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JAMES SMITH DAY SCHOOL
-FORT A LA CORNE NORTH-

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[INDIAN WORK]
ARCHDEACON OF SASKATCHEWAN
VEN. W. E. [illegible] PAUL, M.A., L.L.B.
PRINCE ALBERT
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GENERAL MISSIONARY
REV. E. A[illegible]W, B.A., L.Th.
MERVIN, SASK.

N.B.—ALL CHEQUES, DRAFTS AND MONEY ORDERS TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Diocese of Saskatchewan

BISHOP
THE RIGHT REV. W. T. HALLAM, D.D.
315 FIFTH AVENUE, SASKATOON

[WHITE WORK]
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PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.
OFFICE PHONE 2455 HOUSE PHONE 3168

SASKATOON,
SASKATCHEWAN
January 21, 1932.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

Your letter of November 19th in reply to my request for further information gave me no indication of the conditions which had lead you to make the request regarding Mr. Bird. As you know there has been Smallpox Quarantine on the Reserve which lifted only on January 9th. I find that Mr. Bird was a pupil teacher in England for two years and has taught in Indian schools for nearly 18 years and that the Inspectors report regarding Mr. Birds' work in the school was satisfactory. In addition Mrs. Bird has her First Class Saskatchewan Teachers Certificate. During the Smallpox trouble I am told that Mr. and Mrs. Bird were indefatigable in their attentions and that the matter was carefully handled.

For my part I appreciate all that your department is doing for the Indians and for some years I have known of your keen personal interest in the welfare of the Indians. I wish to do everything I can which will advance the work.

May I ask that you would look over the matter again. It is a very serious thing to me because I do not know what is the short coming of the teacher regarding whom you make your request.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. Saskatchewan

Bp:FG

Duncan C. Scott Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, Dec 15 1932

Mr. Jerry

Please report on attached letter and return it to the office of the Deputy Superintendent General.

Do not file.

Dr. Scott would like to see you about this please

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January 26, 1932.

Memorandum:

HONOURABLE THOMAS G. MURPHY.

On October 16th, last, you asked me to arrange for the removal of the Reverend E. V. Bird from the James Smith Indian Day School. I wrote to the Bishop of Saskatchewan to this end. His Lordship asked for the considerations which led to the request. I replied that it was in the best interests of the work.

On the 19th ultimo, I wrote to the Bishop, asking what progress he had made in the matter. I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of his reply and I should like to discuss with you our next step.

Encl.

Duncan C. Scott

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Minister's Office

MEMORANDUM

C.

January 29th, 1932.

Dr. Scott.

The Minister has just had an opportunity to read your memorandum of the 26th instant covering a copy of a letter addressed to yourself by the Bishop of Saskatchewan with reference to the proposed removal of the Reverend Mr. Bird from Fort a la Corne.

The Minister would like you to press the matter further with Bishop Hallam.

Private Secretary.

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Ex. D.

February 4, 1932.

Dear Bishop Hallam:

I have Your Lordship's letter of the 21st ultimo, with further reference to the services of the Reverend Mr. Bird, who has been employed at the James Smith Indian Day School. It is the Department's wish that he be removed to some other field of activity, as I am confident our administration of the reserve will thereby be facilitated. The usefulness of the school, under another qualified teacher, would not be impaired.

While Your Lordship's cooperation has been sought and is desired, the Department will look forward to making the change at the end of March and would like to have the name of your nominee before that date.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Right Rev. W. T. Hallam, D. D.,
Bishop of Saskatchewan,
Bishopsthorpe,
Prince Albert,
Sask.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE
FEB 5 1932
DEPT. OF INTERIOR

DUNCAN C. SCOTT
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

File

February 5, 1932.

Memorandum:

Mr. Buskard

Approved
T. G. M.

Will you kindly submit to the Minister the attached letter which I have written and propose to send to Bishop Hallam on the subject of the Reverend Mr. Bird's transfer from the James Smith's Indian Day School. I feel like going that far with the Bishop, because he should have co-operated with us without question, and you will note I have simply said the change will take place at the end of March. However, I should like to know that the letter meets with the Minister's approval.

See letter below

DCS

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noted

February 25th. 1932.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Buskard -

For the Minister's information I am sending a copy of telegram just received from the Bishop of Saskatchewan.

"YOUR LETTER REBY FOURTH RECEIVED RE REMOVAL OF REV E V BIRD I WILL NOMINATE SUCCESSOR WOULD YOU PLEASE PLACE THE TERMINATION OF HIS PRESENT ENGAGEMENT AT JUNE 30TH WHEN ALL THE MOVES CAN BE MADE WITH LESS DIFFICULTY "

I think we could agree to terminate Mr. Bird's services on the 30th. June. It would be convenient for our work.

DCS

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OTTAWA

February 25th. 1932.

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MEMORANDUM

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DCS.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
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...e following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Ottawa, March 2, 1932.

Bishop of Saskatchewan,
Prince Albert, Sask.

Reverend Mr. Bird may remain James Smith Reserve until ...une thirtieth next.

Duncan C. Scott.

...Chg. Dept. I.A.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Duck Lake, Sask.

April I4th I932

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APR 19 1932

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your #II-I dated the I6th ultimo which was received here on the 2Ist idem, informing me that funds would not be available for payment of salaries of the Field Matron's in this Agency during the Fiscal Year I932-3 and to inform Mrs.E.V.Bird and Mrs.G.J.Waite that they should not remain on duty after March 3Ist in the expectation that their positions will be restored in the next fiscal year.

On the day I received your letter March 2Ist, I immediately wrote Mrs Bird and Mrs Waite giving the full text of the Departmental letter and ending with the following paragraph "Please let me know at your earliest convenience your intention with respect to the last paragraph of the above letter re carrying on your duties."

I am now in receipt of# a communication from Mrs Bird which reads:-

C.P.Schmidt
Indian Agent

Fort-a-la-Corne, Mar 28th I932

Dear Sir:- With reference to yours re the Indian Departments inability to continue the position of the Field Matrons. I beg to state that I shall not continue the duties after April Ist. I would like to know if the "help" provided for attending to the childrens meals and cleaning of the childrens dining room will be continued? The dining room is scrubbed twice a week. I presume as a months notice was given to Field Matron with regard to cessation duties, that a months salary is given.

Signed K.S.S.Bird.

On the 7th instant when at James Smith's R... Mrs Bird who told me she had ceased work ... Ist April and wanted to know what I inte... ical supplies "drugs" she had on hand. ... Pollock being with me at the time I as... list of what she had and give them all ... take them over to the Home Farm Office ... Dr.R.C.Merifield's the Medical Attendant ... saw Dr Merifield with Mr Pollock and told ... re the drugs, he said that was all right, t... and himself would get along allright.

As regards the last paragraph of ... months salary in lieu of months notice sh... and I replied that the Department would ... point and would act accordingly.

I am also in receipt of a commu... which reads:-

C.P.Schmidt
Indian Agent

John Smi...
Davis...

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(Which reads)

C.P.Schmidt
Indian Agent

John Smiths Reserve
Davis.P.O.Sask.

Dear Sir:- Re yours of Mar 21st #7887-27
As long as I have to live on an Indian Reserve I will do what I can for the Indians on that Reserve,but to carry on the duties of Field Matron as I have done for over five years,that is,to give them at least two thirds of my time,would be impossible without payment. I think before I commit myself your letter needs a little more explanation. If I promise to carry on,will all the work of the midday meal be my duty without assistance?if I do not promise to carry on,whose duty will it be to give out medicines?.During my time here as Field Matron I have paid for my house work and washing to be done,so as to be able to carry out the duties of the position as well as possible. I must now either do this work myself,or find other ways and means of raising money to pay for it, therefore I could not,as before stated give the Indians two thirds of my time. I am not refusing to carry on,I only wish to be plainly understood that if I carry on I should consider myself a free agent,not bound to write reports or ask permission to leave the reserve whenever I wished to do so. It is not likely that the Indian Dept would expect this,considering the position of Field Matron is dispensed with,and they have no further claim on my time. I have never received any complaints from you or any one else in the Dept so consider my work has been satisfactory,reports never adequately expalin all that is done for the Indians. I have trusted to results to show this,also to a letter I once read from the Dept that they did not wish a lot of detail. I think this matter i.e.that I no longer hold the position of Field Matron, should be plainly stated to the Chief so that he can notify the whole Band of the step the Department has taken.
Awaiting your reply.
Signed. E.Waite Field Matron.

I have not seen Mrs Waite since receiving her letter. Re giving out Medicines:- There is no Farming Instructor on this Reserve. The Medical Attendant Dr.A.Montreuil lives at Prince Albert 18 miles distant,his engagement calls for a monthly visit to the reserve,Indians call at his office quite frequently and he often times sends them back to the reserve with a note (prescription) for their medicines. Rev Mr Waite the Teacher of the Day School on the reserve is allowed $5.00 per month by the Department for issuing rations and clothing to the destitute and sick Indians. There are eight names on the destitute list at present. Note:- In the Auditor General's Report for the year 1928-9 Rev Mr Waite is referred to as "Dispenser",in 1929-30 as "Issuer"

As regards the writing of monthly reports and asking permission to leave the reserve,I presume these will not be required in future

Re the last paragraph of Mrs Waite's letter she refers therein to Chief Robert Bear of John Smith's Band who I have been told,had passed the remark that Mrs Waite was paid to attend to the Indians.

Re both Mrs Bird and Mrs Waite's query re "Help" for attending to the childrens meals and cleaning of the childrens dining room. The Field Matron on James Smith's and John Smith's reserves were allowed assistance to prepare and serve the warm midday meal to all pupils of the day school. Fifty cents was allowed for each day the school was open. This assistance was granted to allow more freedom of time to the Matrons to do their Field work or attend to cases which might come to [illegible] at their homes during the hours of the preparation of the midday

The Teachers of the other two day schools of this Agency [illegible]y; Mrs.E.M.Siddons at the Fort-a-la-Corne South Day School on [illegible]s Smith'sReserve and Miss.H.J.Hare at Moose Woods Sioux Reserve, [illegible] serve a warm midday meal to the pupils. They are not allowed

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(allowed).

the assistance mentioned herein, not being Field Matrons, the older girls attending school assist with the work but are not paid.

At the three schools where there is a childrens dining room the scrubbing of the floors and the class room floors is done by Indian women who are paid by the Department.

The point may be raised that Mrs Siddons and Miss Hare are the Teachers and are therefore on duty every school day while in the case of Mrs Bird and Mrs Waite they are the Teachers wives and not being Field Matrons are free Agents. While not directly stated, the question who is to prepare the midday meal, seems to be asked. If paid assistance is granted these two schools, will not other Teachers ask for same, also. I consider all should be treated alike. I have had no complaints from the schools where paid assistance is not given. I strongly recommend that we continue serving the warm midday meal at all schools of this Agency.

When on James Smith's Reserve last week Rev Mr E.V.Bird the Teacher, asked me why the difference in the teachers salaries, $800 at the North End School and $950 at the South End School. I replied I understood the Department engaged the teachers recommended by the Church authorities but did not know who fixed the amount of the salary. He then added I thought it might be higher at the South and because there was no assistance given the teacher for preparing the midday meal.

No action

James Smith & Rev. E. V. Bird - 800

John Smith & Rev Waite - 800

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

C.P.Schmidt

Indian Agent.

The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs

Ottawa, Ont.

James Smith
Ft A la Corne South
Mrs Siddons 950

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EX'D.

Ottawa, April 20, 1932.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, in regard to dispensing with the services of the field matrons in the Duck Lake Agency as at March 31st, last, and requesting to be advised as to the arrangements that should be made for continuing the preparing and serving of the midday lunch to the pupils at the James Smith and John Smith Indian Day Schools.

In reply I have to say that the Department desires that the serving of the midday lunch to the pupils be carried out and will continue payments to the Indian women at the rate of 50 cents per day for the actual number of days they perform this service. It is considered that these Indian women should be able, with any assistance the wives of the teachers desire to give, together with the help of the older girls, to prepare and serve the meal without difficulty. The Department can allow no payment to the wives of the teachers for this service. You will be good enough to inform the parties interested accordingly.

You should continue to forward certified vouchers, in duplicate, for the amount due the Indian women in the preparing of the meal and also for any expenses in scrubbing and cleaning.

You will be written in a separate communication regarding the other matters referred to in your letter.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Parker,
Acting Secretary.

C. P. Schmidt, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

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EX'D.

April 23, 1932.

Memorandum -

Concerning the Services of the Rev. E. V. Bird,
At present Teacher of the James Smith Indian Day School.

Rev. Mr. Bird was first employed by the Department at the Red Pheasant Indian Day School. He served there for 3 years, 1920-23, with considerable success. He applied for the principalship of the MacKay Indian Residential School and was given a fair trial there, somewhat against the advice of departmental officers. He was relieved of his duties in 1927, and Bishop Lloyd, when nominating him for the James Smith Indian Day School, stated that he had not been a success in the residential institution "as expected" (this file) (The appointment, of course, had been made by the M. S. C. C.) The trouble which led to his removal from the MacKay School was in connection with corporal punishment. Both the Church and the Department investigated, and the Church, on its own initiative, relieved him of his post. (128-1-1).

From 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Bird were at the James Smith Indian Day School (Fort a la Corne North). In October, 1930, the Church notified the Department that Mrs. Burbridge, teacher of the south end of the reserve, was leaving. A month later, Mrs. Burbridge put up a fight against her retirement and complained of the activities of the Rev. Mr. Bird. (109-9-1). Mr. Bird retaliated in January, 1931, by interesting the Honourable Mr. Weir in his behalf. Further, Mrs. Bird wrote the Superintendent General, complaing of Indian Agent Schmidt (D. M. 's Private File 329) and she wrote the Department, protesting about the procedure in calling the medical officer to the reserve (9-109). In February, the Chief of the Band and the President of the Canadian Legion at Kinistino protested concerning Mrs. Burbridge's dismissal and complained about Mr. Bird. In March, Archdeacon Paul investigated conditions and found the reserve rather divided in its allegiance between the two workers (109-9-1). Mrs. Burbridge left in April, 1931.

In October, 1931, the Superintendent General asked the Department to remove Mr. Bird from the James Smith Indian Day School and arrangements have been made for him to leave in June, 1932. Bishop Hallam has had an interview with the Superintendent General and it was agreed that he would be transferred to the Sturgeon Lake Indian Day School.

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Stewart Valley, Sask.
May 23, 1932.

Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 28 1932

Dear Sirs:

I understand that there is an opening for a teacher for the Indian School, Forte A La Corne. I submit my application for your approval.

I have my Grade Eleven Diploma and nine subjects of Grade Twelve. I attended the Moose Jaw Normal School, and received my Second Class Certificate. I have no experience.

I am a Protestant. I will be twenty-one this year. I am experienced in cooking and would be able to prepare hot dinners for the children.

For references I recommend Mr. G. A. Brown, Principal of the Moose Jaw Normal School, and Mr. W. A. Beatty, Principal of the Swift Current Collegiate, Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

I visited an Indian School at Forte A La Corne, and I am acquaint

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with the methods used in teaching the children.

I would be satisfied with the set salary of Seven hundred and twenty dollars.

If I am accepted I shall do my very best.

Yours truly,
Violet Catherine Stewart.

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109-4-1.

Ottawa, May 31, 1932.

E.A.D.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant, applying for the position as teacher at the Fort a la Corne North Indian Day School for the coming school year, and stating the qualifications and experience which you possess.

In reply I have to say that the Department looks to His Lordship the Bishop of Saskatchewan, under whose auspices the school is conducted, for the nomination of a teacher for this school. I would suggest that you forward your application, with full particulars as to qualifications, etc., to Right Rev. W. T. Hallam, D.D., Bishop of Saskatchewan, Bishopsthorpe, Prince Albert, Sask. I may add that His Lordship was requested to nominate a teacher for this school in time to begin duties at the beginning of the coming school year, on or about September 1st, next.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie.

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Miss Violet C. Stewart,
Stewart Valley,
Sask.

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E A D.

Ottawa, July 13th, 1932.

Right Reverend Sir,-

I desire to refer you to your telegram of February 25th and official telegram of March 2nd, last, in connection with the services of Reverend Mr. Bird as teacher of the James Smith Indian Day School.

It was understood at that time that Rev. Mr. Bird would relinquish his duties on the James Smith Reserve on June 30th, last, and would be transferred to the Sturgeon Lake Indian Day School.

Please advise if those interested have been notified and, at the same time, I would appreciate your submitting your nomination of a teacher for the James Smith Indian Day School.

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

Rt. Rev. W. T. Hallam, D. D.,
Bishop of Saskatchewan,
Bishopsthorpe,
Prince Albert, Sask.

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August 1/32

My dear Mr. MacKenzie:-

Referring to your letter of July 13th re James Smith Indian Day School, some weeks ago I forwarded my nomination of Mrs. Amy McFarlane as teacher for this school to the late Mr. Russell Ferrier, Superintendant of Indian Education, with references from the physician and the chairman at Onion Lake Day School where she has been teaching for a year and a half. Mrs. McFarlane is a widow who has a grown-up daughter living with her, who has been a great help to her. Mrs. McFarlane has IInd Class Professional Certificate of Manitoba and has an excellent record as a teacher. I recommend her with confidence. A missionary is to be appointed to the Reserve Church so Mrs. McFarlane will be dependent on your salary which I hope will be generous.

Rev. E. V. Bird who was formerly teacher at this school prefers to seek some other work than that of teaching if he can possibly find it, so in due time I shall submit another nomination for the Sturgeon Lake Indian Day School.

I was grieved to read of the sudden passing of Mr. Ferrier. He will be much missed in the affairs of the schools and I am sure you will miss him in the office.

Yours sincerely,

W. T. Saskatchewan

A. F. MacKenzie, Esq.
Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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See letter Aug 9/32 (Auth by ...
on file 109-9-1
re Mrs. Macfarlane's qualifications

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109-4-1.

Ottawa, August 5, 1932.

Right Rev. Sir:

I have Your Lordship's letter of the 1st instant, regarding the nomination of Mrs. Amy MacFarlane as teacher of the James Smith Indian Day School which you forwarded the late Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of Indian Education.

In reply I have to say that we have been unable to find your letter among Mr. Ferrier's papers. However, in December, 1930, Archdeacon Paul nominated Mrs. MacFarlane as teacher of the Fort a la Corne South School, and enclosed a communication from the Principal of the Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg stating her qualifications. These are satisfactory, and the Department will approve of Mrs. MacFarlane as teacher of the James Smith School, to begin duties when the school reopens after the present summer holidays, on September 1st, next. The salary allowed her will be at the rate of $90 per teaching month, less 10 percent for the current fiscal year. This is the same salary as was allowed the teacher at this school previous to the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Bird. It is noted that a missionary is to be appointed to this Reserve, and that Mrs. MacFarlane will, therefore, be able to devote her entire services to the school activity.

I shall be pleased if Your Lordship will inform Mrs. MacFarlane of her appointment and arrange with her to take up duties on the date above mentioned. Mr. Agent Schmidt, Duck Lake, is being informed of her appointment and requested to give her every assistance he can in her work and in encouraging a regular attendance of the Indian children. It is hoped that she will meet with every success.

With reference to a teacher for the Sturgeon Lake Indian Day School, it is noted that you will submit a nomination in due time.

Your Lordship's kindly reference to the late Mr. Ferrier is appreciated.

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Rt. Rev. W. T. Hallam, D.D.,
Bishop of Saskatchewan,
Bishopsthorpe,
Prince Albert,
Sask.

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Ottawa, August 5, 1932.

Sir:

I have to inform you that His Lordship the Bishop of Saskatchewan has nominated the services of Mrs. Amy MacFarlane as teacher of the James Smith Indian Day School to succeed Rev. E. V. Bird. Mrs. MacFarlane has a second class professional certificate for the Province of Manitoba and has had previous teaching experience. The Department is approving of her appointment, with salary at the rate of $90 per teaching month, less 10 percent for the current fiscal year. She is to begin duties when the school reopens after the present summer holidays, on September 1st, next. I have to request that you will give Mrs. MacFarlane every assistance you can in the work and also in encouraging a regular attendance of the Indian children.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

C. P. Schmidt, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

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Fort-a-la-Corne North Day School 109-4-1

This school is situated at the North end of the James Smith's Reserve. I visited it in the forenoon of March 10th The day was cold and a strong wind was blowing. I arrived at the school at 9.30 a.m. and found it warm and comfortable. There were 9 boys and 5 girls present out of an enrollment of 17. The ages of the children ranged from six to thirteen years. The different classes were examined in reading and they spoke in an audible voice and I considered the reading good. The children in the primary class were questioned regarding daily life and appeared quite bright. They answered questions without hesitation. The average attendance for the week of my visit was 14 +.

The children's hands and faces were clean and their clothing, although not new, was clean and I considered they were warmly clad.

The teacher, Mrs. McFarlane, I would judge, is well qualified to teach Indian children. Her manner is kindly and I am of the opinion that she is really interested in the children and sympathetic towards them. I may say that I had previously come in contact with Mrs. McFarlane at Onion Lake where she taught a white school, which the children of Departmental employees attended. She was highly spoken of there and her departure from the school to take up Indian work was a matter of deep regret in that community.

Mrs. McFarlane informs me that she is making preparation to plant a large garden and hopes to grow sufficient roots and vegetables to enable her to supplement the warm drink which has been allowed by the Department.

I found the school clean, but it is in need of redecoration. The cross light spoken of by Inspector Piercy, I am of the opinion, can be eliminated to a large extent, if not altogether, by providing dark blinds for the windows in the end of the classroom. I found the school clean and tidy. It is heated by a furnace. The radiation provided in connection with this furnace is different from any I have seen. The teacher

- informs me that -

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informs me that she had difficulty at first in operating it and wrote to the Manufacturers, asking for instructions and since receiving full instructions from them she has had no difficulty in keeping the school warm. At the time of Inspector Piercy's visit she said she was having difficulty and on really cold windy days the school was not comfortable, but that condition has now been overcome.

I was very pleased indeed with conditions as I found them at this school. I would however be very reluctant to have anything I have said construed as a criticism of Inspector Piercy's report and will give him credit for reporting conditions as he found them, but I would say that conditions today I feel would not justify such severe criticism as he made. A very great change must have taken place in as much as I found things quite satisfactory. Here, as at other Reserves where day schools are in operation, the attendance is effected at times by cold weather, sickness, and in a few instances by the indifference of parents. The Indians have been well warned that a punctual and regular attendance is essential if the shhool is to be kept in operation for their benefit.

Report of Inspector Murison
Forwarded under cover of his 305-11 of
March 23/33 on File 109-9-1

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 21 1933
RECORDS

Duck Lake, Sask., July 12th, 1933.

Sir:

I have the honour to report on the affairs of this agency for the month of June 1933.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUL 22 1933

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EDUCATION SCHOOLS

On John Smith's and James Smith's reserves a number of the Indians expressed the desire to send their children to the residential schools at Onion Lake, Gordons and File Hills. I enquired why they did not continue sending them to the day schools on the reserve, in most cases the reply was. "We are poor (hardup) and cannot clothe our children properly, during the winter months" some said they had a hard time providing sufficient food for their families.

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C. P. Schmidt.
Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

2361-15-100.

Duck Lake, Sask.
May 4th, 1937.

SASKATCHEWAN INSPECTORATE
MAY 5 1937
REGINA, SASK.

Dear Sir;-

In reference to our discussion pertaining to the Day Schools on the James Smith's Reserve near Fort a la Corne, I beg to report as follows;-

The teachers of these two schools, namely Mrs Amy McFarlane and Mrs E.M.Siddons are both getting on in years, and are not suited for this work.

I agree with you that we should employ married couples who are Social Service workers as teachers in these schools.

Mr. Jones the Farming Instructor on this Reserve has informed me that a great deal of his time is taken up in being called upon by the present teachers as they have no man to do odd repair jobs. He states that he can hardly refuse all the requests as they are in many instances unfitted for work of this nature. He has a large Reserve to supervise, and he or no other Farming Instructor should have to be called upon to act as handy man or chore boy to the teachers of Day Schools.

I strongly recommend that a change be made here as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

S.H.Simpson

S.H.Simpson,
Indian Agent.

Doctor T. Robertson,
Regina. Sask.

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CANADA
W.
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
REGINA, SASK., 7th May, 1937.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 305-11
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. S. H. Simpson, Agent at Duck Lake, with reference to the Day School Teachers on the James Smith's Reserve.

I fully agree with Mr. Simpson that the services of these teachers be dispensed with at the end of June next.

My recommendations in connection with this reserve are that the North Day School be closed for the present; that a married, male, teacher be appointed for the South School capable of doing social service work; and that a van be operated to bring the children to school from the North. The Farming Instructor is situated at the North end of the Reserve and with a good male teacher at the South end, the Reserve would be well supervised. It is a large Reserve, as you know. At a later date, the question might be gone into of establishing a manual training department in the North School.

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Your obedient servant,

Thos. Robertson

Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Saskatchewan.

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

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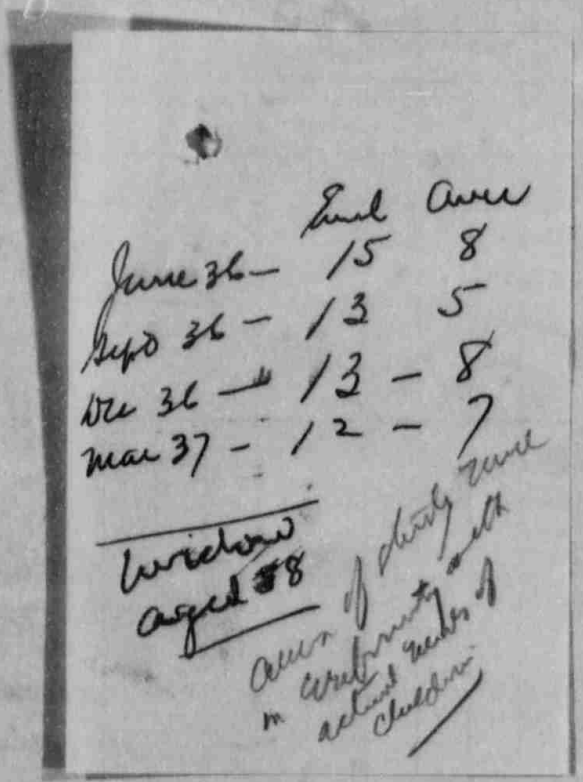

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Ottawa, May 15th, 1937.

Venerable Sir,-

Dr. Thos. Robertson, Inspector of Indian Agencies for the Province of Saskatchewan, forwarded a letter from the Indian Agent at Duck Lake with reference to the James Smith's and Fort-a-la-Corne South Indian Day Schools.

As you are aware, Mrs. Amy McFarlane is the present teacher at James Smith's School, while Mrs. E. M. Siddons is in charge of the Fort-a-la-Corne South School.

Our Agent and Inspector point out that both these ladies are advancing in years and, as a result, are not capable of handling their schools in the manner which the Department has a right to expect. I feel you will agree with me that, when there are so many qualified teachers available, we should, in the interests of our wards, secure the best possible teaching services. This is especially true at the present time when we are endeavouring to bring our course of study more in conformity with the actual needs of the children.

The Department would, therefore, appreciate your advising Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Siddons that their services will not be required after the end of the current academic year, namely, June 30th, next.

For the

Ven. Archdeacon W. E. J. Paul, M.A., LL.D.,
Archdeacon of Saskatchewan,
Synod Office,
Prince Albert, Sask.

Copies of this letter sent to Inspector Thos. Robertson
& Indian Agent Simpson.

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For the Fort-a-la-Corne South School, we would like to secure a married man but a female teacher will be satisfactory for the James Smith's School. Both teachers should be fully qualified and should understand that, in addition to teaching the academic subjects, the Department expects that some vocational training be given both boys and girls, as well as a reasonable amount of community service for the older Indians. Our idea in the latter regard is to bring the older Indians into closer relationship with the school activity.

In nominating teachers for the two schools mentioned, you should select two or three for each school and have them interview Indian Agent Simpson, who is fully conversant with local conditions on each reserve and is in a good position to decide which teacher nominated by you is best qualified for the respective schools.

Yours truly,

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

Ven. Archdeacon W. E. J. Paul, M.A., LL.D.,
Archdeacon of Saskatchewan,
Synod Office,
Prince Albert, Sask.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, May 15th, 1937.

Dear Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing copy of a communication received from Indian Agent Simpson with reference to the teachers at the James Smith's and Fort-a-la-Corne South Indian Day Schools.

Venerable Archdeacon Paul is being written and requested to nominate a married man for the Fort-a-la-Corne South School and a female teacher for the James Smith's School. It is felt inadvisable to close the James Smith's School this year. Our experience in driving pupils a considerable distance has shown that this becomes an expensive procedure and that the results are by no means satisfactory.

Yours truly,

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

2 letters.

Dr. Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.

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109-4-1

Ottawa, June 15th, 1937.

Dear Madam,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, with reference to your dismissal as teacher of the James Smith's Indian Day School.

I regret that it is not possible to make any change in the decision that has already been reached.

Yours truly,

H. A. Hoey.
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mrs. Amy M. McFarlane,
James Smith's Indian Day School,
Fort-a-la-Corne, Sask.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, June 15th, 1937.

Dear Sir,-

With reference to the James Smith's Indian Day School, I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter received today from Mrs. Amy M. McFarlane.

Yours truly,

2 letters

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

Enc. 1.

Dr. Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

2478-15-100N.

Duck Lake, Sask.
June 14th., 1937.

Dear Sir;-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 11th., instance, enclosing Mrs McFarlane's request to be retained as teacher of the Fort a la Corne North School, for another year.

While at this Reserve last week I interviewed Mrs McFarlane, she advised that she had written to ~~yyu~~ and also to Mr. Hoey, Superintendent of Welfare and Training, Ottawa. She also stated that her son-in-law had lost his position as teacher in the Leask Agency.

The Venerable Archdeacon Paul called to interview me last Thursday in connection with the teachers on this Reserve. He has apparently gone to considerable trouble to find suitable employees to fill the occurring vacancies there, and advised that to date he had only been successful in finding one. I requested him to let the matter stand for the time being in so far as the North School was concerned.

I have no fault to find in Mrs McFarlane's school work. However I do find that she is not suitable for the class of work required on this Reserve.

In view of the unfortunate circumstances pertaining to this case, and the fact that Mrs McFarlane in my opinion has given her best while in the Service, I recommend that her request be given favourable consideration.

If the Department see fit to grant this, I would ask that it be distinctly understood that her daughter and son-in-law are not to live on the Reserve with her.

Mrs McFarlane's letter is herewith returned.

Yours very truly.

S.H.Simpson

S.H.Simpson,
Indian Agent.

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REGINA, SASK.

Thos. Robertson, Esqr.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Regina. Sask.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, June 19, 1937.

Re: Mrs. McFarlane

Dear Dr. Robertson:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant and also letter received by you from Indian Agent S. H. Simpson, attached thereto.

I may state, for your information, that on June 15th I sent forward a letter to Mrs. McFarlane, in which I stated:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, with reference to your dismissal as teacher of the James Smith's Indian Day School. I regret that it is not possible to make any change in the decision that has already been reached."

You will remember that a notice of dismissal was sent to these teachers through Archdeacon Paul, in response to a request for a change of teachers on this reserve, recommended by Mr. Simpson in his letter to you of May 4th. I cannot see any valid reason why the decision already reached by the Department should be modified at this date. This attitude may seem harsh, but we must keep in mind that we are primarily responsible for the welfare of the Indian population and for the betterment of conditions on the reserve. The Indian Agent, who is familiar with local conditions, stated very definitely that these teachers are no longer rendering the service that should be rendered on the reserve and that a change is desirable. No difficulty

-should be

Dr. Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Inspector's Office,
R e g i n a, Sask.

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should be experienced in obtaining fully qualified and capable teachers, in view of the hundreds of teachers that are out of employment at this time. If, however, it is found impossible to secure a capable teacher for the North School, you might consider the advisability of allowing either Mrs. McFarlane or Mrs. Siddons to take charge of the school, temporarily, until a more capable teacher is secured. Any recommendation you have to make in this regard will be acceptable to the Department.

Yours very sincerely,

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

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Duck Lake, Sask., July 23rd, 1937.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to advise that on the 21st. instant, as arranged with the Venerable Archdeacon Paul I interviewed four candidates presented by him from which I was to select one whom I considered suitable for the position of teacher for the Fort a la Corne North Indian Day School.

I advised the Archdeacon that I considered Mrs. W.L. Curror, of Springside, Sask., suitable for this work, and as requested by him I would advise the Department to that effect.

Mrs. Curror will require two weeks notice before she is free to accept the appointment.

Your Obedient Servant,

S.H. Simpson

S.H.Simpson,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Can.

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Ottawa, July 31st, 1937.

Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, in which you advise that you have interviewed Mrs. W. L. Currer who was nominated by Venerable Archdeacon Paul for the position as teacher at the Fort a la Corne North Indian Day School.

As you state that you consider Mrs. Currer suitable for this work, the Department approves her appointment, to begin duties on September 1st, 1937. She will be allowed salary at the rate of $90 a teaching month.

I enclose Staff Questionnaire which you should have her complete and return to the Department.

Yours truly,

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

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S. H. Simpson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

COPY SENT TO MR. INSPECTOR ROBERTSON,
Regina, Sask.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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EX'D. R

Duck Lake, Sask. August 7th, 1937

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
AUG 12 1937
RECORDS

Dear Sir,

As requested by Departmental letter No. 109-4-1, dated the 31st ultimo, I beg to enclose herewith Staff Que--stionnaire duly completed by Mrs. W.L.Currer, who is to take over the duties as teacher of the Fort a la Corne North Indian Day School on Sept. 1st next.

Your Obedient Servant,

S.H.Simpson

S.H.Simpson,
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The Secretary,
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Ibstone P.O., Sask.
Oct. 8th 1937.

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Philip Tellou Esq.,
Indian Dept., Ottawa

1- Records
2- Services

Department of Mines
Indian Affairs Branch
OCT 13 1937
RECORDS

Dear Sir,—

In June of this year I was dismissed from my school on the James Smith Reserve with not quite a month's notice. I have taught five years on the James Smith Reserve and two years at Onion Lake. In both places my work has been judged more than good by the Provincial Inspectors. For the five years on James Smith Mr. Piercy P. I. Kinistino, was delighted with the progress of my pupils and has told me more than

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once that the children were a credit to me and an example for many white schools.

I asked the reason for my dismissal but none was given. I love the work with the Indian Children and cannot feel contented to give it up. If there is no valid reason for my dismissal is it possible for me to get another day school?

Is it not customary when a teacher is dismissed for us to have three months salary in addition to the dismissal? If so, please could I have it as I had nothing saved up, and the notice to go came as a bolt from a clear sky.

I am asking for another

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school I would like to say I am healthy, never having lost for sickness one day in the seven years. I have eight more years before I reach the age limit.

Yours truly.

(Mrs.) Amy M. McFarlane

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Ottawa, October 19,1937.

Madam:-

The Department in in receipt of your letter of October 8th with reference to your services as teacher at the James Smith Indian Day School.

As the Department dispensed with your services at the end of the academic year, it is not considered that it was necessary to give you three months notice. No provision is made for allowing three months salary at the time of discontinuance of a teacher's services.

Yours truly,

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

Mrs. Amy M. McFarlane,
Ibstone P.O.,
Sask.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, October 19,1937.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose for your information a copy of the letter which has just been received from Mrs. Amy McFarlane, former teacher of the James Smith School.

Yours truly,

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

encl.

S.H. Simpson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 306-11
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
REGINA, SASK., August 3, 1938.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
AUG 6 1938
RECORDS

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise that Mrs. Stella Curror, Teacher, North Day School, James Smith's Reserve, has tendered her resignation and stated that she was vacating the house on August 1st.

The Bishop at Prince Albert has been advised of this.

Yours truly,

Thos. Robertson

Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Saskatchewan.

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

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Ottawa,
August 9, 1938.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: James Smith's North Indian Day School, No. 608.

The Department has received and accepted the resignation of Mrs. Stella Curror, teacher of the above-mentioned school. Her name should not appear on future pay lists.

I will advise you later regarding the name of the teacher who will be in charge of this school for the academic year 1938-39.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Miss Davis

Ottawa,
August 9, 1938.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant the resignation of Mrs. Stella Curror as teacher of the James Smith's North Indian Day School is accepted to be effective immediately.

It is noted that you have advised the Bishop of Prince Albert and no doubt he will nominate a qualified teacher to take charge of this school on September 1.

Yours truly,

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

Dr. Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.

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AUGUST 10 1938

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BISHOP OF SASKATCHEWAN
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DEPARTMENT APPROVES APPOINTMENT WILLIS A RICHFORD TEACHER FORT A LA CORNE NORTH INDIAN DAY SCHOOL AT SALARY OF NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR TO COMMENCE DUTIES SEPTEMBER FIRST

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Indian Affairs Branch
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MRS CURROR RESIGNED NORTH FORTALACORNE SCHOOL NOMINATE MR WILLIS A RICHFORD FIRST CLASS PERMANENT SASK CERTIFICATE 13 YEARS EXPERIENCE 8 AT PRESENT SCHOOL AGE 32 MARRIED EXCELLENT REFERENCES WIFE WILLING TO HELP MUST RESIGN PRESENT SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY IF APPOINTED THEREFORE REPLY TODAY WOULD BE APPRECIATED

BISHOP OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Copy sent to Indian Agent

Ottawa,
August 11, 1938.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant in connection with the teaching services at the Fort a la Corne North Indian Day School the Bishop of Saskatchewan has nominated Mr. Willis A. Richford to take charge of this school on September 1. He has a first class permanent Saskatchewan certificate and has had 13 years experience. He is a married man 32 years of age. Mr. Richford's appointment has been approved. Please give him every possible assistance.

Yours truly,

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

Dr. Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, August 13th, 1938.

MEMORANDUM:

Representative of the Treasury.

Re - James Smith Indian Day School
- No. 608.

With reference to my memorandum of the 9th instant, in connection with the teaching services at the above named school, I wish to advise you that the Department has approved the appointment of Willis A. Richford to take charge of this school on September first, 1938, at a salary of $900 a year.

The following entry should, therefore, appear on the September pay-list and on subsequent pay-lists until further advised:

Willis A. Richford $90.00
Teacher,
James Smith Indian Day School,
Fort a la Corne,
Sask.

I enclose copy of letter of appointment, and Staff Questionnaire will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Minister of
OCT 17 1938
Mines & Resources

North Indian Day School
James Smith Reserve
Fort a la Corne
Kinistino Sask
Oct 8th 1938

Hon. T. A. Crerar,
Dept of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

May I take the liberty of drawing to your attention, a very unfair and unfortunate situation as regards teachers in your Indian Schools in Saskatchewan I am writing on behalf of myself and several others.

With your Dept. trying to improve the standard of teaching in Indian Schools, and insisting that teachers possess a Prov. Certificate, several teachers like myself have left the Provincial service to work under your Dept. But in so doing we are deprived of years of effort in preparing for self-support in our old age and that we will not be on relief or old age pensioners, in that we find that we are not able to continue under the Provincial Teachers' superannuation, and as we are classed as Temporary employees under your department, do not come under the Civil Service Act of the Dominion.

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I take my own case as a typical example, I have a Sask. First Class Perm. Cert - and am working for my Superior First - have years of service credited towards the number required for superannuation under the Sask Act - since 1924, and have contributed, again without a break, since 1930 to the Provincial Fund. Yet because I have moved a few miles to an Indian School, I must withdraw from the Act, and lose credit of 14 years of teaching service.

We do feel that 1/ We must possess Proper Sask. Certs. 2/ Teach the Sask. Curriculum 3/ Be reported upon by Saskatchewan School Inspectors, etc,

in fairness, if a teacher already under the Sask. Superannuation Act enters your Dept.'s service, it should be possible for him to continue under the Provincial Superannuation Scheme. Could it not be arranged for the treasury department to withhold 4% of our salary and forward to Regina? Either allowing us to contribute to the Provincial Scheme, or the Civil Service scheme, will prevent an exodus of qualified teachers from Indian Schools, back into the Provincial schools, when

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the educational affairs of the Province and salaries return to somewhat nearer conditions of a few years ago.

Either the Provincial or Dominion superannuation scheme, will promote satisfaction and make for more permency amongst the qualified teachers who are now entering Indian School work.

Sincerely trusting something will be done soon, and assuring you that all the above suggestions are respectfully submitted,

I remain

Your obedient servant

Willis. A. Rickford

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Minister's Office

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MEMORANDUM

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October 17, 1938.

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THE DEPUTY MINISTER:

The attached (Oct. 8) from Willis A. Richford, teacher at North Indian Day School, James Smith Reserve, Fort a la Corne, Kinistino, Sask. is referred to the department for attention.

W.J.F.Pratt
Private Secretary.

Dr. McGill -

For attention of your Branch.

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EXD.

Ottawa, October 19, 1938.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 8, addressed to the Honourable T. A. Crerar, Minister of this Department, has been passed on to me for consideration and reply.

I may state that the desirability of establishing a superannuation fund, to which Indian day school teachers would contribute and from which they would be eligible for allowances, has been reviewed by departmental officials on a number of occasions in recent years. The obstacles, however, standing in the way of the establishment of such a fund are, in my judgment, for the time being at least, almost insurmountable.

I was responsible, a few years ago, for the establishment of a superannuation fund for teachers in the province of Manitoba, and I entered this Department two years ago, hopeful that a worthwhile fund could be established here.

May I point out that approximately 50% of Indian pupils are enrolled at residential schools, operated by certain churches, in cooperation with the Department. The principals and teachers responsible for instruction in these institutions are employed, not by the Government, but by the churches. A large majority of Indian day schools are also operated by the Government, in close cooperation with the churches. The records here disclose that 50% of the Indian population in Canada belong to the Roman Catholic Church. This means that a great many of our Indian day schools, particularly in eastern Canada, are in charge of

teachers -

Willis A. Richford, Esq.,
Teacher,
James Smith Indian Day School,
Kinistino, Sask.

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teachers who are members of religious Communities or religious Teaching Orders. These religious Orders, I understand, have made provision for the care and welfare of their members in the declining years of their lives, with the result that these Sisters would not be at all interested in a superannuation fund to which they would be compelled to contribute.

You may be interested to learn that the average period of time spent by our teachers in Indian day schools is a little less than five years. This means that a great many young unmarried women seek and secure positions as Indian day school teachers with the object of getting married in the course of a few years. These girls would hesitate to contribute to a fund such as the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, if they were informed that no contributions would be returned until they had spent at least ten years in the service of the Government.

I am personally of the opinion that, in order to qualify for superannuation, Indian day and residential school teachers would have to become permanent Civil Servants as defined by the Civil Service Act. In view of all the circumstances, however, the chance of our Indian day and residential school teachers becoming permanent Civil Servants, appointed after qualifying by competitive examination, is very remote indeed.

There is a widespread feeling that Indian day school teachers are, somehow or other, discriminated against by the Government, in that the teachers do not qualify for superannuation. May I state that there are thousands of individuals in the Service of the Government, none of whom qualify under the Superannuation Act. I have in mind temporary Civil Servants employed for years either at Ottawa or in the outside service - post masters throughout the Dominion, temporary light-house keepers and a number of others. These claim - and I think rightly so - that their case should be given consideration before any

attempt -

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attempt is made to review the claims of, say, residential school teachers, who are not even employed by the Government. My personal sympathies, of course, are all with the teachers, but I think you will readily appreciate the difficulties confronting the officials when the matter is referred to them for consideration.

I may state, however, that the salaries paid throughout the Dominion to Indian day school teachers in recent years, when free housing accommodation is taken into account, have been almost double the salaries paid to public school teachers. I am not suggesting that the salaries paid are too high, but I do think this fact should be kept in mind, in fairness to the Dominion Government, when a superannuation scheme, or schemes, come up for consideration.

It is my hope that you may have an opportunity of discussing this matter with Dr. Robertson, Inspector of Indian Agencies, province of Saskatchewan. Dr. Robertson is reasonably familiar with the attempts we have made to solve this problem and would, I feel sure, be glad of an opportunity to discuss the matter with you.

Yours truly,

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

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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

File 305-11

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
NOV 28 1939
REGISTERED

Regina, November 25, 1939.

Dear Sir:

Mr. W. A. Richford, Teacher at the North Indian Day School, James Smith's Reserve, Duck Lake Agency, has approached me with regard to an increase in salary, at least to equal that being paid at the South School.

I might say that Mr. Richford holds a First Class Permanent teacher's certificate. He has been teaching at the North School since September 1st, 1938. During this time the enrollment has increased from 14 to 28, with 24 pupils frequently in regular attendance. He is active in manual training work among the pupils, also has carried this work to the younger men of the reserve, who have formed a young men's club which has become very active under his supervision.

Mrs. Richford has also been very active in supervising sewing, knitting, health, cleanliness, etc. She conducts at least two meetings a month, attended by the women of the reserve, and instructs them along these lines.

This school is located 24 miles from the nearest town and has twice as many pupils attending as the South school, which is 12 miles from Kinistino.

Mr. and Mrs. Richford are, I think, the type of teachers we require on our reserves, and I would recommend, if funds are available, that this request be granted.

Yours truly,

Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Saskatchewan.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa.
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Ottawa,
December 2, 1939.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo regarding the salary of the teacher of the Fort a la Corne North day school it has been decided to increase Mr. Richford's salary from $900.00 to $950.00 a year. This increase will be effective from January 1, 1940.

Yours truly,

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

Dr. Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE 2800-15-100

Duck Lake, Sask.
February 10, 1940.

Department of Mines and Resources Indian Affairs Branch
FEB 13 1940
REGISTERED

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise that Doctor [illegible] Robertson, Inspector, notified this office on December 8th. that Departmental letter No. 109-4-1 dated December 2nd. advised that the salary of Mr. W.A. Richford, Teacher at the Fort a la Corne North School was to be increased from $900.00 to $950.00 per year effective from January 1st. 1940.

Mr. Richford has advised that his salary cheque for the month of January did not include this increase.

Yours very truly,

S H Simpson

S. H. SIMPSON
Indian Agent.

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

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Ottawa,
February 14, 1940.

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Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: James Smith Indian Day School
No. 608

The teacher at this school, Mr. W.A. Richford, has been paid salary at the rate of $900.00 a year.

In official letter of December 2, 1939, copy of which is attached, it was decided to increase his salary from $900.00 to $950.00 a year effective from January 1, 1940.

When issuing his salary cheque for the month of February, 1940, he should be paid an amount of $100.00; namely, $95.00 for February and $5.00 additional for the month of January.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Indian Affairs Branch
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North Indian Day School
James Smith Reserve
278 Kinistino
Saskatchewan
May 24th 1940

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

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a recent circular from our Indian Agent, advising that Indian Day Schools will not reopen until October 1st 1940, and that salaries will henceforth be paid upon a nine months basis.

In addition to the unexpected news that it will be necessary to keep ~~one's~~ oneself and family for one third of a year (June 30 till Nov 1st) without income, one irks at the thought of spending three months, July, August, September, laid off in enforced idleness during this time of national emergency.

I would be only too willing to offer my services for even a fairly small remuneration in even a humble capacity

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for this three month period.
Could your department possibly put me into touch with some phase of civilian activity, or activity connected with Canada's war effort especially in Western Canada, where my services could be used during this three month period?

Yours truly,
W. A. Rickford
(Teacher)

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Ottawa,
May 31, 1940.

EX'D.
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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 24th instant I regret that as I am not in close touch with conditions in Saskatchewan I am unable to state what opportunities for employment will occur during the coming summer. As far as this Department is concerned I am not aware of any employment that could be given to you.

Yours truly,

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

Mr. W.A. Richford,
Teacher, North Indian Day School,
James Smith Reserve,
Kinistino, Sask.

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COPY.

North Indian Day School
James Smith Reserve
July 31st. 1941.

Dear Sir,

I desire to submit to you my resignation as teacher of the above school, effective thirty (30) days from August 1st 1941. We expect to vacate the residence early in the week commencing August 18th.

Thanking you for the assistance you have given us in this work during the past three years, I am,

Yours truly,

Sgd. "Willis A. Richford".

Mr. S.H. Simpson
Indian Agent
Duck Lake, Sask.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 382-15-100

Duck Lake, Sask.
August 9th, 1941.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
AUG 11 1941
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Dear Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of letter received from Mr. W.A. Richford, Teacher at the Fort a la Corne North Indian Day School resigning his position as teacher effective August 31st. 1941.

Yours very truly,

S. H. SIMPSON
INDIAN AGENT.

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

SHS/H.

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Ottawa,
August 12, 1941.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant you may inform Mr. W.A. Richford that his resignation as teacher of the James Smith Indian Day School is accepted. Please communicate with the Bishop of Prince Albert with a view to having him nominate a successor. Salary will be allowed the new teacher at the rate of $90.00 a teaching month and the term will be from October 1, 1941, to June 30, 1942.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Mr. S.H. Simpson,
Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

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Ottawa,
August 18, 1941.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: James Smith Indian Day School
No. 608

The Department has received and accepted the resignation of the teacher, Mr. W.A. Richford, effective July 1, 1941, and no further payment of salary should be made to him.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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EXTRACT
ORIGIMAL ON
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Regina, Saskatchewan,
July 15th, 1941.

Dear Sir:

Report on Duck Lake Agency

I wish to report on my inspection trip to the Duck Lake Agency, which I began on June 19th last.

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JAMES SMITH RESERVE

Schools

The North Indian Day School is under the jurisdiction of Mr. W.A. Richford, the teacher. There are 25 pupils on the register and an average attendance of about 19.

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H. Christianson
General Superintendent of Indian Agencies

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Ottawa.

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Diocese of Saskatchewan

Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Henry D. Martin, D.D.

SYNOD OFFICE
PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
SEP 4 1942
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August 31, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Re: Your file 109-4-1

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 20 regarding your acceptance of my nomination of Miss Ida Vandall for the teaching position on the James Smith Indian Reserve in succession to Miss Merrett. I am advising Miss Vandall accordingly.

I hereby wish to nominate for the vacant position as teacher in the day school on the Shoal Lake Reserve the Reverend Smith Atimoyoo. Mr. Atimoyoo has been teaching the last two summers at Pelican Narrows and I feel he will be an admirable person to succeed Mr. Schunaman at Shoal Lake. I returned from the north country yesterday where I interviewed Mr. Atimoyoo. He expressed his willingness to accept the position should you agree with my nomination. I have every confidence that he will make a good teacher and be a good influence amongst the Indians there.

Exton 128-10-1

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Henry D. Saskatchewan

Bp/A

The Superintendent of Welfare & Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa,
June 23, 1943.

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Mr. M. Christianson, Gen. Supt. of Indian Agencies,
Dominion Public Bldg., Scarth & Victoria, Regina,
Sask.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, with reference to the teacher of the James Smith Indian Day School.

Ordinarily we would dispense with her services at the end of the current academic year, but, in view of present conditions, the Department approves her remaining in charge of the school on a temporary basis.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

File 605-11

Regina, October 31st, 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources, OTTAWA.

James Smith Indian Day School North

At the time of my visit to this institution there were 13 children in attendance and there were 23 children on the register. It was explained to me by the teacher that the school attendance was small because the children were away from the reservation with their parents. There were also some children away from school with skin trouble and these were to be seen by the doctor.

Mr. McLeod, the Indian Agent, accompanied me, and I brought to his attention that he should see to it that the attendance at the school improves as soon as the Indians return to the reserve, which I know he will do.

The classes taught at this school are from 1 to 7 and in Grade 7 there are just two boys.

The school had just been renovated and seemed to be in fair shape. The teacher's house needed repairs but the material was there and the work will be gone on with immediately to fix up the interior of the school house.

The teacher, as you know, is an Indian girl from the Sandy Lake Reserve in the Carlton Agency who is married to one of the Indians from the James Smith Reserve, namely John Robert McLeod. He is at present in the Army but was at home on leave when I was there. As far as I could make out from talking to the Indian Agent, etc. Mrs. McLeod is now getting along fairly well. Mr. McLeod, the Agent, and Cannon Ahenakew who is stationed on the James Smith Reserve, had a round up with the teachers and since then I understand that they are attending to their work better and things are fairly satisfactory.

In passing I might mention that after the war I think the proper thing to do with the school and teacher's residence is to give the material to some of the Indians and build a new school and teacher's residence because these buildings have been there for a great number of years and always need a lot of

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M. Christianson,
General Superintendent of Indian Agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

File #305-11

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH
Department of Mines & Resources
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Regina, October 31st, 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources, OTTAWA.

James Smith Indian Day School North

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M. Christianson,
General Superintendent of Indian Agencies.

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Copy sent to Acting Indian Agent

Ottawa,
December 15, 1944.

Dear Bishop Martin:

I have your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to Mrs. McLeod giving up duties at the James Smith Day School at the end of the current month. Her resignation is accepted and the Indian Agent will be informed accordingly.

I note your suggestion that Mrs. Ahenakew be engaged on a temporary basis and, if you are unable to secure a better qualified teacher, we approve of her temporary appointment, but it should be understood that if at any time within the next few months the services of a qualified teacher become available she will be prepared to relinquish the school without objection. In any case I feel that you will agree that she should not be retained after June 30, 1945. We have been allowing the preceding teacher $85 a teaching month, but I feel that $75 a teaching month, plus bonus, should be sufficient for Mrs. Ahenakew. There will be no deduction for income tax, as she is an Indian working on a reserve.

Yours very truly,

Acting Director.

Rt. Rev. H.D. Martin, D.D.,
Bishop of Saskatchewan,
Synod Office,
Prince Albert, Sask.

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Ottawa,
December 15, 1944.

Mr. N.J. McLeod, Acting Indian Agent, Duck Lake, Sask.

I am advised by Bishop Martin that Mrs. Ida McLeod, teacher of the James Smith Day School, finds it necessary to give up her duties at the end of the current month. We are advising Bishop Martin that her resignation is accepted.

Owing to the difficulty in obtaining a qualified teacher, we have decided to accept the Bishop's recommendation regarding the temporary employment of Mrs. L. Ahenakew. In this connection I enclose, for your information, a copy of our letter to Bishop Martin. I enclose the necessary forms which you should have Mrs. Ahenakew complete and return. It is understood that her employment will be effective from January 1, 1945.

See also letter under

for Deputy Minister.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

File #305-11

Regina, December 14th, 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources, OTTAWA.

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I presume that the Rt. Reverend Bishop Martin of Prince Albert will get in touch with our Department regarding the resignation of Mrs. Ida McLeod of the North Day School on the James Smith's Reserve.

M. Christianson,
General Superintendent of Indian Agencies.

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Ottawa,
December 19, 1944.

EX'D.

Mr. M. Christianson, Gen. Supt. of Indian Agencies,
Dominion Public Bldg., Scarth & Victoria, Regina,
Sask.

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, regarding the vacancy at the James Smith Day School, Bishop Martin has just written to us suggesting the temporary employment of Mrs. L. Ahenakew. He states that she has her Grade Eleven and is a bright, keen young woman and he feels would exert a very good influence with the Indian children. Her temporary appointment has been approved. If a qualified teacher can be obtained at any time Mrs. Ahenakew's services will cease. In any case it is not our intention to employ her longer than to June 30 next.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Ottawa, February 2, 1945.

REGISTERED

N.J.McLeod, Esq.,
Acting Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

We are enclosing herewith cheque No.48516, drawn in favour of I.Vandall, formerly teacher James Smith Indian Day School, in the amount of $102.19, being refund of Retirement Fund account.

L.W.McCutcheon
Chief Treasury Officer.

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Ottawa, July 6, 1945.

Dear Bishop Martin:

With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, the Department approves the transfer of Mr. L. Ahenakew from the Fort a-la-Corne South School to the James Smith Indian Day School. Salary will be allowed him at the rate of $95.00 a teaching month. This transfer will be effective from September 1, 1945.

In view of your recommendation regarding this transfer, it is presumed that Mrs. Ahenakew gave up duties at the James Smith School on July 1, 1945.

Yours sincerely,

For Deputy Minister.

Right Rev.H.D. Martin, D.D.,
Bishop of Saskatchewan,
Synod Office,
Prince Albert, Sask.

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Ottawa, July 6, 1945.

Memorandum:

EX'D. A

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY.

Re: James Smith Indian Day School, No. 608.

Please note that Mrs. L. Ahenakew, who has been temporarily in charge of this school, gave up duties on July 1, 1945, and no further payment of salary should be made to her.

It has been decided to transfer Rev. L. Ahenakew from the Fort a-la-Corne South School (#609) to the James Smith School, effective September 1, 1945, at a salary of $95.00 a teaching month.

Please note that Mr. Ahenakew is a Treaty Indian and is teaching on an Indian reserve. Consequently, he is not liable for income tax.

I attach copy of letter approving this transfer.

For Deputy Minister.

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DOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Bishop
The Rt.Rev.Henry D.Martin, D.D.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
JUL 13 1945
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Mr. R.A. Hoey
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

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I now wish to nominate Miss Mildred Hitchcock as teacher at the South School on Fort a la Corne Reserve. I have given Miss Hitchcock(s qualifications in a previous letter, and I would like to add that she is most anxious to help in Indian work. I have every confidence that she would do good and faithful work on a reserve. I have not heard from you regarding the transfer of Mr. L. Ahenakew from the South School to the North School at Fort a la Corne and of course Miss Hitchcock's nomination is subject to your agreement of the proposed change.

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Faithfully yours,

(Sgd.) Henry D. Saskatchewan.

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EXT.

Ottawa, July 17, 1945.

Mr. N.J. McLeod, Acting Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

At the request of Right Reverend H.D. Martin, D.D., the Department has approved the transfer of Mr. L. Ahenakew from the Fort a-la-Corne South Indian Day School to the James Smith Indian Day School, effective September 1, 1945. As you are aware, Mrs. Ahenakew was teaching temporarily, at the latter school until June 30, 1945.

We have now received another letter from Bishop Martin, nominating Miss M. Hitchcock as teacher of the Fort a-la-Corne South School, effective September 1, 1945. We have approves this appointment and I enclose the necessary forms which you should have Miss Hitchcock complete and return to this office as soon as she begins duties.

For Deputy Minister

Encl.

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ontario,
November 20, 1945.

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Department of Mines and Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Booth Building,
Sparks Street,
OTTAWA

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Genelemen:

Thanks for yours received to-day re Harvey Jacobs, R. R. #3 Thamesville.

Yes, I am aware that the Department is engaging teachers who take charge of Indian day schools. On my trip north a few years ago I happened to call at an Indian school at Fort a la Corne and was greatly pleased to meet the teacher, who was an Indian. From all I could hear round about she was a splendid teacher and was doing good work. I believe her husband, also an Indian, had one room and she had another, it being a two-roomed school if I remember correctly. What I found, however, was that they were badly in need of maps of various kinds, and I promised to send to that particular teacher, whose name I have forgotten, a series of maps. If she is still there you will likely know, and if so I would be glad to send her maps.

Yours faithfully,

John R. MacNicol

JRM/P. John R. MacNicol.

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Ottawa, November 23rd, 1945.

Dear Mr. MacNicol:

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, the teacher who was in charge of the Fort-a-la-Corne a few years ago is no longer there. There are two schools at Fort-a-la-Corne, the North and the South. However, both teachers have been replaced, therefore, the teacher you refer to would not receive the maps were you to send any.

It is customary for teachers to send in a requisition to this office for supplies which they may require. This includes maps, books, stationery, etc. I, therefore, feel certain that since your visit these schools have requisitioned and received the material necessary to carry out their duties.

Yours very truly,

Director

Mr. J.R. MacNicol,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Duck Lake, Sask., April 1, 1946.

File

MARCH QUARTER REPORT.

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Education

All day schools in this Agency have been open during the period covered by this report, attendance at a few schools has been irregular due to cold weather and the pupils' homes being situated at a distance from day school.

A lunch consisting of a hot drink of cocoa with health biscuits was supplied each pupil at mid-day.

With the advent of spring and warmer weather regular attendance will be insisted upon at all day schools.

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H. J. McLeod.
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, June 5, 1946.

Mr. N. J. McLeod, Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Saskatchewan.

EXD.

I have just received Inspector Mahood's report regarding his inspection of the James Smith Indian Day School on May 17.

The Inspector states that the supply of books and equipment should be improved. In this connection I may say that we have not yet received the requisition from the teacher for the classroom supplies for the academic year 1946-47. This should have been forwarded some weeks ago in order to give us time to secure the articles that we supply.

The Inspector recommends window blinds, screens and a few pictures, to relieve the monotony of the room. You may arrange for the purchase of these.

It is stated, further, that the walls and ceilings of this classroom should be redecorated. If you consider this necessary, please submit an estimate of the cost.

Mr. Mahood states that the present teacher, Mr. Ahenakew, has much to his credit as a teacher. However, the Inspector considers that it would be to the benefit of Mr. Ahenakew and the pupils if he were transferred to some other school and a new teacher engaged. Please let me have your comments on this suggestion.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 238-15-100W

Duck Lake, Sask.,
12th June, 1946.

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

Reference is made to your letter No.109-4-1 regarding Inspector Mahoods report covering North Day School, James Smith Reserve.

RETURN 109-4-5

In regards to his recommendations re. decorating classroom, window blinds, screens and a few pictures. The matter will receive my attention.

With reference to classroom supplies. Mr. Ahenakew has received all supplies requested by him and, it not satisfactory or sufficient, the fault lies directly on his shoulders.

I am pleased to report that, according to a communication I have received from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Henry D.Martin, Mr. Ahenakew does not intend to continue teaching on James Smith Reserve following termination of the present acedemic term and the services of a competent teacher are being sought by Bishop Martin for the ensuing term at the North Indian Day School on James Smith Reserve.

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Mr. N. J. McLeod, Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Saskatchewan.

Yours of 12 June refers to the intended resignation of Mr. Ahenakew as teacher of the James Smith Indian Day School (North).

Please ensure that his letter of resignation is forwarded to this office if he still intends to discontinue his teaching duties. We would also like to be informed as to the disposition of his funds in his Retirement Fund account.

END.

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

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Duck Lake, Sask.
July 2nd, 1946,

Department of Mines & Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Ont.

The following report on the affairs of Duck Lake Sask Agency, covering the period 1st April to 30 th April, 1946.

Education:-

All day Schools in this Agency were open during the period covered by this report. ressonable satisfactory progress was noted, attendance fair, discipline fair. All day schools closed on June 28th. fothe annual holiday season.

The following Day School Teachers have handed in their resignations.

1. Mrs E.C. Carlin, Whitecap Moose Woods Sioux, Dundurn, Sask.
2. Mr. L. Ahenakew, James Smith Reserve North. Fort a la Corne, Sask.

Replacement teachers will be required for commencement of the September 1st 1946 academic term.

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To whom it May Concern.

L-12835 (WO) CSM F.C. Dey.

This NCO has served with this Regiment continuously since april 1940 with the exception of time spent on courses.

He has been employed as an Orderly Room Clerk, Pay Clerk and Postal. During the last eight months - January - august 1943 he has been Educational NCO for the Unit

It will be seen that CSM Dey has occupied positions of trust and responsibility during his service with this Battalion. Performance of these duties has been entirely satisfactory. He has always put plenty of initiative and good judgement into every task he has undertaken. He has our complete confidence.

I unhesitatingly recommend WO1 Dey to anyone fortunate enough to receive his services.

This Unit regrets the loss of CSM Dey because of his being selected for work in an active theatre of war

F.A. Clift - Lt. Col
O.C. S. Sask. R C.A.O.

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Duck Lake, Sask.
October 1, 1946.

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

The following report on the affairs of Duck Lake, Sask. Indian Agency covering the period July 1st. to Sept. 30th, 1946 is respectfully submitted.

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Education

All day schools in this Agency, except Moose Woods Sioux, re-opened on September 3rd for the ensuing academic term. Following the duties at James Smith North Day School.

To date the services of a teacher for Moose Woods Whitecap Sioux Day School has not been found and every effort is being made to locate a suitable teacher. Attendance at all Day Schools now open has shown a marked improvement. Parents of Indian children in attendance at Residential Schools and are insisting that their children attend Day Schools on their Reservations, with the results that the seating accommodation at all Indian Day Schools is taxed to the limit and in a few cases overcrowding has resulted.

Two Indian families of John Smith Band are sending their children to a white day school adjacent to their reservation. The reasons given by the parents are that they do not want their children associating with white children.

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE 721-15-100N.

Duck Lake, Sask.
October 10, 1946.

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

With reference to Departmental letter file No. 109-4-1(W.T.1) dated August 30th., enclosed herewith necessary forms duly completed by Mr. Dey.

N.J. McLEOD
INDIAN AGENT.

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE 901-15-100N

Duck Lake, Sask.
November 26, 1946.

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

Reference is made to your letter dated November 20th., your file No. 109-4-1 (W.T.1.) regarding condition of the Teacher's Residence at North Day School on James Smith Indian Reserve.

With reference to the remarks of Bishop Martin quoted in your letter regarding the condition of teacher's residence being responsible for the resignation of Mr. Dey, I cannot agree with Bishop Martin's views. The teacher's residence is warm and clean, it is definitely not falling apart and furthermore Mr. Dey did not intimate to me that the condition of the residence had anything to do with resignation.

True the interior should be repair. Old plaster removed and the interior replastered and furnace repaired or replaced with a new furnace. Cement cistern should be installed, fences repaired and school yard cleaned up, also all buildings painted on the exterior. However, I wish to make it clear that the premises and buildings are definitely not in an unhabitable condition.

The school building admittedly is too small to accomodate the number of Indian children in attendance. All of these matters were discussed by me with Mr. Dey and he is well aware of the fact that due to shortages of materials and skilled labour nothing can be done about the matter at present, especially during the cold weather months. It is my intention to have necessary buildings completed in the future and I have discussed with Mr. Dey future plans for proper buildings to be placed on James Smith Reserve for educational purposes.

Mr. Dey has never indicated to myself that the teacher's residence was entirely unsatisfactory and he is well aware of the fact that during the war years we were unable to carry out a building program.

I realize the difficulty Bishop Martin is confronted with in regards to securing the service of satisfactory Indian Day School teachers, in fact a shortage of qualified teachers is prevalent throughout this Province. However to lay the blame on our Department buildings is definitely not the solution to his problem and I can assure Bishop Martin a large number of outside teachers are living in hovels at so called teacherages in white settlements in comparison with the teacherage at the North James Smith Reserve School.

I am definitely of the opinion that Bishop Martin is not aware of the reasons for Mr. Dey leaving and on my next visit to Prince Albert I will call and discuss the matter with him personally.

In the meantime I do not feel that it is wise to recommend any further expenditures in connection with the teacherage and School class room, as I am definitely of the opinion the only proper solution is to erect new buildings as and when materials and skilled labour become available.

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File 901-15-100N
November 26, 1946.

No doubt equipping all Day School teacher's residence with proper furniture and kitchen equipment would be an inducement to qualified teachers assuming the duties, however I hesitate to recommend such expenditures as it would mean a large outlay not only now but in future years.

In conclusion a low me to state that the only solution to the problem,as I see it, in regard to securing the services of qualified teachers is to have all Indian day school teachers under the Civil Service Commission free from missionary services and hired directly by the officials of our Department. This method coupled with an upward revision of salaries would produce results.

The following sums have been expended in decorating and cleaning the North Day School and Teacher's Residence during the month of August 1946.

North Day School	Materials	40.00
	Labour	50.00
Teachers Residende	Materials	50.00
	Labour	50.00
		$190.00

N.J. McLEOD
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109-4-1 (W.T. 1)

Ottawa, 4 December 1946.

The Rt. Rev. Henry D. Martin, D.D.,
Bishop of Saskatchewan,
Synod Office,
PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.

HDM

Dear Bishop Martin:-

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the Fort a-la-Corne Indian Day School (James Smith North), I thought the following information, received from Indian Agent McLeod, would be of interest to you:-

"The teacher's residence is warm and clean, it is definitely not falling apart and furthermore Mr. Dey did not intimate to me that the condition of the residence had anything to do with resignation.

"True the interior should be repair. Old plaster removed and the interior replastered and furnace repaired or replaced with a new furnace. Cement cistern should be installed, fences repaired and school yard cleaned up, also the buildings painted on the exterior. However, I wish to make it clear that the premises and buildings are definitely not in an unhabitable condition.

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"I am definitely of the opinion that Bishop Martin is not aware of the reasons for Mr. Dey leaving and on my next visit to Prince Albert I will call and discuss the matter with him personally."

Yours truly,

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

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Ottawa, February 7th, 1947.

Mr. N.J. McLeod, Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

James Smith Day School (North)

Reference your 1157-15-100N
February 3rd.

It is regretted that Mrs. Burbridge will be unable to take over her duties as teacher of the above school as originally planned. We will so inform Bishop Martin.

Bernard F. Neary
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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109-4-1 (WT)

E/B/D.

Ottawa, February 7th, 1947.

Dear Bishop Martin:-

We have just received a letter from Mr. Indian Agent McLeod in which he states as follows:

"During the past week I contacted Mrs. Burbridge by telephone at her home at Ridgedale, Sask. She advises that due to severe winter weather and bad condition of all roads she will be unable to assume the duties at the North School on James Smith Reserve until the commencement of the Easter term on April 8th, next. Also the fact that she is now residing on a farm where a number of livestock are kept she will require time in order to wind up their affairs before moving to the school residence on James Smith Reserve.

I have agreed to this arrangement especially in view of her teaching qualifications. T.D.1 forms and staff questionnaire have been forwarded to Mrs. Burbridge for completion and immediately she assumes the duties at James Smith School they will be forwarded to your office".

Bernard F. Neary
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Right Reverend Henry D. Martin, D.D.,
Bishop of Saskatchewan,
Synod Office,
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

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109-4-1 (WT 1) E/A/D.

Ottawa, April 16th, 1947.

Mr. N.J. McLeod, Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

In your letter of February 3rd, 1947, you stated that Mrs. Burbridge would begin duties at the James Smith North Indian Day School on April 8th.

We have now received a staff questionnaire from her in which she states that she commenced duties on March 31st.

Please let me know if the latter date is correct so that we can place her name on the pay list.

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

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1517-15-100N

Duck Lake, Sask. April 22nd, 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa Canada.

With reference to your letter dated April 16th your file 109-4-I (WT I) regarding Mrs Burbridge who assumed the duties as Day School Teacher at James Smith North Day School.

I am informed by Indian Farming Instructor, A. R. Nixon, Esq., that Mrs Burbridge assumed her duties effective as from March 31st, 1947.

N. J. McLeod,
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, September 17th, 1947.

Mr. N.J. McLeod, Indian Agent,
Duck Lake, Sask.

It is noted from your letter of the 11th instant that Mrs. Mabel Burbridge has resumed duties at the James Smith North Indian Day School.

I enclose one of our regular application forms which she should complete and return in order that we can settle her salary in accordance with our new salary schedule which is in effect from September 1st.

Please have her give this matter immediate attention.

Philip Phelan
Chief, Training Division.

PP/MGD

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AIRMAIL

Ottawa, October 1, 1947.

Dear Mr. Dey:

I have for answer your letter of September 22. I was pleased to hear that you are still interested in our Indian schools. I feel sure that there will be vacancies in British Columbia which might interest you. I have written today to Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for British Columbia, P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, B.C., and have asked him to let you know of any vacancies. I attach a copy of one of our new application forms which I suggest you have completed and sent to Major MacKay as soon as possible, so that he will be fully aware of your qualifications. If there are no vacancies which interest you, we will have two new day schools opening near Edmonton, Alberta, in November or December. If you will let me hear from you later, in the event you are not settled in B. C., then I will give you the details concerning these Alberta schools.

Sincerely yours,

Encl.

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

Mr. Frank C. Dey,
10 Beckman Block,
Kamloops, B. C.

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AIRMAIL

Ottawa, October 1, 1947.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Indian Day School Teacher

We have received a letter from Mr. Frank C. Day, who formerly taught at the Fort-a-la-Corne North Indian Day School in Saskatchewan. Mr. Day is 43 years of age and served in the Army for 6 years. He has an English teaching certificate and a Saskatchewan certificate. He taught for some 9½ years in provincial schools and 13½ in Indian day schools. He is anxious to obtain an Indian school in British Columbia. As he is an Anglican, I thought you might be able to use his services. His address is 10 Beckman Block, Kamloops, B. C. I am writing to Mr. Day also, telling him that he will probably hear from you in the near future.

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

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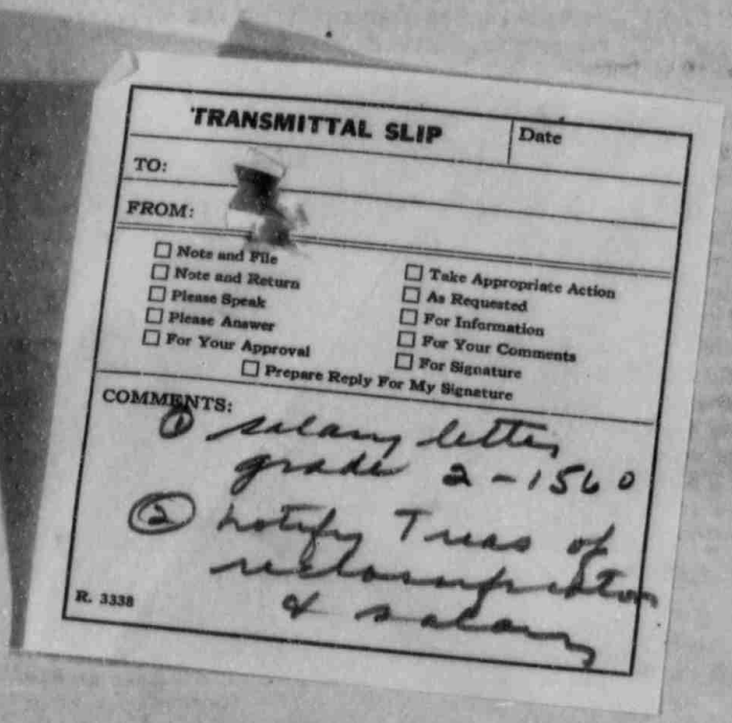

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 970-I5-I00N
(I09)

Duck Lake, Sask. October 5th, I948.

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

Enclosed herewith please find forwarded to this Office by Mrs. M. Burbridge, Teacher at the James Smith North Indian Day School and addressed to B. F. Neary, Esq., Superintendent of Education, Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.

The contents of the enclosurer is self explanatory and I concur with the views setout by Mrs.Burbridge in regards to her remarks in connection with her inability to take a refresher course during the past summer holiday season.

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N. J. McLeod,
Superintendent, Indian Agency.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1458-6-1-100
(109)

Duck Lake, Sask.
October 3, 1949.

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

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Enclosed herewith please find Survey of Potential School Population on the James Smith Indian Reserve #100.

We now operate two Indian Day Schools on the James Smith Reserve and on checking over the enclosed form listing potential school population, it would appear that the solution to providing additional class room facilities would be as follows:

1. Erect a new combined teachers residence and class room in a suitable location approximately five miles distance from our present day school buildings.

2. Repair the South Day School and teachers residence and continue to operate this particular school where it is now located.

3. Repair and erect an addition to the North Day School, by extending the building approximately 16' to 20' in length.

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In this manner we will have provided three day schools located on the James Smith Indian Reserve in areas adjacent to Indian settlements thereon.

The building site for a new day school would be selected in an area where suitable water supplies can be assured.

N. J. McLEOD
SUPERINTENDENT, INDIAN AGENCY

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SURVEY OF POTENTIAL SCHOOL POPULATION

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Name of Band James Smith Location James Smith Reserve, Fort a la Corne, Sask. Agency Duck Lake, Sask.

Religious Denomination C of E Date September 23, 1949

(Separate statistics for denominations)

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Surviving children born in	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949		
Boys	3	4	5	2	1	4	3	3	7	4	10	8	9	3	13	9	8		96
Girls	2	3	5	5	6	4	2	7	3	8	5	5	6	5	12	9	7		94
TOTAL	5	7	10	7	7	8	5	10	10	12	15	13	15	8	25	18	15		190
						Potential Enrolment					1949 14	13	15	8	25	18	15		108
Attending Residential School at Prince Albert, Sask.											91	97	102	103	121	131	141+		
(1) Boys	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--								2
(2) Girls	--	--	4	2	2	4	2	--	--	1	1								16
Attending Day School at James Smith I.R. 3																			
(1) Boys	4	5	2	1	4	3	1	7	4										34
(2) Girls	2	3	1	3	4	--	--	7	3	7									30
(3) Total	5	7	10	7	7	8	5	10	10	12	(15)								96

Remarks: Residential School at Prince Albert, Sask.
Day School pupils attending James Smith Indian Day School.

NOTE: 2 Day Schools in operation on James Smith Indian Reserve.

Signature N. J. McLEOD

Appointment SUPERINTENDENT, INDIAN AGENCY

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Duck Lake, Sask.
October 3, 1949.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

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, November 2, 1949.

Major C.A.F. Clark,
Educational Survey Officer,
c/o Mr. J.P.B. Ostrander,
Regional Supervisor
of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.,

James Smith North Indian Day School

Please find attached a self-explanatory letter from Mr. Indian Superintendent McLeod concerning his plans for the James Smith North Indian Reserve.

It is presumed that you are aware of these recommendations.

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education.

BFN/HM

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1117-15-100
(109)

Duck Lake, Sask.
July 21, 1949

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

Re: James Smith North Day School (608)

Provisions are being made in our 1950-51 estimates for finances to cover costs of enlarging class room accomodation at this school.

Two day schools are now on this particular Indian Reserve, one located near the north end of the Reserve and close to Department farm buildings, the other located seven miles south and towards the south end of James Smith Reserve. The Indian homes located on this particular Reserve are scattered over an area of approximately sixty square miles, with the highest number adjacent to the area served by the north day school with the results that the class room at this particular day school is overcrowded. Whereas, an increased attendance could be accomodated at the south day school, however, this is doubtful as 29 pupils are now available.

The following shows the number of school age pupils and under school age children of James Smith Band:

School Age	Under School Age
Area North School - 42	68
Area South School - 29	65
71	133

To overcome the difficulty here on James Smith Reserve in connection with providing additional accomodation is a problem that requires careful thought with an eye towards the future.

The farming area of James Smith Reserve all lies towards the southern part of the Reservation, however, at present the wooded area from which supplies of fuel wood is available to our Indians there lies towards the north, with the results that I believe our Indians will reside in greater numbers in the future towards the wooded area.

In view of the foregoing I believe we should increase class room accomodation at the north day school and move the south day school and teacher's residence approximately one mile east and one mile north from its present location moving the south day school will provide for an increase slightly in attendance and possibly absorb a few children of school age now in attendance at the north school. This move will also place the buildings in a more central part of the south end of the Reserve, and at the same time place the buildings adjacent to good water supplies. I might add here that water supplies are not available at the present site of the south school and water for use of teacher and school is being hauled a distance of approximately two miles.

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I therefore recommend that consideration be given to enlarging the class room at the north day school by additions to the present building or by erection of a new two room day school at this location. I might add that the present school building at the north is old and will require considerable repairing in the near future. It is of log construction and sheated outside and inside.

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