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Department of Indian Affairs

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File Hills

School Lands
File Hills Boarding Sch.

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P.C. 727.

Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 26th March, 1889.

PRIVY COUNCIL CANADA.

Upon the application of the Indian Commissioner of the North West Territories, and of the authorities of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, for a grant for the purposes of a boarding school established by that Church for the benefit of Indian children, of the North half of section 32, Township 22, Range 11, West of the 2nd Meridian, and of all that part of Section 33, in the same Township, which is outside of the boundaries of the "Okanesse Indian Reserve", the Minister of the Interior recommends that the control of the said lands be vested in the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs for purposes connected with the Indians of the said Reserve including the purposes of the boarding school before referred to.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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The Minister recommends that the Order in Council referred to be rescinded. and that, in lieu of the provisions thereof, authority be given for the suggestions of the Indian Commissioner, above indicated being carried out.

The Committee submit the same for approval.

J J McGee Robert Lindsay

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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P.C. 995.

Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 29th June. 1903.

PRIVY COUNCIL CANADA.

On a memorandum dated 11th June, 1903, from the Acting Superintendent General of Indian Affairs submitting in reference to the Order in Council of the 26th March 1889, vesting in the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs the north half of section 32, township 22, range 11 west of the 2nd meridian, and all that part of section 33 in the same township, which is outside of the boundaries of the Okanees Indian Reserve for purposes connected with the Indians of the said reserve including the purposes of the boarding school established on the reserve by the Canada Presbyterian Church, that the Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and the North West Territories suggests, on a report of the Indian Agent for the said reserve, that the north west quarter of said section 32, which is now of no use to the Department of Indian Affairs and which has been occupied for some years by a halfbreed, be relinquished by the latter mentioned Department and thrown open for homestead entry, and that the north east quarter of the same half section 32 and all that part of the said section 33 which is outside of the boundaries of the Okanees Indian Reserve, remain subject to the control of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs for the purposes of the Presbyterian boarding school referred to.

The

NE 1/4 32 | 3 3

Okanees Reserve Sch property NE 1/4 Sec 32 + all fractional Sec 33 outside (west) of the Reserve

283 acre

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PRIVY COUNCIL CANADA

Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the November, 3rd 1905.

On a report dated 26th August, 1905, from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, stating that the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada have applied to the Department of the Interior to acquire in fee among other lands, for the use of the File Hills Indian Boarding School, under the control of the Presbyterian Church, the fractional Section 33 and the North-east quarter of Section 32, Township 22, Range 11, West of the 2nd Meridian, which lands were by Order in Council of the 29th June, 1903, placed under the control of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs for the purpose of the File Hills Indian Boarding School.

The Minister therefore, recommends that these lands be relinquished to the Department of the Interior, in order that they may be disposed of by that Department to the Presbyterian Church for boarding school purposes.

The Committee submit the same for approval.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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Signature
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This copy handed to me by Dept. Interior
The Crown sold this church 413 acres in all for $3 per a.
The date May 11, 1906 R.T.F. Feb. 1923.

Now Know Ye, that by these presents We do grant, convey and assure, unto the said The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, its successors and assigns forever, all those Parcels or Tracts of Land, situate, lying and being in the Twenty-second Township, in the Eleventh Range, West of the Second Meridian, in the Province of Saskatchewan, in Our Dominion of Canada, and being composed of Firstly:- the North-East quarter of Section Thirty-two of the said Township, as shown upon a map or plan of Survey of the said Township, signed at Ottawa, on the 22nd day of October A.D. 1897, by Edouard Deville, Surveyor General of Dominion Lands, and of record in the Department of the Interior, containing by admeasurement One hundred and fifty-one and forty-two hundredths (151 $\frac{42}{100}$) acres, more or less, and Secondly: all that portion of Section Thirty-three, of the said Township, which lies to the West of the Western limit of the road allowance adjoining the West boundary of the Indian Reserve, as shown upon said plan of Survey of the said Township, containing by admeasurement One hundred and one and ninety three hundredths (101 $\frac{93}{100}$) acres, more or less. The lands hereby granted containing by admeasurement together Two hundred and fifty three and thirty five hundredths (253 $\frac{35}{100}$) acres, more or less.

Dept of Int also sold SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 32 Rpl, 160 a
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EXTRACT FROM SECRETARY'S LETTER TO COMMISSIONER GRAHAM, Dated March 29, 1910.

Original on File 117072-5.

As you are aware it is the wish of the Department to construct this building either upon the Reserve, or to so arrange matters with the Presbyterian Church that the title for the land upon which the building is erected shall be in the Department.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF REV. R. P. MACKAY, D. D., SECRETARY, FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, Addressed to Deputy Supt. General, Dated December 23, 1910.

Original on File 117072-5.

- A portion of which could be given to the Department as at File Hills - for site for new building.

EXTRACT FROM SCHOOLS BRANCH NOTES RELATING TO INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL PROPERTY OTHER THAN ON RESERVES.

14th July, 1910 -

The portion of Section 33 - Tp. 22 - VI-W. 2 M. above referred to - which contains 101.95 acres - is to be re-conveyed to the Department for the purposes of the proposed new boarding school on the File Hills reserve.

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File Hills Agency.

Vote No. 7

Treaty No. 4

Department of Indian Affairs

To W. M. Graham

Balcarres

Sask.

DATE. 1912		SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
June	15	To paid J. Ironquil on account of labor levelling school yard of File Hills Boarding school	25.
		Man and team engaged at $6.00 per day.	
		Auth. by letter No. 117072/5 of April 18th, 1912.	
		Twenty-five dollars.	
		TOTAL,	$25.0

409

414578

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

W. M. Graham

Inspr. of Indian Agencies Agent.

557.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 20 1912

Letter No. 557

Office of the Vile Hills **Indian Agency,**

June 15th 1912 190

SIR,

114578

I have the honour to enclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 557 *, amounting to $* 25.00

for Cash advanced for labor

This Expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 117072/5 *dated* April 18th 1912

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

RECOMMENDED FOR PAYMENT
Accountant
APPROVED
D. M. of I. A.

Indian Agent.
Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa

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File Hills Agency.

Vote No. 7

Treaty No. 4

Department of Indian Affairs

To W. M. Graham (In Trust) 41573-7

Balcarres,

Sask.

DATE. 1912	SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
May 28 to June 15 inclusive	To 17 days labor of man and team (Joe Ironquil) @ $6.00 per day,	102.
May 29-June 15,	To 16 days labor @ $1.00 per day, Edwin Wokesis	16.
June 1-15	To 13 days labor @ $1.00 per day, Alec. Stonechild	13.
	These three Indians were hired to level the ground around the new File Hills School buildings. Auth. by letter No.117072/5 of April 18th, 1912	
	One Hundred and thirty-one dollars. TOTAL,	$131.00

Usual form Rec'd July 27th 703

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

W. M. Graham
Inspr. of Indian Agencies Agent.

560.

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Letter No. 560

415777

Office of the File Hills Indian Agency,

ACCOUNTANT'S
JUL 17 1912
BRANCH

July 12th, 1912 190

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 560, amounting to $ 131.00

for leveling school yard

This Expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 117072/5 dated April 18th, 1912.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham

Indian Agent.
Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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117072-5A

Ottawa, 30th July, 1912.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 17th instant, No. 11 I beg to say that you should return cheque No. 409 for $25.00.

Your obedient servant,

D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W.M.Graham Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Balcarres, Sask.

To Superintendent

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6308, file 653-9, part 1)

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EXD.

417759

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AUG 14 1912

ACCOUNTANTS AUG 15 1912 BRANCH

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 9844

417759

Bank of Montreal,

$ 25.00

Ottawa, Aug 13th 1912

RECEIVED from Dept Cheque 409

on account Indian Funds

the sum of Twenty five ---------- xx *Dollars,*
which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AUG 14 1912

Ent'd. B

G M [illegible]

Pro. Manager.

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Office of **THE INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES**
SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN INSPECTORATE,

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

BALCARRES, SASK., August 7th, 1912

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 14 1912

Ref. : Your Letter of 30th July **1912 , No.** 117072-5A

417759

Sir,-

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter above quoted I beg to enclose herewith cheque No. 409 for $25.00.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Office of THE INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES,
SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN INSPECTORATE,

IN YOUR REPLY [illegible] No. [illegible] TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

BALCARRES, SASK., July 17th, 1912. 191

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS JUL 1912

Ref.: Your Letter 416361 191, No.

Sir, -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque No. 409 in payment of voucher No. 557 issued on account of money advanced to J. Ironquil ~~for levelling~~ the yard round the File Hills Boarding school. When the work of levelling the yard was completed I forwarded voucher No. 560 covering the whole amount due, so that the $25.00 I have received should be deducted from the amount of the last voucher viz. $131.00, unless I may apply it on account of the work now being done on the school farm, cutting scrub etc. I would respectfully request to be advised what to do with the cheque. I may add that the work of clearing the farm is being done by the same Indian, J. Ironquil.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham

Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

Return cheque

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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South Saskatchewan Inspectorate.

Vote No. 7

Treaty No. 4

Department of Indian Affairs

To W.M.Graham (In Trust)

Balcarres,

417951 Sask.

DATE. 1912		SERVICE.	AMOUNT.	
Aug.	12	To amount due Joe Ironquil (Indian) for cutting off scrub and plowing 11¼ acres of land on the File Hills Boarding school Farm @$12. per acre	$ 135	00
		Auth. by Department's letter No.117072/5 of April 18th 1912.		
		Ck. & Forms sent - Aug. 20 ok 896		
		One Hundred and thirty-five dollars.		
		TOTAL,	$135	00

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

W M Graham

Inspr. of Indian Agencies

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South Saskatchewan Inspectorate.

Vote No. 7

Treaty No. 4

Department of Indian Affairs

417951

To Rev. H. C. Sweet,

Balcarres,

Sask.

DATE. 1912	SERVICE. EXD.	AMOUNT.
May 29-July 22	To board of Edwin Nokesis (Indian) 7½ weeks @ $3.50 per week	26.25 ✓
June1-Aug.1st	To board of Alec Assineawasis (Indian) 8½weeks @ $3.50 per week	29.75 ✓
	These Indianswere employed at the school, leveling the yard and cutting scrub. Auth. by Dept. letter No. 117072/5 of April 18th, 1912.	
	Sent Aug 20th 894	
	Fifty-six dollars.	✓
	TOTAL,	$56.00

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

W. M. Graham

Inspr. of Indian Agencies Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AUG 17 1912

Letter No. 565-566

417951
417923

Office of the File Hills Indian Agency,

ACCOUNTANTS AUG 19 1912 BRANCH

August 12th, 1912 190

EX'D.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 565-566, amounting to $ $56.00 and $135.00

for Board and labour in connection with leveling school yard and cutting scrub.

This Expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 117072/5 dated April 18th, 1912

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham

Indian Agent.
Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS APR 1913

Office of **The Inspector of Indian Agencies,**

South Saskatchewan Inspectorate,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO No. 1 TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Balcarres, Sask., April 23rd. 1913 191

Ref.: Your Letter ..... 191 , No. .....

435939

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that a fence round the garden of the File Hills School is very badly needed. The garden is close to the buildings and it is very necessary to have a neat fence. I have gone into the matter and find that a page wire fence with cedar posts and top rail with two iron gates can be constructed for about $135.00. At the present time there is no fence there as the last one, which was made of rails has rotted and been burnt.

I trust you will see fit to grant this request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham

Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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117072/5

Ottawa, May 6, 1913.

Sir.-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo in reference to the fencing of the garden at the File Hills School.

In reply I beg to say that you may have a Page wire fence with cedar posts and top rail with two iron gates placed around this garden, the cost not to exceed the amount mentioned by you, $135.00.

Your obedient servant,

J.D. McLean per

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Balcarres, Sask.

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Form 2a

File Hills Agency.

Balcarres Yard May 15th 1913

Dept of Indian Affairs

File Hills Agency

Vote 7
Treaty 4

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Imperial Elevator and Lumber Company

438117

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"	175 Green Cut jailed Cedar posts 7'	20¢	35.00	
"	5 " " " " " 8'	30¢	1.50	$57.40

SWH

For fence around garden at the File Hills Boarding school.
Auth. by letter No. 117072/5 of May 6th, 1913.

Material Supplied
Prices charged fair and just.

[signature]

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3130. Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

Lum-June 2/13

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E. G. HESS

File Hills Agency

BALCARRES, SASK., May 19th 1913

M Dept of Indian Affairs.

IN ACCOUNT WITH Vote 7

CRUIKSHANK & HESS

438117

TINSMITHING
FURNACES
EAVETROUGHING
CISTERNS

DEALERS IN
HARDWARE, STOVES
PAINTS, OILS, GLASS

METALLIC CEILING
AND SIDING
REPAIRS
A SPECIALTY

TERMS: 1% PER MONTH CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

DATE	ARTICLES	FOLIO	DEBIT AMOUNT	CREDIT AMOUNT	TOTAL
1913					
May 17	7 rod 41 Wire 44" Wire Fence	48	33 60		
	1-10 ft Gate		6 75		
	5# Staples		25		
					$ 40 60

200

For fence around garden at the File Hills Boarding School.
Auth. by letter No. 117072/5 of May 6th, 1913.

Material Supplied
Prices charged fair and just.

Recd June 2/13

3129.

H. Cruikshank
Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

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No 3129

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MAY 27 1913

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Office of the File Hills Indian Agency,

ACCOUNTANTS MAY 28 1913 BRANCH

May 21st. 1913

Sir,

I have the honour to inclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 3129, 3130, amounting to $ 40.69, 67.40

for Wire and cedar posts etc.

This Expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 117072/5 dated May 6th. 1913.

RECOMMENDED FOR PAYMENT Accountant APPROVED, for D.C. of I.A.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W M Graham

Indian Agent.

Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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J. IRWIN MONTHLY STATEMENT J. F. BRYANT

Balcarres, Sask., 21st May 191

File Hill Agency File Hills Agency
Balcarres Sask

Vote 7
Treaty 4

IN ACCOUNT WITH **IRWIN & BRYANT**

FURNITURE, HARDWARE, STOVES, RANGES, PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, TINWARE & ENAMELWARE

STEAM, GASOLINE & OIL ENGINES & THRESHERS. FURNACE WORK A SPECIALTY

1% PER MONTH ON ALL OVERDUE ACCOUNTS PHONE

WEST & BROWN, LOOSE LEAF SYSTEMS, CALGARY

DATE	PARTICULARS	FOLIO	DEBIT AMOUNT	CREDIT AMOUNT	BALANCE
May 21	To 1 Dead Tele		4.00		

SWA

Used in fence around garden at the File Hills Boarding school.
Auth. by letter No. 117072/5 of May 6th, 1913.

Material Supplied
Prices charged fair and just

W. M. Graham
Inspr. of Indian Agencies

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Lun. June 28/13
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Letter No. 3144

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 21 1913
OTTAWA

Office of the Wile Wills Indian Agency,

June 17th.1913 191

Sir,

439645

I have the honour to inclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 3144, amounting to $ 4.00

for Iron gate

This Expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 117072/5 dated May 6th.1913.

RECOMMENDED FOR PAYMENT
Accountant
APPROVED!
D. C. G. of I. A.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. M. Graham

Indian Agent.

Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Office of The Inspector of Indian Agencies,
South Saskatchewan Inspectorate.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No.....
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Balcarres, Sask., August 8th, 1913 191

3149

Ref.: Your Letter ..... 191 , No.....

Sir,-

I have the honour to bring the following matter to your attention. You will remember that after the completion of the File Hills Boarding school, the matter of fencing the grounds was left undone, and as a consequence animals of all kinds can roam between the buildings. The property on which the buildings are situated is deeded in the Department's name, and it is this property I wish to fence, with an additional 75 or 100 yds added to the north boundary, where the road passes through to the Agency. I had hoped to put off this work for another year, but this would be a great inconvenience, and if it is possible to do it this year, I should be very glad. Some of the work can be done by the boys. The fence should be made of barbless square mesh wire with cedar posts, in fact the same kind of a fence as was built around the school garden with the exception of the top rail, which will not be required. The estimated cost of the whole fence will be about $350.00.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham
Insp. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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117072/5

Ottawa, August 22, 1913.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant in reference to the fencing of the grounds at the File Hills Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that you may purchase the material and have this fence erected at a cost of approximately $350.00. The school authorities should supply some of the necessary labour and the material should be purchased by you at the best possible prices.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Balcarres, Sask.

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G. HESS

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M Dep't of Indian Affairs

File Hills Agency.

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CRUIKSHANK & HESS

DEALERS IN

HARDWARE, STOVES, PAINTS, OILS, GLASS

TINSMITHING
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METALLIC CEILING
AND SIDING
REPAIRS
A SPECIALTY

TERMS: 1% PER MONTH CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

DATE	ARTICLES	FOLIO	DEBIT AMOUNT	CREDIT AMOUNT	TOTAL
1913					
Sept 20	To 350 rods Wire Fence	500	175 00		
	2 - 4' x 10' Field Gates	675	13 50		
	2 - 4' x 12 Field Gates	725	14 50		
	1 - 3' x 3' Gate		3 00		
					$ 206 00

For fence at the File Hills Boarding school.
Auth. by letter No. 117072/5 of Aug. 22nd. 1913.

Material Supplied
Prices charged fair and just.

W. M. Graham

Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

3214.

COPELAND-CHATTERSON SYSTEMS TORONTO

Sent Oct. 8/13

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Letter 3214

446167 117072-5

Office of the File Hills Indian Agency,

Oct. 22nd, 1913 191

Sir,

I have the honour to inclose herewith Voucher

Nos. 3214, amounting to $ 206.00

for wire fence and gates for School at File Hills

This Expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 117072/5 dated August 22nd, 1913.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. M. Graham

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

ACCOUNTANTS OCT 7 1913 BRANCH

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H. D. CRUIKSHANK
E. G. HESS

BALCARRES, SASK., Dec 15th 1913

M Dept of Indian Affairs
File Hills School

Vote 7
Treaty 4

IN ACCOUNT WITH

CRUIKSHANK & HESS

DEALERS IN

HARDWARE, STOVES
PAINTS, OILS, GLASS

TINSMITHING
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EAVETROUGHING
CISTERNS

METALLIC CEILING
AND SIDING
REPAIRS
A SPECIALTY

TERMS: 1% PER MONTH CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

DATE	ARTICLES	FOLIO	DEBIT AMOUNT	CREDIT AMOUNT	TOTAL
Dec 12	2 Gates 14 ft by 4 ft	775	15 50	1	
	1 Gate 12 ft by 4 ft		7 25	1	
					$22.75

For fence at the File Hills Boarding school. SWH
Auth. by letter No. 117072/5 of Aug. 22nd.1913

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Material supplied charges fair & just
H. M. Graham
Inspr. of Indian Agencies

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COPELAND-CHATTERSON SYSTEMS TORONTO

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Ext. No. 3261

DEC 26 1913

Office of the File Hills Indian Agency,

Dec. 19th. 1913 191

Sir,

451947

I have the honour to inclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 3261, amounting to $ 22.75

for 3 gates for File Hills Boarding school

This Expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 117072/5 dated Aug. 22nd. 1913

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. Graham

~~Indian Agent.~~
Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Vote No. 7

File Hills Agency

Department of Indian Affairs

To Alex. Stonechild (Indian)

C/o W.M.Graham (In trust)

Balcarres, Sask.

DATE. 1914		SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
Feb.	27	To one month's labor help ing to erect fence at the File Hills Boarding school	25.
		SWH	
		Auth. by letter No.117072/5 of Aug.22nd,1913.	
		Ck. & Forms Sem. March 18/14	
		3542	
		456504	
		Twenty-five dollars.	
		TOTAL,	$ 25.00

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

W M Graham

3310. Inspr. of Indian Agencies

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117072-5-

Office of the File Hills Indian Agency,

Feb. 28th.1914 191

456504

Sir,

I have the honour to inclose herewith Vouchers

Nos. 3310 *, amounting to $* 25.00

for labor at school:erecting fence

This Expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 117072/5 *dated* Aug. 22nd.1913.

49238
41387

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

RECOMMENDED FOR PAYMENT
APPROVED

~~Indian Agent.~~
Inspr. of Indian Agencies

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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REV. W. H. SEDGEWICK, D.D.
CONVENER

REV. C. [illegible] G, D.D.
SE[illegible] NON-ANGLO SAXON WORK

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Board of Home Missions and Social Service

REV. J. H. EDMISON, D.D.
GENERAL SECRETARY

REV. D. N. McLACHLAN, B.D.
FIELD SECRETARY AND ACTING SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 5 1923
RECORDS

434 CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

Toronto, Feb. 3, 1923.

Mr. Scott R.T.

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SCHOOLS BRANCH
FEB 7 1923

Duncan C. Scott, Esq., F.R.S.C.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

Recently, the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church received a request from their leaders in Saskatchewan for $1500, with which to clear 100 acres of land in the vicinity of File Hills, that is now the property of our Church and that is being used in connection with the File Hills work.

Our W.M.S. have 420 acres. 70 acres of this is under cultivation. Of this 70 acres, 48 has been cropped in wheat and oats and has been worked for years without rest. 10 acres is used for potatoes and the remainder is practically useless owing to timber and potholes. The fuel for the school has always been taken from this property.

The proposal now made is that 100 acres of the 420 shall be cleared. It appears that there is a man nearby who has a machine and is willing to do this work at $15.00 per acre, which will mean in all, $1500. I understand that Mr. Graham and Mr. Rhodes met in conference with the W.M.S. representatives in Regina, before this request was made so it is quite evident that Mr. Graham approves the suggestion.

The matter has been taken up by the Board of the W.M.S. and as the Society has no money to apply on this work, it was decided to ask the Government to vote $1500 for the purpose. If the Department is not willing to expend money on land that does not belong to the Government, then the W.M.S. will be willing to sell the 100 acres at a very reasonable price. Or, they will be willing to sell the 420 acres, if the Government would prefer to take the whole farm.

Hoping for a favorable reply, believe me

Yours sincerely,

JHE/HC

J H Edmison

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REV. W. H. SEDGEWICK, D.D.
CONVENER

REV. C. G. YOUNG, D.D.
SECRETARY OF NON-ANGLO SAXON WORK

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 5 1923
REGISTRY

434 CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

Toronto, March 3, 1923.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq., D.Litt., F.R.S.C.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Dear Dr. Scott:-

Re- File Hills

On Feb. 3rd, I wrote you recommending that the Government set apart $1500. to be used in clearing one hundred acres of land in the vicinity of the File Hills School. As yet we have not had a reply. I take it that you are consulting your representatives in the West.

If it is not asking too much, we would appreciate an answer before the Annual Meeting of our Board, which will begin its sessions March the 19th. At that time, our representatives from Saskatchewan will be here.

Yours sincerely,

J H Edmison

JHE/HC

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAR 6 1923

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, March 12, 1923.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

I have your letters of the 3rd ultimo and 3rd instant, requesting this Department to clear 100 acres of land, which belongs to the Presbyterian Church and is used in conjunction with the File Hills Indian Boarding School. I have postponed answering your first communication, until such time as certain information was to hand, and until a decision was reached as to the advisability of presenting supplementary estimates for Indian Education to Parliament.

In reply I have to state that it is not the intention to ask Parliament for an appropriation additional to our main estimates, at this time, and I regret that favourable consideration cannot be given to your suggestion at present.

I am communicating further with our western representatives, and, at a later date, I hope to make a proposal relative to the land in question.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

H. Edmison, D. D.,
ral Secretary,
ard of Home Missions,
resbyterian Church in Canada,
434 Confederation Life Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, March 13, 1923.

Sir:

I am enclosing two blue prints, showing a portion of the Okanase Indian Reserve and the property used in conjunction with the File Hills Indian Boarding School. Certain records have been lost, or mislaid, and the Department desires information concerning the school land.

I understand that the East ½ of Sec. 32, Tp. 22, Rge. 11, W. 2 M. is owned by the Presbyterian Church. That portion of Section 33 which is outside of the Indian reserve and on which the school is situated was, I understand, given by the Presbyterian Church authorities to the Department, in 1910, when the present school was erected.

I have learned that 70 acres is under cultivation. I should be pleased if you would mark, roughly, on one of the blue prints the location of this 70 acres and return it to the Department. Further, in conjunction with Mr. Rhodes, please indicate the location of the 100 acres which it would be advisable to clear. I have learned that Mr. Rhodes met Woman's Missionary Society representatives in Regina, in this connection.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Enclosures.

F. L. Deacon, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Balcarres,
Sask.

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Ottawa, March 13, 1923.

Reverend Sir:

I am directed to refer further to your communication of the 3rd ultimo, with reference to the farm at the File Hills Indian Boarding School. This Department understands that, in 1906, you acquired the West ½ of Section 32, Tp. 22, Rge. 11 W. 2 M. and all that portion of Section 33 lying outside of the Okanase Indian Reserve. After a study of our files which, in this connection, are incomplete, or have been mislaid, I understand that fractional section 33, comprising 101.95 acres, was conveyed to the Department of Indian Affairs for educational purposes, when the new boarding school was erected in 1910.

Your letter states that the W. M. S. have 420 acres. Should not this read 320, or the East ½ of Section 32? Further, would you mark on the enclosed blue print the approximate location of the 100 acres which should be cleared, and return the same to the Department at your convenience.

This Department would be grateful for a copy of any instrument of conveyance that was given by your W. M. S. to the Department of Indian Affairs in 1910, when the present boarding school was erected.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

R.J.T.

Enclosure.

Rev. J. H. Edmison, D. D.,
General Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
434 Confederation Life Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Should read 413.35 as none of fr 33 was transferred at the time of the new bldg R.J.T.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Department of Indian Affairs

Ottawa,

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 3 1933
RECORDS

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 49238
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Enclosure Copy 581280

Oct 5th, 1910 19

Sir,—

The Department applied to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church for a deed of the fractional part of Section 33 Township 22, Range 11 west of the 2nd Meridain, on which the new File Hills Boarding School is situated. The Church authorities, however, do not wish to transfer to the Department the whole of this piece of land, which containes about 100 acres, but state that they are quite willing to hand over five or ten acres, whatever may be necessary for the site of the building. The Department wishes, therefore, to obtain a piece of this land containing not less than 10 acres, but before a deed is prepared a description of the site is required. I have to ask you, therefore, to be good enough to choose the site. It would be well for you to make a sketch showing the location of the buildings and the measurements of the lot, which will have to be described by metes and bounds. You should also show the distance from the corner of the quarter section. It is thought that the school site, which must embrace ten acres, should extend across the lot and touch the lake and road allowance. You are sent, under separate cover, a map of the township for your guidance. This you will be good enough to return to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgnd) J.D. McLean,
Secretary.

W.M. Graham, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Balcarres, Sask.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 3 1933
RECORDS

Balcarres, Sask.,

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

Mar. 27th, 1923 19

SCHOOL
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Sir,—

In reply to your letter 111-1-9, dated the 13th instant, I am returning herewith blue prints showing the location of the land already cultivated by the File Hills Boarding School and the land that it is proposed to bring under cultivation.

With regard to the ownership of the East half of Section 32, Township 22, Range 11, West of of the Second Meridain and the fractional part of Section 33, which is outside of the Indian Reserve, I always understood that the whole of this land belonged to the Presbyterian Church, with the exception of 10 acres on which the School buildings stands. I have searched through our files and a letter from you to Commissioner W.M. Graham, dated Oct. 5th, 1910, a copy of which I am attaching hereto, would seem to indicate that only 10 acres were transferred to the Department. I may say that I can find no answer to your letter on our files so I am not quite sure whether the transfer of this land actually took place. I could however, get a copy of title from the Land Titles Office if the Department thinks it necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. Deacon
Indian Agent

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, April 6th, 1923.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, returning blue prints of the location of the land under cultivation at the File Hills Boarding School, and also the land that it is proposed to bring under cultivation. A copy of our letter of October 5th, 1910, to Mr. Commissioner Graham regarding the transfer of the 10 acres on which the school is located was also received.

In reply I beg to thank you for the trouble you have taken in this matter, and to inform you that it will not be necessary to obtain a copy of title from the Land Titles Office at the present time regarding this transfer.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

F. L. Deacon, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Balcarres, Sask.

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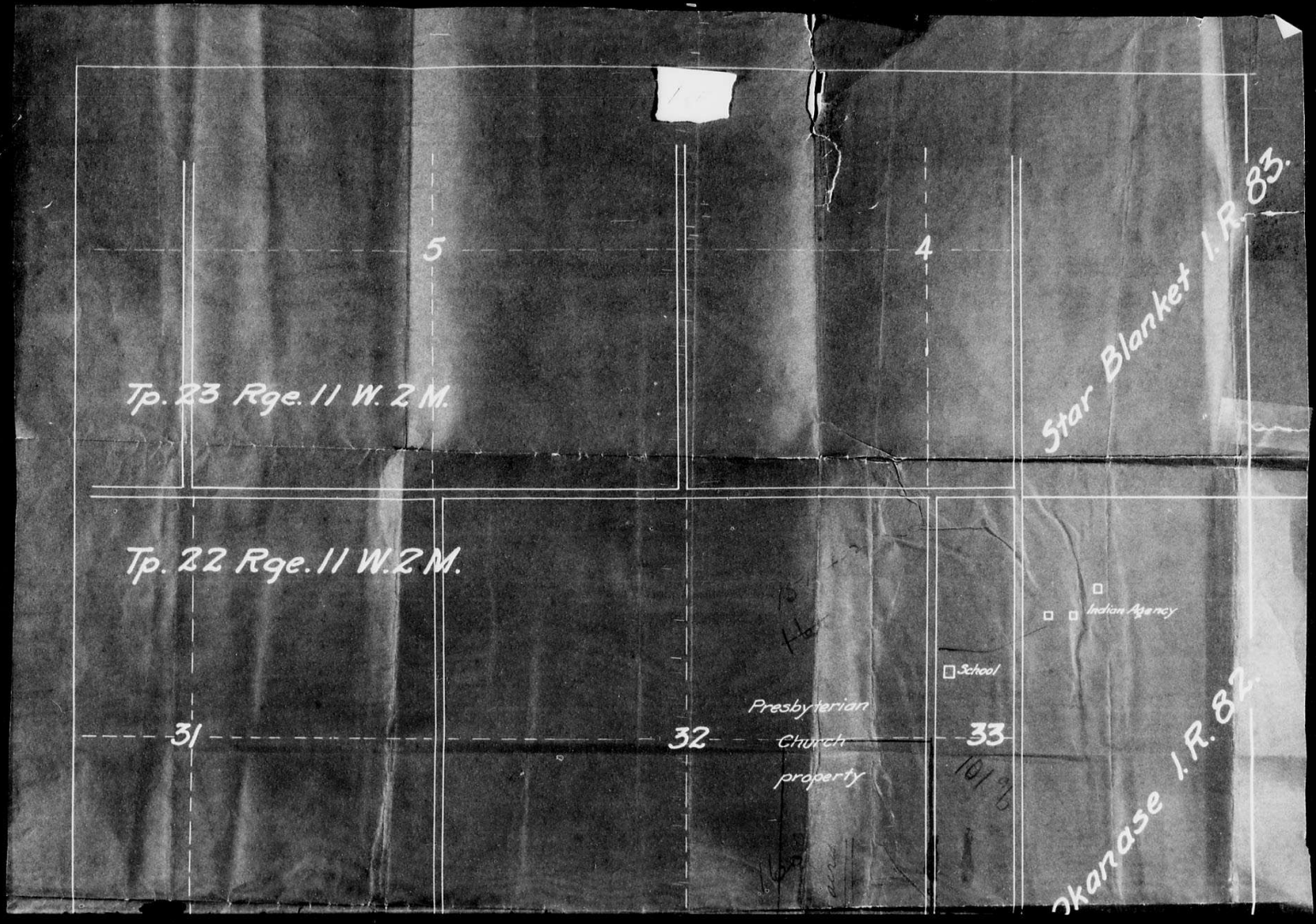

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Star Blanket I.R. 83.

Tp. 22 Rge. 11 W. 2 M.

Indian Agency

School

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Presbyterian Church property

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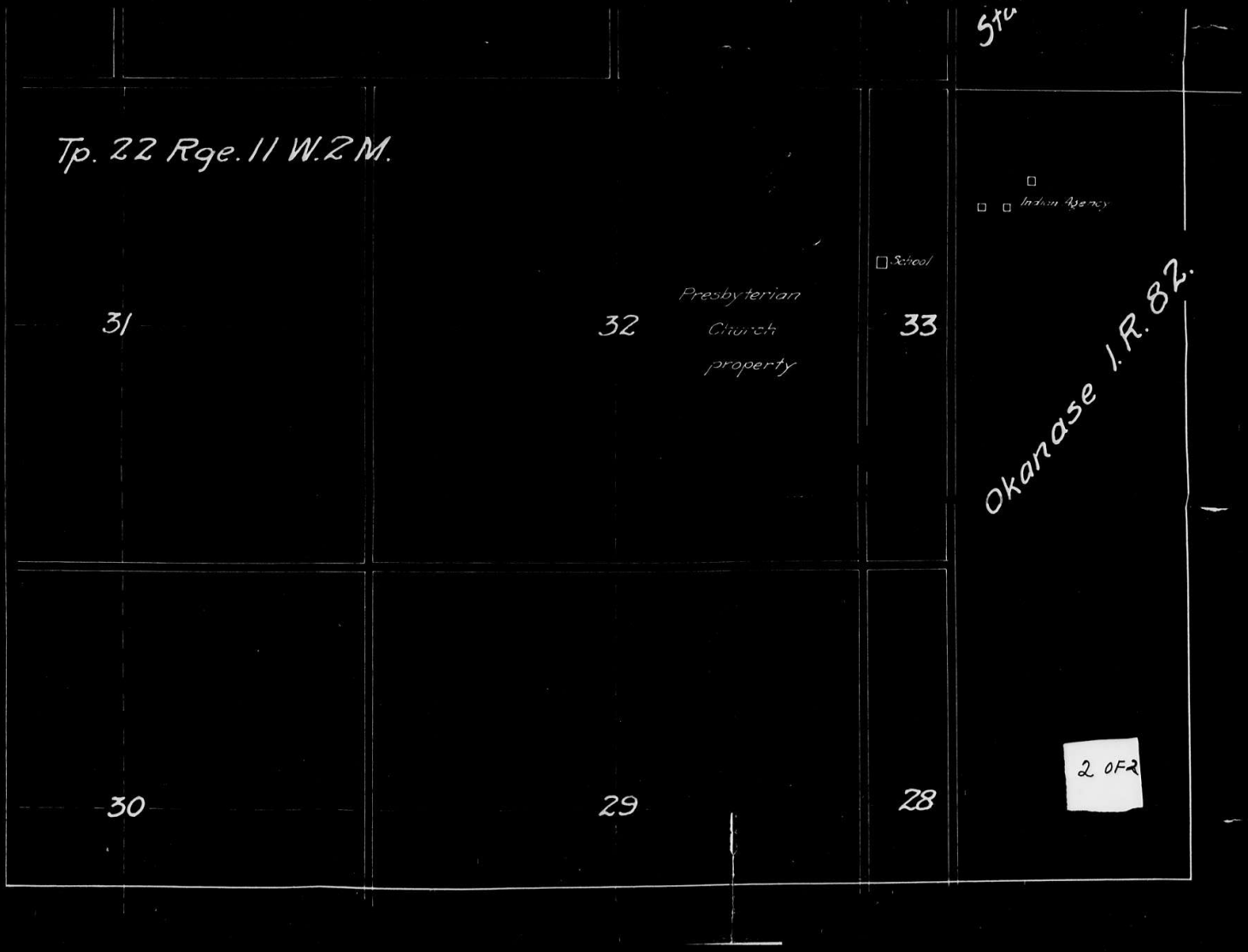

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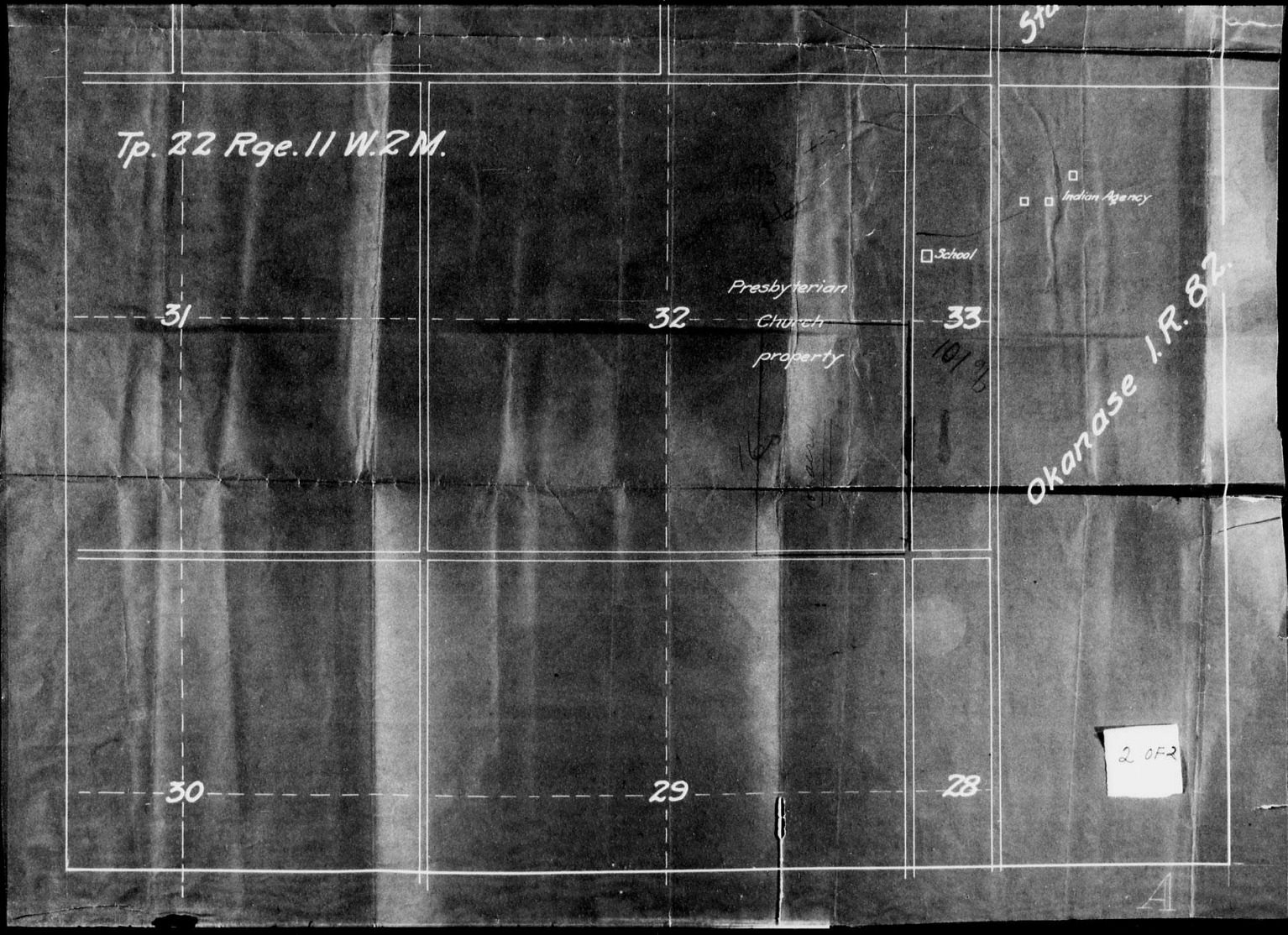
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2245 Cornwall St., Regina, Sask.,
April 3rd, 1923.

Rev. J.H. Edmison, D.D.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Edmison:-

When in Toronto you asked me to locate the 100 acres of our land at File Hills which should be broken in order to give a better opportunity to carry on farming operations in connection with our Boarding School there, in accordance with the request, of J.D. McLean, Deputy and Secretary of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

I had a conference with Commissioner Graham today about this matter. He knows the land well. He says that the 100 should be broken on the South East quarter of 32, tp.22, R.11, w 2M, or almost wholly so. He is of opinion that a survey should be made when the contractor is ready to begin work. A good deal of this land is covered with scrub and some of it heavier than other parts. If it is imperative that 100 acres be named, I would recommend that it be described as follows- Starting at the S.E. corner of the S.E. quarter of 32.22.11, follow along the southern boundary of said quarter section 100 rods, then north 160 rods, then east 100 rods, then south 160 rods to the place of starting - 100 acres. Our present land now under cultivation is in small patches of 4 and 5 acres here and there, over this part of our farm. These patches were fairly free of scrub when broken.

I am, yours sincerely,
Sgd.- Peter Strang.

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Toronto, April 7, 1923.

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq., D.Litt., F.R.S.C.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

After receiving yours of March 12th, in which you asked us to mark the hundred acres of land that we desire to have cleared at File Hills, I submitted the matter to Dr. Strant, our District Superintendent. I have a letter from him this morning, copy of which I enclose.

I am also returning the Blue Print.

Yours sincerely,

J H Edmison

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Ottawa, April 10, 1923.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

I have your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing a copy of a communication from the Rev. Mr. Strang, of Regina, relative to the location of the land at the File Hills Indian Boarding School which should be cleared for farming operations.

Certain information concerning the area of the school site is desired, before a decision is reached in this connection. As you were informed in official communication of this file number, dated the 13th ultimo, one of our files has been lost, and I should be grateful for a copy of any instrument of conveyance that was given by your W. M. S. to the Department of Indian Affairs in 1910, when the present boarding school was erected.

Yours very truly,

R.H. DCS

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. H. Edmison, D. D.,
General Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
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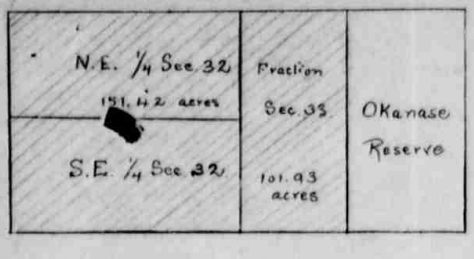

40 Killonan Drive,

Bircheliff, Ont.,

March 23, 1923.

Rev. J.H.Edmison, D.D.,
Confederation Life Bldg.,
City.

Dear Dr. Edmison: re File Hills I.B.S. (land)

Mrs. Clark has handed over to me, as Secretary of the Property Committee of our Board, the copy of letter sent you by the Department on Marhh 13th in this connection.

From correspondence and files it would appear that the Board of Trustees holds in trust for our Society 413.35 acres of land in connection with this School. I am enclosing sketch of property shewing different parcels of land. The N.E. 1/4 sec of 32 together with the fractional part of Sec. 33 was purchased from the Government at the rate of $3 per acre - total acreage 253.35 - costing $760.05. This transaction took place in 1906. The S.E. 1/4 sec of 32 was a f free gift from the Government and had been homesteaded previously by Mr. Gordon on our behalf. According to the Land Titles Office in Regina the fractional section 33 which the Department understands was conveyed to them in 1910 is still vested in the Board of Trustees as the Abstract of Title which I recently filed with Dr. Laird's office will show. This is our authority for believing that the land was never conveyed to the Department and I suppose is considered the authority.

Trusting that this information will be of service, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) (Mrs. J.E.) Lillian E.W.Jones.

101.93
151.42
253.35
160
413.35

NE ¼ 32 plus fract 33 (NW + SW quarters fractional)

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(Copy)

Toronto, Ont., April 16th, 1923.
15 Dinnick Cres.

Dear Dr. Edmison:-

Re correspondence on the question of farm lands at File Hills I.B.S., I may state that I have gone over the files (W.F.M.S.) dating 1906 to 1911 and fail to find any reference to the transfer of any portion of this land to the Govt.

The files show purchase of the land by W.F.M.S. Society (253.35 acres) at $3 per acre - $760.05 in the year 1906. In addition to this S.E. 1/4 section 32 was homesteaded by Mr. Gordon for the use of the school. In our minutes of March 19th- 1907 this 1/4 section was legally transferred by the Govt. to our Society. I have also conferred with my predecessor in office and she has no knowledge of any transfer of land made by our Society to the Govt. Our W.M.S. recognize that the Govt. should own the land upon which the new school was built in 1910 and would be willing to deal liberally with the Govt. as we think they should own <u>all land</u> in connection with our Indian Schools.

Kindly confer with the Dept. on this matter at an early date, and oblige,

(Signed) Adelaide Clark,

Ind. Sec. W.M.S.

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Toronto, April 16, 1923.

Secretary R.J.T.

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Duncan C. Scott, Esquire, F.R.S.C., Litt.D.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

I have yours of April 10th, re property at File Hills. I have again taken this matter up with the Women's Missionary Society and have received two letters this morning,- one from Mrs. Erle Jones and one from Mrs. C. Clark. I am enclosing copies of both.

If you desire a copy of the Abstract of Title, which is in Dr. Laird's office, we can send it.

Hoping these letters may clear up your difficulties, believe me

Yours sincerely,

JHE/JDF.

J H Edmison

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Ottawa, May 1, 1923.

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Further, as the present school buildings stand upon property owned by the Presbyterian Church, I should be pleased if you would make arrangements with the W. M. S. for the transfer, also for a nominal sum, of fractional section 33 - that portion of the section lying outside of the Okanese Reserve. This Department should have arranged for proper title to this last mentioned parcel, at the time the main building was erected by parliamentary appropriation, in 1910.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

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Extract from Mrs. Jones' Letter

" Mrs. Clark reported the correspondence from Ottawa in which the Department suggested that we should convey to them for a nominal sum, the S.E. 1/4 Sec. 32 in which is included the 100 acres which it is desired should be cleared for the purposes of the school, and also the fraction of Sec. 33 on which the Government School building is erected. The acreage involved in these two parcels is about 262 acres. In addition our Society holds the N. E. 1/4 Sec. 32 and the recommendation of our Executive Board is as follows,-

> "That we offer to sell for a nominal sum to the Department of Indian Affairs all the land we hold in connection with the File Hills I.B.S. comprising about 413 acres, the matter to be considered with the Board of Trustees of the Church".

Mrs. Clark has in the past secured valuations of this land and the lowest valuation was $15 per acre. We have to remember of course, that the total cost of this land to our Society was $760— the amount paid for the N. E. 1/4 Sec. of 32, and the fraction of Sec. 33 totalling 253.35 acres at the rate of $3 per acre. The S. E. 1/4 sec. of Sec. 32 was a free gift by the Government. We should like advice as to what should be considered a nominal sum and also as to what the procedure is in connection with taking the matter up with the Board of Trustees.

While the Government only suggests the purchase of the two parcels it would seem unwise on our part to retain the other 151 acres of land, hence our suggestion that the Department take over the whole property."

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Toronto, July 7, 1923

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JUL 9 1923
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Mr. D. C. Scott, F. R. S.C., Litt.D.
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Scott,-

I have not had any recent communication from you in regard to the request of the Women's Missionary Society re File Hills. The enclosed is an extract from a letter received not long ago from Mrs. Jones, Treasurerof the W.M.S.

From this you will see that that Society is disposed to sell for a nominal sum all the land they hold at File Hills.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Edmison.
per E.B

JHE/EB

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUL 10 1923

church's total cost $760
They should deed us S.E 1/4 32 (160a) (they got this free) for $1.
" " " " For W 1/2 33 on which stands School for $1
" " sell " NE 1/4 32 $151.42 at $10 per acre or $1514.20

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Ottawa, July 13, 1923.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

I have your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing an extract from a letter you have received from the Treasurer of your Woman's Missionary Society, relative to the transfer to the Government of the property held by the Church for the File Hills Indian Boarding School. I have noted that the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church would prefer to transfer all their property at the school.

I should be pleased if the W. M. S. and the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church would consider the following suggestions:-

1. The transfer of the S. E. ¼ Sec. 32, Tp. 22, Rge. 11, W. 2, comprising 160 acres, which was a free gift from the Government, for the nominal sum of $1.00;

Should read 101.93 R.J.

2. The transfer of fractional W. ½ Sec. 33, comprising 253.35 acres, on which the present school buildings stand, and which should have been transferred to us when the main building was erected in 1910, for the nominal sum of $1.00;

3. The transfer of the N. E. ¼ Sec. 32, comprising 151.42 acres, for the more or less nominal sum of $1514.20.

R.J.T. DCS

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. H. Edmison, D. D.,
Gen. Sec., Bd. of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
434 Confederation Life Bldg.,
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Toronto, July 20, 1923

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Dr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General,
Indian Department,
Ottawa.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUL 30 1923

Dear Dr. Scott,-

I have yours of July 12th re the purchase by the Government of the W. M. S. property at File Hills. There seems to be some misunderstanding. The facts are as follows,-

1. Our W. M. S. own the S. E. 1/4 Sec. of 32, Tp. 22, Rangell W.2, comprising 160 acres. You speak of this as a free gift from the Government. While this was referred to as a free gift by Mrs. Jones in her letter of May 17th, copy of which I sent you, this is a little misleading. This quarter section was homesteaded by a friend of our Principal , now Mrs.Motherwell and was later transferred to our Women's Missionary Society with the approval of the Government. Homestead duties were done according to law. This seems to me as a little different from a free gift and the W. M. S. should be entitled to any increase in value, as property homesteaded by any private individual.

The other property owned by the W. M. S. is the West half of Sec. 33 comprising 253.35 acres for which they paid $3 per acre or $760.65. Mrs. Clark informs me that their Society through their Solicitor Dr. Hamilton Cassels, appealed to the Government at different times for a gree gift. This was not allowed however, and they were obliged to pay $3 per acre. In the judgment of the W. M. S. it is worth more to-day either to the church or Department.

The N. E. 1/4 Sec. of 32, comprising 151.42 acres referred to in your letter of the 13th is included in this 253.35 acres. From this you will see that the W. M. S. own in all only 413.35. They feel that they should get at least $3,000. for this property.

Kindly let me know if the Department is prepared to buy at this price.

Yours sincerely,

JHE/EB

J H Edmison

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Ottawa, July 31, 1923.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

I have your letter of the 20th instant, with further reference to the purchase, by the Government, of the Woman's Missionary Society property at the File Hills Indian Boarding School.

In the light of your explanation, the Department considers that the more or less nominal sum of $3,000 should be given to the Church Authorities, in the event of a transfer, to the Crown, of the 413.35 acres held for the institution. An effort will be made to place an item in the Estimates for the coming fiscal year, to cover not only this purchase, but the cost of clearing a further portion of the property.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. H. Edmison, D. D.,
General Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
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Toronto, August 9th, 1923.

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Mr. J. D. McLean,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McLean,-

I received yours of July 31st, in which you intimate that the Department will be willing to allow $3,000. to the Church for the 413.35 acres held for the Fill Hills Indian Boarding School. You state in this that an effort will be made to place an item in the estimates for the coming fiscal year to cover the purchase and the clearing of a further portion of the property. I am wondering if this will unduly delay the clearing of the property. I take it that the clearing would require to be done this fall or winter to get the land ready for next year's crop.

From my conversation with Mr. Ferrier, I take it that the Department is conferring with Commissioner Graham in regard to the necessity of a residence for the Principal at File Hills.

Yours sincerely,

JHE/EWS

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Ottawa, August 13, 1923.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

I have your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to the advisability of doing some clearing on the File Hills Indian Boarding School property, this year, so that the land will be ready for next year's crop.

I regret to inform you that provision will have to be made for this work in our next appropriation, and that any extensive clearing must be postponed until next year.

With reference to the second portion of your letter, I am pleased to inform you that the Department has already communicated with Mr. Commissioner Graham, relative to the advisability of providing a residence for the principal at this school.

Dictated by R. J. J.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

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EXTRACT FROM DR. EDMISON'S LETTER of Dec. 2, on File 160-4, in which he recapitulated the requirements of Presbyterian Indian Residential Schools for the fiscal year 1925-26.

Noted

File Hills- For sale by the Women's Missionary Society to the Government for school land..... $3000 → will purchase now 1924-25
We had the promise last year that this would be in the 1925 estimates.
For breaking 100 acres new land as promised by the Government..... 1500 → funds may be available 1925-26 for this

Write Dr Edmison

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Ottawa, January 15, 1925.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

Funds are now available for the purchase of the farm at the File Hills Indian Residential School. I should be pleased if you would let me have Abstract of Title for the 413.35 acres which are owned by the Woman's Missionary Society. I will take steps immediately to have the title searched by the Department of Justice and the transfer completed. Please let me know the name of the church officer, or officers, who will sign the papers for the present owners.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. H. Edmison, D. D.,
General Secretary, Home Missions,
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Ottawa, January 20, 1925.

Dear Mr. Graham:

I am arranging for the purchase of the 413.35 acre farm at the File Hills Indian Residential School. No portion of the church property was transferred to the Crown when the school was built and I have made arrangements for the more or less nominal price of $3,000.00. As you are well informed concerning this property, I shall be pleased to have your statement as to its present value. The 413.35 acres may be described as the East ½ Sec. 32 and fractional West ½ Sec. 33, T. 22, R. 11, W. 2.

I want to mention in the Memorandum to Council that the property has been valued by you. It will be sufficient if you state that you know the farm in question and that it has a value of so much.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

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Toronto, January 26th, 1925.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 27 1925
BRANTFORD

Duncan C. Scott, Esq., F.R.C.S., Litt.D.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Scott,-

I received yours of January 15th in regard to the purchase of the farm at the File Hills Indian Residential School. I note that the Government is now prepared to make the purchase. The title is held by the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the officers who will sign are Dr. Robert Laird, Secretary of the Board and Mr. J.K. Macdonald, Chairman.

I have asked Dr. Laird to forward you the documents you call for in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

J H Edmison

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ASSISTANT TREASURER

CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

TORONTO

January 27, 1925.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 29 1925
RECORDS

Dr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

I have information from Dr. J. H. Edmison, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Social Service, that the Indian Department is purchasing a property of approximately 413.35 acres connected with the File Hills Indian School, from the Women's Missionary Society of our Church, for the sum of $3,000. The Board of Trustees is the corporate body which holds property for the Women's Missionary Society and issues transfers, etc. I understand from your letter to Dr. Edmison, dated Jany. 15th, that you are willing to have the transfer prepared in Ottawa, and on behalf of the Board of Trustees am enclosing duplicate Certificate of Title No. 213 LX of S.E.¼ 32, Tp.22, R.11, W.2d M., 160 acres; and Abstract and Certificate of Title No. 6915 of N.E. ¼ 32 - 22 - 11 - W.2d, 151.42 acres, and all that portion of Section 33 - 22 - 11 - W.2d, which lies to the West of the Western limit of the Road Allowance adjoining the West boundary of the Indian Reserve, 101.93 acres, or 413.35 covered by both Certificates, and also Plan of Township No. 22, Range 11.

The Transfer will be executed by the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada under its seal attested to by Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Robert Laird, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as provided for in the Act of Incorporation of the Board. When the Transfer is prepared please send to me for execution along with remittance of the purchase price.

Very sincerely yours,

Robt Laird

RL/O
Encls.

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111-1-9.

January 30, 1925.

Dear Dr. Laird:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 27th instant, enclosing documents relative to the File Hills Indian Residential School property which this Department proposes to purchase from the Presbyterian Church. I have noted that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and yourself, on behalf of the Church, will execute the transfer.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. Robert Laird, D.D.,
Treasurer,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada,
Confederation Life Building,
Toronto, Ont.

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January 30, 1925.

Sir:

This Department wishes to purchase from the Presbyterian Church certain parcels of land north of Balcarres, Sask., comprising 413.35 acres as shown in red on the enclosed plan. I should be grateful if you would have your local Agent search title and prepare a conveyance from the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to "His Majesty as represented by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs". The purchase price is $3,000. Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the Rev. Robt. Laird, D.D., Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, are the Church officials who will execute the transfer. Their address is Confederation Life Bldg., Toronto.

I am enclosing, in addition to the plan, duplicate Certificate of Title No. 213 LX of S.E. ¼ 32, Tp. 22, R. 11, W. 2d M., 160 acres; and Abstract and Certificate of Title No. 6915 of N.E. ¼ 32 - 22 - 11 - W. 2d, 151.42 acres and all that portion of Section 33 - 22 - 11 - W 2d, which lies to the West of the Western limit of the Road Allowance adjoining the West boundary of the Indian Reserve, 101.93 acres.

When your Agent has found satisfactory title, if you will inform me, I will direct to you a cheque covering the purchase price.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Deputy Minister,
Department of Justice,
OTTAWA.

Enc.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 2 1925
RECORDS

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
REGINA, SASK., January 28th, 1925

R

Dear Mr. Scott:-

I have your letter #111-1-9 dated the 20th instant and note that you are arranging for the purchase of the 413.35 acre farm at the File Hills Residential School. I know this land well and would say that it is worth at least $15.00 per acre.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Graham
Indian Commissioner.

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

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111-1-9.

February 6, 1925.

Memorandum:

Honourable Charles Stewart.

In 1910 the File Hills Indian Residential School was erected by this Department. The 413.35 acres on which the buildings are situated was owned by the Presbyterian Church. The Department was in error at that time in that title to the property was not secured. The 413.35 acres includes the site of the buildings as well as the school farm, which is a necessary adjunct to the institution. I asked Mr. Commissioner Graham to place a value on the land and he replies that he knows the property well and that it is worth at least $6,200. The Department has arranged for a purchase price of $3,000, and I should be pleased to have your authority to complete the transaction. Funds are available in the Appropriation for Indian Education. The title will be searched and the transfer executed by the Department of Justice.

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

R.O. Dcl

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
111-1-9.
MINISTER'S OFFICE
FEB 12 1925
RECORDS
DEPT. OF INTERIOR

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

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Concurred

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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EM/MG.

CANADA

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 2 1925
RECORDS

OTTAWA, 27th February, 1925.

R

Sir,-

B.5291
Re: Purchase of land at Balcarres from
Presbyterian Church in Canada
Your reference No. 111-1-9

I have the honour to advise receipt of communication from our agent dated February 24th as follows:-

"Search of the title to the land herein has been completed and we find that the same stands in the name of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada free from all encumbrances. All taxes against the property have been paid up to and including the 31st day of December 1924. Assessment for the current year will not have been made as yet and we have advised the Assessor that the land in question has been purchased by the Crown."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Chisholm

Asst. D. M. of J.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAR 4 1925

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, March 4, 1925.

Sir:

Re: Purchase of land at Balcarres from Presbyterian Church in Canada.

WITH CHEQUE

I have your B-5291 of the 27th ultimo, and I note that your agent has found satisfactory title to the property which this Department proposes to purchase from the Presbyterian Church for the use of the File Hills Indian Residential School. I am enclosing a cheque in favour of the Treasurer of the Church, for $3,000, which is the purchase price, and I should be pleased if you would direct it to your agent, with instructions to complete the transaction.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Justice,
Ottawa, Ont.

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, March 4, 1925.

Dear Dr. Edmison:

I am pleased to inform you that the agent of the Minister of Justice has found satisfactory title to the property at File Hills, which we are purchasing from the Presbyterian Church. A cheque for $3,000, in favour of the Treasurer of the Church, is being directed to this agent, with instructions to complete the transaction.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. H. Edmison, D. D.,
General Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
434 Confederation Life Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Vote No.

Treaty No.

Department of Indian Affairs

R

To The Treasurer,

Presbyterian Church in Canada.

DATE		SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
1925			
March	4	To purchase from the Presbyterian Church certain parcels of land, north of Balcarres, Sask., comprising 413.35 acres	$3000.00

NOTE:

These parcels are the site of the Government built File Hills Indian Residential School and the farm, which is a necessary adjunct to the institution. In 1910, the buildings were erected by the Department. At that time, through inadvertence, title to the property was not secured. Mr. Indian Commissioner Graham, of Regina, values the land in question at $6,200. The Department has arranged with the Presbyterian Church for a purchase price of $3,000 - the authority of the Honourable the Superintendent General has been secured and title has been searched and the transfer executed by the Department of Justice.

Certified Correct

Supt. of Indian Education.

4/3/25.

Cheque to be sent to Justice Dept.

6265

Sent Justice Dept Ottawa March 4/25

TOTAL $3000.00

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

Agent.

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada

REV. ROBERT LAIRD, D. D.
TREASURER

MISS L. E. K[illam]
ASSISTANT TREASURER

THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

TORONTO

March 4, 1925.

R

Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Scott:-

I have received from Messrs. Blair, McNeel & Stewart, Barristers, Regina, a draft of a Transfer of the property in connection with the File Hills Indian Residential School from the Board of Trustees to His Majesty the King, as represented by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs for the Dominion of Canada. The draft Transfer seems to be in order and will be executed by the proper officers of our Board of Trustees. We had no intimation from you that this was in the hands of the above firm, and we shall be glad to have their communication forwarding this Transfer confirmed. I enclose the Transfer. If satisfactory to you kindly return with your Department's cheque for $3,000, the amount of the purchase price, and we shall have the Transfer executed and returned either to you or to Blair, McNeel & Stewart, as you may direct.

The above firm acknowledges receipt from you of Certificate of Title covering the S.E. quarter of Section 32, 22, 11, and asks us to forward to them the Certificate of Title for the balance of the property. Please note that in our letter to you of Jany. 27th we forwarded not only the above Certificate, but also Abstract and Certificate of Title No. 6915 of N.E. quarter of 32, 22, 11 and a portion of Section 33, 22, 11. You acknowledged receipt of these documents, and perhaps you will be good enough to forward second Certificate of Title to Blair, McNeel & Stewart, as they need it for registration purposes.

Very sincerely yours,

RL/O

Encl.

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, March 7, 1925.

Dear Dr. Laird:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing a draft transfer in connection with the File Hills Indian Residential School property. This Department placed the matter of the purchase in the hands of the Department of Justice and I am informed that Messrs. Blair, McNeel & Stewart, of Regina, are their agents. A few days ago, I was informed that satisfactory title had been found and I directed to the Department of Justice a cheque for $3,000 in your favour. As soon as the papers are complete the Regina firm will direct it to you. I am enclosing the draft transfer.

I note that Messrs. Blair, McNeel & Stewart are asking for the second certificate of title. This was directed to the Department of Justice when we asked them to look after the transaction, and I will write to them with a view to having all the papers necessary sent on to their Regina agents.

Yours very truly,

Encl.

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. Robert Laird, D. D.,
Treasurer,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
Confederation Life Bldg.,
Toronto, Ont.

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, March 7, 1925.

Sir:

Re: Purchase of land at Balcarres from
Presbyterian Church in Canada
Your File No. B.5291.

I am informed by the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church that Messrs. Blair, McNeel & Stewart, your agents in Regina, are asking for the Abstract and Certificate of Title No. 6915 of N.E. ¼ 32 - 22 - 11 - W. 2d, 151.42 acres and all that portion of Section 33 - 22 - 11 - W 2d, which lies to the West of the Western limit of the Road Allowance adjoining the West boundary of the Indian Reserve, 101.93 acres. This Abstract and Certificate was directed to you under cover of my letter of January 30th. If this has not been directed to your Regina agents, I should be grateful if you would send it on at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

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The Deputy Minister,
Department of Justice,
Ottawa, Ont.

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PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 10 1925
RECORDS

OTTAWA, 9th March, 1925.

R

file

Sir,-

B.5291
Re: Purchase of land at Balcarres
from Presbyterian Church in Canada
Your reference No. 111-1-9

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 7th and to say that Abstract No. 6915 and Certificate of Title 213 L.X. accompanied my original letter of instructions to our agent dated February 4th.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Chisholm

Asst. D. M. of J.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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MAR 10 1925
RECORDS

PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

OTTAWA, 9th March, 1925.

R

Sir,-

B.5291
Re: Purchase of land at Balcarres from
Presbyterian Church in Canada
Your reference No. 111-1-9

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 4th enclosing your departmental cheque No. 6065 for $3000.00 in favour of the Treasurer, Presbyterian Church in Canada and Mr. A.W. McNeel, being purchase price of the property involved. I am to-day forwarding cheque to our agent with instructions to obtain clear title before handing same over to the vendors.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Chisholm

Asst. D. M. of J.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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Approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs
The Stationery Supplies Committee, Regina.

Tax Certificate
No. 261

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF Lullymont No. 216.
Province of Saskatchawan

TAX CERTIFICATE

Re

This is to Certify that all taxes have been paid on the following land:

E. 1/2 Section 32 Township 22 Range 11 West 2 Meridian
Frac W 1/2 Section 33 Township 22 Range 11 West 2 Meridian
Except the sum of $ for the years 19 $

In addition to the above Taxes there is due for Seed Grain Advance
" " " " " " " Interest
" " " " for Relief (Food and Fuel)
" " " " " " " Interest
" " " " " (Fodder)
" " " " " " Interest

This land was sold for Taxes on the day of 19
The amount required to redeem being $ made up as follows:
Amount of Arrears and Costs included in amount sold for
Penalty on same to date
Subsequent Taxes for year 19 paid by purchaser
" " " 19 " "
Penalty on subsequent Taxes paid by purchaser
Redemption Certificate 25 cents

TOTAL $

This Certificate covers Taxes up to and including the 31st day of December A.D. 1924

This land is not (is or is not) now advertised for Sale for arrears of Taxes.

Dated at Lullymont Sask., this 20th day of February A.D. 1925

A. Robertson
Secretary-Treasurer

[SEAL]
The Seal of the Municipality must be attached.

To Messrs. Blair, McNeil & Stewart
603 McCallum-Hill Bldg
Regina, Sask.

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Rural Municipality of Tullymet No. 216

A. Robertson, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

Office Of The
Secretary-Treasurer

Tullymet, Sask. March 16/25.

Messrs. Blair, McNeel & Stewart,
603 McCallum-Hill Building,
Regina, Sask.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter of March 12th. I may say that at the present time the East half of Sec. 32-22-11-2. and all that portion of Sec. 33 in the said Township which lies to the west of the westren limit of the road allowance adjoining the westren boundary of the Indian Reserve is in the name of the Crown and no taxes will be levied against same during the current year if your title is complete on or before July 1st. 1925.

Please advise me when your title is complete, and oblige.

Yours truly,

A. Robertson Jr.

Sec. Treas.

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Deputy Minister of Justice;

instructions has been registered in the Land Titles Office in the Regina Land Registration District and that the title of the property now stands in the name of His Majesy the King in the right of the Department of Indian Affai.s, free from all incumbrances. All taxes against the property have been paid and satisfied and a check of the Department of Indian Affairs No. 6065 for $3000.00 in favor of the vendors of the property and myself jointly, it has been endoresed by myself and handed to the vendors.

The delay in obtaining title is explained in my previous correspondence.

I have endeavored to obtain rebate from the Land Titles Office for the registration fees included in memorandum of fees herewith but have been unable to do so. The Registrar taking the ground that under The Land Titles Act and the tariff of fees fixed, be is required to charge for every transfer registered, except thos registered in favor of His Majesty in the Right of the Provinc.

Yours truly,

AWM/S

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BLAIR, McNEEL & STEWART
Barristers, Solicitors, Etc.
G. F. BLAIR, K.C. A. W. McNEEL G. FRASER STEWART
TELEPHONE 6213
McCALLUM-HILL BUILDING
REGINA - - SASK.

July 8, 1925.

Deputy Minister of Justice,

Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Your File 5291

Re: Purchase of Land at Balcarres
from the Presbyterian Church.

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I have finally been successful in having this matter concluded and I am enclosing herewith the following documents:

1. Duplicate Certificate of Title No. 15AMV, issued out of the Regina Land Registration District under the name of His Majesty, covering the East Half of Section 32 and fractional section 33 in Township 22-11 W2, containing 413.35 acres.

2. Tax Certificate showing all taxes against the land paid until the 31st of December 1924.

3. A letter from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Rural Municipality advising that no further taxes are to be levied against the property.

4. Plan of Township 22 forwarded with you instructions.

I beg to report that conveyance from the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada covering the above mentioned property in accordance with your

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July 8, 1925.

Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
July 14, 1925.
I hereby certify that I have examined this account and taxed the same at the sum of $32.05
(sgd) J. Chisholm,
Asst.D.M.J.

In account with
A.W. McNeel,
Barrister, etc.,
Regina, Sask.

1937

Re: Purchase of Balcarres Church Property from Board of Trustees.

1925.				
Feb.	9	Having received instructions, attending Land Titles Office search title of Property and paid	$1.50	.75
		Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
		Letter to Secretary R. Municipality for Tax Certificate and paid,	.75	.25
		Drawing conveyance, necessary affidavits, etc.,	5.00	
		Letter to Treasurer of Vendors with conveyance and inquiring for documents of title,	.75	.03
Mar.	12	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
		Letter to Treasurer of Vendor asking for return of conveyance,	.75	
		Letter to Secretary-Treasurer of R. Municipality re: assessments for 1925,	.75	
		Having received letter from vendors advising of inability to locate documents of title, attg. Land Titles Office re; same,	.75	
Mar.	23	Letter to vendors re: necessary application to Registrar,	.75	.02
	26	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
Apr.	16	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
	18	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
June	6	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
	11	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
		Attending Land Titles Office, Register transfer and paid registration fees,	1.00	11.00
		Fees passing title,	7.50	
		Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
			$ 25.50	$12.05
				25.50
				$37.55

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Dated July 8, 1925

Re Balcarres Church
Property.

MEMORANDUM OF FEES.

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July 8, 1925.

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July 14, 1925.
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Re: Purchase of Balcarres Church Property from Board of Trustees.

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			$ 25.50	$12.05
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July 8, 1925.

Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Ontario.

In account with
A.W. McNeel,
Barrister, etc.,
Regina, Sask.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
July 14, 1925.
I hereby certify that I have examined this account and taxed the same at the sum of $32.05
(sgd) J. Chisholm,
Asst.D.M.J.

Re: Purchase of Balcarres Church Property from Board of Trustees.

1925.				
Feb.	9	Having received instructions, attending Land Titles Office search title of Property and paid	$1.50	.75
		Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
		Letter to Secretary R. Municipality for Tax Certificate and paid,	.75	.25
		Drawing conveyance, necessary affidavits, etc.,	5.00	
		Letter to Treasurer of Vendors with conveyance and inquiring for documents of Title,	.75	.03
Mar.	12	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
		Letter to Treasurer of Vendor asking for return of conveyance,	.75	
		Letter to Secretary-Treasurer of R. Municipality re: assessments for 1925,	.75	
		Having received letter from vendors advising of inability to locate documents of title, attg. Land Titles Office re; same,	.75	
Mar.	23	Letter to vendors re: necessary application to Registrar,	.75	.02
	26	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
Apr.	16	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
	18	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
June	6	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
	11	Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
		Attending Land Titles Office, Register transfer and paid registration fees,	1.00	11.00
		Fees passing title,	7.50	
		Letter to Deputy Minister of Justice,	.75	
			$ 25.50	$12.05
				25.50
				$37.55

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PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OTTAWA, 14th July, 1925.

Accl.

Sir,-

B.5291
Re: Purchase of land at Balcarres from
Presbyterian Church in Canada.
Your reference No. 111-1-9

I have the honour to hand you herewith copy of communication just received from our agent herein together with all documents therein referred to and our agent's account taxed and allowed by me at the sum of $32.05, cheque for which I should be glad to receive in due course in favour of Mr. A. W. McNeel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

1931

"Encl."

JUL 17 1925
ACCOUNTANTS

J. Chisholm

Asst. D. M. of J.

Schools
Pay & send cheque to Justice Dept.
Sent with letter July 20/25.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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With Cheque-

Ottawa, July 15th., 1925.

E. X.

Sir,-

B 5291
Re: Purchase of land at Balcarres from Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, I beg to enclose herewith as requested Department's cheque for the sum of $32.05 in favour of Mr. A.W.McNeel, barrister, &c., of Regina, in payment of his account in connection with the above purchase.

Your obedient servant,

A.F.MacKenzie
Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

The Deputy Minister of Justice,

Ottawa.

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PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

OTTAWA, 21st July, 1925.

E. X. 1

Sir,-

B.5291
Re: Purchase of land at Balcarres from
Presbyterian Church in Canada.
Your reference No. 111-1-9

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 18th enclosing departmental cheque No. 1931 for $32.05 in favour of Mr. A. W. McNeel covering professional services rendered herein, for which I thank you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Chisholm

Asst. D. M. of J.

Dept. certificate of title entered No. 453

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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The following note was enclosed with Dr. Edmison's letter of November 23, 1925, on file 160-4, which related to Estimates for 1926-27. The item has been noted.

Noted

File Hills, Sask.

This school has been well taken care of in 1925 and is a credit to our Government schools.

$2,000. should be spent in clearing more land which would aid very materially in the self support of this school.

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

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
REGINA, SASK., April 17th., 1926

SCHOOLS BRA
APR 21 1926

Sir:

Will you please advise me if any appropriation has been set aside to provide for the clearing of additional land at the File Hills Indian Residential School to enable the management to increase the area of their farming operations.

This matter has been under review for some considerable time, and if an appropriation has been made I should be advised as operations should be commenced almost immediately.

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham
Indian Commissioner.

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The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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CANADA

Mr Sutherland

April 21, 1926.

Memorandum:

Dr. Scott.

There is an item of $1,500 in the Estimates for clearing additional land at the File Hills Indian Residential School. Mr. Commissioner Graham writes, asking if there is an appropriation for this purpose as the work, if to be undertaken, should be commenced immediately. I wish to recommend that $1,000 be allowed for this purpose and that the Commissioner be asked to undertake the activity on a day labour basis, using Indians.

Russell Ferrier

Supt. of Indian ~~Education~~.

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Ottawa, April 21st, 1926.

Sir:

I have your No. 306-11 A of the 17th instant, requesting to be advised as to whether an appropriation can be allowed for the purpose of clearing additional land at the File Hills Indian Residential School in order that the management can increase the area of their farming operations.

In reply I beg to say that you may incur an expenditure not exceeding $1,000 for this purpose. You should arrange to have the work undertaken on a day labour basis, using Indian labour as far as possible. Proper time sheets, in duplicate, of the labour employed should be kept. These should be certified in the usual manner.

I regret we will be unable to make an advance to pay wages at the present time. It is expected, however, that additional money will be voted shortly and will be available early next month, and if you should then require an advance to pay the labour the same will be sent upon request.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
D REGINA, SASK., April 29th, 1926

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant #111-1-9, authorizing me to clear additional land at the File Hills School, at a cost not exceeding $1000.

I regret to note that the work is to be undertaken on a day labour basis with Indian labour as far as possible. This is quite unsatisfactory; a man can put in weeks and show very little for it on a day labour basis, unless you get a first-class man, and it is hard to check them up. I think you should let this rest with me as to how the work should be carried out. I will do the best I can in the most practical way for the Department and the amount will not be exceeded.

Let him arrange

Your obedient servant,

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAY 4 1926

W. M. Graham,
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, May 4th, 1926.

Sir:

I have your No. 306-11A of the 29th ultimo, relative to the carrying out of the work in connection with the clearing of additional land at the File Hills Indian Residential School.

In this connection I beg to say that you may arrange to have the work carried out in the manner considered by you to be the most practical and satisfactory. It was in order that the Indians might have an opportunity to earn some money that the instructions contained in our letter to you of the 21st ultimo were given that the work be undertaken on a day labour basis, using Indian labour as far as possible.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

AFM.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
D
REGINA, SASK., February 4th, 1927

FEB 7 1927

SCHOOLS BRANCH
FEB 9 1927

Sir:-

On the 21st. April last, your letter No. 111-1-9, you granted me authority to expend $1000.00 in clearing land at the File Hills Boarding School. I was unable to get this work done during the summer as it was most difficult to get men to do this kind of work, owing to the fact that it requires men with some experience. I had made arrangements to have the work done by a certain party in July, but he failed me, and when harvesting operations came on it was impossible to get men unless we paid them $7.00 or $8.00 a day, which I did not think it wise to do. I was hoping to get some of the heavier scrub cut this winter, but the snow has been very deep and it would only be a waste of money to attempt this work.

I write to let you know that this $1000.00 will be available for the current year's expenses, and would ask you to have a similar amount placed at my disposal next Spring.

I was not able to get as much scrubbing done at the Gordon School in the Touchwood Agency as I should have liked. So far about $200.00 of the amount of $300.00 allowed for this work has been made use of, and I should be glad if I could have $100 or $150.00 additional for this purpose out of next year's appropriation.

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham,
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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111-1-9.

Ottawa, February 11, 1927.

Sir:

I wish to refer to that portion of your 306-11A of the 4th instant which is relative to clearing at the Gordon Indian Residential School. In the spring, you may expend a further sum of $150 for this purpose.

Your obedient servant,

A.D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

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CANADA

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

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
REGINA, SASK., May 17, 1927.

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Sir,-

Kindly send me an accountable advance cheque of $1000.00 for clearing land at the File Hills School, and also cheque for $500.00 for labour in connection with new soft water system and Buildings at the same school.

Recommended

Your obedient servant,

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Sent May 23/27

W.M.Graham.
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

ACCOUNTANTS BRANCH MAY 23 1927

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