEEN

HIS MAJESTY THE KING, represented by the
Honourable the Minister of Mines and Resources,
hereinafter called "His Majesty"

OF THE FIRST PART

and

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES,
Province of Ontario,
OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances, by
virtue of an agreement with the Corporation of the Township of McIrvine,
has installed a water main to the Indian Residential School situated on
the shore of Sand Bay, Rainy Lake, near the said town and in the said
township;

AND WHEREAS the said installation is for the purpose of
supplying water to the said Indian Residential School His Majesty has
agreed to pay to the said Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances the
sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.00) therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the parties
hereto agree, each with the other, as follows:

1. That the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances shall
maintain the water main so constructed and subject to conditions beyond
its control will supply water to the said Indian Residential School.
2. That the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances shall
have the right to charge and collect in accordance with its bylaws and
regulations for water so supplied at the rate of 11¢ per thousand gallons
and pending installation of a water meter a charge of One Dollar (\$1.00)
per day shall be made for the said service.
3. That the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances shall
supply, free of charge, at all times, its full fire fighting equipment and
personnel to fight and extinguish any fires which may occur at any time
in or to the said Indian Residential School.

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4. That His Majesty shall supply a three-inch water meter approved by the Superintendent of Water Works System of the said Corporation for measurement of the said service, which shall be installed by the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands, the Party of the Second Part affixing its Corporate Seal by the hands of its proper officers.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

In the presence of

Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCIS.

MAYOR

CLERK.

Indian Affairs. General Files.
(see 10), Volume 277, File 403-5, Part 7)

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Indian Affairs
School Files

(RG 10, Volume 6195)

File 463-5, part 5

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Building Maintenance (Including Plan), Supplies, General Administration. 1938 - 1941

File 463-5, part 6

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies and General Administration. 1941 - 1947

File 463-5, part 7

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies and Related Correspondence. 1946 - 1947

File 463-5, part 8

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Building Maintenance, Accounts, Supplies and Related Correspondence. 1948

File 463-9, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - School Land - Accounts, Related Correspondence (Including Plans Reserve). 1895 - 1938

File 463-14, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Livestock. 1925 - 1942

File 463-17, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Cadet Corps & Band. 1930 - 1946

File 463-23, part 1

Fort Frances Agency - Fort Frances Residential School - Death of Pupils. 1942 - 1953

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EX'D.

Ottawa, November 12, 1947.

Mr. J.F. Lockhart, Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

Upon receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo concerning the oven at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, we immediately wrote the manufacturer, Pendreth Machine Co.

We are now in receipt of the enclosed bulletin which you require. For your information, the Company's letter reads in part as follows:

"This oven sold by us Oct. 1930, is our #12 as illustrated in enclosed bulletin. The illustration on page 1009 of this bulletin, which shows the same type of oven partly taken down, will indicate to the local tinsmith how this oven was set up and how the sections can be taken down."

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

PP/MGD

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(EG 10, Volume 6195, File 463-5, part-7)

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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
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Fort Frances, Ont., Nov. 17, 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.

When visiting the Residential School I found 51 pupils in the Junior Classroom and there is not sufficient seats for this number. Some children were sitting on wooden blocks which gives no support to the back and their posture is out of line for writing.

The front row of seats cannot be used as there are no desks, and I would like to request the immediate purchase of 6 single desks (only) No. 5, then the back row can be moved forward. There is one row of double seats holding 16 pupils, which should be replaced at a future date, but for this year the 6 mentioned above are urgently needed.

May I be favoured with an early reply, and oblige.

*Review of
request
by J. P. Lockhart
Nov 20 1947*

J. P. Lockhart
J. P. Lockhart,
Indian Agent.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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Indian Residential School
Fort Frances, Ontario

REV. V. DEVAERNES O.M.I.

November 24 1947

Indian Office
Fort Frances Ont.

Dear Sir:

Besides the 92 pupils boarding in our School, we have six pupils who are Day-Scholars and are taking their meal at noon here with our Pupils. Would not the Department allow a special Grant for the Expenses incurred towards these six Pupils. Kindly consider this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours,

Principal

*V. de Varennes
O.M.I.*

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December 12, 1947.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL

The undersigned has the honour to report
THAT it was considered advisable to provide
a proper water supply for the Fort Frances Indian
Residential School;

THAT the Town of Fort Frances agreed to extend
their water main to the School at a cost of six thousand
dollars (\$6,000.00);

THAT this work has now been completed in a
manner satisfactory to the Departmental Engineers
and the amount required, namely six thousand dollars
(\$6,000.00) is provided in the appropriation for the
fiscal year 1947-48, Vote 151, Mines and Resources
(Indian Affairs Branch).

The undersigned therefore, recommends that
authority be granted to pay the Town of Fort Frances
the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) for the
installation of the water main to the Fort Frances
Residential School.

Respectfully submitted,

Minister of Mines and Resources.

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(RC 10, Volume 6195, File 463-5, part 7)

Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee

of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor

PRIVY COUNCIL

General on the 13 JANUARY 1948



CANADA

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated 7th January, 1948, from the Minister of Mines and Resources, representing:

That it is considered advisable to provide a suitable water supply for the Fort Frances Indian Residential School in the Province of Ontario;

That the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances is agreeable to extend its water main to the said school providing the cost of such installation, estimated to be \$6,000 is paid by His Majesty;

That the engineers of the Department of Mines and Resources advise that the estimated cost of \$6,000 for this work is fair and just;

That the required amount of \$6,000 to pay for the said installation is available in Vote 131, 1947-48, Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Mines and Resources, advise that authority be granted to pay to the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances in the Province of Ontario, the amount of \$6,000 the estimated cost for installing the water main to the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

[Signature]
Clerk of the Privy Council

The Honourable
The Minister of Mines and Resources

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No.

DATE

(File: 124-1-5)

Pay to The Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances,

Address Fort Frances, Ontario.

SERVICE	AMOUNT
23 To cost of connecting the city water mains with the Fort Frances Residential School as authorized by P.C. 95 dated January 13th, 1948	\$6,000.00
NOTE: See memorandum of agreement dated December 2, 1947 and signed by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources and the Mayor and Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances.	
<p><i>File 23/4</i></p>	
	\$6,000.00

HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and 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. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Order No. 2901

File No. dated

Ms. I.A. 596
Seq. 2901

[Signature]
Agent

Serial No. DATE

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 (RC 10, Volume 6295, File 452-5, part 7)

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May 10, 1948.

EX'D.
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Mr. J.F. Lockhart, Superintendent,
Indian Agency, Fort Frances, Ontario.

The Department understands that the principal of the Fort Frances Residential School wishes to make some improvements in the kitchen in order to conform with recommendations made by the dietitian on the occasion of a visit some months ago.

In the current year's appropriation we have provided an amount of \$1,400. for repairs and improvements at the Fort Frances Residential School. We have already paid for repairs to the stoker an amount of \$75.00 and if you refer to your letter of April 22nd and our reply of April 28th you will note that it is quite probable that we will approve an expenditure of \$758.25 for converting a building for use of the male hired help.

You will, therefore, note that there is approximately \$567.00 still available during the current fiscal year. You should interview the principal and advise us what repairs you consider necessary to the kitchen. At the same time let us have an estimate of the probable cost. In the event of any materials being required, you should forward a requisition.

Philip Phelan
Chief, Training Division.

PP/MGD

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 17-124

Fort Frances, Ont., Dec. 24th. 1948.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

Rev. V. DeVerennes, Principal at the Residential School advises that they are continuing to blow out fuses in the men's quarters, work shop and Father's Residence. These buildings are outside the School proper and the wiring is not large enough to carry the load being taken off the line.

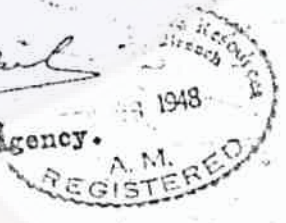
We have had an electrician look over the trouble and he states that a new line from the outside pole together with new fuse boxes are required. He does not figure a new line to the outside pole is necessary but if a heavier line is require the Town of Fort Frances will put one in.

The cost of material and labour will be \$110.00, and if funds are available I would recommend that this work be done as there is a danger of fire with over-heating the present wiring in these buildings.

Kindly advise and oblige.

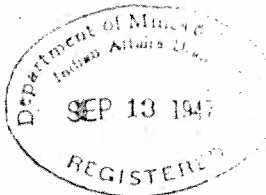
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J.F. Lockhart,
Supt. Indian Agency.



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, September 9, 1947.

Memorandum:

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential School

Further to our memorandum of August 7th, 1947, in connection with repairs and revisions to the above, you are advised as follows:

Mr. Gow has personally contacted three contracting firms in Fort Frances. The North American Lumber Company, largest firm of its kind in the town, were unwilling to bid under any arrangement owing to former commitments and the uncertain labour situation. Another builder, not named, was indifferent and unimpressive; and it was felt unwise to attempt to negotiate with him.

The Smith Construction Company, successors to John East estate, offer to undertake the work on a cost plus ten per cent basis. They have carried out work at this school in the past under Mr. Gow's direction, and he has found them to be very reliable; consequently he requested them to submit an estimate to him which he will forward to us as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are forwarding to Mr. Gow for his information our own estimates of the cost of this work.

As a result of a more complete layout covering in particular revisions to the walk-in refrigerator, you are advised that approximately \$700.00 must be added to our original estimate of \$2,500. This means that Indian Affairs should be advised to provide about \$3,200. for this work.

Mr. Smith of the Smith Construction Company, urged that an early decision be reached in order to enable him to plan for materials and labour. In the meantime, he has agreed to prepare an estimate and forward same to Mr. Gow who will pass it along to us. When we are in receipt of same you will be further advised.

J. M. Wardle
Chief Engineer.

J.M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O T T A W A.

MR. BOEY

Further to our memorandum of August 27th last and for your information please. Will you kindly advise as soon as possible if the offer of the Smith Construction Co. should be accepted and if so, have a financial encumbrance for an additional \$700.00 set up in favour of our Engineering and Construction Service.
Sept. 12/47
J. A. P. J.A.P.



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Ottawa, 18th March, 1949.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, LANDS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential
School No. 463

In 1947 following their visit to the above school, the Electrical Division of Indian Health Services recommended extensive improvements to the kitchen at the school, including the installation of a walk-in refrigerator. At that time your Branch had prepared a plan indicating the work which should be done (see Index No. 852).

You also obtained a quotation of \$3,200.00 for the work (your memorandum of 9th September, 1947, File IA 1380-3).

Funds were not available at that time, and consequently, no action was taken. Recently we received a request from the management of the school to proceed with the work which was proposed in 1947. We would appreciate it if you would obtain a new tender and advise us at what cost you can have the work carried out.

PP/ST

Director.

MEMORANDUM

Ottawa, May 2, 1949.

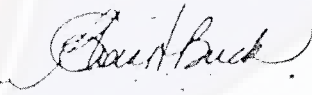
Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential
School,
Fort Frances, Ontario.

Further to our memorandum of March 23rd, you are advised that we are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Gow, under date of April 26th in which he states that the I.W. Smith Construction Company (originally the John East Estate) is the only firm in a position to undertake the alterations to the walk-in refrigerator, together with several additional minor revisions, all as outlined on our drawing Index No. 852, prepared in August, 1947.

Our original estimate was \$3,200.00, and the same firm when requested by Mr. Gow to submit a tender in 1947, advised that they would take on this work on a cost plus 10% basis. Their estimate at that time was \$3,300.00. Owing to lack of funds, the Indian Affairs Branch abandoned the project temporarily. The Smith Construction Company have advised Mr. Gow that they are willing to carry out the work on a cost plus basis, but advise that the cost will probably be increased to about \$3,750.00, to which their profit will have to be added. Should the Indian Affairs Branch wish to proceed with the work, it is felt that an encumbrance of \$4,200.00 should be set up to cover the project.


When approval is received, we will request Mr. Gow to instruct the Smith Construction Company, to undertake the work.

R.A. Gibson, Esq.,
Director,
Lands and Development Services Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.


Chief Engineer.

Major MacKay

In the light of the above could we have your instructions, please.


Director
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Director.

I.A.1380-3

Ottawa, August 4, 1949.

Memorandum

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

With reference to Major MacKay's memorandum of May 25th bearing your marginal notation of May 28th in connection with the above, you are advised as follows.

Since the Principal of the school has found it impossible to take on the work outlined on our plans and specifications after having offered to do so, we again requested Mr. Gow to obtain competitive tenders.

After some difficulty ~~and~~ delay owing to business activity in this area, Mr. Gow was able to procure but one tender. This was submitted by Wellington Smith Limited of Fort Frances in the sum of \$5,475.00 with electric wiring to be charged extra to this sum.

This price is considerably higher than the original rough estimate of \$3,300.00 submitted by the I.W. Smith Company in October 1947. We have discussed the matter with Indian Affairs officials on the telephone and they have indicated their intention to proceed with the work on the basis of the tendered price.

While the price as stated is high, it is not considered exorbitant as there are of necessity, many uncertainties to be encountered in a job of this nature.

It is pointed out that the tender varies in one respect from the requirements called for on our design. The Wellington Smith Limited propose to install a metal hood over the kitchen range and to connect to the chimney using natural draught instead of an exhaust fan as called for. We do not concur with this suggestion as the movement of air required to ventilate this area cannot be obtained by natural draught. Further, it is against recognized principles to install a ventilating pipe and connect same to a chimney.

We are advised verbally that the Indian Affairs Branch will prepare a memorandum to Council requesting authority to have the work carried out for the above sum. They have requested that this Branch take on supervision of the project, which can conveniently be handled by Mr. Gow's office.

A.H. Hargreaves,
for Chas. H. Buck,
for Chief, Engineering and
Construction Division.

R.A. Gibson, Esq.,
Director,
Lands and Development Services Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A MINUTE OF A MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, APPROVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ON THE 24 August 1949.

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Council
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The Committee of the Privy Council have had
before them a report dated 10th August, 1949, from the
Minister of Mines and Resources, representing:

THAT it is immediately necessary, and funds
are provided in the 1949-50 Estimates, Indian Affairs
Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, to carry out
repairs to the Walk-in refrigerator and in the kitchen
at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, Fort
Frances, Ontario;

THAT efforts have been made by the engineers of
the Lands and Development Services Branch to obtain
competitive tenders for the carrying out of these necessary
repairs;

THAT due to business activity in this area, one
tender only has been obtained, and that from the Wellington
Smith Limited of Fort Frances, Ontario, in the sum of Five
Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$5,475.00);

THAT it is considered that these repairs are
necessary for the health of the 90 children who will be
attending this school during the coming winter.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation
of the Minister of Mines and Resources, advise that authority
be granted for the letting of a contract to the Wellington
Smith Limited of Fort Frances, Ontario, in the sum of
\$5,475.00, which with contingencies will amount to approximately
\$6,000.00.

(Signed) N.A. Robertson,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable
the Minister of Mines and Resources.

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