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GENERAL

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RECORDS

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Norway House, Man.

File 1A.

February 21st, 1933

Sir;-

Referring to your letter No.123-1-1 of Jan.18th last, and received this mail, would say that of the eleven children shown on the Cross Lake Residential School Return, they are being taken care of as follows;-

At Norway House R.C.Mission;-

No.070. Bella Muskego
111. John Moneaa
115. Jimmy Harper,
116. Zachias Harper,
118. Nichol Flett.

No.114 Frederick Wood, is on this list, but has not returned to school this winter on account of sickness.

At Cross Lake Mission,-

No.055. Virginia Etawakapow,
066. Th. Anna Trout,
075. Veronique Cook,
0101. Charlotte North,
0110. Rena Frog has been sick at home.
096. Flora McKay has been with her sick mother, who was with her son-in-law at Norway House. This woman died last week, and it is probable that the girl will now be able to return to school. I will take the matter up with the Principal, Father Trudeau at as early a date as possible.

Your obedient servant
Wm Gordon
Wm. Gordon,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

File 14A.

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Norway House, Man.
February 21st, 1933.

Sir;-

Referring to your letter No.123-1-1, dated January 18th last, with regard to accepting grant earning pupils at the Roman Catholic Mission at Norway House,- I have taken the measurements of the dormitories and looked over the accommodations in the building.

There are three sleeping rooms in the main building, and one in the Priests House which may be used for the children. Measurements are as follows;-

Little girls, 9' X 15' x 9' high-less monitors room.
Big girls, 32 x 16 x 9' " - " " " .
Little boys 24 x 16 x 9' " - " " " .

Monitor's rooms are approximately 6'x'8'x9'.

Big boys, 18' x 20' x 7' high.

The only provision for ventilation is by doors and windows

The building is steam heated, and has running water and electric lighting.

The cubical air space in the dormitories would total approximately 10,500 cubic feet.

The dining rooms are of good size, and the classroom has accommodation for 35 pupils.

If the Boarding School at Cross Lake is not likely to be rebuilt for some time, then the Roman Catholic Indians deserve some consideration with regard to Boarding School accommodation for their children. For this reason I would recommend that a per capita grant be provided for the number of children that may be allowed, according to dormitory space;-with the understanding that Boarding School regulations must be strictly adhered to, particularly with regard to other boarders in the institution, and the health and religion of the children on admission. Such an arrangement would give the Department more direct supervision in these respects, than we have at the present time.

O.K.

Your obedient servant

Wm. Gordon

Wm. Gordon,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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123-1-1

Ottawa, March 14th, 1933.

Reverend Sir,-

With further reference to your letter of December 16th, last, I enclose, for your information, a copy of official letter being directed to Mr. Agent Gordon in connection with the admission of children to the Norway House R. C. Mission.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

Enc. 1.

Rev. Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Bishop's House,
The Pas, Man.

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Ottawa, March 14th, 1933.

Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of your letters of the 21st ultimo, with reference to the accommodation for pupils at the Roman Catholic Mission at Norway House.

Grant will be allowed for twenty (20) children at the Roman Catholic Mission at Norway House and for six (6) or seven (7) at the Cross Lake Mission. Your letter of the 21st ultimo states that there are already five children at the Norway House R. C. Mission and, therefore, application may be made for the admission of fifteen (15) more. Only one quarterly return, including the names of all the children, should be forwarded.

It is understood, of course, that, in placing children in the Roman Catholic Mission at Norway House, the same regulations will apply as in the case of any other Indian residential school. Only Roman Catholic children should be admitted and application forms and certificates of health for all new pupils should be forwarded for the Department's consideration. All applicants should be Treaty Indian children. No discharges should be granted without securing the Department's consent. It is further understood that yourself or any other departmental official may visit and inspect the accommodation used by the children at any time.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

Wm. Gordon, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Norway House, Man.

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EXD.

Ottawa, March 15th, 1933.

Right Reverend Sir,-

I beg to refer Your Lordship to official letter of August 18th, last, in connection with the expenditures made at Cross Lake since this school was destroyed by fire.

The Department has not yet received the detailed statement, together with receipted accounts or cancelled cheques, for the period April, 1930, to March 31st, 1932. If you have these, you should forward them immediately for the Department's consideration.

Owing to the requirements of the Auditor General, it is absolutely necessary for this Department to receive the above in order that we can account for the payments already made.

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

Rt. Rev. O. Charlebois, O.M.I., D.D.,
Bishop of Keewatin,
The Pas, Man.

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March, 24th, 1933.

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MAR 27 1933
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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter, No I23-I-I, March I5th, addressed to Right Reverend Bishop Charlebois, I beg to inform you that I am taking this matter up with Reverend Father Trudeau of Cross-Lake and I hope that in a near future I will be able to send the documents asked for.

Yours very truly,

Martin Lajeunesse, ptd.

Secretary.

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12 Sept, 1933

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 20 1933

SCHOOLS BRANCH
SEP 22 1933

To the Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs ,
OTTAWA

Dear SIR

I am taking the liberty of writing to the Department , about our Indian School . Accordingto your desire, we will keep and board twety Indian children , for which the ordinary Grant is promised . So , there will be no more than 20 beds , in all the dormitories , inspected and measured by the Indian Agent Mr W Gordon .

But, besides these 20 Pupils, I was desiring and intending to keep 3 or 4, Orphans and destituted Indian children . They were at School last year ; and I had made the promise of taking care of them . We will supply them with beds , in special and personal rooms , separeted from the 20 ones . They would have no other contact with them , except in the dining and the class rooms . There will be no difficulty for the recreation , as it is taken usually, in the open air . I dont thing, the presence of these 3 or 4 supernumerary children, will do any harm to the health of the 20 ones . Of course , we will feed and board them, at our own expenses . I ask the Indian Department if they have any objection to that . And I am glad

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to take this opportunity, of conveying to the Department , my most sincere gratitude for the great favour g.ant, this year, to our School of Norway house .

Hoping You will hear favourably our hûble request ,

I am , dear SIR , Your very sincerely ,

Rev Henry Baissin
O. M. I.

The R C Indian Residencial School Norway House Man.

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Ottawa, September 22, 1933.

Reverend Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant, I beg to say that the Department understands that some of the children are being kept at Cross Lake and others at the Roman Catholic Mission at Norway House. It has been decided to pay per capita allowance for a total of thirty (30) children. Only one quarterly return, including the names of all the children at both places, should be forwarded.

It is understood, of course, that, in placing children in the R. C. Mission at Norway House, the same regulations will apply as in the case of any other Indian residential school. Only Roman Catholic children should be admitted and application forms and certificates of health for all new pupils should be forwarded for the Department's consideration. All applicants should be Treaty Indian children. No discharges should be granted without securing the Department's consent. It is further understood that any departmental officer may visit and inspect the accommodation used by the children at any time.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

Rev. Henry Boissin, O.M.I.,
Roman Catholic Mission,
Norway House, Man.

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Ottawa University,
Ottawa, January 26, 1934.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JAN 26 1934

Sir:

I beg to inform you that Rev. Henry Boissin, O. M. I., has been nominated as Principal of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, to succeed Rev. Father Trudeau, O.M.I. I would request that the appointment of Father Boissin be approved and that his Lordship, the Bishop of Keewatin be informed accordingly.

Yours truly,

J. A. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,
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123-1-1.

Ottawa, January 29, 1934.

Right Reverend Sir:

I have to inform Your Lordship that approval is granted for the appointment of Rev. Henry Boissin, O.M.I., as Principal of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, to succeed Rev. G. E. Trudeau, O.M.I. It is hoped that Rev. Father Boissin will meet with every success in the work at Cross Lake.

Mr. Wm. Gordon, Indian Agent, Norway House, is being informed of the approval granted for the approval of Father Boissin.

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Right Rev. M. Lajeunesse, O. M. I.,
Bishop of Keewatin,
The Pas, Man.

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Ottawa, January 29, 1934..

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Church Authorities of the Diocese of Keewatin have nominated Rev. Henry Boissin, O.M.I., as Principal of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, to succeed Rev. G. E. Trudeau, O.M.I. The Department is approving of the appointment of Father Boissin.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Wm. Gordon, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Norway House,
Man.

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Ottawa, January 29, 1934.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Church Authorities of the Diocese of Keewatin have nominated Reverend Henry Boissin, O.M.I., as Principal of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, to succeed Rev. G. E. Trudeau, O.M.I. The Department is approving of the appointment of Father Boissin.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

A. G. Hamilton, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa, January 29, 1934.

Right Reverend Sir:

In September, last, the Department received from His Lordship the late Bishop Charlebois, O.M.I., accounts in triplicate, covering the expenditure incurred by the Church Authorities in the maintenance of the children at Cross Lake, from the date the main school building was destroyed by fire, on February 25, 1930, to March 31, 1932, the date the per capita grant was restored.

During the period mentioned, the Department advanced grants towards the expenses incurred, to the amount of $8,000. The total accounts forwarded in accounting for these advances amounted to only $7,403.74, as per the statement enclosed, which is a copy of the list showing the payments made, forwarded by the late Bishop Charlebois. You will see, from this statement, that there is a balance of $596.26 which has not been accounted for. The Auditor General is requesting an accounting for the advances which were made the Cross Lake School, in lieu of per capita grant, during the above mentioned period. If Your Lordship has any accounts, other than those mentioned in the enclosed list, I would request that you will forward copies of same, in triplicate, properly certified, in order to account for the above mentioned sum of $596.26. I should be pleased to have receipted accounts covering this amount at the earliest possible date.

If Your Lordship is unable to submit further accounts covering expenditure made in this connection, it would appear that overpayment was made, and the Auditor General would request that the amount be retained from per capita earnings of the school until adjustment has been made.

I shall be pleased if the above will receive your early attention, in order that these accounts can be received and the matter adjusted before our books close at the end of the present fiscal year, viz.: March 31st, next.

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Encl.

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Right Rev. M. Lajeunesse, O. M. I.,
Bishop of Keewatin,
The Pas, Man.

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Bishop's House, Le Pas, Man., Feb. 5th, 34

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 8 1934
RECORDS

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

Refer: to yours No I23-I-I.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of January 29th Re expenditure incurred by us for the maintenance of the children at the Cross-Lake School from the date of the fire on February 25th, I930 to March 3Ist, I932.

First I wish to draw your attention on this point that the Statements forwarded to the Department last September by Late Bishop Charlebois were covering only the expenditures made for the children attending day school.So these statements do not include expenses made for the boarders kept from the time of the fire, some at Cross-Lake and some at Norway-House. For these children the regular Quarterly Returns were regularly forwarded for which no per Capita Grant was received until June Quarter I932.

As stated in a letter received from the Department No I23-I-3 dated June 27th, I930 it was understood that the Department would pay the regular Per Capita Grant for the boarders kept at Cross-Lake and Norway-House, and then, special grant would be given for children attending day school,to whom two meals and clothes were given,on receipt of detailed Statment showing the expenditure incurred for same.

Consequently having received $8000 we admit that this sum exceeds the expenses made for the children attending day school and being fed and clothed but the balance left $ 596.26 is far from being sufficent to cover the Grant per Capita which has been left unpaid from april Ist, I930 to March 3I st I932.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I remain,

Yours truly,

Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.

Bishop of Keewatin

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SCHOOLS BRANCH
APR 10 1934

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Ottawa, April 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

Right Rev. M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I., Bishop of Keewatin, visited the Department on April the seventh. We discussed the situation at Cross Lake, as outlined in official letter of January 29th, 1934. I pointed out to His Lordship the impossibility of making any further payments for the period April 1, 1930, to March 31, 1932. After some discussion, it was mutually agreed that this matter would be considered closed, and His Lordship stated that he would not again bring it up.

I again requested him to forward us a receipt for approximately $600 worth of expenditures during the period in question, in order that we can satisfy the requirements of the Auditor General.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

APR 6 1935

Ref: 3-A

Norway House, Man:
21st March 1935.

Sir,

I beg to report that on the 15th instant, I inspected that part of the Cross Lake Roman Catholic Indian Residential School, that is located at the Cross Lake Reserve.

I found everything about the school premises in very good condition. The class room building is in good shape, well kept and well heated.

There were 22 pupils present in the class room at the time of my visit, 10 of which were resident pupils, the other 12 being day school pupils.

The teacher is efficient, and the discipline was good. The pupils are doing good work and showing progress.

Unfortunately I did not see the Principal of the school; the Rev: Henry Boissin, as he had gone to Norway House. When I returned to Norway House, he had returned to Cross Lake.

Your obedient Servant,

P.G. Lazenby.

P.G.Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont;,

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Dept of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

To whom it may concern.

The undersigned herewith petition the Government for a Roman Catholic Boarding School at Cross Lake. Man.

wit: A. Castel — his X sign — John Ross Exc hief
A. Sinclair acting Chief
An Castel councillor
A Beardy acting councillor

wit: P Colombe — his X sign — Felix Scott acting councillor
Peltiel Colombe
Geo mc Kay

wit: J. Thomas — his X sign — James Budd
Jack Thomas

wit: S Cook — his X sign — Albert Monias
Sandy Cook

wit. R. Scott — his X sign — Lazarus Monias
Raymond Scott
Wm Ino. Bass.
John D. Blacksmith
Samuell McKay

wit: N. Yellowback — his X sign — Peter Ross
Norman Yellowback
Arthur Poor
Joseph mckay
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Thomas Ross
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Petition for Roman Catholic
Boarding School Cross Lake Man
His x sign. Alec Meswaggan (2), wit: A Beardsley
Baptiste Jock
Antoine Scatch
His x sign. Richard Garroch wit: S. Crait
Sandy Crait
Miles Scott
His x sign John Richard wit: S Ross
His x sign Solomon Osborne wit: S Ross
Simpson Ross.
His x sign Andrew Thomas (Sen) wit: S. McKay
Street McKay
His x sign Donald Ross wit: J S McKay
John S McKay.
His x sign Alec. Spence wit: H Beardy
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Joe Beardy
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His x sign Jacob Monias wit: A. Sinclair
His x sign James Ross wit A. Sinclair
His x sign Angus Blacksmith wit: J Holcro
His x sign Andrew Panjanekis wit: W. Frogg
William Frogg
His x sign Isaiah Richard wit: A. Sinclair
Walter Halcrow.
Joe Blacksmith
John Monias
McKay Scott
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Petition for Roman Catholic Boarding
School Cross Lake, Man
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John R McKay
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Peter Rose Rose.
George Pampanakis
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His x Sign John Peter wit: S. Crail
Thomas Cook
Angus McKay wit. Thomas Cook
Andrew Thomas "
Henry Colomb "
Stanley Mercer "
William Ross "
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Bishop's House, Le Pas, Man., Aug. 21st, 1935.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 24 1935

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed a petition addressed to me by the Indians af Cross Lake, requesting the erection of a new school at that point to replace the one destroyed by fire in 1930.

A similar petition was addressed to you in 1932 and in your answer to late Bishop Charlebois (No 123-1-1, Nov. 7th 1933) you were assuring him that you would keep in mind the need for a new building at Cross Lake. We did not insist very strongly during the past years, knowing that depression was handicapping your work, I earnestly hope that you will gratify us with favourable answer as soon as you can.

Yours very truly,

Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.
Bishop of Bonusta,
Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

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Ottawa, August 27, 1935.

Right Reverend Sir:

I have Your Lordship's letter of the 21st instant, enclosing a petition from the Indians of Cross Lake, requesting that a residential school be erected, to replace the building destroyed by fire in 1930.

In reply I have to say that the Department will have no funds to consider the re-establishment of the Cross Lake Residential School and the erection of a suitable building. Your Lordship will understand that, during the past four years, there have been no funds available for the replacement or repairing of our present school establishment. There are, therefore, many demands, and it will likely require a period of two or three years before sufficient funds can be available to place our present school establishment in an efficient state. I am quite unable to say, at present, when Parliament would be able to provide the funds required for the erection of a new residential school building at Cross Lake and the furnishings and per capita grant for same. However, the need at this point will be kept in mind. It will be necessary, therefore, to carry on under the present arrangements for school facilities for the Indian children of the Cross Lake Band.

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Right Rev. Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin,
Bishop's House,
The Pas, Man.

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Cross Lake Res - Burnt - Feb 25/1930
Pupulage 110 - Rate $1.75 p.c.

Attending at present :
40 @ $1.75 p.c
of these 10 are at Cross Lake
and balance in Church owned bldg
at Norway House.

Since April 1/32
allowed Sal. @ $950 a year
for day sch. teacher at Cross Lake.
Enrolment at day sch = 36

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UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

Laurier Avenue East

Ottawa,

March 22, 1937.

The Honourable T.A.Crerar,
Minister of the Department of Mines and Resources.

Honourable Sir:

Following our conversation of this morning I would like to express to you my deep satisfaction and appreciation of your plan concerning the vocational training of Indian children. I think you have struck the right note. Education must be a develo-ment and not a distortion of natural talents and tendencies in children.

In the same line of thought I would like to supplement my remarks of this morning by saying that my opinion is that we should have at Cross-Lake an institution which would be primarily a Day School but with accommodation for orphans, for destitute children and of those of the neighboring reserves, and which school adapted for about 65 children would suffice. This would be a center from which Indian crafts, agriculture and other useful trades could be taught. Since last year, in fact, agriculture has been specially organized for our former pupils by our Missionaries at Cross Lake.

What seems to be of immediate importance is the examination of the site and the bringing in of some of the material such as sand, etc.... Hoping that we may be favoured with a suitable solution to our problem through your kindness and influence.

I beg to remain yours sincerely,

"Martin Lajeunesse" O.M.I.

Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

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MEMORANDUM

Ottawa, March 27th, 1937.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
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Dr. H.W. McGill,
Director of Indian Affairs Branch.

On Monday, the 22nd instant, Bishop Lajeunesse, of The Pas, was in to see the Minister and discussed with him the question of providing educational facilities at Cross Lake in Manitoba. I am now enclosing herewith a copy of a letter he has written to the Minister. Mr. Crerar would like you to discuss this matter with him some time in the near future.

C.W. Jackson,
Secretary.

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Noted for further consideration
SHWWG

Ottawa, March 31, 1937.

Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

Re: Cross Lake School.

I am returning herewith Mr. Jackson's memorandum of March 27th and also copy of letter received by the Minister from Bishop Lajeunesse, of The Pas, Manitoba.

The Cross Lake Residential School (R. C.) was destroyed by fire on February 25th, 1930. At that time the school had an enrolment of 110 pupils with a per capita grant allowance of $175. It would appear that, following the destruction of the residential school, an arrangement was made with the Church authorities, whereby they were allowed per capita grant of $175 for 40 pupils. Of these pupils, 10 are at Cross Lake and 30 are receiving instruction in a church-owned building at Norway House. In addition to this, a salary of $950 a year has been allowed for a day school teacher at Cross Lake. This day school has an enrolment of 36 pupils.

I discussed the problem confronting the Church authorities and the Department at Cross Lake very fully with Bishop Lajeunesse, when he interviewed me at my office a few days ago. The last census report indicates that there are 635 Indians in the Cross Lake Band, and, of these, 145 are of school age. Of the total population at Cross Lake, it would appear that approximately 50% (320) are recognized as adherents to the United Church and 315 are listed as Catholics. However, in the construction of a new school on this reserve, we must be careful to keep in mind the fact that there are 791 Indians at Norway House, of whom 180 are shown as Catholics. If it is decided to

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Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Noted for further consideration
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Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Evêché—Bishop's House
Le Pas, Man., Canada

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September 23rd, 1937.

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

Dear Sir:

I should like to submit to your approval two appointments: that of Rev. F.X. Gagnon, O.M.I. as principal of the Indian Industrial School of Beauval, Sask., and that of Rev. Albert Chamberland, O.M.I., as principal of the Indian Industrial School of Cross Lake, Manitoba.

These Missionaries are both qualified for the task assigned them in their respective schools and I am rendereing myself responsible for the welfare of both these institutions entrusted to their care. Rev. F.X. Gagnon, O.M.I., returns for another term to an old position succeeding to Rev. Victor Bleau, O.M.I., and Rev. Albert Chamberland, O.M.I. an experienced missionary in the district, succeeds to Rev. Henri Boissin, O.M.I.

Very truly yours,

† Martin Lafleche, O.M.I.

Bishop of Bonusta,

Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

Copied E.P.

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Ottawa, September 30, 1937.

Right Reverend Sir:

I have for acknowledgment Your Lordship's letter of the 23rd instant, in which you nominate, for departmental approval, the name of Reverend F. X. Gagnon, O.M.I., as Principal of the Indian Residential School at Beauval, Sask., and that of Rev. Albert Chamberland, O.M.I., as principal of the Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, Man. These appointments appear to be satisfactory to the Department and are therefore approved.

I am today communicating with the Inspectors of Indian Agencies for the respective provinces, notifying them of the changes that have taken place,

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Yours very truly,

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

Right Rev. M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin,
Bishop's House,
The Pas, Man.

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Ottawa, September 30, 1937.

Dear Sir:

Right Reverend M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin, The Pas, Man., has appointed Reverend Albert Chamberland, O. M. I., as Principal of the Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, Man. This appointment has been approved by the Department.

Yours truly,

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

A. G. Hamilton, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Return to Schools

123-1-1.

Ottawa, October 28, 1937.

MEMORANDUM:

The Director,-

In response to your request, I am submitting herewith certain comments and recommendations with respect to the rebuilding of the Cross Lake Residential School.

The Cross Lake Indian Residential School (R.C.) was destroyed by fire on February 25, 1930. At that time the school had an enrolment of 110 pupils with a per capita allowance from the Department of $175. The records indicate that, following the destruction of this school, an arrangement was made with the church authorities whereby they were allowed a per capita grant of $175 for 40 pupils. Of these pupils 10 are at Cross Lake and 30 are receiving instruction in a church-owned building at Norway House. In addition to this, a salary of $950 per annum has been allowed for a day school teacher at Cross Lake. The day school has an enrolment of 36 pupils.

I have discussed the problem confronting the church authorities and the Department at Cross Lake very fully with Bishop Lajeunesse. His Lordship interviewed me at my office a few months ago.

The last census report indicates that there are 635 Indians in the Cross Lake Band and, of these, 145 are of school age. Of the total population at Cross Lake approximately 50% (320) are recognized as adherents of the United Church and 315 are listed as Catholics. However, in considering the erection of a new school at this reserve, we must be careful to keep in mind the fact that there are 791 Indians at Norway House, of whom 180 are Catholics. If it is decided to establish a residential

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I suggested to Bishop Lajeunesse that we should proceed with the erection of an improved day school just as soon as the money at our disposal would enable us to do so. I had in mind a school building consisting of two distinct and separate units - the first unit to consist of three or four classrooms with full basement accommodation and equipped to provide vocational instruction - net making, carpentry work, preserving of fruit, sewing, etc., and a second unit sufficiently removed from the first to escape fire hazards. In this second unit provision should be made for dormitory accommodation for approximately 60 pupils with living quarters for the members of the teaching staff. In this building, also, should be installed a furnace of sufficient capacity to provide heat for both buildings. The dining room facilities should be spacious enough to provide accommodation, not only for the resident pupils, but, in addition, accommodation for the day school pupils, who could be provided with a noonday lunch and by this provision encouraged to be regular in attendance at school.

I am not sufficiently familiar with the district to make any comment upon its agricultural possibilities. If the land is at all suitable for agricultural purposes, a small farm should be established at the school. It would be well, also, to canvass the possibilities of promoting a fur industry in the district. The care of mink, for example, would provide worth-while and profitable instruction for the pupils.

May I suggest, before a final decision is reached with respect to the rebuilding of this school,

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that a thorough investigation of the district be made by Inspector Hamilton, who might be accompanied by a capable builder or contractor. Inspector Hamilton should be asked to report upon:-

1. The selection of a centrally located and suitable site, close to an adequate water supply;

2. The extent to which it might be profitable to utilize the building materials, stones, etc., that are available at the old site;

3. The suitability of the district for farming operations and development of wild life;

4. The approximate cost of a building such as I have roughly suggested.

You are aware that it is our intention to ask for a substantial appropriation this year with the object of promoting a health programme, designed to arrest and ultimately eradicate the ravages of T. B. amongst the members of our Indian population. We have abundant evidence at our disposal to indicate that Indian reserves have become centres of infection and are actually a menace, not only to the residents of the reserves, but to the White population as well. I feel confident we shall have the active cooperation of the church authorities in working out this programme. It is too much, however, to expect that we shall be able to provide the funds necessary for this programme on the one hand and continue to multiply the number of Indian residential schools on the other. I have no reason to think that the churches will expect us to proceed with a pretentious building programme until adequate provision has been made for the members of our Indian population now suffering from tuberculosis. I remind you of this for

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the reason that in my judgment the cost of erecting a school at Cross Lake should be kept down to the lowest possible figure. I have given it special consideration for the simple reason that the proposal does not represent a request for a new school but is simply a replacement, the claims for which have been sympathetically considered since the school was destroyed by fire 7 years ago but action on which has been deferred owing to the limited financial resources available for such projects.

I am attaching hereto, for your information, copy of a letter, dated March 22, 1937, received by the Minister from Bishop Lajeunesse, and also envelope containing a number of photographs of the old building taken immediately after the fire.

Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, Ontario,
October 29, 1937.

Memorandum:

The Deputy Minister.

I attach herewith memorandum from the Superintendent of Welfare and Training regarding the rebuilding of the Cross Lake Residential School. I would concur in Mr. Hoey's recommendations.

In any scheme under consideration, little dependence should be placed on the agricultural possibilities of the region which are quite limited.

H. Howe
Director.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, November 1, 1937.

My dear Bishop Lajeunesse:

I have for acknowledgment Your Lordship's letter of October 20th, in which you express the hope that provision will be made in the Estimates now under consideration for the rebuilding of the Cross Lake Indian school.

It is scarcely necessary to state that the claims advanced for a school at Cross Lake have been sympathetically considered since the destruction of the residential school by fire, seven years ago. The fact that action has been deferred can be attributed wholly to the limited financial resources available for such projects.

This year, it is my intention to ask for a substantial appropriation with the object of promoting a health programme, designed to arrest and ultimately eradicate the ravages of tuberculosis amongst the members of our Indian population. I feel confident we shall have the active cooperation of the church authorities in working out this programme. It is too much, however, to expect that we shall be able to provide the funds necessary for this programme on the one hand and to continue to multiply the number of Indian residential schools on the other. In view of all the facts, I am prepared to give special consideration to your request for a school at Cross Lake, for the simple reason that the proposal does not represent a request for a new school but a replacement, the need for which is apparent by the

number

Reverend M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin,
Bishop's House,
The Pas, Man.

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number of children of school age in the district.

I do not feel that I can promise you definitely at this date that a school will be built by the Government at Cross Lake during the coming fiscal year, but I am prepared to submit, for your consideration and for any comment you may care to offer, a rough outline of an improved day school, which would be less expensive to construct and yet adapted to fully meet the needs of the Indian population.

I have in mind an improved day school consisting of two distinct and separate units - the first unit to consist of three or four classrooms with full basement accommodation and equipped to provide vocational instruction, net-making, carpentry work, preserving of fruit, sewing, etc., and a second unit in which provision should be made for dormitory accommodation for approximately 50 pupils and with living quarters for the members of the teaching staff. The dining room accommodation in the second unit would enable the teachers in charge to provide a noonday lunch for the day school pupils and thus encourage regularity of attendance.

It is my understanding that the agricultural possibilities of the district are somewhat limited, but a small farm should be established at the school. This farm might well become a small game sanctuary for the encouragement of wild life. An experiment might also be made in the care of beaver or mink. The care of these animals would provide very useful and profitable instruction for the children in attendance at the institution.

I regret to state that I have not at my disposal sufficient information to indicate the extent to which it might be profitable to utilize the building

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material now at the old site. I do feel, however, that the new school should be erected on a site centrally located and with an abundant supply of water.

I shall be glad to have Your Lordship's criticisms and comments on this proposal.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Minister's Office

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MEMORANDUM

Ottawa, December 1st, 1937.

Dr. H.W. McGill,
Dir. of Indian Affairs Branch.

The Minister has asked me to forward to you the attached letter which he has received from the Right Rev. Bishop Lajeunesse in answer to his letter of the 1st ultimo, copy of which you have on your files. He would like to discuss the matter with you and Mr. Hoey some time in the near future.

C.W. Jackson,
Secretary.

Enclosure (1).

Letter of Bishop Lajeunesse Nov. 15/38 delivered to Mr. Pratt on July 16/38
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Eveche - Bishop's House,
LePas, Man., Canada,

March 9th, 1938.

Honourable T. A. Crerar,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
Parliament Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Honourable Sir:

Will you be so kind as to give us a definite reply concerning the resolutions drawn, for or against, the petition reiterated during these last eight years for the reconstruction of the Indian school at Cross Lake, Manitoba.

Very truly yours,

(sgd.) Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin.

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Mar. 14, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
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The Deputy Minister

Re: Reconstruction of Indian School at Cross Lake, Manitoba.

Will you please let the Minister have a draft reply covering the attached letter from the Rev. Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I., Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin, The Pas, Man., dated Mar. 9.

W.J.F. Pratt
Private Secretary.

Encl.

Dr. McGill -

For draft reply as requested. Please refer to letter of Nov 1 prepared in your office for Minister's signature

C.W. Jackson.

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Ottawa, March 17, 1938.

My dear Bishop Lajeunesse:

I have for acknowledgment Your Lordship's letter of March 9th, in which you ask for a definite reply with respect to the construction of a school at Cross Lake.

You may remember that in my letter to you of November 1, 1937, I expressed the view that an improved day school, consisting of two distinct and separate units, should be established in the Cross Lake district and that this school should be specially designed for vocational instruction and adapted to meet the needs of the Indian population.

I may state that it is my intention to ask my colleagues for permission to include in the supplementary estimates of this year an amount necessary to proceed with the construction of the first unit. This unit, in my judgment, should consist of four classrooms with full basement accommodation. If this appropriation is approved by the Government and by Parliament, arrangements could be made to proceed with the construction of the building early this summer. Consideration could be given, later, to the construction of the second unit, in which provision should be made for dormitory accommodation for a limited number of children that may be agreed -

Right Reverend M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin,
Bishop's House,
The Pas, Man.

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Yours sincerely,

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EX'D.

Ottawa, March 17, 1938.

Memorandum:

THE DEPUTY MINISTER:-

Re: Construction of Indian School
at Cross Lake, Manitoba.

In response to the request contained in Mr. Pratt's memorandum of March 14th and Mr. Jackson's instructions received by phone, I am sending forward herewith, for the signature of the Minister, a letter addressed to His Lordship Bishop Lajeunesse, The Pas, Manitoba.

You will note the suggestion that provision be made in the supplementary estimates of this year for an amount necessary to proceed with the construction of a four-room day school. I have not had an opportunity to secure from the Director of Surveys and Engineering an estimate of the cost of this building. In view of the location, however, I am inclined to think that this unit would cost at least $20,000.

Director.

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Ottawa, March 17, 1938.

My dear Bishop Lajeunesse:

I have for acknowledgment Your Lordship's letter of March 9th, in which you ask for a definite reply with respect to the construction of a school at Cross Lake.

You may remember that in my letter to you of November 1, 1937, I expressed the view that an improved day school, consisting of two distinct and separate units, should be established in the Cross Lake district and that this school should be specially designed for vocational instruction and adapted to meet the needs of the Indian population.

I may state that it is my intention to ask my colleagues for permission to include in the supplementary estimates of this year an amount necessary to proceed with the construction of the first unit. This unit, in my judgment, should consist of four classrooms with full basement accommodation. If this appropriation is approved by the Government and by Parliament, arrangements could be made to proceed with the construction of the building early this summer. Consideration could be given, later, to the construction of the second unit, in which provision should be made for dormitory accommodation for a limited number of children that may

be agreed -

Right Reverend M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin,
Bishop's House,
The Pas, Man.

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(sgd.) D. Scott
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 6-8

Norway House, Man:
26th March 1938.

Sir,

A short time ago, I had occasion to escort a mental patient from this agency, to the Selkirk Mental Hospital, and while in Winnipeg, on 1st March, I called on Mr Inspector A.G.Hamilton at his office, and was fortunate enough, at the same time, to meet Mr M.Christianson, the General Superintendent of Agencies. We discussed many matters concerning the Indian work in general, but one thing was discussed at some length, namely, Indian Education, particularly as it applies to the Indians of this agency, and the northern districts generally.

At the conclusion of our talk, Mr Christianson asked me to write to you, and give you the views I held concerning this particular phase of the Indian work.

First of all, the problem of educating the children of the Indians who live in this north country, is entirely different from the problem of educating those who live outside on the prairies. The northern Indian has a distinctly different way of living, and earning his living; and apart from the few traders, missionaries, and government officials, he comes into contact with but few of the white population.

The northern Indian does not really require very much education from a scholastic viewpoint. If he acquires a grade four standing, he has all that he needs in that way, and he can acquire this if he goes to school from the age of seven years until he is fourteen, or even thirteen, after which, his father or guardian, should take him in hand, and teach him how to earn his living.

The establishment of 'Residential Schools' in this north country, for the education of Indian children, is, in my opinion, a mistake. There are but three ways for the northern Indian to earn his livlihood, namely, Hunting, Trapping and Fishing, (apart from a little freighting he may get in the summer time), and none of these things can possibly be taught him at a residential school. The difference between the northern and the prairie Indian can here be noticed, as the prairie Indian usually returns to his reserve, after leaving the residential school, and begins to farm, having learned much of farming at the residential school farm. To build and equip a residential school, to accomodate say 100 pupils, would require a cash outlay of $150,000 at the very least. In addition, there would be the annual grant of $17,500. The same number of pupils could be given all the

- education -

R.A.Hoey Esq;
Superintendent of Welfare & Training
Indian Affairs Branch
Department of Mines & Resources
Ottawa, Ont:,

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education they will ever need, in at most, three, Day Schools situated right on their reserves, and three such schools could be established at very much less cost than one Residential school, and the cost of operation would be very much less. There are, in this agency, ten day schools, (two of which are but 'seasonal' schools), which accomodate approximately twice as many pupils as the Norway House Residential School, and at little more than half the cost, and the pupils of these schools get, as a general rule, all the education they need.

With regard to the sending out of pupils from the north country to residential schools where a higher education is given, such as Brandon, and keeping them there until they are eighteen years of age; this, in my opinion, is the greatest mistake of all. There are two or three instances of this here at Norway House. These pupils returned here after graduating from Brandon school. They have a better scholastic education than those who remained here and went to day school, but they have absolutely no idea about making a living in the bush, and their higher education is of no benefit to them whatever.

The ideal way to educate the Indian children of this northern country is through the day schools, situated on their reserves. They are thus with their own people all the time, and in addition to daily attendance at the day school, they are learning from their parents the rudiments of the methods they themselves will have to adopt after they leave school, to make their living. This gives them better all round equipment for a livlihood than can be acquired by attending the residential schools.

The foregoing are simply my own opinions of course, and are the conclusions I have arrived at after three and a half years of experience in the north. As already stated, they are forwarded to you at Mr M.Christianson's request, and I trust they may be of some little use to you.

Your obedient Servant,

P.G.Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

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EX'D.

April 8th,
1 9 3 8.

Mr. R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, conveying copy of Report made by Mr. Lazenby concerning the education of Indians in Northern Reserves. I expect to meet all our workers in Manitoba at the time of the Conference in June and will take that opportunity of discussing the matters therein raised - particularly the general problem of educating Indians for the method of livelihood which they must follow. I shall be glad to let you have a report on this on my return.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Dorey

GD.MLT

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EXD

Ottawa, April 6, 1938.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of a letter dated November 1, 1937, sent forward by the Minister to Bishop Lajeunesse, of The Pas, Manitoba. This letter, you will note, is self-explanatory. Bishop Lajeunesse replied to the Minister on November 15, 1937, and commented very favourably on the proposal submitted to him for consideration. It is just possible that we may have, in the supplementary estimates of this year, an appropriation of approximately $25,000 for the construction of the first unit of the school at Cross Lake. If this appropriation is available, we have in mind the construction of an educational unit to be known as an improved day school, consisting of three or four classrooms and, if possible, full basement accommodation.

I am anxious to secure from you the fullest possible information with respect to a suitable site at Cross Lake: the location of the school; the amount of material - stone or brick - that may be still available from the foundations of the school destroyed by fire a few years ago.

I should like you to express an opinion, also, with respect to the actual construction of the school: should tenders be called for or might it be more economical to build it with local labour, under the direction and supervision of a capable foreman? The suggestion has also been made that, if a grant of approximately $25,000 were made to the church authorities, they could proceed with the work of construction less expensively than this work could be undertaken by this Department. I want you to express your opinion very freely on all these matters.

I should like to secure a definite statement from you with respect to the number of classrooms which, in your judgment, may be needed. If four classrooms, capable of seating approximately 35 pupils each, were erected, one of these, in addition to the basement, might be used for vocational instruction, sewing, hand loom weaving, crochet work, etc.

The feeling here is that most of the lumber and material necessary for the construction of a school will have to be shipped in, probably from Winnipeg. We have no definite information, however, on this point. It will be necessary for you to visit Cross Lake almost immediately to secure for us the information desired. I want you to feel perfectly free to express any opinions you may have in mind when forwarding the information requested.

Yours truly,

Encl.

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

P. G. Lazenby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Norway House, Man.

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Ottawa,
April 5, 1938.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Supplementary Estimates 1938-39.

The Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, Manitoba, was destroyed by fire on February 25, 1930. It is proposed to rebuild this school in two units, one this year and the other next year.

Our intention is to erect a four-roomed building with full basement during the current fiscal year and I therefore request you to include for the above purpose, in the Supplementary Estimates for 1938-39, an amount of ..... $ 25,000.00

Director.

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EX'D.

Ottawa,
April 23, 1938.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 20th instant in connection with instructions contained in my letter of the 6th instant regarding the proposed new school at Cross Lake.

Please visit Cross Lake as soon as conditions permit and supply the Department with the information requested in my previous letter.

Yours truly,

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

P. G. Lazenby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Norway House, Man.

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE 33-B

Norway House, Man:-
20th April 1938.

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a radio telegraphic message dispatched to you to-day, in connection with your instructions to visit Cross Lake almost immediately, to procure information regarding the erection of the proposed new improved day school at that reserve, as contained in the final paragraph of your letter No; 123-1-1 dated 6th April 1938.

Although written on the 6th April, your letter was not received until the eveing of the 19th, by the last mail plane before open water.

As there was no plane available, and the ice conditions were too bad to travel by dog team or horse, it was impossible to make the trip until open water, which will probubly be in from two to four weeks time.

Your obedient Servant,

P.C.Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

R.A.Hoey Esq;
Sup't of Welfare & Training
Indian Affairs Branch
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Ottawa, Ont:,

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R.A.Hoey Esq;
Indian Affairs Branch
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Ottawa, Ontario.

Norway House, Man:
20th April 1938.

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P. G. LAWLEY

Sent from Agency office; 2 p.m.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1-a

Norway House, Man:
20th April 1938.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No; 123-1-1 of the 6th April, which I received yesterday the 19th April, having reference to the proposed erection of an improved Indian Day School at the Cross Lake Reserve, and enclosing a copy of a letter on the same subject, addressed by The Honourable the Minister, to the Rt Rev: Bishop Lajeunesse.

I have to-day dispatched a radio telegraphic message to you, advising that it is impossible to visit the Cross Lake Reserve by any method of travel now, until after the break up of the ice. The mail plane has ceased operations with yesterday's delivery of mail, and the ice conditions are now too bad to travel by dog team. I will, however, make the trip as soon as possible after open water.

In the meantime, until I can visit Cross Lake, I might reply to some portions of your letter.

With regard to a site for the school, at Cross Lake, there would be no difficulty of any sort.

As to material still available from the old school that was destroyed by fire, I may say that almost all the walls, of stone masonry, are still standing, about 30 feet or more high. These walls are very thick, and the razing of them would entail a considerable amount of labour, which will need to be considered in the cost, if this materia is to be used in the construction of the new school.

With reference to the actual construction of the school, I would suggest that this be done by day labour, under the direct supervision of some capable and trustworthy foreman. If this method were adopted, the foreman would need to bring with him two or three experienced stone masons, and two or three carpenters, to do the actual building, and local Indians could be hired as labourers. In this case, it would be necessary of course to keep accurate record daily of the work done by each individual, and as there is no permanent Departmental employee located at Cross Lake, this duty would have to be given to some other trustworthy person; probably the Priest in charge of the mission might look after this. I do not favour the suggestion that a grant of approximately

- $25,000 -

R.A.Hoey Esq;
Sup't of Welfare & Training
Indian Affairs Branch
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Ottawa, Ont.,

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$25,000 be handed to the church authorities, and allow them to proceed with the work of construction, because in the great majority of cases, the church officials are not business people, and they are more concerned with church interests in cases of this nature than they are with Indian Department interests, and at the conclusion of the project, the Indian Affairs Branch would almost certainly be asked to pay out considerably more funds than originally granted. I have learned this from experience. With regard to the calling for tenders, and having the work done by contract; I do not think that the work could be done any more economically this way, than by day labour. With a contractor, it is of course all to his interest to get the job done as quickly as possible, and in this endeavour might possibly skimp the work in places, in order to make time. He would also no doubt want to bring his own crew with him, and this would deprive a number of the local Indians of much needed work. It would also be necessary to appoint an inspector of construction to oversee the work, which would be an added expense.

With regard to classroom accomodation: I am of the opinion that three rooms would be ample. According to the Minister's letter to the Bishop, the idea is, to provide for 50 resident pupils. The large majority of these would of course have to be recruited from other reserves of the agency, and there should be no difficulty in that. However, as to day school pupils, I may say that the highest quarterly average attendance attained during the past two years, was 20, and the average quarterly attendance for these two years, is 14.58. If classroom accomodation is provided for a total of 80 pupils, including the 50 resident ones, this should cover all the requirements I think, and three rooms, with the basement, would be sufficient, seating approximately 35 pupils each.

The lumber, sash, doors, windows, and other building materials for the construction, would have to be shipped in from Winnipeg.

I would like, here, to mention a point that has probably not as yet been considered; and that is, that this new school should be erected here at Norway House, instead of at Cross Lake. At Norway House, the school would be within easy reach of the agency, and the doctor and the hospital; and could be visited much more frequently than if it were at Cross Lake. If the school were established here of course, all the materials for the building would have to be provided, as there would not be any stone from the old building walls to use. However, the Rev: Father Chamberland, who is the Priest in charge to act as Principal at Cross Lake has spoken to me about this proposed new school, and it is his desire to have it erected at Whiskeyjack Portage, which is about 15 miles from the old school site at Cross Lake, in which case again, none of the stone from the old building would be available for use. Another consideration is freighting facilities. At Norway House, all through the navigation season, we have a weekly boat from Winnipeg, whereas at Whiskeyjack, to where freight for Cross Lake is shipped, there are only two boat trips a year made, by a small tug and barge, one

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trip is made about the second week in June, and the other about two weeks before the close of navigation in the fall. This point should no doubt be considered whether the school is built either at Cross Lake or Whiskey Jack.

With regard to the resident pupils, which will have to be recruited from all the reserves of the agency, there is no greater merit in having the school at Cross Lake than at Norway House. As you are no doubt aware, since the old school was destroyed by fire, the Cross Lake R.C. Indian Residential School has been operated in two separate units, one at Cross Lake, and the other here at Norway House. The pupilage allowed is 30. At Cross Lake there are 10 resident girl pupils, and here at Norway House there are 20 resident pupils; 10 boys and 10 girls. If the building were built at Norway House, on the present R.C. Mission site, there would be no difficulty in getting needed materials week by week as required, whereas, as stated above, there are only two trips a year made by boat to carry freight to Cross Lake, and unless everything needed were sent out on the first trip, the work might possibly be held up. There is no telegraphic communication with Cross Lake, and mail service but once every two weeks, and at Norway House there is radio telegraph, and a weekly mail service. In these circumstances, if there happened to be a shortage of material at Cross Lake, it would take considerable time to procure it. At Cross Lake, they have a new day school building, erected about two years ago. If the proposed new improved school were to be built at Norway House, I would recommend that dormitory accomodation for about 60 pupils be provided, and the same classroom accomodation as suggested if the school were to be built at Cross Lake, namely, three rooms, for about 35 pupils each.

The advantages of having this school at Norway House occurred to me, and I have simply presented them for your consideration.

As the mail service to and from Norway House has now been suspended until open water, this letter will not reach you for some weeks after writing.

Your obedient Servant,

J. S. Lawley

P.C. Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1-a

R.

Norway House, Man:
20th May 1938.

Sir,

With further reference to Mr R.A.Hoey's letter No; 123-1-1 of the 6th April, and my reply thereto of the 20th April, regarding the proposed new improved Indian day school, which it is proposed to construct at the Roman Catholic Mission at the Cross Lake reserve, I beg to advise you that I returned last night from a visit to the Cross Lake reserve.

I spent a day at the R.C.Mission with the Rev: A.Chamberland O.M.I. the Priest in charge, and with him, went over the ground carefully.

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As stated in my letter of the 20th April, there are still the masonry walls of the old school building standing, some of the materials of which could no doubt be used in the construction of the new school. These walls are about 30 feet high, I should judge, and are over two feet thick. There is one portion of these walls, which were the walls of the chapel portion of the old school, which are in very good condition, with the exception of two small cracks in the masonry. The outside measurements of this portion are 36' X 60', and one end adjoins the walls of the main building. Father Chamberland suggested that probably these walls might serve as they are, for one of the units of the new school, provided the two cracks mentioned were properly repaired, which would not be difficult. However, I think that a more expert opinion than mine should be secured before definitely deciding that these walls were sound enough to make use of as they are. There is a basement under this chapel portion, which is of course full of rubbish at present. There is stone in the old walls, sufficient to build both units of the proposed new school, and all the foundations, as well as one can tell at present, are still sound. Apart from the stone, there is no material left from the old school which could be used in the new one.

The site at Cross Lake is good, being on the lake shore, and of course close to an ample supply of good water. There is a very good lot of buildings, such as barn, machine shed, workshop, hen house, etc., and all these are in first class condition. There is also a small acreage of land cultivated, but sufficient to take care of their needs for garden purposes, grain for the animals and fowl, and so on.

All materials such as windows, doors, roofing, flooring, hardware etc, would have to be shipped in; from Winnipeg which is the nearest shipping center.

In my letter of the 20th April, I mentioned a - suggestion -

The Secretary
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Department of Mines & Resources
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that consideration might be given to Norway House as the location for the new school. I discussed this matter with Father Chamberland, but he could not, of course make any definite statement without the sanction of his Bishop. However, both Norway House and Cross Lake have each a number of advantages that the other lacks. Norway House has by far the better shipping and communication facilities. From Winnipeg, the freight rate to Norway House is 60¢ per 100 lbs, whereas the rate to Cross Lake, via Whiskeyjack Portage, (usually but twice a year), is between $1.25 and $1.50 per 100 lbs. Norway House has weekly freight and mail service throughout the summer. Cross Lake has but two freight deliveries a year; one in June and one in September and mail service every two weeks. Norway House has radio-telegraph service, and Cross Lake has none. At Cross Lake, however, they already have outbuildings, and a small acreage of farm land under cultivation. At Norway House they have some buildings, but there is practically no land that can be cultivated, excepting small patches for gardens. It would be impossible to operate a farm, even a small one, in connection with the school at Norway House, but this is possible on a small scale at Cross Lake. The raising of cattle would be out of the question at Norway House, there being no pasturage or land to cultivate. However, it is the concensus of opinion here that the Indian schools would be better off as far as health is concerned, if the cows were done away with, and Drimilk or Trumilk used. At the present time, the United Church Residential School at Norway House keep a few cows, but all the milk they get is boiled before it is used. I am of the opinion that all these cows are T.B. infected, and Dr Turpel has expressed this opinion many times. If the new school were to be established at Norway House, it would be much better from the Agency and the Medical standpoints also.

This letter, and my letter to Mr R.A.Hoey of the 20th April, contain, I think, all the information requested in Mr Hoey's letter of the 6th April. If any further information is required I shall be glad to be advised.

Your obedient Servant,

P.C.Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

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Mr. Phelan

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Ottawa, June 10, 1938.

Memorandum:

MR. HOEY:-

Right Reverend M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I., visited the Department on May 26th and made enquiries regarding the possibility of our proceeding with the Cross Lake School. I told him that, as far as I was aware, an amount would be included in the supplementary estimates.

He pointed out that for the past 10 years the Reverend Sisters at Cross Lake Mission had been residing in a very poor building and therefore Bishop Lajeunesse would appreciate if the building in which it is intended to provide dormitory accommodation would be built first. He further recommended that the school be built on the site of the former school as he considered there was a quantity of material there that could be used and, at the same time, there is a good farm. He also mentioned that a barn had been erected a year or so before the fire and that this barn is in good condition.

Bishop Lajeunesse called at the office again on May 30th and stated that in the meantime he had an interview with the Honourable the Minister, to whom he expressed the above suggestion. Honourable Mr. Crerar advised him to bring his suggestions to your attention.

Today (June 10th) the attached letter, dated April 20th, was received from Indian Agent Lazenby. In this letter you will note that Mr. Lazenby suggests that the proposed building to replace the Cross Lake School be erected at Norway House rather than at Cross Lake.

P. Phelan

P.S. - See Agent's letter of May 20th which reached the Office today
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Ottawa, July 6, 1938.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys and Engineering Branch:

Re: Cross Lake Indian Residential School,
Norway House Indian Agency
Electoral District of Churchill, Man.

The sum of $25,000.00 was included in the supplementary estimates, recently passed by Parliament, for the erection of the first unit of a new school at Cross Lake.

In this connection I would refer you to paragraphs 2 and 3 of letter of March 17, 1938, written by the Honourable the Minister to His Lordship Bishop Lajeunesse:-

"You may remember that in my letter to you of November 1, 1937, I expressed the view that an improved day school, consisting of two distinct and separate units, should be established in the Cross Lake district and that this school should be specially designed for vocational instruction and adapted to meet the needs of the Indian population.

"I may state that it is my intention to ask my colleagues for permission to include in the supplementary estimates of this year an amount necessary to proceed with the construction of the first unit. This unit, in my judgment, should consist of four classrooms with full basement accommodation. If this appropriation is approved by the Government and b Parliament, arrangements could be made to proceed with the construction of

- the building

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the building early this summer. Consideration could be given, later, to the construction of the second unit, in which provision should be made for dormitory accommodation for a limited number of children that may be agreed upon. I have in mind, particularly, orphan children and children who come from homes where conditions justify their removal to a residential school."

Indian Agent Lazenby was directed to visit Cross Lake and he did so about May 19th. I attach, for your information, extract from his report.

As the season is advancing, I trust that you will be able to make immediate arrangements to proceed with the construction of the first unit.

H. Jones

Director.

PP.

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Ottawa, July 6, 1938.

P. G. LAZENBY
Indian Agent
Norway House, Manitoba

DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING ERECTION SCHOOL AT CROSS LAKE BY DAY LABOUR PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT ONCE IF LOCAL INDIANS ARE AVAILABLE AS CARPENTERS BRICKLAYERS OR OTHER TRADES

T. R. L. MacINNES
Secretary

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Ottawa, July 7, 1938.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER:

Re: Cross Lake Indian Residential School,
Norway House Indian Agency,
Electoral District of Churchill, Man.

In connection with the proposed erection of the first unit of the above school, I enclose, for your information, copy of a memorandum which I sent yesterday to the Director of the Surveys and Engineering Branch.

Director.

Encl.

PP

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REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM RE NEW SCHOOL AT CROSSLAKE NO INDIAN CARPENTERS BRICKLAYERS OR OTHER TRADES PLENTY INDIAN LABORERS

P G LAZENBY.

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July 13, 1938.

Memorandum:

Mr. Wardle.

Re - Proposed New Unit of Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, Norway House Agency, Manitoba.

With reference to your memoranda of the 6th and 7th instants, regarding the proposed erection of a four-classroom unit for the above school, the matter has been discussed with Mr. Phelan, who has advised that the information included in Dr. McGill's memorandum of the 6th instant is all that is available regarding this work.

It is noted from Dr. McGill's memorandum of the 6th instant that the classroom unit should consist of four classrooms with full basement accommodation.

From the information submitted by Mr. Lazenby in his report of May 20th regarding the existing masonry walls, it is considered that all masonry walls which are standing should be demolished and the material re-used in the new work, as in all probability it would not be feasable to incorporate these existing walls into a new building.

The foundations of the old buildings might be used for the new buildings, provided that they can be readily adapted to the new requirements. It would be necessary to have definite information as to the size, dimensions and layout of the existing foundations before plans could be prepared on this basis.

With reference to the chapel portion of the old building, the outside dimensions of which are 36'-0" x 60'-0", the foundations might be used for four classrooms, approximately 17'-0" x 24'-0" with accommodation for 24 pupils in each, provided this unit is not required to have inside communication with any subsequent development. It is noted in regard to the chapel portion of the building that whereas Mr. Lazenby states in his report that the outside measurements of this portion are 36'-0" x 60'-0", the plans of this building on file in this office show the dimensions to be 36'-0" x 67'-0".

With regard to .....

J.M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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With regard to carrying out this work by day labour, it is understood that there is Indian Labour available in the district but that all skilled and experienced workmen will have to be brought in from outside the district.

It will obviously be necessary for an inspection to be made of the existing walls and foundations by a Departmental representative, experienced in construction work, and further information should be obtained regarding materials and labour, and particulars regarding building conditions and requirements in order that this work might be properly carried out.

The Indian Affairs Branch should also be asked to complete and forward to us a copy of our Building Data Form in connection with the proposed building.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. Mills
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING BRANCH

14th July, 1938.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

Re: Cross Lake Indian Residential School, Norway House Indian Agency.

With reference to the above, I am forwarding herewith copy of a memorandum from the Chief Engineer.

It will be noted that it is not considered that the masonry walls of the original school can be used for the new structure and that they should be demolished and whatever material is of any value may be used. It is considered that the foundations of the old buildings might be used for the new if they are adaptable to requirements; also that an inspection will have to be made before anything definite can be determined as to what material will be required.

Will you kindly have prepared a copy of the building data form in connection with the proposed building.

Director.

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Ottawa, July 18, 1938.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR,

Surveys & Engineering Branch:

Re: Cross Lake Indian Residential School,
Norway House Indian Agency.

I am in receipt of your memorandum of July 14th, in connection with the proposed new school at Cross Lake. I note your statement that an inspection will have to be made before anything definite can be determined. In this regard I am informed that Mr. Phelan visited your office this morning and we understand that you are making arrangements to have a competent person go to Cross Lake. I should appreciate anything you can do to expedite this inspection.

T.R.L.M

Acting Director.

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Ottawa, July 18, 1938.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER:

Re: Cross Lake Indian Residential School,
Norway House Indian Agency,
Electoral District of Churchill, Man.

I desire to refer you to Dr. McGill's memorandum of July 7th, enclosing copy of memorandum forwarded to the Director of the Surveys and Engineering Branch. I am now in receipt of a memorandum from Mr. Wardle, in which he states that an inspection of the standing walls of the old building will have to be made before anything definite can be determined.

One of the officers of this Branch interviewed Mr. Wardle this morning, and he is making immediate arrangements to have a competent person sent to Cross Lake to inspect the walls at the earliest possible date.

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Acting Director.

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July 21, 1938.

Indian Affairs Branch
JUL 23 1938
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Memorandum:

Mr. T.R.L. MacInnes,
Indian Affairs Branch.

Referring to your memorandum of the 18th instant, regarding the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, arrangements have been made for an immediate inspection of the existing foundation and walls by the Resident Architect of the Public Works Department at Winnipeg. The Architect will go in by 'plane and will either be accompanied by Bishop Lajuenesse or meet the latter at Cross Lake.

J.W. Dafoe

Director.

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE 1-A

Norway House, Man.,
August 31st, 1938.

Dept. of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
SEP 9 1938
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Sir:

I beg to advise you that I have today received a request from the Rev. Henry Boissin, O.M.I., priest in charge of the Jack River section of the Cross Lake R.C. Indian Res. School, for an increase in the pupilage allowed.

At the present time, the pupilage allowed for the Cross Lake Res. School is 30, 10 of these pupils attending at Cross Lake, and 20 pupils at Jack River. The pupils at Jack River consisting of 10 boys and 10 girls.

Father Boissin requests an increase to 10 boys and 13 girls in order to take in 3 more girls, 2 of whom are orphans. For dormitory accommodations for these 3 extra pupils, Father Boissin proposes to use the room set apart as an infirmary, but if it becomes necessary to use this room for hospital purposes, the pupils would have to move in with the sisters of the staff.

Kindly advise me if the Department approves of this increase in pupilage.

Your obedient servant,

P. G. Lazenby,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dep't of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Ottawa,
September 14, 1938.

EX'D.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo in which you state that you have received a request for an increase in the pupilage at the Cross Lake Residential School.

As no funds were provided in the current year's appropriation for an increased pupilage at this school it is not possible to favourably consider the Principal's request.

Yours truly,

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

P.G. Lazenby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Norway House, Man.

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R

Ottawa, February 6th, 1939.

FEB 7 1939
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MEMORANDUM:

Dr. H.W. McGill,
Dir. of Indian Affairs Branch.

The Minister thought you would be interested in seeing the attached snapshots which were sent to him by Bishop Lajeunesse, of The Pas, showing the work that is being done on the school at Cross Lake.

Will you please return the snapshots when you are through with them.

C.W. Jackson,
Chief Executive Assistant.

Enclosures.

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125-1-1

Ottawa,
February 9, 1939.

EX'D.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

With reference to Mr. Jackson's memorandum of February 6 I am returning herewith snapshots of the Cross Lake R.C. residential school.

Director.

PP

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE 29-B

Indian Affairs Branch APR 25 1939 RECORDS

Norway House, Man:
18th April 1939.

Sir,

At the request of Councillor William Thomas Towers, No; 320 Norway House Band, I am writing to the Department to see if anything might be done, to have the case of George Paynter reviewed, with the object of securing this boy's freedom from the Stoney Mountain Penitentiary on parole.

The boy George Paynter, was convicted, I understand, in August 1930, of setting fire to the Cross Lake Roman Catholic Indian Residential School, which resulted in the deaths of 12 of the pupils of the school, and the Sister Superior. I understand also, that the boy's preliminary hearing was held at Norway House, and that he was committed for trial. The trial was held in Winnipeg, and the boy was sentenced to life imprisonment, since which time he has been confined in the penitentiary at Stoney Mountain, Manitoba.

This boy, George Paynter, lost both parents when very young, and was adopted by William Thomas Towers at the age of 5 years. When 7 years of age, he was sent to the R.C.Residential School at Cross Lake, where he attended for approximately nine years. He was 16 years of age at the time of the burning of the school in February 1930. Another pupil was concerned in the burining of the school, with George Paynter, but was given a short term of imprisonment only, and realesed. This boy's name, I am told, was Nelson Hughes.

William Thomas Towers, the guardian of George Paynter, is, I may say, a very fine type of Indian. He is at present one of the Councillors of the Norway House Band, and has been a Chief. He also received the King's Coronation medal. He is a good living man, industrious very honest and dependable, and if George Paynter were allowed to return to him, he would be under good influence.

William Thomas Towers informs me that when George Paynter was at home from the school on holidays, he was always obedient, and never any trpuble. If the boy's case were reviewed, his age at the time of the offence might be taken into consideration; also that he has now served almost eight years of his sentence.

Will you kindly advise me if anything might be done in the above matter,

Your obedient Servant

P.G.Lazenby
Indian Agent

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Dep't of Mines & Resources
Ottawa, Ont:,

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Ottawa,
April 27, 1939.

EXD.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant with reference to George Paynter who was given a life sentence in 1930 for setting fire to the Cross Lake Indian residential school.

Very careful consideration has been given to the contents of your letter but at the present time the Department is not favourably disposed to make representations to the Justice Department for Paynter's parole.

The offence which he committed was extremely serious and the results appalling; besides, he has only served a comparatively short time in view of the sentence that he received. It is extremely doubtful if the Justice Department would look with favour on any application for parole.

Yours truly,

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

P. G. Lazenby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Norway House, Man.

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Norway House, Feb. 2, 1940.

AGENT'S REPORT ON NORWAY HOUSE FOR JANUARY 1940.

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CROSS LAKE RESERVE

I also inspected the new R.C. Residential school building at this reserve and the United Church day school.

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P. G. Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

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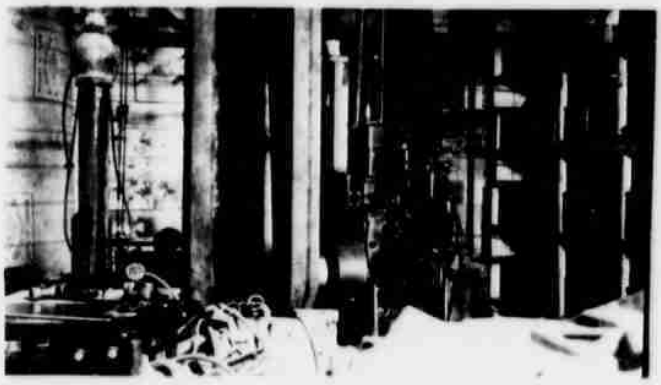

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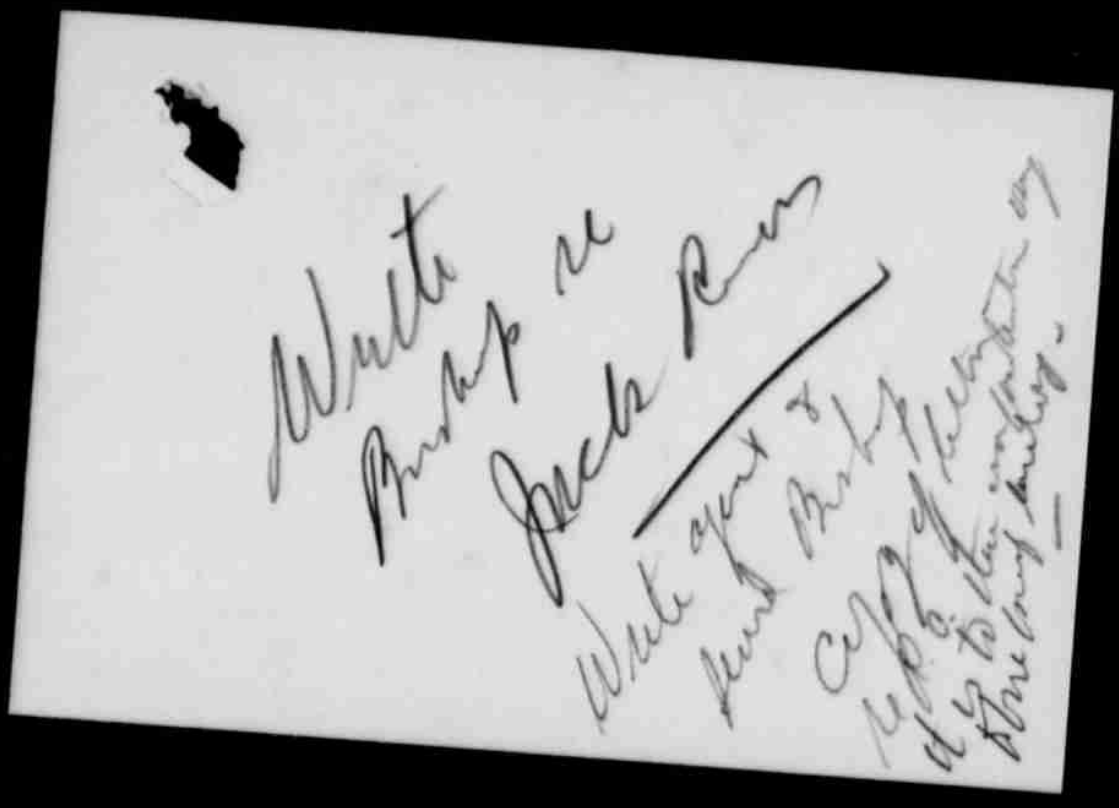

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Ottawa,
May 23, 1940.

Right Reverend Sir:

Previous to the completion of the new Cross Lake Indian Residential School it was understood that some of the pupils for whom institutional care is necessary were accommodated in a building owned by the Church authorities at Norway House.

It is presumed that these children have already been transferred to the new Cross Lake School. If not, they should be taken there immediately as the Department will not consider allowing any further grant for pupils living in the building at Norway House. We will, of course, continue allowing salary for the teacher of the Jack River R.C. Day School.

I am writing to Indian Agent Lazenby and instructing him to make certain that all Catholic children in the vicinity of Norway House who require institutional care will be sent to the Cross Lake Indian Residential School. It is understood, of course, that as many as possible of these children should continue attending the Jack River R.C. Day School. The Agent is also being informed that he should point out to the Indians that children being sent to Cross Lake are really receiving preferred consideration due to the fact that the latter school is fireproof.

I should appreciate an acknowledgment of this letter.

Yours truly,

Rt. Rev. M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Bishop of Keewatin,
The Pas, Man.

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

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Ottawa,
May 23, 1940.

EX'D.

Dear Sir:

While it is presumed that the children who have been accommodated in the Church-owned building at Norway House have now been transferred to the Cross Lake Indian Residential School I am communicating with Bishop Lajeunesse advising him that if this action has not been taken it should be done at once.

All Catholic children who require institutional care should be sent to the new Cross Lake Residential School. It is understood, of course, that parents who are in a position to support their children should keep them at home and have them attend the Jack River R.C. Day School.

The Department does not anticipate any difficulty in having children requiring institutional care in the vicinity of Norway House go to Cross Lake but you should point out to the parents of the Catholic children that those who are sent to that school are receiving preferred treatment in view of the fact that the new school is fireproof.

Yours truly,

Mr. P. G. Lazenby,
Indian Agent,
Norway House, Man.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE 1-a

Department of Mines & Resources Indian Affairs Branch JUN 5 1940 REGISTERED

Norway House, Man:
14th May 1940.

Sir,

I beg to advise you that Rev: Henry Boissin O.M.I. the Priest in charge of the Jack River R.C.Mission and school, has been to the office to-day to consult with me regarding a proposed rearrangement of the pupils.

As you are aware, for some years past the pupils of the Cross Lake R.C.Indian Residential School have been divided between Cross Lake, where there were 10 resident pupils, and Jack River school at Norway House, where there have been 20 resident pupils.

Father Boissin suggests that, since the new R.C.Residential School at Cross Lake is in operation, the Jack River School be allowed to retain 20 girl pupils only, without any boys, and that the boy pupils now at the Jack River school be disposed of as follows:-

Pupil No; 124 - Alex Ross
" 133 - William Ross
" 134 - John Wm McKay
" 135 - John James Menow
" 136 - David Menow

all to be transferred from the Jack River School to the Cross Lake School. The first three of the above five pupils belong to the Cross Lake Band, and that is where their homes are. The other two belong to Norway House Band, but Father Boissin advises me that their parents are willing to have them go to the Cross Lake School.

Father Boissin also recommends that the following three pupils be discharged;-

Pupil No; 119 - John James Menow Aged 14
" 131 - Abel Taylor " 13 past
" 128 - Tom Harper " 13 past

If the above suggestion of Father Boissin's is approved, he will recruit enough girl pupils to replace these boys, and bring his pupilage again up to 20 as authorized, and have none but girl pupils in residence, and the Jack River R.C.Day School will carry on as previously.

Will you please advise me if the Department will approve of the above. The 20 pupils at Jack River School will of course be in addition to the pupilage allowed for the Cross Lake R.C.Residential School at Cross Lake, and will form a part of that school as before.

Your obedient Servant

P.G.Lazenby
Indian Agent

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Dep't of Mines & Resources
Ottawa, Ont:,

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE 1-8

Schools.

Department of Mines & Resources Indian Affairs Branch JUN 5 1940 REGISTERED

Norway House, Man:
17th May 1940.

Sir,

With reference to the second paragraph of Mr Philip Phelan's letter No; 123-1-10, dated 23rd April, just received, I beg to say that I wrote to the Department under date 14th May, in connection with the pupilage at the Jack River R.C.School, and set out the Principal's suggestion, that 20 resident girl pupils should be allowed to remain at this school, and that the boys should be sent to the new R.C.Residential School at Cross Lake.

I will await a reply to my letter, before taking any further action for the removal of pupils from the Jack River School to the Cross Lake School.

Your obedient Servant

P.C.Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Department of Mines & Resources
Ottawa, Ont:,

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Copy on 123-1-10

Ottawa,
June 6, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Your letters of the 14 and 17th ultimo reached the Department today.

Favourable consideration cannot be given to the suggestion that a number of girls be retained at Jack River. As you were informed in official letter of the 23rd ultimo, which no doubt has reached you by this time, all children now at Jack River and who require institutional care must be transferred to Cross Lake.

The discharge of the following pupils is approved:

No. 119 John James Menow
" 131 Abel Taylor
" 128 Tom Harper

It is not necessary to apply for permission to transfer pupils from Jack River to Cross Lake as those who are at Jack River are on the Cross Lake return.

Yours truly,

Mr. P. C. Lazenby,
Indian Agent,
Norway House, Man.

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

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Evêché—Bishop's House
The Pas, Man., Canada. June 3rd, 1940.

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Mr. R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hoey,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, No. 123 - 1-1.

Your instructions, regarding pupils actually receiving institutional care in a building owned by our church at Norway House, will be granted our preferred attention.

However, may I be permitted to point out that the children are about to be sent in their homes for vacation and therefore, transfering them immediately, to Cross Lake and taking them back to Norway House in two or three weeks would cause heavy expenses which do not seem warranted by so short a stay. Everybody concerned would be very thankful to you if it was at all possible to uphold the present status until the end of the school year.

Yours very truly,

+ Martial Lajeunesse, O.M.I.

Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

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Copy sent to Mr. Lazenby

Ottawa,
June 7, 1940.

E.T.D.

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Right Reverend Sir:

It is noted from your letter of the 3rd instant that owing to the expense involved you consider it advisable to retain, until the vacation period starts, the children at present residing in the Church-owned building at Norway House. This suggestion meets with the Department's approval.

It is understood, however, that commencing with the academic year 1940-41 no children will be accommodated in the building at Norway House but all Catholic children requiring institutional care will be placed in the new residential school at Cross Lake.

Yours truly,

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

Rt. Rev. M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Bishop of Keewatin,
The Pas, Man.

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List of Building Material-

20 rolls	Roofing Paper Everlastic	3 Ply.
9 only	Windows Check Rail	I2 lights I3/8 x I0 x I8 .
I Keg	Common Wire Nails	2 I/2 "
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I Set	Wood Chisels	I/4 ". 3/8 " . I/2 ". 3/4". I0"
I only	Wrecking Bar	
2 only	Calking Irons	Blunt I/8 ".

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Cross Lake, March, 19 th, 1941

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
APR 4 1941
REGISTERED

Dear Sir;

It is the first opportunity I have this year to report about our Ex. Pupils Club. I should say, I think, that it has shown some improvements. Their garden, although this year's crop has been a failure all around, has yielded more than the previous summer. Three new houses has been built, and completed. Two have been started. The members have kept their good will and we expect them to make more efforts to improve their condition. However when one deals with the indian problem, he has to keep in mimd, that not only one aspect of their mentality, but to a certain extend all their nature have to be changed. It is evident that this can not be done in a couple years of trainning. One can not expect astonishing and immediate results . If there is any progress, even if hardly noticeable, we should be satisfied, because it is a step forward, a greater aptitude to receive more education, more training and thus to come to a better living.

I have kept in mimd the idea of having a small carpenter shop for our alumni. This project starts to be realized at present. We use the old Day School for this purpose and the tools you have supplied. This , if properly managed, should bring them to make furnitures for their homes, tobaggans, snow-shoes, ect. We have to bring ambition in their heart. We have to keep them busy. The more they will work, the more they will like to work and the more they will be fitted to do so.

There is lots they can do by their own means. They need somebody to push them to do it, to tell them how to do it, and encourage them while they do it.

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Brother Menard has done very much in this regard so far. To meet adequately this problem it would require all his time, what, he can not do, at the present time, although he is doing a great deal. If circumstances permit later, I would be only too glad to see him look after this question more extensively.

In a close future the number of our ex-pupils of this reserve will amount to a couple hundred and over. We have this year more than seventy-five children from this reserve. You can see what opportunity we will have to train them. I am well convinced that the good done by the school will avail to very little if there is no post-school adapted training. When a graduate is leaving school and goes back home, in a very short time he is not different that the ordinary indians. I believe that the real work has to be done after school time, I emphasize this and I am sure it is important.

New problems will have to be faced within twenty years. Twenty years ago the Cross Lake population was around four hundred. It is close now ~~around~~ eight hundred . This means that in a same period of time the population normally should be up to twelve hundred at least. The trapping ground will be the same, if not smaller as the Provincial Governement has started to lease to white trappers, trapping grounds around the countyy where our Indians are trapping. As probably it will be the same case for the surrounding reserves, you can see what will happen, and the gravity of the question. We shouldforesee this situation and act accordingly.

I am very pleased to hear that the Department is going to establish muskrats farms around this settlement and in many other places. It is a very wise, and vital undertaking, and should be given an immediate attention. The soonest will be the better. These farms should provide a good amount of earning to the Indians. However, in the course of time if the number of these farms increases considerably the prices for the muskrats will drop probably. Nevertheless it will always be a great source of revenues.

I am confident that in these farms the beavers being well protected will multiply rapidly. To my opinion, if this happens and I believe it will, it should help very much the Indians. There will be always a good demand for beaver and the prices should keep high.

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These sources of revenues are going to be the most important ones, but at the same time gardening, home industries, ect. will prove very helpful to them. They have to be increased and encouraged.

We have already try this with the Ex-Pupils and it is our intention to keep on. We are studying also about the goats. Doctor Corrigan has expressed us his great wish to see us experimenting with them. I have written to Rev. Father Brochet of Pine Falls to find out what are the results he has with them and thepossibility to have the Indians keep them in a profitable way. I did not get the answer yet, but as soon as he replies to my letter, I will decide and let you know. So far I am inclined to think it would be a very useful animal for the Indians.

I am sending you a requisition for building materials and also for some tools. I am fully aware of the war conditions in which we are, but I would be very obliged if you could buy these necessary materials and tools.

I feel very thankful for what you have done in the past. I remain

Yours very truly,

Albert Chamberland, O.M.I.

Albert Chamberland O.M.I.
Principal

Mr. R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.
Ottawa, Ont.

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Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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123-1-1

Ottawa, April 3, 1941.

Dear Father Chamberland:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 19, in which you summarize the progress that has been made in the promotion of an ex-pupil association at Cross Lake.

The report on the whole is to me very encouraging, particularly the vocational training for which you appear to have made provision. I was interested to learn of the substantial increase that has taken place in the Indian population at Cross Lake during the last 20 years. You point out that this steadily increasing population must of necessity create problems with which we shall have to deal from time to time. You will be glad to learn of the progress made in the promotion of areas suitable for the propagation of muskrats in the Saskatchewan delta, and it is my hope that attempts will be made to develop somewhat similar areas at other reserves and, in addition to this, a number of beaver sanctuaries, where such sanctuaries can be established with prospect of success.

I have not had a report at any time within the last year from Father Brachet in respect to the success he has had in establishing a goat herd at the Fort Alexander School. It is my hope, however, that this project has been successful and that you, too, will be able to establish a herd at Cross Lake. If the Indians are prepared to destroy dogs on the reserve, other than those absolutely necessary for the transportation of goods, I feel confident that goats would prove a very valuable asset to a great many of our Indian

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Rev. A. Chamberland, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Cross Lake, via Norway House, Man.

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bands. In any event, you are likely to hear from Father Brachet in due course.

The Minister is constantly reminding us that the courses provided at our residential schools should become increasingly more practical and more vocational in character, and it is gratifying to learn that the course provided at Cross Lake is being brought into conformity with the Minister's wishes. I am sending forward with this letter a summary of a report submitted by me to the Director for the month of November, 1940. This report indicates that remarkable progress has been made in the organization of worthwhile vocational projects in the province of British Columbia, and it is my hope that you will find this report interesting and suggestive.

The supplies referred to in your communication will be purchased and sent forward to you in due course.

Yours very sincerely,

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

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Vicariate-Apostolic
of Keewatin

Bishop's House
The Pas, Man. Canada

August 1, 1941

The Honourable T. A. Crerar,
Minister of Mines and Natural Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario

Honourable and Dear Sir:

In compliance with your wishes expressed during your recent visit here in The Pas, I am now exposing the conditions of tuberculosis in which the Indians of Norway House and neighborhood are suffering and I wish to offer you our services for the foundation of a sanatorium at that place.

In The five reserves coming under the jurisdiction of the Norway House agency (Norway House, Cross Lake, Oxford House, God's Lake and Island Lake) there are about four thousand (4,000) treaty Indians that are actually deprived of all medical care in what regards tuberculosis. During my visit in that district this summer, I was told that whenever a patient was found suffering from this disease, there was nothing further that could be done for him. He was obliged to return to his home to die a miserable death after having spread the germs of his disease among his own people at home and neighborhood.

The idea of having a sanatorium in this central district in the North does not originate with us; it was Dr. Turple who first expressed the thought. Dr. Corrigan also recognizes such a necessity.

The main reasons rendering such an institution indispensable can be grouped as follows:

1. The hospital at Norway House is already too small to accept ordinary cases and is actually unable to offer further accommodations for contagious cases as tuberculosis.

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2. In having a separate building as a sanatorium for these cases, the same doctor could look after both groups of patients, hence a reason of economy on this point.

3. Owing to the weekly air mail service existing between Norway House and other points, considerable travelling expenses could be saved thereby.

4. Norway House is also central and can be supplied at low cost by water transportation over Lake Winnipeg.

5. Indians suffering from tuberculosis will easily come to Norway House which has ever been their centre for obtaining provisions and other supplies, while they would never go to Winnipeg where they would die of lonesomeness.

6. In the summer, travelling to Winnipeg from Norway House is not too costly and in the event of some patient requiring special surgical care, he could always be sent if necessary after being prepared and disposed to while at the Norway House sanatorium.

What we have to offer in co-operation with you in establishing such an institution is this:

Since the re-opening of the Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, we are no longer allowed to have any treaty children at the school at Norway House. Because of this, our school at Norway House is practically vacant. It is only being used as a day school, which we could easily otherwise provide by a separate building. Such a move would leave the actual school totally and immediately convertible into a sanatorium for tubercular cases. In fact, we could immediately have accommodations for fifteen patients without a single cent being disbursed by the Government for constructions.

We believe this undertaking so necessary and so urgent that we are willing to receive T. B. patients for whatever retribution the Department of Indian Affairs

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Will judge reasonable. The basis for such estimations can well be that of the expenses per capita incurred for the maintenance of the Dynavor Sanatorium. All we ask is a little help to begin this work.

We hope, Honourable Sir, that this summary of information will enable you to understand the situation at Norway House and that despite our hard times you will be able to find means and ways to remedy existing conditions among the above mentioned Indians for what we think is a minimum initial cost and which can easily be effected this very summer.

signed: Martin Lajeunesse, O, M.I.
Vicat Apostolic of Keewatin

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Minister's Office 123-1-31

MEMORANDUM

5th August, 1941.

Department of Mines and Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
AUG 8 1941
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The Deputy Minister.

I am attaching hereto a letter addressed to the Minister by Bishop Lajeunesse in which he suggests that a sanatorium be established at Norway House and offers to set aside for this purpose the former residential school at that point on the understanding that the per capita allowance would be equivalent to the cost of maintenance of patients at the Dynevor Sanatorium.

In addition to reporting on Bishop Lajeunesse's representations from a medical standpoint, the Minister would like to have some information as to the construction and condition of the Roman Catholic school at Norway House and the number of day school pupils that have been attending the school. The report might indicate the annual cost of medical services for Indians of the Norway House area.

Encl.

W.J.F. Pratt,
Private Secretary.

Dr. McGill:

For report.

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August 15, 1941

EXD.

Dear Sir:

Will you please furnish the Department with a full report concerning the construction and condition of the Roman Catholic School at Norway House. This report should include full information regarding the plumbing, lighting and heating; size, number of rooms, and state of repair of the building.

Will you also furnish information as to the number of pupils that have been attending this school and indicate whether they are day pupils or are boarding in the school. Please let us have information as to the number of Sisters and lay staff who are, at present, residing at the institution. If the building is electrically lighted, please state the source of power supply, also show any other buildings that are part of the institution, and also enclose a diagram showing the location of the building with reference to other buildings.

Yours truly,

P. E. Moore, M.D., D.P.H.
Acting Superintendent of Medical Services

C. Roberts, Esq.,
Acting Indian Agent,
Norway House, Man.

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Ind. Residential School
Cross Lake Man.
August 27th. 1941

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Br.
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Dear Sir:

I would have liked to give you a report on the activities of our ex-pupils' societies. Their work is interesting and results are satisfactory. I regret to have to postpone further details to the next opportunity.

The main object of this letter is to recall to you the supplies, you were to have bought and forwarded and refered to in your letter of April 3rd. Perhaps these have been forgotten. However if for some reason you had to change your decision ;I would not like to insist as I am well convinced that you are giving your full support whenever possible.

Yours truly

Principal.

Albert Chamberland, O.M.I.
Principal.

Mr. R.A. Hoey
Supt. of Welfare and Training
Dept. of Mines And Resources
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa,
September 8, 1941.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

With reference to the ex-pupil colony in the vicinity of the Cross Lake Residential School I have received several reports from the Principal, Rev. Father Chamberland, and I feel that this work should be encouraged.

The Principal has requested the following material which would permit improving the condition of the houses:

20 Rolls roofing paper Everlastic, 3 ply
9 Windows check rail, 12 lights, 1 3/8 x 10 x 18
1 Keg common wire nails, 2½"
1 Keg common wire nails, 4"
1 Set wood chisels, ¼", 3/8", ½", ¾", 1"
1 Wrecking bar
2 Calking irons, blunt, 1/8"

If it is not too late to have the above material shipped by boat I should appreciate your arranging for immediate purchase and shipment. It should, of course, be addressed to Rev. A. Chamberland, O.M.I., Principal, Cross Lake Indian Residential School, Cross Lake, Man.

Yours truly,

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

Mr. A.G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa,
September 9, 1941.

E.C.D.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo with reference to the activities of the Ex-pupils' Society at Cross Lake. I regret that purchase of the supplies requested in your letter was overlooked. However, I wrote to Inspector Hamilton yesterday instructing him to purchase the supplies immediately and have them shipped in to the school before navigation closes.

Yours truly,

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

Rev. A. Chamberland, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Cross Lake Indian Residential School,
Cross Lake, Man.

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C.N.C.ROBERTS,
ACTING INDIAN AGENT,
NORWAY HOUSE, MANITOBA

REPLY IMMEDIATELY DEPARTMENTAL LETTER AUGUST 15 REGARDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL NORWAY HOUSE ALSO EXPLAIN REASON FOR DELAY IN ANSWERING

R E MOORE. M.D.

Charge, Indian Affairs.

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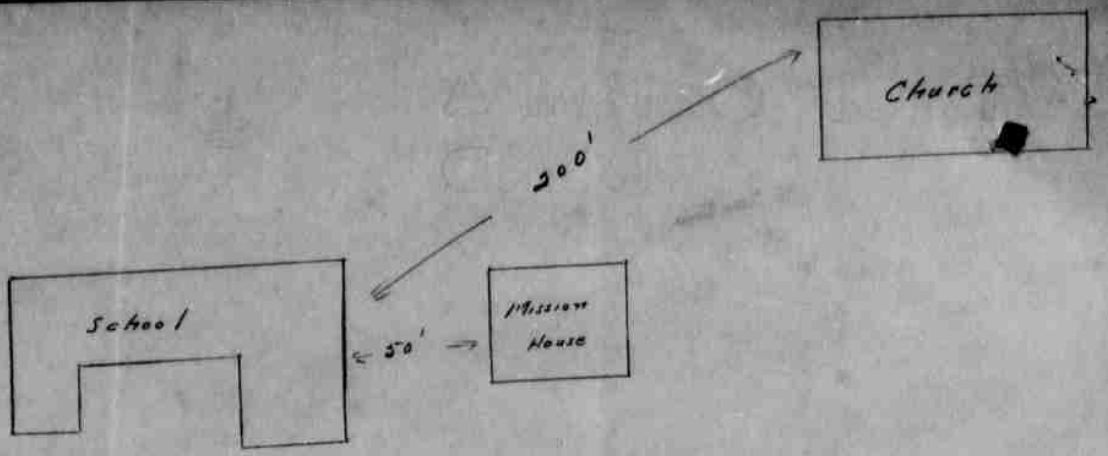

Roman Catholic School & Mission

Norway House, Man.

Sept. 24, 1941.

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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 14-A

Department of Mines and Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
OCT 3 1941
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AIR MAIL

Norway House, Man.,
Sept. 24, 1941.

Dear Sir:

Attention: P. E. Moore, M.D., D.P.H.,
Acting Superintendent of
Medical Services

As requested in your file 123-1-1 dated Ottawa August 15, 1941, I have to advise with respect to the Roman Catholic School at Norway House, as follows:

The school is piped for water and sanitary arrangements.

There is an electric lighting plant in the basement. The school is wired for electric lights and the water is pumped by an electric motor and pump.

The building is steam heated - the furnace and boiler being in the basement.

The building is of frame construction on a full concrete basement and is in a fair state of repair.

The furnace, boiler, and lighting plant are in the basement.

Attached is a sketch of the ground floor and second floor. There is also a garret above the second floor. There is one bed set up, up here for one of the Sisters but I am informed this is mainly used as a workroom. There is no basement under the kitchen.

There were 38 .....

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Canada.

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There were 38 pupils in attendance last term - 22 Treaty Indian children and 16 Non-Treaty and White children.

There were 19 children residing in the institution last term of which 12 were Treaty Indian and 7 were Half-Breed.

At present there are 10 children in residence and 2 or 3 more are expected in, in the near future.

The institution is staffed by six Reverend Gray Nuns. There are no lay staff employed.

The Reverend Father In Charge, and his Assistant, and the Brothers (usually 1 or 2) employed about the place live in the Mission House.

Rough sketch showing the general lay-out is also attached. There are out buildings off to the back - log shed, ice house, stable, hen-house, etc. but these are of no great consequence.

Yours very truly,

C. Roberts

C. Roberts,
Acting Indian Agent.

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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Norway House, Man.,
September 24, 1941.

P. E. Moore, M. D.,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA. Canada.

MAILING REPLY DEPARTMENTAL LETTER AUGUST FIFTEENTH REGARDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL NORWAYHOUSE IMMEDIATELY stop REGRET DELAY IN ANSWERING BUT DUE TO VOLUME OF WORK IN HAND CANNOT ATTEND ALL MATTERS AT ONCE

C. Roberts,
Acting Indian Agent.

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VICARIAT APOSTOLIQUE
du KEEWATIN
Evêché
Le Pas, Man., Canada

L.J.C. et M.I.

VICARIATE-APOSTOLIC
of KEEWATIN
Bishop's House
The Pas, Man., Canada

October 1st, 1941.

Mr. R.A. Hoey,
Superintendant of Welfare & Training,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
OCT 4 1941
REGISTERED

Dear Sir:

I wish to inform you that circumstances have obliged me to take Rev. Father Albert Chamberland, O.M.I. from Cross Lake. He has been replaced by Rev. Father G.E. Trudeau, O.M.I., and I respectfully ask you to appoint him Principal of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School.

I need not recommend Rev. Father Trudeau to you as you know him personally and as he has already be in charge of that school for number of years.

Yours very truly,

+ Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.

Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

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Ottawa, Ontario
October 8, 1941

Dear Bishop Lajeunesse:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 1, in which you propose the establishment of a sanatorium, using the former Roman Catholic Residential School, situated on the Jack River, near Norway House. I have had to delay in answering your letter until a report could be obtained from officers of the Indian Affairs Branch in Manitoba.

I fully realize that there are many cases of tuberculosis among the 4,000 Indians of the Norway House Agency who are not receiving treatment. The present campaign to endeavour to control tuberculosis among the Indians started in 1937. Since then it has been found possible to obtain a slight increase in the funds available for the treatment of this disease each year, but I fear we have about reached the limit of the amount that can be obtained yearly until more settled conditions exist in this country.

An advisory committee, consisting of leaders in Public Health and tuberculosis control was called together, and after considering every aspect of the problem, it was decided that the major effort of the campaign should be directed toward controlling the disease in areas where the Indians were in close contact with the white

Rt. Rev. Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.
Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin,
Bishop's House,
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population. When this has been accomplished, and when more funds are available, it is the aim of the Department to extend this control campaign to the more remote areas. At the same time there are actually 28 Indians under treatment for tuberculosis in the Norway House Indian Hospital. If funds are available, officials of the Indian Affairs Branch would like to enlarge this hospital as the need for more treatment is recognized.

At present the Department is treating over 90 Indian patients for tuberculosis in Manitoba. This more than uses Manitoba's allotment of the funds available for treatment of this disease.

I appreciate your kind offer, but I regret to have to inform you that there is no possibility of carrying out the plan that you suggest.

Yours sincerely,

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123-1-1

October 8, 1941

Memorandum:

THE DEPUTY MINISTER

In Mr. Pratt's memorandum of August 5, he asked for a report on the building formerly used as a Roman Catholic Residential School at Norway House. I attach herewith a plan of the school building supplied by Acting Indian Agent Roberts.

It is a wooden building situated on the Jack River, seven miles from Norway House Indian Agency. The only means of transportation is by water in summer and dog team in winter. It would be difficult for the doctor at Norway House to take charge of patients located in this building. There were 38 pupils in attendance last year, 22 being treaty Indian children and 16 non-treaty and white children. Of these 19 were residing in the institution last year, of which 12 were Treaty Indians and 7 were half-breed.

At present the institution is staffed by 6 Grey Nuns, the priest in charge, his assistant, and two lay brothers.

The average cost of medical services for the Indians of Norway House area is $20,000 per annum. This will probably be higher as Doctor Corrigan is treating more tuberculosis patients than were cared for formerly.

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Ottawa, Ontario
October 8, 1941

E.K.D.

Dear Bishop Lajeunesse:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 1, in which you propose the establishment of a sanatorium, using the former Roman Catholic Residential School, situated on the Jack River, near Norway House. I have had to delay in answering your letter until a report could be obtained from officers of the Indian Affairs Branch in Manitoba.

P.B.M.

I fully realise that there are many cases of tuberculosis among the 4,000 Indians of the Norway House Agency who are not receiving treatment. The present campaign to endeavour to control tuberculosis among the Indians started in 1937. Since then it has been found possible to obtain a slight increase in the funds available for the treatment of this disease each year, but I fear we have about reached the limit of the amount that can be obtained yearly until more settled conditions exist in this country.

An advisory committee, consisting of leaders in Public Health and tuberculosis control was called together, and after considering every aspect of the problem, it was decided that the major effort of the campaign should be directed toward controlling the disease in areas where the Indians were in close contact with the white

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population. When this has been accomplished, and when more funds are available, it is the aim of the Department to extend this control campaign to the more remote areas. At the same time there are actually 32 Indians under treatment for tuberculosis in the Norway House Indian Hospital. If funds are available, officials of the Indian Affairs Branch would like to enlarge this hospital as the need for more treatment is recognized.

There are also other difficulties in the way of carrying out your suggestion. I understand that the church buildings are situated on Jack River approximately seven miles from the Norway House Indian Agency. As the only means of transportation is by water in the summertime and dog team in winter, it would be difficult for the Doctor at Norway House to take charge of and properly look after the patients in that building if it were turned into a sanitarium. It is generally acknowledged that constant medical attention is required for the proper treatment of tuberculosis patients.

At present the Department is treating over 90 Indian patients for tuberculosis in Manitoba. This more than uses Manitoba's allotment of the funds available for treatment of this disease.

I appreciate your kind offer, but I regret to have to inform you that there is no possibility of carrying out the plan that you suggest.

Yours sincerely,

T.A.C.

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(C O P Y)

June 8th, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Phelan:

Referring to our conversation about the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, I am pleased to inform you that the Honourable T.A. Crerar is favourable to our project. He expects that the whole situation will be exposed to him through the ordinary way.

I will appreciate very much a definite answer to this question.

With kindest personal regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

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Ottawa,
June 16, 1943.

EXD.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

Rt. Rev. M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I., Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin, visited the Department recently and discussed with the officials of the Welfare & Training Service the possibility of increasing the pupilage at the Cross Lake Indian Residential School. In view of the fact that the Medical Officer at the Norway House Agency had expressed the opinion that the Cross Lake School was overcrowded, the Bishop suggested that the overcrowding at Cross Lake could be overcome by again placing children in the building owned by the Diocese of Keewatin near Norway House. This particular building has accommodation for approximately 25 children and was used for several years following the destruction of the Cross Lake Residential School by fire some years ago.

The Bishop pointed out that the overcrowding at the Cross Lake Residential School was due to the large number of children on the Cross Lake Reserve for whom educational facilities are necessary. By placing 25 children in the building at Norway House the number accommodated at the present Cross Lake Residential School could be reduced to 100. At the present time the authorized pupilage at Cross Lake is 100. The Bishop asked that the pupilage at the Beauval Residential School, which is also under his jurisdiction, be reduced from 100 to 80 and the

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pupilage at Cross Lake increased from 100 to 120. This would not involve any increased expenditure on the part of the Department.

I feel that the Bishop's suggestion is worthy of favourable consideration and I, therefore, recommend that the Bishop's request be approved.

For your information I enclose a letter which has just been received from Bishop Lajeunesse.

Director.

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Ottawa, June 23, 1943.

MEMORANDUM:

EX'D

Re: Construction of Indian Day Schools,
CROSS LAKE and SANDY BAY Agencies, Manitoba.

In a memorandum dated January 20, 1938, it was recommended by this Division that a two-room Indian day school with full basement accommodation be established on the Sandy Bay Reserve.

It was recommended also, in a memorandum dated October 28, 1937, that an improved Indian day school of three or four rooms be established on the Cross Lake Indian Reserve.

The files do not indicate just why the submissions from this Division in respect to the construction of these schools were not adopted. In the case of Cross Lake, a residential school capable of accommodating 100 pupils was built. At Sandy Bay the residential school was remodelled and accommodation provided for 95 pupils.

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June 8th, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Phelan,

Referring to our conversation about the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, I am pleased to inform you that the Honourable T.A. Crerar is favorable to our project. He expects that the whole situation will be exposed to him through the ordinary way.

I will appreciate very much a definite answer to this question.

With kindest personal regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

+ Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.

Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

Department of Mines & Resources — Indian Affairs Branch — JUL 2 1943 — REGISTERED

Ottawa, June 30, 1943

Memorandum to:

Dr. H.W. McGill

Re Over-crowding at Cross Lake Indian Residential School. Your File 123-1-13

Please refer to your memorandum of the 16th instant in the above matter.

I have had an opportunity of discussing it with the Minister and he approves of steps being taken to remove a number of the children from the school and permitting them to be temporarily transferred to the building owned by the church in the vicinity of Norway House. It should be distinctly understood by the church that this is only a temporary arrangement and is to take care of the present situation only so long as the Department is unable to provide day school accommodation at Cross Lake.

It is somewhat unfortunate that the crowding at the school should have been permitted. Since the receipt of your memorandum I have had an opportunity of reading Doctor Corrigan's report of March 16th and I note that when the school was re-opened Doctor Corrigan pointed out to Father Chamberlain that the enrolment was exceeding 80.

Your attention is again drawn to the letter written by the Minister to Bishop Lajeunesse of 17th March, 1938. It is somewhat unfortunate that we did not proceed with the building of the day school first rather than the residential school. However this was not done because it seemed more convenient at the time to make use of the foundation and walls of the old building which had been destroyed by fire.

The need for day school accommodation should also be kept in mind and plans made to construct the new buildings as and when funds are available.

The letter Mr. Phelan received from Bishop Lajeunesse is returned herewith.

Chief Executive Assistant.

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Ottawa,
July 3, 1943.

Right Reverend Sir:

With reference to your recent visit to the Department and also your letter of June 8, addressed to Mr. Phelan, the Minister has approved of transferring a small group of children from Cross Lake to the building that you have available at Norway House, in order to avoid crowding in the Cross Lake Residential School. From July 1, 1943, we are reducing the pupilage at the Beauval Residential School from 100 to 80 and increasing the pupilage at the Cross Lake Residential School from 100 to 120.

In preparing the quarterly returns, the names of the children at Norway House should be included on the regular return from Cross Lake.

I am directed to advise you that the permission to transfer children to the building at Norway House is only a temporary arrangement and is to take care of the present situation only as long as the Department is unable to provide day school accommodation at Cross Lake.

I trust that the authorization given in this letter will permit you to avoid any overcrowding at Cross Lake during the coming academic year.

Yours truly,

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

Rt. Rev. M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin,
Bishop's House,
The Pas, Man.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

NORWAY HOUSE, Man. July 6th, 1943.

Department of Mines & Resources
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Dr. P. E. Moore,
Acting Superintendent of Medical Services,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Dear Dr. Moore:

I have just returned from Cross Lake, where I held tonsil clinic in the school, where I operated on twenty-five children. While there I saw one of the pupils die of tubercular meningitis. This is the third student who has died at the Cross Lake School of tubercular meningitis in the past four months. The student I mention was a little girl seven years old, whom I had seen on my visit in March, and concerning whom I left instructions that she must be kept in bed. I find that my instructions regarding the other children whom I asked to be kept in bed had not been carried out.

I asked that all children from the Reserves other than Cross Lake call at Norway House on the way home for summer holidays to be x-rayed. For some reason this could not be arranged for the God's Lake children, but I did see those from Island Lake and Poplar River and I would recommend that some of these children should not return to school, as they are suffering from tuberculosis.

I feel that I must ask for a very definite ruling on the part of the Department as regards the Cross Lake School, otherwise I must refuse to take any responsibility for the health of these children, and I feel that the Department should protect itself by making such a ruling. As I wrote you in a previous letter, I had always believed that the dormitories at Cross Lake School were designed for 80 children, and yet during the past year they accommodated 100. Aside from the fact of what they are supposed to accommodate, I know that 100 is away too many, as in order to get 100 children in these dormitories, the beds must touch side by side and head to foot. I believe that this question should be settled immediately, and that Mr. Lazenby be instructed to take it up with the Principal either at Treaty time, or at the earliest possible, and by that

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I do not mean writing a letter and forgetting about it. I have taken up the matter of overcrowding with the Principal myself, and he has signified to me that he intends to continue with 100 children, unless he received definite instructions from the Department to the contrary. He states that his school cannot operate on the present grant, and continue to make money, unless they have 100 children.

Furthermore, I would recommend, in fact I feel I should insist, that all children entering this school should be x-rayed, in order to protect myself and the Department. I have brought over from Cross Lake enough children whom I had x-rayed a year or two years ago, to know that many of them must have developed tuberculosis in the school during the past year.

I would also recommend that no children from Island Lake be allowed to enter this school, or the Norway House Boarding School, As I have told you before I believe that the Island Lake people have very little immunity to Tuberculosis and I do not believe they should be brought out and mixed with people who have practically 100% infection.

Could you please give me an early reply.

Yours truly,

Cameron Corrigan, M.D.

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(3)

Ottawa, July 13, 1943.

Dear Bishop Lajeunesse:

I enclose, for your information copy of a report which has just been received from Dr. Corrigan with reference to tuberculosis amongst the children attending the Cross Lake Residential School.

I feel certain that you will regret as much as we do the condition that has developed, and I also feel that both yourself and the Principal of the School will co-operate with the Department along the lines suggested by Dr. Corrigan.

In view of the medical officer's report, the Department wishes not more than 80 children to be kept in residence at the Cross Lake Residential School during the academic year 1943-44.

You will also note the medical officer's report regarding children from Island Lake. In view of his statement, the Department feels that no children from this reserve should be allowed in the Cross Lake Residential School during the coming academic year. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the principal of the Cross Lake School.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

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

Right Reverend M. Lajeunesse, O.M.I.,
Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin,
Bishop's House,
The Pas, Man.

COPY SENT TO REV. PRINCIPAL, Cross Lake, Residential School

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July 14, 1943

Please find attached, a copy of a letter which has been forwarded to Bishop Lajeunesse and the Principal of the Cross Lake Residential School.

P. E. Moore, M.D., D.P.H.
Acting Superintendent of Medical Services

Cameron Corrigan, Esq., M.D.
Medical Superintendent,
Norway House, Man.

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EXP.

Ottawa, Ontario
July 14, 1943

Memorandum:

THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Please find attached, a copy of a letter received from Doctor Corrigan, regarding overcrowding in the Cross Lake School. Also attached please find copy of a letter which has been forwarded to Bishop Lajeunesse and the Principal of the Cross Lake Residential School.

This correspondence is forwarded for your information.

Director of Indian Affairs

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Bishop's House
The Pas, Man., Canada

L.J.C. et M.I.

July 27th, 1943.

Dear Sir:

Re: File 123 -1-1

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of the 3rd instant, dealing with the pupilage of Beauval and Cross Lake Residential Schools.

I have already advised the Rev. Father Principals concerned with this matter and have also take notice that the permission granted to transfer children from Cross Lake to Norway House is only temporary arrangement.

Yours very truly,

+ Martin Lajeunesse, o.m.i.
Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

Mr. R.A. Hoey,
Welfare & Training Division,
Dept. Of Mines & Resources,
Indian Branch,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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VICARIATE-APOSTOLIC
of KEEWATIN
Bishop's House
The Pas, Man., Canada

July 27th, 1943.

Dear Sir:

Re: File No. 123-1-1.

I hereby gratefully acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and I wish to assure you that all your prescriptions concerning the Cross Lake School will be carried out.

We are more than anybody else interested in the physical welfare of the children and no doubt the Department will appreciate that since the last four years we have a registered nurse in permanence to take care of the health of the children.

I regret to say that the Medical Officer's report contains false and injurious assertions. I leave it to the Rev. Father Principal of Cross Lake Residential School to protest againts them.

Yours very truly,

+ Martin Lajeunesse, O.M.I.

Vicar-Apostolic of Keewatin.

Mr. R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare and Training,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Indian Branch,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Mr. R.A.Hoey, Supt. of Welfare and Training,
Dept.of Mine and Natural Resources,
Ottawa,Ontario.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
AUG 13 1942
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Dear Mr. Hoey,

I received last night the copy of the letter that you sent to Bishop M.Lajeunesse on the 13th.of July.I wish also to thank you sincerely for the copy of a report sent to the Department by Doctor Corrigan with reference to tuberculosis amongst the children of Cross Lake Residential School.As this report of Dr.Corrigan contains some exagerations and false assertions,I feel that it is my duty to protest against such a statement,by retracting some affirmations which to my opinion could not be proved by Dr.Corrigan,as they are merely the effects of his prejudicial ideas,seeing nothing else but tuberculosis all over.

I am just as much if not more interested than Dr. Corrigan to see that tuberculosis will not spread in the school and I told the Doctor that the children were not catching tuberculosis in the school,but on their reserves where they spend two months with people contaminated with disease such as T.B. They come back to school after holidays with that sickness, and only waiting for a cold or an epidemic to awake and develop the germs of T.B.

I told the Doctor,that according to my opinion, it is impossible to free the school from such cases and if the Department wants to avoid such defeciency,he should start first by cleaning the Reserves and then this great problem would be easily solved for the schools.

In his report,the Doctor says that in the four past months,three children died in the school of Tubercular Meningitis.To my knowledge,only two died of that sickness.The girl that died in February,died of kidney trouble.Then,Mary Dixon,who died of Tubercular Meningitis at Norway House Hospital,was sick when the doctor was here in May.He ordered the child to be sent immediately.Regarding this girl,a year ago in May,we sent her to Norway House Hospital,as shehad swollen T.B. glands on the neck.In the summer,the doctor advised me to discharge her,and so I did.Last fall,he sent her back to school by the last plane,with those glands still running.If he had sent her straight home,as it was understood,maybe we would not have lost the little Martha Rivers who also died of T.Meningitis This child was in bed in March when the doctor was here,and we kept her in bed nearly all the time until we removed her from the infirmary where Mary Dixon started to develop T.Meningitis.

In February,there was an epidemic on the Reserve, and of course nearly all the children had it too.Some remained very weak and ran a temperature for a long time.When the doctor came in March,he said that some of the children should be kept in bed for three,four and six months.I told him that I was not keeping a hospital or a sanatorium,and that I was going to send them to Norway House Hospital.He replied that he had no room for them.I suggested to send some of them to The Pas Hospital. As he did not want this to be done,we kept the children in bed until we thought they were well enough to be up.The epidemic on the Reserve lasted from February until April and there was no doctor and no nurse on the Reserve to look after these people;so the consequence was that the children of the school were sick twice.The nurse of the school had not enough time to look after the Indians of the Reserve.

In July,1942,the Chief and the Indians sent a petition to the Department asking for a graduated nurse on the Reserve,but the petition was not taken into consideration by the Department,and the result was that with this epidemic last winter,some weak children of the school were sick and developed T.B. in the school.

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In his report of July 1943, Doctor Corrigan asked that all the children should be X-rayed. I wished this to be done a long time ago. It was impossible to have the God's Lake children sent to Norway House to be X-rayed before going back home; but these had been X-rayed before entering the school. Only a few of our own children of Cross Lake had been X-rayed before being accepted in the school, as it is not very handy to have them sent to Norway House just for that purpose; though I feel that the Department should have some arrangements made to this effect. But if this cannot be easily done, seems as if there is another way of finding out if a child has active T.B. or not. I think that when the doctor fills the Physical Examination on the Application Form for admission, should at least take the ordinary means to examine the children. Since I am here, I have never seen him use a stethescope to sound the children's chest, as he seems to have faith only in the X-Ray. I think that at least if this ordinary precaution was taken, it would help avoiding children to be accepted and who are already contaminated. Moreover, last summer, the doctor accepted some children whom he thought had T.B. but believed that the best place for them after all was in school. Why, now, does he seem to blame the schooland says in the last paragraph of his report that we have practically 100% infection here? If he thinks there is so much infection, he must not blame me for over-crowding the school, which is false too.

The pupilage of the school authorized by the Department, was 100, and we never had that number yet. Dr. Corrigan, I believed, had in his mind that the dormitories were made to accomodate only 80, and this is why he still believes and insists that the pupilage should be reduced to 80. At present we have 95 beds in the dormitories and it is not true as he states in his report that the beds must touch side by side, and head to foot. They were touching head to foot when he came in the dormitories, but this had been done to have a space of eight feet in the center. He never measured the dormitories to find out if there was a sufficient number of cubic feet for the number of children we had. I am sure that we have enough cubic feet and flooring to accomodate at least 95 children.

I told Dr. Corrigan that it was impossible to administrate this school with only 80 children, and that, so as not to have a deficit at the end of the year, we had to continue to operate with 100. He states that I said it took 100 children to continue to make money. We are not making money even with 100 children but it takes that number to make both ends meet. It is the same expense to run the school for 100 or for 80. So if the Department cuts the pupilage to eighty children, it means that we will be at least $3000 short every year. So as our dormitories can easily accomodate 95 children, I hope the Department will not reduce the pupilage to 80, and by so doing, oblige us to suffer a deficit of $3000 yearly.

I am also anxious to have all the Cross Lake children X-rayed before they are admitted to the school and also will suggest that we have the clinic here soon and that all the Indians of this Reserve be examined by X-Ray too.

Regarding the Island Lake children, I am very willing not to accept any new ones in the school, but suggest that those that are already accepted should come back after summer holidays, provided that they do not have active T.B.

Dear Mr. Homy, you may be assured, that my great and most sincere desire is to cooperate with the Department and that it has never been my intention to keep T.B. children in the school, being aware of it. In fact, I have discharged some whom I thought could be a danger of contamination to others.

Hoping that these well meant remarks may have enlightened you in some way concerning the present condition of our school, I feel confident that the Department will agree as to not reducing the pupilage as was suggested by Dr. Corrigan, as he will not be the one to carry all the worries of administrating the school, or to pay for the deficit at the end of the year.

I would be most grateful to you and would appreciate most highly, an answer from you before school re-opens.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Very Sincerely Yours,

J. E. Trudeau, O.M.I.

Principal

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Ottawa,
August 13, 1943.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo, with reference to Dr. Corrigan's report about the condition of the children of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School. The contents of your letter have been fully discussed with the Acting Superintendent of Medical Services, Dr. Moore.

There appears to be some doubt if the dormitories in the school have sufficient air space for the number of children that have been enrolled.

The information that we have on file in this office has been taken from the annual report submitted by you and it is stated that the size of the boys' dormitory is 47'6" x 30' x 12' and that the girls' dormitory is the same size. Multiplying these figures gives the cubic content of the two dormitories as 34,200 cubic feet. As you are aware, the Department has always considered that approximately 500 cubic feet of air space is required in dormitories in Indian residential schools. This would mean that the dormitories at Cross Lake have only a cubic air space sufficient for 68 pupils. Possibly the information we have regarding the size of the dormitories is incorrect and I would, therefore, appreciate your advising me by return mail if our information is correct and, if not, you should let me have the dimensions of the dormitories. In the latter event, of course, you should state the length, width and height of the dormitories.

Yours truly,

Rev. G.E. Trudeau, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Cross Lake, Man.

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

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St. Joseph's Indian Residential School
Cross Lake, Man. 12 th Sept.,1943.

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Mr.R.A.Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Dept. of Mines & Natural Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

Your File 123-1-1.

Dear Sir:-

In replyto yours of August the 13th received recently I must say that the sizes of the dormitories of the school are exactly those you have taken from the annual report.I have remeasured them again and they are 47'6" long by 30' wide and 12' high.

When Doctor Corrigan was here at Treaty time in the beginning of August I showed him again the dormitories and he was surprised to how much room there was between the beds, though there were 94 beds in the dormitories. He could not help ask me what we had done to the dormitories. I reply:it is very simple .We just have change the disposition of the beds and it makes all the difference that you see.

Shortly after Treaty I went to Norway House and Dr.Corrigan showed me the paragraph of The Act of Public Health for the Province of Manitoba.It is stated in this Act that 200 cubic feet of air space are required in halls or sleeping places for each child under twelve years old and 400 cubic feet for adult over 14 years.Then Dr.Corrigan took his pencil and start to figure how many children could be accomodated in our dormitories.As most of our children are under 12 years he found out that more than 150 children would have enough cubic feet of air space.He was amazed in front of these figures as we never had more than 97 children in the dormitories.He never said anything else about this subject as he must have recognized that before making reports to the Department he should have based them on facts and not on what he thought it was.

Yours truly,

G.E. Trudeau O.M.I.

G.E.Trudeau,O.M.I.
Principal.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, September 21, 1943.

Dear Doctor Corrigan:

I am sending forward herewith copy of a letter received by this Branch from the Principal of the Cross Lake Residential School.

You are no doubt aware that in response to certain representations made by you to the Department, the enrolment at this school has been reduced from 100 to 80. In view of this fact and the difficulty the church authorities are likely to experience in financing the institution with the present enrolment, it would be appreciated if we could have from you an expression of opinion with respect to the statements made by the Principal, particularly the statements contained in the last paragraph of his letter.

An immediate reply will be very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Encl.

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

Dr. Cameron Corrigan,
c/o Mr. A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
538 Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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September 21, 1943

Dear Doctor Jackson:

The amount of air space necessary per pupil in dormitories of residential schools in Manitoba has become a matter of controversy, and I would appreciate it if you would forward me information regarding the cubic air space required per person. For instance what space do you require in the dormitory of the institution of correction such as the Portage Home for Boys?

Yours very truly,

P. E. Moore, M.D., D.P.H.
Acting Superintendent of Medical Services

F. W. Jackson, Esq., M.D.,
Deputy Minister of Health,
Winnipeg, Man.

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EX'D. A.

Winnipeg, September 23rd, 1943.

Dear Mr. Hoey,-

I have your letter of September 21st, file 123-1-1, together with a copy of Father Trudeau's letter.

In the first place I would like to quote you the following:-

Part III, Division 14, Section 189(a) and (b) of the Regulations under the Public Health Act of the Province of Manitoba.

(a) All rooms in dwellings or other buildings used for sleeping purposes shall contain not less than 400 cubic feet of air space for each adult and 200 cubic feet for each child under 12 years of age occupying the same and in addition provision shall be made for continuous air change or circulation. There shall also be provided in all rooms occupied for sleeping purposes a floor area of at least 40 sq. ft. per person.

(b) The medical officer of health shall require a floor area of not less than 40 sq. feet per person in any room occupied for sleeping purposes when in his opinion such is required to safeguard the health of the occupants of such premises.

From these figures it is easy to see that on the basis of floor space each dormitory should accommodate 37 or 38 children. However, I believe we are safe enough with 40 in each dormitory. When you work it out on the basis of cubic feet and take an average of 300 cubic feet, as the children range in age from 6 to 15 years, you will find that you have cubic feet enough for 56 children, due to the very high ceilings.

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However, it would be a physical impossibility to put 56 children in these dormitories. However, the cubic feet should not be considered in this matter because I believe the Department itself has always insisted on 500 cubic feet per child. Therefore, I feel that we must stick very closely to the Health Act and insist on 40 sq. ft. to the individual. I explained this to Father Trudeau when he was at Norway House and it was probably unfortunate that I was not very good in mathematics that day. However, this is a fact I think he should not have taken advantage of. In dealing with Indian children who are so susceptible to tuberculosis I feel that we should take every precaution to guard them against this disease, and I believe that adequate accommodation is one of the easiest methods. Further than that, I believe that for the good of the Department and in order to protect ourselves, we should insist upon this regulation. I feel that another epidemic of tuberculosis occurs in the Cross Lake School with a similar number of deaths as there were this spring, it could well destroy the School and the confidence of the Indians in the Department. Please believe me when I say that there is no malicious intent on my part in any of this and that I have only the best interests of the School at heart.

During the last Treaty at Cross Lake many of the parents of the pupils of the Cross Lake School came to me and wanted to know why so many children had been sick, and why some had died in the School. I find it very difficult to protect ourselvesin these cases.

Yours truly.

Cameron Corrigan

Cameron Corrigan, M.D.

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Department of Health and Public Welfare
Executive Offices
Winnipeg

September 24, 1943.

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Department of Mines & Resources
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P. E. Moore, M. D.,
A/Superintendent of Medical Services,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Dr. Moore:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 21st.

The policy of this department in respect to accommodations in dormitories is that we try to follow out the provisions of the Health Act which states in section six of division one, part five of the regulations as follows:

> "The minimum floor area of any bedroom shall be sixty square feet and the minimum height of the ceiling, eight feet."

We believe that in institutions where there is a chance of communicable diseases amongst the inmates there should be a greater floor space area -- at least seventy feet and in those parts of the institution at Portage la Prairie where we have reason to believe that there is communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis, we try to insist on at least seventy square feet. In many of our ordinary wards at Portage la Prairie at the present time, due to a shortage of staff, where we have had to close wards and place patients in other wards, there has been some irregularity in the standards but I should say that our area is not less than fifty square feet of floor space.

Trusting that this is the information you require, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

F. W. Jackson,
Deputy Minister.

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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE 3-A

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Norway House, Man.
February 17, 1944.

I.A.D. A.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

I beg to report that on February 1st I visited and inspected the Cross Lake Roman Catholic Indian Residential School. The building throughout was in excellent condition in every way, and all the furnishings of every kind very well kept. There are three class rooms in operation at this school, and all three teachers were doing excellent work.

In the primary room, which consisted of beginners and grade 1, the reading and arithmetic done by the pupils both in their scribblers and on the blackboard was very good. The beginners were being taught reading from the large 'Joe and Ruth' charts, and they could point out any word on the chart the teacher asked for. The grade 1 pupils did their reading clearly and distinctly, and the teacher even had them read backwards. These pupils are making good headway.

The next class room I visited consisted of grades 2, 3, 4 and 5, all boys. The reading by all grades in this room was very good. Arithmetic both mental, and done on the board was also very good.

The third class room consisted of grades 2, 3, 4 and 5, all girls. The work of these pupils also was very good in every way.

The discipline throughout the school was excellent, and all the pupils were clean and well dressed, and everything about the school was very satisfactory.

P. G. Lazenby,
Indian Agent.

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58 East Gate, Winnipeg, Manitoba,
April 3rd, 1944.

The Honourable T.A. Crerar,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Crerar:

While I am sincerely reluctant to add in any way to the many and heavy burdens you have to bear, increased as they are by prevailing war conditions, I feel impelled to ask if you will try to inquire into the case of the young Indian, George Paynter, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the part he is alleged to have taken in the burning down of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School "fourteen years ago." His case has recently been brought to my notice, in a letter written to me by Miss Mary L. Kennedy, daughter of Captain Kennedy, one of the early and prominent pioneers of the Red River Settlement. Her letter, written while a patient in the Winnipeg General Hospital, reads, in part, as follows:-

"I have had a visit from the Rev. -- Wood, Methodist Missionary to the Stony Mountain Penitentiary. He wished to have my slant on George Paynter, a lifer in the penitentiary. He burned the R.C. School at Cross Lake fourteen years ago, when thirteen lives were lost, one a nun. I visited this school two years previously, a very fine institution, and addressed the children. George (16) was captured two years later. Originally he was from Norway House, United Church. His mother died when he was three years, and he had a ragged life. The Norway House United Church School was full at the time, so the Indian Agent said he must go to the R.C. one at Cross Lake, 60 miles distant. There he was immediately re-baptized, and discriminated against. He tried to run away several times, was brought back, and cruelly beaten. Finally he said he would escape if he had to burn the school - which sadly enough succeeded on a second attempt. There was an accessory, who, I am sure, engineered the mischief. Both boys were captured. George had a life sentence - usually twenty years. The other boy was released years ago. I saw him, and I am sure he was the real culprit. Mr. Wood was so impressed with George's personality, that he called to find out from me all I could tell about him."

I know nothing more of the case than what is embodied in this quotation, but, in view of the opinions expressed by Mr. Wood, "Methodist Missionary to the Stony Mountain Penitentiary", and by Miss Kennedy herself, it has seemed to me that some effort might and should be made to secure his release.

As it has occurred to me that you might desire Inspector Hamilton of the Indian Affairs Branch in this city, to look into the matter, I am taking the liberty of sending him a copy of this letter.

Although .....

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Although I myself am still in a greatly weakened physical condition, the result of the serious illness which came upon me a year ago, I can assure you that I still retain an undiminished interest in the welfare of our valorous Indian people.

With the best of good wishes, Believe me,

Yours very truly,

T.B.R. Westgate.

sgd) T.B.R. Westgate

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MEMORANDUM

Apr. 5, 1944

DEPUTY MINISTER

George Paynter, serving life sentence for alleged burning of Cross Lake Indian Residential School.
Request for his release.

I attach a letter to the Minister from Rev. T.B.R. Westgate, D.D., written from his home 58 West Gate, Winnipeg, Man., dated Apr. 3rd, concerning the above named, whose case has recently been brought to his notice by Miss Mary L. Kennedy, part of a letter from whom he quotes.

You will note that Dr. Westgate feels, in view of the opinions expressed by Rev. Mr. Wood, Methodist Missionary to the Stony Mountain Penitentiary, to whom Miss Kennedy refers, and also Miss Kennedy herself, that some effort might and should be made to secure George Paynter's release.

The representations are submitted for consideration.

Will you please have a draft letter prepared to Dr. Westgate in reply, for the Minister's signature.

for Private Secretary.

Encl.

Dr. McGill -
For draft reply as requested.

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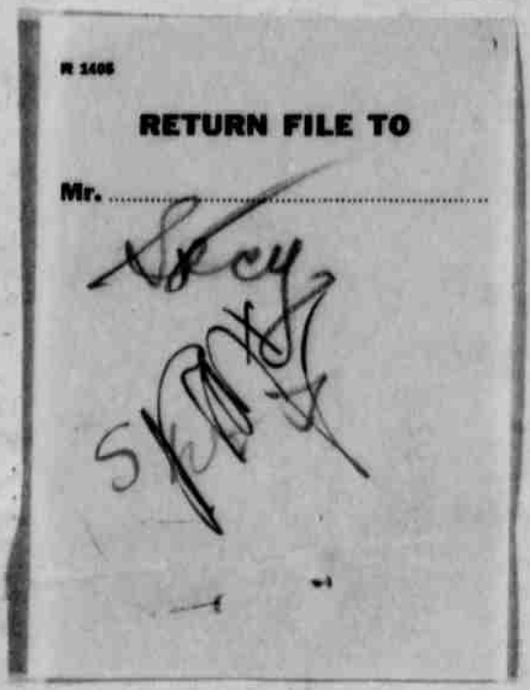

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EX'D.
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Ottawa, April 11,1944.

Dear Dr. Westgate:

I have your letter of April 8 with reference to George Paynter, serving a life sentence in connection with the burning of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, Manitoba.

I have read what you have said with regard to this unfortunate young man's situation with sympathetic interest. The matter, however, is no longer within the purview of this department, as once an Indian is convicted under the Criminal Code he becomes the responsibility of the authorities charged with the administration of justice.

In the circumstances, I would suggest that any representations which you consider warranted with a view to clemency for George Paynter should be made to the Minister of Justice.

T.R.L. M
Pleasure

Yours sincerely,

Reverend T.B.R.Westgate, D.D.,
58 East Gate,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

April 13/44.

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To be returned to Indian Affairs when signed

Ottawa, April 11,1944.

Dear Dr. Westgate:

I have your letter of April 3 with reference to George Paynter, serving a life sentence in connection with the burning of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, Manitoba.

I have read what you have said with regard to this unfortunate young man's situation with sympathetic interest. The matter, however, is no longer within the purview of this department, as once an Indian is convicted under the Criminal Code he becomes the responsibility of the authorities charged with the administration of justice.

In the circumstances, I would suggest that any representations which you consider warranted with a view to clemency for George Paynter should be made to the Minister of Justice.

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Yours sincerely,

Reverend T.B.R.Westgate, D.D.,
58 East Gate,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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A re-write of draft Apr. 11.
Copy for Indian Affairs

CANADA
MINISTER
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

Ottawa, 19th April, 1944.

Dear Dr. Westgate,-

I have your letter of April 3rd with reference to George Paynter, serving a life sentence in connection with the burning of the Cross Lake Indian Residential School, Manitoba.

I have read what you have said with regard to this unfortunate young man's situation with sympathetic interest. The matter, however, is no longer within the purview of this department as once an Indian is convicted under the Criminal Code he becomes the responsibility of the authorities charged with the administration of justice.

In some respects it is more difficult for me as a member of the Cabinet and Minister in charge of Indian Affairs to appeal for clemency towards an Indian who was properly sentenced than it is for a private individual - unless the circumstances were very exceptional. However, I am having a copy of your letter placed before the Minister of Justice so that your appeal may receive full consideration.

I am sorry you had such a lengthy illness and hope that with the nicer weather your condition will improve.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

T.A. CRERAR

Reverend T.B.R. Westgate, D.D.,
58 East Gate,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

mailed Apr. 21.

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OTTAWA, ONTARIO June 26, 1944

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa

Attention: Mr. P. Phelan.

Pr. Plourde
Advised
Re Stas DP
June 30/44

My dear Mr. Phelan,

I have just received a letter from reverend Father Rivard in charge of the Roman Catholic mission at Norway House in which he informs me that there are about 200 Catholic Indians in his mission and that 45 children attend the combination Day and Residential School operated in connection with the mission. Fourteen of these are boarders, and the balance are day pupils. I understand that since the school was established, biscuits have been supplied for the noonday meal of the children, but no sugar or tea was ever received. No allowance either is given for fuel. It would be very much appreciated if help could be given along these lines.

So far, only 25 aviator uniforms were given to the school; there were no overcoats or army clothing; if any of the above are available, it would be much appreciated if you could send another consignment to Norway House. This military clothing is very useful to the school to train the older girls in cutting and sewing, and supplies the poorer Indians with needed apparel.

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Through their missionary, reverend Father Rivard, the Indians have asked for two barges which they could use very profitably for the transportation of cordwood, hay, lumber, and horses. These Indians live on a strip of land fifteen miles long, and their only method of transportation is the lake and the river. Part of the Indians are on one side of the lake, and the others live along both banks of the river. They, therefore, have to use both the lake and the river for the transportation of all the goods which they buy and the cordwood and lumber which they sell. The building of these

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two barges should not be costly as the Indians have a sawmill or at least one which could be used for this purpose. Father Rivard is informed that help of this nature was granted to the Indians of Cross Lake. This is a matter which deserves consideration, for anything that can help the Indians to earn their own living should not be lightly refused when a request for it is made.

Would it be possible for you to look in the case of the D'Arcis children whose mother is an unmarried Treaty woman. I understand that there is no one at the present time looking after the welfare of these children. They certainly can be considered as orphans and waifs. If a favorable decision could be arrived at in the immediate future, these children could be accepted in the Norway House School for the September quarter.

See 15-123 19-123 June 29/44 DD

Several of the Norway House Indians have gardens in which they raise most of the ordinary vegetables, and their potato crop is generally very good. Their only place for storing the above is the mission root-house. Whilst the missionary is willing to help, the space available is small, and only a few of the Indians can be accommodated. The construction of a large cooperative root-house is something which should be studied and if found feasible be placed on the agenda as a post-war expenditure. Nothing will help more that the cultivation of gardens to make our Indians self-supporting, and anything that will develop such a spirit should be fully encouraged.

Hoping that you will be able to give favorable consideration to the above matters, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. C. Lourde, O.M.I.

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EXTRACT FROM MEDICAL REPORT OF DR. CAMERON CORRIGAN dated February 26, 1945.

Original on 76-123

During the late fall and early winter there was an epidemic of Catarrhal Jaundice. It must have been very wide-spread as the Missionaries claimed it was practically 100%. However, I know this is not true. As far as I can learn there were no deaths. I believe practically all the children in the Cross Lake Boarding School were infected. I am not surprised at this, as I find the population of this school has again risen to 96 pupils, which means the dormitories are overcrowded. I do not understand the need for this and strongly condemn it.

See Principals letter of Sept 12/43 also Dr. Corrigan's reply of Sept 23/43

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QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING MARCH, 1945, ON NORWAY HOUSE AGENCY

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WELFARE AND TRAINING

During my visit to Cross Lake Reserve in January, I inspected the Cross Lake R.C. Residential School, and a special report on this matter has already been forwarded to the Department. At the time of my visit, the U.C. Day School was closed, owing to the teacher being in Norway House Hospital for an operation. This fact also was reported to the Department by special letter., Arrangements had been practically completed for the construction of a New United Church Day School at the Cross Lake reserve, but unfortunately this project has had to be abandoned for lack of funds.

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P.G. Lazenby,
Indian Agent.

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538 Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
August 17th, 1945.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

EX'D.

I wish to submit the following report on the schools of the Norway House Agency, inspected in June, 1945.

xx xx xx

Cross Lake R.C. Indian Boarding School

There are 95 pupils enrolled and all but the Cross Lake pupils had left before my arrival.

This was my first visit to the new school and I was greatly impressed with the very excellent building.

The dormitories were spotless, well aired and very bright. The beds were quite close together but with all the windows I am sure the children have plenty of fresh air. The bedding was clean and there was abundance.

The classrooms were very bright and the walls nicely decorated. The desks, although in use for some years, were almost without a scratch. I am certain from the books seen that the Sisters do very excellent work in the classroom.

I examined the work done in the sewing-room and must admit that the girls do splendid sewing. They make dresses, knit all kinds of garments and do very excellent patch work and darning.

The kitchen and dining rooms were in excellent order and the girls receive a good training in cooking and baking. The children seen were in good health and I am sure are well cared for and well fed.

This school is situated in an isolated area and the Rev. Father is greatly concerned and rightly so about his one engine and generator. If the engine should fail at any time the school would be without light or water - in fact, it could not continue to operate. I think a second unit should be installed. There is plenty of room, consequently no additional expenses will be required

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for building purposes. The total cost would be for the engine, generator and wages for someone to see that it is properly installed. I think the Department should give this request serious consideration. If the school were close to a railroad I would not make the recommendation; but a bad break in equipment at this isolated point would be serious and perhaps repairs could not be secured for weeks. There are often weeks when communication to the outside is impossible and this is especially bad at freeze-up and again in the spring during break-up.

The hot water tank which hangs by the furnace also must be renewed. I understand Mr. Lazenby has the particulars and is submitting the necessary requisition. This should be ordered and sent forward at once.

The school has a large garden; which this year was planted late and of course was not up when I was there. The Rev. Father keeps some very fine Holstein cows, a flock of hens and some pigs. The school is under excellent management and the children appeared very happy. The operating of such an excellent school in this remote area is a great credit to the Church and Government. The Rev. Father Trudeau is interested in his work and is assisted by and excellent staff of Sisters.

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A.G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies
for Manitoba.

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Joint Committee
Indian affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa Ontario
Nov 19 1946

W Bryce M.P.

As we have heard and
chance to talk about this meeting that
they are go to have in Ottawa.
and we heard that you are going to talk
for us this committee
I have some thing to tell you to bring
befor the meeting
we are Indians we are mixture up
in this Indian actt.
about the Schools.
It say Indian actt. that catholic
child should go in a ~~Catholic~~ School
and protesent in School.
This Indian actth. is not just
at all.
We wish the Goverment should
take all the Schools away from the
churchs. there in Cross Lake.

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II

Father principle is puting the
protesent childern in a catholice day. School.
and he. does not want us to let.
our childern in a protesent day.
school. he. said he will put us.
out of church. we catholic
The Gonement that put the day.
school. in the Reserved. and
was runned by a protesent
I had put my childern in it
The Father had mad lots a talking
about it fighting me. I let my.
childern in a protesent day shool.
I was nine years in a Boarding
school. all I learn. prayes. the
childern that went in that
school. they have no ardely edution
I have childern I put them
in school. when the Gonement
will. run. the schools himself
and If he will take all the

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III

Schools away from the churchs.
we could all see the childern
that did not when in a catholic
school. they have English to
talk and good edution
and here in cross Lake Boarding
school they make the childern
learn to pray and make these
learn they Creek Language to
write
we hope that the Goverment
will here the school that
he had give the Indian childern
we dont plame the goverment
for it is the once that run the
school is the preats and the
Sisters
pleas talk for us and try succeed
to take all the schools away from
the churchs. I hope you
will came in answer me soon

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we hope that the Indian actth.
in fy law should be change.
this coming year.
next year if the catholic run
the day school again.
I will put my Childern in
a protesent day school. I will
not care if he put me out the
Church as long my Childern
will not learn prays. I want
them to learn some thing that
will help them feature
to talk good English
So long.

from
Yours.
truly

Bello Ross.

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House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA, April 16, 1947.

Mr. T.L. McEvoy,
Secretary,
Commission on Indian Affairs,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McEvoy:

I received a letter some time ago, which really is addressed to me care of the Indian Committee. I am passing this on to you for your files, along with the correspondence to the Indian Committee.

Yours sincerely,

WBryce.

W. BRYCE,
Member for Selkirk.

WB-M.
Encl.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
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Refer to Dept. — attn Henry

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B.X.D.

Ottawa, May 10, 1947.

Reverend Father:

A letter has been received from an Indian named Billo Ross, concerning the Separate School clauses of the Indian Act. He deals at some length with conditions on the reserve and in residential schools. One statement he makes is as follows:-

" ... And here in Cross Lake Boarding School they make the children learn to pray and make them learn the Cree language, to write."

As English is the only authorized language in our Indian schools for all provinces exclusive of Quebec, it would be appreciated if we could have your comments concerning his statement about the Cree language.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Reverend G. E. Trudeau, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Cross Lake, via Norway House, Manitoba.

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ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
CROSS LAKE, MANITOBA

June, 9, 1947

Mr.Bernard F.Neary,
Supt.of Welfare & Training,
Dept of Mines & Resources,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,Ont.

Your File: 123-1-1 (W T)

Dear Sir:

Two days ago I received your letter of May the 10th dealing with the complaint of Bello Ross that in the Cross Lake Boarding School: "...they make the children learn to pray and make them learn the Cree,to write".

First of all I do not see any thing wrong in teaching the children how to pray as a good education has to be based on relious convictions.The Manitoba School Programme which we follow here allows us half an hour a day for teaching of Religion and we do not take more time every day for the teaching of catechism.I must say that we teach them their prayers in Cree which is their own language so they won't be at a loss to pray with their parents when they go back home.During this half hour we also teach them to read the Cree syllabic as written in their prayer books.When children reach higher grades they are thought their prayers and catechism in English.

In the classrooms they are ~~thought~~ taught English and nothing else than the English language is authorized, ~~and so the same during their recreations~~. This is also the case in their recreation periods. In fact the teachers do not know ~~the~~ Cree,consequently they ~~could~~ for not teach what they don't know.

Hoping ~~these~~ this information ~~are~~ is satisfactory,I remain,

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
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Sincerely yours,

G.E. Trudeau O.M.I.

G.E.Trudeau, O.M.I.
Principal.

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123-1-1 (W T)

EX'D.

Ottawa, June 19, 1947.

Cross Lake Indian Residential School

Dear Mr. McEvoy:

I forwarded a copy of the letter from Billo Ross, as received by Mr. W. Bryce, M.P., to the Reverend Father G. E. Trudeau, O.M.I., Principal of the above school, for comment.

We have now received the following answer from the Reverend Father:-

"Two days ago I received your letter of May 10th dealing with the complaint of Billo Ross that in the Cross Lake Boarding School '... they make the children learn to pray and make them learn the Cree, to write'.

"First of all I do not see anything wrong in teaching the children how to pray as a good education has to be based on religious convictions. The Manitoba School Programme which we follow here allows us half an hour a day for teaching Religion and we do not take more time every day for the teaching of Catechism. I must say that we teach them their prayers in Cree which is their own language so they won't be at a loss to pray with their parents when they go back home. During this half hour we also teach them to read the Cree syllabic as written in their prayer books. When children reach higher grades they are taught their prayers and catechism in English.

"In the classroom they are taught English and

T. L. McEvoy, Esq.,
Secretary,
Commission on Indian Affairs,
House of Commons,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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"Hoping this information is satisfactory, I remain, Yours sincerely, G. E. Trudeau, O.M.I., Principal."

Sincerely yours,

Director.

BFH/EM

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copy of this 123-1-6 123-1-1

Department of Mines and Resources Indian Affairs Branch
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Colonel Neary:

Cross Lake Residential School:
This school was visited Saturday-Sunday 13/14 Sept., 1947.

Staff: Rev. Father Trudeau, O.M.I. Principal.
[redacted] assisting priests
[redacted]ther Minard: carpentering, painting, etc.
[redacted]ther Nadeau: miscellaneous activities
Brother Guay: farm instructor

The last three men are assisted by boys of Grades 4, (5), 6 on the "half-day system."

Ten members of the Order of Oblate Sisters. None has had formal training for teaching

1. Sister Superior and Matron: Sister Mary of the Good Shepherd
2. Primary room teacher (boys and girls) Sister Ste Celine.
   Beginners 5, Gr. I 12 Gr. II 18
   Academic training - Grade VIII + 2 years commercial
   Experience - 16 years.
3. Older girls' teacher: Sister Marie de la Paix.
   {Gr. III, 9 Gr. IV 7 Mornings only} {Gr V 10 Gr. VII 5 Afternoons only}
   Academic training: senior matric; Experience: 5 years
4. Older boys' teacher + dormitory supervisor: Sister St. Marcel
   Gr. III 7, IV 10, VI 6, VII 4, VIII 2
   (Their programme requires clarifying
   Academic training: partial junior matric; Experience: 10 years
5. Nurse (Also day school teacher) Sister Marie St. Luke
   (see form submitted for Civil Service Appointment)
6. Sewing Instructor + Girls' Supervisor: Sister Jean-Marie
7. Boys Supervisor ("Maîtresse des garçons): Sister Ste. Antoine
8. Cook: Sister St. Cyrille
9. Laundry - Bakery - Dairy: Sister St. Donat
10. Refectory - Ironing - Mending: Sister St. Victor.

C A S Clark
WT. 8

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Degree or Diploma you hold Not applied for after completing my grades

Languages you speak well English & French

Languages you write well English & French

Skills (such as typing, draughting, etc.) Fair

Number of years "supervisory" experience

Number of years "administrative" experience

Experiences and number of years of each →

As a Missionary Sister I got a special training for Indian Reserves activities both teaching and Nursing (certificate).

Examinations of Civil Service Commission at which you have been successful:

Classification	Date of Exam	Rank and Eligible List (if you know)

If you have been employed with other Agencies of the Dominion Government, please state Department, starting and closing date of employment and nature of work:

Date since which you have had continuous temporary employment 1934

Date since which you have had continuous permanent employment

Date since which you have been assigned to Mines and Resources 1920

Please indicate at bottom of this form any further information you may wish to have placed on file but please do not attach anything to this form.

First started on Indian Reserves at Cross Lake in 1920 teaching in Residential School for 8 years again in 1934 as Day School teacher with the direction of our ex pupils Club and Nursing for five years in fact a Welfare teacher. all this because of my Missionary training and my Nursing Certificates. Back again to Day School Teaching in 1946 after having taught at Mc Intosh Ind Res. School & Lestock

Sept. 27 1948
Date

Sister M. St Luke
(Signature of employee)

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EMPLOYEE QUESTIONNAIRE

To be filled by all employees when taken on strength of the Department of Mines and Resources. This form may be filled in ink. To be given to Superior who will transmit same to the Director's office where this form will be forwarded to the Personnel Section, Administration and Personnel Branch.

Surname.....

Christian Names (in full)...Sister M. St. Luke.....

Indicate Mr. Miss or Mrs. .....

City, Town, etc., where you work...Cross Lake, Manitoba.....

U.I.C. Book number.....X.....

Do you contribute towards Civil Service Insurance?..X.....

Do you contribute towards Civil Service Mutual Benefit Society?..X.....

Do you contribute towards Civil Service Cooperation Credit Society?..X.....

Marital Status.....

If married woman, your maiden name.....

Date of Birth. May 24th 1896 Place of Birth Lowell, Mass. U.S.A.

Racial Origin..french.....Natural Born or Naturalized?.....

If naturalized, give particulars.....First W. War.....

.....

Number of dependents.....

Name	Address	Date of Birth

Do you maintain a self-contained household?.....X.....

Military Service.....1914-18(yes or no) .....Overseas Service (yes or no)

Military Service..X.....1939-45(yes or no) ..X.....Overseas Service (yes or no)

If you are in receipt of a pension, please indicate pension No.....

What is your permanent address.....

If living elsewhere please indicate.....

In case of emergency who should be notified: Name Reverend Sister Superior

Address...Cross Lake, Man.....Phone Number.....

How many years of Elementary School have you completed?..5.....

How many years of High School have you completed?..6.....

How many years of University have you completed?...X.....

Other courses if any Started business Course.....

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APPLICATION FOR CLASSIFICATION ON NEW REVISED INDIAN SCHOOL TEACHER'S SALARY SCHEDULE

I. PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Name in full (please print) Sister M. St. Luke
(Surname) (Christian Names)

Date of Birth May 24, 1896 Place of Birth Lowell, Mass. U.S.A.
Sex F Religious Denomination R.C. Health Good
Canadian Citizen Yes Service in H.M. Forces X

II. PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

I attended high school at St. Pierre in the Province of Manitoba and received a ..... Certificate after successfully completing my years of high school. I then attended ..... University for a period of ..... years and received a ..... degree (only where applicable; give other details on back). -over

I attended a Teacher Training Course at our own Schools Normal School in the Province of Manitoba for ..... months in the years 1915-18

I hold a ..... Class Teacher's Certificate of a ..... Non-professional (temporary or permanent) nature in the Province of ..... It is numbered ..... dated ..... and is valid until .....

III. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

	Dates	Name of School	Town and Province	Total Years
1.	1918	Fannystelle Public School	MANITOBA	2
2.	1920	Indian Residential	Cross Lake Man.	8
3.	1934	R.C. Ind. Day School	Cross Lake Man.	5
4.	1939	Indian Residential	Ma Intosh Ont.	2
5.	1944	Cross Lake R.C. Ind. Day S.	Cross Lake Man.	2

(use other side for more detail) - over

IV. My total teaching experience is 28 years in Indian Schools and 10 years in Provincial Schools.

Summer Schools - In order to qualify for salary increments as shown in the schedule, I certify that I have attended the following professional summer schools conducted by Provincial Departments of Education or Canadian Universities for a duration of four weeks or more in length: -over

	Year	Course taken	By whom course was conducted	Length of Course in weeks
1.	.....	.....	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....	.....	.....
3.	.....	.....	.....	.....

(use other side for more detail)

I am at present classified as a Grade I teacher at a salary of $ 118 a teaching month. In view of my qualifications and experience as detailed above, I request that I now be classified as a Grade II teacher and that my salary as a teacher in the Cross Lake R.C. Indian Day School for the 1948-49 academic year be set at the rate of $ 150 a teaching month in accordance with the new revised salary schedule.

I understand (i) that all salary increases are clearly described in the schedule regulations as for "satisfactory service", (ii) that therefore it will be necessary for the Indian Affairs Branch to carefully consider School Inspectors' and other reports submitted upon my teaching service, and (iii) that these reports must be decided as being "satisfactory" in order that such a raise be granted.

Sister M. St. Luke
(Signature of teacher)

Comments and signature of Indian Agent.
J M Hughes

September 27, 1948
Date

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(Qualifications same as specified before.)

Professional Qualifications:

I attended Manitoba Primary and Secondary Schools, completing my Grades but did not apply for Certificates

First Teaching Experience: 1915 - 1920

St.Charles High School, Man. 3 years

Fannystelle Public School, Man. 2 years

Under supervision and with satisfactory reports from School Inspector and Principal.

Experience in Indian Schools: -

Teaching in correlation with Nursing and Social Welfare Service

Cross Lake Indian Residential School, Man.	since 1920 8 years
Cross Lake R.C. Indian Day School	5 "
Cross Lake R.C. Indian Day School (1946 to present term)	2 "
McIntosh Indian Residential School, Ont.	3 "

My total teaching experienceis 18 years in Indian Schools and 10 years in Provincial Schools.

Professional Training and Refreshing Courses: -

At our St.Charles High School teaching under the Principal supervision 1915 - 1918. (First teaching experience.)

Back at St.Charles High School again in 1928 - 1931 - 1945 That is between each stage in Indian Schools so as to keep up with the new teaching methods.

Up to now reports from Inspectors, Principal and Indian Agents have been satisfactory.

Sister M. St Luke

Teacher

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copy sent Mr. Davis
" Mr. Hughes

577-1 (E)

, October 27, 1948.

Reverend Sister:

This will acknowledge receipt of your application for classification on our revised salary schedule.

Could you please advise me whether you will be teaching in the Residential School or in the new Indian Day School situated a few miles from the Residential School.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Rev. Sister M. Luke,
Cross Lake Residential School,
Cross Lake via Norway House, Man.,

BFN/HM.

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577-1 (E6)

, June 21, 1949.

Dear Father Trudeau:

Enclosed please find a form for the distribution of pupils by age, sex and grade which is being completed by all Indian residential and day schools.

Although the form has been completed by the Cross Lake R.C. Day School, we have no form as yet from your residential school. A form was mailed to you in May but it seems to have been completed by Sister M. St. Luke of the Day School. It could scarcely show your statistics as it totals 37pupils and our records show your registration to be approximately 130 pupils.

Please fill out the enclosed form at your earliest convenience and note that we require a breakdown of your registration at October 1st, 1948. One side of the form should be used for children having legal status as Indians, the other side for other children not having legal status as Indians.

It would be appreciated if you could return this form without undue delay.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Education Division.

Rev. G.E. Trudeau, O.M.I.,
Cross Lake Indian Res., School,
Cross Lake via Norway House, Man.,

MFT/HM

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPHS

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED
FULL RATE MESSAGE
DAY LETTER X
NIGHT MESSAGE
NIGHT LETTER
EVENING & SUNDAY
PLACE X OPPOSITE SERVICE DESIRED

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			File ~~318-1~~ (E3)

Veuillez expedier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Ottawa, Aug 24, 1949.

Mrs. Arthur St. Goddard,
ST. NORBERT, Manitoba.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AS TEACHER IN INDIAN SCHOOL -stop- PLEASE FORWARD NIGHT LETTER COLLECT STATING WHAT TEACHING CERTIFICATE YOU POSSESS AND EXTENT AND LOCATION OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE -stop-

B.F.N.

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education

CAFC:ST

CHARGE TO: INDIAN AFFAIRS

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file Cross Lake RC Residential -1

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 123/18-15

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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
December 8, 1949.

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Air Mail

Mr. B. F. Neary,
Superintendent of Indian Education,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Neary:

While at Norway House recently Cpl. Rae of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police spoke to me regarding Indian boys starting fires. Cpl. Rae mentioned the following boys, all pupils of the Cross Lake School - R. Blacksmith, age 13, James MacKay, age 12, Jack Millar, age 8, Joseph Ross, age 11.

Apparently R. Blacksmith and J. MacKay started a fire the latter part of September in the basement of the school at Cross Lake. The fire was discovered by one of the staff and put out. Jack Millar and Joseph Ross also started a fire in the wood pile near the school but it was put out by one of the hospital staff. I understand that Blacksmith and MacKay are the instigators of these fires.

This is the first time this matter has been brought to my attention. We probably did receive a Police report but evidently it was overlooked. The Mounted Police have laid a charge against these boys and intend to have the Provincial Magistrate try them around the middle of December. Would you please advise me if you wish them to go ahead with this case.

I talked the matter over with Father Trudeau and he felt that if these boys were sent to different schools it would do them more good than prosecuting them. However, I feel that MacKay and Blacksmith should be sentenced to a short term and then sent to another boarding school where they would not be able to return home for some time. Will you please advise me by return just what action you wish me to take regarding

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above matter.

Yours truly,

R. S. Davis,
Regional Supervisor of
Indian Agencies.

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OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 577-1 (E)

OTTAWA, December 10, 1949.

Memorandum:

Mr. MacInnes

Cross Lake Residential School

Please find hereunder self-explanatory correspondence concerning attempted arson at this school.

I do not recall having ever seen the R.C.M.P. report concerning this matter and this is the first information received on the attempted destruction of the residential school at Cross Lake.

I would appreciate an opportunity of discussing this matter with you in the near future.

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education.

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January 20th, 1950.

Dear Sir:

Please note enclosed copy of a letter dated December 8th, 1949, from Mr. R. S. Davis, Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies, concerning attempted arson at the Cross Lake Indian Residential School.

It would be appreciated if you would forward any reports made by members of your Force on this matter, as there does not appear to be any on file.

Yours truly,

T. R. L. MacInnes,
Secretary.

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa.

Encl.

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Winnipeg, Manitoba,
January 23, 1950.

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Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Further to our letter of December 8, 1949, file No. 123/18-1 regarding Indian boys, pupils of the Cross Lake R.C. Indian Residential School, starting fires at the school. Mr. Minnis, Superintendent, Norway House Agency, has advised by wire that a trial was held at Cross Lake, January 20, 1950, and the following charges made:

Ronald Cook - sentenced five years Portage Reformatory on charges attempted arson and shop breaking

Henry Blacksmith, age 14) both third grade - recommended
James MacKay, age 12) placed in Boarding Schools elsewhere.

Please advise by Army Signal what action you wish taken regarding the latter two pupils.

Col Murray
Please note
A.F.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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for

R. S. Davis,
Regional Supervisor of
Indian Agencies.

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P.S. - Mr. Davis, who left early this morning for Swan Lake, requested I forward the above letter.

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C.A.F.B. 1531 (4 PARTS)

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ARMY MESSAGE

(OUTGOING)

FILE: 577-1 (E)

PLACE DATE

Ottawa 28 January 1950

R. S. Davis
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies
538 Dominion Public Building
Winnipeg Manitoba

METEL ARGON CROSS LAKE SCHOOL - stop -
DISCUSS ADMITTANCE BLACKSMITH AND MacKAY TO SANDY BAY FORT
ALEXANDER OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL WITH FATHER P SCHEFFER
OBLATE PROVINCIAL THREE FOUR ZERO PROVENCHER AVENUE SAINT
BONIFACE MANITOBA -stop- PREPARED CONCUR ADMISSION SCHOOL
AS DECIDED BY YOU -stop-

Bernard F Neary
Superintendent of Education

CONFIRMATION

Telephoned to: .....
" by: .....
Time: .....

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNATURE	DEGREE OF PRIORITY	TIME OF ORIGIN

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED—
THE COMMISSIONER/
R. C. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE 6967
HEADQUARTERS

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. 49 B 692-3-F-5

OTTAWA, CANADA January 27, 1950.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Jack MILLER et al (Treaty Indians)
- Attempted Arson (512) - Cross
Lake Indian Reserve, Manitoba.

Referring to your letter dated 20 January, 1950, we attach copies of reports received at this Headquarters from our Detachment at Norway House which deal with Jack Miller, Absolom Cook, Henry Rivers Blacksmith and James McKay, all Indian youths attending St. Joseph's Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, Manitoba.

2. When reports have been received disclosing the outcome of these cases, we shall advise you immediately.

Department of Mines & Resources Indian Affairs Branch JAN 30 1950 P.M. REGISTERED

Insp.
(J. A. Peacock)
Officer in Charge,
Criminal Investigation Branch.

Encls.

RECEIVED JAN 30 1950 RECORDS INDIAN AFFAIRS

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE C-257

C O P W

DIVISION FILE No.

DIVISION "D" SUB-DIVISION Winnipeg DETACHMENT Norway House

PROVINCE Manitoba DATE 1-11-49

FILE REFS. RE: Jack MILLER, 8 years & Absolom COOK, 11years (Juv)
T.I. Cross Lake, I.R., Manitoba.
Attempted Arson, Section 512 C.C. Contrary To Sec.3(1) Juv. Del.Act.

HEADQUARTERS

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DETACHMENT 49 E-M-10

P.C.R. 4-10-49

A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR

1. Further to the above the writer has to repett that this case was discussed with Crown Attorney Tupper, when he was at this settlement on the 7-10-49. He stated that an attempt would be made during December this year for the visiting Magistrate to attend at Cross Lake and so dispose of the case.

2. Report will be submitted to meet the undermentioned diary date.

S.U.I.
D.D. 30-12-49

C.L.Ray, Cst. #13068
i/c Norway House Detachment.

49 W 692-8
The Inspector of Indian Agencies
Dominion Public Building,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

FORWARDED, 30-11-49, for your information.

C.W.Harvison, Supt.,
Officer i/c C.I.B.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

FORWARDED, 30-11-49, for your information.

S.U.I.

C.W.Harvison, Supt.,
Officer i/c C.I.B.

FILE NUMBERS, HEADING AND MARGINAL REFERENCE ARE TO BE PROPERLY FILLED IN.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION FILE No.....

DIVISION [redacted] SUB-DIVISION Winnipeg DETACHMENT Norway House

PROVINCE Manitoba DATE 4-10-49.

FILE REFS.

RE: Henry Rivers BLACKSMITH, 13 yrs. & James McKAY, 13 yrs. (Juveniles)
Treaty Indians, Cross Lake, I. R., Manitoba.
Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Contrary to Sec. 3(1) Juv.Del. Act.

HEADQUARTERS

1. Relative to the above and cross reference to file and report of even date as hereunder,
Jack MILLER, 8 yrs. & Absolom COOK, 11 yrs.(Juveniles)T.I.s
Cross Lake, I.R., Manitoba.
Attempted Arson, Sec.512 C.C. Contrary to Sec. 3(1) Juv.Del. Act.

SUB-DIVISION

the writer has to report that on the morning of the 26-9-49, Father THUREAU, Principal of St. Joseph's Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, Manitoba reported that the captionally noted juveniles had intended to set a fire to the school in question in the early hours of the morning of the same date.

DETACHMENT
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2. THUREAU stated that Sister St. Marcel had reported same to him and that further information would be received from her as she had already questioned all the boys and had obtained most of the necessary information.

P.C.R.
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3. Sister St. Marcel was contacted and the following information received. She stated that she was awakened by a commotion in the boys dormitory about 2.20 a.m. of the same morning. She quickly dressed and entered the room in question, noticing, as she entered that all, except 6 boys, were out of their beds, some were getting dressed, some were already dressed and waiting. She went into the centre of the room and asked the boys what was going on. None of the boys answered, then she told them to get undressed and get back into bed. The boys looked frightened she stated but did as they were told. She was still at loss to know why all the commotion until she asked one of the smaller boys what had happened. The small boy said that Henry Rivers BLACKSMITH and James McKAY had woke them up and told them to get up, get dressed and get ready to run away if they did not want to get burned. The smaller boys were under the impression that there was already a fire and stated they were frightened even after the Sister told them there was no fire. The boys went back to bed and Sister St. Marcel stayed up the remaining part of the night to prevent a reoccurance of the previous disturbance.

A. R. V. No.

4. The writer requested to see the captionally noted boys and they were called from their class room by Sister Superior. The boys were questioned and each boy told what he knew only blaming it onto the other. They were then brought together and then they admitted that they, jointly, had planned to start a fire at the time concerned, 2.30 a.m. of the 25-9-49, and then run away before anyone found out about the fire. They admitted that, had the Sister not entered the room when she did, they would have gone down into the furnace room and started the fire as there was a lot of wood piled there along with a lot of paper and scrap wood

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PAPER AND SCRAP WOOD which would start very easily.

5. They also stated that they did not want to see any of the boys burned so they woke them up and warmed them about a fire. On questioning the other boys from the dormitory, they all stated that it was BLACKSMITH and McKAY who told them to get ready and run away. This the two boys also admitted too.

6. It should be stated here that in the evening of the 28-9-49 at approximately 8.30 p.m. Sister St. Marcel came to the writer with BLACKSMITH, stating that she had caught him going into the dormitory with his cap in his pocket, something that was very unusual and unreasonable. As BLACKSMITH was the big instigator in several attempted runaways amongst the boys and also the leader on the occasions the boys did run away from school, she thought another attempt was to be made. The writer questioned the boy about the cap but the boy stated then he had forgotten to leave it in the cloak room downstairs. It was learned later that both the above mentioned boys had their caps in their pockets, only that McKAY had passed unnoticed at the time.

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7. The writer patrolled from Cross Lake, Manitoba to Norway House, Manitoba on the 28-9-49, and reported the contents of above report to the Constable in charge of Norway House Detachment whoe then suggested the following Radiophonegram be sent to Father TRUDEAU, Principal of the Residential School at Cross Lake, Manitoba.

BEGINS:
REFERENCE PERES SUGGEST YOU EMPLOY NIGHTGUARD.
ENDS.

Cost of same will be shown on F.95 for period September 1st to 30th. 1949.

8. Crown Attorney Davies will be present at Norway House, Manitoba on the 7-10-49, this matter will be discussed and further report submitted to conform with the undermentioned diary date.

S.U.I.
D.D. 8-11-49.

Cst.
The O.C., "D" Division, (D.H. King) #14826.
R.C.M.Police, Winnipeg. Norway House Detachment.

FORWARDED, 12-10-49. This report and the cross reference file noted at para. 1 deal with the alleged attempt to set fire and destroy the St. Joseph's Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, Manitoba by the above mentioned juveniles.

It will be noted that the matter will be referred to Crown Counsel, Mr. S.L. Davies, for his instructions.

S.U.I. INSP.
K.M. Lockwood, for
O.C., Wpg. Sub/Division (AOD).

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION FILE No.....

DIVISION [redacted] SUB-DIVISION Winnipeg DETACHMENT Norway House

PROVINCE Manitoba DATE 4-10-49

FILE REFS.

RE: Jack MILLER, 8 yrs, & Absolom COOK, 11 yrs, (Juveniles) T.Is.
Cross Lake, I.R., Man.,
Attempted Arson, Section 512 C.C. Contrary to Sec. 3(1) Juv. Del. Act.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

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A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

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1. Adverting to the above, the writer has to report that on the 26-9-49, Father TRUDEAU, Principal of the St. Joseph's Indian Residential School at Cross Lake, Manitoba reported that the captionally noted boys had started a fire in a woodpile behind the school, presumably with the intention that the fire should set fire to and destroy the school.

2. He stated that at approximately 5.30 p.m. of the 25-9-49 one of the farm hands came into the school dining room to report that there was a fire in the woodpile behind the school. Father TRUDEAU and Brother Hanard ran into t e engine room and pulled out the fire hoses and immediately forced water into the section of woodpile that was burning. The fire was extinguished with little effort as the wood being very wet, did not get a head start. About one quarter of a cord of wood is all that was damaged.

3. TRUDEAU stated that the boys were questioned and the captionally noted boys along with another boy, Joseph ROSS, aged 12 years, also from the school, admitted their knowledge of the fire and admitted to having been the instigators.

4. The three boys were questioned and all seemed to give the same story regarding the fire. The boys stated that COOK suggested to ROSS they start a fire under the woodpile. ROSS was to light the fire and COOK said he would stand by and watch for any intruders. ROSS told COOK to give the match to MILLER. COOK and ROSS told MILLER to start the fire and they would watch for anyone coming along and warn MILLER if someone did come. MILLER readily took the match from COOK and started a fire with some kindling and pushed the fire well under the woodpile to make sure that the wood would get a good start. COOK and ROSS were standing close by watching MILLER. When the fire started they ran into the school.as the bell had rung, which was the dinner bell and meant that the boys were to be already lined up.

5. On further questioning it was learned that the boys had in mind the fact that if the woodpile got burning hard enough, it would start the school.burning too. This was due to the fact that there had been a lot of unrest amongst the boys in the school. Boys kept running away quite regularly and no amount of talking to by parents, the Principal or the writer would have any effect whatsoever. They would promise at each time they were returned to the school never to run away again but within a week there was sure to be another attempt or two made. P.T.O.

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DIVISION FILE NO. RE Jack MILLER & Absolom COOK (Juv's) T.Is. Cross Lake Indian Reserve, Manitoba. Attempted Arson, Sec.512 C.C. Contrary Sec.3(1) Juv.Del. Act. PAGE C-219 CONTINUATION

4. Crown Attorney DAVIES will be present at Norway House, Manitoba on the 7-10-49, this matter will be discussed and further report submitted to conform with the undermentioned diary date.

S.U.I.
D.D. 8-11-49.

Cst.
(D.H. King) #14026.
Norway House Detachment.

The O.C., "D" Division,
R.C.M.Police, Winnipeg.

FORWARDED, 12-10-49. This report is further to the cross reference file re

"Henry R. BLACKSMITH & Jas. McKAY (Juveniles) (T.I.'s), Cross Lake I.R., Man. - Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. - Sec. 3(1) Juv.Del.Act",

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The matter will be referred to Crown Counsel, Mr. S.L.Davies, for his instructions.

S.U.I. INSP.

K.M. Lockwood, for
O.C., Spg. Sub/Division (AOD).

49 W 692-5
The Inspector of Indian Agencies
Dominion Public Building,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

FORWARDED, 17-10-49, for your information.

C.W.Harvison, Supt.,
i/c C.I.B.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.Police,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

FORWARDED 17-10-49, for your information.

S.U.I.

C.W.Harvison, Supt.,
i/c C.I.B.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE

SUBDIVISION Winnipeg | S. DIV. REF. 49 W-526

DETACHMENT Norway House | DET. REF. 49S-K-10 | A.R.V. NO.

DEFENDANT (A) Absolom COOK (Juvenile) | ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.

OCCUPATION School boy | STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen

NATIONALITY Treaty Indian | RACE Cree | DATE OF BIRTH 25-2-38

PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 25-9-49

OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C., Sec. 5(1) Juv. Del. Act.

INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, Juv. Court Judge Kyle, 20-1-50, Cross Lake.

DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50 | PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake, Man. 20-1-50

MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge Kyle | METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial | PLEA Guilty

PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil. | DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.

DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE: Convicted. Adjourned "Sine Die" was instructed by Judge D.C.M. Kyle to remain under the control of Rev. Father TRUDEAU, principal of R.C. Residential School Cross Lake and to report to him during vacations as he directs.

FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS POLICE:		IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS		$	
ARREST		$	
ATTENDING COURT		$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)		$	
MILEAGE	MILES @	$	
	TOTAL	$	
COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE			
MAGISTRATE'S FEES		$	
WITNESSES		$	
		$	
	TOTAL COSTS	$	Nil.

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH

COMPLAINANT Cst. C.L. Ray

FINGERPRINTS TO H. Q. not applicable (DATE)

PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)

LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION DEFENCE

REMARKS (G):

1. For full particulars please see reports as shown above.
2. This boy was closely questioned by Judge Kyle and in view of the fact that he was an accomplice and was influenced by one of the older boys, he was sentenced as shown.
3. COOK is in the R.C. Residential school by a contract made between his parents and the Indian Department until he reaches the age of sixteen years, it will be noted that he has been instructed to remain in the school and report as Father Trudeau directs during the vacation periods until he is the age of sixteen years.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray

FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 28 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

Cst. C.L. Ray I/C DETACHMENT 13068

Supt. R.S.S. SUBDIVISION

Supt. C.F. Harrison.

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Re: Absolom COOK (Juvenile) Cross Lake, Man.
Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Sec. 3(1)
Juv. Del. Act.

Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Man.

FORWARDED, 2-2-50, for your information.

C.W. HARVISON, Supt.,
i/c C.I.B.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

[illegible]. DATE 23-1-50
[illegible] DIVISION Winnipeg — S. DIV. REF.

DETACHMENT Norway House — DET. REF. 50N-R-1 — A.R.V. NO.

DEFENDANT (A) Thompson WOOD (Juvenile) — ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man. (Home) Oxford House, Man

OCCUPATION School boy — STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen

NATIONALITY Treaty Indian — RACE Cree — DATE OF BIRTH 1937

PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 9-1-50.

OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson. Section 512 C.C., Sec. 3(1) Juv. Del. Act.

INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, 20-1-50, Judge Juv. Court Kyle, Cross Lake.

DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50 — PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake 20-1-50

MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge Kyle — METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial — PLEA Guilty

PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil. — DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.

DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Adjourned "Sine Die" to be disposed of by Father Trudeau at his discretion. Will be returned to his home at Oxford House, Man., when the opportunity arises.

FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS POLICE:	IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS	$	
ARREST	$	
ATTENDING COURT	$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)	$	
MILEAGE MILES @	$	
TOTAL	$	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH

COMPLAINANT Rev. Father Trudeau

FINGERPRINTS TO H. Q. not applicable (DATE)

PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)

COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE		
MAGISTRATE'S FEES	$	
WITNESSES	$	
	$	
TOTAL COSTS	$	NIL.

LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN)

Nil.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION — DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)

1. On the 15-1-50 the writer received a letter from Rev. Father TRUDEAU, principal of Cross Lake Indian Residential School in which he stated that there had been further attempts to burn the school, WOOD was named as one of the boys involved. Patrol was made to Cross Lake on the 18-1-50 by aircraft. It was found that the boy mentioned above and Romuald COOK, (see F.264B of even date) were responsible and were obviously determined to burn the school, when they were interfered with by one of the Sisters, they reportedly tried to attack her and stated they wanted to kill her. In view of the fact that Judge Kyle decided that COOK was the ring leader, WOOD being of a rather simple nature, was handed over to Father Trudeau and it was arranged that he be returned to his home at Oxford House at Trudeau's discretion

2. Indian Superintendent J. Minnis was present at the time and he concurred in the action and arrangements are being made through that Department for the boys return to Oxford House.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE — INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray.

FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 28 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

I/C DETACHMENT	I/C SUB-DIVISION	DIVISION
Cst. C.L. Ray 13068.	Supt. R.S.S. Wilson	Supt. C.W. Harvison.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 23-1-50
S.-DIVISION Winnipeg — S. DIV. REF.
DETACHMENT Norway House — DET. REF. [illegible] 505-R-1 — A.R.V. NO.
DEFENDANT (A) Ronald COOK (Juvenile) — ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.
OCCUPATION School boy — STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen
NATIONALITY Treaty Indian — RACE Cree — DATE OF BIRTH 3-2-36
PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 9-1-50
OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C., Sec. 3 (1) Juv. Del. Act.
INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, 20-1-50, Juv. Court Judge Kyle, Cross Lake.
DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50 — PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake 20-1-50
MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) [illegible] Juv. Court Judge D.C.M. Kyle — METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial — PLEA Guilty
PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil. — DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.
DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Sentenced to five (5) years in the Manitoba Home for Boys, at Portage la Prairie, to run concurrently with sentence imposed under Section 460 C.C. same date. Warrant of commitment executed forthwith.
FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS POLICE:		IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS		$	
ARREST		$	
ATTENDING COURT		$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)		$	
MILEAGE	MILES @	$	
	TOTAL	$	
COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE			
MAGISTRATE'S FEES		$	
WITNESSES		$	
		$	
TOTAL COSTS		$ Nil.	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH
COMPLAINANT Rev. Father Trudeau
FINGERPRINTS TO H. Q. not applicable (DATE)
PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)
LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION — DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)

1. On the 16-1-50 the writer received a letter from Rev. Father O.E. Trudeau, principal of the Cross Lake Indian Residential school in which he stated that COOK had been responsible for further attempts to burn the school. COOK was expelled from the school by Father Trudeau until court action could be taken. The writer proceeded to Cross Lake by aircraft on the 18-1-50 for investigation. It was learned that the boy had also attempted to assault one of the Sisters and stated that he wanted to kill her. He appeared before Juvenile Court Judge Kyle at Cross Lake on the 20-1-50. After extensive questioning it was decided that COOK was one of the ring leaders in several attempts to burn the school and further thatit was imperative to remove him from the settlement, for this reason he sentenced him as shown. COOK was forthwith escorted to Norway House, handed over to Sgt Mills of the Aviation Section on the 21-1-50 and escorted to Winnipeg for escort to Portage la Prairie.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE — INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray.

FW'D ON 23-1-50 TO O.C.S./-DIV — FW'D ON JAN 28 (DATE) — TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

Cst. — Supt. — Supt.
I/C DETACHMENT C.L. RAY 12068 — I/C SUB-DIVISION R.S.S. Wilson — DIVISION C.W. Harvison.

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Re: Thompson WOOD (Juvenile) Cross Lake, Man.
Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Sec. 3 (1)
Juv. Del. Act.

Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Man.

FORWARDED, 2-2-50, for your information.

C.W. HARVISON, Supt.,
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Re: Romuald COOK (Juvenile) Cross Lake, Man.
Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Sec. 3(1)
Juv. Del. Act.

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P.C.R. 1-21-49 23-12-49 | H. Q. FILE NO. | DIV. FILE NO.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 23-1-50
SUB-DIVISION Winnipeg | S. DIV. REF. 49 K-526
DETACHMENT Norway House | DET. REF. 49S-1-10 | A.R.V. NO.

DEFENDANT (A) Jack MILLER (Juvenile) | ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.
OCCUPATION School boy | STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen
NATIONALITY Treaty Indian | RACE Cree | DATE OF BIRTH 5-8-40
PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 25-9-49.
OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 518 C.C., Sec. 3 (1) Juv. Del. Act.
INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, Juv. Court Judge Kyle, 20-1-50, Cross Lake.
DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50 | PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake, Man. 20-1-50
MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge, Kyle | METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial | PLEA Guilty
PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil. | DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.
DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Adjourned "Sine Die", was instructed by Judge D.C.M. Kyle to remain under the control of Rev. Father TRUDEAU, Principal of R.C. Residential School Cross Lake, and to report to him during vacations as he directs.
FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS

POLICE:	IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS	$	
ARREST	$	
ATTENDING COURT	$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)	$	
MILEAGE MILES @	$	
TOTAL	$	

COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE		
MAGISTRATE'S FEES	$	
WITNESSES	$	
	$	
TOTAL COSTS	$ Nil.	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH
COMPLAINANT Cst. C.L. Ray.
FINGERPRINTS TO H.Q. not applicable (DATE)
PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)
LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION | DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)
1. For full particulars please see reports as shown above.
2. The boy was closely questioned by Judge Kyle and in view of the fact that he considered that the boy was instructed by one of the older boys to light the fire in question, he sentenced him as shown above.
3. MILLER is in the R.C. Residential school by a contract made between his parents and the Indian Department until he reaches the age of 16 years, it will be noted that he has been instructed to remain in the school and report as Father Trudeau directs during the vacation periods, until he is the age of sixteen years.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE | INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray
FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) | TO O.C.S./-DIV | FW'D ON JAN 28 1950 (DATE) | TO O.C. DIV. | FW'D (DATE)

Cst. C.L. Ray, I/C DETACHMENT 13068 | Supt R.S.S. Wilson, S/SUBDIVISION | Supt C.W. Harrison, O/C DIVISION

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Re: Jack MILLER (Juvenile) Cross Lake, Man.
Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Sec. 3
(1) Juv. Del. Act.

Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Man.

FORWARDED, 2-2-50, for your information.

C.W. HARVISON, Supt.,
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Re: Jack MILLER (Juvenile) Cross Lake, Man.
Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Sec. 3
(1) Juv. Del. Act.

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Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Man.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 23-1-50
DIVISION Winnipeg — S. DIV. REF. 49 B-676

DETACHMENT Norway House — DET. REF. 49N-B-7 — A.R.V. NO.

DEFENDANT (A) James McKAY (Juvenile) — ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.

OCCUPATION School boy — STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen

NATIONALITY Treaty Indian — RACE Cree — DATE OF BIRTH 28-4-38

PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake Man. 26-9-49.

OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Sec. 3 (1) Juv. Del. Act.

INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, 20-1-50, Juv. Court Judge Kyle, Cross Lake, Man

DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50 — PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake, Man. 20-1-50

MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge D.C.M. Kyle — METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial — PLEA Guilty

PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil. — DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.

DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Placed in custody and control of Rev. Father TRUDEAU, to be withdrawn from Cross Lake Indian Residential School and placed in any Roman Catholic Residential school considered fit, until the age of 16 years, as per agreement with the Indian Affairs Branch. 20-1-50

FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS

POLICE:	IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS	$	
ARREST	$	
ATTENDING COURT	$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)	$	
MILEAGE MILES @	$	
TOTAL	$	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH

COMPLAINANT Cst. C.L. Ray

FINGERPRINTS TO H. Q. not applicable (DATE)

PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)

LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil.

COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE

MAGISTRATE'S FEES	$
WITNESSES	$
	$
TOTAL COSTS	$ Nil.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION — DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)

1. Please see reports as dated above for full particulars in this case.
2. In view of the fact that Judge Kyle considered this boy to be one of those responsible for the attempts to set fire to the school, he sentenced him as shown.
3. He will be placed in one of the other R.C. Residential schools in the near future in the meantime he has been placed in Father Trudeaus care and control. Judge Kyle also stated that this boy may be returned to Cross Lake prior to the age of sixteen years if it be deemed advisable.
3. Arrangements are being made for the transfer with the Indian Department, by Father Trudeau.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray

FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 28 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

Cst. C.L.Ray I/C DETACHMENT 15068 — Supt. R.S.S. Wilson — Supt. C.W. Harrison.

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CANADA

Re: James McKAY (Juvenile) Cross Lake, Man.
Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Sec. 3(1)
Juv. Del. Act.

Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Man.

FORWARDED, 2-2-50, for your information.

C.W. HARVISON, Supt.,
i/c C.I.B.

Manitoba Regional Office
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Indian Affairs, Winnipeg

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CANADA

P.C.R. [illegible] H. Q. FILE NO. DIV. FILE NO.
23-12-49

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 23-1-50
DIVISION Winnipeg S. DIV. REF. 49 B-676

DETACHMENT Norway House DET. REF. 49N-B-7 A.R.V. NO.

DEFENDANT (A) Henry Rivers BLACKSMITH (Juvenile) ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.

OCCUPATION School boy STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen

NATIONALITY Treaty Indian RACE Cree DATE OF BIRTH 10-9-27

PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 26-9-49

OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C., Sec. 3 (1) Juv. Del. Act.

INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, 20-1-50, Judge Juv. Court Kyle, Cross Lake,

DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50 PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake, 20-1-50

MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge D.C.M. Kyle METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial PLEA Not Guilty

PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil. DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.

DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Placed in custody and control of Rev. Father G.E. TRUDEAU, to be withdrawn from Cross Lake Indian Residential School and placed in any Roman Catholic Residential School considered fit, until the age of 16 years, as per agreement with Indian Affairs Branch. 20-1-50

FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS

POLICE:	IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS	$	
ARREST	$	
ATTENDING COURT	$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)	$	
MILEAGE MILES @	$	
TOTAL	$	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH

COMPLAINANT Cst. C.L. Ray

FINGERPRINTS TO H. Q. not applicable (DATE)

PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)

COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE		
MAGISTRATE'S FEES	$	
WITNESSES	$	
	$	
TOTAL COSTS	$	NIL.

LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN)
Nil.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)

1. For full particulars please see previous reports as dated, shown above.
2. BLACKSMITH appeared as shown and as Judge Kyle considered this boy to be one of those responsible, after the presentation of evidence, for the attempts to burn the school, he sentenced him as shown.
3. He will be placed in one of the other Roman Catholic Residential schools at such point which will be decided by Father Trudeau and the Indian Agent, (Mr. J. Minnis) and until that time will be in the care and control of Father Trudeau. Judge Kyle also directed that this boy may be returned to Cross Lake prior to the age of sixteen years if it be deemed advisable, in the future.
3. Arrangements are being made for the transfer with the Indian Department, by Father Trudeau.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray

FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 30 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

Cst.	Supt.	Supt.
C.L. Ray UC DETACHMENT 13068	R.S.S. Wilson SUB-DIVISION	C.W. Harrison. DIVISION

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CANADA

Re: Henry Rivers BLACKSMITH (Juvenile) Cross Lake, Man. Attempted Arson, Sec. 512C.C.C. Sec. 3(1) Juv. Del. Act.

Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Man.

FORWARDED, 2-2-50, for your information.

C.W. HARVISON, Supt.,
i/c C.I.B.

Manitoba Regional
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CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
February 4, 1950.

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Attention: Mr. B. F. Neary.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Citizenship and Immigration,
Ottawa, Ontario.

With further reference to my letter of January 23rd, file 123/18-1; also your Army Signal of January 20th - arrangements have been made with Father Poulin to have Henry Blacksmith, age 14, transferred to the Pine Creek School; and James MacKay, age 12, transferred to Lestock School.

This matter was discussed with the Rev. Father Scheffer and also with the Most Rev. M. Lajeunesse of The Pas, Manitoba - who are both satisfied with the arrangements which have been made.

I am enclosing herewith copies of R.C.M.P. reports on this case for your information.

R. S. Davis,
Regional Supervisor of
Indian Agencies.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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CANADA

577-1 (E1)

February 7th, 1950.

Mr. R.S. Davis,
Regional Supervisor of
Indian Agencies,
538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Re: Cross Lake Indian Residential
School. Your File 123/18-1

We have your letter of the 4th instant advising that Henry Blacksmith has been transferred to the Pine Creek Residential School, and James MacKay to the Muscowequan Indian Residential School. It is understood from your letter that the Principals of both these schools have been advised.

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education

PP/ST

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CANADA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 23-1-50
DIVISION Winnipeg
S. DIV. REF.
DETACHMENT Norway House
DET. REF. 50N-R-1
A.R.V. NO.
DEFENDANT (A) Thompson WOOD (Juvenile)
ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man. (Home) Oxford House, Man
OCCUPATION School boy
STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen
NATIONALITY Treaty Indian
RACE Cree
DATE OF BIRTH 1937
PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 9-1-50.
OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson. Section 512 C.C., Sec. 3(1) Juv. Del. Act.
INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, 20-1-50, Judge Juv. Court Kyle, Cross Lake.
DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50
PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake 20-1-50
MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge Kyle
METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial
PLEA Guilty
PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil.
DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.
DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Adjourned "Sine Die" to be disposed of by Father Trudeau at his discretion. Will be returned to his home at Oxford House, Man., when the opportunity arises.

FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS POLICE:	IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS	$	
ARREST	$	
ATTENDING COURT	$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)	$	
MILEAGE MILES @	$	
TOTAL	$	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH
COMPLAINANT Rev. Father Trudeau
FINGERPRINTS TO H.Q. not applicable (DATE)
PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)
LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil.

COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE		
MAGISTRATE'S FEES	$	
WITNESSES	$	
	$	
TOTAL COSTS	$	NIL.

Department of Mines & Resources Indian Affairs Branch FEB 10 1950 P.M. REGISTERED

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)

1. On the 15-1-50 the writer received a letter from Rev. Father TRUDEAU, principal of Cross Lake Indian Residential School in which he stated that there had been further attempts to burn the school, WOOD was named as one of the boys involved. Patrol was made to Cross Lake on the 18-1-50 by aircraft. It was found that the boy mentioned above and Remuald COOK, (see F.264B of even date) were responsible and were obviously determined to burn the school, when they were interfered with by one of the Sisters, they reportedly tried to attack her and stated they wanted to kill her. In view of the fact that Judge Kyle decided that COOK was the ring leader, WOOD being of a rather simple nature, was handed over to Father Trudeau and it was arranged that he be returned to his home at Oxford House at Trudeau's discretion

2. Indian Superintendent J. Minnis was present at the time and he concurred in the action and arrangements are being made through that Department for the boys return to Oxford House.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray.

FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 28 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

I/C DETACHMENT Cst. C.L. Ray 13068.
I/C SUB-DIVISION Supt. R.S.S. Wilson
DIVISION Supt. C.W. Harvison.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 23-1-50
C.-DIVISION Winnipeg — S. DIV. REF.
DETACHMENT Norway House — DET. REF. 22K 50M-R-1 — A.R.V. NO.
DEFENDANT (A) Ronuald COOK (Juvenile) — ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.
OCCUPATION School boy — STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen
NATIONALITY Treaty Indian — RACE Cree 9511 — DATE OF BIRTH 3-2-36
PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 20-1-50
OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C., Sec. 3 (1) Juv. Del. Act.
INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, 20-1-50, Juv. Court Judge Kyle, Cross Lake.
DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50 — PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake 20-1-50
MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) ~~Magistrate~~ Juv. Court Judge D.C.M. Kyle — METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial — PLEA Guilty
PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil. — DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.
DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Sentenced to five (5) years in the Manitoba Home for Boys, at Portage la Prairie, to run concurrently with sentence imposed under Section 460 C.C. same date. Warrant of commitment executed forthwith.
FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

FEB 10 1950 RECORDS INDIAN AFFAIRS RECEIVED

COSTS POLICE:		IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS		$	
ARREST		$	
ATTENDING COURT		$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)		$	
MILEAGE	MILES @	$	
	TOTAL	$	
COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE			
MAGISTRATE'S FEES		$	
WITNESSES		$	
		$	
	TOTAL COSTS	$ Nil.	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH
COMPLAINANT Rev. Father Trudeau
FINGERPRINTS TO H. Q. not applicable (DATE)
PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)
LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION — DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)

1. On the 16-1-50 the writer received a letter from Rev. Father O.E. Trudeau, principal of the Cross Lake Indian Residential school in which he stated that COOK had been responsible for further attempts to burn the school. COOK was expelled from the school by Father Trudeau until court action could be taken. The writer proceeded to Cross Lake by aircraft on the 18-1-50 for investigation. It was learned that the boy had also attempted to assault one of the Sisters and stated that he wanted to kill her. He appeared before Juvenile Court Judge Kyle at Cross Lake on the 20-1-50. After extensive questioning it was decided that COOK was one of the ring leaders in several attempts to burn the school and further that it was imperative to remove him from the settlement, for this reason he sentenced him as shown. COOK was forthwith escorted to Norway House, handed over to Sgt Mills of the Aviation Section on the 21-1-50 and escorted to Winnipeg for escort to Portage la Prairie.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE — INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray.

FW'D ON 23-1-50 — TO O.C.S./-DIV — FW'D ON (DATE) — TO O.C. DIV. — FW'D (DATE)

I/C DETACHMENT Cst. C.L. Ray 13068 — I/C SUB-DIVISION Supt. R.S.S. Wilson — DIVISION Supt. C.W. Harrison.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 23-1-50
SUB-DIVISION Winnipeg
S. DIV. REF. 49 M-526
DETACHMENT Norway House
DET. REF. 49N-1-10
A.R.V. NO.
DEFENDANT (A) Jack MILLER (Juvenile)
ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.
OCCUPATION School boy
STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen
NATIONALITY Treaty Indian
RACE Cree
DATE OF BIRTH 5-8-40
PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 25-9-49.
OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C., Sec. 3 (1) Juv. Del. Act.
INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, Juv. Court Judge Kyle, 20-1-50, Cross Lake.
DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50
PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake, Man. 20-1-50
MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge, Kyle
METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial
PLEA Guilty
PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil.
DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.
DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Adjourned "Sine Die", was instructed by Judge D.C.M. Kyle to remain under the control of Rev. Father TRUDEAU, Principal of R.C. Residential School Cross Lake, and to report to him during vactions as he directs.
FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS POLICE:		IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS		$	
ARREST		$	
ATTENDING COURT		$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)		$	
MILEAGE	MILES @	$	
	TOTAL	$	
COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE			
MAGISTRATE'S FEES		$	
WITNESSES		$	
		$	
TOTAL COSTS		$ Nil.	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH
COMPLAINANT Cst. C.L. Ray.
FINGERPRINTS TO H.Q. not applicable (DATE)
PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)
LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)
1. For full particulars please see reports as shown above.
2. The boy was closely questioned by Judge Kyle and in view of the fact that he considered that the boy was instructed by one of the older boys to light the fire in question, he sentenced him as shown above.
3. MILLER is in the R.C. Residential school by a contract made between his parents and the Indian Department until he reaches the age of 16 years, it will be noted that he has been instructed to remain in the school and report as Father Trudeau directs during the vacation periods, until he is the age of sixteen years.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray
FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 28 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

Cst. C.L. Ray I/C DETACHMENT 13068 — Supt R.S.M.P. SUPERVISOR — Supt C.W. Harrison

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 23-1-50
SUB-DIVISION Winnipeg
S. DIV. REF. 49 R-676
DETACHMENT Norway House
DET. REF. 49R-R-7
A.R.V. NO.
DEFENDANT (A) James McKAY (Juvenile)
ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.
OCCUPATION School boy
STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen
NATIONALITY Treaty Indian
RACE Cree
DATE OF BIRTH 28-4-38
PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake Man. 26-9-49.
OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C. Sec. 8 (1) Juv. Del. Act.
INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, 20-1-50, Juv. Court Judge Kyle, Cross Lake, Man
DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50
PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake, Man. 20-1-50
MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge D.C.M. Kyle
METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial
PLEA Guilty
PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil.
DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.
DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Placed in custody and control of Rev. Father THUDEAU, to be withdrawn from Cross Lake Indian Residential School and placed in any Roman Catholic Residential school considered fit, until the age of 16 years, as per agreement with the Indian Affairs Branch. 20-1-50
FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS POLICE:		IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS		$	
ARREST		$	
ATTENDING COURT		$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)		$	
MILEAGE	MILES @	$	
	TOTAL	$	

COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE		
MAGISTRATE'S FEES	$	
WITNESSES	$	
	$	
TOTAL COSTS	$ Nil.	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH
COMPLAINANT Cst. C.L. Ray
FINGERPRINTS TO H. Q. not applicable (DATE)
PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)
LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)
1. Please see reports as dated above for full particulars in this case.
2. In view of the fact that Judge Kyle considered this boy to be one of those responsible for the attempts to set fire to the school, he sentenced him as shown.
3. He will be placed in one of the other R.C. Residential schools in the near future in the meantime he has been placed in Father Trudeaus care and control. Judge Kyle also stated that this boy may be returned to Cross Lake prior to the age of sixteen years if it be deemed advisable.
3. Arrangements are being made for the transfer with the Indian Department, by Father Trudeau.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray
FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 28 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

Cst. C.L.Ray I/C DETACHMENT 23068 — Supt. R.S.L. Wilson — Supt. C.W. Harrison.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE 1-11-49 / 23-12-49 / 23-1-50

SUB-DIVISION Winnipeg

S. DIV. REF. 49 M-526

DETACHMENT Norway House

DET. REF. 49H-M-10

A.R.V. NO.

DEFENDANT (A) Absolem COOK (Juvenile)

ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.

OCCUPATION School boy

STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen

NATIONALITY Treaty Indian

RACE Cree

DATE OF BIRTH 25-2-38

PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 25-9-49

OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C., Sec. 3(1) Juv. Del. Act.

INFORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, Juv. Court Judge Kyle, 20-1-50, Cross Lake.

DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50

PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake, Man. 20-1-50

MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge Kyle

METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial

PLEA Guilty

PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil.

DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.

DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE: Convicted. Adjourned "Sine Die" was instructed by Judge D.C.M. Kyle to remain under the control of Rev. Father TRUDEAU, principal of RoC. Residential School Cross Lake and to report to him during vacations as he directs.

FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN: N/A

COSTS POLICE:		IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS		$	
ARREST		$	
ATTENDING COURT		$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)		$	
MILEAGE	MILES @	$	
	TOTAL	$	
COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE			
MAGISTRATE'S FEES		$	
WITNESSES		$	
		$	
TOTAL COSTS		$ Nil.	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH

COMPLAINANT Cst. C.L. Ray

FINGERPRINTS TO H. not applicable (DATE)

PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)

LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION / DEFENCE

1. For full particulars please see reports as shown above.

REMARKS (G)

2. This boy was closely questioned by Judge Kyle and in view of the fact that he was an accomplice and was influenced by one of the older boys, he was sentenced as shown.

3. COOK is in the R.C. Residential school by a contract made between his parents and the Indian Department until he reaches the age of sixteen years, it will be noted that he has been instructed to remain in the school and report as Father Trudeau directs during the vacation periods until he is the age of sixteen years.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray

FW'D ON 25-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 28 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

Cst. C.L. Ray I/C DETACHMENT 12068

Supt. R.S.S/C WILSON

Supt. C.W. HARVISON.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

...E 23-1-50
SUB-DIV...N Winnipeg — S. DIV. REF. 49 B-676

DETAC...ENT Norway House — DET. REF. 49N-B-7 — A.R.V. NO.

DEFEND...T (A) Henry Rivers BLACKSMITH (Juvenile) — ADDRESS Cross Lake, Man.

...UPATION School boy — STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian citizen

...TIONALITY Treaty Indian — RACE Cree — DATE OF BIRTH 10-9-47

...CE & DATE OF OFFENCE Cross Lake, Man. 26-9-49

OFFENCE (C) Attempted Arson, Sec. 512 C.C., Sec. 3 (1) Juv. Del. Act.

...ORMATION (D) Cst. C.L. Ray, 20-1-50, Judge Juv. Court Kyle, Cross Lake,

DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Voluntary 20-1-50 — PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Cross Lake, 20-1-50

MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Juv. Court Judge D.C.M. Kyle — METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Summary trial — PLEA Not Guilty

PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Nil. — DEFENCE COUNSEL Nil.

DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Convicted. Placed in custody and control of Rev. Father G.E. TRUDEAU, to be withdrawn from Cross Lake Indian Residential School and placed in any Roman Catholic Residential School considered fit, until the age of 16 years, as per agreement with Indian Affairs Branch. 20-1-50

FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN N/A

COSTS

POLICE:	IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS	$	
ARREST	$	
ATTENDING COURT	$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)	$	
MILEAGE MILES @	$	
TOTAL	$	

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH

COMPLAINANT Cst. C.L. Ray

FINGERPRINTS TO H.Q. not applicable (DATE)

PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. do (DATE)

LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER, IF KNOWN) Nil.

COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE

MAGISTRATE'S FEES	$	
WITNESSES	$	
	$	
TOTAL COSTS	$	NIL.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION — DEFENCE

REMARKS (G)

1. For full particulars please see previous reports as dated, shown above.
2. BLACKSMITH appeared as shown and as Judge Kyle considered this boy to be one of those responsible, after the presentation of evidence, for the attempts to burn the school, he sentenced him as shown.
3. He will be placed in one of the other Roman Catholic Residential schools at such point which will be decided by Father Trudeau and the Indian Agent, (Mr. J. Minnis) and until that time will be in the care and control of Father Trudeau. Judge Kyle also directed that this boy may be returned to Cross Lake prior to the age of sixteen years if it be deemed advisable, in the future.
3. Arrangements are being made for the transfer with the Indian Department, by Father Trudeau.

DIARY DATE CONCLUDED HERE — INVESTIGATED BY Cst. C.L. Ray

FW'D ON 23-1-50 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON JAN 30 1950 (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

C.L. Ray I/C DETACHMENT Cst. 13066 — R.S.J.S. Wilson SUB-DIVISION Supt. — C.W. Harrison. DIVISION Supt.

NOTE:- SEE REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET RE (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), AND (G).

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Four Forms 264B~~xxxx~~ dated Norway House, Man. 23-1-50, forwarded for your information, re Jack MILLER et al (Juveniles), Attempted Arson, St. Joseph's Indian Residential School, Cross Lake, Man.

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