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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of

*Michael Charley Macheegabow*, Pupil No. *199*  
*(Kee wee tah Ahuace)*

of the *Kenora R.C.* Indian Residential School at *Kenora Ont.*

who died at *St Joseph's Hospital* (place) on *1<sup>st</sup> Jan* *1937*  
*Kenora*

INSTRUCTIONS

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On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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CANADA

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *December 28<sup>th</sup>*
2. At what time of day? *about 7 o'clock in the evening*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?.....  
*Rev. Fr. M. Nozairi - Nurse*
4. What means were taken to afford relief?.....  
*Every means possible*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?.....  
*Aspirin - Laxative - Boiled of hot water to his feet.*
6. When was the doctor called?.....  
*December 29<sup>th</sup>*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?.....  
*Was removed to hospital in the morning in a car, without any cost to the Department.*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? .....
9. Add any other useful information here.  
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*J. E. Baillargeon*  
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Isidore Shapiro Maschigabow from Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1936

to Jan 12 1937 The immediate cause of death was

Meningitis  
The contributory cause of death was High Temp & Fever

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes. Child was moved to Hospital as soon as they phoned me about the case  
If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express

your carefully considered views as follows:

This patient had slight retraction of head when I examined him. His temperature was 104° & pulse 120. He was also distended over abdomen & was in a semi-comatose condition.

S. S. Ferguson M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of ~~Michael~~

*Charley Macheegabow*

have been recorded? *Yes.* If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

*I consider everything possible was done for this child.*

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

*Frank Edwards*

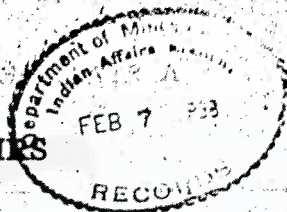
Chairman—Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of

*John Jack #23 Assessee Band 220*, Pupil No. *220*  
of the *Keewau RC* Indian Residential School at *Keewau Ont.*  
who died at *St. Joseph's Hospital* (place) on *15 Jan 1938*  
*Keewau Ont*

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

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The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *January, 2<sup>nd</sup>*
2. At what time of day? *7, o'clock, P.M.*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *7, o'clock, to the nurse*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *He was put in bed*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Epsom salt, teaspoonful, Aspirin 1*
6. When was the doctor called? *January, 3<sup>rd</sup> 11, o'clock*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *Yes, at 2, o'clock, by sleigh*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? .....
9. Add any other useful information here.  
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*J. E. Baillargeon*  
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended John Jack from Jan 3rd 1938  
to Jan 15th 1938 The immediate cause of death was  
Lethargic Encephalitis  
The contributory cause of death was Influenza

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

This boy was sent to Hospital as soon as he showed signs of illness. I diagnosed his case as Influenza. In about 8 days he showed signs of Coma which became interupted & he died Jan 15th without regaining consciousness

A. D. Ferguson M.D.

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CIRCUMSTANCES STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of John Jack 173 Assabaska Band pupil 220 Hecora R. C. Indian School.

have been recorded?..... If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

*Everything possible was done in this case, the parents were present when the boy died, were satisfied I had wired them - they came over 100 miles to be here.*

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

Frank Edwards  
Chairman—Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of

*Nancy Keewatin*, Pupil No. *0262*  
of the *Keewatin* Indian Residential School at *Keewatin*  
*St Josephs Hospital*  
who died at *Keewatin* (place) on *27 June 1938*

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

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The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *January 10<sup>th</sup> 1938.*
2. At what time of day? .....
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *To the nurse on January 10<sup>th</sup>*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Rest during day, plenty of fresh air.*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Mustard Plaster, Cough Mixture, Cod Liver Oil, eggs, cream, milk*
6. When was the doctor called? *In January when she felt a pain in her side.*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *May 29<sup>th</sup> By car.*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? .....
9. Add any other useful information here.  
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*J. E. Baillargeon* Principal

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Nancy Keewatin from Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1938  
to June 26<sup>th</sup> 1938 The immediate cause of death was.....  
Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Advanced  
The contributory cause of death was Exhaustion

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-  
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express  
your carefully considered views as follows:

The pupil was diagnosed as an open case of  
Pulmonary T. Blast winter & was recommended for  
Panatolium Treatment. She was admitted to St  
Joseph Hosp here on May 29<sup>th</sup> as she was failing  
rapidly & was a member to the other pupils at the  
School. I understand she was an orphan.

A. D. Ferguson M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Nancy

Keewatin.

have been recorded? Yes. If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

Pupils with active T. B should be sent to Sanatorium as soon as practicable

Rauk Edwards

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of  
*Rosaline Bird #48 Whitefish Bay Band, Pupil No. 0273.*  
 of the *Kenora R.C.* Indian Residential School at *Kenora*,  
 who died at *St Joseph's Hospital, Kenora, Ont.* (place) on *26<sup>th</sup> June* 19*41*.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *28<sup>th</sup> May 1941*
2. At what time of day? *10 am*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *to the Sister  
Nurse*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Put to bed, no temperature*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Electric oil  
rubber on head given teaspoonfull of cream*
6. When was the doctor called? *1<sup>st</sup> June 1941*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *1<sup>st</sup> June 1941 by car*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Add any other useful information here.

*After a few days in Hospital and back  
to school, later returned to Hospital.*

*Jennison*  
Principal.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED  
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Rosaline Bird from June 1st 1941

to June 26th 1941 The immediate cause of death was.....

Exhaustion

The contributory cause of death was..... T. B. Meningitis

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express

your carefully considered views as follows:

*I saw this child at the school on June 1st. The chief symptom was severe headache & her tongue was coated badly. There was no fever. Diagnosed her case as Indigestion & Inflammation. Sent child back to school June 3rd. Saw her again at school June 20th & had her returned to H. Hosp. Had her under observation & symptoms became more suggestive of Meningitis. Had her removed to Isolation Dept of Hosp. I was on Treaty part of the time between June 1st & June 20th & case was under care of Dr. Paton when I was out of town*

A. D. Ferguson M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Rosaline

Child # 48 Whitefish Bay Band pupil 0273 Keuora  
R.S. School

have been recorded? Yes. If not, you are required to add here any further particulars

which strike you as essential.

The mother of the child came to office  
the day of death, seemed satisfied  
all possible was done.

The child was buried at the Keuora R.S.  
School burial ground (Sackaberry, Soudabey)

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

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Frank Edwards

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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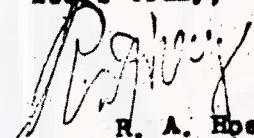
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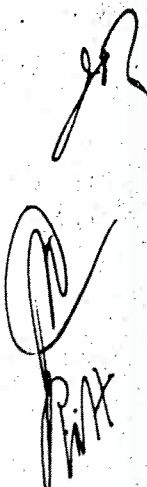
Ottawa, January 27, 1937.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of memorandum of enquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Michael Charley Maskagabow, pupil No. 199 of the Kenora Indian Residential School. It is noted that every attention was given in the case of this boy, whose death is regretted.

Yours truly,

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

  
Frank Edwards, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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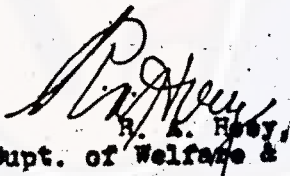
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Ottawa,  
February 9, 1938.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of John Jack, pupil No. 220 of the Kenora Indian Residential School.

Yours truly,

  
R. K. Healy,  
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

  
F. Edwards, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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Kenora, Ont., Feb. 4th, 1938.

REPORT FOR JANUARY 1938.  
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A boy pupil of the Kenora R.C. School was taken to the hospital with Sleeping Sickness and later died.

*Schaffer*  
*Probably of  
a boy named  
Lumber  
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Frank Edwards,  
Indian Agent.

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