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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

164-5-1

Okanagan Indian Agency,
Vernon, B.C.,
September 21, 1937.

File Ok.1-10.

SEP 27
RECORDS

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant with reference to the appointment of Miss Catherine McDonald to Okanagan Indian Day School and my comments in my monthly report for August in reference to the appointment of a woman teacher to this school.

As I had not met Miss McDonald at the time of writing the report the statements therein did not in any way refer to Miss McDonald personally but entirely to the type of teacher I considered desirable for this particular school. I fully appreciated the circumstances in regard to her appointment and on her arrival immediately endeavoured to assist her in every way possible. As it was apparent that she was unfamiliar with handling Indian children and our general educational procedure, I had Mr.F.G.M.Grist, recently of Seabird Island School and now in Vernon, endeavour to assist and advise her in detail, this man having been eminently successful when teaching in this Agency and having taught at this particular school at one time, with success. There was no expense to the Department in this connection. As it was evident that Miss McDonald was still somewhat off the line I deemed it advisable to bring Miss M.E.Weydert up from the Penticton Day School to give her a day, Miss Weydert being the most competent and successful teacher we have ever had in our work and being a woman I thought possibly she might make a more effective contact with her in some ways than Mr.Grist. I think between the two of them and myself we have possibly acquainted Miss McDonald with our requirements and methods.

So far as I can see Miss McDonald is a very fine type of woman typical of the teacher of a small Ontario school of twenty-five years ago and the whole problem is that of adapting her to the type of education now in vogue and many of the young teachers are finding difficulty in meeting the recent changes in curriculum in British Columbia. If this can be done I have no doubt but that she will do excellent work for this Department and you can rest assured that she will be given the fullest and most sympathetic co-operation from myself and my staff in every way possible. This school would be a problem even for an experienced Indian teacher as I consider it is in a somewhat run-down condition and the children have lost interest in the work, consequently it would not be fair to pass an opinion on Miss McDonald's work until she has been with the children for some months.

I am not entirely satisfied with our educational set-up as regards its value in training our Indian children for the work they will undertake on their maturity, both for boys and girls, and feel that we are merely tending to make them dissatisfied with their future prospects, which in this Agency hold out a great deal more promise for them than

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R.A.Hoey, Esq.,
Supt. of Welfare and Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
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the majority of white children, if they can be educated to see and take advantage of them. After the rush of Fall work is over I hope to report more fully my views to the Department in this respect, for what they are worth, but meanwhile I do feel that as the agent is responsible for the success or failure of his Agency and the school work is the foundation for the near future that he should have something to say with regard to the particular type required to cope with his peculiar Agency requirements, high academic attainments being useless to us if the teacher is unable to fill the school, as an example.

Your obedient servant,

(Jas. Coleman).
Indian Agent.

JC/HM.

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SCHOOLS

Miss Katharine McDonald arrived and was inducted in her school on the 1st. She appears to be very zealous and a hard worker, but has had no experience in this particular type of work and is not very up to date in her methods. I had Mr. Grist give her some instruction on our methods (without cost to the department, thanks to his courtesy) and brought up Miss Weydert from Penticton to give her a day in the class room (also at no cost) and every assistance is being given Miss McDonald to make her work a success. It seems to be largely a question of having her adopt our methods and if this can be done she will no doubt prove as satisfactory as a woman can at this particular school, but as the work there is at a rather low ebb it will take her some time to get things in shape.

Dept. of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
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James Coleman.
Indian Agent.

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SCHOOLS

These were all visited at least once during the month and found to be progressing. The Indians on Okanagan I.R. No. 1 appear to be quite satisfied with the new teacher, Miss K. McDonald, who is keeping her children hard at work and maintaining good discipline.

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James Coleman.
Indian Agent.

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Minister's Office

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MEMORANDUM

Nov. 16, 1937

DR. MCGILL

Will you please furnish a report covering the subject matter of the attached letter addressed to the Minister by the Hon. Grote Stirling, M.P., Nov. 11, concerning the three Indian Schools in the Okanagan Valley, B.C.

W.J.P.

W.J.P. Pratt
Secretary.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
Canada

Kelowna, B.C.,
Nov. 11th, 1937

Hon. T.A. Crerar, P.C.,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Crerar,

The Okanagan Valley Union Library is, of course, a purely Provincial affair, but it is having rather a struggle in its desirable work, owing to a misunderstanding with regard to the amount it was expecting from the Carnegie Trust at its inception.

The following is an extract from a letter I have received from its efficient Secretary, Miss Muriel Page:

"As you know, there are three Indian Schools in the Okanagan, and these are the care of the Dominion Government. Some time ago I wrote to Mr. Coleman, the Indian Agent in Vernon, and asked him if it would be possible to obtain a small grant from the Government so that these three Schools might receive the same service that the other schools in our library district receive. He wrote in answer, that as no fund had been allocated for this purpose, it was not in his power to grant my request.

"Would it be possible for the Dominion Government when considering their 1938 finances, to make us a grant of, say, $50 a year, so that we might take books to these Indian children? There are about 55 children now in the schools, I believe, and I have estimated that it would cost us about $1 a year per child. This would give them a change of books each month that the schools are open, and would enable the children to have access to books that are of a more recreational nature than the regular readers and school texts."

Will you please give this appeal your kindly consideration?

Yours sincerely,

sgd) Grote Stirling

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Ottawa, November 19, 1937.

E.Y.D.

MEMORANDUM:

Deputy Minister

I am in receipt of Mr. Pratt's memorandum of November 16th enclosing attached letter from the Honourable Grote Stirling, M.P.

No provision has been made in our appropriation for any amount that would permit us to make a grant to the Public Library mentioned in Mr. Stirling's letter. In addition I might point out that the Indian schools in the Okanagan Valley are well provided with the regular textbooks, also supplementary reading books, and I do not consider there is any great need for the circulation to them of books from the Okanagan Valley Union Library.

Director.

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SCHOOLS

It is uncertain at present just how the new teacher will succeed with the Okanagan Day school, but there is no doubt of her industry.

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James Coleman.
Indian Agent.

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AGENT'S REPORT ON OKANAGAN AGENCY FOR MAY 1938.

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EXD.

Schools

These have been making their usual progress. Miss Weydert of the Penticton School is marrying a young Catholic school teacher, who has very excellent reports from his inspectors. Miss Weydert has proven unusually successful with this school and as herhusband made application to join our teaching staff after his marriage in July, I thought that it would be an excellent idea to have this young couple take over the Okanagan Indian Day school, which has always been a problem, there being a number of adult girls attending and the attendance has fallen off rather badly in recent years. It has an enrolment of 35 pupils with the last average attendance being only 24.68. It was considered that this young couple working together on the problem could promote the interest of the children and that a young married woman could handle the elder girls by securing their confidence and bringing them to a better understanding of their responsibilities, as well as handle the domestic science end of the teaching, the young man being quite capable of taking the boys with elements of agriculture and manual arts. However, to my surprise the present incumbents, two aged ladies, are not taking favourably to a transfer to Penticton where I felt they would be much more confortable living in the town and free from the inconveniences of living on a reserve where they are liable in ordinary winters to be snow bound for weeks at a time, besides the undoubted advantage of taking over a school that has been brought up to an excellent standard, by Miss Weydert. Personally I would prefer to see competent male teachers in all of the three day schools in this agency in order to give effective training to the boys on agricultural subjects as well as the orthodox curriculum and have part of the available time allotted to training these youngsters in what will eventually be their life work.

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James Coleman.
Indian Agent.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER
Archbishop's Office

646 Richard Street,
Vancouver, B.C., June 4, 1938.

Major D.M. Mac Kay,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Major MacKay:

I understand that there will be a vacancy at the Okanagan Indian Day School and also at the Penticton Indian Day School, and after conferring with the priests in charge, I am writing you, recommending Mr. Thomas Noel Curteis for the Okanagan School and Miss Catherine McDonald for the Penticton Indian School.

I take this occasion of expressing our appreciation of your great help and interest in the recent Indian Exhibit, to which the Indian people, generally speaking, throughout the Province showed the greatest interest, and co-operation.

Very sincerely yours,

W. M. Duke.

Archbishop of Vancouver.

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No.15/10/5090.

Vancouver, B.C., July 19, 1938.

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

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith a copy of a letter received from His Excellency Archbishop W.M.Duke, in which the Archbishop nominates Miss Catherine McDonald on transfer from the Okanagan Indian Day School to be teacher of the Penticton Indian Day School in place of Miss Mary Elizabeth Weydert who resigned her position to be married to a Mr. T.Curteis, your file 164-10-1 of June 2nd last,

To fill the vacancy at the Okanagan Indian Day School, His Excellency has nominated a teacher with Provincial experience, Mr. Thomas Noel Curteis, the man Miss Weydert is to marry this month.

The above nomination would have been forwarded to the Department some time ago had it not been that Miss Catherine McDonald was at first rather unwilling to accept His Excellency's nomination and wished for a transfer to a school near Vancouver or Victoria. These matters have now been adjusted and Miss McDonald is anxious to go to Penticton on transfer from the Okanagan Indian Day School near Vernon.

I have interviewed Mr. T.N. Curteis and find that he was trained in the Victoria Normal School and now holds a Permanent First Class Certificate in British Columbia. He is a Catholic and 21 years of age. For the past three years he has been in charge of Grades 1 to 4 inclusive at the North Cedar Provincial Day School. In 1936 he attended the Provincial Summer school in Victoria and qualified in Reading, Geography, and Modern Methods, while at the 1937 Summer School he received certificates in Psychology, Literature and Science. He is a well set up young man interested in school games, and with some experience in Manual Training which would be of use in the Okanagan Indian Day School.

The Indian Agent, Mr. Coleman, is anxious that a married man be appointed to the Okanagan Day School, and I have no hesitation on behalf of the Indian Commissioner in recommending that the Archbishop's nominations be accepted and Miss C. McDonald be moved to Penticton and Mr. Curteis be appointed to the Okanagan School.

Nominations for any other teaching positions in Indian Day schools working under Catholic auspices will be forwarded as soon as I have had an opportunity to discuss the matter with His Excellency Archbishop Duke who is expected to return to Vancouver towards the end of the month.

Yours very truly,

Gerald H. Barry.
Inspector of Indian Schools, B.C.

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HXD.

July 25, 1938.

MEMORANDUM:

Representative of the Treasury

Re: Okanagan Indian Day School, No. 833

As you are being advised in my other memorandum of today's date, Miss Catherine McDonald, who was in charge of this school to June 30 last, is being transferred to the Penticton Indian Day School, and the Department has appointed Mr. Thomas Noel Curtois to succeed her.

He will begin duty on September 1, 1938, at a salary of $1,000 a year. The following entry should therefore appear on the September pay list and on subsequent pay lists until further advised:

Mr. Thomas Curtois $1,000.00
Teacher, Okanagan Indian Day School,
Vernon, B. C.

I enclose copy of letter of appointment, and Staff Questionnaire will be sent you as soon as it is received.

Philip Phelan
Chief, Training Division

Enc.

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Ottawa, Ontario,
July 25, 1938.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 13th instant, the Department approves the appointment of Mr. T. N Curtois as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School. He will be allowed a salary of $1,000 a year.

His qualifications have been noted, and it is considered that he is very well qualified to take charge of the Okanagan school. Please inform those interested accordingly.

I enclose Staff Questionnaire which you should have Mr Curtois complete and return.

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan
Chief, Training Division

Enc.

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

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July 28, 1938.

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

EX'D.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your 164-5-1 of the 25th instant with reference to the appointment of Mr. T.N.Curteis as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School, Okanagan Agency.

With reference to the last paragraph of the above quoted letter, I may say that you did not enclose the copy of the Staff Questionnaire for Mr. Curteis, whose address is R.R.1, Ladysmith, B.C.

I have informed Mr. Curteis that he will be expected to fill in such a Staff Questionnaire later and return it direct to the Department in Ottawa.

Mr. Curteis has been supplied with a copy of Circular C-150-48 as I had several spare copies. This circular deals with the dates of opening and closing school during the next academic year.

Yours very truly,

Gerald H. Barry.

GHB. Inspector of Indian Schools, B.C.

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REPORT ON OKANAGAN AGENCY FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1908.

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Schools

These have been closed during the month and some interior re-painting was done to them to get them in shape before the re-opening. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, the latter being formerly Miss Weydert, of Penticton Day School arrived to take over duties with the Okanagan Indian Day school and it is hoped that they will be as successful as anticipated. Miss C. MacDonald was transferred to Penticton, where she should be able to do good work. She was well liked by the Okanagan band and they did not appreciate the change but I am confident they will be pleased with the new teacher.

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James Coleman.
Indian Agent.

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AGENT'S REPORT ON OKANAGAN AGENCY FOR SEPTEMBER 1938.

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The new teacher at Okanagan Indian Day School, Mr. T. Curteis, is taking a keen interest in his school work and the attendance is rapidly increasing. In addition to the usual routine manual training has been re-established and domestic science continued.

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James Coleman.
Indian Agent.

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AGENT'S REPORT ON OKANAGAN AGENCY FOR MARCH 1940.

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All schools of the agency are progressing in a satisfactory manner, the schools being clean and well kept, the pupils also clean and well behaved in each school and the attendance is in each case very satisfactory. There have been no complaints in regard to attendance of Indian children at the various white schools.

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Alfred H. Barber.
Indian Agent.

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Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
MAY 13 1940
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 15/10/5515.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C.

May 10, 1940.

AIRMAIL

Dear Sir:

Mr. T. N. Curteis, teacher at the Okanagan Day School, has applied for permission to close the school one week earlier than the official date in order to make arrangements to move his family to Victoria so that he may attend the Provincial Summer School opening there on July 3rd. Mr. Curteis proposes to hold classes on each of the remaining Saturdays of the term up to and including June 22nd, between the hours of 8 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., to make up for the school periods of the last week of the term that ordinarily would be held. Mr. Curteis would expect to be paid full salary for June under these arrangements.

Mr. Curteis has been a very successful teacher and has taken a great interest in his pupils. His wife was a former teacher in the Okanagan Agency and has no doubt been of considerable assistance to Mr. Curteis in his work.

Mr. Barber has endorsed the application and under the circumstances I am inclined to recommend that the Department favorably consider granting the request provided the regulations permit of such arrangements being made.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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

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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1941
ON INDIAN AGENT ALFRED H. BARBER, VERNON? B.C.

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Schools

Okanagan and Penticton Day Schools were visited, both schools being in excellent condition. However, I was accompanied by Dr. Paine on the 18th to the Penticton School and in view of the number of pupils away with measles only seven being present, all of whom the Doctor expected would go down, he advised closing the school until the end of the month which was done, the pupils being instructed to stay around their own homes and not to visit other houses. The teacher, Miss McDonald was also suffering from a cold which she has had for some time.

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Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Ottawa.

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Ottawa,
May 14, 1940.

EXD.

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

In view of the recommendation contained in your letter of the 10th instant Mr. T.N. Curteis, teacher of the Okanagan Day School, may be allowed to close the school one week earlier than the official date.

Yours truly,

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

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

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R R #1, Ladysmith, B
July 25, 1941

Mr. A. Barber,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE
JUL 31 1941
VERNON, B. C.

Dear Sir:

As I have been successful in obtaining a more suitable teaching position in Victoria, I beg of you to grant me a release from the Okanagan Indian Day school.

I am forwarding akey which belongs to the gardge. I believe you know that Father Sutherland has a key to the residence.

It would be wise to warn the next teacher that there are two packages of black leaf forty (poison) on a ledge in the garage.

Should there be any doubt in matters concerning the school, mail addressed to the above address will reach me.

I hope you will have no difficu

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in filling the vacancy caused by my resignation.

Both Zel and I wish you and Miss Milne the best of everything and we trust we may some day see you both again.

Yours sincerely,
Thomas M. Costen

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 15/10/3499
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

164-5-1

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MINES AND RESOURCES

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
AUG 11 1941
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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. August 7, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith resignation of Mr. T.M.Curteis as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School.

I have requested a nomination for this position from His Excellency Archbishop Duke.

Yours faithfully,

D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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

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Ottawa,
August 12, 1941.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant you may inform Mr. T.M. Curteis that his resignation as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School is accepted.

It is noted that you have requested His Excellency Archbishop Duke to nominate a successor.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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

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Ottawa,
August 12, 1941.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Okanagan Indian Day School
No. 833

The Department has received and accepted the resignation of the teacher, Mr. T.M. Curtois, effective July 1, 1941. No further payment of salary should be made to him.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Ottawa, April 17, 1942.

REGISTERED

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith cheque No.H047457, in your favour for $1.00, representing a refund of amount overdeducted from your salary on account of War Savings Certificates.

Yours truly,

L.W.McCutcheon
Chief Treasury Officer.

T.N.Curteis, Esq.,
Care A.H.Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

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OKANAGAN INDIAN AGENCY
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1942,
OF INDIAN AGENT ALFRED H.BARBER, VERNON, B.C.

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Schools

The teacher at Okanagan Indian Day School resigned his position on short notice prior to the opening date October 1st, which renders a delay in the opening of the school and no word has yet been received regarding a newteacher. Many Indians are enquiring in this regard. It is now October 8th and it is hoped that a teacher will be appointed as early as possible.

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All of which is respectfully submitted,
Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent.

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OFFICE OF A[illegible]Y
BISHOP OF V[illegible]VER

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
255 NICOLA STREET
KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

October 17th, 1942

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

Dear Major MacKay,

In further reference to the subject of a teacher for the Okanagan Indian Day School, I sent word to Edmonton to have two possible men looked up whom I know there. I believe one of them is now going to apply for the position. He has not Normal School training, but his education, of which he will write you the details, is quite advanced. His name is Gregory Schiller, Canadian-born of Bohemian and Irish ancestry. He is a Catholic.

I do not hesitate to recommend this young man, if you consider his qualifications sufficient. He is of good family, good moral character, intelligent. I feel that he could do well in the position.

Very sincerely yours,

+ E. Q. Jennings

E. Q. Jennings
Auxiliary Bishop of Vancouver

P.S. I am recommending in advance because I am leaving tomorrow for three or four weeks' tour in the Caribou. E.Q.J.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 215-10-870
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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October 26, 1942.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the vacancy for a teacher at the Okanagan Indian Day School, I enclose herewith nomination by His Grace E.Q. Jennings, Auxiliary Bishop of Vancouver, of Gregory Schiller who, it will be noted, has no professional qualifications but is well recommended by the Bishop. It will also be noted that this applicant has been exempted from Military service apparently on medical grounds.

It has been found quite difficult to secure teachers for these positions, and, while I am not favourable to the appointment of unqualified persons, in view of the Bishop's recommendation I would approve of Mr. Schiller being engaged on a purely temporary basis until such time as a qualified teacher can be secured.

This school has been conducted on the basis of a term of 9 months at a salary of $100 a month, and reference to your files will show that the $100 a month rate was paid to Mr. Curtis in consideration of his wife, who was formerly teacher at the Penticton Indian Day School, devoting a part of her time to teaching the children domestic science, etc. In view of the fact that Mr. Schiller is not qualified professionally and there are excellent furnished quarters built on to the school, I would recommend that he be paid a salary of $90 per month for the school term ending June 30th unless a qualified teacher could be secured before that date.

Yours faithfully,

James Coleman

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, October 30, 1942.

Dear Sir:

EXD.

With reference to your letter of the 26th instant, the Department approves the temporary appointment of Mr. Gregory Schiller as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School. He will be allowed salary at the rate of $80. 0 a teaching month, plus bonus. You should have him complete the necessary forms and return these to this office.

I would also appreciate your advising the exact date on which he begins duties.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Box 70, Vancouver, B. C.

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Ottawa, November 6, 1942.

Dear Sir:-

This is to advise you that the services of Mr. W. P. Chopin, teacher, Okanagan Indian Day School, ceased effective July 1, 1942. Would you kindly let me have a cheque in his favour for the amount at his credit in the Retirement Fund?

Yours truly,

Deputy Minister.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Finance,
OTTAWA.

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11117--107 Ave.,
Edmonton, Alberta.
November 3, 1942.

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

Dear Sir:

Re No. 215-10-1004

I received your letter of November 2nd in regard to the position of teacher at the Okanagan Indian Day School. I thank you very much for securing this appointment for me but under the circumstances I am afraid that I shall not be able to accept it. I waited for nearly two weeks for a reply and when I did not hear from you I decided that it must have been filled. Only yesterday I accepted a bookkeeping position and report for work tomorrow morning.

I am sorry that I am not able to accept this position and hope that you will be able to find someone else soon.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Gregory A. Schiller.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

164-5-1

P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. November 7, 1942.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, file 164-5-1, approving of the temporary appointment of Mr. Gregory Schiller as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School, I enclose herewith his letter of the 3rd instant advising that he is unable to accept the position.

I have requested Bishop Jennings to nominate another teacher.

Yours faithfully,

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Ottawa, November 24, 1942.

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WITH CHEQUES (3)

Dear Sir:-

We are enclosing herewith Dominion of Canada cheques in favour of the undermentioned persons, who formerly taught at Indian Day Schools in British Columbia, being refund of Retirement Fund Accounts.

Cheque No.	In Favour of	Amount	District
22900	A.Jenner	$39.28	Kitwancool
22890	R.P.Chapin	46.11	Okanagan
22889	E.Brierly	30.86	Owincha

If you have an address for these teachers will you kindly forward the cheques to them. If, however, you are unable to locate them will you please return the cheques to this office.

Yours truly,

L.W.McCutcheon
Chief Treasury Officer.

Major D.M.MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Box 70, VANCOUVER, B.C.

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REPORT ON OKANAGAN INDIAN AGENCY FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1942.

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SCHOOLS

Okanagan Day School - I am advised that Mr. Chaplin, who resigned in October, is re-appointed. I had hoped that a new qualified teacher might have been obtained, However, the difficulty of obtaining teachers is realized.

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Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent.

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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1942.
OF INDIAN AGENT ALFRED H. BARBER, VERNON, B.C.
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SCHOOLS

There is still no teacher appointed for Okanagan Day School and the thirty children on the roll are disappointed and the parents discouraged. Some are saying the Department does not care whether their children receive any education. This is a pity and a set-back from which it may take some time to overcome.

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Alfred H. Barber
Indian Agent.

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REPORT ON OKANAGAN INDIAN AGENCY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1943.

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Schools

There is still no teacher appointed for Inkameep Indian Day School and the Indians of the Reserve can not understand why they should be so long without a teacher. Okanagan Day School is carrying on with Mr. Chapin as teacher. The attendance is satisfactory. I would respectfully suggest that this school be inspected by the Provincial School Inspector.

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Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent.,

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AGENT'S REPORT ON OKANAGAN AGENCY FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944.

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OKANAGAN SCHOOL

There is general dissatisfaction among many of the parents at this school being closed for lack of a teacher and it is urged that a teacher be obtained as early as possible.

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A.H. Barber.
Indian Agent.

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164-5-1

Ottawa,
December 21, 1944.

AIR MAIL

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

I desire to refer to your letter of August 16 and official reply of August 23, with reference to securing a teacher for the Okanagan Indian Day School.

In his report for the month of November Indian Agent Barber writes as follows:

"There is general dissatisfaction among many of the parents at this school being closed for lack of a teacher and it is urged that a teacher be obtained as early as possible."

If you have not heard from Bishop Jennings I feel it would be advisable for you to communicate with him again and endeavour to secure a teacher to begin duties next month.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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WISH TO NOMINATE MISS BETTY NEAVE FOR OKANAGAN SCHOOL

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AIRMAIL

P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. 27th Dec., 1944.

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

Further to my letter of December 19th, regarding the appointment of a teacher for the Okanagan Indian Day School, I enclose herewith a telegram received from Bishop Jennings nominating Miss Betty Neave to the position.

Miss Neave, although not a certificated teacher, is sufficiently qualified to assume the position and it is recommended that the nomination be approved.

A reply by airmail would be appreciated in order that Miss Neave may commence her duties as soon as possible in the new term.

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D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Air Mail

Ottawa, December 29, 1944.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Box 70, Vancouver, B. C.

With reference to your letter of the 27th instant, the Department approves the appointment of Miss Betty Neave as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School, with salary at the rate of $100.00 a teaching month. As soon as she begins duties you should have her complete and return the usual forms. I presume it is your idea that she should be allowed salary at the same rate as the preceding teacher, namely $100.00 a teaching month. However, if you consider less salary should be paid to her, you may advise her accordingly. When forwarding the forms you should state definitely the exact date upon which she begins duties, although, if you so desire, we could arrange to have her appointment date from January 1, 1945.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. Jan. 18, 1945.

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

Your File 184-5-1

With reference to Mr. Phelan's letter of December 29th, 1944, I enclose herewith the usual forms duly completed by Miss Betty Neave in connection with her appointment as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School. It will be noted that Miss Neave commenced her duties at this school on January 8th, 1945.

Jan 8/45

For: D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

KT
Enc.

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Ottawa, January 24, 1945.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Box 70, Vancouver, B. C.

With reference to your letters of December 27, 1944, and January 18, 1945, the Department approves the appointment of Miss Betty Neave as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School at a salary of $100.00 a teaching month, effective January 8, 1945.

for Deputy Minister.

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Ottawa, January 24, 1945.

Memorandum:

EXD.

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY.

Re: Okanagan Indian Day School, No. 833.

The Department has appointed Miss Betty Neave as teacher of this school, at a salary of $100.00 a teaching month, effective January 8, 1945. I enclose copy of letter of appointment, cost-of-living bonus form and T.D.1 form. Staff questionnaire will reach you shortly.

for Deputy Minister.

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VANCOUVER, B.C. March 20, 1945.

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

Further to my letter of January 18th, I enclose herewith T.D.1 forms duly completed by Miss Betty Neave, teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School.

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

-KT
Enc.

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General Delivery.
Vernon, B.C.
May 19, 1945.

Dear sir:

Owing to my approaching marriage I hereby regret to tender my resignation as school teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School, the same to take effect at the close of the present term.

Yours truly,
Mary Elizabeth Reave

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

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QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING MARCH, 1945, ON OKANAGAN INDIAN AGENCY

xx xx xx

Welfare and Training

Okanagan Indian Day School - Miss Neave, the young teacher appointed in January has so far proved very satisfactory and has the makings of a very good teacher for our Indian schools - that is if she stays with us. She is competent and resourceful and gets along well with the children and parents and has their co-operation in every way.

xx xx xx

Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE Ok.1-10.

Okanagan Indian Agency,
Vernon, B.C.,
May 23, 1945.

Major D.M.MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

I regret to have to forward hereto the resignation of Miss Mary E.Neave from the position of teacher at Okanagan Indian Day School as at the end of the present term.

I sincerely hope that every effort will be made to have a new appointment made to fill this position by the re-opening of the school in September.

(Alfred H.Barber)
Indian Agent.

Enclosure:-

JC

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Ottawa, June 6, 1945.

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

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo, enclosing the resignation of Miss Mary E. Neave, teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School, effective at the end of the present month. Her resignation is accepted.

It is noted that you have requested Bishop Jennings to nominate a successor.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. May 28, 1945.

JUN 4 1945

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

Your File 164-5-1

I enclose herewith Mr. Indian Agent Barber's letter of May 23rd and a letter dated May 19th from Miss Mary E. Neave tendering her resignation as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School effective at the end of the present school term.

I am writing to Bishop Jennings requesting that he nominate a successor to Miss Neave.

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

-EW
Encl.

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Ottawa, June 6, 1945.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Okanagan Indian Day School, No. 833.

Please note that the Department has received and accepted the resignation of Miss Mary E. Neave as teacher of the above-noted school, effective July 1, 1945. No further payment of salary should be made to her after that date.

For Deputy Minister.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6405, File 833-1, part 2)

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RETIREMENT FUND APPLICATION FORM

DEPARTMENT Mines and Resources, Indian Affairs Branch.

THE SUPE[redacted]NUATION DIVISION,
DEPARTME[redacted]F FINANCE,
NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Date July 23, 1945.

RETURN OF THE AMOUNT AT CREDIT OF THE UNDERMENTIONED EMPLOYEE IN THE RETIREMENT FUND IS REQUESTED.

Name Neave (surname) Mary E. (Christian names in full)

(In the case of a female employee married while in the service give maiden name also .....)

Employed at Okanagan Indian Day School, Vernon, B.C. Paylist No. 52 Payroll No. 1833

Date taken on strength this Department January 8, 1945

Date to be struck off strength this Department July 1, 1945

(If the employee has had previous service in one or more other departments, please state .....)

The final Retirement Fund deduction was made from the salary for the month of June, 1945

Amount $5.00.

Total contributions (if available) $.....

I hereby certify that no overpayment of any kind to this employee is outstanding except as indicated hereunder:—

*Payable as follows:

1. Receiver General for (to adjust overpayment) $ Nil
2. Receiver General for (Re: Victory Bond purchase) $ Nil
3. ..... (to be filled in by Finance Dept.) $

*Please delete items above not applicable. TOTAL $ Nil

SIGNATURE [signature]

TITLE Chief Treasury Officer.

This space for Department of Finance only

Charged to control.....

Prepared by..... Checked by..... Interest $.....

Date of payment.....

Approved by P.C. 38/3900, May 24, 1944.

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QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING JUNE 30th, 1945, ON OKANAGAN INDIAN AGENCY

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Schools

Okanagan Indian Day School. This school was re-opened with a new teacher, Miss Neave, in January, and she has been very satisfactory. The attendance has been excellent and progress has been made. However, Miss Neave has resigned this position to get married and I hope a good and qualified teacher will be available for the re-opening in September.

xx xx xx

Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, August 3, 1945.

REGISTERED

A.H. Barber, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Vernon, B.C.

Mary E.Neave, formerly teacher,
Okanagan Indian Day School.

We are enclosing herewith cheque No.18300, drawn in favour of the above-noted for $29.09, being refund of Retirement Fund account. Kindly forward the cheque to Miss Neave.

L.W. McCutcheon
Chief Treasury Officer.

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Ottawa, 5th October, 1945.

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

In your letter of May 28th, you forwarded the resignation of Miss Mary E. Neave as teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School, effective June 30th, 1945.

Since that time we have not heard from you in this connection. Please let me know whether it will be possible to secure a teacher for the current academic year.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1945. ON OKANAGAN AGENCY

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Welfare and Training.
Day Schools:

Okanagan Indian Day School. The teacher, Miss Neave, resigned at the June closing, and I had earnestly hoped that a new teacher would have been appointed for the September opening. However, I still have no word in this regard, and the Indians are, to say the least, unhappy and discontented at the school being closed, and acouse myself and the Department of having no interest in their children's education. This is a great pity as these people are eager to send the children, and some have no left for the United States and are sending the children to the public schools there until we obtain a teacher. I hope the Department will make an effort to obtain a qualified teacher.

xx xx xx

Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent.

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646 Richards Street
Vancouver, B.C.
Oct. 20, 1945.

Mr. James Coleman
P.O. Box 70
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I received your kind letter of Oct. 15th, regarding the possibility of securing a teacher for the Okanagan Indian Day School.

We are exhausting every avenue to obtain a teacher but so far have been unsuccessful. We are running another advertisement next week in the Catholic paper regarding this position, and hope to be successful.

With kind regards, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

X W.M. Duke

W. M. Duke
Archbishop of Vancouver

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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. Oct. 29, 1945.

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

Your File 164-5-1

With reference to Mr. Phelan's letter of October 5th in connection with the teaching vacancy at the Okanagan Indian Day School, I enclose herewith for your information a copy of Archbishop Duke's letter of October 20th.

D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

-KT
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OKANAGAN INDIAN AGENCY

AGENT'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1945.

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SCHOOLS: Okanagan Indian Day School. I regret to say that no teacher has yet been appointed for this school for which there are about 35 pupils anxious to attend and the Indians are very bitter in their feelings over it. They have requested that if a teacher cannot be obtained, then the Department employ a bus and transport the children to school in Vernon. I have advised them that this is impossible as the white schools are now filled with more children than can be properly accommodated.

This school has been very unfortunate in the matter of teachers for the past 4 years and the Indians openly state that no encouragement is given them in the education of their children. I sincerely hope that a qualified teacher can be obtained at an early date.

xx xx xx

A.H. Barber,
Indian Agent.

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OKANAGAN INDIAN AGENCY
REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1946
OF INDIAN AGENT ALFRED H. BARBER, V[illegible], B.C.

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Welfare and Training:

Okanagan Indian Day School. There is still no teacher at this school, and the parents of the 35 or more children, who are anxious to have the school opened, are very much perturbed and accuse myself and the Department of lack of interest in their education. I sincerely hope a teacher is found to open the school next September.

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(Alfred H. Barber)
Indian Agent.

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AIRMAIL

Ottawa, June 3, 1946.

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

I desire to refer to your letter of October 29, with reference to securing a teacher for the Okanagan Indian Day School.

In the Agent's report for the quarter ended December 31 and also in his report for the quarter ended March 31, he points out that we are being severely criticized by the Indians for having left this school vacant.

Is there any assurance that we will secure a teacher for the academic year 1946-47? If so, I would like to know the name of the teacher as soon as possible, so that we could advise the Agent to this effect.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. June 8th, 1946.

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

Your File 164-5-1

With reference to Mr. Phelan's letter of June 3rd in connection with securing a teacher for the Okanagan Indian Day School, this matter has been the subject of correspondence with Bishop Jennings at Kamloops, and although the Bishop on April 24th suggested that Reverend Father Sutherland, O.M.I., Indian missionary attached to the Kamloops Indian Residential School, be assigned to the Okanagan Indian Day School in the absence of any other suitable teacher, this course was not considered advisable as Father Sutherland was just as urgently required at Kamloops.

Under date of May 3rd Bishop Jennings advised that he was still unsuccessful in securing a suitable teacher but that he would do what he could to secure one for the start of the Fall term in September. There is, however, absolutely no assurance that we will secure a teacher for the 1946-47 academic year.

-EW

For D. M. MacKay
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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OKANAGAN INDIAN AGENCY.

REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30th, 1946 of
INDIAN AGENT ALFRED H. BARBER. VERNON. B.C.

OKANAGAN INDIAN DAY SCHOOL:-

This school did not open during the past year for lack of a teacher, it is to be hoped that a teacher will be available for opening the school in September.

Alfred H. Barber,
Indian Agent.

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AIRMAIL

Ottawa, 5 November 1946.

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

In your letter of June 8th last, you stated that you were in correspondence with Bishop Jennings in order to have him nominate a teacher for the Okanagan Day School.

A recent report from the Indian Agent indicates that there are a number of children who should attend this school and we would appreciate it if you would again communicate with Bishop Jennings and urge him to nominate a teacher at the earliest possible date.

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

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Report for the Quarter ending September 30, 1946.
of Indian Agent, Alfred H. Barber, Vernon, B.C.

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DAY SCHOOLS

Inkameep Indian Day School - Father O'Reilly is giving excellent service and the attendance is good. Penticton Day School - Okanagan Day School - It is to be regretted that both these schools did not open for lack of teachers, and there appears no prospect of teachers being obtained. The Okanagan School has been closed for over a year, and there are approximately 40 children awaiting its reopening and the Indians are all very perturbed and dissatisfied with the situation. This is very regretable as they are so anxious in that area, that their children go to school and I recommend priority of this school be given over others where there are less children to attend.

X X X

Alfred H. Barber
Indian Agent.

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Okanagan Indian Agency,
Vernon, B. C.
November 6, 1946.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B. C., Vancouver, B. C.

With reference to your letter No.215-10-5413 of October 9th, ultimo and enclosures regarding enquiries made by Mr. John Pitman with reference to the teaching position at Okanagan Indian Day School.

I now advise that on October 21st, I conducted Mr. and Mrs. Pitman to Okanagan Indian Day School and gave him all the necessary information regarding the position.

I am now in receipt of his application which I am forwarding to you herewith together with the credentials he has supplied, these being as follows:-

Copy of Notice of having passed Preliminary Examination for the Certificate, 1908, from the Board of Education, Whitehall, London S.W., dated 1st. of July 1908.

Copy of Report of C. E. Brown, Inspector of Schools, Province of Saskatchewan, dated August 25th, 1934.

Copy of a letter dated August 15th, 1946, signed by J. S. Pells for District Treasury Officer, Vancouver, regarding services with that office at M.D. No.11, at Vancouver, B. C.from July 20th, 1942 to August 1946.

I have also inspected Permanent Second Class Certificate of the Province of Saskatchewan issued to Mr. Pitman on July 14th, 1923.

I will be noted that Mr. Pitman is 57 years of age and that he taught in Saskatchewan for 10 years. However, he has not taught school for more than 15 years, and I would say he is very much out of date as to modern teaching methods. However, whilst I possibl would not recommend his appointment if teachers with modern teaching were available at this time, I am of the opinion that he would give satisfactory service if his appointment was approved by the Bishop. However, it will be noted that Mr. Pitman is an Anglican.

He is also a married man, and is of pleasant personality, but has had no experience with Indians.

In view of the fact that this School has remained closed since June 1945, and that there are approximately thirty-five children available, I would ask that Mr. Pitmans application be given every consideration.

(Alfred H. Barber)
Indian Agent.

Encl.

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Application for EMPLOYMENT IN INDIAN DAY SCHOOLS

I hereby make application for employment in the Okanagan Indian Day School.

Date 4/11/46

John Pitman
(Signature)

I PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Name in full (please print) PITMAN (Surname) JOHN (Christian Names)

Date of Birth 22 Sept 1889 Place of Birth Guernsey C.I. England

Sex Male Religion Anglican Health Good

Canadian Citizen Yes Service in H M Forces ----------

II ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Type of Education	Dates	Name of School	Diploma, Certificate or Degree Granted
High School (or equiv.)	1904 to 1908	Normal	Teaching Certificate
University			
Additional (Technical Agricultural etc.)	1915	Normal (Regina)	Teaching Certificate.

III PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Where and when did you take your teacher training? As above

What teaching certificate(s) do you hold? English & Saskatchewan

For how long valid? ..... For how many years have you taught in provincial schools 10 In what province(s) Saskatchewan

In what Indian schools have you taught previously (give dates)

None

Total teaching experience 19 years

IV SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

List any special qualifications you have for Indian work

French and music

V REFERENCES AND INSPECTOR'S REPORTS

Please attach copies of references and your latest Inspector's Report, (if any)

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Nov. 20, 1946.

Dear Bishop Jennings:

Considerable concern is being felt by the Department in that we have been unable to secure a teacher for the Okanagan Indian Day School which has been closed for some time.

We have now received an application from a Mr. John Pitman of Vernon for this position, a copy of Mr. Indian Agent Barber's letter of November 6th in connection with this applicant being enclosed.

Mr. Pitman appears to possess the necessary qualifications but is not of the Roman Catholic faith. If, however, you are not in a position to nominate a Roman Catholic teacher for this school it would be appreciated if you would give consideration to the nomination of Mr. Pitman whose appointment, subject to your nomination, I am prepared to recommend to the Department for the balance of the academic year.

Yours faithfully,

-EW

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

The Most Rev. E.J. Jennings, D.D.,
255 Nicola Street,
Kamloops, B.C.

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BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
255 NICOLA STREET
KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

November 29th, 1946

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

Dear Major MacKay,

I have your letter of November 20, and the enclosed recommendation from Mr. Indian Agent Barber of Mr. John Pitman for the position of teacher at the Okanagan Indian Day School. For the reason that Mr. Pitman is not of the religious faith of the Indians on that reserve I feel that I could not recommend him for this position, though otherwise he would seem to have sufficient qualification. I am sure you will understand that in my position as bishop it would not be reasonable to make such a recommendation.

I have been doing all I can to find a teacher for this school, but without success. Just now, however, Father Scott who is the missionary for the reserve, is in touch with two rather likely prospects, and we are in hopes that he will be able to present one or other of them for the position.

Very truly yours,

+ E. J. Jennings

E. J. Jennings
Bishop of Kamloops.

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Department of Mines & Resources
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VANCOUVER, B.C.
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Dec. 16, 1946.

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

Your File 164-5-1 (W.T.1)

Following receipt of Mr. Neary's letter of November 5th in connection with the teaching vacancy at the Okanagan Indian Day School and following considerable correspondence with Bishop Jennings who was unable to nominate a teacher for the school, the attached application was received from Mr. John Pitman, a resident of Vernon, who although not a Roman Catholic, has the necessary academic qualifications, and in view of the inability of Bishop Jennings to nominate a teacher it was felt that we might avail ourselves of Mr. Pitman's services. Mr. Indian Agent Barber's letter of November 6th in connection with the applicant is enclosed together with a copy of my letter of November 20th to Bishop Jennings and his reply thereto. It will be noted that in spite of the fact that the Bishop was unable to nominate a Catholic teacher he is not prepared to recommend Mr. Pitman for the position as he is not of the religious faith of the Indians on the reserve.

This school has been closed continuously since September, 1945, and for varying periods prior to that through lack of a teacher and it is most unfortunate that the children should continue to be deprived of an education because of the authority exercised by the church in the matter of the nomination of the teacher. Although Section 10, subsection 2, of the Indian Act might appear to imply the right of the church in this connection my own view is that the reference was intended to cover the operation of residential schools only.

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This case should serve to focus attention on the imperative need for clarification of the position of the church in the matter of the operation and control of the Indian Day Schools in this province. There should be no place in this country for a policy that makes education to our Indians, which under the law is the sole responsibility of the state, dependent on decision of church authority.

I may say that we have endeavoured to make use of Mr. Pitman's services in a Protestant school elsewhere but he does not wish to return to the coast, desiring the dry climate of the interior for the benefit of his wife's health.

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Encl.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 215-10-6124
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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. Dec. 21st, 1946.

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

Re: Okanagan Indian Day School

I enclose for the Department's attention a letter from Bishop Jennings nominating Miss Doris Fraser for the position as teacher at the Okanagan Indian Day School.

Miss Fraser is not a qualified teacher and apart from the occasions on which she was deputed by her teacher to teach the younger children at the Squam Bay Public School when she herself was a pupil there she has had no experience whatever as a teacher. It will also be noted that Bishop Jennings suggests that it would be to the advantage of Miss Fraser to have Mrs. Tierney O'Keefe, a trained teacher, in the immediate vicinity of the school, presumably to lend assistance when necessary although just how this is to be arranged is not clear.

I am unable to find sufficient grounds to justify the appointment of Miss Fraser and consequently this nomination is not endorsed.

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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255 NICOLA STREET
KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

December 11th, 1946

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

Dear Major MacKay,

I would like to recommend a young lady, Miss Doris Fraser, to take over the Okanagan Indian Day School. I believe, if she is accepted, that it would be better now to have her open the school at the beginning of the New Year, since we are already so close to the Christmas holiday season.

Miss Fraser is not a qualified teacher. But, having had two interviews with her, I am convinced she would be able to handle the school well. She is 18 years old, but seems responsible beyond her age. She has her complete Grade XII, and is at present working in the Royal Bank of Canada in Kamloops. Except for the time spent doing her High School in St. Ann's Academy, New Westminster, she has been all her life at her home in Squam Bay, on the North Thompson River, and is therefore very accustomed to Indians and likes them. During her school days at Squam Bay her teacher freely deputed her to teach the smaller children in the school. As with a great many of the young ladies brought up in this part of the country, she has no hesitancy in the matter of doing her own housekeeping in the teacherage at the school. She is, of course, a Catholic.

I believe also that it would be an advantage to her to have Mrs. Tierney O'Keefe in the immediate vicinity of the School. Mrs. O'Keefe was formerly Miss Betty Reave ~~who~~ who taught in the same school for a year or two and who is still very interested in the school and in the welfare of the

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Indians in the district.

Miss Fraser, if accepted, would have to give notice at the Bank here, but I believe she would be ready to start at the beginning of the New Year.

Trusting that Miss Fraser may be acceptable to the Department, at least for the balance of this school year or until a qualified teacher can be found, I remain

Very truly yours,

+ E Q Jennings

E. Q. Jennings
Bishop of Kamloops.

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Copy to: Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.

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164-5-1 (W.T.)

Ottawa, Ontario,
December 24, 1946.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner,
Vancouver, B.C.

D.

OKANAGAN INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

We have for answer your letters of December 16 and 21, on File 215-10-6124.

As you are probably aware, the above school is located some seventeen miles from Vernon and on a relatively isolated reservation. We do feel that it is not a good school for an 18 year old lady teacher to live in alone.

It is difficult to understand the Bishop's sentence "I believe also that it would be an advantage to her to have Mrs. Tierney O'Keefe in the immediate vicinity of the school". It is presumed that Mrs. O'Keefe is living at O'Keefe Station, which is at least eight or nine miles from the school.

These distances may not seem serious obstacles but when you consider

(a) that this school is situated on a road which seldom used to be plowed

(b) that there is no telephone communication near the school

then the Bishop may question the advisability of sending this young girl to this school without an older lady as escort.

However, our records show that there is a need for a Catholic teacher at the Penticton Indian Day

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School. It is understood that this school is much closer to town and that there have been other young lady teachers there in the past.

Would the Bishop consider

(a) sending Miss Fraser to the Penticton Day School

(b) sending Mr. Pitman to the Okanagan Indian day school on a temporary basis until June 30, 1947. It would be understood that at this time the Bishop could nominate a Catholic teacher to replace Mr. Pitman.

B. F. Neary,
Superintendent,
Welfare and Training.

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C O P Y

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
255 Nicola St.
Kamloops, B.C.

January 3rd, 1947.

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

Dear Major MacKay,

Re: 215-10-6171

Referring to your suggestion in your letter of Dec. 31, that of sending Miss Doris Fraser to the Penticton Indian School and Mr. Pitman to the Okanagan School, I would say that I cannot make any decision in regard to Penticton, as it is in the Diocese of Nelson and therefore in the Diocese of Bishop Johnson.

I would not like therefore to withdraw my nomination of Miss Fraser for the Okanagan Indian Day School. Although she is not a qualified teacher, I feel that she could take over the school at least for this term and bring benefit to the Indian children there, who have now been without a teacher altogether for some time.

In mentioning Mrs. O'Keefe as being of assistance to her, it was meant by advice and guidance, as in that part of the country they would inevitably become friends. Mrs. O'Keefe does not live at O'Keefe Station but at the O'Keefe Ranch. That is still five or six miles away, but will not, I believe, present the kind of assistance of which I was thinking.

Very truly yours,

"E. Q. Jennings"

E.Q. Jennings,
Bishop of Kamloops

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January 16, 1947.

MEMORANDUM
TO D. M. MacKay,- Indian Commissioner
FROM R. F. Davey- District Inspector of Indian Schools.

Re: Appointment of teachers to Indian Day Schools.

There are at present eleven Indian Day Schools in B.C. closed because of the present shortage of teachers and it is likely that the majority will remain so unless those teachers available are used.

The Okanagan Indian Day School is an example. This school has been closed since June 1945. Recently there has been two possible appointments, one, a young woman of eighteen years of age without teaching training, and the other, a qualified man with nineteen years experience. To send a young woman of this age with virtually no experience to the isolated Okanagan school is unjustifiable. This is particularly true when a mature qualified man is available. Apparently the only obstacle in the way of opening this school is obtaining the nomination of this teacher from the church authorities concerned. This nomination was apparently refused on the basis of the teacher's religious convictions. This is one example where an appointment to a school has been prevented because it has not been possible to secure the nomination of the teacher by the church authorities. There is no need or excuse for a teacher's religious convictions interfering with his work in a school or his work in the church and community.

The attendance at Provincial Normal Schools indicates that the present shortage of trained teachers will not be overcome for two or three years. In view of this I suggest that consideration be given to a change in the present policy of appointing teachers to Indian Day Schools only after a nomination to the position has been secured from the church authorities concerned.

R. F. Davey.
R. F. Davey.

RFD/mh

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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. Jan. 17, 1947.

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

Your File 164-5-1 (W.T.)
Okanagan Indian Day School

I have to refer to your letter of December 24th and previous correspondence regarding the above-noted school, and in this connection enclose for your information a copy of a letter received from Bishop Jennings in response to my letter to him of December 31st in which the Department's suggestions for meeting the needs of both the Okanagan and Penticton schools were set out. It will be observed that Bishop Jennings is not inclined to endorse the suggestions made insofar as they concern the vacancy at the former school which is in his Diocese. I have communicated with Mr. Barber to ascertain if Mr. Pitman would be willing to go to the Penticton school and if so the matter will be taken up with Bishop Johnson as the Penticton school is in his Diocese and the Department duly advised.

A memorandum received from Inspector Davey, dated January 16th, 1947, on the subject of the appointment of teachers to Indian Day Schools is enclosed for your information. I may say that I am in accord with the views expressed therein by the Inspector.

My own position with respect to the appointment of Miss Fraser to the Okanagan school was set out in my letter of December 16th, my file 215-10-5934, and remains the same.

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Encl.

D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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AIRMAIL.

Ottawa, 24 January 1947.

E A D.

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

Re: Okanagan Indian Day School

Reference your 215-10-6304 of January 17th.

Your letter has received careful consideration by the Director and by officials of the Welfare and Training Service. They are aware of the conditions which exist in the appointment of teachers to certain Indian Day Schools as pointed out by Mr. Davey in his letter of January 16th.

It is quite likely that the present system will come in for considerable discussion by the Joint Parliamentary Committee and that a change will be considered by them.

We will await word from you concerning Mr. Indian Agent Barber's proposal that Mr. Pitman go to the Penticton School.

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

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE.....

Vernon, B. C.
February 10, 1947.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B. C., Vancouver, B. C.

With reference to your letter No.215-10-6-17 of January 8th ultimo, advising that Bishop Jennings has not concurred in the appointment of Mr. Pitman to the position of teacher at the Okanagan Indian Day School.

I would advise that the Indian parents of children of school age are very indignant at the school remaining closed for so long and not unnaturally blame myself and the Department.

I have seen Mr. Pitman regarding the Penticton Indian Day School, but under the circumstances, he expects the results would be the same, although he would be willing to go if housing accomodations were available, but does not feel warranted in spending several days at Penticton to ascertain the housing situation (which is as bad as elsewhere) without first having assurance he would be appointed, however, in this regard I do not recommend any appointment at Penticton at this time, or until the opening of the next school year in September, for the reason that a number of the older pupils were admitted to the Cranbrook Residential School in the fall, leaving only 6 or 7 younger children available for the Day School at the present time.

It is to be hoped that we will be more fortunate in obtaining teachers for the next school year.

Mr. Pitman enquired if there was a vacancy at the Shulus Indian Day School of the Nicola Agency, stating he would be more interested in that than Penticton.

(Alfred H. Barber)
Indian Agent.

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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. February 14, 1947

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

Your file 164-5-1 (A.F.)

Further to my letter of January 17th and application of Mr. Pitman for the position of teacher at the Okanagan Indian Day School, and in particular the suggestion that he might be willing to go to the Penticton School, a copy of Mr. Indian Agent Barber's letter of February 10th is enclosed which to me indicates that there would be no object in pursuing the matter of Mr. Pitman's appointment any further insofar as the Penticton School is concerned.

With reference to the final paragraph of Mr. Barber's letter we already have a teacher at the Shulus Indian Day School and I am advising the Agent accordingly.

FEB 17 1947

-mh
enc.

D. M. Mackay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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A I R M A I L

Ottawa, February 24, 1947.

Dear Bishop Jennings:

The Department now has before it, two nominations for the position of teacher of the Okanagan Indian Day School:

1. Miss Doris Fraser - aged 18 years - no teacher training - no teaching certificate - no teaching experience - a Roman Catholic.

2. Mr. John Pitman - aged 57 years - two teaching certificates (England and Saskatchewan) - 19 years teaching experience (in England and Saskatchewan Provincial Schools) - an Anglican.

As you know, it has been the policy of the Department to appoint a day school teacher of the same religious denomination as the majority of the band. Unfortunately, the supply of qualified teachers of the various denominations has not been sufficient in recent years to meet the demand. As a result we have had to appoint unqualified teachers and the standard of teaching in our schools is now under criticism. Therefore we are very anxious to appoint only qualified and certificated teachers. As you are probably aware, the Indians themselves are pressing their demands for more educational facilities and especially for better teachers.

Reverend Father Scannell, O.M.I., has just brought to our attention the broadcast made over C J O R in

Most Reverend E. [redacted]. Jennings, D.D.,
Bishop of Kamloops,
255 Nicola Street,
Kamloops, British Columbia.

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Vancouver on February 1st, in which the Indians complained at great length about our schools and particularly about unqualified teachers.

Therefore it is requested that you review your nomination of Miss Fraser. We are prepared to pay the following salary scale:

(a) $1180 for a qualified teacher with no experience,

(b) $1250 for a qualified teacher with one year's experience,

(c) $1310 for a qualified teacher with two or three years' experience.

Attached please find application forms which should be forwarded to Major MacKay in Vancouver.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

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

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BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
255 NICOLA STREET
KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

March 17th, 1947

MAR 21 1947

Dr. Bernard F. Neary
Supt. of Welfare and Training
Indian Affairs Branch
Department of Mines and Resources
Ottawa

Dear Sir,

Re: Your letter 164-5-1

I have your letter of February 24th. At present I have no nominations available for the position of teacher in the Okanagan Indian Day School. As you no doubt know there is difficulty in the west to have qualified teachers for even the white schools and a good number of schools have found it impossible to have qualified teachers.

The missionary who goes to the Okanagan reserve and I agreed that it would be better to have the school open and the children attending under a capable person even though not a qualified teacher. Miss Fraser was available and is the right type and I nominated her. Although Commissioner MacKay gave no hope that she would be accepted for this school, he nevertheless suggested that she be sent to the Penticton school and Mr. Pitman sent to the Okanagan. Apart from the fact that she is not a qualified teacher whether in Okanagan or Penticton, I have no authority to nominate for Penticton, as it is in the diocese of Nelson.

We are still looking out for teachers.

Very sincerely yours,

E.G. Fleming

Bishop of Kamloops.

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164-5-1 (W.T. 1)

AIRMAIL

Ottawa, 24 January 1947.

L.A.D.

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

Re: Okanagan Indian Day School

Reference your 215-10-6304 of January 17th.

Your letter has received careful consideration by the Director and by officials of the Welfare and Training Service. They are aware of the conditions which exist in the appointment of teachers to certain Indian Day Schools as pointed out by Mr. Davey in his letter of January 16th.

It is quite likely that the present system will come in for considerable discussion by the Joint Parliamentary Committee and that a change will be considered by them.

We will await word from you concerning Mr. Indian Agent Barber's proposal that Mr. Pitman go to the Penticton School.

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

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104-5-1 (WT 1)

Ottawa, April 1st, 1947.

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

With reference to securing a teacher for the Okanagan Day School, I enclose for your information copy of a letter received from Bishop Jennings.

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

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July 7th, 1947

Department of Mines & Resources
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Mr. Bernard F. Neary
Sup't of Welfare and Training
Indian Affairs Branch
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Neary,

Your file - 184-5-1(MT)

I regret that my reply has been so delayed. I have been away, with small possibility of having any mail follow me.

This is to let you know that I quite approve of the appointment of Sister Patricia whom you have proposed for the Okanagan Indian Day School. I am very glad that a teacher of such ability and long experience has been found for this school, and I feel confident that she will fulfill the needs well. Sister Patricia also wrote to me giving an outline of her experience and manner of working with the Indian children.

The school at Shalalth, also in this diocese, is badly in need of a teacher, and it is pratically impossible to find one in these parts. I trust that you may find a suitable candidate for that school as well.

Very sincerely yours,

† E. Q. Jennings

E. Q. Jennings
Bishop of Kamloops.

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164-5-1 (W T)

Ottawa, August 28, 1947.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.

EXD.
A.

Superannuation Application,
Sister Patricia, T.C.S.F.,
Okanagan Indian Day School

Please find attached application for appointment as a permanent civil servant from the above teacher. This application is not accepted.

The regulations for classification as a permanent civil servant are listed on page 5 of the June issue of the Indian School Bulletin. Regulation (a) reads as follows:

> "Teachers who are in possession of permanent teachers' certificates as granted by provincial Departments of Education".

It is noted that Sister Patricia does not hold such a certificate. While the Department recognizes other teaching certificates for the purposes of the salary schedule, we must insist on Canadian certificates for superannuation applications. This is in accordance with the regulations laid down in provincial teacher's superannuation plans.

It is regretted that Sister Patricia has not attempted to convert her certificate to a Canadian one during her 25 years of teaching in Canada.

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

BFN/EM

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Extract from Diary for December, 1947, from

Alfred H. Barber, Indian Agent, Vernon, B.C.

Original on 99-164

December 15 -

Office. With Rev. Sister Patricia, Teacher, Okanagan Indian Day School, to Canoe and Salmon Arm re: purchase of an Organ for the school and made a very excellent purchase for $75.00, this financed by Sister Patricia and the Indians. This will be a great asset to the school.

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March 10, 1948.

EXD.

Mr. W. S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner,
P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Okanagan Indian Day School

Inspector Davey's report upon the above school has been received and its contents have been noted. It is presumed that we will hear further from you with regard to the painting of the interior of this schoolroom. From personal knowledge, I agree with your recommendation concerning the possibility of opening a second school on the Okanagan Reserve at the head if the Okanagan Lake. There is a large centre of population near the mission church and a school there would eliminate the necessity of sending these children to the Kamloops Residential School and would therefore help to relieve the overcrowding at that institution. It is noted that you will have Mr. Indian Agent Barber investigate the possibility of having a well dug at this school. The Six Mile Creek has never been a satisfactory source of water and there is always the danger of contamination.

Bernard F. Neary,
Superintendent of Education.

BFN/EM

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Ottawa, September 2, 1949.

Mr. W.S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.,

RE GLEN VOWELL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PREPARED APPROVE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT MISS EDITH McLEAN GRADE ONE TEACHER SALARY $1080 ACADEMIC YEAR Stop HOMALCO SCHOOL APPROVE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT THOMAS DEMPSEY GRADE ONE WELFARE TEACHER SALARY $1320 CALENDAR YEAR Stop ADVISE IF MRS OULTON HAS DECIDED TRANSFER TO OKANAGAN SCHOOL Stop FORWARD USUAL DOCUMENTS

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education.

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Re: Mrs. Lydia Oulton

Referring to Mr. Neary's Army Signals message of September 2nd, I would advise that the above-mentioned teacher has accepted a transfer from the Homalco Indian Day School to the Okanagan Day School.

W.S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Memorandum:

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER

Re: Okanagan Indian Day School No. 833

Mrs. Lydia Oulton has been transferred from the Homalco Indian Day School to the Okanagan Indian Day School, effective September 1st, 1949.

She should be paid at the same salary rate as she was allowed at Homalco during the academic year 1948-49.

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for Deputy Minister.

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