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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

BATCHAWANA INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection October 22, 1935

Number of Pupils present { Boys Eleven / Girls Twelve

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each One, (11 double, 3 single)

THE TEACHER

Name Eva Marie Robichaud Age 34

Salary Eight Hundred Dollars per annum

Qualifications Expired Third Class (Ontario) Certificate.

Health Good

Success Good

Suggestions I have made some few small suggestions.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

Classes were examined in Reading, Literature, and Oral Language generally, Spelling and Arithmetic. There is marked gain in readiness of response to questions based on text read. Reading is done too quickly, and teacher has been asked to have pupils pay attention to pausing. More drill on Phonics has been advised also. There is very considerable improvement in Written English Composition, Miss Robichaud must have worked very hard in this connection.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR W. J. Brennan

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, Etc.

The attendance has always been exceptionally good.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY Very Good

CLASS ORGANIZATION Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture As satisfactory as conditions permit.

CARE OF MATERIAL -do-

CLEANLINESS of Pupils Very Good.

do School-house Very Good

OBEDIENCE Excellent

CONDUCT of Pupils in School Excellent

do out of School Reported as very good.

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 3 single 11 double Benches -- Chairs 3

Cupboards -- Blackboards Satisf Stoves Satisf Stovepipes Satisf Washbasins 0

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 0 Towels 0 Pails 0

Drinking Cups 0 Looking-glasses Other equipment

New Equipment Required:—

It is understood that the Nurse is arranging for the supply of soap and towels, also individual drinking cups.

In case the nurse might have overlooked the matter, I think the teacher should be supplied with a dish pan, and also a small pot for use in sterilizing the individual spoons used by the pupils when taking their cod-liver oil.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

Inspectors will please mention the number of buildings, indicate their ownership and comment on their condition

Building, the property of the Department, is in good condition for a log building, but it is rather small. There is very little cupboard space. With the additional material that must be stored in connection with matters arranged by the Department's visiting nurse, additional storage accommodation must be found. There is so little space, however, that room will be difficult to find. Perhaps a three-cornered cupboard might be installed in the one corner of the school room available.

GENERAL REMARKS

Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the general management of the school and offer any suggestions for improvement he may wish to make.

I am satisfied that good work is being done at Batchawana.

P.T.O.

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	No. of Pupils on roll			No. of Pupils present		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade VII	0	2	2	0	2	2
Grade VI	1	4	5	1	4	5
Grade V	2	1	3	2	1	3
Grade IV	2	0	2	2	0	2
Grade III	1	1	2	1	0	1
Grade II	1	2	3	1	2	3
Grade I	4	3	7	4	3	7
	11	13	24	11	12	23

Many of these children are half-breeds and not on the Indian List.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 10 1936
RECORDS

BATCHAWAWA INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection May 12, 1936

Number of Pupils present { Boys Twelve
Girls Thirteen.

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each

THE TEACHER

Name Eva Marie ROBICHAUD Age 35

Salary Eight Hundred Dollars per annum.

Qualifications Expired Third Class (Ontario) Certificate.

Health Good

Success Good

Suggestions I have made some few small suggestions.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

The classes were examined in Reading and Phonics, Literature and language work generally; in Arithmetic; in Spelling; and, in the senior classes; in English ~~xxxx~~ Composition also.

Response to questions based on the text are not yet phrased well, but progress is evident. Particularly good work has been done in Phonics. Spelling is fair to good in the lower grades, very good in the higher grades. Arithmetic is good, although there is still evidence of counting on fingers; English composition is still weak, though the progress is satisfactory.

I feel sure that Miss Robichaud is doing good work.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR W. J. Greenlaw

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, Etc.

The attendance here has alwys been good.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY Very Good

CLASS ORGANIZATION Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture As satisfactory as conditions permit

CARE OF MATERIAL -do-

CLEANLINESS of Pupils Very Good

do School-house Very Good

OBEDIENCE Excellent

CONDUCT of Pupils in School Excellent

do out of School Reported as very good .

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 3 single 11 double Benches -- Chairs 3

Cupboards -- Blackboards Satisf Stove Satisf Stovepipes Satisf Washbasins

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap Towels Pails

Drinking Cups Looking-glasses Other equipment

New Equipment Required:—

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

Inspectors will please mention the number of buildings, indicate their ownership and comment on their condition

Building, the property of the Department, is in good condition, but is is to be regretted that the cupboard accommodation suggested in my last report has not been provided.

GENERAL REMARKS

Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the general management of the school and offer any suggestions for improvement he may wish to make.

I am satisfied that good work is being done at Batchawana.

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	No. of Pupils on Roll		
	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 7	0	2	2
Grade 6	1	4	5
Grade 5	2	1	3
Grade 4	2	-	2
Grade 3	1	2	3
Grade 2	1	2	3
Grade 1	5	2	7
	12	13	25

All pupils present at inspection.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

BATCHAWANA INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection October 15, 1936.

Number of Pupils present { Boys Twelve / Girls Fourteen

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each One (3 single, 11 double)

THE TEACHER

Name Eva Marie Robichaud Age 35

Salary Eight Hundred Dollars per annum

Qualifications Expired Third Class Certificate (Ontario).

Health Good

Success Good

Suggestions I have made some few small suggestions.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

The classes were examined in Reading and Oral Language generally, in spelling and in arithmetic. The older pupils were also taken in written English. The results were good, distinct progress being evident in the written work.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR W. J. Greening

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, Etc.

The attendance here has always been good.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY ..... Very Good

CLASS ORGANIZATION ..... Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture ..... As satisfactory as conditions permit

CARE OF MATERIAL ..... -do-

CLEANLINESS of Pupils ..... Very Good

do School-house ..... Very Good

OBEDIENCE ..... Excellent

CONDUCT of Pupils in School ..... Excellent

do out of School ..... Reported as very good.

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 3 single 11 double Benches -- Chairs 3

Cupboards -- Blackboards Satisf Stoves Satisf Stovepipes Satisf Washbasins

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap Towels Pails

Drinking Cups Looking-glasses Other equipment

New Equipment Required:—

No recommendations to make.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

Inspectors will please mention the number of buildings, indicate their ownership and comment on their condition

The Building, the property of the Department, is in good condition, but it is regretted that the cupboard accommodation previously suggested has not yet been provided.

GENERAL REMARKS

Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the general management of the school and offer any suggestions for improvement he may wish to make.

There are a couple or so of families at Batchewawa who try to make things uncomfottable for the teacher.

Althpigh Miss Robichaud may not be highly certificated, the Department has not many teachers who work harder or more conscientiously, or who do more to meet the Inspector's wishes.

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	No. of Children on Roll			No. of Children present		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 8	0	2	2	0	2	2
Grade 7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 6	1	6	7	1	6	7
Grade 5	6	1	7	6	1	7
Grades 3 and 4	0	2	2	0	2	2
Grade 2	2	0	2	2	0	2
Grade 1	3	3	6	3	3	6
	12	14	26	12	14	26

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

BATCHAWANA BAY INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection: June 15, 1937.

Number of Pupils present: Boys: Nine; Girls: Eleven

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each: One (3 single, 11 double).

THE TEACHER

Name: Eva Marie ROBICHEAU Age: 35

Salary: Eight Hundred Dollars per annum.

Qualifications: Expired Third Class Certificate (Ontario). Considerable experience in Indian Schools.

Health: Good

Success: Good

Suggestions: None now necessary.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

The classes were examined in Reading and Oral Language, generally, in Spelling and in Arithmetic. The older pupils were also asked to do some work in Written English. Results were quite good, distinct progress being evident in the written work.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR: W. J. Greening

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, Etc.

There is one boy attending this school, (by name, Willie Gingras, I believe, aged 11), who has given the teacher considerable trouble. I am not sure that his parents see to it that he behaves properly. There has been no trouble with him lately, but it is suggested that, as he is one of the non-treaty Indians, his father be warned by the Agent that, if the boy does not subject himself to the authority of the teacher, he will be excluded from the school.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY: Very Good

CLASS ORGANIZATION: Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture: As satisfactory as conditions permit

CARE OF MATERIAL: -do-

CLEANLINESS of Pupils: Very Good

do School-house: Very Good

OBEDIENCE: Excellent

CONDUCT of Pupils in School: Excellent

do out of School: Reported as very good.

SCHOOL FURNITURE

Please indicate what classroom equipment should be supplied

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 3 single 11 double Benches -- Chairs 3

Cupboards -- Blackboards Satisf Stoves Satisf Stovepipes Satisf Washbasins

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap Towels Pails

Drinking Cups Looking-glasses Other equipment

No recommendations to make.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

Inspectors will please mention the number of buildings, indicate their ownership and comment on their condition.

The Building, the property of the Department, is in good condition, but more cupboard space is necessary.

GENERAL REMARKS

Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the general management of the school and offer any suggestions for improvement he may wish to make.

I believe that it is a good thing to bring to the attention of the public the work being done by the Department in these schools. And so, at our visit to this school, we were accompanied by a Baptist missionary (Rev. Mr. Roadhouse) of Toronto, who had travelled around the world a good deal and was at the Sault for a rest. I feel sure that he realized that good work was being done here, and was more than pleased when I was able to show him written work done by the four pupils present (of Grades 7 & 8) which was of a high order for such a school.

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	No. of pupils on roll			No. of pupils present		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 8	0	1	1	0	1	1
Grade 7	1	3	4	0	3	3
Grade 6	4	2	6	4	2	6
Grade 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 3 & 4	2	3	5	2	3	5
Grade 2	1	0	1	1	0	1
Grade 1	2	2	4	2	2	4
	10	11	21	9	11	20

Some of these are non-treaty.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

BATCHEWANA BAY Indian School Date of visit October 5 19 37

Post Office address of school Batchawawa Bay, (via Sault Ste. Marie) Ont.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled	11	2	-	2	5	-	4	1	-
Present	11	2	-	2	4	-	4	1	-

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau.
(Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario).

Valid to Expired. 19

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 17 years

Service in Indian school 12 years

Conventions attended Attends annual conventions, regularly, at Sault Ste. Marie.

	4 LOW 3		2 HIGH 1	
Appearance			2/1	
Health				1
Personality			2/1	
Initiative			2/1	
Discipline				1
Relations			2/1	
Management				1
Teaching skill			2/1	
Preparations			2/1	
Language			2/1	
Community service				
Pupils' progress			2/1	

General comment:

As will be seen from previous reports upon this school, both the Indian Agent and the Inspector are very favourably impressed with Miss Robichaud's services at Batchawawa.

She responds cheerfully and promptly to suggestions, and her pupils are doing well.

W. A. Fleming
Inspector of Schools

I. A. 401
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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

BATCHAWANA BAY Indian School Date of visit May 18 1938

Post Office address of school Batchawana Bay, (via Sault Ste. Marie), Ontario.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled	6	5	2	2	0	4	4	-------	
Present	6	5	2	1	0	4	3	-------	

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario).

~~Valid to~~ Expired 19--

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 17 years

Service in Indian school 12 years

Conventions attended Attends annual conventions (regularly) at Sault Ste. Marie.

	4 LOW 3	2 HIGH 1
Appearance		~~2~~/1
Health		1
Personality		~~2~~/1
Initiative		1
Discipline		1
Relations		2/1
Management		1
Teaching skill		2/1
Preparations		1
Language		1
Community service		
Pupils' progress		2/1

General comment:

I am quite satisfied with the work being done by Miss Robicheau at this school.

She has been at this school as long as I have been visiting it, (which is some eight years). Some of the Indians would seem to be getting tired of her face and would like a new teacher. For my part, I can see no reason for any dissatisfaction, but, if there were another school available, Miss Robicheau's faithful service at Batchawana might be recognized by a change of school.

As will be seen from previous reports, both Mr. Agent Sims and I are very favourably impressed with this teacher's work.

W. J. Greening
Inspector of Schools

I. A. 401
R. 7613

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

BATCHAWANA Indian School Date of visit September 19 1938

Post Office address of school Batchawana, Ontario.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled	6	0	6	2	2	7	1		
Present	6	0	4	2	2	5	1		

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau
(Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario).

~~Valid to~~ Expired 19

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 18 years

Service in Indian school 13 years

Conventions attended

Attends annual conventions regularly at Sault Ste. Marie.

	4 LOW 3		2 HIGH 1	
Appearance				2/1
Health				1
Personality				2/1
Initiative				1
Discipline				1
Relations				2/1
Management				1
Teaching skill				2/1
Preparations				1
Language				1
Community service				
Pupils' progress				2/1

General comment:

I am more than satisfied with the work that is being done at this school.

W. J. Greening
Inspector of Schools

I. A. 401
R. 7613

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BATCHAWANA BAY Indian School Date of visit October 26 1930

Post Office address of school Batchawana, Ontario.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled	4	7	3	0	3	0	1	6	
Present	4	7	3	0	3	0	1	6	

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario)

Valid to Expired 19

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 15.0 years

Service in Indian school 15.0 years

Conventions attended Attends conventions regularly.

	4 LOW 3	2 HIGH 1
Appearance		1
Health		1
Personality		1
Initiative		1
Discipline		1
Relations		1
Management		1
Teaching skill		1
Preparations		1
Language		1
Community service		
Pupils' progress		1

General comment:

I do not think that I can add much to my report of last June.

As is similarly the case at West Bay, the Indians at Batchawana are tired of seeing Miss Robicheau around. Some years ago two or three Indians approached me in regard to the securing of another teacher. Only two or three Indians appeared from the whole community. They were quite emphatic in saying that they held nothing against Miss Robicheau and would, in fact, be sorry to do anything to cause her to "lose her job", but they would like a new teacher.

From remarks made by Mr. Agent Lawrence to me when I was at the Sault, I would gather that the agitation has not completely died down.

I do hope that it will not be taken seriously, as a very careful enquiry on the part of the late Mr. Agent Sims and myself failed to discover one shred of reason for any dissatisfaction.

W. J. Greening
Inspector of Schools

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R. 9205

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

BATCHAWANA Bay Indian School Date of visit June 11, 1940 19

Post Office address of school Batchawana. Ontario

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled	3	-	-	11	-	3	5		
Present	-------All present----------								

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau
(Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario)

Valid to Expired. 19

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 16.0 years

Service in Indian school 16.0 years

Conventions attended

Attends conventions regularly.

	4 LOW 3		2 HIGH 1	
Appearance				1
Health				1
Personality				1
Initiative				1
Discipline				1
Relations				1
Management				1
Teaching skill				1
Preparations				1
Language				1
Community service				
Pupils' progress				1

General comment:

If the school building at all corresponded with the standard of the work being done, this would be a remarkably fine little school.

W. J. Deeming
Inspector of Schools

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R. 9205

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

BATCHAWANA Bay Indian School Date of visit June 4, 1941. 19

Post Office address of school Batchawana, Ontario.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
Enrolled	3	2	1	7	1	0	2	3		19
Present	3	1	1	7	1	0	2	1		16

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau
(Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario)

Valid to Expired. 19

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 17.0 years

Service in Indian school 17.0 years

Conventions attended
Attends conventions regularly.

	4 LOW 3	2 HIGH 1
Appearance		1
Health		1
Personality		1
Initiative		1
Discipline		1
Relations		1
Management		1
Teaching skill		1
Preparations		1
Language		1
Community service		
Pupils' progress		1

General comment:

I do not see that I can do better than repeat the remark made on my report of the 11th. June last, in regard to this school, as follows:

"If the school building at all corresponded with the standard of work being done, this would be a remarkably fine little school".

I have made some remarks re. recognition in the case of Miss Fortin, (Birch Island), Miss Wakeegijig, (Buzwah), and now would like to add the name of Miss Robicheau, (Batchawana), who has served the Department well and faithfully for some seventeen years.

The pump at this school does not work very well. I do not think that it is powerful enough. Might something be done about it ?

W. J. Greening
Inspector of Schools

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BATCHAWANA Indian School Date of visit March 30, 1942 19

Post Office address of school Batchawana, Ontario.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled	7	2	1	1	7	2	1		
Present	7	2	1	1	6	2	1		

Teacher Eva Marie Robichaud
(Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario).

Valid to Expired. 19

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 17.6 years

Service in Indian school 17.6 years

Conventions attended Attends conventions regularly

	4 LOW	3	2	HIGH 1
Appearance				1
Health				1
Personality				1
Initiative				1
Discipline				1
Relations				1
Management				1
Teaching skill				1
Preparations				1
Language				1
Community service				1
Pupils' progress				1

General comment:

A splendid little school.

I have formed the opinion, over the twelve years that I have been visiting Indian Schools, that one of the best criteria we have of the usefulness of a teacher in Indian Day Schools is the response, in the way of attendance, secured from the pupils.

The attendance shown above is typical of this teacher's ability along this line.

W. J. Greening
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R. 9205

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BATCHAWANA BAY Indian School Date of visit May 26, 1943 19

Post Office address of school Batchawana, Ont.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled	2	3	4	0	1	0	7	1	
Present	2	3	3	0	1	0	5	1	

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario)

Valid to Expired 19

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 19 years

Service in Indian school 19 years

Conventions attended Attends conventions regularly when held.

	4 LOW	3	2 HIGH	1
Appearance				1
Health				1
Personality				1
Initiative				1
Discipline				1
Relations				1
Management				1
Teaching skill				1
Preparations				1
Language				1
Community service				
Pupils' progress				1

General comment:

A splemdid little school.

It being difficult to arrange taxi service to these outlying schools in these days of gasoline and rubber shortage, Mr. Agent Lawrence, who was planning to visit the Goulais Bay and Batchawana resrves, kindly arranged his time-table to allow me to accompany him.

I had the children count for him, and think he was surprized at the speed and accuracy of even the youngest of the children. At one time the children of this school were counting on their fingers, and the change since made shows what can be done if the teacher really wants to.

As I visit this school year after year I marvel more and more how Miss Robicheau can so well maintain her interest and efficiency, remembering that she has now been teaching in this out-of-the-way school for some nineteen years or so.

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Inspector of Schools

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R. 9205

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

BATCHAWANA BAY Indian School Date of visit November 24 19 43

Post Office address of school Batchawana, Ontario.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled 21	2	3	3	5	1	0	0	7	
Present 17	2	2	2	5	1	0	0	5	

One of the Grade 8 pupils was at Goulais Bay Day School at Inspector's visit.

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau
(Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario)

~~Valid to~~ Expired ~~19~~

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience 19.3 years

Service in Indian school 19.3 years

Conventions attended

Attends conventions regularly when held.

	4 LOW 3	2 HIGH 1
Appearance		1
Health		1
Personality		1
Initiative		1
Discipline		1
Relations		1
Management		1
Teaching skill		1
Preparations		1
Language		1
Community service		
Pupils' progress		1

General comment:

I think that good work is being done at this little school. I should like to see the work in the work books done a little more neatly, and Miss Robicheau is keeping this in mind when correcting the books. Apart from this, however, I am more than satisfied with the work being done. In counting, for example, the children are more proficient than in most of the Provincial schools visited by me.

In view of War Conditions, it is difficult to arrange for transportation to this school, which is approximately sixty miles from the Sault, and can be reached only by car. I called down to see Mr. Agent Lawrence in case he might be visiting this reserve during my stay at the Sault. He was kind enough to so arrange his visiting of his reserves as to visit Batchawana and Goulais Bay on November 24th., and to take me with him. I should like to record my obligation to Mr. Lawrence for this assistance, as otherwise it might have been impossible for me to visit these two schools during the school year 1943/44. It will most likely be pretty bad driving when I am next in this locality, just before Easter.

W. J. Greening
Inspector of Schools

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

BATCHAWANA BAY Indian School Date of visit March 23. 1945

Post Office address of school Batchawana, Ontario

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
Enrolled	7	2	0	4	3	0	0	3	
Present	7	2	0	4	2	0	0	1	

Teacher Eva Marie Robicheau (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Third Class (Ontario)

~~Valid~~ to Expired 19

Taught last term in this same school

Total teaching experience Almost 21 years

Service in Indian school -do- years

Conventions attended -------

	4 Low 3	2 High 1
Appearance		1
Health		1
Personality		1
Initiative		1
Discipline		1
Relations		1
Management		1
Teaching skill		1
Preparations		1
Language		1
Community service		1
Pupils' progress	2	

General comment:

This is the last report I shall be making upon the Batchawana Bay Indian Day School, as it is to be closed as an Indian Day School in June.

I should like to refer to my report, dated May 17, 1944, on the Rabbit Island Indian Day School. In that report I made certain remarks about Miss Robicheau, and suggested that she might be offered the Rabbit Island School. I was flattered by the way in which the recommendations made in that report were so cordially accepted. As it turned out, however, Miss Robicheau's mother was ailing and it was not known when Miss Robicheau might have to go home, (As a matter of fact her mother died this spring). For this reason Miss Robicheau felt unable to take the Rabbit Island school for fear of being snowed in at some inconvenient time.

Serpent River #1

I now venture to recommend that (she) be offered the Serpent River School at Cutler. I spoke to her when I was at Batchawana, and she agreed that she would like the school. Even at that, I was a little late. Mr. Agent Lawrence had already been consulting her about taking the Serpent River school. The Indian Schools Branch may therefore be assured that both the Agent and the Inspector strongly favour the appointment.

W. F. Greening
Inspector of Schools

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Ottawa, July 13, 1948.

Memorandum:

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER.

In view of the fact that you are running short of coding numbers for the different day schools in this Branch, please be advised that it will be in order to close the following schools and use their respective numbers for new schools that we created from time to time:

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Bear River	251

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Indian Island	279

QUEBEC.

Caughnawaga Bush	303
Wolf Lake	336
St. Francis Prot.	337

ONTARIO.

Batchewana	379
Henvey Inlet	397
Mattawa	406
Michipicoten Harbour	407
Sheguiandah Prot.	429
" R.C.	430
Sheshegwaning C.E.	431
Stoney Point	437

MANITOBA.

Sandy Bay	548

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Fort Rupert	809
McDame	830
Old Fort Babine	862

(Sgd) Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education.

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