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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

Emilien Aitel, Pupil No. 71 of the Roman Catholic Indian Residential School at Albany, who died at Albany (place) on October 17th 1935

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

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

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *October, 3rd, 1935*
2. At what time of day? *In the afternoon*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *To the Sister in care of the boys*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *He was sent to the nurse*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Antiseptic dressing; laxatives, and special diet.*
6. When was the doctor called?
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *On the fourth day he was placed at the hospital*
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.

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 Emilia Aitel from Attawapiscat
to Roman Catholic School. The immediate cause of death was
"Orchitis allany"
The contributory cause of death was small pox

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?

Did they follow out your professional instructions?

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 is the first notice I had had of
this case - I would consider the
diagnosis of small pox very unlikely
This was some chicken pox at Albany
this fall.*

*Layne
M.D.*

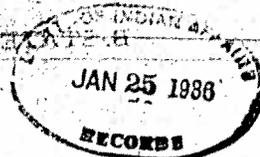
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SECRET STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



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 _____ have been recorded? 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.

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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

Imelda Edwards, Pupil No. 110
of the Roman Catholic Indian Residential School at Albany, James, Bay
who died at Albany (place) on May, 3rd 1936

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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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This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law in an instance of this kind.

If the pupil dies as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent shall interview the witnesses of the accident, and secure them in the usual manner.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? March, 22nd

2. At what time of day? Morning

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? To the nurse in charge

4. What means were taken to afford relief? She was placed in the hospital

5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? The best we could do for case of T.B.

6. When was the doctor called?

7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? Immediately

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.

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 (I did not see this child since I examined all the pupils
last September) at that time the girl was normal,
to The immediate cause of death was I believe
Tuberculosis of the lungs.

The contributory cause of death was None.

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...my general instructions.

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express
your carefully considered views as follows: No.

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W.L. Tyrer - MD.
W.L. Tyrer

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STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT
THE DEPARTMENT

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 Y&R
Imelda Edwards.

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

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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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Chairman—Indian Agent.

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

Michel Sutherland, Pupil No. *119*
of *Selkirk Indian Residential School Lac. Ste. Therese, Alberta*
who died *in the vicinity of Fort Selkirk* (place) on *at about April 19, 1941*

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury?.....
2. At what time of day?.....
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?.....
4. What means were taken to afford relief?.....
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?.....
6. When was the doctor called?.....
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?
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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Paul Langlois O.M.S.
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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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 Sutherland

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.

Joseph A. Ford

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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

Michel Matras, Pupil No. 125 of Albany Roman Catholic Indian Residential School at St. Louis, Albany who died in the vicinity of Fort Albany (place) on or about April 17, 1941

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil ~~fall sick or suffer injury~~? *Infant April 18, 1941*
2. At what time of day? *during the night*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *Infant*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *see attached sheet*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?
6. When was the doctor called?
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?
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.

Paul Langlois O.M.
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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STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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 Martinez
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.

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Joseph J. Ford
Chairman—Indian Agent.

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

John Keedi, Pupil No. *97*
of the *Red Deer* Indian Residential School at *Red Deer, Alberta*
who died at *the vicinity of Red Deer* (place) on *or about April 1910*

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury?.....
2. At what time of day?.....
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?.....
4. What means were taken to afford relief?.....
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?.....
6. When was the doctor called?.....
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?.....
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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Paul Langlois O.M.
Principal

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STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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 Kishi

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.

Chas. Parfitt

Chairman—Indian Agent.

J. M. S. G.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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

Jennie Kostachin, Pupil No. *0187*
of the *Albany* Indian Residential School at *Albany*,
who died at *Albany* (place) on *25th May 1942*

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *22nd February*
2. At what time of day? *in the forenoon*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *When the sister in charge of the girls noticed she was sick*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *she sent her to the nurse in the hospital*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *alternately quinine 2 gr. and dovers 5 gr. three times a day and cod liver oil.*
6. When was the doctor called?
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *22nd February*
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.

She had a very bad whooping cough and also a beginning of pleurisy. With this the lungs were very weak though there was not yet active tuberculosis.

Paul Langlois O.M.J.
Principal

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**B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL**

I attended from

to The immediate cause of death was

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

The contributory cause of death was

Whooping cough, measles

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?

Did they follow out your professional instructions?

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

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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

Jennie Koochie

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.

Handwritten signature of the Chairman

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Matthew Amasakishit, Pupil No. 189 of the Albany Indian Residential School at Albany, who died at Albany (place) on May 18 1942.

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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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? *March 1942*
2. At what time of day? *Afternoon*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *When the
sister in charge of boys found him sick she*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *put him to the nurse in hospital*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Alternately
quinine gr. 5 - 3 times daily, cod liver oil - 3 times daily
iron tonic. Col liver oil white pine Syrup Co.*
6. When was the doctor called?
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *March 1942*
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.

*He began with whooping cough &
soon tuberculosis was active. Later he
got measles & did not last long after
that*

Fr. Paul Langlois, m.c.
By Principal

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**B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL**

I attended from

to The immediate cause of death was

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

The contributory cause of death was

*Smoking
Whooping Cough*

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?.....

Did they follow out your professional instructions?.....

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

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STATEMENT 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.....

Mathew Kamauna Tahid

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.

Wesley J. Gold

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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

Simon Schaeffer, Pupil No. *122*
of the *Albany* Indian Residential School at *Albany*,
who died at *Albany* (place) on *May 13* 19*22*

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

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? *March 21/54*
2. At what time of day? *Forenoon*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *Sister in charge of boys stated he was sick & sent*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *him to the nurse in the hospital*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Ultimately*
quinine 2 grains 3 times a day & Sarsaparilla 2 grains 3 times a day. Cod liver oil. Iron tonic. Co. White pine syrup
6. When was the doctor called?
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *March 21/54*
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.

He stated to have whooping cough & soon tuberculosis was active; he had very weak lungs. Later he got measles and he did not last long after that.

J. Paul Langlois, m.c.
By *J. Paul Langlois, m.c.* 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..... from.....

to..... The immediate cause of death was.....

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

The contributory cause of death was.....

Heart, Whooping Cough

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?.....

Did they follow out your professional instructions?.....

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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

Simon Schupfman

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.

Joseph ...
Chairman—Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, September 5, 1936.

Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of the memorandum into the cause and circumstances of the death of Inelda Edwards, pupil No. 0110 of the Albany Residential School.

Yours truly,

J. D. Sutherland
J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

Dr. W. L. Tyrer,
Indian Agent,
Mass Factory,
Via Massena, Ont.

[Handwritten initials]

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Ottawa, July 17, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing report of your Moose Fort Detachment in connection with three boys who ran away from the Albany Roman Catholic Indian Residential School on April 18 and 19, last, and to date have not been found.

This is a very regrettable occurrence and the matter is being taken up immediately with the church authorities.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, July 17, 1941.

Dear Bishop Belleau:

I am very much worried over a report that has just been received from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It appears that three pupils truanted from the Albany Indian Residential School last April and are presumably drowned.

The R. C. M. Police consider they should have been notified sooner, but it is doubtful if they could have done much in the matter at that time, in view of weather conditions. However, the Department should have been notified immediately. Any unusual event at a school, especially when the results are fatal, should be immediately brought to the Department's attention.

While I realize that there are difficulties that would be encountered, at the same time it is felt that a more determined effort should have been made by the Principal and staff to locate these boys. This whole happening is likely to have a very disturbing effect on the Indians and will naturally react on the school. I feel it advisable to recommend to you that very strict instructions be issued to the Principals of the residential schools in your diocese, to the effect that when any pupil truant from the school immediate and effective efforts should be made to locate the pupil.

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Right Rev. H. Belleau, O.M.I.,
Eggar Apostolic of James Bay,
Evevesee, Ont.

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Lake Ste-Anne June 14th.1941

Report on the death of three boys of our Lake Ste-Anne School, at Albany, James Bay.

Names: John Kioki, 14 years old, from Attawapiskat.
Michel Sutherland, 13 year old, from Neenisk
Michel Matinas, 11 years old, from Attawapiskat.

Statement on each child:

John Kioki:- He had been accepted, last year, only after he had promised to be quiet, obedient and respectful. He had already been three years in the school and had not given much satisfaction to the members of the staff. He was hard to control.

Michel Sutherland:- He was in his second year at school. We have to complain about him.

Michel Matinas:- He was in his first year at school and we had nothing to complain about him too.

The fact:-

In the night from Friday, 18th of April, to Saturday 19th, the boys escaped from the dormitory, early in the night, and went away; and we are without news from them ever since.

What was done to find them:

In the morning, when we noticed those children had escaped, we thought they had been going into the bush around here; so we waited till the middle of the afternoon, hoping they would be back in the evening; because when some do get away in daytime, they come back at least in the evening.

Also, we have built two camps, where the children go for picnics in the winter time. So we sent an Indian to visit those camps and walk in the bush around here; the Brothers also walked in different directions, but they did not find them.

Nearly all the Indians were away for hunting. On Sunday, they were reported to have been seen at a small distance from here; so the Indian went, but found only tracks that he followed till dark, and then he quit. Those tracks were leading to the Post (Hudson's Bay) Co.

On Monday morning, our team got back from Moosonee; the trip had been bad; so we let the dogs rest that day.

During that time, we inquired among the children and the result, as this:

John Kioki was the chief of the band. He gave for reason of his escape that he wanted to go back to Attawapiskat to see his mother. He had asked his younger brother and many other boys to go away with him; they all refused, and his younger brother answered him "I will not go out; we are well treated here and I like to be at school." At last he found two with whom he went out.

They had very little food to go away with. We used to give the children slices of bread every day between meals, in the fore-noon and in the after-noon. So a few days before they left, they started to hide those slices of bread they were given. John Kioki had also his bow and arrows, and he was reported by his brother to have said: "I do not mind, I care to take much grub; I have my arrows and I will kill birds on the way."

We did not notice that they had stolen anything like axe or food before they left. On Tuesday morning, I sent to the mouth of North River, a Father with an Indian and the dogs; but they did not find them and came back just in time in the after-noon; if they had turned back two hours later, they would have been caught by the break-up which took place that same after-noon. After that, we could not do anything to find these children.

When the Indians were back after the break-up of the ice, one reported he had seen a small wigwam and arrows on the south shore of Chickney River, about twenty miles from here. We sent five men to look for the bodies, but they did not find any.

So the children might have tried to cross the river on the thin ice; they broke through and the current carried them out into the Bay.

The parents have notified.

Paul Langlois O.M.I., Principal

*Paul Langlois O.M.I.
Principal*



LES MISSIONNAIRES OBLATS DE MARIE IMMACULÉE

MOOSONEE, ONT.....

of the Albany Residential School has thorough experience of life conditions in James Bay District and is conscientious in the discharge of his duty as a Missionary and Educator. He has devoted twelve years of his life to the welfare of the Indians and has not spared himself in his task.

As soon as the boys had gone, contact was made with the Attawapiskat Mission by wireless, and the Father in charge of the latter notified the father of the leader of the truants. This Indian immediately set off for Albany. The break-up of the ice is later at Attawapiskat than at Albany. As no further news were heard from this man, it was believed that he might have already found the three boys. An accident had happened to him and he had given up the search. It had then become utterly impossible to continue looking for the truants, because of the break-up of the ice on the Albany River; in fact, only three full days elapsed between the departure of the boys and the breaking of the ice. Conditions of broken ice, jammed and moving at times make travelling impossible on or across any river. This and only this was the real cause of the loss of the three boys.

On arriving at Albany and learning with all evidence that ~~XX~~ hope was no more, Charlie Kioki and his wife, parents of the leader of the truants showed not the least attitude of reproach toward the Father Principal. Not a word was uttered by them against the Staff of the School, but they burst into tears and with great spirit of faith, loudly spoke to God words of deep resignation. The opposite might have been expected from them at the time. You will please find enclosed a translation of the letter they sent to the Father in charge at Attawapiskat. A similar letter was sent to the Principal of the School.

The desertion of the truants had not even a shadow of reason and they had received no punishment to cause them discontent. Moreover, the time of their departure (three days only before the breaking of the ice) made the members of the Staff easily believe the the boys had not gone any distance, and consequently, to search within a radius of a few miles, the first and second day.

I frankly confess that I cannot understand how any accusation of negligence could be substantiated against the Father Principal of the School.

I thank you very sincerely for the interest you take in the welfare of the Indians, concerning their education; Thank you also for the advice you have given in your letter concerning situations and occurrences like those of last April.

Yours very truly in Christ,

+ Henri Belleau O.M.I.

Bishop Henri Belleau O.M.I.
Vicar Apostolic of James Bay

P.S. Rev. Father Bilodeau tells me he has mislaid the letter he received from Charlie Kioki's wife. When he finds it, you will receive a copy translation of it. + H. B. O.M.I.

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Ottawa, August 11, 1941.

~~Dear Bishop Belleau:~~

I have Your Lordship's letter of the 26th ultimo, submitting a report with reference to the three pupils from the Albany Residential School who truanted last April and were, presumably, drowned. I appreciate the very complete information that you have supplied in regard to this very regrettable matter.

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Right Rev. H. Belleau, O.M.I.,
Vicar Apostolic of James Bay,
Moosonee, Ont.

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(without date of the month)

Translation of a letter written by Charlie Kioki's wife to Reverend Father Arthur Bilodeau O.M.I., Missionary at Attawapiskat, James Bay. This letter introduces another letter written by the same Indian woman to Albert Matinas, father of one of the boys lost and given up as dead as a consequence of deserting the Albany Residential School, April, 1941.

" Father,

Read this letter of mine (written) for Albert Matinas, ~~that~~ whom I want to console so that he may not cast a judgment on what has happened to him; and also that you may know in what manner I take unto myself. (what has happened)"

"If you think I do not say well, tell Marie - Thérèse. If you think it is well, give it to Marie-Thérèse so that she give it to Albert Matinas."

Agnes Kioki.

Translation of the letter written by the same to Albert Matinas.

" Letter of consolation: "

" My friends whom I love and with whom I share suffering, I wish to console you although I suffer from anguish myself; but wishing to show you that I love you, being at heart (i.e. feeling as you feel) exactly as you are, I beseech you to accept as I do, this suffering, I wishing to accept it with meekness for the sake of God. For God Himself is the one who will judge us. With patience let us accept our suffering to please Him and to please our children (the three dead boys) who see us and who see ~~My~~ God. Let us hope that the bodies may rise again, just as we lost them, and let us be consoled by the fact that the body dies only once in this world (on earth). Let us do as God wants us to do, in order to redeem those who are the worst sinners and to redeem ourselves, and to not lose these our children in the next life. If we try to please God in this suffering which He gives us, the heaviest, which He has chosen for us, let us thank Him feeling how much He loves us; and let us listen one to the other with pity ~~with~~ we who suffer this suffering for the first time."

" My friends, that is how I accept this suffering given us by God. I cannot go to see you. There is only one road, I think, the one which leads to the church: that is the only way that I am able to walk."

From this happening I do not wish that rash judgment arise so that (in turn) we be rashly judged. Always, as much as we could, we minded our children well. But to them it happened just as God willed (thought). I don't wish that judgment arise from this about my child who is already without life, but I only wish that search be well made for the bodies that they may be buried, if they are now lying in the wilderness. Not that anger arise; I suffer more when I hear that this was taken with resistance (without resignation). I listened patiently when I heard tell about the event at Lake Ste-Anne (Site of the Albany School). One thing only did I detest very much. It was that the Protestant chief wanted to accuse the Father in charge (of the School). When I heard this, I went to tell ~~the~~ our Father all that I thought and he was glad to hear it. Above all, I am sorry for you whom I love and who are religious people (the writer here seems to address the missionaries) and who are about to be judged, it being without reason that you be judged, as it is without reason that God be judged. He who is God Himself seems to suffer rebellion in such a case."

"Do not think that I alone or both Charlie (her husband) and I will join in this if it is done (that any judgment be passed on the Missionaries). I will not give myself up to rebel against God who loves me."

"I cannot speak long, but I have written this letter wishing to state well what I think."

(This letter is from Agnes, wife of Charlie Kioki, of Attawapiskat.)

Certified correct translation of Henri Bilodeau

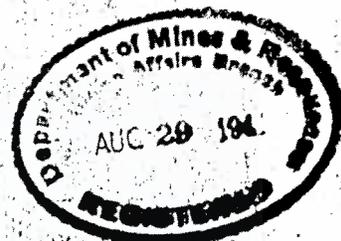
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L.J.C. et M.I.

Les Missionnaires Oblats de Marie Immaculée
Attawapiskat
Via Moosonee, Ont. August 2nd, 1941.

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Mr. Philip Phelan
Chief, Training Division
Indian Affairs Branch
Department of Mines and Resources
Ottawa.



Dear Mr. Phelan:

Please find enclosed translation of a letter written by the mother of one of the boys who deserted the Albany Residential School and was lost. The letter was sent to Reverend Father Bilodeau O.M.I. at Attawapiskat in order that he should have it handed over to the father of another of the three dead boys.

I mentioned this letter when I last wrote to you about the case. Reverend Father Bilodeau had mislaid it at the moment of the departure of the schooner taking the mail.

I trust that this may throw some light upon the subject, and that it will help forming an objective opinion on the fashion in which most Catholic Indians have accepted the unhappy event.

With best regards,

I remain

Yours very truly,

+ Henri Bilodeau O.M.I.

Vicar Apostolic of James Bay.

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44-2-10

Ottawa,
January 19, 1942.

Dear Sir:

The Department has just received the September quarter return of the Albany Indian Residential School. It is difficult to understand why there should be such a delay in forwarding the return.

The names of Antoine Kamanatishishth, No. 152, and Lebedie Okitiks, No. 0149, were shown on the March quarter return but are not shown on the June return, although no application has been received for their discharge. Please advise regarding these pupils.

In letter dated July 14, 1941, from the H.C.M.P., the Department was informed that John Kleki, No. 97, Michel Sutherland, No. 112, and Michel Matinas, No. 125, had been drowned. No official notification to this effect has been received from the school.

The names of the pupils numbered as follows were shown on the June quarter return but do not appear on the September return, although no application has been received for their discharge:

No. 103	No. 126	No. 0150	No. 0165
" 111	" 127	" 0159	" 0166
" 112	" 128	" 0152	" 0167
" 114	" 123	" 0155	" 0168
" 115	" 124	" 0157	" 0170
" 116	" 125	" 0159	" 0175
" 120	" 078	" 0160	" 0180
" 121	" 0108	" 0161	

Dr. T.J. Orford,
Indian Agent,
Moose Factory, Ont.

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Please advise regarding these pupils.

The names of the pupils numbered as follows are shown on the September quarter return but were not shown on the June quarter return:

No. 066	No. 0187
" 070	" 0189
" 074	" 0186
	" 0188

The above-mentioned pupils must have been re-admitted although no authority was given for their re-admission.

Please forward the usual application forms and certificates of health for the new pupils numbered as follows:

No. 137	No. 0184
" 138	" 0185
" 139	" 0186
" 140	" 0187
" 141	" 0188
" 142	" 0189
" 0181	" 0190
" 0182	" 0191
" 0183	" 0192

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Yours truly,

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

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Director

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

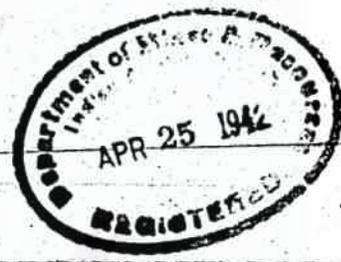
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"G" Division

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Ottawa. Apl. 23rd. 1942

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H. Q. FILE No. _____



The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Re: Indian Boys John Kioki, Michael
SUTHERLAND and Michael MATINAS -
R.C. Mission School, Fort Albany, Ont.
Accidental deaths.

1. By direction of the Commissioner of the R.C.M. Police, I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th. inst., concerning the inquiry which is to be held into the deaths of the three Indian boys named above.
2. I wish to advise you that Corporal W.G. Kerr of our Moose Factory, Ontario, will be available to act a a member of the Board of Inquiry, and I will instruct him to place himself at the disposal of the Indian Agent at Moose Factory in this regard.

Yours truly,

D. J. Martin Insp.
Commanding "G" Division.

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I wish you to go very thoroughly into this matter and explore all circumstances connected with it. I should think it advisable to bring the fathers of these boys to give evidence before the board.

You will understand that I shall leave of course to you the decision as to the time and place of holding this inquiry but suggest that the time of your treaty trip in June would be a suitable one. It may be necessary to make arrangements to have witnesses come from Attawapiskat. In any event it is necessary that all the information available should be obtained and forwarded in a full report.

Should you desire copies of our file correspondence relating to this matter these will be sent at your request.

Yours very truly,

A. W. W. W.

Director.

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Ottawa,
May 5, 1942.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

Re: Indian boys John Kieki, Michael Sutherland and Michael Matinas -- R.C. Mission School, Fort Albany, Ontario. Accidental deaths.

With reference to our recent interview, I submit the following information in connection with the above:

1. Three boys trampled from the Albany Mission Residential School early in April, 1941. As the spring breakup on the river occurred shortly after they left the school, it is presumed that their bodies were carried into Hudson Bay;
2. The R.C.M.P. investigated the matter in June, 1941, and submitted a report;
3. His Excellency Bishop Bellan forwarded a letter on July 26 outlining the efforts made by the school management to locate the boys;
4. I have directed the Indian Agent, Dr. F.J. Orford, to hold a court of inquiry at the time of the treaty trip in June, 1942.

[Handwritten Signature]

Director.

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CANADA

Inquiry into the deaths of -

Jehn Kieki
Michel Matinas
Michel Sutherland.

Held at Lac Ste. Anne - Albany - James Bay, on June 22nd,
1942.

Statement of Albert Matinas - Father of Michel Matinas

I do not understand why my boy and the others ran away from school and I feel satisfied that my son would not have done so on his own initiative. Of course I understand that if the reason had been known Father would have cleared it up and the boys would not have gone away.

Some people have been telling me that more could have been done to find the boys but I feel satisfied that everything was done that could be under the circumstances, although I heard that there were Indians here at the time who would not search. Some of the people say that they were not told about the boys being missed from school, but I know that Father Langlois who was ill in bed at the time had directed that a search be made.

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CANADA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division "Q" Sub-Division - Detachment Moose Factory
 Province ONTARIO. Date June 27th., 1941.

File References Re: John KIOKI, Attawapiskat, Ont., Michel SUTHERLAND, Weemusk, Ont., Michel MATINAS, Attawapiskat, Ont. - Missing from R.C.Mission Indian School, Fort Albany, Ont.

Headquarters 10-6-41.
 Sub-Division 1. Upon arrival at Fort Albany on the above date whilst accompanying the Indian Agent, Dr. T.J.Orford, on the annual treaty trip, it was learned that the three captionally noted Indian children had run away from the R.C.Mission school at Lake St. Ann around breakup time in April and that nothing had been learned of them since.

Detachment 11-6-41
 MF 177. 2. Whilst at the R.C.Mission on this date the principal of the school the Rev. Paul LANGLOIS was interviewed regarding the missing children and the following statement was supplied by Father Langlois:

P. C. R. Lake St. Ann, June 14th., 1941.
 1st. Report on the death of three boys of our Lake St. Ann school at Albany, James Bay.
 Names:
 John Kioki, 14 years old, from Attawapiskat.
 Michel Sutherland, 13 years old, from Weemusk.
 Michel Matinas, 11 years old, from Attawapiskat.
 Statement on each child:
John Kioki: he had been accepted last year, only after he had promised to be quiet, obedient and respectful. He had already been three years in school and had not given much satisfaction to the members of the staff. He was hard to control.
Michel Sutherland: he was in his second year at school; we have nothing to complain about him.
Michel Matinas: he was in his first year at school and we have nothing to complain about him.
 The fact: In the night, from Friday 15th. of April to Saturday 19th. the boys escaped from the dormitory early in the night and went away and we are without news from them since.
 What was done to find them:
 In the morning, when we noticed these children had escaped, we thought they had been going into the bush around here; so we waited till the middle of the afternoon, hoping they would be back in the evening; because when some do get away in day time, they come back atleast in the evening.
 Also, we have built two camps, where the children go for picnics in the winter time. So we sent an Indian to visit those camps and walk in the bush around here; the brothers also walked in different directions, but they did not find them.
 Nearly all the Indians were away for hunting. On Sunday, they were reported to have been seen at a small distance from camp as the Indians were but found

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Re: John KIOKI, Attawapiskat, Ont., Michel SUTHERLAND,
Weemusk, Ont., Michel MATINAS, Attawapiskat, Ont. -
Missing from R.C.Mission Indian School, Fort Albany, Ont.

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(Statement of Father Paul Langlois)

WENT BUT FOUND only tracks, that he followed till dark and then he quit. These tracks were leading to the Post.

On Monday morning, our team got back from Moosonee; the trip had been bad; so we let the dogs rest that day. During that time, we inquired among the children and the result was this;

John KIOKI was chief of the Band. He gave for reason of his escape, that he wanted to go back to Attawapiskat to see his mother. He asked his younger brother and many other boys to go away with him; and his younger brother answered him; "I will not go out; we are well treated here and I like to be at school". At least he found two with whom he went out.

They had very little food to go away with. We use to give the children slices of bread every day between meals, in the forenoon and in the afternoon. So a few days before they left, they started to hide those slices of bread they were given. John Kioiki had also his arc and ten arrows, and he was reported by his brother to have said: "I do not mind to take much grub; I have my arrows and I will kill birds on the way". We did not notice that they had stolen anything like axe or food before they left.

On Tuesday morning, I sent to the mouth of the North River a Father with an Indian and the dogs; but they did not find them and came back just in time, in the after noon; if they had turned back two hours later, they would have been caught by break up, which took place that afternoon. Afetr that we could not do anything more to find those children.

When the Indians were back after the break up of the ice, one reported he had seen a small wigwam and arrows on the south shore of Chickney River, about 20 miles from here. We sent five men to look for the bodies, but they did not find them.

So the children might have tried to cross the river on the thin ice they broke through and the current carried them out into the Bay.

The parents have been notified.

Witness: Cst. G.E. Dexter.

Sgd: Paul Langlois, O.M.I.
Principal.

ENDS.

3. Father Langlois was asked wthier the boys had been disciplined for any reason before the ran away but he said that they had not. He was also asked why the matter had not been reported to the police and why more prompt action had not been taken to look for them. He stated that it often happens that a boy will run away for the day but will return at night at meal time or when it gets dark. They had expected that the boys would return in this instance. It is also unfortunate that the boys deiced to run away just before break up time when travelling on the ice is so uncertain; however, it was learned that Indians were travelling for a week after the boys left school. Father Langlois said that he had reported the matter to the Mission at Moosonee but evidently it did not occur to them to notify the police.

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4. Whilst at Attawapiskat on the above date the Fathers of John KIOKI and Michel MATINAS complained to the

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Weemusk, Ont., Michel MATINAS, Attawapiskat, Ont. -
Missing from R.C. Mission Indian School, Fort Albany, Ont.

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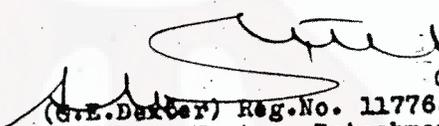
COMPLAINED TO THE Indian Agent and the writer regarding the boys being lost, stating that they believed that the boys had been mistreated and that they had not been notified until it was too late for them to go and look for them. The Father of John KIOKI had started out to look for them when he had been notified but shot his finger off accidentally in the tent the first night out. They also said that they had heard from the children that they were not fed well and that their letters were censored and if anything undesirable to the Mission was included in a letter it was torn up by those in charge. Albert MATINAS, father of Michel, said that he had learned from the children that they were told by the priests at the Mission not to speak of anything that they had seen whilst attending school during the winter. Albert MATINAS had another child die at the school.

5. An endeavour was made by the Indian Agent and the writer to explain to these Indians that it was often necessary to discipline children at school and that it was difficult to believe a child regarding treatment received in school as they naturally find it hard to get accustomed to school life and necessary regulations there. This endeavour was not very well accepted and both Fathers said that they would not send anymore of their children to school.

6. There is no doubt that the children have perished, either by starvation or by drowning. The Chiefs of the Indian bands at Albany, Attawapiskat, and Moose Factory have been asked to have all the Indians on the lookout for the bodies whilst travelling along the coast and in the bush.

7. The whole affair is very regrettable and the parents indignation regarding the loss of their children is readily understandable; however, there does not seem to be anything further that can be done at this late date. In view of this the file is being considered closed.

CONCLUDED.
NO EXPENSE INCURRED.


Cst.
(G.E. Darter) Reg.No. 11776.
I/C Moose Factory Detachment.

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SUTHERLAND, Weenusk, Michel MATINAS,
Attawapiskat, Ontario - Missing from
R.C.Mission School, Fort Albany, Ont.

THE COMMISSIONER:

- FORWARDED for your information.
1. This report will undoubtedly be of both interest and concern to the Indian Affairs Branch. While the three Indian children departed from the R.C.Mission School at Lake St. Ann, during the night of April 18th/19th last, the matter had not been reported to Moose Factory Detachment, or the Indian Agent, although Father Langlois claims to have notified the R.C.Mission at Moosonee.
 2. The boys had not been disciplined, according to Father Langlois, and it was hoped they would have returned at meal time, or at least when darkness prevailed.
 3. The fathers of Michel Matinas and John Kioki made complaints to the Indian Agent, and Cst. Dexter, to the effect the boys had been mistreated, were not fed well, and that their mail had been censored. An endeavour was made to make these Indians realize certain adjustments to a child's life was necessary, when in school, but they could not be convinced, and maintained they would not send any more of their children to school.
 4. No doubt the missing children have been drowned, or have died from starvation, and the Chiefs of the Indian Bands at Albany, Attawapiskat and Moose Factory have been requested to have all Indians keep a watch for the bodies.
 5. This is a very unfortunate and tragic incident, and in view of the attitude displayed by Albert Matinas, and the father of John Kioki, who will probably give the matter some circulation among other Indians, it may be other parents of Indian children will be loath to send their children for the purpose of receiving education at the R.C.Mission herein.
 6. There appears to be nothing further that can be done by this Force in the circumstances, and the file is therefore considered closed.

HANDED TO DEPARTMENT CONCERNED.

CONCLUDED.

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(V.A.M. Kemp) Supt.,
Comdg. "O" Div.,

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ADDRESSED—

COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. 41 D 1074-25.

OTTAWA, July 14, 1941.
CANADA



[Handwritten signature]
Sir,-

Re: John KIOKI, Michel SUTHERLAND
and Michel MATINAS, (Truancy),
Fort Albany, Ontario.

Enclosed herewith, for your information,
is copy of Moose Factory Detachment report, dated 27th
ultimo, in connection with the above named boys who
you will note ran away from the Roman Catholic Mission
School at Lake St. Ann, during the night of April
18th-19th last, and to date have not been found.

2. There is little doubt but that these
boys have been drowned or perished from starvation
and there is nothing further that can be done at
this late date. It is very regrettable that the
officials of the school did not report this matter
to our Detachment at the time.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature]
K. Duncan, Supt.,
Asst. Director, Criminal Investigation.

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
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Attawapiskat. June 30th 1942.

Department of Indian Affairs.

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8	"	Sugar	1.60	
6	Can	Milk	1.50	
2	Lb	Tea	2.20	
1	"	Baking Powder	.40	
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