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Norway House

Building Supplies, Apr. 20.
Norway House Bldg School.

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168918-----5

OTTAWA, 21

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th October last, asking whether the Department would grant farming implements, a yoke of work oxen and a tool chest for the use of your school; and in reply I beg to say that it is not customary for the Department to furnish such articles, neither has it any funds available for the purpose.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary

E. P. Hardiman, Esq.
Principal,
Norway House Boarding school,
Norway House.

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The Dominion Fish
North West Navigation Co.

210725 *Aug*

Shipped in apparent good order, or condition noted, by *Kobish*
 board the good Steamboat called the *Premier* and Barges, Capt.
 the following articles, marked and numbered as below, which are to be delivered in like good order, (D
 BRIDGES, COLLISION, AND ALL OTHER KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OBSTRUCTIONS TO AND DANGERS OF LAKE OR R
 ED) consigned to *Indian Agent* at *Narrows*
 he or they paying Freight and Charges specified, with the privilege of Lighting, Towing, and Re-shipping and
 risk and expense, in case of low water or ice.

In accepting this Bill of Lading, the shipper or other agent of the owner of the property mentioned below, espec
 and agrees to all exceptions of the same, and the conditions and stipulations of the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Master or Clerk of the said boat has affirmed to three Bills of Lading, all of this ten
 date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

TRIP No.

B. L. No. *149*

MARKS AND NUMBERS.	No. of Pieces.	ARTICLES.	WEIGHT OR NO. OF FEET.	FREIGHT.		BACK CHARGES.	Total.
				Rate.	AMOUNT.		
	<i>1</i>	<i>bd 3 bush</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>127</i>		
<p><i>John Simpson</i></p>							
<p>Received above mentioned articles in Good order and condition for Consigner.</p>							

RECEIVED
Jan 472

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Selkirk, Manitoba, Dec 11 1900
No. 210725
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THE DOMINION FISH COMPANY, Limited, DR.

1900

Aug 23	Freight on 1 Bd Storm Sash consigned to Indian Agt Norway House by Robinson & Co.	127
	Receipt and certificate attached	
	(3) Duplicate	

4770

10 APR 1901

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THE DOMINION FISH COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENERAL OFFICES,

SELKIRK, - MAN.

Selkirk
23 Mar 1901

Dept. of Indian Affairs

210725

Ottawa

Dear Sirs

We send you again our invoice of Dec. 11, in triplicate, for freight on one bundle storm sash, per Steamer Premier, consigned to the Indian Agent at Norway House. On your returning this to us we sent it to Mr. Short, Indian Agent, who has certified to the correctness of the bill. We therefore enclose his certificate together with the invoice and bill of lading, and trust that this will be satisfactory evidence of receipt of the goods.

Yours truly,

The Dominion Fish Company, Limited.

Per *J. H. H. H.*.....

PAY
ACCT.

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VOTE 7

Selkirk

June 11 1901

Indian Department



Norway House Boarding School



W. H. G. Gibbs, 216838 31

DRUGGIST AND STATIONER.

1901

June 10	1 gal Castor Oil	1 ²⁵ 27	1/2 lb fl. ex Cascara	1 ¹⁴ 6	2 72
"	1 lb Mag. Sulph	1 ¹²	1 lb Rochelle Salts	1 ¹²	1 03
"	100 pill Abs + Myrsh	5 ⁵⁰	1 lb P. Glycyrrhiza Co	1 ⁰² 12	1 67
"	1/2 lb Te. fern Chlorox	6 ¹⁶	1 lb Te. Cinch. Co.	6 ⁶⁸ 12	1 02
"	1 lb Bland pills	4 ¹¹ 12	1/2 lb Pot. Bicarbonate	5 ¹⁹	1 30
"	1 lb Alum	5 ¹²	1 lb Acid Carbolie @ 41	4 ¹¹ 12	70
"	1 gal Ac. Carbolie	1 ⁵⁰ 27	1 oz Monast Solution	2 ⁵ 3	2 05
"	2 lbs Ury Zinc Ox	6 ⁶⁶ 25	2 lbs Vaseline	2 ²⁶ 25	1 42
"	1 oz Iodiform	3 ³⁵	1 gal Putta Adhesive	5 ⁵⁰	91
"	1 lb Absorb. Cotton	3 ³⁹	10 lbs Lincud meal @ 10	1 ⁰⁰	1 39
"	1 gal Cod Liver Oil	3 ⁵¹ 27	Emulsions		3 12
			1 Box and parceling		50
			Drugs supplied at wholesale prices		17 23
			W. H. G. Gibbs		

Goods Received
H. H.
Hardenan
June 19 1901

Boarding School -

9044

Material supplied,
Prices charged fair and just.

H. H. Hardenan
INDIAN COMMISSIONER.

OK SENT 14 Aug

168918-5

216838



D.X.III

act

Office of the Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, AUG 8 - 1901

Classification No. 6

Norway House Agency
Boarding School.



SIR:-

I have the honour to enclose herewith Vouchers

*Receipts letter
No 168.918/9
20th April 1901.*

No. 31, amounting to \$17.⁸³
for medicines

*1400 01
act*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Maude

Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa.

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CANADA

Voucher 78

West Selkirk, Man., Dec 9 1901

Rivay House School

Vol 7
Leaf 5

FOLIO
CAR NO.
TERMS

% Rev J Nelson

222421

Bought of

ROBINSON & CO.,

MANUFACTURERS OF AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, SASH, DOORS, ETC.

1901

Eight per cent. charged on overdue accounts.

Claims for Shortage must be made on receipt of Lumber.

Sept 4	To 1750 ft Siding		29.	5075
	" 5500 " Boards		24 ⁰⁰	13445
	" 2650 " Ceiling		29.	7685
	" 18 ft 2. 6. 16"	324	25 ⁰⁰	810
	" 36 " 14	504	24 ⁰⁰	1209
	" 50 " 2. d. 10	333	24 ⁰⁰	815
	" 10 " 12	80	24 ⁰⁰	192
	" 20 " 16	213	"	511
	" 1000 ft Flooring	1000		2900
	" 10 # 1 Cedar shingles		47 ⁵⁰	4750
	" 1 Door 2/10 6/10. 1 3/4.			300
	" 7 yds 12/28 - d lts.		200	1400
	" 450 Brick			2475
	" 1 Bbl Lime			375
	" 50 lbs 4" wire nails	6		300
	" 2 Ke. 2 1/2 " 8-			1070
	" 50 lbs shingles nails	6		300
	" 2 Door Locks Complete			200
	" 4 Pt Balls.			275
				4417
	Hardware H.S. Co. % attached			2600
	Robinson Store %			11069
				59820

Correct

John M. Dougall,

MATERIAL SUPPLIED
Prices Fair and Just.

John Semmens
Indian Agent



PERDENS RIVER AGENCY

PERDENS RIVER AGENCY

To accompany
Voucher No. 78

West Solihick, Man., Dec 13th 1901

No. Norway House School

222421

Vol 7
Entry 5

Bought of Wm. Robinson,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GENERAL MERCHANT.

Sept 7	To 20 lbs m.s. 10.	153	46 50
"	182 lbs Bacon ^{24.59} 15.2	80# Tea ^{18.10} 23	42 97
"	100# Lump Sugar 6.80	1 St 80 Cts 2.00	9 10
"	92 yds wrapper 7.82		7 82
"	6 1/2 " w Cotton 4.30		4 30
3604			+ 110.69

Correct-

John M. Doyall

MATERIAL SUPPLIED
Prices Fair and Just.

John Summers
Indian Agent



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BERENS RIVER AGENCY

BERENS RIVER AGENCY



Winnipeg 22 Nov 1901

*Vote 7
Frosty 5*

Norway House School

222421

To North West Navigation Co. Ltd.

LIMITED.

OFFICE: MANITOBA MORTGAGE BLOCK, PORTAGE AVE.

*To B.L. 658 attached
Transportation*

2634

3003

Carried.

John M. Dougall

work done

charges fair & just

John Semmens

Indian Agent



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Rev. J. Nelson.

B. L. 655

Selkirk Sept. 7th / 01

To Steamer Premier

No 222421

For transportation of freight from Selkirk to Norway House.

No of Packs	Articles	Weight in lbs of Freight	Freight		Total
			rate	amount	
30	lbs M & B I loaf	3000			
1	lb Bacon	10			
1	lb Tea	45			
1	rel Sunf Sugar	120			
1	lb. Rolled oats	50			
1	rel. Dry Goods	25			
		<u>3512</u>	75	26	26 34

Received Above mentioned articles
and John Nelson

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BERENS RIVER AGENCY 168918-5

Indian Agent's Office

567 Mc Dermot Avenue - Winnipeg

December 27 th 1901



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222421

In your reply refer to No. 168

Ref.: Your Letter 1 No.

also to date of this letter.

Sir,

I beg to present herewith Voucher 78 of this Agency in favor of Robinson and Company West Selkirk Manitoba amounting to \$578.20 five hundred and seventy eight dollars and twenty cents.

Authority for this purchase is duly given on the face of the Voucher and the expenditure was made in connection with the enlargement of the Norway House Boarding School

Inasmuch as the Robinson and Company and the North West Navigation Company are practically the same the voucher has been made one and is accompanied with certified attachments.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedient Servant

John Semmens
Indian Agent

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa - Canada



will have to issue of each firm

\$ 600 mi Est. for this school

Man say that as the ages are made in the names of W. Robinson & Co. North West Nav Co. Robins & Co. will issue account of W. Robinson & Co. instead of Robinson & Co.

Handwritten signature/initials

Handwritten signature/initials
OK. REBT 4/1/02

168918 /5

Mix'd

Ottawa 7th January, 1902.

Revd Sir,

With reference to the Vouchers which accompanied your letter of the 27th ultimo, No 168, I beg to say that as they are made out respectively in favour of W. Robinson, West Selkirk, the North West Navigation Co., Winnipeg and Messrs Robinson & Co, West Selkirk, the cheques in payment of the same ^{have been} ~~will~~ issued accordingly instead of in favour of Messrs Robinson & Co.

J.M.L.
[Signature] *[Signature]*

Your obedient servant.

[Signature]
Secretary.

Revd John Semmens,

Indian Agent,

Care Indian Commissioner's Office,

Winnipeg, Man.

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Boarding
Indian Industrial School

at Norway House

January 1st 1902



Mr. In the name of
MEMO

To Hon W Smart
Deputy Minister of Interior 22-1036
Sir,

TOOLS
FEB 13 1902

I would be glad if the Indian Department would grant the Boarding School a complete outfit of Drumb bells and Indian clubs, + a supply of Kindergarten materials for 50 children.

You will be glad to know that the health of our children is excellent. We are doing our best to build up their constitutions with plenty of good nourishing food, combined with fresh air and exercise. We want to develop their bodies + strengthen their muscles and to this end would be glad if you would kindly grant the request I now
I am Sir,
Respectfully yours,
S. H. Williams

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SCHOOLS.
FEB 19 1902

Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA, 13th February, 1902



ACCOUNTANT:-

Please see letter under. Are there funds to the extent of at least \$150.00 for the expenditure in question ?

Arue Grahame

yes per acct

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Ex'd.

Supplies

OTTAWA, 19th February, 1902

Rev. Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 1st ulto.
I beg to say that a supply of kindergarten material
will be ordered for your school.

The Department cannot, however, comply with
your request to furnish Indian clubs and dumb bells
for the physical development of the pupils.

L. L. C.
M. B.

Your obedient servant,

Rec'd 66
cty 877.
To forward
2072/02

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary

Rev. R. F. Hardiman,
Principal,

Indian Boarding school
Norway House,
Man.

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Bemo Bemo
Voucher No 130
Man. July 7 1902
Vote 7
231007
J. Perry Summers

In account with **Robinson & Co.,**
MANUFACTURERS OF AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Etc.

for Norway House Boarding School
17 Rolls Paper to \$ 1020
13 " Lat paper 975

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
EXAMINED.

ACCOUNTANTS
JUL 28 1902
BRANCH: 995

Goods supplied to charges fair and just

John Summers
Indian Agent

Authority
Purchased in direction of
Commissioner in charge against
repairs to Norway House Boarding
School
Deut 5th Conf. ACC'T.

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L. J. Latta in 76321

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Exd.

~~Acct.~~

See 231.007. Has
the cheque been sent.

J. A. H.

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Indian Department 105918.5
 247348
 Indian School (per Miss Lousley)
 To The Hudson's Bay Company
 for the following Norway House

DEPARTMENT OF
 AUG 15 1903

1903			
Mar 24	To	1/2 doz. Horn dress ^s combs	15
		1/2 rubber "	25
		1 ea Tin Kettle + 5	40
		1 " " + 6	50
			\$ 130

EXL

C. & G. E.
 Keewatin Dist. Office
 Norway House
 11th June 1903.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
 AUG 15 1903
 BRANCOE

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
 EXAMINED.

certified correct,

"Material Purchased,
 Prices fair and just."
 Laura K. Lousley.

[Handwritten signature]

Recommended for Payment
 Approved 39 Accountant
 D. E. G. T. A.

A B C
 1902

Cheque No. 204
 \$ 130
 Sent Aug 24 1903

168818.5
263739



Office of the Indian Commissioner,

Arch

Winnipeg, AUG 24 1904 ~~100~~

Classification No. 22

Norway House Agency. Agency.



Estimates 1903-1904.

SIR:-

I have the honour to enclose herewith Voucher

No. 788, amounting to \$800.⁰⁴

for material for erection of a building in connection with Norway House Boarding School. I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature

Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Sir.

OTTAWA, September 21st---1904

Sir:

The enclosed account is returned as there appears to be two errors in it.

Before accounts are forwarded from your office, it would be well to have them bear the initials of the clerk whose duty it is to examine them.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Your obedient servant,

J. W. WILSON
Secretary.

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
WINNIPEG, Man.

VOTE 7

265086

West Selkirk, Man.,

31 Dec., 1903

Indian Boarding School,

263739

Norway House Agency.

FOLIO Norway House.

CAR No.

Bought of

Robinson Co.

788

MANUFACTURERS OF AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, SASH, DOORS, ETC.

1903

Eight per cent. charged on overdue accounts.

Claims for Shortage must be made on receipt of Lumber.

Aug	21	3 Kegs	4" Wire Nails		3.80	10	80
		2 "	3" " "		"	7	20
		3 "	2" " "		3.80	11	40
		2 "	Shingle "		4.50	9	00
		30 Sks	Man. S. B. Flour in 1/4 Sk		1.75	52	50
		70 lbs	Bacon		.12	8	40
		75 "	Tea		.20	15	00
July	28	500 Ft.	Flooring		.25	12	50
Aug	24	860 "	Boards (88885888)		20.	17	20
		1672 "	"		25.	41	80
		2151 "	Siding		30.	64	53
		1237 "	Flooring		30.	37	11
		26 Pcs	2x4x14	243	25.	6	07
		22 "	18	264	26.	6	86
		4 "	24	64	27.	1	35
		14	18	149	25.	3	72
		26	2x10x20	867	27	23	41
		100 Pkgs	No. 1 Ced. Shingles	25 th (a)	4.50	112	50
		700	Brick		45.	31	50
Oct.	5	3491 Ft.	Boards MS.		25.	87	27
		3000 "	Ceiling		30.	90	00
		16	Windows 10x12x12		1.75	28	00
		16	Storm Windows		1.85	29	60
		50 Pcs	2x4x12 Soc	400			
		50 "	2x10x16	1333, 1733	25.	43	32
		3 Doors	3x7x1 3/4		4.10	12	30
		3 "	2'10" x 6'10" x 1 3/8		3.40	11	70
		5 "	3'2"x6'7"x 1 3/8		5.50	27	50
		1 "	3'2"x6'7"x 1 3/4		7.00	7	00

1244

Aug 8 (a)

Material Supplied, Prices also not fair and just

(over)

APPROVED,

[Signature]

COMMISSIONER

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Indian Boarding School
Norway House

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the materials herein mentioned and billed have been purchased from Capt. Wm. Robinson, Selkirk, Man. for erection of a building in connection with this school. The building to provide accommodations for sick ones & additional rooms for staff.

J. A. Lonsley,
Principal.

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265086
Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

26 Sept. 1904

In your reply, refer to
No. 122/78

and date of this letter and
address

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

P.X.H



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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 21st. instant,
I beg to re-enclose herewith voucher No. 788 in favour
of Messrs. Robinson & Co., for material supplied the
Norway House Boarding School. Your remarks relative
to this account have been noted.

Your obedient servant,

J. M. Newman
Asst. Indian Commissioner.

Recommended for Pay
Approved. 1/7/1
D. S. G. P. L. A.

Secretary,
Dept. Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Selkirk, Man.,

31 July 1905

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Indian Boarding School, Norway House

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Note?

Norway House Agency,

Bought of

Wm. Robinson,

49

GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, HARDWARE, FURNITURE, FLOUR AND FEED.

LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, SASH, DOORS, WOOD AND BRICK.

STORE DEPARTMENT, PHONE 21.

LUMBER DEPARTMENT, PHONE 15.

1904

July	20	20	Rolls Building Paper		65	13	00	
		1	Key 4" Nails			3	40	
		1	" 3" "			3	50	
		3	" 2 1/2" Nails		1.00	7	10	
				Freight		2	40	
Aug	20	55	Pcs. 2x8x14	770	20.	15	40	
				Freight		3	35	
Sept	22	3000'	Boards D 1 S		20.	50	00	
				Freight		15	00	
	12	4000'	Shingles		28	22	00	
		1000'	4" Flooring			25	00	
		50	pcs. 2x4x12	800'	24	12	50	
				Freight		28	00	
	5	2	bcs. Lime		40		50	
		3	S. Sash 10x17-4		1.80	12	30	
		3	1/2 Windows 12x18-12		2.75	8	32	
		2000	bricks		15.00	30	00	
				Freight		38	44	
	7	200	ft. 1 1/2x3					} Not used in M.S. building
		500	" 3/4 x3	500	25.00	12	50	
		5	pcs. 2x3x12	50	20.00	1	50	
		850	ft. Boards		20.	18	00	
				Freight		3	15	
		55	pcs. 1x3x12 Shingles	504	25.	11	50	
			" 2x4x12 Sps.	45	20.		25	
				Freight		4	14	
			g 2 1/2" Nails			3	40	
			" 4" "			3	25	
			" 3" "			3	25	
		1	" 2 1/2 "			3	40	
				Freight		1	00	
	10		Bus Lime		40	16	00	
				Freight		1	40	} Not used in M.S. building also freight on this item 11.25-
	14		Pcs. 2x10x12	1330	28.	35	54	
			ft. 5" Flooring		25.	120	00	
			" Ceiling	4500	25.	28	00	
			" Shingles		25.		00	
				Freight		68	10	

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Sent Sept. 28th

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Amounts not used in M.S.

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Office of the Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, SEP. 9 - 1905 ~~190~~

Classification No. 22
Norway House Agency. ~~Agency~~

SIR:—

I have the honour to enclose herewith Voucher

No. 49, amounting to \$ 956.⁴⁰/₁₀₀

for lumber, &c, for Norway House
Boarding School.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

RECOMMENDED FOR PAYMENT
APPROVED, 30/6 Accountant.
D. S. G. of I. A.

[Signature]

Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Office of the

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Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

9 Sept. 1905.

In your reply refer to
No. 122/78

and date of this letter and
address

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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DXM



Sir,

With reference to voucher No.49 in favour of Mr. Wm. Robinson, of Selkirk, for lumber, &c. supplied the Norway House Boarding School, I beg to refer to my supplementary estimates for 1905-1906 forwarded to the Department under cover of my letter of the 5th. May last, wherein I inserted an item of \$700.00 for material and work to complete an addition to the above institution. No provision was made for the heating apparatus, as it was not asked by the Principal at the time, but as this is indispensable, I trust the Department will allow same. The cost of the material is also in excess of the estimate submitted by the Principal, but it was evidently necessary to complete the work.

Your obedient servant,

Laird

Indian Commissioner.



Secretary,

Dept. Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Office of the Indian Commissioner,

sent

Winnipeg, APR 9 1907 190

Classification No. 22

Norway House Agency. Agency.

SIR:-

I have the honour to enclose herewith Vouchers

No. 337, amounting to \$ 538 75

for miscellaneous goods for
Norway House Boarding school.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. [Signature]

Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, 5th July, 1907.

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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 9th April, I re-enclose herewith Voucher No 337 amounting to \$538.75 in favour of Mr Wm. Robinnon for goods supplied for the Norway House Agency, and I have to request that you will kindly quote the authority for the purchase. The certificate on the voucher reads that the goods charged for "are on hand for repairing I.B.S." Among the articles charged for are flour, bacon, sugar and rubber boots. In view of the certificate these charges require explanation.

I may add that there is a charge of \$79.08 for freight and no receipt has been furnished in connection therewith. This is required.

Your obedient servant.

J. D. McLEAR

Secretary.

*The Indian Comr.
Winnipeg
Man.*

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Office of the

168918/5
Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.



Winnipeg, 2nd August, 1907.

In your reply refer to
No. 122/78
and date of this letter and
address
Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

168918/5

Sir,-

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Rev. Mr. Ferrier respecting the Norway House Boarding School, in which you will observe he expresses strongly the opinion as to repairs that "it will be a total loss to put any more on the present building", and that the only thing to do is to erect another one on a different site.

I find that on the 22nd of March the Principal reported that the building had been extremely cold and all but uninhabitable during the winter, that in the office the thermometer would not average more than 15 degrees above zero, and that bacon left there was frozen so hard that it could not be cut with a knife. Yet from the 1st of November over 200 cords of wood had been used in an effort to heat the building. The Principal in his letter states "it is really up to the Government or the Church to do something or close the school".

I find that in the estimates for 1906-7 \$1000.00 was provided to "drain basement, repair and paint new building". I understand that certain expenditure has been made, but mainly in procuring material. In the estimates for the present year \$500.00 is provided for certain repairs.

Upon receiving Mr. Ferrier's letter of the 7th June, and reading that from the Principal already referred to, I concluded that it would be wise to have a

report

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



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report from the Inspector before proceeding with expenditure upon a building declared to be so unfit for habitation. Mr. Semmens was then on his way to pay the annuity moneys, and I thought he would be able to make the report when on that trip. Unfortunately, however, he had to return by reason of illness. He is now on a trip on the Lakes, and I expect a report from him on his return in about two weeks.

Mr. Lousley interviewed me to-day in regard to the work, and I expressed the opinion to him that it would be better not to do anything until the Inspector's report was received and considered by the Department. He informs me that the building is on a rock in which there is a large cavity that fills with water, and that the sum available for the purpose ^{of drainage} from the amount voted would not at all meet the expenditure. He, like Mr. Ferrier, is absolutely convinced that there should be a new building on another site.

The present building was erected by the authorities of the Methodist Church, and is owned by them.

You will observe in the concluding part of Mr. Ferrier's letter that he asks to be advised as to the amounts voted for the schools at Brandon, Red Deer, Morley, and Norway House. Am I to advise him of the provision made in the estimates as to any or all of these institutions, and authorize the expenditure?

Your obedient servant,

J. G. Semmens
Asst. Indian Commissioner.

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(Copy)

Industrial School,
Brandon, Man., June 7, 1907.

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir, -

Last year there was a grant of \$1,000 made to improve the Boarding School at Norway House. I did not sanction the investment of any of this money inasmuch as I believe it will be a total loss to put any more in the present building. There is only one solution worthy of consideration, and that is to build another building on a different site. I should like you to find out what is the opinion of the Agent and the Inspector on this matter. My own judgment is that inasmuch as there were ten deaths in that school during the past nine months, a new building cannot be too soon on the way.

Would you kindly let me know what grants have been made for Brandon, Red Deer, Morley and Norway House. An answer at your earliest convenience will greatly oblige,

Yours respectfully,
(Sgd) T. FERRIER.

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*Don
Means in file*

Ottawa, August 12th., 1907.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing copy of a communication from the Rev. Mr. Ferrier calling attention to the unsanitary condition of the Boarding School building at Norway House and suggesting that a new one be put up on another site; and in reply I beg to say that this matter will receive consideration.

*Don
Means*

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Secretary.

The Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,
Man.

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Selkirk, Man.,

Feb. 15 th. 1907

Indian Boarding School Dept.

Norway House.

Norway House Agency.

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Bought of

Wm. Robinson.

337

GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, HARDWARE,
FURNITURE, FLOUR AND FEED

STORE DEPARTMENT, PHONE 21.

LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, SASH, DOORS,
WOOD AND BRICK.

MEMBER DEPARTMENT, PHONE 13.

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105	Gals Haw Oil.		945	71 40
44 1/4	" black <i>bailed</i> "		398	30 97
50#	Red Oxide. \$1.75 1750# N. Lead \$131.25.	1800		133 00
12	Brushes. \$10.80			
12	" 9.00			
12	" 12.00			31 80
6	" 1.50			
3	" 30			
3	" 30		25	2 10
2	Gals Turpentine. \$2.20 1 can. 30¢		20	2 50
120#	Red. Oxide. \$4.20	120		4.20
1	10x12 register. \$1.50			
1	10x14 " 2.00			
1	8x12 " 1.85			
1	8x12 " 2.50	50		7 25
82 1/2#	Tea. \$19.25 230# Bacon. \$32.15			
	300# L. Sugar. \$18.00	613		69 40
50	sks. M.S.B. Flour.	5000		72 50
4	pr. rubber boots.	15		16 00
1	keg. Nails.	100		3 55
200	ft. 2" Oak. 88¢	800		16 00
	Freight. 850¢ per hundred. per Boat	9886		79 08
	from Selkirk to Norway House.			538 75

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Sent Aug. 24th

Abain goods received & are on hand for repairing etc. Prices fair & just

R.D. *[Signature]*
COMMISSIONER

*J. A. Linsley
Norway House Boarding School
March 22nd. 1907*

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Norway House, June 21, 1907.

Rev. T. Ferrier,
Brandon, Man.

Dear Bro. Ferrier:

I enclose herewith a statement of Finances of the Boarding School to end of June, 1907. The Government Report also goes out on this mail, it being the first mail since March 31st.

You will understand that the big deficit of this year is not due to carelessness or extravagance when I state that we opened school with sixty-five children and had to make provision for them all. That is fifteen for whom no Government grant was given. Then I cannot hold myself altogether responsible, that is, I am responsible, but do not condemn myself, because I am poorly served with dry goods. For example, I have on four occasions ordered heavy brown duck suits for the boys from Capt. Robinson and he, in spite of repeated protest, has sent me light canvas. These have come late in Fall when I could not exchange and I was compelled to use them and of course they only lasted a short time. Those heavy suits which you ordered for me and which did not arrive till last spring went to pieces like asbestos paper and are now after one winter's wear cast aside. Indeed, if we had not had others we could not have got through the winter in decent shape. My first order last summer for stocking webbing, ^{after} most express emphasis being laid on quality and going so far as to say not to send anything but the best was rotten. I duplicated the order and half of it was rotten, and our supply and outfit of stockings now is a disgrace to the school. Considering these things I have felt compelled to have a good stock on hand.

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Copy of Letter from Rev. J. A. Lousley--2

I hope you have been able to secure Government aid for the purchase of horses, harness, waggon, and a large freighting boat as these things are absolutely necessary to the management of this school through another year.

I expect to be out in July to order drygoods and will try to see you then if you are not in.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Lousley.

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R E P O R T
of the
NORWAY HOUSE BOARDING SCHOOL
For the year ending June 30, 1907.

Class-room.--

There are two teachers, one for the Reserve and one for the Boarding School, and the children from the Boarding School and the Reserve are graded in classes according to their standing. The junior room is taught by the Reserve teacher and the senior room is taught by the Boarding School teacher. The plan works well and both schools are helped by the arrangement.

Being holiday time, I had no opportunity of seeing the work done nor examining the children.

When the school closed June 29th there were fifty-four pupils in attendance.

Health of the Pupils.--

The year has been a long and trying one on the general health of the pupils and more deaths have occurred than in any previous year. Ten have died; nine of these were brought in last year, and nine died of consumption of the lungs or bowels, one of spinal meningitis. Only two of the deaths were of pupils from the Norway House Reserve.

The school started with sixty-five children, probably more than should have been in the dormitories considering the lack of ventilation.

A hospital is a much needed institution so that afflicted children could be removed at once from the school.

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The Staff and Salaries Paid.--

Principal,	\$750.00,	furnished house and table
Assistant Principal,	300.00,	board and washing,
Matron,	300.00,	" " "
Cook,	216.00,	" " "
Seamstress,	200.00,	" " "
Teacher,	300.00,	" " "

Buildings.--

The main building is kept clean but it is of such a finish that what is done does not show up to advantage. The floors on the ground flat are about worn out. The cellar and basements are in tumbledown condition and with about a foot of water in each and the only relief is in baling it out with pails or pumping and at present the pump used is out of order. They are certainly very unsanitary and there must be a drain, which will be a very difficult task to be accomplished when we have to depend upon native help. Quicksand and rock will be encountered and it will need shoring up and it is next to impossible to get Indians to work at that kind of job.

Heating and Ventilation.--

The furnaces are placed in these dilapidated basements which are merely holes in the ground and the way they are installed it is an impossibility to heat the building. The Department have made a vote of \$100.00 to fix the furnaces. What is required are new furnaces, new basements, and new flues if the building is to be properly heated and ventilated, and nothing whatever can be done towards this end with so small an amount of money. I advised the Principal to get the consent of the Department to spend this \$100.00 in box stoves and discard the furnaces altogether.

There are so many requirements for this building to make it what it ought to be that I have already reported that nothing but a new building will be a satisfactory solution of the problem.

Other outbuildings.--

A good ice-house has been built and does good service in keeping milk, meats, etc.; a large woodshed, also, used for storing lumber and other supplies of a light nature; a root-house for keeping potatoes and vegetables but it is a difficult matter to keep it frost-proof; and a good warm stable that will accommodate ten head of cattle and a team of horses. There are eight head of cattle belonging to the school.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the

NORWAY HOUSE BOARDING SCHOOL

For the year ending June 30, 1907.

----- RECEIPTS -----

Missionary Society Grant	\$ 5 500 00
Special Grant for Salary	150 00
Grant to paint Church & Mission House	180 00
" for Balance of Church Repairs	166 17
" " Interpreter	50 00
Goods sold to Missionaries and others	748 84
Government Grant for Repairs	538 75
Deficit	3 394 10

----- DISBURSEMENTS -----

Salaries	\$ 1 983 00
Hardware, Oil & Lead, Light	1 022 43
Dry Goods	1 647 56
Groceries & Provisions	3 049 14
Boots & Shoes	468 63
Drugs & Stationery	154 96
Building & Repairs	722 81
Household Furnishings	203 88
Freight and Transport	1 050 82
Deficit last year	394 63
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	\$10 697 86 \$10 697 86

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There is about \$1,200.00 worth of goods on hand, made up as follows:-

Wood,	\$300 00
Hay,	75 00
Moccasins and Leather,	270 00
Dry Goods	235 00
Accounts to collect	320 00

Enclosed find a letter from the Principal as to reason for the large deficit.

He applied to the Government for a grant for 65 children and was expecting that it would be granted.

The item of over \$3,000 for provisions contains the only cash outlay for meat, fish, hay, wood, and moccasins, provisions being exchanged for these articles. The most of the goods sold have gone out of this account.

The freight and transportation account is high and cannot be controlled by the Principal. Freight rates from Selkirk were 40c. per 100 lbs. until this year, now 50c., and prices for goods and labor have been raised proportionately.

Some help would be rendered by having a large amount of the goods purchased for him and landed at Selkirk in the month of June in time to ship on the barge that goes up to the mission as soon as navigation opens.

Under present conditions it will take at the very least \$6,500 a year to maintain this school with 50 children.

It will be seen from Mr. Lousley's letter that a freighting boat, team of horses, harness and wagon are essential to manage the outside work. I have looked carefully into this and am of the opinion that the team, harness and wagon are an absolute necessity.

All the wood on the school property is done and neither the Government nor Indians will allow the supply to be cut from the Reserve so that a distance of 4 to 6

miles has to be travelled for fuel. Last year it took an average of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cords per day from November 15th to March 1st. The only time this wood can be hauled is over the ice and with the oxen it was an all-winter job and the oxen used so continually that they tired out on the journey and lay down on the road. It is impossible to get a supply ahead at the school. At present there are about ten cords, not enough to last until the ice is formed. The stock of wood now on hand is from four to five miles from the school. The horses and outfit are essential and should be sent up by boat so as to be there ready for use when the ice forms.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Enc.

J. Ferris

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Industrial School,

Brandon, Man., July 23, 1907.

To the Secretary of the
Department of Indian Affairs,
O t t a w a , O n t .

Dear Sir: I am enclosing you a brief report of the Boarding School at Norway House.

You will notice that there is a large deficit of \$3,394.10. There have been smaller deficits that have occurred from year to year in connection with the handling of this school but the Church have paid up to the present.

You will also see by the report that a team of horses, harness, and wagon are about an absolute necessity. These ought to go up over the lake while navigation is open which is not likely to be after the 15th of September. As this is such an urgent case and, I think, under the circumstances, a just expenditure on the part of the Department, I should like to have the authority to purchase these and send them up at the earliest date possible.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

F. Ferris

Enc.

NH

There are no funds looked for this purpose
F. Ferris

(Copy)

Norway House, July 19th, 1907.

Mr. J. A. J. McKenna,
Asst. Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

312871

Sir,-

Replying to yours of July 11th, No. 122/78, would say that I have no written authority for that expenditure except as you see it mentioned in No. 122/78, April 9th last from Hon. David Laird. In that he says, "But owing to your remote situation you may expend the balance this year". That word "balance" refers to what is left of the \$1000.00 mentioned there after this bill which I sent in has been paid. I received verbal instructions from the Commissioner while in Winnipeg last Fall, also from Rev. T. Ferrier, and was also informed by the Inspector, Rev. Jno. Semmens, of the grant made, all of which however came too late for me to get the work done last Fall. But the goods were ordered last Fall, and part of the work is already finished.

All work in this part has hitherto been paid for with groceries, drygoods, and hardware, etc., the Indians preferring it that way to any other. We never would be able to get work done at all if we had to follow the regular way of putting in vouchers for work done. These Indians would not, really could not, wait for it as they live daily from hand to mouth.

I have a very wet muddy drain to dig, and anything but long rubber boots for the job would be useless, hence I ordered a few pair and will charge these on wages of men working at the draining.

Re

*Extract from Pin's letter
of the 19th July 1907*

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Re trading. All fuel for School, cutting and hauling, hay for stock, moccasins for children, meat, etc., in short, all that the Indian offers us which is useful in the School, we buy and pay for in this way.

This has all been discussed with the Commissioner and met with his approval, that is, I should say, was allowed to go on without further comment.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) J. A. Lousley,
Principal, Indian Boarding School,
Norway House Agency,
" " P.O.

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Office of the

DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 16 1907

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AUG 24 1907
BRANCH

Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.

Winnipeg, 13th August, 1907.

In your reply refer to
No. 122/78
and date of this letter and
address
Hon. David Baird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

[Handwritten signature]
Ex'd.

312871

Sir,-

168918/5

Referring to your letter of the 5th ultimo, with which you returned voucher No. 337 amounting to \$538.75 in favor of Captain William Robinson for goods supplied for the Norway House Boarding School, you ask me to quote the authority for the expenditure, and also to explain the charges for flour, bacon, sugar, and rubber boots.

The Principal of the School was asked for explanations, and I forward copy of his reply, which, upon the whole, is not very satisfactory. I cannot find that I gave the Principal any written authority for the expenditure, and I do not remember that I gave him any verbal instructions. At the same time, as Rev. Mr. Ferrier, on the 17th of last August, and Mr. Inspector Semmens in his report on the School dated the 5th of last September, reported the urgent necessity of draining of the basement of the School, I may have mentioned to them and to the Principal that there was an item of \$1000.00 in the estimates of 1906-7 "to drain basement, repaint, and paint new building". Indeed I see that I placed a marginal note on the Inspector's report that such a sum was available, and I understood the work was in progress.

However, the material in Capt. Robinson's account appears to have been purchased for repairs to the

School

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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School, and I would recommend it to be paid. The paint and oil are according to the vote for painting; the flour and bacon to pay the Indians while working at the basement; and the rubber boots for the workmen while standing in the water digging the drain. No receipt is necessary for the item of \$79.08 for freight. Captain Wm. Robinson is the owner of the steamer that did the freighting, and he is the man forwarding the account.

Yours truly,

Recommended for Payment
Approved. <i>502</i> Accountant.
D. S. [unclear] A.

[Signature]
Indian Commissioner.

314092

(Copy)

Stonewall, Man. Sept. 7, 1907.

Sir,

Your letter No. I22/78 of the 11th. of June has for long lain in the Stonewall Office owing to my continued absence from home.

In reply to your request for a report upon the advisability of sanctioning the erection of a new building for the Norway House Boarding School, I wish to make some remarks.

(I) In the summer of 1906 the Rev. Thompson Ferrer called at my Pay Tent and asked me to accompany him to the Boarding School for the purpose of considering certain suggestions he had to make by way of improvements which he hoped with my recommendations the Government would provide for.

I went with him and spent some time in discussing what appeared to be desirable. After mature consideration I recommended certain things as seen in my last special report totalling 1000.00 dollars. He has not been able to carry out the improvements to the great detriment of the school's health. He now says he "does not sanction the investment of this money". He was the one to ask for additional grant for improvements. He failed to use advantage afforded. He now covers up his failure by saying the building is not worth it. Why not have asked for a new School a year ago when he knew all he now knows concerning it.

The Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg.

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Had the improvements which I suggested been carried out, I could easily have recommended that a further improvement which I had kept in reserve be provided for this year. You will see that the new part lately added to the rear must needs add to the warmth of that side of the building. Now if to this new siding with a thickness of tar paper had been placed south west and east the Building might have been serviceable for another five years. This was my idea which of course has not been realized.

As it is now the building is scarcely fit for use and the children are bound to suffer with cold, and this may result in much ill-health, as was the case last year. It is impossible to place a new building there during the present season. I now feel disposed to recommend that the school be suspended for a year, and that in the meantime an amount be placed in the estimates covering the cost of a new building to be erected on a new site.

In doing this I think that a representative of the Department should select the site and have authority to exercise supervision during the course of construction, and that the workmen should be sent out by the Department, that is to say the contract should be let to some responsible contractor, so that the work done should be guaranteed and the unfortunate failures noticeable in the first building be avoided.

I know all this is radical enough, but it is not the fault of the officers of the Department that things are as they are, and yet responsibility remains largely with the Department and ill-health is likely to be charged against the Government by the general public, who do not understand how things have gone.

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I shall be glad to have a personal interview with you at any time, so as to reach the best conclusions and arrive at speedy and definite results.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

(sd.) John Semmens,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.

In your reply refer to
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and date of this letter and
address
Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Winnipeg, 11 September 1907.

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Schools

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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 12th. ultimo, in regard to the condition of the Boarding School building at Norway House, and the question of erecting a new one on another site, I beg to enclose herewith copy of Mr. Inspector Semmens' report on Rev. Mr. Ferrier's letter, and on the present defective state of the building, which is dangerous to the health of the pupils. The Methodist Church authorities are responsible for the shell of a building that was first erected; and the money expended thereon since appears to have done very little good.

The pressing question just now appears to be should the Department allow the school to remain open during the approaching winter? It is probable that the Principal has already laid in most of the food and clothing required for the winter; yet I am of opinion that unless the Church authorities strongly object, the school should be closed about the 1st. of December.

The whole question of the cost of a new building is for the Department to consider.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Laird

Indian Commissioner.

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Ottawa, September 28, 1907.

The Deputy Superintendent General,-

The Indian Commissioner has forwarded a report from Mr. Inspector Semmens on the condition of the boarding school building at Norway House, from which it appears that it is in such a delapidated condition that it is dangerous to the health of the pupils, and the Commissioner asks whether the Department should allow the school to remain open during the approaching winter.

The Methodist Church authorities are responsible for the shell of a building that was first erected, and what has been expended thereon ^{in the way of repairs} since appears to have been thrown away. The Commissioner further remarks that it is probable the Principal has already laid in most of the food and clothing required for the winter, yet he gives it as his opinion that, unless the Church authorities strongly object, the school should be closed on or about December 1.

Mr. Ferrier in speaking of the building says,- "The cellar and basements are in a tumble-down condition and with about a foot of water in each, and the only relief is in baling it out with pails or pumping it out. There is no drain and it is in a most unsanitary condition. The furnaces are placed in these delapidated basements, which are merely holes in the ground, and the way they are installed makes it impossible to heat the buildings." He concludes by stating that

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that there are so many requirements for this building to make it what it ought to be that nothing but a new building will be a satisfactory solution of the problem.

There were ten deaths in the school last year, and if it is continued this winter this number is likely to be exceeded, as I find on March 23 the Principal reported to the Commissioner that in the office the thermometer would not average more than 15 degrees above zero and that bacon left there was frozen so hard that it could not be cut with a knife. Yet from November 1, 200 cords of wood had been used in an effort to heat the building. He concluded his letter by stating that it was up to either the Government or the Church to do something or close the school.

Mr. Semmens in his report above referred to says that he feels disposed to recommend that the school be suspended for a year and that in the meantime an amount be placed in the estimate covering the cost of a new building to be erected on a new site. He remarks that this is radical enough, but it is not the Department's fault; yet responsibility lies largely with the Department, if the school is kept open, and ill-health is likely to be charged against the Government by the general public, who do not understand how things have gone.

In view of the dangerous condition of the building, which is a menace to the health of the pupils, I would suggest that the consent of the Methodist Church authorities be asked to close the school at

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the date recommended by the Commissioner and that in the meantime the question of rebuilding on a more suitable site be considered. The present premises are the property of the Methodist Church and are most unsuitable in every way for a school of this kind, and no doubt grave blame would attach to the Government if it was allowed to continue in its present condition. No expenditure would make the present site or buildings fit for the purpose for which ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ they were intended.

This is only another instance of the want of foresight and common sense shown by the Churches in establishing schools.

Arthur Benson



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Ottawa, October 7th., 1907.

Memorandum:

Mr. Benson.

Mr. Pedley decided to approve of your memorandum of 28th September. The question of re-building school will come up later when the Supplementary Estimates are being considered. *Please take a note.*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Schwartz", written over a horizontal line.

Accountant.

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Ottawa, October 8, 1907.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ult., inclosing a copy of Mr. Inspector Semmens's report on the Norway House Boarding School, and in reply I beg to say that, in view of the very defective state of the building, which is dangerous to the health of the pupils, the Department has decided that the school shall be closed during the coming winter.

You will be good enough to advise the Church authorities accordingly, and the Department approves of the date suggested by you for the closing of the school, namely, December 1, next.

The question of rebuilding the school will be dealt with when the supplementary estimates are under consideration.

The Rev. Mr. Perrier, as Superintendent of Methodist Indian schools, should be written to in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

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Asst. Secretary.

The Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, Man.

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