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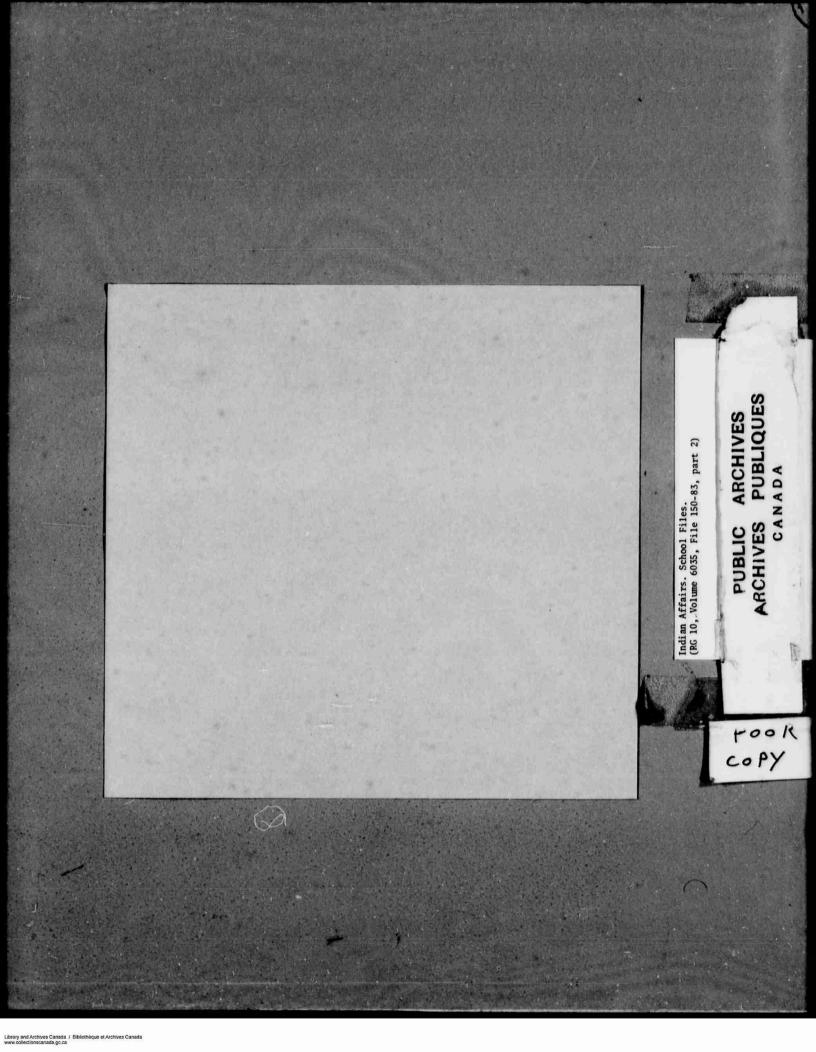
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No. 151-20-1 Department of Indian Affairs Babine Meanskinisht School Extract : -

Inspector's Report on the Meanskinisht Indian School.

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GENERAL REMARKS.

The Indians requested me to attend a Council, where I heard their speeches. They desire the Government to aid them with their day School. The Indians say that they will build a good new School-house themselves, if the Department will assist them with a teacher.

I would respectfully recommend that the usual grant given to Day Schools, be granted to assist this School.

This village has a Bye-law requiring all

children of school age to attend School.

A. R. Green.

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Meanskinisht, B.C.

Upper Skeena,

Oct 29th/06.

Indian Agent

R.E. Loring, Esq.

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Dear Sir:
Ever since we settled here some eighteen years ago we have bessied on school for the children of the Indian ettlers.

The parents of these children first passed a Village Rule binding themselves and any who might join this village to send their children regularly to school.

Then they built and equipped a school house. daughters in succession taught this school with assistance at times from myself and one or other of my sons.

Two of my daughter s are now married and the other two absent from home, so, that the question of carrying on school has become a diffriculty and I would wish with your sanction to apply to the Indian Department for a grant towards the salary of a teacher to be supplimented by a fund to be raised by the parents to enable us to obtain the services of a competent teacher, as we wish to introduce a higher grade of teaching than has hitherto been possible.

We have twenty two children of school age belonging to this village at present. A few days before school would have closed for the summer holidays the school house was burned down. This year we will have to 3868 use rented quarters but before next Autumn, ridase God, we have to have a good and suitable school house erected.

If the Department will kindly give us a grant towards the salary of a teacher we expect, and are prepared to carry on the school in accordance with their requirements.

Will you kindly bring this petition before the heads of the Department,

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Yours Sincerely,

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Ottawa, June 33, 1907.

Sir,-

I have to inform you that the sum of \$300.00 has been voted in the supplementary estimates for the payment of a teacher's salary for the day school which has been carried on on the Meanskinisht reserve.

In a nemoranhum from Mr. Inspector Green on this school he states that the Indians will build a new school-house, if the Department will assist them with a teacher. It trusts that the Indians will carry out their promise when a teacher's salary is available.

Your obedient Servant,

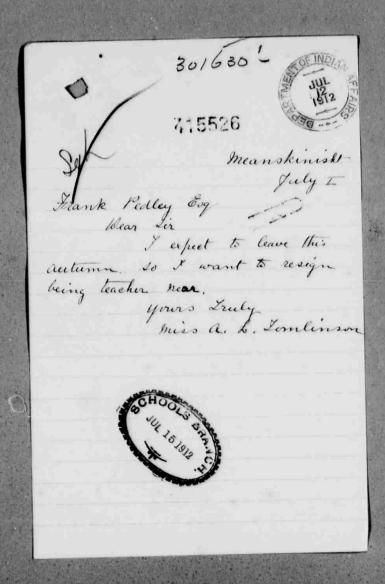
Secretary.

A. W. Vowell, Esq.,

Indian Superintendent,

Victoria, B.C.

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Ottawa, July 15, 1912.

Madam,-

I have to adknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant resigning your position as teacher of the Meanskinisht School.

In reply I beg to say that this resignation is accepted, but it must date from the 30th of June as an endeavour will be made to obtain a new teacher to open the school on the 1st of September.

Your obedient servant,

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Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Miss L. L. Tomlinson,
Teacher,
Meanskinisht, B.C.

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Ottawa, July 15, 1912.

81 r, -

The Department has received and accepted the resignation of Miss A. L. Tomlinson, teacher of the Mean-skinisht School.

I have to ask you to be good enough to confer with the Church authorities with a view to securging a competent successor to Miss Tomlinson.

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Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

R. E. Loring, Esq., Indian Agent, Hazelton, B.C. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Meanskinisht Skeena River, B.C., July 31st. 1912.

Secretary Department of Indian Affairs,

Dear Sir :-

417388

On reaching this place I learned that my daughter. Miss A L Tomlinson, had resigned her position as teacher of the indian school here; and that so far no-one had been appointed in her place.

As I have returned here for the express purpose of helping to advance these indians I am willing, with your kind permission, to hold myself responsible to you for the teaching and conducting of this school according to the regulations of your Department.

Kindly let me know if this is acceptable to you and you will oblige

Yours truly



Robert Tombuson G. B.a.

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Ottawa, August 13, 1912.

81r,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo in reference to your appointment as teacher of the Meanskinisht School to succeed your daughter who recently resigned.

In reply I beg to say that the nomination of a teacher for this school has been placed in the hands of his Lordship Bishop Duvernet and you should at once correspond with him. The Department would not like to approve your appointment in case that his Lordship may have made atter arrangements.

and and

Your obedient servant,

SEPTEMBER OF

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Robert Tomlinson, Esq., B.A., Meanskinisht, Skeena River, B.C. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Your obedient servant

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Robert Tomlinson, Esq. B.A.

Meanskinisht. Skeena River, B.C.

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Prince Rupert, B.C. Aug. 29, 1912



Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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Sir,

The Rev. Robert Temlinson, who has lately returned to Meanskinisht to resume his work there, has sent me the attached copy of your letter of August 13th. bearing upon the meminetion of teacher.

While I still regard Rev. Robert Temlinson as a clergyman of the Church of England, and hold him in high esteem, yet as some years ago he withdrew from the Church Missionary Society and founded the village of Meanskinisht on land purchased by him without looking to our Church for financial support I make no claim to have the oversight of his Mission as I have over our other Missions financed by the Shurch Missionary Society.

While thanking the Department for referring so kindly to me I have no wish to interfere with the original arrangement made by Rev. Robert Tomlinson with the Department some years ago.

Yours faithfully,



F. H. Da Vernet Bishop of Caledon

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Ottawa, September 12, 1912.

Rev. 81r,-

In further reference to your letter of July 31st, last, I beg to say that the Department approves of your taking charge of the Meanskinisht School. I may say, however, that if the grant to this school is to be continued the Department will expect better results in so far as the attendance is concerned. You will be good enough to bear this in mind as it is considered that the amount of the grant is greater than is warranted by the average attendance. No action, however, will be taken until further opportunity is given to improve conditions.

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Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. Robert Tomlinson, Meanskinisht, Skeena River, B.C. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Ottawa, September 12 ., 1912. Right Reverend Sir, -I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of

Your Lordship's communication of the 29th ultimo and to thank you for the infor mation contained therein as to the relationship between Rev. Robert Tomlinson and Your Lordship as head of the diocese of Caledonia.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

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Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Right Rev. F. H. Duvernet, Bishop of Caledonia, Prince Rupert, B.C.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Babine Agency,

Haselton, B.C., January 21st

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

430046

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from Revd. Robert Temlinson, dated Meanskinisht the 17th instant, in which he brings to the Department's notice means whereupon he believes to bring about improved conditions regarding the Indian Day School there correlative with employment of the elder of its pupils, in order, to obviate their absenting themselves, and, at the same time, rendering them useful, and becoming instructed, on a general plan.

In regard thereto, I beg to state that if the Department would concede to this mode of handling the elder of the scholars, the results, no doubt, would preve beneficent for that locality, but not recommendable to the other localities on the Skeena, where the pupils, in that respect, are less under the immediate control of their Teachers, where the parts for tilling the soil, to any appreciable extent, are not confined to the exact locality of the schools.

I have the honour to be. Sir.

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA, Ont.

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Meanskinisht Skeena River B. C. January 17th. 1913.

The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

430046

Sir:-

Will you kindly permit me to bring under your notice, and ask your approval of, a plan which I would like to adopt at this Mission.

My reason for bringing forward this matter at the present time is the lax attendance of so many of the scholars, especially the growing boys, at the indian day schools amongst these Indians. This is so marked, more especially in the Autumn and Spring that any bona fide effore to keep these children at school may well arrest the attention of the Department. Any plan proposed must partake of the nature of an experiment, but if solid reasons can be given for the likelihood of its succeeding, surely it is worth while to give it a chance. An experience of over forty years among the indians on the Naas and Skeena rivers shews me that while they have advanced much in many ways in some thins they are essentially different from the whites. These differences are most marked in those qualities which they have inherited from their fathers, and which are the result of a certain mode of 1 living for generations. Thus the nomadic character of their forefathers lives shews itself in these their descendents by a restlessness at times which seems almost irresistable. Now for them to remain shut up in school for hours while suffering from this becomes in some of

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them incollerable and consequently they stay away from school whenever they possibly can. To enact rules and regulations to restrain them at these times would, under present circumstances, prove both difficult and expensive; as it would be impossible, with the present lack of parental control, to carry out these rules unless a number of officers were appointed for the purpose: moreover compulsion, in the halftutored mind, always feels like tyrany, so that a spirit of opposition would be excited which would more than counterbalance any good done.

Another cause affecting the attendance of the growing boys is the high wages they can obtain working among the whites. This proves a strong t temptation not only to the boys but also to the parents, many of whom a can ill afford to lose this assistance.

The present is a critical time for these indians. The new transcontinental railway is opening up these valleys, and the inroad of the whites adds a further difficulty; while the opportunities and facilitie for utilizing the land, and disposing of the produce are vastly increased, and if taken advantage of by the indians will enable them to gain a nice living. If on the contrary they are permitted to drift much, if not all of the permanent benefit anticipated from the efforts of the Department for their uplifting and education will be lost. The matter is worth the very best and closest consideration of the Department so that they formulate a definite policy for dealing with them at this crisis.

Meanwhile I would like to ask for the permission and approval

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to the following plan. Something of an experiment it must be; but, as it would necessarily have to be begun on a small scale should anything unfortunately arise to hinder its being carried out no harm would be done; while should it succeed it might prove the forerunner of larger efforts which might bring untold good .. We are very favourably situated at this village for the experiment. The land around the village is rich. There is a station on the G.T.P.R. on the bank of the Skeena just opposite the village. We are only five hours run from the new city of Prince Rupert; and the climate permits the growth of most of the vegetables and fruits.

To remove some of the causes which hinder the regular attendance of some of the pupils at this Indian Day School I would propose that during the months of April, May, Junea, September, and October the older children, both boys and girls, who attend school, might be employed at outdoor work one half of each day and receive wages for their work. The work proposed is the clearing and cultivating of a portion of their own land here at their village, though just at starting it may be necessary, untily the heavy timber is removed from a suitable piece of their land to use a piece already cleared outside their land. Their time while they are engaged in this work to count the same as if they were present in the school, and the work done by them to be subject to the inspection of the the School Inspector. As regards the wages to be paid them. I am prepared to pay these; trusting to be reimbursed

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later on from the proceeds of their labours.

The advantages to the children would be- (a) A certain amount of book learning acquired in the half days in school. (b) The opportunity to work off in remunerative work the restless spirit which seizes them. (c) Thierr being retained at their own village instead of straggling off here and there away from their homes among the whites exposed to all kinds of temptation. (d) An incentive to them to start gardens of their own and to use the knowledge they have gained directly for themselves. (e) Individual interest and responsibility encouraged. (f) Enough earned to meet their needs. (g) No extra expense to the Department.

Such, in brief, is an outline of the plan proposed. That obstacles to the working of it will arise and have to be met is to be expected, especially when the still unsettled state of the Indian lands question is considered, for this seems to act as a blight on all their best interests at the present time.

It may seem like presumption on my part to bring this matter before you, but to attempt to work such a plan without the sanction and approval of the Department would lay me open to the charge of trying to draw away the children from school.

I have the honour to be Sir

Your obedient servant

Robert Tomlinson Se

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Ottawa, February 12th, 1913.

Sire

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, enclosing a communication from the Rev. Mr. Tomlineon in reference to the gardening operations at Meanskinisht, Skeena River, B.C. In reply, I beg to say, that the Department thoroughly approves having a garden conduoted at every Indian School where it is practicable, and will agree to the suggestion of the teacher, that during the months of April, May, June, September and October, the older children present night be employed in out-door work. The question of remuneration must be left with the teacher, as the Department cannot take any responsibility for this. reasonable extent in the way of tools and seeds will be given , if you will submit a list with an estimate of the cost.

It is hoped that this proposed scheme will result in a better attendance of the larger children, which is the object Mr. Tomlinson has in view.

Your obedient servant,

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Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

R. E. Louing, Begr., Indian Agent, Hazelton, B.C.

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Ottawa, May 19, 1913.

MEMORANDUM. Mr. Pedley,-

Mr. Inspector Green in his report on the Meanskinisht School states that the children are doing very well
under the charge of Mr. Tomlinson, the present teacher.
He is devoting his whole time to the uplifting of the
Indians in the village and meeting with a large measure
of success. The attendance is improving and Mr. Green
recommends that Mr. Tomlinson's salary be increased to
\$500.00 per year. He is now paid \$400.00. The school
has been in charge of the Tomlinson family for the last
four years and as t his is all he receives from all sources
I think he would be fully entitled to an increase. He is
an old man, but has excellent qualifications, being a B.A.
of Queen's Gollege, Dublin. Mr. Green says that in spite
of his age he is an excellent teacher and a very active man.

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Necessary action may be taken to increase Mr. Tomlinson's salary to \$450.00 per annum.

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Ottawa, May 23, 1913.

81r,-

I beg to inform you that, as a recognition of the services of Mr. Tomlinson, teacher of the Meanskinisht School, it has been decided to increase is his salary from \$400.00 to \$450.00 from the first of the current quart er. You will be good enough to advise Mr. Tomlinson and make future vouchers accordingly.

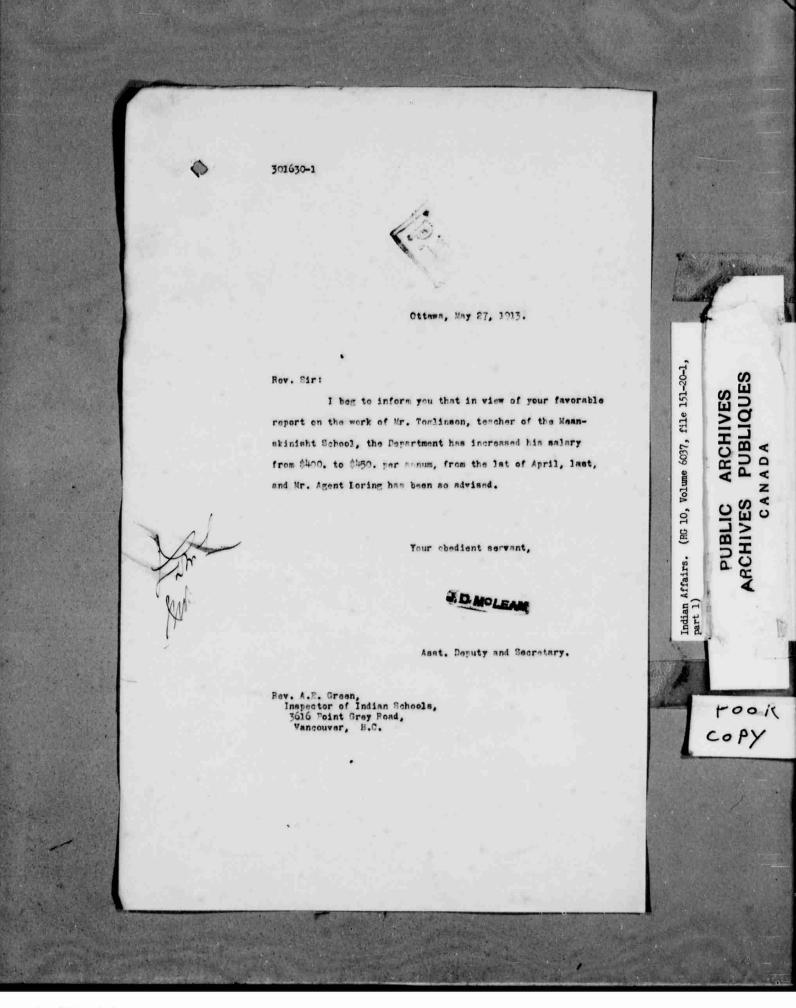
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Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R. E. Loring, Esq., Indian Agent, Hazelton, B.C.



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MTS. A. M. Tomlinger

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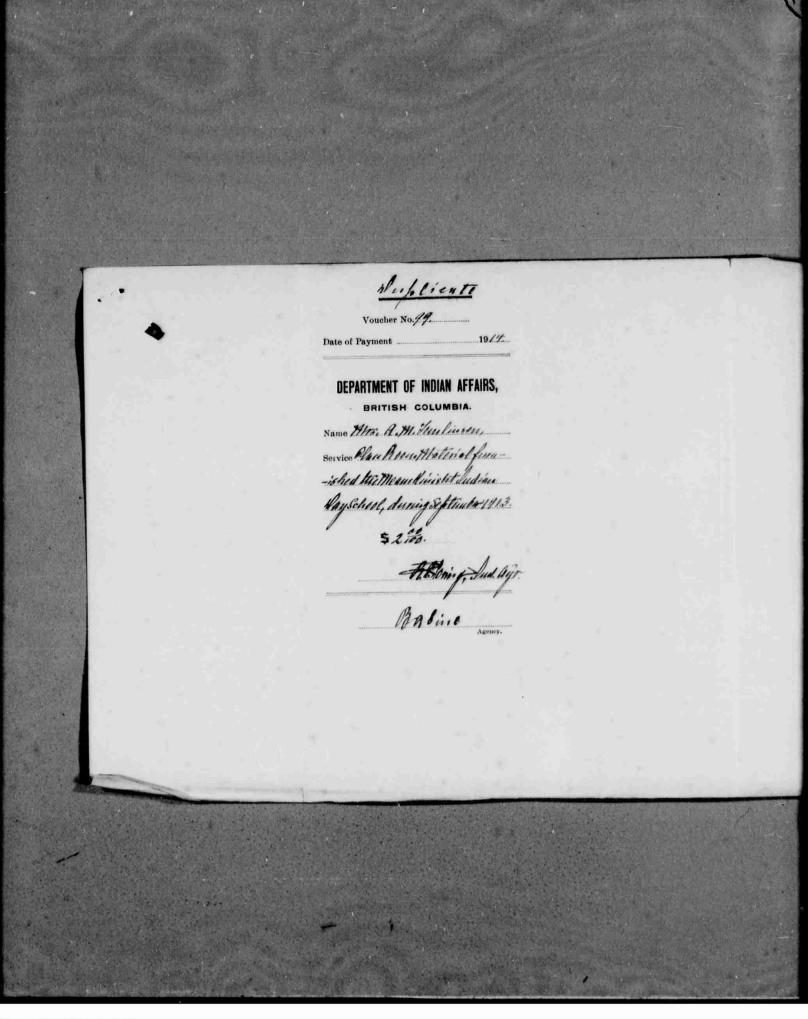
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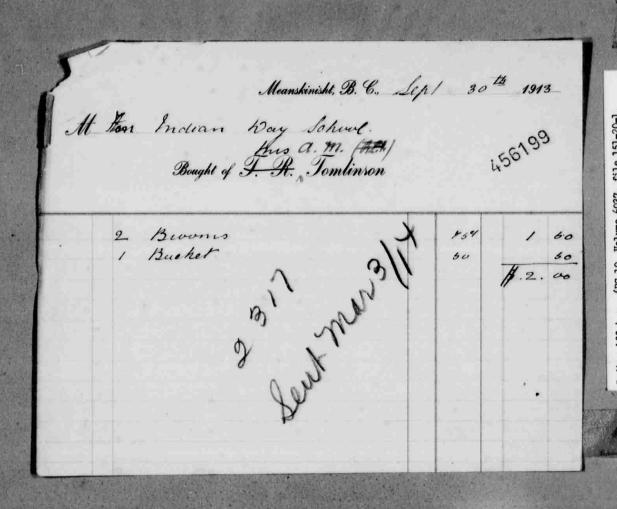
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Sept. 30th	To having furnished the Meanskinisht Indian  Day School with the following class room material  to wit:-	
	2 brooms @ 75% each 1 bucket (water)	1. 50 50
	- Memo - The above items were at the time allowed, but are in conformity with Departmental letter, Fyle No. 301630/4, dated January 12th, 1914.	
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I hereby Certify that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that all the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Babine Agency,

Hazelton, B.C., February 15th, 1914.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith voucher No. 99, for \$2.00, in favour of Mrs. A. M. Tom-linson for having supplied the Meanskinisht Indian Day School with class room material, during September, 1913.

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No. 301630/4.
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,

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Extract from Agent's Monthly Report on the Meanskinisht Indian Day School for the month of march 1914. Original on File 301630-7

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## Meanskinisht School.

I am sorry to state that this school's teacher feels herself compelled to sever her connection with it at this month ending, but steps are taken whereupon to fill the vacancy incurred.



( Sgd) R. E. Loring

Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, April 30, 1914.

81r.-

Referring to that portion of your report on the Meanskinisht Day School for the month of March in which you state that the teacher feels compelled to sever her connection with the school at this month ending, but that steps are being taken to fill the vacancy incurred I beg to say that the Department hopes that a competent teacher will be found to take charge of this school at once, so that it may not be closed. Kindly state the name, qualifications, etc., of the teacher appointed.

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Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R. E. Loring, Esq., Indian Agent, Hezelton, B.O.

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Sir,-

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I have the honour to state that as quoted in my report on the Meanskinisht Indian Day School for last month, Miss Z. Richardson (formerly Nurse Deaceness on the Kispiex village and reserve) has been appointed by Revd. J. C. Spencer, the present Superintendent of Methodist Mission work of this district, as a teacher at the Meanskinisht Indian Day School (arrived on the 23rd, and commenced work there on the 28th ultimo) and Mr. Spencer requested me, whilst at Kitselas (8th to 10th ultimo) to do my utmost in trying to procure as good a salary, as possible, for Miss Z. Richardson, in view of being a first class teacher, and combining the duties of such with those of a qualified nurse deaconess of the village, as well, and would, in my opinion, meet on a basis with the same provided for the teachers paid at Metlakatla and Port Simpson, but no necessity for the provision of a house would here to be considered, since Miss Richardson already is accommodated with such at her present station.



I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA.



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Ottawa, October 27, 1914.

MEHORANDUM.

Mr. Scott,-

Mr. Agent Loring reports that a Miss Z. Richardson, formerly nurse and deaconess on the Kispian Reserve, has been appointed by the Rev. J. C. Spencer, the present Superintendent of Methodist Mission work for that district, as teacher of the Meanskinisht School in the Babine Agency and he asks that, in view of her being a first-blass teacher and a qualified nurse and deaconess, she be given a better salary than provided for this school, which is only \$450.00.

In the list submitted by the Rev. Mr. Ferrier of the amounts of salaries he wished the Department to pay to the sch ools conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Church this school was not mentioned and there is nothing on file to show that it was ever considered as a Methodist school. It was formerly conducted under the auspices of the Church of England, who appointed the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, the late teacher, and I do not see whay Dr. Spencer should have taken upon himself to make the appointment

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appointment. However, if Miss Richardson is doing the combined work of teacher and field matron, I think that she should be given a better salary than \$450.00.

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Ottawa, October 25, 1914.

Rev. 817,-

Mr. Agent Loring reports that a Miss Z. Richardson, formerly nurse and deaconess on the Kishpiax Reserve, has been appointed by the Rev. J. H. Spencer, the present superintendent of Methodist Mission work in that district, as teacher of the Meanskinisht School in the Babine agency.

In the list submitted by you of the amounts of salaries you wished the Department to pay to schools conducted under the suspices of your church no mention was made of this school and there is nothing on file to show that it was ever considered as a methodist school. It has always been conducted under the suspices of the Church of England, by whom the late teacher, the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, was appointed, and the Department would like to know whether the Church of England has handed over this school to your society, and, if not, why Dr. Spencer made the appointment. Miss Richardson will be left in charge of this school, provided the Church of England raises no objection to her remaining there.

The Department would like you to advise Dr.

Spencer to confine himself to the schools which are conducted under the suspices of your society.

Your obedient servant,

Rev. T. Ferrier, Supt. of Methodist Indian Schools, Brandon, Man. S. STEWART

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Ottawa, October 28, 1914.

91r,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant reporting the appointment of Miss Z. Richardson, formerly murse desceness on the Kishpiax Reserve, as teacher of the Meanskinisht School.

In reply I beg to say that, as this school properly comes under the auspices of the Ohurch of England, the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese will be necessary before her permanent engagement can be approved. In the meantime she may remain on temporarily at a salary of \$600.00 per annum.

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Your obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary.

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R. E. Loring, Esq., Indian Agent, Hazelton, B.O. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Ottawa, October 25, 1914.

Right Reverend Siry-

I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that the Department has received a letter from Mr. Agent Loring in which he states that a Miss Z. Richardson, a qualified teacher and nurse, has been placed in charge of the Meanskinisht school.

As Your Lordship was apparently not consulted in reference to this appointment I am writing to know whether Your Lordship would have any objections to her remaining in charge of this school. She is highly recommended as a competent teacher and has hitherto done good work on other reserves in British Columbia. It might be well to leave her there, as it would be a difficult matter to secure a teacher with her experience. I am under the impression that she does not belong to the Church of England, Mr. Agent Loring has been informed that her appointment is only to be temporary until Your Lordship is heard from.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E STEWART

Assistant Secretary.

Right Rev. F. H. Duvernet, Bishop of Caledonia, Prince Ripert, B.C.

Rev. C. Berrier

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November 5, 1914.

The Secretary Department, Dear Sirdian Affairs, Ottawa.

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NO.1

Replying to your favor of the 28th of Oct., No. 301630-1, re Miss Z. Richardson, teacher at Meanskenisht, B.C..

After the death of Mr. Tonlinson Sr., his son, Richard put in an application and a request signed by the people of this village, asking that the Methodist Church take over the work of this Mission. In as much as Mr. Tohlinon left the Anglican Church many years ago, and carried on his Missionary work independently of the Anglican Body, when all matters were considered on their merits, it was thought wise to acceed to the request of the people, and there have been arrangements made to carry on the Mission work, which is satisfactory to them, and they applied to Dr. Spencer for the nomination of a teacher.

I discussed this matter with Mr. Benson and Mr. Sutherland, when I was in Ottawa, and explained to them the reason of the school being on the list. You will notice that it is on thw list of schools that I sent in to the Department with a request for Sax Hundred Dollars Salary. If any further explanations are necessary, you will kindly let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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Ottawa, November 10, 1914.

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Rev. 61P,-

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant in reference to the appointment of ateacher for the Meanskinisht Day School I beg to say that the Department regrets that through a masunderstanding the Bishop of Caledonia was written to on this subject. This school was added to the list after it was made out. Mr. Benson, who drafted the letter of the 28th ultimo to you, was not aware that the change was made until it was brought to his notice by Mr. Sutherland after the letter referred to had been sent. No reply has been received from the Bishop of Caledonia and the Department does not consider that any further explanations are necessary from you. Should His Lordship write on the subject he will be advised that the appointment

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. T. Ferrier, Supt. of Methodist Indian Schools, Brandon, Man. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)
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Secretary,

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Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter No.301630/1 regarding a school teacher at Meanshinisht allow me to thank you for your courtesy in consulting me but this is a case in which I have nothing to say.

Rev.Robert Tomlinson, the founder, of Meanshinisht was a clergyman of the Church of England though of late years he carried on his work in a more or less independent manner. After his death last winter his son Richard formally handed over the Mission to the Methodist Church.

There is no Indian Reserve at Meanshinisht. The Indian village stands on the Tomlinson Estate. Rev. Robert Tomlinson drew up a lease to the village Council under certain strict conditions. I doubt whether this lease was ever registered or whether it would hold in law. The consequist that while I used to visit Mr. Tomlinson as a friend I always felt that the village was his private property. He was a man of strong opinions of his own and it was best that he should work in his own way. Richard, the son, was left by the will in charge of this estate. What the future of this Indian village on private property will be it is difficult to say. I thought that the Indian Agent, Mr. Loring, under stood the peculiar situation. I am now not in any way connected with the Mission of Meanshinisht. Again thanking you for your courtesy.

Yours faithfully,

F. H. Du Vernet Boshop of Caledonia Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Ottawa, December 18, 1914.

Right Rev. 81 P,-

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Your Lordship's letter of the 5th instant in reply to the Department's letter of the 20th of October, last, in reference to the appointment of a teacher for the Meanskin-1sht School.

In reply I beg to inform Your Lordship that Rev. Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, is being advised that you are not now in any way connected with the mission there.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Right Rev. P. H. Duvernet, Bishop of Caledonia, Prince Rupert, B.C. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Ottawn, December 18, 1914.

ROV. 81 r,-

In reference to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of a teacher for the Meanskinisht Day School I beg to say that the Bishop of Caledonia has informed the Department that he is in no way connected with the mission there and your appointment of Miss Richardson as teacher

of this school is, therefore, confirmed.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN (V)

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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REPORT OF AGENT R.E. LORING ON THE MEANSKINISHT SCHOOL. OCTOBER, 1914.

Memo, -

Regarding Repartmental letter No.301630-1, 25th October last and the permanent engagement of the teacher, I beg to state that this school had previous to that date come under the auspices of the Methodist Church and thus would rendef the teacher's salary as conceded to \$600.00 per annum.



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Ottawa, 4th February, 1915.

Sirt-

with reference to letter to you of the 28th October, relative to the appointment of Miss Zella Richardson as nurse and teacher at the Meanskinisht Day School; I have to request that you will kindly furnish the Department with a report on her work. The Department desires to learn whether she is satisfactorily performing her duties. You should also request Miss Richardson to make report as to the work which she has been doing, in order that the Department may have full in-

formation in the matter.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MoLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R.E.Loring Esq., Indian Agent, Hazelton, B.C. Indian Affairs. (BG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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## Babine and Apper Sheena River Agency

19 15. March 25th,

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Sir.-

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With reference to Departmental letter to me, dated the 4th ultimo relative to the appointment of Miss Zella Richardson and teacher at the Meanskinisht Day School, and requesting me to furnish the Department with a report on her work, I have the honour to state the following. to wit:-

As a nurse, Miss Richardson is an indefatigable and very competent worker and all of her efforts are centered upon that calling. Since the taking over her ministering to the community of Meanskinisht, a great boon has been accorded the same by way of treatment and the constant care in observances of matters of hygienic importance and the results thereof are very much to be appreciated.

As a teacher of the Indian Day School of that locality, she is very painstaking and has done very good service since her appointment as such.



I have the honour to be. Sir.

Your obedient servant.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,

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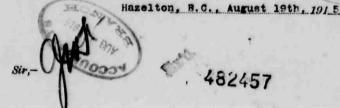
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## INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Babine Agency,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO 301630-1

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



I have the honour to state that inadvertently it was overlooked earlier to reply on that part of official letter, dated the 16th of April, last, wherein the Department wished to be informed whether, on account of one Alfred Malwain and others afflicted with tuberculosis, the Indians of Meanskinisht were being visited by a medical man or were solely under the care of Miss S. Z. Richardson (field matron.)

In reply thereto, I beg to state that the Indians of the locality named are under the treatment of Drs. Ardagh and Wrinch, and the latter visits there fairly regular; and as regards to the fresh air treatment, Miss Richardson is mindful and attentive in that respect.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your ebedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs.

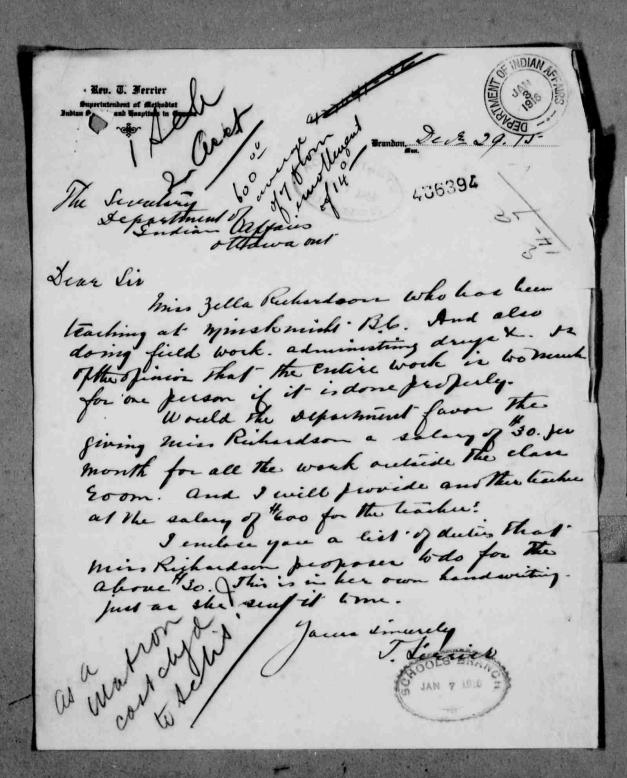
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Ottawa, 8th January, 1916.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to the work performed by Miss Zella Richardson, teacher and nurse at the Meanskinisht Indian Day School; and in reply I beg to say that the Department has considered her suggestion that her work be changed, and also your proposal that she be paid a salary of \$30.00 a month for all work outside the class room and that a teacher be engaged at a salary of \$600.00 to attend to the school work, but I may say that these suggestions do not meet with approval. There are not sufficient funds available to provide for increase expenditure in the direction indicated, and therefore the existing arrangement will not be changed at present. I have also to point out that Miss Richardson was engaged at \$600.00 as murse and teacher and in view of the small average school attendance (12) it is considered that she is fairly well paid for the work which

Your obedient servant,

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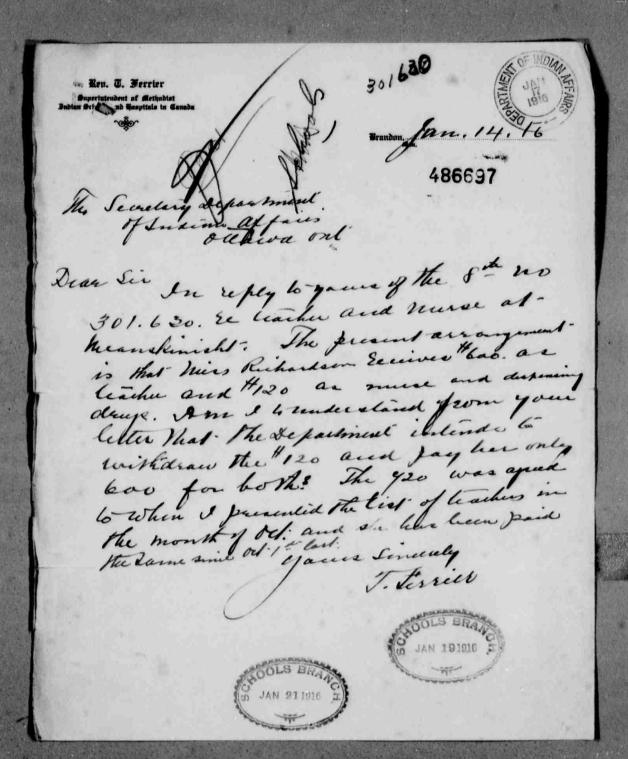
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Ottawa, Jamary 25th,, 1916.

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Rev. Sir,-

I beg to draw attention to your letters of the 29th December and 14th January, in regard to the case of Miss Z. Richardson; and in reply I beg to say that it would seem that a misunderstanding has arisen with regard to the rate of remmeration allowed for her services. In December 1914 the Department confirmed her appointment at a salary of \$600.00 a year as teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School. It seems that Miss Richardson, who is a murse as well as a teacher, performed duties outside the school room on behalf of the Indians. Reports with regard to her work of a mursing or field matron character have been received from time to time by the Department. (The last one submitted was for the month of November 1914). The salary of \$600.00 arranged for covered all work done. In your letter of the 14th Jamary you stated that she has been paid at the rate of \$720.00 since the 1st October last. There is no record in the Department's books of payment having been made at the last mentioned rate. If you can produce evidence of such payment, I shall be glad to receive it. There is on Tyle (No. 84,343) a letter from you of the 19th October 1915, with which you submitted a list of the schools under the control of the Methodist Church "west of the Lakes" and the salaries which you agreed to pay to the teachers for the year which commenced on the 1st July 1915. In that letter you stated that the list was practically the same as the one for the

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Rev. T. Ferrier, Supt. of Methodist Indian Schools and Hospitals in Canada, Brandon, Man. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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previous year. The Department approves of the list without having observed that you provided for a payment of \$800.00 instead of \$600.00 at Meanskinisht, and the Department has continued to pay at the rate of \$600.00. It would seem that you now wish the Department to sanction a total payment of \$960.00 at Meanskinisht, \$300.00 of which amount you propose to pay Miss Richardson for mursing and field matron services, and \$600.00 to another person appointed by the Methodist Missionary Society as teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, which work Miss Richardson proposes to relinquish. I may add that while the Department is not adverse to dividing the work, if it is considered too arduous for one person, the question of salary has still to be considered. The Department is not prepared to increase the total outlay to \$960.00, and unless very good reason is forthcoming, it will not be advanced to \$800.00 as the advance was agreed to under a misunderstanding. In the latter a report to the matter.

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Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Babine Agency,

Hazelton, B.C., September 5, 191

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I have the honour to state that, because of Miss S. Z. Richardson's failure to return to her post, by the Board of Methodist Missions, Toronto, Mrs. A. L. Fakeley has been appointed to take over the place as teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, so I am told.

No. 139,209/1 July 29,13. I here beg to remark that Mrs. Fakeley has formerly been the teacher of the Kispiox Indian Day School, and ran recommend her as an excellent teacher and as a good choice for that post.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Indian gent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,

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Rev. 81r,-

The Department has been informed by Mr. Agent
Loring that Miss S. Z. Richardson, teacher of the Meanskib—
isht Day School, did not return after the holidays and that
Mrs. A. L. Fakely has been appointed teacher by the Methodist
Mission Board.

No intimation of any change in the teachers of this school was made and the Department considers that when changes are contemplated it should be consulted and its approval obtained before an appointment is made.

Your obedient servant,

V. D. Mal. EAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. T. Ferrier, Supt. of Methodist Indian Schools, Brandon, Man. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Ottawa, september 27, 1916.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant stating that, as Miss S. Z. Richardson did not return to her post as teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, Mrs. A. L. Fakely has been appointed teacher by the Board of Methodist Missions, Toronto.

In reply I beg to say that the Rev. T. Ferrier, superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, is being written to in regard to the appointment of Mrs. Fakeley and upon receipt of a reply from him you will be further advised.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Reu. J. Ferrier

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Brandon, Oct. 2, 1916.

The Secr ment of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ontario. 494204

Dear Str:

Replying to yours of Sept.27th 301630-1:

Miss Richardson who was teaching at Minskinisht, left and has gone to the States. Mrs. A. L. Fakeley has been appointed to take the school.

During the holidays Miss Potter and Mr. Grant sent in their resignations. I took up the matter of supplying the school with Mr. Cairns, your inspector and a Mr. and Mrs. Rackyleft were appointed with his knowledge and consent. V I am a little surprised at the letter from the Department. The Department surely must know of the great difficulty in securing suitable teachers for our Indian day schools. Sometimes I have as many as a zeror of applicants but when they find out the conditions and salary paid, they invariably turn down the proposition. So as soon as I get what we think is a suitable supply we have to accept of the same. If I held it in ebeyance while pending correspondence with the Department we would lose a great many of our opportunities by the delay. My intention was to follow the usual method of making all these changes in the appointment of teachers in our Mathedist schools, known when there in person, which I expect to be able to do sometime about the 19th of October.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, I am Yours si

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Ez'd.

Ottawa, October 10, 1916.

sir,-

In further reference to your letter of the 5th ultimo in which you state that the Mrs. A. L. Fakeley has been appointed teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian school I beg to say that the Department is advised by the Rev. Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian schools, that Miss Richardson, who was teaching at that school, left and Mrs. Fakeley has been appointed in her place. Mrs. Fakeley's appointment is, therefore, approved.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAW

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Ottava, November 24th.,1916.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 7th November in regard to field matron work at Meanskinisht; I beg to say that you should point out to Mrs. Fakeley, who has succeeded Mies Z. Richardson as teacher of the Indian school at that place that the position in question carries with it the office of field matron, which was filled by Miss Richardson in return for the salary above mentioned.

It is observed that you state that Mrs. Fakeley is well fitted to carry on the work of field matron and therefore it is hoped that she will give careful attention to her duties in that direction as well as to her work as teacher. She should attend the Indians in illness and give general advice and instructions to the young women and older girls in the arts of housekeeping. She should teach them the proper care of children in infancy and she should endeavour to impress upon the Indians in general the need of forming cleanly habits. A copy of the printed instructions for use by field matrons is enclosed herewith.

Miss Fakeley should make report at the close of each month, through your office, regarding her field matron work and it will be your duty to see that she forwards these reports regularly to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R. E. Loring Esq., Indian Agent, Hazelton, B.C. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Extract from report of Inspector Cairns on the Meanskinisht Indian Day School dated October 5, 1917. Original on 301630/6.

sent to Kishpiax to supply till a teacher was secured.

Wrs. A. S. Tordiffe was in charge of the school here.

This is only a temporary arrangment.



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June 27, 1918.

Rev. Mr.-

In a report received recently on the Meanskinisht Indian Day School is is stated that Mrs. A. S. Tordiffe, the teacher, is supplying till June 30th.

In this connection I have to ask you to be good enough to advise the Department as to what arrangements, if any, have been made for securing the services of a teacher to take charge of this school after the summer holidays.

Your obedient servant,

& D. MCLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Brandon, Man.

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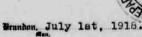
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The Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir .-

Replying to yours of June 27th No. 301630/1 re teacher for Meanskinisht:

I am in correspondence with a Mr. Hamilton, probationer in our ministry, with a view to having him take up the work at Meanskinisht as soon as holidays are over. I have hopes of securing him and if so he will be a first-class supply.

Yours sincerely.

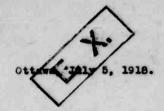
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Reverend Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the lat instant in reference to the securing of the services of a teacher for the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, I have to request that you will be good enough to inform the Department, at a later date, whether you have been succeseful in securing the services of Mr. Hamilton, and if so, you should state the probable date on which he will begin duties and the amount of salary which was promised him.

Your obedient servant

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Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Superintendent, Methodist Indian Schools, Brandon, Man.

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Ottawa, Optober 1, 1919.

Rov. Sir,-

I have to request that you will be good enough to inform the Department if it is the intention of the Methodist Church authorities to re-open the Meanskinisht Indian Day School. If so, you should endeavour to obtain the services of a suitable teacher for this school. The name, age, qualifications and experience of the person recommended by you for the position should be submitted for the approval of the Department.

Kindly reply at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

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Rev. T. Perrier, Supt. Methodist Indian Schools, Brandon, Man. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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## Department of Indian Affairs, British Columbia

TO T. R. Tomlinson.

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YOUR REPLY REPER TO
No. 301630-1
ALSO JUNE 26, '16

Sir,-



Hazelton, B.C., January 10th, 1980.

I have the honour to enclose herewith the following return,

to wit:-

voucher No. 160 for \$15.00 in favour of Mr. T. R. Tomlinson in payment of rent due on a building set aside for the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, for the months of:-

October,

November and

December,

at the rate of \$5.00

per month each.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

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Meanskinisht School appointment of Teacher.

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I have been informed by the Rev: J. Young of Terrace, B.C. that a Mrs Lewis has been appointed teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School.

Will you kindly verify this, giving authority for salary etc:.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient Servant.

Indian Agent.

The Secretary
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301630-1.

OTTAWA, Sept. 30th, 1921.

Sir, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, in which you state that you have been informed that a Mrs. Lewis has been appointed teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School.

In reply, I beg to say that the Department has no information regarding the appointment of Mrs. Lewis, but is referring the matter to Rev. T. Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, under the auspices of whose church this school is conducted.

As soon as Mr. Ferrier's reply is received you will be advised regarding her qualifications, salary, etc.

Your obedient servant,

Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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OTTAWA, Sept. 30th, 1921.

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Reverend Sir, -

The Department has been informed by Mr. Agent Hyde, Hazelton, B.C., that a Mrs. Lewis has been appointed teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School.

The Department has received no information regarding the re-opening of this school or the appointment of Mrs. Lewis.

I will be pleased if you will, at your earliest convenience, furnish full information regarding the qualifications and experience which Mrs. Lewis possesses, and the amount of salary sho is to receive.

Your obedient servant.

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Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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Rev. T. perrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, Brandon, Man. 301630

Extract from Letter received from E. Hyde, Indian Agent, enclosing September quarter return of the Kitsegukla Indian Day School. Original on 189843-3.

Hazelton, B. C., October 15, 1921

Sir,-

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One more return has yet to come in viz:from the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, but I am unable to make out a voucher for the teacher's salary at
that school until I hear further from the Dept. regarding Mr. Ferrier's reply to their letter.

(Sgd.) E. Hyde, Agent

### Meanskinisht

Teacher,- Mrs. Helen Lewis. Salary,- \$750.00 per annum. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Ottawa, October 27, 1921.

Sir:

With reference to that portion of your letter of the 15th instant regarding the salary that will be paid to Mrs. Helen Lewis, teacher at the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, I beg to say that it has been agreed with the Rev. Mr. T. Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, that the calary to be allowed Mrs. Lewis will be at the rate of \$750 per annum and bonus additional during the present fiscal year. I will be pleased if you will have Mrs. Lewis prepare a return showing the days taught by her during the September quarter, last, and forward the same to the Department as soon as possible, in order that the salary due can be paid.

Your obedient servant,

B. D. MCLEAN Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Indian Agent, Hazelton, B.

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BABINE AGENCY.



... Hazelton, B.C.

May 4th 1922 19

MEANSKINSSHT QUARTERLY SCHOOL RETURE.

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Sir.-

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I have the honour to enclose herewith the above returns for the Quarter ending March 31st 1922. Which has been held up by the teacher who was married on or about the end of March.

It has come to my knowledge that a Mrs.

Tordiffe, is now teaching school at Meanskinisht,
having been appointed to the position by the

Methodist Mission of this district.

I therefore beg to call your attention to the unsatisfactory way teachers are appointed in such cases, in this instance I have not up to the time of writing received any communication from the Department regarding Mrs. Tordiffe's appointment.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Indian Agent

The Secretary, Dept; of Indian Affairs, OTTAWA, ONT;

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MEANSKINISHT RTERLY SCHOOL RETURNS

4th October 19229

I have the honour to enclose herewith the above returns for the Quarter ending September 30th 1922.

In my covering letter of the Quarterly Returns of this School dated 4th May, I pointed out that Mrs. Tordiffe's appointment had not been confirmed by the Department, as far as I knew.

I beg to call your attention to the remarks column, in which the Teacher, states that she received her appointment on September 9th, and opened Schhol on I shall be glad if you will kindly the Llth, Sept; advise me if the Department has authorised this.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs, ENCS: OTTAWA, ONT:

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OTTAWA, October 12th, 1922.

Sir: -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing the September quarter return of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School.

In reply I beg to say that Mrs. Alice Tordiffe has been re-engaged as teacher of this school for the current school year.

The salary allowed Mrs. Tordiffe is to be at the rate of \$750 per annum, supplemented by any bonus provided by law. As this school is conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Church, cheque for the amount of salary due her has been sent to the Treasurer of the Methodist Missionary Society, Toronto, Ont.

The appointment of Mrs. Tordiffe has been approved by the Rev. T. Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools.

Your obedient servant,

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

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To T.R. Temlinson, CEDARVALE, B.C.

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# Department of Indian Affairs

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Name Mr. T.R. Temlinson.

Service for Rent of building used as Indian Day School

Sept; Qtr: 1922.

\$ 15.00

E. Hyde, Indian Agent.

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Ottawa. Nov. 10, 1922.

Reverend Sir:-

I wish to draw your attention to the unsatisfactory attendance at the Meanekinisht Indian Day School in British Columbia. This Department is paying Mrs. Tordiffe a salary of \$750 per annum, plus whatever bonus is allowed by law, and is also meeting the expenses incidental to the operation of a day school. For the June quarter of this year there was an enrolment of 7 with an average attendance of 5, and for the past quarter an average attendance of 6.

The Superintendent of Indian Education reports that it may be possible to make arrangements with the white school district of Cedarvale for the education of these Indian children. Would you recommend to the Department concerning the advisability of continuing the Meanskinisht Indian Day School activities.

Your obedient servant,

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

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T. Ferrier, Superintendent, Methodist Indian Schools,

Brandon, Man.

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Ottawa, Nov. 10, 1922.

Sir:-

E. Hyde, Es

The Superintendent of Indian Education has reported that the Meanskinisht Indian Day School is more or less unsatisfactory, due to poor attendance, and that you suggested to him during the summer that evertures be made to the white school district of Cedarvale, with a view to having the Indian children of the vicinity educated there. I have examined the last quarterly report, and I find that there was an enrolment of 8 with an average attendance of 6.

Would you make a formal recommendation to the Department, concerning the advisability of continuing the Indian Day School under the auspices of this Department. Rev. T. Ferrier, of the Methodist Church, is being communicated with in this connection.

Your obedient servant,

A. D. MOLEAN

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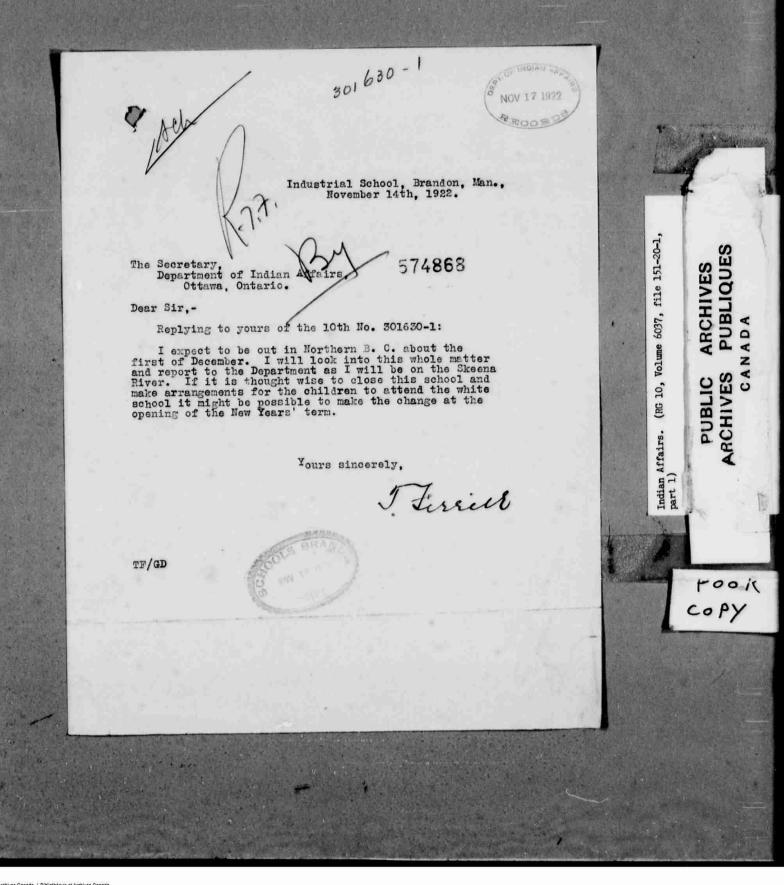
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Sir,-

I have to advise the Department, that the white school at Cedarvale has been closed down, therefore, my suggestion to Mr. Russell Ferrier, Superintendent of Indian Education, could not be fulfilled.

In view of the recent good attendance of the pupils at the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, and the circumstances related above, I do not hesitate to recommend to the Department, that this School remains open.

Your obedient servant

E Hyde Indian Agent.

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The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA, ONT:

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Brandon, December 18th, 1922.

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

Dear Sir .-

Replying to yours of November 10th, No. 301630-1:

On November 14th I replied stating I would look into this matter when I was out in Northern British Columbia.

Two of the families sending some children to the white school have recently moved and only two children were then in attendance. The Education Department of British Columbia are closing this school at the end of this term. I would advise keeping the school for Indian children at least until the end of June.

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Yours sincerely.

J. Cerrico

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HAZELTON, B.C.



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S'Mools. DATE OF THIS LETTER

January 10th, 19 24

reTeacher: Meanskinisht Indian Day School.

Sir .-

I beg to inform you that I have received a letter from Mrs.Alice Tordiffe, in which she Informs me that she has resigned her position as Teacher at the meanskinisht School, at the end of last quarter, and that she made arrangements for the Rev.W.S.Cooper, to open the school after the holidays. I understand that the Rev.Mr.Cooper, has applied for the position to Mr.T.Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, who in due course with communicate with these office or the "epartment. In the meantime Mr. Cooper, is filling the position.

Your obedient Servant,

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The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs, OTTAWA, ONT.

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Ottawa, Jan. 19, 1924.

Reverend Sir:

I have to inform you that Mr. Indian Agent Hyde announced the resignation of Mrs. A. Tordiffe, Teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School, and has intimated that the Rev. Mr. Cooper is filling the position temporarily as from the first instant. As you are aware, the enrolment and attendance at this school are unsattle enrolment and attendance at the school are unsatisfactory and the Department would be pleased to have your recommendation, relative to the advisability of continuing the activity.

Your obedient servant,

A. D. MOLEAM

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

Rev. T. Ferrier.

C/c Methodist Mission Rooms.

Queen St. West.

Toronto. Ont.

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BESS. "WESLEYANA, TORONTO"

January 23rd, 1924.

Your File No. 154-20-1.

Dear Sir:

ter of January 19th, In reply t re the resignation of Mrs. A lardiffe. She wrote me in the month of December, informing me of her intention and mentioning the name of the Dev. Mr. Cooper. I also received a communication from Mr. Cooper offering his I also services; but I wrote him to the effect that as Mrs. Tordiffe was a daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, this fact had been considered when appointing her as teacher of that School, and that in my judgment the small attendance would hardly warrant nominating a teacher to succeed Mrs. Tordiffe in this work; and I believed that some other arrangement might be made to have those children educated - probably in a residential school.

I expect that when I reach Brandon I there concerning this matter, but the thought on the situation. shall

The Department of Indian ...... Ont.

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Ottawa, April 14, 1924.

Reverend Sir:

I have to refer to my letter of January 19th, last, and your answering communication of January 25rd, with reference to the Meanskinisht Indian Day School. The Department has received a return for the March quarter, which shows that the Rev. Mr. Cooper has conducted this school but that the attendance is very unsatisfactory. Five children were enrolled and there was an average attendance of 3.2. Mr. Cooper was not officially advised to carry on the work and I hesitate to allow selery for such a doubtful activity. Further to allow salary for such a doubtful activity. Further, I consider that a decision relative to the closing of this school should be made at once. Please let me have your recommendation.

Your obedient servant.

Superintendent

Methodist Indian Schools, Brandon, Man.

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Ottawa, April 14, 1924.

Sir:

I have to enclose, for your information, a copy of my letter of today's date to the Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, with reference to the Meanskinisht Indian Day School. I should be pleased to have your recommendation also in this connection.

Your obedient servant,

Hyde, Esq., Indian Agent, Haselton, B. C.

W. D. MOLEAN

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOME PEOPLE'S PORWARD H

May 1st, 1924.

Dear Bir:

Re Rev. Mr. Cooper, who has been teaching at Meanskinisht School in British Columbia since the Before Mr. Barner started on his Western New Year .trip in the month of January. I asked him to look into the situation at Meanskinisht and report whether he the situation at Meanskinisht and report whether he thought it advisable to have Mr. Cooper teach the School there. This he did, so that Mr. Barner knew of his teaching the School there. It also appears that Mr. Hyde, the Agent, knew of it, and I knew of it, and nothing was done to prevent him. I feel, therefore, that we must at least pay him the salary that is due up to date; and if it is thought advisable to let him continue until the end of June, this might be the best solution of the situation. I am giving him notice that the School will be closed, as far as his services are concerned, on June 30th. If the Department is of the opinion that it should be closed sconer than that, kindly write me on this matter immediately to Brandon.

Yours sincerely.

J. Lerrice

The Secretary, The Department of Indian Affairs, ottawa. Ont.

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May 3td, 1924

reTeacher; meanskinisht Indian Day School.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge your letter dated April 14th, last, in which you enclosed a copy of a letter received from the Rev.T.Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Day Schools, with reference to the Teacher at Meanskinisht Day School. In reply I have to inform you that on January 10th, last, I wrote concerning the resignation of Mrs. Alice Tordiffe, and, that she had made arrangements with Mr. Cooper to teach school. I communicated with Mr. Cooper and teach school. I communicated with Mr. Cooper and was informed that he had made application for the position and not having heard anything from the Department, I naturally concluded the appointment had been given to Mr. Cooper.

151-20-1

April 14/24 TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

> As the number of children attending school is small and the attendance is likely to decrease instead of increasing I would recommend Meanskinisht Indian Day School be closed at the end of this Quarter. The school furniture packed and stored away, or distributed to other schools needing same. In doing this there would be a saving in rent or \$60.00 per annum.

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Afrairs,

OTTAWA, ONT.

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Affairs.

Ottawa, May 20, 1924.

Sir.-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, with reference to the teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School.

In reply I beg to say that the Department appreves of your recommendation that this school be closed at the end of June, next. The school furniture should be packed and stered away or distributed to other schools requiring the same.

A cheque for the teacher's salary for the quarter ending March 31st, is being sent to the treasurer of the Methodist Missionary Society, Toronto.

The June quarter salary will be sent to the same address when the June quarter return of this school is received.

Your obedient servant.

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

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E. Hyde, Esq., Indian Agent, Haselton, B. C. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6037, file 151-20-1, part 1)

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Ottawa, May 20, 1924.

Reverend Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the let instant, I beg to say that the Department is forwarding to the Treasurer of the Methodist Missienary Seciety, Torente, a cheque for \$225.00, being the salary of Rev. Mr. Gooper as teacher of the Meanskinisht Indian Day School for the quarter ending March 31st, last. A cheque for a similar amount will be forwarded when the June quarter return is received.

The Department is also advising Mr. Indian Agent Hyde that this school will be closed from June 30th, next.

It is noted from your letter above referred to, that you have already advised Mr. Cooper that his services will not be required at this school after the date mentioned above.

Your obedient servant,

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

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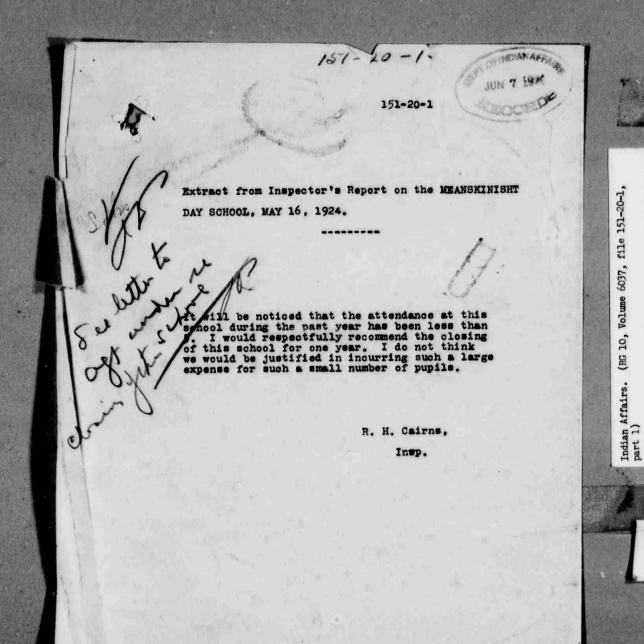
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Rev. T. Ferrier, Superintendent, Methedist Indian Schools, Brandon, MAN.



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