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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Lower Muncey INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection Feb. 23rd, 1933

Number of Pupils present { Boys / Girls

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each 1 --24 seats-- 17 pupils present 19 enrolled.

THE TEACHER

Name Beulah Comfort Age 23

Salary Eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Qualifications 2nd. class nonprofessional

Health Good

Success Satisfactory

Suggestions

A few minutes (two or three) should be given to Oral arithmetic before the regular lesson, in every class. Some time should be devoted to the practise of handwork. Exhibits of Art, weaving, basket making or any other practical work should be kept to show when required.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

The Entrance pupil should be ready for Examinations in June if she attends regularly. The pupils of class 4 read intelligently with a tendency to monotone. 4th class grammar only fair; 3rd Literature and Reading, good. The Art work was above the average. Taken altogether the general progress of the pupils was satisfactory, some individuals unusually proficient.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR J. H. Hixton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, Etc.

Of 19 pupils enrolled, 17 were present today, indicating that irregular attendance has not been poor so far this term.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY ..... With one or two exceptions, good.

CLASS ORGANIZATION ..... Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture ..... Good

CARE OF MATERIAL ..... Careful use of material

CLEANLINESS of Pupils ..... No fault to find.

do School-house ..... Not good today.

OBEDIENCE ..... Satisfactory

CONDUCT of Pupils in School ..... Good

do out of School ..... No Complaints.

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 24 Benches -- Chairs 1

Cupboards 1 Blackboards 8 Stoves 1 Stovepipes 23 Washbasins 1

Brooms 1 Axes -- Soap 2 Towels 2 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 19 Looking-glasses -- Other equipment Library for books, sand table, bird chart, maps, globe, clock, numeral frame, etc.

New Equipment Required:—

Sand table needs repairing. Units of measurement, table for hot lunch and for use in demonstration, some equipment tools for use of boys and girls, work bench, raffia, etc.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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

Two toilets, out of repair --needing attention.

A main school building and annex.

A woodshed in good repair.

A garage for teacher's use and in good repair.

Some evergreen trees should be planted along the North and West boundaries of the yard.

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.

The general management continues to be satisfactory. The teacher with wider experience with Indian children, is becoming more efficient in their management.

The Department might, with profit, furnish some equipment, i.e. saws, hammers, and work bench for the boys and suitable material for the girls, as most Indian children show great aptitude in manking things.

There are plenty of places for intelligent girls trained to do housework (when they are through school) and for boys. Hence, their school courses should in some measure be framed to furnish the means to these children to prepare them for these positions when they leave school.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Lower Muncey INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection Oct. 18th, 1933

Number of Pupils present { Boys 5 Enrolled 6 / Girls 7 " 8

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each 1 Classroom

THE TEACHER

Name Beulah Comfort Age 25

Salary $850.00

Qualifications 11 Class Non-professional

Health good

Success Fair and improving

Suggestions

At least three minutes of every arithmetic lesson should be taken for oral drill, and three minutes of every history class for current events, suggested by, say, the visit of the Governor General to Western Ontario, so lead to a knowledge of a system of township government (eg) "The Reeve of the Township read an address of welcome", etc.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

The mechanical work of the second class arithmetic is only fair, showing need of oral drill. The writing of both third and fourth classes was good. Of four fourth form pupils examined in spelling fifteen words, two were good, one fair, and one poor. Fourth form grammar needs more attention. The teacher is right in stressing the work of the Junior pupils. There are three pupils in the room of low mentality.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR J. H. Sexton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, ETC.

The attendance is good, hence no necessity for suggesting remedies.

I have asked Miss Comfort to keep a check up on the attendance of pupils such as is kept in rural white schools. This information is kept by the teacher, and is marked with the same regularity as the register. I am enclosing the blank showing the nature of the check. I intend using the information derived from this form as a basis to work out some improvements.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY ..... no fault to find

CLASS ORGANIZATION satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture no broken furniture, well arranged

CARE OF MATERIAL careful of materials

CLEANLINESS of Pupils neat and clean

do School-house well kept

OBEDIENCE obedient

CONDUCT of Pupils in School good conduct

do out of School no reason to find fault

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 21 Benches 0 Chairs 3

Cupboards 3 Blackboards 6 Stoves 1 Stovepipes 22 Washbasins 2

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 2 bars Towels 2 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 14 Looking-glasses 1 Other equipment sand table, globe, maps, pegboards, numeral frame, clock, charts, sewing cards, plasticene

Needed-- a kitchen table for demonstration, measure of capacity, etc.

New Equipment Required:—

A few simple pieces of equipment to demonstrate simple natural phenomena.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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

The main school building and annex, two toilets, a woodshed and a garage for use of the teacher are all apparently in good repair. There is no water on the school premises. The schoolyard has wonderful possibilities for beautification if something were done every year to improve it, in the way of planting shrubs in neglected corners, and evergreen trees along the north and east boundaries it might stimulate the impulse in some homes to improve their surroundings.

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.

Miss Comfort is faithful and energetic. I think she is giving her best to the work in which she is engaged.

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Ottawa, January 3, 1934.

Madam:

The Department has just received Inspector Sexton's report regarding his visit to the Lower Muncey Indian Day School on October 18th, last.

The Inspector considers the classroom work fairly satisfactory, but offers the following suggestions for still further improvement:

> "At least three minutes of every Arithmetic lesson should be taken for oral drill, and three minutes of every history class for current events, suggested by, say, the visit of the Governor General to Western Canada, so lead to a knowledge of a system of township government (eg) "The Reeve of the Township read an address of welcome, etc."

It is hoped that you will put into effect the above suggestions.

Your obedient servant,

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

Miss Beulah Comfort,
Teacher,
Lower Muncey Indian Day School,
Muncey, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Lower Muncey INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection May 8th, 1934

Number of Pupils present { Boys 6 / Girls 7

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each 1 Desks 21 single

THE TEACHER

Name Beulah Comfort Age 25

Salary 850.00

Qualifications 2nd - Non-professional

Health Good

Success Fairly good

Suggestions The teacher should get professional qualifications. She should teach principles, and interpret them by problems illustrating them.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

One pupil in the Fourth Class was quite proficient, but irregular attendance interfered with her progress. The pupils of the First Class were relatively the best in the school, though varied in age. All were good writers, expressed themselves well, and could think logically. The two 3rd Class girls were not proficient pupils. They lacked enthusiasm.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR J. H. Sexton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, ETC.

There is no problem here.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY ..... Good .....

CLASS ORGANIZATION .....

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture .....

CARE OF MATERIAL .....

CLEANLINESS of Pupils .. Satisfactory .....

do School-house .....

OBEDIENCE ..... Obedient .....

CONDUCT of Pupils in School .....

do out of School .....

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 22 Benches - Chairs 3

Cupboards 2 Blackboards 6 Stoves 1 Stovepipes 22 Washbasins 2

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 3 Towels 3 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 13 Looking-glasses 1 Other equipment Globe, maps, clocks,

Numeral frame, Library books.

New Equipment Required:—

X Flag, units of measurement, material for weaving, basket making and sewing, Lunar Tellurium for demonstrating seasons, day and night, etc.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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

There is no change in the number of buildings, ownership, or conditions of same since the last report.

Much could be done to make the school premises more attractive, with very little expense.

Evergreen trees might be planted along the northern and western boundaries of the yard.

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.

The general management of the school is fairly satisfactory. The teacher is energetic and competent. Now that she has been teaching for some time, a summer refresher course would broaden her outlook.

The contacts she would make with other teachers in a summer course would probably do much to improve her methods of teaching.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Lower Muncey INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection: September 20th, 1934

Number of Pupils present: Boys 8 Girls 6

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each: 1 -- 21 single desks

THE TEACHER

Name: Beulah Comfort Age: 25

Salary: 850.00

Qualifications: 2nd Class Interim

Health: Good

Success: Better than average

Suggestions: Re teaching of primary reading-- The eye-span as a help in expressive reading -- Sight reading before phonics, etc.

Oral arithmetic for a short time in every arithmetic class.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

I examined the classes in Art, Writing, Arithmetic, Reading, Spelling and Literature.

The pupils are quite proficient in Spelling, Writing and Art.

All the children speak in such low tones that it is difficult to hear what they say. Some means should be taken to overcome this. I have suggested ways.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR: J. H. Sexton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, ETC.

At this time the attendance is not a problem. To-day, 14 out of a possible 15 were present. Later, when the roads become bad and the weather gets cold, the attendance will not be so good.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY ..... No fault to find

CLASS ORGANIZATION ..... Approved

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture ..... Satisfactory

CARE OF MATERIAL ..... No evidence of bad usage.

CLEANLINESS of Pupils ..... Good

do School-house ..... Fair

OBEDIENCE ..... The pupils are obedient.

CONDUCT of Pupils in School ..... Good

do out of School ..... The teacher reports no complaints.

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 21 Benches 0 Chairs 2

Cupboards 3 Blackboards 6 Stoves 1 Stovepipes 22 Washbasins 2

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 0 Towels 3 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 20 Looking-glasses 1 Other equipment New clock, globe, numaral frame, maps, library books, primary equipment for the pupils, blackboard compasses.

New Equipment Required:—

The walls have no pictures on them. A few good subjects are needed. Some Manual Training equipment, such as a few common tools and a workbench, is needed, also Units of Weights and Measures and Scales, such as all Rural white schools are provided with.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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Main School Building and Annex
Woodshed
Garage
Two Toilets
All are in a fair state of repair.

The heating accommodation is not satisfactory. The ceiling is too high, and the classroom is too large to be heated by a small box stove.

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.

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The general management of the school is good. The pupils are interested in their work, and are making good progress.

If the school were provided with the proper equipment, a workbench and a few common tools for the boys, sewing material and a sewing machine for the girls, a very necessary improvement could be made in the efficiency of the training of these pupils. There is plenty of room in the building, and the pupils would be better qualified on leaving the school to make a living. To-day, some of the older pupils were doing some work to show at the school fair. The quality of the girls' sewing, and the contrivances of the boys was an evidence of what might be accomplished, if more of this practical training were a part of the school work.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 30 1935
RECORDS

Lower Muncey INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection May 2nd, 1935

Number of Pupils present { Boys 4 -- enrolled 6 / Girls 5 " 6

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each 1 -- 21

THE TEACHER

Name Beulah Comfort Age 26

Salary 850.00

Qualifications 11 Non-professional

Health Good

Success Fair

Suggestions The sentence method as an approach to the recognition of words and phrases, etc. Sounds come later. This method will correct monotonous reading.

The pupils read and speak with teeth together and without scarcely any movement of the lips. How to get better articulation -- 1st steps in number teaching to primer.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

Examined a primer class of beginners, a first Reading Class, a 2nd Class in Reading and spelling, a third Literature and Reading, a class in Number work.

The Reading, generally, was only fair. The Spelling and Writing invariablygood. The Seniors were painfully slow in answering questions, spoke in a low indistinct tone of voice. The Art work was better than fair.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR J.H.Sexton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, Etc.

Attendance good.

Average this month 10 , in April

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY ..... Quite punctual

CLASS ORGANIZATION ..... Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture Well arranged and taken care of

CARE OF MATERIAL ..... Careful of material

CLEANLINESS of Pupils ..... Good

do School-house ..... Good -- floor clean

OBEDIENCE ..... Obedient but sometimes sulky

CONDUCT of Pupils in School ..... Good

do out of School ..... Good

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 21 Benches 0 Chairs 3

Cupboards 3 Blackboards 6 Stoves 1 Stovepipes 22 Washbasins 2

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 4 Towels 3 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 16 Looking-glasses 1 Other equipment Charts, Maps, Primary Equipment, Library books, Some Pictures, Globe, Numeral Frame, Clock, Pencil Sharpener, Working equipment, encourages sewing, etc.,

New Equipment Required:— individual drinking cups Scales, Measures of Length, Units of Volume and Capacity. There is no flag in the School.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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

2 Toilets -- not in very good condition

Garage

Woodshed -- All in good state of repair

School Building , Annex

The yard might be improved. Trees might be planted.

There is no water on the premises, and no proper container for water in the classroom.

Water should not be kept in an open pail, but in a covered container with tap for drawing off the water from the bottom.

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.

The organization is satisfactory, and the general management is good. Attention here is given to the cultivation in the pupils of habits of industry, courtesy, good manners, and conduct, of cleanliness, etc., not always directly but incidentally in songs, games, etc.

Most Indian children are skilful and interested in all kinds of handiwork. They can weave, sew, draw, and write better than the average white child, and conditions here are quite suitable, on account of the small attendance for the introduction of more of that kind of work. There is plenty of room for the installation of such simple equipment as workbench and tools for boys, and some Domestic Science equipment for girls.

Now that Miss Comfort has been teaching for some time, I think it advisable that she should take a refresher Summer Course of training to perhaps complete her present non-professional standing.

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7-4-6.

Ottawa, May 30, 1935.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of the report of Mr. Sexton, Public School Inspector, on his recent inspection of the Muncey Indian Day School. He makes the following suggestions:-

"The sentence method as an approach to the recognition of words and phrases, etc. Sounds come later. This method will correct monotonous reading.

"The pupils read and speak with teeth together and without scarcely any movement of the lips. How to get better articulation -- ist steps in number teaching to primer.

"The reading, generally, was only fair. The spelling and writing invariably good. The Seniors were painfully slow in answering questions, spoke in a low, indistinct tone of voice. The Art work was better than fair.

"Now that Miss Comfort has been teaching for some time, I think it advisable that she should take a refresher Summer Course of training to perhaps complete her present non-professional standing."

I would request that you draw these matters to the attention of Miss Comfort.

Your obedient servant,

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

A. D. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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Muncey. Ont.

File 1-3-2.

July 3rd. 1935.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUL 8 1935

Sir:-

In acknowledging receipt of your letter 7-4-6 of May 30th, I would advise that I have brought to the attention of Miss Comfort, the suggestions made by Mr. Sexton the Public School Inspector and these suggestion will have her attention in future.

With regard to the fourth suggestion contained in your letter about Miss Comfort taking a refresher Summer Course, I would advise that this teacher is making arrangements to take Course No. 8. of the Ontario Department of Education being Kintergarten-primary and is being accepted at this couse at the present as a visitor, as Miss Comfort has no teaching certificate and has to receive the consent of the Minister of Education to continue and while she has commenced attending this course, the consent of the Minister has not as yet been received and if not granted she would have to discontinue the attendance at the course which is being given at London. Ont. Miss Comfort is not prepared to write off the subjects she failed in to secure her certificate.

Secretary.
Dept of Ind. Affs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Your obedient servant.

A. D. Moore. Indian Agent.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

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Lower Muncey ..... INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection ..... November 18th, 1935

Number of Pupils present { Boys 9 enrolled 9
Girls 4 " 5
13 14

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each 1 - 21

THE TEACHER

Name ..... Beulah Comfort ..... Age 27

Salary $850.00

Qualifications ..... 2nd Non-professional - Course in Kin. Primary

Health ..... Fairly good -- out one week illness

Success ..... With Juniors good -- Fair success with Senior pupils.

Suggestions (1) To urge upon the authorities the necessity of improving the school premises. The yard has never been properly cleaned since an old building was removed. Weeds and long grass make the yard unsightly. Evergreen shrubs planted along the north and west boundaries would greatly improve the yard. (2) To insist that more mental work in Arithmetic be done and that more problems of a practical character be used more suited to life situations.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

The primer class of beginners is making good progress. The teacher took a Kindergarten course last summer, which helped her very much in this work. Two 4th Form pupils were examined in Arithmetic. One was good, and one poor. The spelling and writing of the pupils generally was better than fair. The Art work was deficient in both quality and quantity, speaking generally. The quality of the work with the Junior pupils was better than that with the Seniors.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR ..... J.H.Sexton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, ETC.

Pupils' attendance good

Attendance not a problem

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY Good

CLASS ORGANIZATION Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture Good - not so good

CARE OF MATERIAL Careful

CLEANLINESS of Pupils Good

do School-house Generally good

OBEDIENCE With one exception -- good

CONDUCT of Pupils in School Approved

do out of School No fault to find

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 22 Benches 0 Chairs 3

Cupboards 3 Blackboards 6 Stoves 1 Stovepipes 24 Washbasins 2

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 2 Bars Towels 6 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 20 Looking-glasses 1 Other equipment Sand table

globe, Numeral Frame, clock, primary equipment, maps, Library books.

New Equipment Required:—

This school, as with other similar schools, is not supplied with standard equipment of the ordinary Rural school, making it next to impossible to present subjects objectively.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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

Main building

Woodshed

Two toilets -- recently repaired

Garages

There is no water on the school premises. Water must be carried for some distance from a place not too sanitary, and there is no proper container for holding it.

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 is an annex adjoining the school, not in use, which could be used as a separate classroom for work in Manual Training and Domestic Science, which ought to be a part of the work of this and other Indian schools.

Last summer, Miss Comfort, the teacher, took a Kindergarten course at London Normal, which further qualified her to teach Junior classes.

The general management of the school is satisfactory.

I have already made suggestions for improvements in methods in an earlier part of this report.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Lower Muncey INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection April 1st, 1936.

Number of Pupils present { Boys 8 present -- enrolled - 8
Girls 5 present -- enrolled - 6

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each /

THE TEACHER

Name Beulah Comfort Age 27

Salary $850.00

Qualifications Non-professional 2nd

Health Good

Success Fair

Suggestions Use the sand table more. Set suitable simple projects for the little ones to work in the sand.

If teaching is to be effective, the teacher cannot depend on previously acquired academic knowledge, or the inspiration of the moment in presenting a lesson.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

Beginners are being trained in the most approved way to read. That the teacher's methods are effective is shown by the fluency of the reading of the 1st class pupils. Of two pupils examined in 4th Class Junior, both spell well and write neatly, but for reasons of non-attendance and lack of rational intelligence do not think clearly or express themselves fluently. The Art exhibits were neatly done.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR J.H.Sexton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, ETC.

Attendance good just now -- has been poor on account of bad weather and sickness.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY ..... Good

CLASS ORGANIZATION ..... Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture ..... Fair

CARE OF MATERIAL ..... No evidence of rough usage

CLEANLINESS of Pupils ..... Satisfactory

do School-house ..... Fair

OBEDIENCE ..... Good.

CONDUCT of Pupils in School ..... Good

do out of School ..... Good

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 21 Benches - Chairs 1

Cupboards 2 Blackboards 6 Stoves 1 Stovepipes 22 Washbasins 2

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 2 bars Towels 5 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 16 Looking-glasses 1 Other equipment

Maps, charts, globes, primary equipment.

New Equipment Required:—

Need bench and chair, set of scales, units of length, surface and volume, some simple equipment as alcohol lamp, etc.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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

Main school building and annex

Woodshed

Toilets

Garage

All the above are in good repair.

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.

The organization and discipline of this school are satisfactory. Last summer, Miss Comfort attended a summer class in London, and further qualified herself for teaching Junior pupils -- a very necessary qualification as a large percentage of Indian children are in the lower grades.

There is an annex to this building, which might well be used as a workroom for pupils mechanically inclined. If a workbench and some tools and other simple equipment were installed for the childrens' use, a start might be made, under the direction of the teacher, in a line of work not purely academic, which might in the future be of great value to them in making a living.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

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Lower Muncey INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection October 1st, 1936.

Number of Pupils present { Boys 3 - enrolled 6
Girls 2 - " 6

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each /

THE TEACHER

Name Beulah Comfort Age 28

Salary $850.00

Qualifications Interim 2nd - non-professional

Health Good.

Success Approved

Suggestions Some suggestions regarding the teaching of reading to beginners by the sentence method - eye span, etc.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

Only Junior pupils were present to-day. My examination consisted chiefly in discovering the teacher's method of language teaching to beginners. I heartily approve of her method, and the results of her work are quite commendable. The pupils all read with good expression. The exhibits in Art and Writing of the older pupils not present are better than average.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR J.H.Sexton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, Etc.

Good except to-day - Some away on account of the Fair.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY Good

CLASS ORGANIZATION Approved

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture Good.

CARE OF MATERIAL Good care of it.

CLEANLINESS of Pupils Pupils neat and clean

do School-house Better than usual to-day

OBEDIENCE Good

CONDUCT of Pupils in School Excellent.

do out of School No fault to find.

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 21 Benches 1 Chairs 2

Cupboards 3 Blackboards 6 Stoves 1 new Stovepipes 22 Washbasins 2

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 1 Bar Towels 6 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 14 Looking-glasses 1 Other equipment H.Sc. Equipment for hot lunches, globes, maps, peg boards, numeral frame, Library books, sand table, clock.

New Equipment Required:—

The usual.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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

Main School Building and Annex

Woodshed

Garage

Two Toilets

These schools should all be supplied with a few carpenter's tools, and other suitable working equipment for the girls particularly. In this school, there is an extra room where that work could be successfully carried on in connection with the regular academic.

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.

Only five pupils are present this afternoon. Their school fair was yesterday. The Writing exhibits and Essay writing were among the best in the exhibition. I find to-day a great improvement in the proficiency of the pupils. They all speak louder and with better expression. Their answers are complete and are made in good form. Except that the teacher shows some impatience with the pupils, her work is now quite satisfactory. Evidently her refresher course at London has been an inspiration to her.

The whole atmosphere of the school has changed. The teacher's methods have improved, and the pupils are more interested and happy there.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Lower Muncey INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Date of Inspection March 24th, 1937

Number of Pupils present { Boys 2 present - 4 enrolled
Girls 4 " - 5 "

Number of Classrooms and number of desks in each 1 -- 21

THE TEACHER

Name Beulah A. Comfort Age 28

Salary $850.00

Qualifications Non-professional

Health Good

Success Average

Suggestions Actual practice in buying, selling, making change, should be carried on by the pupils under the direction of the teacher. A good part of the time table should be given up to practical work of sewing for the girls, etc. as a good preparation for living. Work should be suited to the mental development of the class.

REMARKS RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS

Six pupils present today. One pupil in 1st Class read with intelligent expression a sight selection. Examined 3rd Class Geography of Canada. They knew something about Canada, the Maritime provinces, prairie provinces, etc. but they could not point towards the north. The Writing and Spelling of all the pupils were good. Answers were given in comprehensive sentences. The 3rd Class pupils could read well and give a satisfactory oral interpretation of what they read.

[OVER]

SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR J. H. Sexton

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ATTENDANCE PROBLEM, REMEDIES SUGGESTED, Etc.

Not bad and improving.

Illness has during the winter made serious havoc with attendance.

System of stars and merits cards as inducement to come -- these have proven effective.

ORDER, CLEANLINESS AND DISCIPLINE

PUNCTUALITY Good generally - one bad

CLASS ORGANIZATION Satisfactory

PRESERVATION AND ARRANGEMENT of Furniture No fault to find

CARE OF MATERIAL Very good

CLEANLINESS of Pupils Very good

do School-house

OBEDIENCE Good

CONDUCT of Pupils in School Good

do out of School Good

SCHOOL FURNITURE

INVENTORY.—Teacher's Desk 1 Desks 21 Benches 0 Chairs 1 perfect 2 broken

Cupboards 2 Blackboards 4 Stoves 1 Stovepipes 20 Washbasins 2

Brooms 1 Axes 1 Soap 3 Towels 5 Pails 1

Drinking Cups 14 Looking-glasses 1 Other equipment Numeral frame, clock, flag, pencil sharpener, maps, globe, Blackboard set, Lib. books, working material, peg board, sand table, etc.

New Equipment Required:—

Units of measurement - capacity - surface, volume, scales, paper money.

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BUILDINGS AND PREMISES

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

There is a school house proper, a woodshed, two toilets and a garage on the school premises, all in a fairly good state of repair.

School is carried on since Christmas in a building outside the school yard, used by the Indians on the reserve as a Council chamber. This building is too poorly lighted to make a suitable schoolroom. In my opinion it was a mistake to change.

The regular building is centrally located on higher ground, is better lighted, in every way more suited for a schoolroom.

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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 would suggest that the pupils return to their regular classroom.

The general management of the school is satisfactory. Miss Comfort understands the children pretty well, but she makes the mistake that is common among teachers of handing out information to be memorized. Learning to read, write and spell may be essential, but learning to do things with their hands is quite as important, if not more important for Indian children. A proper balance should be established between the purely academic and the practical.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Lower Muncey Indian School Date of visit October 22nd 1937

Post Office address of school Muncey, Ontario

Grades 1 classroom I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX

Enrolled 13

Present 8

Teacher Beulah Arva Comfort
(Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) None

Valid to -- 19 --

Taught last term in Lower Muncey

Total teaching experience 9 years

Service in Indian school 9 years

Conventions attended

West Middlesex Convention, Oct. 5th, 1937

Indian School Convention, 2 days
Oct. 14th, 15th

	LOW		HIGH	
Appearance			X	
Health				X
Personality				X
Initiative			X	
Discipline				X
Relations				X
Management				X
Teaching skill			X	
Preparations				X
Language				X
Community service			X	
Pupils' progress			X	

General comment:

I believe those responsible for the change were ill-advised, in moving these children from their regular classroom to other quarters, in my opinion less suitable. The original building could have been made with little expense a more desirable place to carry on.

Miss Comfort is an experienced teacher and is making every effort to follow the procedure outlined in the "new programme", by using and directing the matural activities of the children towards desirable ends -- (eg) singing classes, dramatization, project work, etc.

J. H. Sexton
Inspector of Schools

I. A. 401
R. 7613

N.B.—ONE FORM TO BE USED FOR EACH CLASSROOM TEACHER.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Lower Muncey Indian School Date of visit March 4th 1938

Post Office address of school Muncey, R.R.No.1, Ont.

Grades I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX

Enrolled 14

Present 5

Teacher Beulah A. Comfort (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Non-professional

Valid to -- 19 --

Taught last term in Lower Muncey

Total teaching experience 9 years

Service in Indian school 9 years

Conventions attended

Strathroy Teachers Institute

Western Ont. Indian Teachers Convention

The Reserve teachers meet once a month for mutual assistance.

	LOW		HIGH	
Appearance			X	
Health				X
Personality				X
Initiative			X	
Discipline				X
Relations				X
Management				X
Teaching skill			X	
Preparations				X
Language			X	X
Community service			X	
Pupils' progress				

General comment:

"To-day the schoolroom was cold, dreary, and uncomfortable (52 degrees Fah. at 1 o'clock). The teacher informs me that conditions have not been better during the winter, perhaps accounting for the prevailing illness in the section. There were only five pupils present to-day -- grades 1, 2, 6 and 7. These were not above average in attainment, due to irregular attendance."

Miss Comfort is energetic and faithful, but is handicapped in her work by unsuitable and uncomfortable conditions of the schoolroom.

J. H. Sexton
Inspector of Schools

I. A. 401
R. 7613

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Ottawa, April 25, 1938.

Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of a report from Mr. J. H. Sexton, Inspector of Public Schools, in which he refers to conditions at the Lower Muncey School. Mr. Sexton's report reads in part as follows:-

> "Today the schoolroom was cold, dreary and uncomfortable (52 degrees Fah. at 1 o'clock). The teacher informs me that conditions have not been better during the winter, perhaps accounting for the prevailing illness in the section. There were only five pupils present today - Grades 1, 2, 6 and 7. These were not above the average in attainment, due to irregular attendance."

It is scarcely necessary to state that this report is wholly unsatisfactory. We have not at our disposal in the Training Division funds sufficient to pay for the operation of schools with an average attendance of approximately five. I am anxious, therefore, that you should make a thorough investigation of conditions at the Lower Muncey School. You should report to this Branch on the advisability of:

1. Closing the school and having the pupils transported to an adjoining school;

2. The removal of the pupils from the present building to the adjoining building which, I understand, was at one time used as a classroom;

3. The desirability and cost of making certain repairs to the present building, that will enable the pupils to undertake their studies in a classroom suitable for the purpose.

Your attention to this matter and a report to the Department at an early date will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

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

A. D. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT

APR 29 1938
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Muncey, Ontario.
April 28th, 1938.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. R. A. Hoey.

I would acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 25th, File 7-4-6, dealing with the report of Mr. J. H. Sexton, Inspector of Public Schools, and concerning conditions at Lower Muncey School and would report as follows:

1. According to the teacher, the date of visit of the Inspector was one of the coldest days of the winter and a small attendance was the result. There is at this school 15 on the roll and on my day of visit, April 11th(being off duty during February and March) fourteen pupils were present and it is considered that this attendance is sufficient to keep this school open, although the enrolment does fluctuate due to the Indians moving around. This school also is the only one located on the Muncey Reserve of this Agency.

2. The present classroom was considered best by the teacher, Medical Supt., Muncey Council, parents of children and myself because it was considerably smaller than the old classroom. The present building was the lesser of two evils and it would have taken much more to repair the old building than the present classroom which was a consideration in removing to the present building as well as size and continuation of use of the present building is considered most satisfactory in the long run.

3. Considerable repairs were made to the grounds and interior of the present classroom during the holiday period last Summer and in view of lack of funds then, repairs were kept to a minimum. Further repairs are necessary to the exterior of the building being the installation of some new window frames and sashes and also the purchase of storm windows and some additional siding to stop all draughts and when this is done it should make this building a quite comfortable and satisfactory classroom. As in past years, a recommendation will be made in June for repairs that can be done during the present Summer holidays.

The teacher also reports to me that the caretaker was very inexperienced during the past winter in her methods of firing a coal furnacette and that she improved considerable toward the latter part of the winter and this improved the heating

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conditions in the classroom. I would also inform you that both buildings, the old and the present classrooms, are very old and it will cost considerable in repairs in keeping them in shape and should an official of the Department be at this Agency at an early date, I would deem it a favour that an inspection be made of the Lower Muncey, River Settlement and Bear Creek Schools, all of which buildings are reported over 50 years of age and are going to cost the Department considerable for their repairs and upkeep in the future.

Your obedient servant,

A. D. Moore, Indian Agent.

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

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Lower Muncey Indian School Date of visit May 15th 1939

Post Office address of school Mount Brydges, R.R.No.1

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
Enrolled	4	4	2				1	1		12
Present	4	3	2				0	1		10

Teacher Miss Beulah Comfort (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Attended Normal School

Valid to No Certificate 19

Taught last term in This school

Total teaching experience 11 years

Service in Indian school 11 years

Conventions attended See last report

	LOW		HIGH	
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:

The work in this school was excellent in every grade. Pupils answer freely, do neat work, participate in school activities joyously. They are proud of their achievements and enjoyed showing the good work in Art, Sewing, Knitting, and work books. They read well, practice good health habits, and take good care of the property. They have planted trees and flowers.

Miss Comfort apparently makes use of every opportunity to bring her methods up-to-date and has given an excellent year's service in this school.

This school requires a set of weights and measures for instruction in Arithmetic.

Gordon Young
Gordon Young
Inspector of Schools

I. A. 401
R. 7613

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May 22, 1939

Mr. V. K. Greer, M.A.,
Chief Inspector,
Public and Separate Schools,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Greer:

Enclosed are my reports on the Indian Schools for this spring. A duplicate of this letter is also enclosed. It may be forwarded with the reports, if you deem it advisable.

The teachers on the reserve meet regularly to discuss methods and management. I regret that I have been able to attend only one of these meetings during the year. Ideas are exchanged, so the quality of the work is fairly uniform. Difficulties are solved and devices introduced. Next year they propose to meet with one of our township groups. It will be mutually beneficial. The one teacher who has not a certificate has given outstanding service this year. These meetings and a summer course last year have been very helpful to her.

As indicated on my reports, the traditional subjects of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Simple English Composition are learned well. The libraries of the schools need revision to enable the best work to be done in Social Studies. Generally, Art is excellent, Science and Health very good. This year a limited amount of Wood work and Sewing has been introduced. This is very valuable, but I think that we should not look upon this phase of the work as vocational training. It does give pupils a very satisfying opportunity to demonstrate manual ability and makes school more attractive.

The teachers are gradually attempting the activity or project plan of learning. Possibly we should say that they are enlarging the application of this device for it has always been employed to some extent by good teachers.

I have been pleased to note that oral work has improved. Possibly the fact that I was a stranger last fall made the children very diffident about speaking.

All the ungraded schools have been provided with paper towels. Two of the buildings were painted and repaired last year and I understand that the other two will receive attention this year.

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Mr. Moore, the Indian agent, takes a keen interest in the schools and will look after this. I was pleased to note how the children are taking some interest in the care of the property. In one school each pupil has a little health kit- comb, tooth-brush, etc.- and uses it daily at the school.

The report on the Mount Elgin Institute is so complete that no reference to the building and accommodations is necessary here.

Trusting that these reports may be satisfactory,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Young

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Inspector of Public Schools

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Lower Muncey Indian School Date of visit Oct. 19 1939

Post Office address of school Mount Brydges R.R.#1.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
	~~3~~	~~3~~	1	2	0	0	1	1	3	- 14
Enrolled	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	3	- 14
Present	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	- 10

Teacher Miss Beulah Comfort (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Attended Normal School

Valid to No Certificate 19

Taught last term in This School

Total teaching experience 11.4 years

Service in Indian school 11.4 years

Conventions attended (1) Indian Teachers' Convention at Oneida #2 September 22nd.

(2) London Regional Conference - October 13th.

	LOW		HIGH	
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: The care of school supplies, the neat arrangement of books, apparatus and other supplies and other evidence of good housekeeping in this school always gives me pleasure. While Miss Comfort has more facilities for these good features, I believe that her own management must receive credit as well.

Classes in Arithmetic, English, Social Studies, were observed and some of the note-books examined. These lead me to conclude that the work in this school is of the high order previously reported.

The three girls in Grade IX are taking Correspodence Courses from the Ontario Department of Education. While Miss Comfort was exercising some supervision over this work, I suggested that she make a definate effort to supplement the assigned exercises with lessons related to the exercises. In English this will give opportunity for oral practice of the principles of the exercises. I also suggested that Grade IX girls be guided to give good leadership to pupils activites in the school.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Lower Muncey Indian School Date of visit May 30 1940

Post Office address of school (Teacher) Mount Brydges R.R. # 1; (School) Muncey, Ont.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
Enrolled	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	- 13
Present	2	-	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	- 9

Teacher Miss Beulah Comfort (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Attended Normal School

Valid to No Certificate 19

Taught last term in this school

Total teaching experience 12 years

Service in Indian school 12 years

Conventions attended (1) Indian Teacher's Convention at Oneida # 2 Sept. 22nd; (2) London Regional Conference Oct. 13th.

	LOW		HIGH	
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: The care of the school supplies and property has been commended in previous reports. I was pleased to note today that the pupils are being trained in the care and growth of flowers in pots and about the building.

The regular academic subjects have received good attention and satisfactory progress has been made. Some wood work and sewing has been done. Written work is all neat. It is a pleasure to find that the pupils of this school continue to keep up the good standards of oral work - reading, answers to questions, explanation of school work etc.

Two of Grade IX girls taking Correspondence Courses still attend. They may complete the course in the year but that is doubtful. Even at that, I believe that it is a most satisfactory arrangement. The girls have been at home; they have had a good opportunity to show whether they are capable and sufficiently interested to undertake further studies. Possibly the Course may be followed by a similar provision for Grade X.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Lower Muncey Indian School Date of visit March 25, 1941

Post Office address of school Teacher - Mt. Bryages # 1. - School - Muncey, Ont.

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
Enrolled	2-3		3		2	1				11
Present	2-2		3		2	1				10

Teacher Miss Beulah Comfort (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Attended Normal School

Valid to No Certificate 19

Taught last term in This school

Total teaching experience 13 years

Service in Indian school 13 years

Conventions attended Indian Teachers' Convention Sarnia Oct. 7, London Regional Conference Oct. 4.

Attendance has been less regular. Illness a contributing factor.

	LOW		HIGH	
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: In spite of tragedy in the teacher's family and the late start in the fall, commendable progress has been made. The pupils maintain the good relationship with the teacher and are trained in the care of grounds and building. In English good progress has been made: Writing is neat; the pupils use good English freely in Reading, speaking, answering questions and making reports. Written Composition receives adequate attention. The pupils are somewhat slow in Arithmetic and this subject is receiving special emphasis to correct this condition. Satisfactory work in Science, Health and Social Studies is done. The sewing was good. Owing to the limited number and age of the boys little wood work is attempted.

New Toilets and a shelf for pupil's property have been provided The property is in a satisfactory condition.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Lower Muncey Indian School Date of visit April 28, 1942

Post Office address of school Teacher R.R. # 1 Mt. Brydges - School Muncey

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	
Enrolled	2	2		3		2	1			10
Present	1	1		2		2	1			7

Teacher Miss Beulah Comfort (Name in full)

Licence (or certificate) Attended Normal School

Valid to No Certificate 19

Taught last term in this school

Total teaching experience 14 years

Service in Indian school 14 years

Conventions attended Indian Teachers at Moraviantown, October 10, 1941.

	Low		High	
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: Property - The old well has caved in and should be filled. A piano has been provided by the efforts of teacher, pupils and community. For a time even a music teacher was engaged. Little trees and shrubs are being planted. Property generally is in a good condition.

Pupils - These pupils are polite and ready to do assigned written exercise. They converse fairly freely and use good English. They read well and are exceptionally good in writing. English, composition is good. They are slow in arithmetic. Their work in social studies, science, and health has been limited partly because they are slow in apprehending the material and partly due to attendance. They appear to be receiving a good training in household duties. Their sewing is very satisfactory and they have made the room very attractive with art and paper articles. Good health habits are stressed in a practical way. They sing very well. Some of the pupils are fairly old for their grades but they are not below the level at which they can do the work successfully. I believe that Miss Comfort has given a good year's service.

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