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Ottawa, June 9, 1910.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th ultimo in reference to the establishment of a school on the Tahl-Tan Reserve in your Agency.

In reply I beg to say that the Department was unable to await the receipt of your report before making arrangements to have this school re-opened and on the 21st of March His Lordship the Bishop of Caledonia was informed that the Department would pay a salary of \$500.00 to a teacher and an annual rental of \$250.00 for the Mission building for school purposes. Rev. Mr. Thorman, who was previously engaged as Missionary at this point, is to return and is to be assisted in the Mission and school work by his son.

Your suggestion that all religious teaching should be eliminated does not altogether meet with the approval of the Department. In Indian ~~work~~ work it has been found that the school and Mission work go hand in hand to a large extent. Secular education should, however, have precedence in the class-room and Mr. Thorman will be asked to pay particular attention to it.

The Bishop will be asked to have the building put in repair in order that the work may be properly conducted.

The Department hopes that you will give Mr. Thorman and his son every assistance in your power as it wishes to efficiently provide for the education of the Indian

Geo. D. Cox, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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children of this Band and you will be good enough to visit the school upon each occasion on which you go to the reserve and report fully upon the work.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. BROWN

Secretary.

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Telegraph Creek BC May 5th 1910

Sir



I have the honor to refer to your letter 357576 of Feb'y 24 last re the advisability of establishing a school on the Sahltan reserve and replying beg to say that I believe that if there was a school properly conducted that it would be a great benefit to the Indians as most of them are anxious to have their children learn to read and write but I would not be in favor of a school conducted as the missionaries did when they were here before what little they learn under such system is of little use to them I have come to the conclusion that missionary work amongst the Indians does not have a very good influence over them and I beg to suggest that if the Department does establish a school that religion would be omitted and in its stead the teacher conduct regular courses of lectures on honest principles

J. D. McLean, Esq.
Secy Dept. of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa.

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that is to say teach them to be honest for honesty sake instead of using religion as a cloak and Indian is naturally superstitious and the further his ideas are drawn from belief the better for him now I believe that ~~that~~ a proper school would be well attended. There are at present 45 children of schoolage in the band a few of them attend school at Telegraph Creek and would ~~attend~~ if there was a school on the reserve for the reason that they live and have their homes there and I feel satisfied that a school such as mentioned would soon show encouraging results not only with the children but the older ones and great care should be taken in choosing a teacher. The Mission Building is not completed it is about 20 x 30 feet or possibly a little larger. School was held in a room in Mr. Thormaas house when he was there it is I would judge about 12 x 12 ft. either buildings would want repairing. I have not been able to go to Sattam to get the exact measurements a school at Sattam would not materially effect the attendance

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at Telegraph Creek School
as most of the children live there
In fact all that attend regularly
have their homes there.
My ideas may seem strange
but if the Department would
see fit to act on them I will
do all I can to make the attempt
a success

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Your obedient servant
G. D. Cox,
Indian Agent

Correspondence is delayed
waiting for navigation to
open
G. D. C.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

Mar. 29, 1910

To the Secretary, Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st. Inst. No. 357576 and I am deeply grateful for the promised Grant for the Tahl-Tan school. I have written to Rev. T. P. Thorman to complete arrangements and hope to have him and his son go up the Stikine by the first steamer after the opening of navigation. The steamboat season this summer will only last a month so that it will be desirable to arrange for the school supplies to go up in July. I hope to hear soon from Mr. Thorman. Allow me to thank the Department for the increased Grant to our faithful

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Ottawa, March 21st, 1910.

Right Reverend Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's letter of the 7th instant in further reference to the establishment of a school on the Tahl-Tan Reserve.

In reply I beg to say that, in view of the necessity for immediately accepting or rejecting the offer of Rev. Mr. Thorman and his son to return to this field and resume the work left off some time ago, the Department begs to submit the following offer. A salary of \$500.00 will be paid the teacher and, in view of the fact that the school-house was erected by the Church authorities, an annual rental of \$250.00 will be allowed therefore. Your Lordship will, therefore, receive in salary and rent the amount asked for, but the Department is not prepared to contribute towards the travelling expenses.

At the present time \$500.00 is the maximum salary paid day school teachers in British Columbia, even in the outlying districts, and it is not thought well to make an exception in the case of the Tahl-Tan school; but this proposed arrangement will, it is considered, meet the requirements as stated in Your Lordship's letter.

The Department will also pay for the material necessary to make desks, etc., and will supply books and stationery for the school.

Right Rev. F. H. DuVernet, D.D.,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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The question of the dispensing of medicines may be left in abeyance. Should Dr. Inglis leave Telegraph Creek arrangements might be made to have a stock of medicines left in Mr. Thorman's possession, and, in any event, the Doctor might be glad to avail himself of the services offered, as it would then be necessary for him to attend to only the more urgent cases.

I trust that this offer will be satisfactory to Your Lordship and that you will be able to make final arrangements for Mr. Thorman's return.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. WOLAN

Secretary.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

Mar. 7, 1910

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To the Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter No. 357576, dated Feb. 24, in which you say that you will be pleased to hear again from me upon receipt of a reply to my letter to Mr. Cox, Indian Agent, at Telegraph Creek, in regard to the establishing of a school at Tahl-ta~~ta~~.

I wrote to Mr. Cox Nov. 5th. before I had Rev. Mr. Thorman's heroic offer to return from England with his son, who is of age, to take up the school and mission work at Tahl-Tan if I could provide a salary. My letter of Jan. 18th. would explain that I had these two men who had lived there before and knew the language ready to go back and rally the Indians round them.

To this second letter I have not had time to get a reply but to my first letter which simply asked if he approved of reopening the school at Tahl-Tan, if he thought a grant could be secured for this, and also another for the Liard Indians 250 miles in the interior &c. To this he has replied as follows :-

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of Nov. last regarding the Indians of this agency and in reply beg to say that I am very anxious that the Indians should have schools established among them wherever it is practical and think that a school at Tahltan would be fairly well attended especially if it was kept open during the summer when the Indians are there, but there is little use in having the children attend only a few weeks when the Indians are in to do their trading and then be taken out in the woods to soon forget what little they

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had learned which I fear would be the case with the Liard Band". Please note that this last clause refers to the Liard Indians whom our missionary Rev. Frank Palgrave visited last summer at Liard Post 250 miles beyond Telegraph Creek. The old chief there made a most urgent appeal for a school teacher. Mr. Palgrave laid this before me on his return here. I cannot press for this grant because I know of no one willing to go so far into the Interior away from every remnant of civilization, but the case of Tahltan is different.

Will you allow me to present the urgency of this case as briefly as possible.

1. Rev. Frank Palgrave began and Rev. T. P. Thorman carried on work here under the auspices of the Church of England some years ago. Mr. Thorman reduced the language to writing and translated portions of the Bible, hymns, prayers, readers, teaching school faithfully among young and old without a Government grant. Erecting mission buildings there & c. his wife dying he resigned and owing to expense our Church was unable to send in a missionary to take his place.
2. Last summer as a holiday trip Rev. Mr. Palgrave revisited his old field. The Indians welcomed him most warmly. He taught school for about two months in the summer. They implored him to either come back or send them a teacher. Mr. Cox helped him and the Indians to put a new foundation under the Mission house which is used also as a school. Mr. Palgrave on his way back to England laid the responsibility upon me not to disappoint these Indians.
3. I at once took the matter up, wrote to Mr. Vowel, Mr. Cox, and at a venture to Rev. Mr. Thorman in England. Mr. Thorman responded by offering to come back

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with ~~the~~ son if I would pay their travelling expenses from England to Tahltan and give them an adequate salary, pointing out that it is not a "one man mission". I must let them ~~know~~ know so that they can be here in June ready to take the first steamer up the Stickine.

To put the case in a nut-shell -The Church is not responsible for the school. The Government is not responsible for the Mission, but owing to the extreme isolation and the excessive cost the only practicable plan is to work the two together. The Government could not get a teacher to live there on a small grant. The Church will have to decline to reopen the mission and school without an adequate Government grant to the school. For the proposed grant of \$750. (or say \$700) the Government will secure *(through the Church paying the other half)* the services of two men for the school who both understand the language, one with a knowledge of medicine.

- Mr. Cox the Indian Agent favours the reopening of the school at Tahltan.

- Mr. Vowell, the superintendent of I.A., recommends it.

- Mr. Palgrave, the pioneer missionary of the Stickine, urges it with all his power.

- Dr. Inglis of Telegraph Creek admits that it is impossible for him, twelve miles away, to look after these Indians. *(He is thinking of leaving.)*

- Many of the Indians say that if there were a school at Tahltan they would keep away more from Telegraph Creek where they meet with more temptation than in their own village.

As for travelling expenses, though it seems only reasonable that the Government should make some allowance, say from Vancouver to Tahltan, yet I do not press this in the same way.

I earnestly trust that the Government will give me an answer soon

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as Mr Norman will have to give due notice before he will be allowed to leave his parish in England and he must be on hand for the steamer up the Stickine. I am informed that the season will be very short this summer for the steamer. One month most likely.

As soon as I hear that a grant has been made I can complete arrangements
*a failure to make arrangements in time for steamer means
a withdrawal of ~~all~~ remain, offer on W. Norman's part,*

Yours faithfully,

F. H. Du Vernet
Bishop of Caledonia

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Ottawa, February 24th, 1910.

Sir,

His Lordship Bishop DuVernet has applied to the Department for the establishment of a school on the Tahltan Reserve, and asked a grant for a teacher's salary and for the necessary equipment.

The Department would like to have a report from you, in which you should deal fully with all the phases of the question. You should state the number of children of school age; the distance they reside from the school; the character and habits of the parents; the size, condition, etc., of the building formerly used as a mission house, in which it is proposed to conduct the school. You should also state the probabilities there would be of obtaining and maintaining a full and regular attendance.

The Department will be glad to receive any other information that will enable it to deal intelligently with the Bishop's request.

If a school were erected on the reserve would it be necessary to continue the grant to the white school at Telegraph Creek?

An early reply will be appreciated.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

Geo. D. Cox, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Ottawa, February 24th, 1910.

Right Reverend Sir,

Mr. A. W. Vowell, Indian Superintendent, has forwarded the Department a copy of a letter addressed by Your Lordship to him in connection with the establishment of a school on the Tahl-Tan Reserve.

In reply I beg to say that, as no provision for a grant to a school at this point has been made, the Department is not prepared ^{at present} to accede to Your Lordship's request for a grant for salary at the rate of \$750.00 per annum, for \$100 travelling expenses, and for equipment.

The Department will, however, make further enquiries into this matter and will be pleased to hear again from Your Lordship upon receipt of a reply to your letter to Mr. Cox, the Indian Agent, at Telegraph Creek.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

Right Rev. F. H. DuVernet, B.D.,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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13 miles N. E. of Telegraph Creek as explained in Schedule of letters

Indian Office, Victoria, B.C.

January 26th, 1910.

File No. 118532/1 (Sept. 30th, 1909)



Sir:-

Successors

Referring to my letter to the Department of the 13th of November last, No. 682 R-5, with which was enclosed a copy of a letter of the 5th of the same month received at this office from the Rt. Rev. Du Vernet, Bishop of Caledonia, Prince Rupert, B.C., dealing with the urgency of the question of making what is considered adequate provision for the payment of salaries of certain of the teachers of Indian Day Schools in his diocese, I have the honour to enclose herewith in regard thereto a copy of a communication of the 18th instant recently received from His Lordship dealing with the matter of the desirability of the establishment of a Day School at Tahl-Tan Reserve.

When the reply to the communication addressed by the Bishop to Mr. Agent Cox is received the same will be transmitted to the Department for its information and consideration.

In the meantime it may be pointed out to the Department that the grant of \$750.00 per annum with a special provision

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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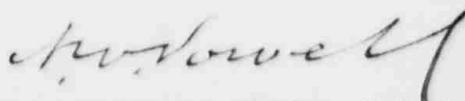
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for travelling expenses in the sum of \$100.00 is not, considering the locality and cost of living, at all unreasonable. For a large portion of the year communication with the outside world is practically cut off and it is only during the summer months that ingress and egress to Tahl-Tan and surrounding country can be readily had. As further pointed out by His Lordship it is hardly to be expected that a man can be found who will go to Tahl-Tan at the small stipend paid by the Department to school teachers throughout the Superintendency.

I therefore trust to hear in due course that provision to the extent specified by His Lordship will have been made and that proper accomodation for the number of pupils mentioned will likewise be secured.

The climate on the whole for a large part of the year is most inclement and the country inhospitable thus making the matter of the retention of the services of an efficient teacher a more than ordinary difficulty.

Your obedient servant,



Supt. of Indian Affairs, B.C.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

Jan. 18, 1910.

To A. W. Vowell, Esq.,
Supt. of Indian Affairs, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of Nov. 12th regarding the establishment of a school at the Tahl-Tan Indian Reserve replying to my letter on the subject. You asked me for more definite particulars, to get which I had to communicate with Rev. T.P.Thorman, now living in England, who built the Mission Buildings at Tahl-Tarn, who knows the language of the Indians there well, who buried his wife and child there, a sacrifice to the cause of the uplifting of the natives. He was heartbroken when we closed the Mission because of the enormous expense. He and his son, who is of full age, are willing to return and take up the work of Mission and School, provided I can finance the work. Formerly the Government rendered no assistance and I did not think the Church could stand the great cost as prices there are so high. In regard to the needs of the Indians, and the importance of the work he writes:- "It is quite a mistake to suppose that they (i.e. the Tahl-Tarn Indians) are but a short time in their village during the year, in my time when they knew their children would be taught many remained the whole year except for a few short "hunts". If they are rallied again they would do the same. I had in my school some 35 to 40 of all ages. With regard to school-house the Mission house built by myself will suffice for a long time but a grant is needed for school furniture, i.e. forms, school materials and medicines as I can do much in that way to aid them."

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As I have already said to keep this school and Mission work is a costly matter, there is the expense of getting there, the cost of provisions, fuel, &c. Mr. Thorman says:- "It is not a one man place, on account of the great difficulty of getting fuel. In winter the glass often falls to 65° below zero."

It would scarcely be right to send a young man to live there alone. Hence the advantage of having the two, father and son, for the Mission and School. I am most thankful for this offer and I am writing to Mr. Thorman that I shall accept his offer provided the Indian Department will give a grant of \$750. per annum i.e about half the sum required. And a special grant of \$100. towards travelling expenses.

I now apply definitely for this. Also for the grant for school furnisture &c. as specified in the letter.

I shal mail a duplicate of this letter to Mr. Cox, Indian Agent on the Stickine, who cannot now be reached by letter.

As you were formerly in charge of the Cassiar District I can appeal to you on behalf of these Indians. Hoping that I may have some assurance soon to warrant me going ahead in the matter of securing Mr. Thorman for the work, who has already done so much for these Indians and sacrificed so much on their behalf,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Sig) F.H.Du Vernet.

Bishop of Caledonia.

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Ottawa, June 9, 1910.

Right Reverend Sir,

The Department is in receipt of a communication from Mr. Cox, Indian Agent at Telegraph Creek, in which he deals with the proposal to re-open the school on the Tahi-Tan Reserve. Mr. Cox has been advised of the action taken by the Department in official letter to you of March 21st, last.

Mr. Cox states that the Mission building, for which the Department has agreed to pay an annual rental of \$250.00, is not completed and I have to ask Your Lordship to be good enough to take the necessary steps to have the work done in order that Mr. Thorman and his son may not be handicapped in this respect.

~~Kindly advise the Department when Mr. Thorman proceeds to Tahi-tan.~~

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THORMAN
Secretary.

Right Rev. F. H. DuVernet, D.D.,
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The Mission House ³⁷³⁸⁷⁵
Tahltan Indian Reserve
Telegraph Creek, B.C.
British Columbia
"Tia" Wrangell, Alaska.
Aug: 3rd 1911

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 5th 1911, and this is my first opportunity for reply - This is a most isolated spot almost beyond humanity's reach with few and most uncertain mails.

With regard to the School on the Indian Reserve it is all that one can wish for and reasonably expect.

The attendance is excellent at the present moment there are 30 children upon the Register, and the attendance has been for weeks past 20 to 26 daily. The conduct is all that can be desired, and their knowledge rapidly increasing when one remembers when I re-opened the School fourteen months ago not one child knew "A. B. C."

I find if I give any long holidays the parents of the children would, some rather so I am reserving the annual holiday time until the all have for the Fall Hunt for furs. All the Indians are here now it is their fishing season, but the Land Ytation among the B.C. Indians has reached here and doing much harm paralyzing ones efforts for their food.

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The Indian Agent Mr Cox has resigned. (He expressed himself much pleased several times on his visits here at the progress made). No Successor has been appointed, to whom do I send my quarterly School Attendance Reports etc.?

Will you kindly cause some quarterly School Return Form to be sent to me I have none.

I beg to call attention, although I have written once before and received no reply to the following. —

When I left England to come here the Rep of Caledonia said the Department had allowed \$500 per Ann for the Teacher and \$250 per Ann for the Building —

This Building grant has only been paid for the first Quarter and not since.

The Building is the property of the Church of England and put up at much cost, and I presume this Building grant includes warmth and light.

For seven months in the year (the winter is between seven and eight months here) it costs \$1 per day for wood for School only — Wages are common labourers \$4.25 per day this sum is paid by B.C. Govt.

You will kindly note \$250 for Building warmth and light is not an excessive allowance. The Glass falls in winter to 50 to 60 below zero.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours truly
J. P. Thorman (Rev)

The Secretary,
The Indian Dept Ottawa.

357576

P. X. 11

Ottawa June 26, 1911.

Right Rev. Sir,

In reply to your Lordships letter of the 7th instant with reference to the payment of the teachers salary and rent of school building on the Tahltan reserve, due the Rev. T.P. Thorman, missionary and teacher at that point, I have the honour to inform you that a cheque was sent Mr Thorman in care of Mr Agent Cox, Telegraph Creek, on May 2nd last, being payment in full of salary as teacher to March 31st last.

The payment of the rent for the December and March quarters, amounting to \$125.00 was overlooked through non-receipt of vouchers from the agent. A cheque for this amount is being sent and the agent instructed to forward vouchers at the end of each quarter.

The Department is pleased to note the good attendance at this school and the success attending Rev. Mr Thormans efforts and regrets that he has been put to inconvenience through the non-receipt of the amount due for the rent of the school building.

I have the honour to be
Right Rev Sir
Your obedient servant

W. W. LEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary

Right Rev. F. H. DuVernet.,
Bishop of Caledonia
Prince Rupert, B. C.

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Upper Skeena B.C.
June 7th 1911

To the Secretary of
The Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa -

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Dear Sir,

I am away from my headquarters,
Prince Rupert, so cannot refer to my letter file, but
there is a matter I wish to bring before your
attention

At great expense I brought Rev J. P.
Thorman and his son (who is over age) from
England to reopen our Tolt-Tan Mission
12 miles above Telegraph Creek on the Stikine
River. I did so after receiving from your
Department the assurance of the sum of \$750.
a year - made up as follows: \$500. for salary
and \$250 for the rent of our Mission building
for school purposes. Mr Thorman reporting that
the building needed repairs I paid for this. The
work was done soon after Mr Thorman's arrival.
He began school almost immediately upon his
arrival about June 9th 1910 and the attendance
has increased, there were 25 names upon the
register last quarter's average daily attendance
was 15.17

On his report that he could not live on the
salary promised & fixed by himself before leaving England
I at once telegraphed an increase of \$200.
It will be seen from this that unless the Government
pays its share as promised we we may not be able
to keep up the Mission. Mr Thorman reports that no
grant for school-rent was made for the last quarter. Will
you please look into this matter & expect to visit this Mission next
month.
Yours faithfully
F H Van Vleet
Wishik at Caledonia

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Ottawa, June 5, 1911.

Rev. Sir,

I have to ask you to be good enough to let the Department have at intervals short reports upon your work in connection with the school on the Tahl Tan Reserve.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. T. P. Thorman,

Teacher,

Tahl-Tan Indian Reserve,

Via Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Ottawa, March 16, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report on the Tahl Tan school for the month of December.

In reply I beg to say that the Department is not aware of any agreement whereby this school is to be kept open only in the forenoon. You will, therefore, communicate at once with Mr. Thorman and advise him that he must hold an afternoon session during each school day in the week.

Handwritten initials: JMB

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Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Geo. D. Cox, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Ottawa, 4th November, 1910.

Sir:-

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo, and in reply I have to say you are authorized to give Mr. Thorman the amount of the lumber at present at Tahltan required for the desks at the Tahltan school, and you may also sell him at the price paid, laid down where it now is, whatever amount he desires for repairing the Mission House. The balance may be disposed of by you at the first opportunity.

You will be good enough to advise the Department of the amount given Mr. Thorman for the required desks, the amount sold to him for the Mission House repairs and the balance remaining.

Your obedient servant,

J. B. MOLENAK

Asst. Deputy & Secretary .

Geo. D. Cox, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
TELEGRAPH CREEK, B. C.

Handwritten notes:
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A. M.
M. B.

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Stickine Agency



Telegraph Creek B.C. Oct 14th 1910

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Sir 374548

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 357576 of September 12th with reference to a letter received from Mr Thorman in which he states that there is some lumber at Tahltan which might be used for making desks for the Tahltan School and replying I beg to say that the lumber referred to was ordered by Mr Callbrook my predecessor for the purpose of building a flume and has not been used and which I was authorized to sell by letter 300309 April 28 last past some time ago I received an offer from Mr Thorman to purchase the lumber for the purpose of fixing the Mission House and as he intimated that he was short of funds I agreed to let him have it at what it cost laid down where it is he promised to take it at that he at the same time suggested that some of it might be used for making desks. I therefore wrote him that if he would make an estimate of the amount required for that purpose I would be pleased to recommend that the Department would grant his request

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374548

I will be going to the reserve in
a few days and will find out what
amount is requiring for the school
and dispose of the balance if possible

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your obedient servant
H D Cox
Indian Agent

J D Mc Lean Esq.
Sec. Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, September 12, 1910.

Sir,

Sometime ago the Department agreed to supply material with which to make desks for the Tahl-Tan school. In a communication just received from Rev. Mr. Thorman he states that there is at Tahl-Tan Bridge some lumber which might be used for the purpose.

It is understood that these desks will be made at the school and if this lumber is not intended for other use you are hereby authorized to supply Mr. Thorman with sufficient to make the necessary number of desks and, if you have other use for the supply on hand, you may purchase whatever amount will be necessary, as well as the nails, etc., and forward the accounts to the Department for payment.

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten initials]

Your obedient servant,

~~SECRET~~

Secretary.

Geo. D. Cox, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Ottawa, September 12, 1911.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, and in reply I beg to say that the Department is pleased to learn that you have met with fair success in your efforts so far at the Tahl-Tan school.

Mr. Cox, the Agent, will be written to in reference to lumber for the desks.

I regret to say that the Department's supply of registers is at present exhausted, but it is hoped that one can be sent you at a very early date.

Handwritten signature and initials

Your obedient servant,

~~SECRET~~ CLEAN

Secretary.

Rev. T. P. Thorman,
Teacher,
Tahl-Tan Indian Reserve,
Via Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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SEP 10 1890

Fahl. Tau Reserve
Telegraph Co
Canada

DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 30 1890

Re 357576/1. - Oct 25/10.

Dear Sir, 371274

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of 23rd ulto which I have but recently received.

I arrived on the Indian Reserve on June 13th and opened school on 14th with 6 children which increased to 20 before close of month.

I will follow all instructions in your letter, Re: Con the Indian Agent was here a few days ago.

I only give religious instruction before and after school hours, the whole school time being devoted to secular subjects.

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311274

The children are profelling ^{very} favourably, and conduct all that one can desire.

So far no School Supplies are to hand as pack train from Telegraph Creek will not be available until end of Sept.

I thought a small supply of material with me.

The Department promised to supply desks, forms, etc.

It is a terribly expensive place on account of transit.

The Indian Department have some Lumber not in use at Fahl. Saw Bridge could not this be used for the purpose and save the Department the expense of sending?

I have written to Mr. Cox to same effect.

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I shall be much obliged if you
will kindly cause a "Daily
Reporter" to be forwarded by
post as I have no official one
to hand only quarterly return
sheets. Please pardon long de-
lays in replies as it is a
most isolated spot.

I am dear Sir

Your humble servant

J. J. Thorman

Priest-in-Charge

Anglican Mission School
Fehl-Tau Reserve.

The Secretary

The Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa,

Canada.

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*20 sent of forms
& requirements for stationery
forms & also registers
forms sent 24/7/10*

*Registers to be sent
when possible*

Ex'd

Ottawa, July 23, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

His Lordship the Bishop of Caledonia has advised the Department of your arrival at Telegraph Creek and no doubt before this time you have commenced your school work. A supply of stationery was sent you sometime ago.

The Department has no printed instructions to give you in reference to your management of this school. It is desired that you will follow the programme of studies as closely as possible and secular education should receive precedence in the school-room. A certain amount of religious instructions may be given, but the Department will expect you to devote most of your time during school hours to the teaching of the regular subjects of study.

A supply of blank forms on which to make returns will be sent you and instructions in reference to making these out quarterly are contained therein. A register will also be sent and certain information for your guidance will be found in that also. The returns and all correspondence in connection with this school should be forwarded to the Department through the office of the Indian Agent, Mr. Cox, who has been asked to give you every assistance in your work as teacher.

It is hoped that your influence with the Indians will lead to the enrollment of all the available children on the reserve and that a regular attendance will be main-

Rev. T. P. W. Thorman,
Teacher,
Tahl-Tan Indian Reserve,
Via Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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tained. The school-room work should be made as attractive as possible, but, with reference to your work among the Indians themselves on the reserve, the Department does not consider it necessary, in view of your long experience, to offer you any advice at the present time. Any requisitions which you may wish to make or suggestions which you have to offer will be gladly received and reports should be forwarded at intervals showing the progress being made and the general results being obtained.

Your obedient servant,

W. S. T. B. B.

Secretary.

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Ottawa, July 22, 1910.

Right Reverend Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's letter of the 6th instant advising the Department of the arrival of Rev. T. P. W. Thorman and his son at Tahl-Tan on the 13th ultimo.

In reply I beg to say that the Department is pleased to learn that Mr. Thorman and his son are now in a position to again take up their work on this reserve and good results will be confidently looked for. In compliance with Your Lordship's request the Department is writing direct to Mr. Thorman and giving him the instructions considered necessary. The matter of supplying medicines to Mr. Thorman will also be dealt with.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.



Right Rev. F. H. DuVernet,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

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The Secretary, Dept. of Indian Affairs,

JH Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that Rev. T. P. W. Thorman and son arrived at Tahl-Tan, 12 miles from Telegraph Creek, on Monday June 13th. and began school on June 14th. with six children which soon went up to fifteen. He found the buildings needing some repairs but things which he had left seven years ago in the Mission House had not been touched by the Indians. He says "I found all as I had left it seven years ### before. They had respected everything".

Will you please send Mr. Thorman a copy of school instructions, forms for returns &c. He says he is not familiar with the regulations.

I enclose his note about medicines.

Yours faithfully,

F. H. Du Vernet
Bishop of Caledonia



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P.S. I badly need a supply of medicine
- I was much sicker at Telegraph
Creek I should have received had I any
medicine but none were obtainable
the same applies to Fuhl. Falls
By the way I visited every house
in F.C. before I came away!
T.P. 368379

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

July 4th, 1910.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

EX-92892

JUL 18 1910

Dear Sir:-

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2.-- No 357 576 referring to Tahl-Tan Mission Building
Rev. T.P. Thorman and son barely escape drowning in the Gle-
nora Riffle while trying to get up the Stickine by launch
as the steamer is busy is busy on the Skeene still. They
arrived safely June 9th. Mr, Thorman will see at once for
necessary repairs of building. I saw Dr, Kergin who said he
was instructed to send some medicine. I am thankful for this
as there is no Doctor now on the Stickine, and Mr. Thorman
has had much experience in such work.

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Yours faithfully,
F.H. Du Vernet,
Bishop of Caledonia.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

Aug. 5, 1912



The Secretary,

Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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Re Tahl-Tan



Sir,

It was my privilege to visit the Indian Village of Tahl-Tan 172 miles up the ~~Sitkine~~ Stibine River and to spend a week there about the first of June last. I spent a whole morning inspecting the school taught by Rev. T. P. Therman. There were about a dozen children present. These children had only been under Mr. Therman's care for two years and knew nothing in the way of education before this. I cannot speak too highly of the progress they have made in reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, geography &c. also from being wild untamed children they showed in their respectful manners the wonderful influence Mr. Therman has had over them. There is no doubt in my mind that both from the standpoint of the school and the church it is when the Indians are in their own village twelve miles from the contaminating influence of Telegraph Creek ^{that} the most effective work can be done.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Therman stating that acting upon the new regulation he has been keeping the school open in July with an attendance of between 16 and 20. Later the Indians will be away for the Fall Hunt when the attendance at school will be small.

On June 6th. I visited the Public School at Telegraph Creek and found five children present, one an Indian child.

I had a long talk with the Indian Agent, Mr. Simpson. He expressed himself as much pleased with the Tahl-Tan Indian Day School, which he visits about once a month, and unlike Mr. Tyson, strengthens instead of weakens the hands of the missionary and teacher.

I have had to pay Mr. Therman

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I had to pay Mr. Therman \$1,200. a year. The cost of living up in this isolated region is excessive. Without the Government grant of \$500. towards salary and \$250. rental for school building I should have to close the Mission. No teacher could live on the Government grant alone.

I have reported my visit to the Department and given my testimony to the good work being done in the school because in a recent letter the Department spoke of closing the school if the attendance did not keep up, and further owing to the migratory habits of the Indians it may be difficult to put in the full number of school days and so under the new rule the salary grant may be reduced. I consider that no school in the Diocese has for the limited period of operation done better work.

It is a difficult problem—the teaching of school when the Indians wander. The former government did not favour increasing the number of Boarding Schools. For the immense outlay the returns are very slight. Children are removed from their parents whose authority is destroyed, and are unfitted for the ordinary life that awaits them when they return after six years absence. I do not know what the present policy of the Department is. I think both Mr. Deasy, and Mr. Simpson favour the Boarding School plan, but they have not had the experience I have had in the difficulties in the way.

Yours faithfully,

F. H. Du Tenet
Bishop of Caledonia

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M. L. [unclear]

Ottawa, July 30, 1912.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and in reply I beg to say that the Department is very pleased to learn of the progress that is being made at the day school on the Nahltan Reserve.

Your action in allowing the holidays to be taken in the fall is approved and the usual two months will be allowed.

[Handwritten initials/signature]

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

W. Scott Simpson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Stikine Agency, B.C.

Telegraph Creek, B.C.

July, 2nd, 1912.

Rec'd
The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

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Sir,

I beg leave to submit herewith Duplicate copies of Quarterly School Returns, from Mr. Thorman on the Indian School on the Tahltan Reserve, Mr Thorman has requested permission to keep the School open during the Months of July and August in order to take advantage of the opportunity afforded him by the gathering of the Indians who will be resident there during the Salmon Gathering season, I have granted his request, knowing that these Indians will probably move off to their Hunting grounds in September, when their Children will have Holidays, and lose the opportunity that others will have of attending School, You will notice that he has called attention to these facts in his Marginal notes. The Bishop of Caledonia has expressed much surprise at the wonderful progress attained, and will no doubt mention the matter in his Report to the Department. It is Gratifying to know that one so capable of judging the case is highly impressed with the good results attained, and can testify to the good resulting from Mr. Thorman's efforts.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

N. F. Simpson

Agent for Stikine Division.

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Ottawa, April 17, 1912.

Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of a communication from His Lordship the Bishop of Caledonia in reference to the poor attendance of late at the Tahl Tan Indian School. His Lordship is being informed that the Department will not take any action to close the school until such time as a fair opportunity has been given the teacher to secure a better attendance and I have to ask you to be good enough to give him all the assistance you can in this matter.

Handwritten initials and scribbles

Your obedient servant,

[Redacted signature]
Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

W. S. Simpson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Ottawa, April 17, 1912.

Right Reverend Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's communication of the 1st instant in reference to attendance at the Indian day school on the Tahl Tan Reserve.

In reply I beg to say that the Department regrets to learn the conditions and it is hoped that Mr. Thorman will be able to effect an improvement. Your Lordship will, however, readily understand that if it is not possible to do this it will be useless to continue the day school. However, every chance will be given before definite action is taken. In the meantime the Agent will be written to and asked to co-operate with Mr. Thorman.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Right Rev. F. H. DuVernet,
Bishop of Galedonia,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

Apr. 1, 1912.

To the Secretary of
Department of Indian Affairs, OTTAWA.

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Sir,

I am in receipt of a long letter from Rev. T.P. Thorman of Tahl-tan, Stickine River explaining the causes of a decrease in the average attendance at the Day School during the past year.

It is best for the Indians that they should remain as much as possible on their Reserve so that their children may go to school and young and old may be away from the temptations to drink and immorality which proximity to a white village brings.

The Tahl-Tan Indians receive many inducements to move their families to Telegraph Creek, the white settlement twelve miles away. Indirectly the Government encourages this by providing that the Indian children may attend the Public School for White children in this village. According to Mr. Thorman's letter, when Mr. Tyson, Indian Agencies Inspector, visited Tahl-Tan Reserve last August the Indians put to him the question- "May we live where we like?". Mr. Tyson replied "Yes you may". On hearing this many went off with their families to live at the white village of Telegraph Creek. In three weeks time the attendance at the Indian Day School dropped from 27 to 5. While Mr. Thorman has not seen a case of drunkenness at Tahl-Tan among the Indians it is very different at Telegraph Creek. There the work of the missionary for the

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Indian seems to be almost undone. There is also a white-man who keeps agitating the Indians over the land question, and the sad unrest which is such an obstacle to our missionary work in these parts has spread up the Stickine. Many of our missionaries are now utterly disheartened because of this "land agitation" and Mr. Thorman says this is an other cause of lack of attendance.

While Mr. Tyson may have been strictly speaking correct in what he said yet as the Indians would regard him as higher than the Indian Agent the effect of his words has been most disastrous. Most of our Indian Agents have said - "If you want to live off the Reserve, then you must renounce the privileges of the Reserve" but in this case the Department offers school and medical attendance to induce the Indians to live in a village where through drink and vice they will soon be exterminated.

I understand that the new Indian Agent on the Stickine is alive to this situation, and is rather inclined to recommend a Boarding School at Tahl-Tan, but after my financial experience with Boarding Schools I should hesitate to involve the Church in such.

I think we should give the Day School at Tahl-Tan a fair chance, and an other trial. I sympathize deeply with Mr. Thorman in his most isolated post with the thermometer often down to 60 below, and think that he deserves every encouragement both from the Government and the Church.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

F. H. Du Tremet
Bishop of Caledonia

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Ottawa, August 31st., 1911.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd. instant and in reply I beg to say that the Department is pleased to know that your work at the Tahl Tan School is progressing favorably. Some Quarterly School Return forms will be sent you.

In regard to the rent I beg to inform you that this has been paid to the end of the ~~June~~^{March} quarter to His Lordship the Bishop of Caledonia.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. T. P. Thorman,
Teacher,
Tahl Tan Indian Reserve,
Via Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Ottawa, June 9, 1914.

Right Rev. Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's letter of the 30th ultimo enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to this Department by the Rev. F. P. Thorman, Missionary at Telegraph Creek, B.C., asking for the reasons stated therein that a boarding school be established at Tahl Tan.

In reply I beg to say that the original letter from Mr. Thorman was received in March, last, and that gentleman was informed that the Department regretted that it could not comply with this request. I may add that there are no funds at the disposal of the Department this year which would permit of the establishment of a boarding school there.

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

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Right Rev. F. H. DuVernet,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Prince Rupert, B.C.

May 30, 1914



The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA

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Sir,

Some time ago our clergyman at Tahl-Tan, Upper Stikine River, sent me a copy of his letter to you urging the establishment of a Boarding School for Indian children at Tahl-Tan. In case the original went astray in the winter mail I forward you this copy.

I think the argument for a Boarding School at Tahl-Tan is a very strong one and I shall do all in my power to assist the Government to make such a school, if established, a success, but after my experience with Boarding Schools in the past I could not agree to the Anglican Church being in any way responsible financially for the upkeep of such a school.

Yours faithfully,

F. H. DuVernish
Bishop of Caledonia



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The Lake Lan Mission
Telegraph Creek.
Stikine River.

B.E.

The Secretary.
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

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Dear Sir

It is a common report that the Indian Land Question is receiving the attention of the Government at this time; and that a Commission has been appointed to inquire into & debate upon the requirements of the different tribes in these parts. Until a movement had been made in this direction it was of little use making mention of educational progress among these people on account of their boycotting all concerned with the Government; a sad state of affairs brought about by a travelling agitator. Now that the Indian mind is pacified to a great extent I will ask the Government to give its accustomed consideration to remarks of a like nature.

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In 1910 the school was again opened & was received very favourably by the parents of school children, who lent their utmost support in keeping their children for a time at school. Nevertheless the problem of continuing this school as an educational enterprise is by no means solved yet. There is the eternal drawback of the precarious existence of a nomadic people which allows no long stay in any one place; the Indian spend-thrift manner of living & his love of liquor rob the children of their right in that parents as soon as they have run through the cash in hand are forced to return to the hunting grounds.

These two drawbacks alone mean the everlasting repetition of the premises & slackness of any true discipline.

Then there is the question of morals. I have never seen these lower in standard among any people. True not entirely due to themselves but rather to the cosmopolitan influx during the gold rush of '95. & the want of law & order.

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Morals cannot attain a very high standard in such an environment. I appeal now for a school that will give these children an ordinary chance of being brought up in a "Human" way.

Such a school would be welcomed by quite a few families. The parents at Pahl Pan take a keen delight in seeing their children neat & tidy & in getting them to attend regularly at school. A school that would contain all practical virtues combined with some work of hand crafts would be one of the greatest blessings the Government could bestow upon this tribe. And yet it is not desirable to educate the youth here beyond themselves so as to bring discontent among them & to make the girls too proud to marry their own kind. A Boarding & Industrial

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I am writing to Bishop Du Vernet asking him to what extent the Church could help: but we are failing much support in that quarter. I feel confident the Department will give some little consideration to my remarks.

I have the honor,

To be your faithful & obedient
Servant.

F. P. Sherman

President in charge of Sahl Tan Mission

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Ottawa, April 7, 1914.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd of February, last, asking for reasons stated therein that a boarding school be established at Tahl Tan.

In reply I beg to say that the Department regrets that it cannot comply with your request.

The other matter referred to in your communication will be dealt with in a separate letter.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. F. P. Thorman,
Tahltan Mission,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Ottawa, March 31, 1914.

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Scott,-

I beg to call your attention to a letter from the Rev. F. P. Thorman, missionary and teacher in charge of the Tahl Tan School in which he recommends for the reasons stated the establishment of a boarding school on that reserve.

Mr. Brewster
Agrees -
no boarding
school.
JS

Arthur Brewster

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The Tahltan Mission
Telegraph Creek, B.C.
February, 2nd 1914



The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

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I have the honour to be,

Your faithful and obedient servant,

L. P. Shorman

Priest in charge of Tahltan Mission, B.C.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK

November 30, 1912

Assistant Deputy and Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir.

I beg to submit herewith Agents report on Telegraph Creek school for the month of November 1912.

W. Scott

At the close of the summer holidays the trustees were unable to secure a master for the Telegraph Creek school as there was no certainty of the grant being continued by the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa, and the provincial grant of \$90.00 towards the masters salary was considered too low in view of the high cost of living in this country. The school board then communicated with the member for this electoral district, urging him to have the grant from the Department continued, and arrangements were made with the Rev. T.P.Thorman, former school master for the Tahltan school who was then on his way to England, to send his son out to fill the position. Meanwhile as the provincial law called for an attendance of eight pupils before the grant from the local government could be claimed, and there were only two white children of school age, every effort was made to have the Indians with children send their boys to the Telegraph Creek school to make up the required number. Mr. W. Thorman the new master arrived on the 1st of November and immediately opened school with an attendance of 14, Indian children and two whites. Most of these children were formerly on the roll at the Tahltan Mission school but their parents were staying here for the winter, as they can secure steady employment, consequently there are no children at the Tahltan village and there is very little hope of conditions changing later on.

I am Sir,

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. Scott Simpson,

Indian Agent for Stikine Division, B.C.

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Stikine Agency, B.C.



Telegraph Creek

December 26th, 1912.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

*Notes
J.S.*

Sir,

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I beg leave to report that
no children have attended the Indian School at Tahltan since
it was closed for the Summer Holidays, in August, as Three of the
Families have moved to Telegraph Creek and are sending their
children to the assisted School in this place, After Newyear
there will be a few indians at the Village on the Reserve and
these will be urged to send their children to the School,

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

N. Scott Simpson

Indian Agent for Stikine Division.



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Ottawa, September 4, 1912.

Right Reverend Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's communication of the 23rd ultimo in reference to the Tahl Tan School.

Some few days ago a communication was received from Rev. T. P. Thorman and the Department was aware that he was leaving the school and was to be succeeded by his son, Rev. F. P. Thorman.

The Department regrets that Mr. Thorman has severed his connection with this work and the appointment of his son is approved. The salary allowed will be at the same rate. As the Department is not aware of Rev. T. P. Thorman's address I should be glad if Your Lordship would convey to him the Department's appreciation of his services while at this school.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Right Rev. F. H. DuVernet, D.D.,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

35-7576
Prince Rupert, B.C.

Aug. 23, 1912



To the Secretary of the
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

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Sir,

I beg to report that Rev. T. P. W. Thorman is here on his way back to England and that his son, Rev. Frederick P. Thorman, B. A. of Cambridge arrived at Tahl-Tan the 20th. of this month to relieve his father as missionary, also if acceptable to the Department as teacher of the Indian Day School. Mr. Simpson met him at Telegraph Creek. He is familiar with the Tahl-Tan language, having lived as a boy at Tahl-Tan years ago.

Our Diocesan Mission Fund has had to pay \$250. for his travelling expenses. He had to wait ten days at Wrangell, and was ten days getting

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up the Stikine River. As it would be impossible for ⁴⁷⁸⁹⁰⁷ a young man to live
alone in an isolated Indian village with the thermometer sometimes
60° below zero, we are paying his brother Robert to remain and keep
house, and assist in the work. The grant from the Department \$500.
towards teacher's salary, and \$250. for rent for school building only
covers about half the cost. I hope that there will be no diminution
in the grant.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F. H. Du Vernet
Bishop of Caledonia

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Tahlt. Taw Mission
35-7576- Telegraph Creek B.C.
"via" Wrangell Alaska
Aug 7th 1912.

To The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you my time here as
School Teacher expires on September 30th.

The Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Caledonia
(Dr. J. H. Du Tertret)
Prince Rupert B.C.

Has appointed one of my sons a young priest
a "B.A." of Luceus College Cambridge England
who knows the language of these Indians
to succeed me, he will reach the Mission
at Tahlt Taw in a few days.

The School has wonderfully progressed
during the time I have been here,
but it should always be remembered
at Ottawa. Rules and Regulations
that apply elsewhere in Canada can-
not (or are not) be put in force here.

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The Indian Agent says these are not
"treacherous Indians" consequently no press-
ure is brought to bear upon them to
attend School.

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Also this is a most expensive place
to reside in, far away in the wilderness
and prices on all goods food included
range 300 to 400 per cent higher than
Tuncouer or Victoria which are both 750
to 800 miles to the South.

If there be many or few children at-
tending School expenses remain the same.
Moreover it should be remembered
after Oct 15th no one can possibly feet
the Country (only under exceptional circum-
stances) until May of following year.
One is shut in 10 to 15 feet of snow falls
glass drops to 50 to 60 below zero in this
mountain region. Hoping I have given
the Department every satisfaction and complied
with all regulations during my time as
Mission School Teacher. I am Dear Sir

Yours sincerely
J. P. Thorman (Rev.)

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EXCD.

Ottawa August 17, 1912.

Right Rev. Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordships letter of the 5th instant reporting the result of your inspection of the Tahl-Tan School.

In reply I beg to say that the Department is much pleased to learn that you found conditions so satisfactory on this reserve. The drawbacks which Mr Thorman has to contend with are appreciated, but it is hoped that with the combined interest of himself and the agent the usefulness of the school will be still increased.

No reduction will be made in the grant, should there be a few days in which the school will have to be closed owing to the absence of the Indians. Arrangements have been made to take the annual holidays in the fall instead of during July and August which will be a help in so far as the attendance is concerned.

I have the honour to be Sir

Your obedient servant

~~W. J. LEAN~~

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Right Rev. F.H. DuVernet, D.D.,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Ottawa, June 14, 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that T. P. Thorman, Teacher of the Tshltan Indian Day School, in his quarterly return of attendance for the quarter ended March 31st, last, which has just reached the Department, states that there has been a great decrease in the attendance at that school and that there is no likelihood of any better attendance for some months, and, therefore, he suggests that the school had better be closed until a better attendance is assured.

Acting on the teacher's report, the Department considers that, as there is not enough of Indian children to warrant the continuance of this school, it should be closed for a time at least. You can, therefore, inform Mr. Thorman to discontinue the teaching of this school at the end of the current quarter, June 30th, next. When, however, you are satisfied that a sufficient number of Indian families have returned to that place, you can so inform the Department, when the re-opening of this school will be considered. The teacher should forward a return showing the attendance for the current quarter, when the amount of salary and rent due for that period will be paid.

Your obedient servant

J. D. McLEAN

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

W. Scott Simpson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek,
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Extract from Quarterly Report of the Tahltan Indian Day School for the quarter ended March 31, 1915. Original on File 357576-2.

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REMARKS.

The report for this quarter shows a great decrease in the attendance. The war has killed all educational enterprises in this vicinity and there is no likelihood on any better attendance for some few months, may be years, to come. Most of the Indians never had ~~more~~ money in hand than would serve to keep them for a few days they ~~is~~ saw ahead and now they have nothing at all. They can, however, quite easily keep themselves in the woods on the wild game but the school had better be propogued until better times are in sight. I could not promise any better result than this during the meantime.

Sgd. T. P. Thorman.



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Stikine Agency, B. C.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
NOV 21 1914

Telegraph Creek,
October, 30th 1914.

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The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir,

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I beg to state that owing to the Indians having moved off to some distance from the Tahltan reserve Mr Thorman will be unable to secure pupils during the present quarter. At present there are a few of the old people in the Village some of whom are sick and under Mr Thorman's care, and those with families will probably remain on their winter hunting grounds where game can be readily procured until Christmas or Newyear.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant.

M. G. Simpson
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, October 26, 1916.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a report on your inspection of the Tahltan and Telegraph Creek Indian schools, dated September 29th, last.

In reply I beg to say with reference to the school at Tahltan, that the Department agrees with you that there is no necessity for re-opening this school at the present time.

You will be good enough to advise the authorities of the Church of England, under whose auspices this school is conducted, accordingly.

Your obedient servant.

Assistant Secretary

A. M. Tyson, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Vancouver, B. C.

J.P.
J.H.
L.S.

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OFFICE OF

The INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES,

NORTHERN INSPECTORATE,

Vancouver, B. C. September 29th, 1915.

STICKINE AGENCY.

494281

Sir:

I beg to submit herewith the following report on the schools of the Stickine Agency recently visited.

SCHOOL AT THALTAN - English Church.

The Indian School at Thaltan has been closed down, owing to the Reverend Mr. Thormen having enlisted. The people of Thaltan have stayed in the Mountains this year more than formerly, for the reason that they can thus get their food supplies more easily. On this account I believe that there is no necessity for having this school open at the present time.

SCHOOL AT TELEGRAPH CREEK - Udenominational.

The Indian School at Telegraph Creek is under the British Columbia Government, and the teacher's name is "Robert Fournier". This school is attended by the Indian children of Dry Town, and there were 12 there on the day I visited the school, accompanied by the Indian Agent. The teacher reports that the children are doing very well, and the building is a good substantial one with good ventilation and very satisfactory sanitary conditions.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

DUNCAN C. SCOTT, ESQ.,
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

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Stikine, Agency, B. C.

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Telegraph Creek,
July, 10th, 1915,

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The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,

481504



Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June, 14th, #375576-1 with reference to the closing of the Tahltan School, I will be leaving on 12th, to inspect the reserve and will notify Mr Thorman of this matter.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. Scott Simpson
Indian Agent,



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Telegraph Creek, B.C.,
June 15th, 1934.

Sir:-

Report covering May, 1934.

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During the month, the local Thaltan Band of Indians expressed the desire to Mr. Will Thorman of the Anglican Mission, which recently has been doing some very good work, that a summer school should be opened up at the Thaltan Fish Camp, to serve the many children residing there at this time of the year.

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(sgd) Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

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C O P Y

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
of the
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

Synod Office,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.,
October 15th, 1934.

The Minister of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,
Ontario

Dear Sir:-

There is, as you know, a tribe of Indians on the Stikine River above Telegraph Creek. A number of them live in "The Creek" but many of them wish to be again settled at their old village of Tahl-Tan, where it would be much better if they were all living. Your Department evidently has realized this as you made a small grant recently to assist in obtaining a better water supply for the old village. These natives when at Tahl-tan are in touch with both their fishing and hunting and the mothers and children can stay at home while the men are away.

The establishment of a small school there for about five or six months in the summer would be of great value. Mr. Harper Reid, the Indian Agent in that area, also recommends this.

There is a first class man there who could take charge of this school. He is a son of an early missionary there and talks the language of the people, but was educated in England and had taken two years at Oxford before the Great War broke out. He was a tutor for some time in an English family.

I will be glad to hear from you re this matter and trust you will give it favourable consideration. If you place this school under my supervision I shall do all I can to make it as useful as possible. I may say that nearly all the natives who will live at Tahl-tan will be Church of England.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) G. A. Rix.

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Minister's Office

MEMORANDUM

C.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Mr. Sutherland

Oct. 25th, 1934.

Dr. McGill.

SOLE AGENT
OCT 26 1934

I am sending you, herewith,
a letter addressed to the Minister by the
Right Reverend G.A. Rix, Bishop of the
Anglican Diocese of Caledonia.

Will you please return this
and at the same time furnish the Minister
with a draft reply.

Enc.

Private Secretary.

*note for Estimates
Belief for class room
Mrs. Moffat May 18 Sept 21
20.10 per month*

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October 29, 1934.

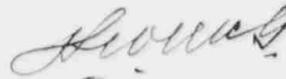
Memorandum:

MR. BUSKARD,-

I have your memorandum of the 25th instant, forwarding a communication addressed to the Honourable the Minister from Right Reverend G. A. Rix, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Caledonia, requesting that a grant be provided towards the conducting of a summer school for the benefit of the Indian children at Tahltan, in the Stikine agency, northern British Columbia.

In this connection I have to say that a day school was in operation at this point for a number of years previous to 1916 - when it was closed for lack of attendance. No school facilities have been provided since that time.

If the church authorities can provide a building for classroom purposes, I would be pleased to recommend that a grant be authorized to pay teacher's salary for, approximately, a five month period during the summer of 1935 and that His Lordship be informed accordingly. In the meantime, the Department can communicate with the local Indian agent, ascertain the number of children that would be available and complete arrangements for the conduct of the school during the summer months. The Bishop requests that this school be placed under his supervision, and he could be requested to nominate a teacher, to begin duties on or about May first, 1935, and teach until the end of September following - a five month period. As requested, I am returning the Bishop's letter.



Deputy Superintendent General.

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Schools

Ottawa, October 30, 1934.

Sir:

His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese of Caledonia has requested the establishment of a school, for a period of about five or six months in the summer, for the benefit of the Indian children in the village of Tahltan.

In this connection I would refer to your letter of the 30th ultimo to Mr. Perry, Assistant Indian Commissioner, Victoria, B. C. It is noted that, during the past summer, a school was conducted by Mr. Will Thorman, assisted by his wife, as a voluntary work.

The Department will be pleased to provide a grant towards salary of teacher for approximately a five month period during the summer of 1935. We will also supply any text books and classroom material required. It is presumed that there is a suitable building for carrying on classroom work. We will have no funds to provide or fit up a building, but, it is hoped that, with the present arrangements, suitable accommodation can be provided.

I would request that, in due time, you forward a requisition for the classroom materials required and also forward a nomination from His Lordship Bishop Rix of a suitable teacher. It is considered that, if a school was in operation from, approximately, May first to September 30th, this would meet the needs at this point. You might state the number of children who could attend.

It is to be understood that the summer school at Tahltan will be under the auspices and supervision of Bishop Rix.

You will be written, in a separate communication, regarding school facilities for the Bear Lake or Klappan Indian children.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKensie*A. F. MacKensie,
Secretary.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM HARPER REED, INDIAN
AGENT, TELEGRAPH CREEK, B. C., dated September 30, 1934

Original on 77-158

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Therefore, as reported, this Spring, at the request of Chief Charlie Quash, a summer school was started out on the Thaltan Reserve, by Mr. Will Thorman, helped by his wife, which was voluntary mission work. It has worked very well and is certainly approved of, by this Office. An Indian Agent could not do otherwise than be thankful, as it kept all these youngsters out of this very dirty little town. Enclosed please find a letter that Mr. Thorman has directed to this office, covering his work, with also an attached Photo, showing some of his children. He intends to "carry-on" and of course hopes that the Department will see the matter in the right light, and perhaps later on supply some books, etc., for his summer's work. As his children nearly all go out to the woods in the winter with their families, to their registered trap-grounds, of course this school closes during the winter months.

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Telegraph Creek,
September 25th, 1934.

Mr. Harper Reed,
Indian Office T/C.

Dear Sir

This report of the Summer School at Tahl-Tan is somewhat belated as I've been busy moving, i.e. walking, back and forth from Telegraph Creek to Tahl-Tan which has taken up considerable of my time, in consequence I find myself behind in much of my work.

I opened a day school at Tahl-Tan on June 25th and closed after 36 school days on the 23rd day of August having taught school on 3, 4 and sometimes 5 days a week as I was able to fit in the days with any other work.

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Ten pupils attended, the names are as follows:- Andrew Dick, James Dick, Mona Etzerza, Charles Etzerza, Mable Henryu, Lawrence Henryu, Leonard Henryu, Pansy Quash, Matilda Quash, Lennox Quash, the first six have at broken intervals attended the school in Telegraph Creek the last four have not previously attended any school. None of these children had attended any school since prior to Easter. These children were in the vicinity of Tahl-Tan since Mid-March when the men folk left their families to go Spring Beaver hunting.

The school closing was made to facilitate the families fall excursion to the mountains for "grease."

There were other children who would have attended school but arrived too late in the season, also the severe summer colds prevalent this year were a drawback.

I have omitted to add that the above mentioned children came from four families and averaged an attendance of 7.9.

The idea of the Mission summer school was not to run in opposition to the Provincial School at Telegraph Creek but to give those children in the vicinity of Tahl-Tan an opportunity to continue their studies, or start them as the case might be without going into the undesirable atmosphere of Telegraph Creek. In addition the spring and summer months are devoted to tanning hides for mocassins and clothing and for drying fish which occupations are not so readily accomplished in Telegraph Creek. (Take Place on Reserve H.R.)

While not wishing to minimise the work of the school in Telegraph Creek: Emphatically this is not the place to further their welfare--the tone is far from high--which statement you will agree is correct when you consider the class of homes from which so many of the Provincial Pupils come. These pupils, about 20 in number, are with the exception of two white boys all half breeds, quarter breeds, etc. Indeed, from many years of observation, I consider many of the Indian encampments as being a far more suitable place in which to rear children than in Telegraph Creek.

The school at Telegraph Creek is crowded and if the Provincial Pupils receive their measure of tuition, how can an Indian child unless he be unduly bright keep abreast of the Provincial Pupils?

Without wishing to stretch this report to undue length, as you are already aware of all of the above stated facts I would add that the summer school was received well, well attended and with better luck will be more successful next summer when we hope to have

more...

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more equipment. I was late in getting the news around that a school would be held. There was a little background of opposition also as it was thought that it might interfere with the Provincial School. I studiously avoided any friction with the Provincial programme.

There is little likelihood of any of the children, whom I taught this summer, attending Telegraph Creek school or being in the vicinity of Telegraph Creek or Tahl-Tan until next March. This should have been May. Indian Families simply cannot afford to come to town until after the Beaded Hunt is finished & the Beaded Hunt will be "Poot" Beaded all gone. H.P. J.A.

Yours faithfully,

"W. P. Thorman"

(St. Aidans Mission)

Chas. C. Perry, Esq.
Asst. Comm. for B.C.
Victoria, B.C.

For your inspection Sir.
Re: "Schools"



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A. H. Reed Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek

The Anglican Mission
Telegraph Creek
November 27 1934

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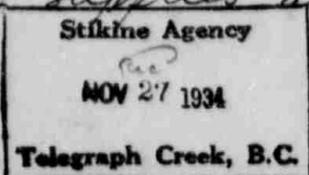
Dear Sir

It is with gratitude & satisfaction that we learn of the intention of the Dept. of Indian Affairs to provide a grant towards the salary of a Teacher for approximately a five months period during the summer of 1935. This period of schooling, I am sure, will meet the needs at this point.

It is understood that the school at Tahl-Tan will be under the supervision of The Bishop of Caledonia, to whom I am forwarding a request that he nominate a teacher there.

The number of children I expect to be in the vicinity of Tahl-Tan during the summer term is 22 (Twenty two) of these all should attend at some time during the above school period and 14, fourteen, or 15 (fifteen) who are certain to be fairly regular.

Hereto attached please find a list of supplies so requested.



Yours Faithfully
W. S. P. Thorwarth
Cayman's Anglican Mission

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THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
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Synod Office
Prince Rupert, B.C.

November 13th, 1934.

T. G. Murphy, Esq.,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs
Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Sir:-

May I thank you for your reply to my letter dealing with the matter of a five months native summer school at the village of Tahl-Tan.

I am pleased to be assured of your sympathy for this plan and that you will authorize a teacher for a five month's period in 1935 if the Church will supply a class room and if there are sufficient children to warrant such a venture. I will see to it that a room is provided and I think there will be no doubt about the number of children. Your Agent will be able to inform you re this. The teacher in view is Mr. W. Thorman whose present address is Telegraph Creek. He is an excellent man and greatly interested in the natives.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

(SGD)G. A. Rix.

G. A. Rix,
Bishop of Caledonia.

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*When answer
is recd. advise
Miss Allen -
minutes Mar*

11/11/34

Ottawa, November 2, 1934.

Sir:

I would refer you to official letter of the 30th ultimo, regarding the request of His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese of Caledonia for the establishment of a summer school for the benefit of the Indian children in the vicinity of Tahltan.

In the report which you forwarded, from Mr. W. P. Thorman, who conducted classes there during the past summer, it is noted he states there was an attendance of 10 pupils during the 36 day period the school was in operation, with an average attendance of 7.9. It is noted, he further states: "There were other children who could have attended school but arrived too late in the season, also the severe summer colds prevalent this year were a drawback."

I shall be pleased if you will inform the Department definitely the number of children of school age who would be available for attendance at this school if it is conducted during the summer months of 1936.

Further, I would request that you will state, as near as possible, the number of children who would be available to attend a school at Bear Lake, if same is conducted during the summer months next year.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie
Secretary.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE
OCT 30 1934
DEPT. OF INTERIOR

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

October 29, 1934.

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Memorandum

MR. BUSKARD, -

I have your memorandum of the 25th instant, forwarding a communication addressed to the Honourable the Minister from Right Reverend G. A. Rix, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Caledonia, requesting that a grant be provided towards the conducting of a summer school for the benefit of the Indian children at Tahltan, in the Stikine agency, northern British Columbia.

In this connection I have to say that a day school was in operation at this point for a number of years previous to 1916 - when it was closed for lack of attendance. No school facilities have been provided since that time.

If the church authorities can provide a building for classroom purposes, I would be pleased to recommend that a grant be authorized to pay teacher's salary for, approximately, a five month period during the summer of 1935 and that His Lordship be informed accordingly. In the meantime, the Department can communicate with the local Indian agent, ascertain the number of children that would be available and complete arrangements for the conduct of the school during the summer months. The Bishop requests that this school be placed under his supervision, and he could be requested to nominate a teacher, to begin duties on or about May first, 1935, and teach until the end of September following - a five month period. As requested, I am returning the Bishop's letter.

Ascertain from Indian Agent probable number of pupils J. G. M.

Encl.

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Deputy Superintendent General.

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INDIAN OFFICE.
TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
Nov. 28 th 1934.

C O P Y.

The Anglican Mission.
Telegraph Creek
Nov. 27 th 1934.

Mr Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.
Telegraph Creek.

Dear Sir,

It is with gratitude and satisfaction, that we learn of the intention of the Department of Indian Affairs to provide a grant towards the salary of a Teacher for approximately a five months period of schooling, I am sure, will meet the needs at this point.

It is understood, that the School at Tahltan will be under the supervision of the Bishop of Caledonia, to whom I am forwarding a request that he nominate a Teacher, there.

The number of children I expect to be in the vicinity of Tahltan during the summer term is 22; of these all should attend at some time during the above school period and 14 or 15 who are certain to be fairly regular.

Hereto, attached, please find a list of supplies as requested.

Yours faithfully.

Signd' W.S.P. Thorman.

Layman i/c Anglican Mission.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Stikine.



Telegraph Creek, B.C.
May. 17. th. 1938

Sir,

EX'D.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter in regard to the Tahltan Seasonal School, of which Mr William Therman has been appointed the Teacher for this summer.

The School opened up on the first of this Month and will remain open during the summer, and close at the end of September, the season being the same as last year's.

The Salary allowed is at \$90-00 per month, therefore may the necessary funds be advanced to meet the payments of Salary, as they come due.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper REED
Harper Reed,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary.
Indian Affairs Branch.
Dept. Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

*See 1587/21/1/38
memo of June 1/38
450
May to Sept
5 mos @ 90 = 450*

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Ottawa, December 14, 1934.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultime, with reference to the establishment of a summer school for the Indian children of the Tahltan village and enclosing a requisition for the classroom supplies required and also a communication from the Anglican missionary.

In this connection it is noted that there will be approximately 22 children who will be able to attend this school for the period it is to be conducted during the summer of 1935.

His Lordship the Bishop of Caledonia should, in due time, nominate the services of a suitable teacher. The name, qualifications, etc., should be submitted for approval of the Department.

The classroom supplies considered necessary will be forwarded in time to reach Vancouver before April 15th, next.

It is hoped that the church authorities will be able to complete arrangements for the opening of the school as early in the summer of 1935 as conditions permit.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKensie,
Secretary.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek,
B. C.

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Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
November 28 th
1934.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your gracious letters dated October 30 th and November 2 nd, in regard to the establishment of a summer School for the children of the Tahltan Village, on that reserve.

Submitted, herewith, is a letter in reply; with also a Requisition for School Supplies, from Mr. W. S.P. Thorman, i/c of the Anglican Mission of these parts.

As the Mission School was in operation last summer there is nothing more that can be done in the matter, except to re-open the school directly the families return from their Beaver Hunt, in the spring; and this will be accomplished.

The material to be supplied, combined with a Salary for the Teacher, places the whole affair on a sound footing, and it is known that much benefit will be obtained from the school.

Your Agent also desires to add his thanks for this kind consideration.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

The Secretary.
The Dept. Indian Affairs.
OTTAWA.

Harper REED
Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, March 4, 1935.

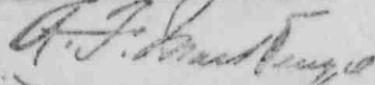
Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th ultimo, regarding the re-opening of a summer school for the benefit of the Indian children at Tahltan Village Reserve. It is noted that arrangements will be made to open this school early in May, next, and that you anticipate the work will meet with success.

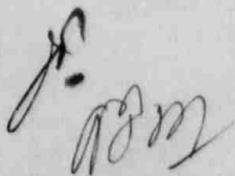
The requisition which you forwarded for school material will be filled in due time and the supplies considered necessary, forwarded before school opens.

After this school opens, I would request that you will advise the Department of the date and also the number of children in attendance.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.



Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek,
B. C.

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4 1935

Stikine.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
February. 6 th.
1935.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 5 th. in regard to the approval of Mr. Wm. Thorman as Teacher for the Tahltan Village Reserve - proposed Summer School.

The school will be opened as early in May, next, as it is possible to do, and it is a certainty, ever at this date, that the School will be a success.

Mr Thorman wishes to tender his respectful thanks for the help given to the Anglican Mission, during these times of depression.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper REED
Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary.
The Dept. of Indian Affairs.
OTTAWA.

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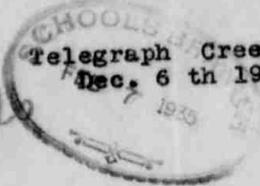
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Ottawa.



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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine.



Telegraph Creek. B.C.
Dec. 6 th 1935.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 14 th in regard to the Tahltan Reserve Summer School for summer 1935.

This matter has already received attention, and under separate cover, with this same mail will be received the nomination submitted by His Lordship, the Bishop of Caledonia.

Mr Wm Therman so nominated is already out on the Reserve, and this Office feels sure the school will be a great success, and be a benefit to the Indian families spending the summer at the near by Fishing Camp.

It is once again wished to respectfully thank the Department for such kind consideration.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper
Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary.
The Dept Indian Affairs.
OTTAWA.

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See letter to Jones 1/28

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Ottawa-Oct.30-34.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine.



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Telegraph Creek.B.C.
January. 4 th
1935.

Sir,

I beg to submit, herewith, two letters in connection with the already arranged School to be opened up, next summer, on the Tahltan Reserve, under the auspices and supervision of His Lordship Bishop Rix - The Diocese of Caledonia.

The first letter is from His Lordship Bishop Rix, wherein he nominates Mr Wm. Thorman to be the Teacher, for the above mentioned School, which is also considered correct and proper by this Office.

The second letter is from the proposed Teacher - Mr Wm Thorman, and is in regard to the Salary that the Dept- of Indian Affairs have been good enough to allow.

In this regard it is mentioned that Mr Thorman intends to go out and live on that Reserve, as did his Father, and Mrs Thorman will be a valuable help to the many Indian Families who have stated their intention of building some Cabins and living out there, as in times gone past.

Mr Thorman is a "returned" man and the grant that the Department will allow, will be all the revenue obtainable by Mr Thorman.

See letter of Jan 4/35

I am.

Sir,

The Secretary.
The Dept. Indian Affairs.
OTTAWA.

Your obedient servant.

Harper REED
Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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BISHOP:
THE RT. REV. G. A. RIX, D.D.

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
OF THE
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

C. V. EVITT, Esq.
SEC.-TREAS.

SYNOD OFFICE,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

December 13th, 1934.

Mr. Harper Reed,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek,
B.C.

Dear Mr. Reed:-

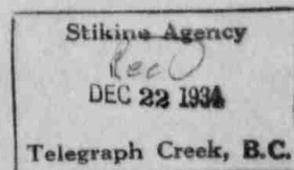
I have no doubt but that you are having real winter weather by this time. We still have exceptionally mild weather and there are still flowers in our gardens.

I believe from our conversation together that you approved of Mr. W. Thorman as a teacher of the proposed school at Tahl-Tan and I herewith formally suggest his name to you as an exceptionally suitable man for that position. His name has already been mentioned in correspondence with the Department and I would be glad if you would do what is necessary to bring the appointment about.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

G. A. Rix
G. A. Rix.



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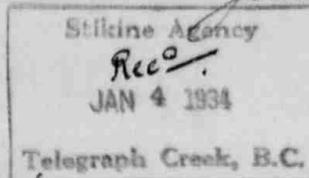
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Mr. H. Reed
Indian Office,

Telegraph Creek B.C.
Jan 3rd 1934



Dear Sir

On reading through the various correspondence on the Tabl. Tan summer school. I do not find any reference to the amount of the salary to be granted.

I do not know if Bishop Rice came to any arrangement with the Indian Dept. on this matter for if so, he failed to notify me which may have been an oversight on his part. He may have even overlooked the point altogether.

If this matter has not been dealt with - as I apply to them, i.e. the Indian Dept., or have they a set scale for such schools?

Yours truly

B. I. P. Thorman
1/2 Anglican Mission

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JAN 17 1935
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO. 15/12/3809A
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
P.O. BOX 666

VICTORIA, B.C., January 11, 1935.

SCHOOL
JAN 18 1935
H.C.

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Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Departmental letter No. 158-2-1, of the 5th instant, advising that the Department is approving the opening of a summer school for the benefit of the Indian children at Tahltan, Stikine Agency, during the coming summer months, with Mr. W. Thorman as teacher at a salary of \$90 per teaching month, and that Mr. Harper Reed, Indian Agent, is being informed.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, January 5, 1935.

Right Reverend Sir:

I have been directed to acknowledge receipt of Your Lordship's letter of the 13th ultimo, nominating Mr. W. Thorman as teacher for the summer school which it is proposed to open at Tahltan during the coming summer.

In reply I have to say that the appointment of Mr. Thorman is approved. The salary allowed him will be at the rate of \$90 per teaching month. It is understood this school will be opened on or about May first, next, and will be continued for a period of approximately five months. The Department understands there will be an average attendance of 15 children. It is hoped that Mr. Thorman will meet with every success and that this school will prove of benefit to the Indian children.

It is understood that suitable classroom accommodation is available. The classroom supplies considered necessary will be forwarded in due time.

Mr. Harper Reed, the local Indian Agent, is being informed of the approval granted for the appointment of Mr. Thorman and the salary that will be allowed. Further, he is being requested to give Mr. Thorman every assistance he can in the work and in encouraging a regular attendance of the Indian children who will be available.

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J.S.
R.M.
Right Rev. G. A. Rix, D. D.,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert,
B. C.

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

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CANADA

Ottawa, January 5, 1935.

Sir:

I have to inform you that His Lordship the Bishop of Caledonia has nominated the services of Mr. W. Thorman as teacher of the summer school which it is proposed to open during the coming summer for the benefit of the Indian children at Tahltan. The appointment of Mr. Thorman is approved, with salary at the rate of \$90 per teaching month. It is understood that this school will be opened as early as possible in May, next, and will continue for a period of approximately five months.

The Department understands that suitable classroom accommodation will be provided by the church authorities. The classroom supplies considered necessary will be forwarded in due time.

I would request that you give Mr. Thorman every possible assistance in his work and in encouraging a regular attendance of the Indian children of school age.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKensie
A. F. MacKensie,
Secretary.

Harper Reed
Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek,
B. C.

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CANADA

Ottawa, January 5, 1935.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Department is approving of the opening of a summer school for the benefit of the Indian children at Tahltan, in the Stikine agency, during the coming summer months. This school will be conducted under the auspices of the Bishop of Caledonia, who has nominated the services of Mr. W. Thorman as teacher. The Department is approving of Mr. Thorman's appointment, with salary at the rate of \$90 per teaching month. The school will likely open early in May, next - classroom accommodation being provided by the church authorities. This Department will forward the classroom supplies considered necessary.

Mr. Harper Reed, Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, is being informed.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

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C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner,
P. O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

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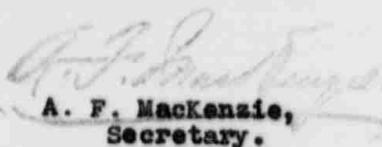
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Your obedient servant,


A. F. MacKenzie,
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C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner,
P. O. Box 666,
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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DEC 27 1934

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

December 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

The Honourable the Superintendent General,-

Referring to my memorandum dated October 29th, last, regarding the request of His Lordship the Bishop of Caledonia for the opening of a summer school for the benefit of the Indian children at Tahltan, in the Stikine agency, northern British Columbia (Federal District of Skeena), I have now to inform you that His Lordship has nominated Mr. W. Thorman for the position as teacher. Mr. Thorman has the necessary qualifications and conducted classes at this point during the past summer. There are 22 Indian children available and it is expected that there will be an average attendance of 15 children during the period the school is open next summer. It is proposed to open the school on or about May first, next, and conduct it for a period of five months.

I shall be pleased to have your approval of the Bishop's nomination of Mr. W. Thorman as teacher.

Harold W. Hill

Deputy Superintendent General.

*Approved provided Dept is satisfied
as to Mr Thorman's qualifications & ability
J. G. M.*

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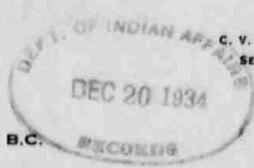
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THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
OF THE
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA



C. V. EVITT, ESQ.
SEC. TREAS.

SYNOD OFFICE,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

BISHOP:
THE RT. REV. G. A. RIX, D.D.

December 13th, 1934.

[Handwritten signature]

The Minister,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

It was a great satisfaction for me to get your letter informing me that you were making a grant for a Summer School at Tahl-Tan for teacher's stipend and for necessary supplies for the school. This will be of real value to that area.

I have already suggested the name of Mr. W. Thorman as teacher and assured you of his exceptional qualifications. May I confirm this selection and again say that the Department is fortunate in getting a man so qualified and so interested to have charge of one of its schools.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten signature]

G. A. Rix,
Bishop of Caledonia.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

STIKINE.

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RECORDS

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
January 3 rd.
1936.

Sir,

Requisition for School Supplies-1936

ANGLICAN. TAHLTAN RESERVE -Summer School.

During the summer of 1935, under the above reference, a Summer Mission School was conducted on the Tahltan Reserve, to serve the Fish Camp children living out there - then.

W. P. Thorman.Esq. J.P. was created Teacher, and as the Reports show, the school did a lot of good.

It is understood that the school will be allowed to operate this summer (1936) and Mr Thorman will again act as its Teacher, with the same Salary as that of 1935. Bishop Rix, of Prince Rupert agrees with this, and wishes the school operated.

Therefore, hereunder is a list of school material now found necessary to start up the school, as soon as ever the Indians come in from their Spring Beaver hunt, i.e. early in May.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4. Doz Pencils. H.B. rubber. | 1/2 Doz. Metal Squares |
| 2. - Erasers | 2 - Compasses (cheap) |
| 1. - Rulers -12.in. | 3.Only Elementary Geography |
| 3 - Scribblers ruld. Pencil | 3 Doz Metal Gum Brushes |
| 2 - -- Plain | 1. Gall Fly Tox- or Flit. |
| 2 - Exercise Books- ink | 1. Hand Sprayer. |
| 1. School Flag 7 ft. Union Jack. | |

Un-usual in the request for Fly Tox, but in this upper country, The Department will understand, it is hardly possible to keep the flies out of a school building.

A larger attendance is expected this year, than it was possible to obtain last year.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

The Secretary.
The Dept Indian Affairs.
OTTAWA.

Harper Reed
Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

SHIPPING DIRECTIONS:-

To reach Vancouver about April 15 th.

Addressed Indian Agent. Telegraph Creek B.C.
Tahltan School.

Per first River Boat - Barrington. Wrangell.

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Ottawa, January 27, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the third instant, enclosing a requisition for school supplies for the Anglican Summer Indian Day School on the Tahltan reserve for the coming summer of 1936. In this connection it is noted that Mr. Thorman, who conducted the school last summer, will again act as its teacher during the coming summer.

The Department will approve of this school being carried on and will allow salary at the same rate as was paid during the summer of 1935, viz.: \$90.00 per teaching month. It is understood that the school will be opened on or about May first, next, and will continue for a period of approximately 5 months. It is noted that this school, during the period it was in operation last summer, did a lot of good work.

The supply of school material considered necessary will be forwarded, addressed to you, Telegraph Creek, B. C., in time to reach Vancouver before April 15th, next. This school is to be conducted under the auspices of the Bishop of Caledonia, and I would request that, when the school opens, you will give the teacher every assistance you can in his work.

Yours truly,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Harper Reed
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Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek,
B. C.

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The Anglican Synod
of the
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA.

Prince Rupert, B.C.,
November 21st, 1936.

file

Dear Sir:

This is to remind you of much that you probably already know. I am more than ordinarily pleased with the staff of teachers in charge of the Native Day Schools in the Diocese of Caledonia. I have had the privilege of visiting nearly all of them recently and everyone of them seems to be doing well.

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Mr. Thorman is an ideal teacher at Tahl-tan.
He speaks the language of the natives.

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Yours faithfully,

G. A. Rix.

Bishop of Caledonia.

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Kamloops, B.C., July 28th, 1936.

INSPECTION REPORT STIKINE AGENCY, NO. 4.
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EX'D.

[Handwritten signature]

Thaltan Reserve Day School.

This school is being run by the local Church of England Missionary, Mr. Thorman, on the old Reserve that has more than one or two residences. The building is a new one and the school roll shows nineteen pupils. It has, I understand, a grant for five months of the year. A good start seems to have been made, and the probability is that as time goes on and more Indians erect houses, the attendance will be bigger. This missionary is doing good work and deserves to be encouraged.

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G.S. Pragnell.
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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ORIGINAL ON
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JUN 20 1936

Telegraph Creek, B. C.,
June 15th, 1936.

Sir,

[Handwritten signature]

I beg to submit hereunder, the Agency's Annual Report, covering the past year, ending on the 31st March 1936.

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EDUCATION.

The Anglican Mission School on Thaltan Reserve is being carried on with success, and much thanks is due to Mr. W. P. Thorman, who is good enough to give his services as Teacher. A School-House is being constructed here and will be ready for use by next summer.

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Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 15/12/42924.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
P. O. BOX 666
VICTORIA, B.C., February 4, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, file 158-2-1, re the opening of a summer school for the Indian children at Tahltan, in the Stikine Agency, during the coming summer months, with Mr. W. Thorman as teacher.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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CANADA

Ottawa, January 27, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I have to inform you that the Department is approving of the opening of a summer school for the Indian children at Tahltan, in the Stikine agency, during the coming summer months. The school will likely be in operation from May first, 1936, for a period of approximately five months. We are informed, by Mr. Harper Reed, the Indian Agent, that Mr. W. Thorman, who taught this school last year, will carry out teaching duties during the coming summer. The salary allowed will be at the same rate as previously paid, viz.: \$90.00 per teaching month. Mr. Agent Reed is being informed.

Yours truly,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

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Handwritten initials

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner,
Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.

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THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
OF THE
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

MR. C. V. EVITT
SEC. TREAS.



BISHOP:
THE RT. REV. G. A. RIX, D.D.

SYNOD OFFICE,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

March 5, 1937

May I, therefore, urge your department to take this matter under advisement and I trust, you will find it advisable to provide a good school for this somewhat important village in the near future.

(#) In the village of Kitwanooc there never has been any school, either building or teacher. There must be at least a score of children there of school age who are getting no education. Your agent in that district, Captain Mortimer, has discussed this with me and it may be that he has already brought this need to your attention. These people have had a turbulent history, but are now quite ready to work in harmony with the state and a great help to establishing this condition would be in placing a school there.

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(5) At Kickagass, a very small native village without any school is anxious for a teacher, they would be satisfied with just the most elementary teaching. Your Agent will probably write re these people and I beg to urge a sympathetic treatment of their case. *This is a Capt. Mortimer's agency*

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Asking for consideration of the above, I am

Yours faithfully,

G. A. Rix
Bishop of Caledonia.

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BISHOP:
THE RT. REV. G. A. RIX, D.D.

W. J. Jones

The Superintendent,
Indian Department,
Ottawa, Ontario.

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
OF THE
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

3473 University Street
Montreal, Que.



MR. C. V. EVITT
SEC. TREAS.

AS from
SYNOD OFFICE,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

March 5, 1937

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Dear Sir:-

I am, as you will see by the letterhead, in Montreal a long way from my western Diocese and as mails are very uncertain to and from the Telegraph Creek region so that I can not well communicate with you through your agent there. I am therefore bringing the following matters directly to your attention.

1. It is our desire to continue the school for natives at Tahl Tan this coming summer as we have in the past and solicit the usual co-operation of your department in this matter. Mr. W. Thorman is our efficient teacher there.

2. I have been informed that it is the purpose of the department to build a school at Dease Lake this spring. There are a number of our Anglican natives there and I believe some Roman Catholics and that the department wishes the school to be run along non-denomination lines. Would your department give me the particulars re this enterprise?

EXTRACT
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- (a) Is the school to be built, and when ready for use?
- (b) How long a time in the summer will it be expected to be carried on?
- (c) What salary will be paid to a teacher in this very difficult place?
- (d) Will the government pay travelling expenses of a teacher going in for the short time the school is to be in operation? I would be glad to get this information as early as possible so that if necessary I could set about the task of getting a suitable man.

3. In the village of Aiyansh or sometimes called Gitlakdamics, there never has been a building for an Indian day school. A large room in the Mission House being used for this purpose. This is not as suitable as it should be, by any means, which fact is agreed to both by the Inspector of Indian Schools, the Church and the natives themselves. The Indian Agent, Mr. W. E. Collison agrees with this also.

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Telegraph Creek, B.C., June 17, 1937.

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Sir:

I beg to submit herewith a report covering the
month of May 1937.

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The Anglican school of the Thaltan Reserve has
already started and was inspected the other day, when it was
found very good work was in progress.

Department of Indian Affairs
Indian Affairs Branch
JUL 3 1937
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Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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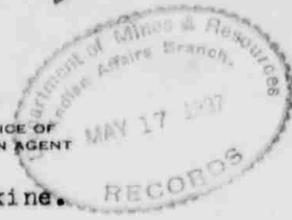


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CANADA

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Stikine.



Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April 27 th.1937.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 12 th in regard to the Anglican Mission Summer Day School, conducted on The Tahltan Indian Reserve; which same is under the care of Mr W. Thorman.

Every thing is now in order and the school will open up on the first of next month.

His Lordship Rt. Rev. G.A. Rix. D.D. has been so advised. The salary will be as last year's viz \$90-00 per teaching month.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper REED

Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary.
Indian Affairs Branch.
The Dept. Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, March 12, 1937.

Dear Sir,-

From a letter just received from His Lordship, Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, D. D., it appears that Mr. W. Thorman is prepared to continue in charge of the seasonal school at Tahltan during the coming summer.

He will be allowed salary at the same rate as last year, viz., \$90.00 a teaching month. It is understood that the school will re-open about May 1st and will continue for a period of, approximately, five months.

Yours truly,

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

Harper Reed
Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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CANADA

Ottawa, March 12, 1937.

Right Reverend Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 5th instant, the Department approves the continuance of the seasonal school at Tahltan during the coming summer. It is presumed that the school will re-open about May 1st and will operate for a period of, approximately, five months.

Mr. Thorman will be allowed the same salary as last year, viz., \$90.00 a teaching month.

I have the honour to be,

Right Reverend Sir,-

Yours truly,

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

Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, D. D.,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Synod Office,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

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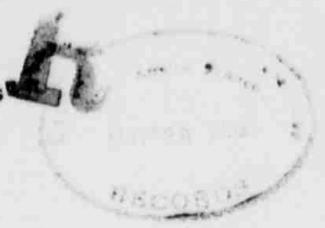
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House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA, Ontario,
May 26th, 1939.



Mr. Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division,
Welfare & Training Service, (Indian Affairs)
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Phelan:

Re: 158-2-1 - Tahltan Indian
Summer School, Telegraph Creek,
Skeena Riding, B. C.

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 25th, together with a copy of the one which you have written to Mr. Harper Reed, Indian Agent, Telegraph Creek.

I appreciate, on behalf of the applicants, the fact that your Department has given favourable consideration to allowing the school to be kept open for another month.

I have written the enquiring parties accordingly.

Yours very truly,

Olof Hanson

Olof Hanson.

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INDIAN AGENT

Stikine.



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DEPARTMENT
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MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 158/3/1/Mar/3/39

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
May. 9.th.1939.



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CLXES

Sir,

Under Reference - 158-2-1. Mr W. P. Thorman was authorized as the Teacher for the Thaltan Reserve Summer Day School; at a salary of \$90-00 per month, the school to be open for 5 months.

This school did open on April 1 st last, when the trapping indians went out for their Beaver Hunt, leaving their women and children on the Reserve.

Therefore may an accountable Cheque be allowed to cover the above Teachers salary, so that same may be paid at the end of each month.

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*See letter of
May 3, 1939
in 158/3/1
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I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

The Secretary.
Indian Affairs Branch
Dept. Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

Harper REED
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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CANADA

158-2-1

Ottawa,
May 25, 1939.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

With reference to your telephone message of today in connection with the Tahltan school I enclose for your information a copy of official letter of today's date addressed to Indian Agent Harper Reed.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Olof Hanson, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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CANADA

Ottawa,
May 25, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I desire to refer to your letter of February 3 and official reply of March 1, 1939, in connection with the Tahltan seasonal school.

In the latter letter it was stated that salary could only be allowed for a five month period. However, in view of representations that have been made the Department is prepared to allow salary for a six month period.

You should advise me later the exact date on which this school opened and also the date on which it closes.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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CANADA

Ottawa,
March 3, 1939.

MIXD.

Right Reverend Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo nominating Mr. W. P. Thorman to again take charge of the Tahltan seasonal school. Indian Agent Reed is being informed that his appointment is approved.

As funds were provided in our appropriation for the fiscal year 1939-40 for 5 months only it is not possible for us to favourably consider the suggestion that the school be kept open for 6 months.

Yours truly,



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



Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

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CANADA

Ottawa,
March 3, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd ultimo with reference to the Tahltan seasonal school.

The appointment of the former teacher, Mr. W. P. Thorman, is approved and he will be allowed salary at the rate of \$90.00 a teaching month.

As provision was made in our appropriation for the salary of the teacher for a 5 month period it will not be possible to favourably consider your suggestion to operate this school for 6 months.

You may have the school re-open either on April 1 or May 1 but, as mentioned above, it should only be kept in operation for 5 months from the date of opening.

The supplies requested for this school are being ordered from the Government Stationery Office.

Yours truly,



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



Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Sir,



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MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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PLEASE QUOTE
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Telegraph Creek. B.C.
February. 3. rd. 1939.



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Re:- Thaltan Reserve Summer School. Anglican.

The Rt. Rev. G.A. Rix. D.D. of Prince Rupert B.C. has been respectfully written to requesting that the name of the school teacher be submitted by him, to the Department - for next summer's work on the above Reserve.

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Mr
5th salary
Thorman
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There is little doubt but that it will be again Mr. W. P. Thorman, and therefore with his help a list of supplies has been made up and submitted.

This summer school has been opened as from May. 1st until the end of September, but after going into the matter most carefully it is certainly thought that this school should open as at April 1st and close down at the end of September. The reason for this being that all the families move out there at the end of March, and then the men go away for their Beaver Hunt. The Salary paid Mr Thorman as Teacher for this school is at \$90-00 per month.

May the necessary Authority be allowed to again place this very good school into action, once more.

I am,

The Secretary.
Indian Affairs Branch
Dept. Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Handwritten signature: Harper REED

Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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MR. C. V. EVITT
SEC. TREAS.


BISHOP
THE REV. G. A. RIX, D.D.
G. A. Rix



SYNOD OFFICE,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

February 20th, 1939.

R. A. Hoey, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Hoey:-

Again Indian Agent Harper Reed reminds me that I should write you reminding your office that I suggest Mr. W. Thorman as teacher at Tahl-Tan Indian Day School between the arranged times of April 1st and end of September.

I have had it suggested to me by Mr. Thorman that a somewhat longer time would be advisable, but this request should come to you through Mr. Reed. He may not think this is necessary.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. Rix
G. A. Rix.

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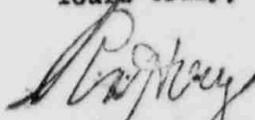
Ottawa,
March 15, 1938.

Dear Sir:

In a letter just received from His Lordship Right Reverend G. A. Rix, D.D., we have received the nomination of Mr. William Thorman as teacher of the Tahltan Seasonal School.

I am advising Bishop Rix that Mr. Thorman's appointment is approved and he will be allowed salary at the same rate as last year; namely, \$90.00 a teaching month. It is understood the school will re-open about May 1 and will continue for a period of approximately 5 months. Please give him every possible assistance.

Yours truly,



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



Harper Reed, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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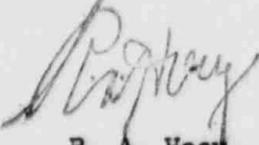
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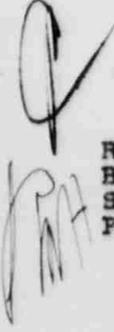
Right Reverend Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant the Department approves the appointment of Mr. William Thorman as teacher of the Tahltan Seasonal School. It is presumed that the school will re-open about May 1 next and will operate for a period of approximately 5 months.

Mr. Thorman will be allowed the same salary as last year; namely, \$90.00 a teaching month.

Yours truly,


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


Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, D.D.,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Synod Office,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

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THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
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BISHOP
THE RT. REV. G. A. RIX D.D.

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MR. C. V. EVITT
SEC.-TREAS.

SYNOD OFFICE,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

March 3rd, 1938.

The Educational Department,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I have been reminded by Indian Agent Harper Reed of Telegraph Creek that I should again make application for Mr. William Thorman as teacher at the Tahltan Reserve Summer School. I thought this appointment would probably continue until some change was made. However, I am glad to again suggest Mr. Thorman's name for this post. He has done excellent work and his knowledge of the native language makes him more than ordinarily efficient.

I am writing to the Indian Agent at Hazelton reminding him of correspondence about the appointment of native teachers for Kitwancool and Kisgagas. I do not know what has been done in this important matter, but hope something will come of the discussions which have taken place about it.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of G. A. Rix

G. A. Rix,
Bishop of Caledonia.

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INDIAN OFFICE. TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
August 15. th. 1939.

Received from the Indian Office the sum of \$90-00 (Ninety-Dollars)
being the Salary due on behalf of the Tahltan Reserve Day
School which covers the month of July, 1939.

Received the above payment

W.P. Thorman

Mr W.P. Thorman. Principal.

Fair & Correct

Harper REED
Harper Reed Indian Agent.



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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.

July. 7. th. 1939.

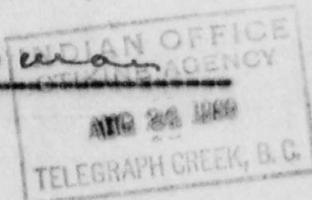
Received from the Indian Office the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Dollars being the Salary paid on behalf of the Tahltan Reserve Day School over the months of April- May- June. 1939 at the Rate of \$90-00 per month.

Received the above payment

Fair & Correct

Harper Reed
Harper Reed Indian Agt.

W. P. Thorman
Mr W. P. Thorman.



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Voucher No.....

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Stikine Agency Seasonal School Acct

OTTAWA.

Voucher. S. S. Acct No. 1.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Jly 7	To payment for the services of Mr WPM Trozman as Teacher of the Tahltan Reserve Day School over the months of Apl. May & June. 1939 at the rate of \$90-00 per month	270-00
AUG 16.	To ditto ditto for July Month	90-00
Total		360-00

Paid out of funds in stock from Cheque advanced #A031000.

TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE
6-8-39
Voucher in duplicate detached for Accountant to pay.

TOTAL,

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.

Harper T. Reed
Harper T. Reed Agent

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CANADA

Letter No.....

Office of the STIKINE Indian Agency,

August. 24. th. 1939.

EXH. D. 19.....
A.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 1. SEASONAL SCHOOL SALARIES ACCT......,

amounting to \$ -----360-00----- in favour

of The Seasonal School Agency Account. OTTAWA.

Salaries paid to Mr Teacher Thorman over months
for Apr. May Jun & July. Tahltan Reserve Day School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental
CHEQUE No A031800. received by Agency.

Letter No..... dated.....

Your obedient servant,

Harper Reed
Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Form No. 101

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PLEASE QUOTE
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STIKINE

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES,
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
Aug. 24.th. 1939.



Sir,

[Handwritten signature]

Re:- Payment of School Teachers Salaries.

I beg to submit herewith Voucher No. 1. Seasonal School Account - OTTAWA, which covers the first payment to Teachers this summer.

It is hoped that the right routine has been followed

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper REED

Harper Reed. Indian Agent.

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Dept. Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

STIKINE.

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
January. 10. th.
1940.



Salvato

Sir,

Re:- The Tahltan Reserve Day School-Summer. 1940.

*700 amount
450
500*

For many years past the above school has done very fine work, and it is considered that it should be allowed to operate again during the coming summer. May the Authority for this be granted, please.

Submitted herewith is a Requisition for school supplies but in addition to this list, the school should be allowed the following equipment.

2. Qrts Fly Tox. 2 Brooms. 2 Qrts Floor Paint. 1. Brush
1. Galv Bucket (for floor washing). which same can be obtained from Vancouver or Wrangell. S.E. Alaska.

The Rt Rev. G.A. Rix D.D. of the Anglican Church in Prince Rupert B.C. has been written to, requesting that he will nominate a Teacher, but it is expected that Mr W. P. Thorman will carry on, as he has done in past years.

This Reserve School was allowed to run for a full six months last year, which is thought quite correct, and the Salary allowed was at the rate of \$90-00 per month

This School is really doing good work, as it gives attention to all the youngsters that spend their summers at the Tahltan Fishing Camp, not far away from the school in the Village.

I am.

Sir,

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Dept Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

Your obedient servant.

Harper REED
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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BISHOP:
THE RT. REV. G. A. RIX, D.D.

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
OF THE
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

MR. C. V. EVITT
SEC. TREAS.

SYNOD OFFICE,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

February 14th, 1940.



Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs,
Indian Department,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be good enough to accept my nomination of
the Rev. W. Thorman as teacher of the Tahltan Reserve
Summer Day School for 1940.

Sometime ago I interviewed the B.C. Indian Commissioner
in relation to Mr. J. Hayhurst of Kitwanga. Mrs. Hayhurst
is a qualified teacher at that place and he among other
duties is on constant call by the natives for First Aid
work and the dispensing of medicines. In visiting him a
shorttime ago, he had three most serious accidents to attend
to in one day. It has been customary that a person doing
such work receives some remuneration for it. In fact,
when he was at the village of Greenville last year he
received \$25.00 per month. He is very efficient in this
sort of thing and I have written the Babine Agent on his
behalf, but as I was writing about the first mentioned
matter to you, I venture to bring this urgent matter to
your attention. *I may have brought this to your attention
before.*

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With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

George Caledonia
George Caledonia.

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Ottawa,
February 8, 1940.

EXD.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th ultimo with reference to the Tahltan Seasonal School.

The Department can allow the teacher of this school a salary of \$90.00 a month for a period of 5 months only. This will involve a total expenditure of \$450.00 for salary and is the total amount that can be provided in the appropriation for the fiscal year 1940-41.

It is noted that you will advise me later regarding the name and qualifications of the teacher nominated for this school by Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, D.D.

You may purchase for use at this school 2 quarts of Fly Tox, 2 brooms, 2 quarts paint, 1 brush and 1 pail.

Yours truly,

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


Mr. Harper Reed,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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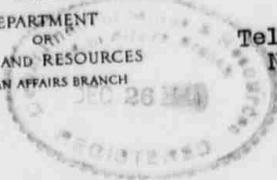


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DEPARTMENT
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MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE _____

Stikine

Telegraph Creek, B.C.
November 25 th 1940.



Sir,

Re:- TAHLTAN RESERVE DAY SCHOOL. (summer)
Anglican Mission.

I beg to submit a Report on the above Indian Seasonal Day School, situated in the Tahltan Village and on that Reserve.

Under Authority 158-2-1. February 20 th 1940, permission was granted to operate this school over the summer, for a period of 5 months. Mr (Rev) W.P. Thorman was appointed the Teacher, as in years gone by, and the Salary allowed was at the rate of \$90-00 per month. Replacement of school materials was granted with also some few extras all of which were obtained and forwarded to this school.

Upon going over the Records of School Reports, it is seen that this school has operated for a period of 6 months, and not as originally arranged. As your Agent was on duty in the south part of B.C. during the month of September, it is not known as to if the Department allowed this extra period, or not. Returning after the visit to the South, the September School Report was received from Teacher Thorman without comment, and with pressure of work in this Office was forwarded to the Department; and the extra month not mentioned.

The School has been doing good work, and the attendance fair, but without doubt were the Rev Thorman to insist that other indian children, belonging to his Mission - were induced to do so - much extra good work would be accomplished. This would also, perhaps, do away with the attendance of indian children to the Provincial Day School in Telegraph Creek; during the winter months. Several children spending the summers at the near-by Fish Camp, and on this Reserve, should be made to attend this school.

Here again is a matter for the inspection of Inspector Coleman during his visit to these parts; next summer. It is considered that this school should be reopened next summer as at April First, and that the usual supplies be allowed, with the Salary the same as in past times. It is expected that Mr Thorman will again be nominated as the Teacher, by his Bishop, but this question will be settled at a later date.

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch.
Dept. Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

~~Harper~~ ~~KEETI~~
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE _____

Stikine

Telegraph Creek, B.C.
November, 29 th. 1940.

Sir,

Re:- TAHLTAN RESERVE DAY SCHOOL - Salary paid.

I beg to submit, in connection with the Report on the above School, a letter from Mr W. P. Thorman in regard to the extra month's teaching that he was good enough to give, extra to that paid for by his received Salary.

The reason given "for the purpose of Record" is not quite understood, but the children were no doubt; out of mischief and learning some good during this extra period.

I am.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Dept. Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

Harper REED
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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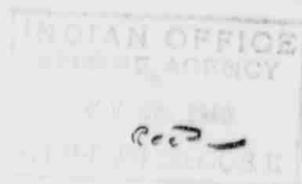
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Telegraph Creek, B.C.
November, 27th 40

H. Reed Reg.,
Guard Agent,
Telegraph Creek.



Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry concerning cheques in payment for services as School Master at Table 40, for months of September 1940. No.

I have received payment for months April to August inclusive which I understood was the time allowed for payment of School Master's services.

The September report was put in for the purpose of record.

Yours Truly

W.P. Thorman

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Telegraph Creek, B.C., June 10, 1940.

AGENT'S REPORT ON STIKINE AGENCY FOR MONTH OF APRIL.

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EXD

It was possible at the opening up of this month to start the Thaltan Reserve Summer Day School, on its seasonal operations which fact was duly reported to the Department. In this rather model Anglican Indian Day School, we have the attendance of 18 children, 11 of which are girls. The education they are receiving is of the best possible under such circumstances, and it is to be regretted that more Telegraph Creek Indian (Town) children are not compelled to attend this school; instead of attending the Provincial Day school, situated within the Townsite of Telegraph Creek, itself.

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x
Harper Reed.
Indian Agent.

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House of Commons
Canada

OTTAWA, May 20, 1940.

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

EXD.
A.

Dear Doctor McGill:

Re: Indian Day School, Tahltan
Reserve, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Thanks for the information contained
in your letter of the 18th instant with regard to the
matter of operating the above-mentioned school for a
period of at least six months.

I regret to learn that it is not pos-
sible to comply with our request but trust that, as you
say, should conditions change at a later date the claims
of this and other schools for a greater measure of assist-
ance will be very carefully and sympathetically considered.

Yours very truly,

Olof Hanson.

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EX'D

Ottawa, May 18, 1946.

Re: Indian Day School, Tahltan Reserve,
Telegraph Creek, Skeena, B. C.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 14, in which you submit, for departmental consideration, the desirability of operating the above noted school for a period of at least six months.

I regret to state that in view of existing conditions it has not been found possible to include in this year's estimates the amount necessary to operate this particular school for a period longer than five months. In a letter dated February 20, Right Reverend G. A. Rix, D.D., Bishop of Caledonia, was informed that the Department was prepared to allow salary at the rate of \$90.00 per month to a teacher for this school, on the understanding that the school this year would be operated only for a period of five months. It is scarcely necessary to add that, should conditions change, the claims of this and other such schools for a greater measure of assistance will be very carefully and sympathetically considered.

Yours very truly,

Stevenson
Director.

JH

Olof Hanson, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
O t t a w a.

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House of Commons
Canada



OTTAWA, May 14, 1940.

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

Dear Doctor McGill:

Re: Tahltan Reserve Day School,
Telegraph Creek, Skeena, B.C.

I have been asked by the citizens of the above-mentioned community to draw to your attention the desirability of extending the school for at least six months for 1940. They think that it would be advisable to have it longer but if it could be extended to six months for 1940 it may be satisfactory to them.

Trusting that you will have this matter looked into and awaiting your comment, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Olof Hanson.

OH:MM

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 158-2-1.

TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
March 31st. 1940.



Sir,

Harper Reed

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 20 th with regard to the Tahltan Day School, located on that Reserve.

Mr W. P. Thorman, the Teacher called at this Office, yesterday to say that he intends to open up the school on the first of April, as it is found that all the youngsters that will attend are now in from their winter trapping operations.

I am.

Sir

Your obedient servant.

Harper Reed

Harper Reed
Indian Agent.

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch.
Dept Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

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TELEGRAPH CREEK. B.C.
March 5th 1940.



OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT
Stikine.
[Handwritten signature]
Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 8th, in regard to the opening up of the Tahltan Reserve. Seasonal School - Anglican.

The Rt Rev G.A. Rix D.D. of Prince Rupert has been so advised, and he has already written to the Department submitting the name of Mr W.P. Thorman to be the Teacher for this school; which he has carried on for the past few years.

The extra material allowed, will be ordered locally in due course, and for which Mr Thorman is very grateful.

A Requisition covering this school's yearly material needs has already been submitted, which it is hoped was found in order.

I am,

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch.
Dept. Mines & Resources.
OTTAWA.

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Harper REED
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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Ottawa,
February 20, 1940.

EXD
A.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th ultimo and my reply of the 8th instant I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter forwarded today to His Lordship Rt. Rev. G.A. Rix, D.D., Bishop of Caledonia.

You should advise me later regarding the date on which this school opens.

Yours truly,

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

RH
Mr. Harper Reed,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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Ottawa,
February 20, 1940.

Right Reverend Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant the Department approves the appointment of Rev. W. Thorman as teacher of the Tahltan Seasonal School for the summer of 1940.

As provision can only be made in our appropriation for the fiscal year 1940-41 for a total amount of \$450.00 for salary it will only be possible to authorize the operation of this school for a period of 5 months during which time the teacher will be allowed salary at the rate of \$90.00 a month.

Yours truly,

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


Rt. Rev. G.A. Rix, D.D.,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

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(C O P Y)

Telegraph Creek, B.C.,
January 10, 1941.

Olof Hanson, Esq., M.P.,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

I have heard that there are to be certain curtailments in expenditure and I was wondering if my Indian School at Tahltan is to be affected. Could I kindly ask you to let me know as this is the major part of my small income and it saves me considerable inconvenience if I know that it is to be continued.

Excuse me approaching you on this matter but it means much to me.

Mrs. Thorman and I join in wishing you a successful Session.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W.P. Thorman.

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(C O P Y)

HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

OTTAWA, Ontario,
February 5, 1941.

Mr. W.J.F. Pratt,
Private Secretary,
Hon. T.A. Crerar, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

I enclose herewith original letter, dated January 10th, from Mr. W.P. Thorman, of Telegraph Creek, British Columbia, with respect to curtailment of expenditure in connection with his Indian School.

In the absence of Mr. Hanson, would you be good enough to give me a report on this situation so that I may be able to reply to Mr. Thorman.

Thanking you in anticipation,
I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Marie Miller, Sec.'y.,
Olof Hanson, M.P.

P.S.: I have taken a copy of the enclosed letter for our files.

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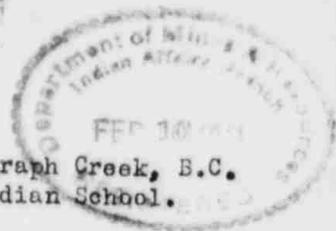
MEMORANDUM

Feb. 8, 1941

THE DEPUTY MINISTER

[Handwritten initials]

W.P. Thorman, Telegraph Creek, B.C.
Teacher, Tahltan Indian School.



In the absence of Mr. Olof Hanson, M.P., his Secretary has sent me the attached -- her letter, Feb. 5, with enclosure of one from Mr. Thorman, Jan. 10, who is anxious regarding a possible curtailment in expenditure in connection with his school.

Will you please let me have a draft reply, fully covering the enquiry.

[Signature]
W.J. Prstt
Private Secretary.

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Dr. McGill -
For draft reply as requested.

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Ottawa,
February 12, 1941.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Your Secretary has forwarded to me a letter which you received from Mr. W.P. Thorman with reference to the Tahitan Seasonal School.

Provision is being made in our appropriation for the fiscal year 1941-42 for salary at the rate of \$90.00 a teaching month for a teacher at the Tahitan Seasonal School for a period of five months during the summer of 1941. This is the same provision as was made for the summer of 1940.

Yours sincerely,

W.J.P. Pratt,
Private Secretary.

W.J.P. Pratt
Olef Hanson, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Copy to be signed and returned

Ottawa,
February 12, 1941.

EXD.
A.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Your Secretary has forwarded to me a letter which you received from Mr. W.P. Thorman with reference to the Tahltan Seasonal School.

Provision is being made in our appropriation for the fiscal year 1941-42 for salary at the rate of \$90.00 a teaching month for a teacher at the Tahltan Seasonal School for a period of five months during the summer of 1941. This is the same provision as was made for the summer of 1940.

Yours sincerely,

W.J.F. Pratt
W.J.F. Pratt,
Private Secretary.

Olof Hanson, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

R.H. Howey

PP

mailed Feb. 15

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THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
OF THE
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

MR. G. P. TINKER
SEC. TREAS.



BISHOP
THE RT. REV. G. A. RIX, D.D.

SYNOD OFFICE,
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

March 1st, 1941.



Educational Department,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sirs:-

May I again recommend Mr. W. P. Thorman as teacher for the summer session of the Tahltan Reserve Anglican Mission Day School covering 1941.

I have been reminded by Mr. Harper Reed, Indian Agent, Telegraph Creek, that I should let you know the above.

We are fortunate in having such a man as the teacher of that community of natives.

Yours faithfully,

Geo A Rix
George A. Rix,
Bishop of Caledonia.

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Copy sent to Mr. Reed

Ottawa,
March 10, 1941.

Right Reverend Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant the Department approves the appointment of Rev. W.P. Thorman as teacher of the Tahltan Seasonal School for the summer of 1941.

In our appropriation for 1941-42 the same provision for the teacher's salary has been made as last year; namely, for a period of 5 months at \$90.00 a teaching month. Mr. Thorman should be directed to make every possible effort to have all Indian children of school age attend school regularly.

Yours truly,

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

Rt. Rev. G.A. Rix,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Synod Office,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

GRH

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[Handwritten signature]

Ottawa,
March 10, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I enclose, for your information, a copy of official letter of today's date to His Lordship Rt. Rev. Bishop Rix in connection with the appointment of a teacher for the Tahltan Seasonal School.

You will note that I have requested His Lordship to have Mr. Thorman make every possible effort to secure the attendance of all children of school age. This matter was mentioned in the third paragraph of your letter of November 25 last.

Yours truly,

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

[Handwritten initials]

Mr. Harper Reed,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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*Inspector Coleman's report on
Stikine Agency, Sept & Oct. 1941.*

Of these, Tahltan, Dease Lake and McDames were visited but the schools were not in session, consequently no examination could be made of the children in their work. These are reported on as follows:--

Tahltan (Anglican)

This school 19x23 9'6" wall, was erected in 1936 at a cost of about \$300.00 to the Department, some labour or supervision apparently being given by Mr. Thorman. It is well constructed of logs with ample lighting from one side, the floor being covered with roofing material and painted, a common practice in this district. It is equipped with Eleven double home made desks and a drum heater. There is only one latrine for both sexes and another should be constructed, the cost being about \$15.00. Regular school desks, fastened on battens could well be provided for this school when funds are available. There is no blackboard, apart from a piece of black oil cloth about a yard square. I would recommend the supply of two sections of regular blackboard material and chalk rail.

It is noted that the school has an extension at the rear about 12' square, fitted out with stained glass window altar, etc. and that the school is used for Church services. This appears to be the general practice in this agency and I very much question the practice as there are, in my opinion, serious objections to the use of a school room for frequent gatherings of adults owing to the increased risk of infection besides the disorganization of the school set up. The children's desks could hardly be considered satisfactory pews for adults. In addition, the presence of so much religion paraphernalia is somewhat off colour in a class room. If it must remain, I would recommend that it be screened off by suitable doors when school is in session. These remarks apply to the other schools visited, Dease Lake, McDames, although the Rev. Father Carpentier has screened off the altar. The Indians should be induced by the Missionaries to erect separate buildings for church purposes.

The average monthly attendance at Tahltan school varied between 12 and 16. The village is quite small. Grades are as follows:

Grade 1	--	4 pupils.	Average age.	7½
" 2	--	11 pupils.	"	10
" 3	--	3 "	"	12
" 4	--	2 "	"	12½
" 5	--	2 "	"	15½

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B. Schools. Stikine.

Boys. 12 Girls 10. Total 22.

While I did not have an opportunity of checking the school work owing to it being closed for the winter, I am dubious of our getting the best results from the tuition given. The teacher is untrained and did not appear to me to have any particular qualifications for the work. He is a lay missionary and anything else that he can pick up. His duties as Coroner and Magistrate is also apt to interfere with his school duties. At that, he probably has the most efficient Indian school in the district. He is at least English speaking, in contrast to the other Indian school teachers.

I made some suggestions to him in respect to school work, but I doubt whether he was appreciative of them.

This school, with proper supervision, should fill the local need.

Following is a list of the texts in use:--

Highroads Reader for all Grades.

Quance Speller " " "

Smith, Luse & Addison Arithmetic for all Grades.

Bailey Writing for all Grades.

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STIKINE INDIAN AGENCY
SEPTEMBER 1941.

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Tahltan Day School (Anglican) (Summer).

This school was not in operation at the time of the visit but the school building was inspected, and appeared clean and well kept. The building is also used as a church.

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R.H.S. Sampson,
Acting Indian Agent.

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Ottawa,
April 24, 1941.

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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant in connection with the Tahltan Seasonal School I would refer you to my letter of March 10, copy of which is enclosed.

I note that Mr. Thorman opened the school on April 1 and it should continue in operation until the end of August, 1941.

Yours truly,

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

Mr. Harper Reed,
Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE _____

Stikine.

Telegraph Creek. B.C.
April 3 rd. 1941.

Sir,

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Re:- Tahltan Reserve Anglican Day School.
Summer season 1941.

May the correct Authority be allowed to open up the
above Seasonal Day School as at April 1st, 1941

The last letter in regard to this school rendered
to the Department was dated November 25 th 1940,
and the information was submitted that the Salary
allowed, in past years was at \$90-00 per month,
and the length of Term was 5 months. Bishop Rix
D.D. has already written to the Department submit-
ting the name of Mr W.P. Thorman for a Teacher, as
in years past.

As the season has opened, permission was given Mr
Thorman to start teaching, as usual, commencing on
the first of this month. Herewith submitted is a
Requisition covering the present season, for school
Supplies. The Material Brooms -Lysol -Bucket & Brush
could be supplied from this point. If allowed.

It is a pleasure to state that one or two families
have mentioned their intentions of moving out from
this crowded Townsite, to the Tahltan Reserve and will
send their children to this school. This will relieve
the present over-crowding of the local Provincial
Day-school, and be better in every respect.

This matter will be placed in front of Inspector Col-
man upon his visitation to the Reserve, for now the
present school building is not too large, and cer-
tainly will be too small when all these extra child-
ren; expected to attend do arrive there.

It is hoped from a health point of view alone, to say
nothing about the local Town Troubles that crop up
regarding all our children, that many indian families
again reside at Tahltan Reserve, as of old.

A movement is on foot to create a Winter School at
this Reserve, which is not quite favoured by Mr Thor-
man, but as the indian say, if a winter camp is made
here, in every way the indians would reap a benefit.

I am, Sir,

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Dept. Mines & Resources
OTTAWA.

Your obedient servant.
Harper REED
Harper Reed Indian Agent.

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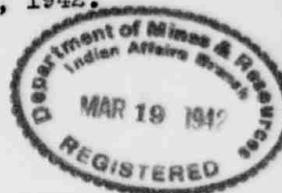


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Stikine Indian Agency
Telegraph Creek, B.C.
February 28, 1942.

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AIR MAIL.



Sir,-

Dept. File 158-2-1

I beg to notify the Department that the Tahltan Seasonal Indian Day School on Tahltan Indian Reserve No. 1 will be opened as usual on April 1st, 1942 and continue in session until August 31st, 1942. Mr. W.P. Thorman, who has taught at this school in recent years, will be carrying on in that capacity this year.

OK
A requisition for a few needed supplies is being forwarded under separate cover.

Every effort will be made to have all available children attend the school regularly.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature]
R.H.S. Sampson,
Actg. Indian Agent.

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

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SCHOOLS

STIKINE INDIAN AGENCY.

September, 1941.

Indian Day Schools are conducted in this Agency for short terms as follows:

Tahltan - 5 months. Apr. 1st. to Aug. 31. Summer. Anglican
- Mr. W.P. Thorman. Salary \$90.00.

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Ottawa,
March 20, 1942.

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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo in which you advise that Mr. W.P. Thorman will resume duties at the Tahltan Seasonal School on April 1, 1942, and that the school will continue in operation until the end of August, 1942. Salary will be allowed Mr. Thorman at the same rate as last year; namely, \$90.00 a teaching month.

I enclose cost-of-living bonus form, also National Defence Tax form, both of which Mr. Thorman should complete and return to this office as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Mr. R.H.S. Sampson,
Acting Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

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Stimine Indian Agency - April 1942.

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Tahltan Seasonal. This school was visited late in the month and appeared to be progressing favourably. It was learned that no sports equipment was on hand and a few supplies will be requisitioned shortly. Attendance was fair at the time of the visit.

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R.H.S. Sampson,
Acting Indian Agent.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 6-2.



Stikine Indian Agency,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.,
June 20th, 1942.

Sir:

I have received a request from Mr. Ira Day of 17 Mile, Dease Lake Road, B.C. that he be allowed to send his two boys age 8 and 11 years to the Tahltan Seasonal School located on Tahltan I.R.#1, for the months of July and August this year.

OK
Mr. Day in recent years married an Indian woman, Amy Jackson, with whom he had been living for several years. The two boys mentioned are sons of Mr. Day and Amy Jackson.

Owing to the distance which Mr. Day lives from Telegraph Creek it is impossible for him to send his children in here for schooling and he states he is not able to board them out. The Tahltan School is about five miles from Mr. Day's Ranch and the children could travel to school by horse. The school teacher has no objection to teaching these two boys and as the school is not crowded just now I would respectfully recommend that permission be granted to Mr. Day to allow the children to attend provided of course that their attendance does not in any way interfere with the schooling of the Indian Children.

Yours truly,

R.H.S. Sampson
R.H.S. Sampson.
Acting Indian Agent.

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

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Ottawa, July 4, 1942.

Dear Sir:

In view of the information contained in your letter of June 20, you may allow the children of Ira Day to attend the Tahltan Seasonal School, on the distinct understanding that their attendance will not in any way interfere with the education of the Indian children.

Yours truly,

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



Mr. R.H.S. Sampson,
Acting Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

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AGENT'S REPORT ON STIKINE AGENCY FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1942.

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TAHLTAN SEASONAL SCHOOL

This school was visited June 23 and the usual day school report is being submitted. The attendance was not as good as it could be and steps were taken to improve same. Progress is generally good at this school. An application has been made to the Provincial Public Works Department to authorize the erection of warning signs in the vicinity of the school on the highway requesting drivers of vehicles to watch for school children.

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R.H.S. Sampson.
Actg. Indian Agent.

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TAHLTAN SEASONAL SCHOOL. This school was inspected during the month. Attendance was only fair and it is felt that sterner methods will have to be employed next year if attendance is to be improved. The feeblest excuse is enough to keep children away and parents show very little co-operation. The school teacher who is also the Anglican Missionary, has little, if any control over the situation. The progress is good at this school and it is a pity that attendance is not better.

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R. H. S Sampson.
Actg. Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, November 9, 1942.

Memorandum:DEPUTY MINISTER.Re: - MR. W. P. THORMAN.

The records here indicate that W. P. Thorman has been employed by this Branch as teacher of a seasonal Indian day school in the Stikine agency. This school, which is known as the Tahltan Seasonal School, is a comparatively small building and had at the date of the last inspection - April, 1942 - an enrolment of 11 pupils.

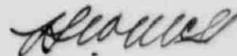
Mr. Thorman was nominated for this school by the Right Reverend G. A. Rix, Anglican Bishop of the diocese of Caledonia. The Bishop, in a letter dated October 15, 1934, states: -

"There is a first class man there who could take charge of this school. He is a son of an early missionary there and talks the language of the people. He was educated in England and took two years at Oxford before the Great War broke out. He was a tutor for some time in an English family."

The acting Indian agent, Mr. R.H.S. Sampson, in his last report on the school, states:-

"The general progress at this school is better than at other seasonal schools in the agency, although even here there appears to be room for much improvement. The schoolroom is small and when attendance increases there will be crowding, as the home-made double desks in use are bulky."

There is very little on file here with respect to the work undertaken and accomplished by Mr. Thorman. The few reports we have, however, would indicate that his work at the school has been satisfactory.



Director.

RAH

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This memorandum was prepared in response to a telephone message of November 7, 1942 from Mr. Jackson in the Deputy Minister's Office to Mr. Hoey.

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DOMINION OF CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE
INCOME TAX DIVISION

Name of Employee: THORMAN *William Pelham*
Surname or Family Name Christian or Given Names
Address: Telegraph Creek *B.C.*
Street No. City or Town Province
Name and Address of Employer: Dept of Mines & Resources, Indian Affairs Branch
Alice Thorman, Telegraph Creek, B.C.

Full Name and present address of Wife (or Husband):
1. I hereby certify that I am a married person ; a widow ; a widower ; an unmarried or divorced person .
(Put X in proper space)
2. I hereby claim a tax credit in respect of the following persons who:
(i) not having an independent income in excess of \$400 during the year, are dependent upon me for support; and
(ii) are resident in Canada, any other territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in the United States of America.

(A)	Name and Address of each child, grandchild, brother or sister under twenty-one years of age dependent upon me (If space insufficient, attach additional sheets)	Age last birthday	Relationship to me (that is, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, brother or sister)
	<i>nil</i>		
(B)	Name and Address of each child, grandchild, brother, sister, twenty-one years of age or over, parent or grandparent, dependent upon me on account of mental or physical infirmity (Put X in proper space)	Age last birthday	Relationship to me
	<i>nil</i>		
(C)	Name and address of each child maintained by me in Canada under a co-operative scheme sponsored by the Governments of the United Kingdom and of Canada (or of any of the provinces of Canada) for children brought from the United Kingdom under a Government plan.		
	<i>nil</i>		

3. As an unmarried or divorced person, widow or widower, I hereby claim "Householder Status" for purposes of National Defence Tax by reason of the fact that I maintain a self-contained domestic establishment at the above address (i.e. a house, apartment or other similar place of residence containing at least two bedrooms, wherein as a general rule I sleep and have my meals prepared and served) and wholly support therein the following person connected with me by blood relationship, marriage or adoption.

4. As a clergyman in charge of a diocese, congregation or parish, I hereby claim "Householder Status" for purposes of National Defence Tax by reason of the fact that I maintain, at my own and sole expense, a self-contained domestic establishment at the above address and employ therein on full time the following person as my housekeeper or servant.

(Name of dependent) _____ (Relationship to me) _____
Monthly Remuneration of Housekeeper or Servant— \$ _____
(Name of housekeeper or servant) _____

5. As a widow or widower with a son or daughter resident in Canada, territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in the United States of America who is under twenty-one years of age and wholly dependent upon me for support, or with a son or daughter similarly resident and twenty-one years of age or over who is wholly dependent upon me for support by reason of mental or physical infirmity, I hereby claim "Widow or Widower Status" for purposes of National Defence Tax.

Name and Address of Son or Daughter	Age last birthday

I hereby certify that the information given herein is true and correct in every respect at the time of making this declaration and that the person(s) claimed as dependent on me is/are in truth and in fact so dependent and is/are not dependent on any other person or jointly on me and any other person. Further, I undertake, in accordance with the law, that so soon as the facts above given are changed by altered marital status or additional or decreased number of dependents which would cause a change in the benefits to be received by me because of this declaration, I will immediately notify my employer, whomsoever he then may be, by the filing of a new declaration.

May 15 194*2* *W.P. Thorman*
Date Signature of Employee

There are penalties for making a false declaration

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF FORM N.D.T. 1

To be accorded married, householder, widow or widower status, or to be allowed any tax credit in respect of dependents, an employee must complete and file Form N.D.T.1 in duplicate with his employer.

Subsequent to receiving such forms from an employee, the employer is to forward one copy thereof to the Inspector of Income Tax for his district at the time of making his first remittance for National Defence Tax. The other copy of Form N.D.T.1 is to be retained on file by the employer where it will be available at any time for inspection by officers of this Division.

In cases where Form N.D.T.1 is not completed and filed, the employee is to be regarded for tax purposes as a single person without dependents. It will accordingly be apparent that it is unnecessary for single persons without dependents to complete and file Form N.D.T.1.

Where an employee claiming married, householder, widow or widower status or a tax credit in respect of dependents, is engaged by more than one employer during the year it will be necessary for such employee to complete and file Form N.D.T.1 in duplicate with each employer.

Moreover, if during the year any change occurs in the status of an employee, the employee must complete and file with his employer an amended Form N.D.T.1 in duplicate.

Form N.D.T.1 may be obtained from local banks, post offices or from the office of any District Inspector of Income Tax.

Section 91 of the Income War Tax Act (National Defence Tax) as amended by Chap. 18 of the Statutes of Canada, 1941 is printed on the reverse side of this Form.

Further information with respect to operation of the tax on and after 1st July, 1941, may be obtained from any District Inspector of Income Tax. (SEE REVERSE SIDE)

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SECTION 91 OF THE INCOME WAR TAX ACT

(Being Section 26, 4 Geo. VI., Ch. 34, 1940 (Second Session) as Amended by Section 30, 5 Geo. VI., Chap. 18, 1941.)

NOTE—Section 91, as reproduced below has been declared by Act of Parliament to have come into force on the first day of July, 1941, and to be applicable to all payments on and after that date; provided, however, that the rate of National Defence Tax applicable to the total income of any taxpayer for the calendar year 1941 is to be 3½% wherever 5% is mentioned, and 5% wherever 7% is mentioned in subsection 1 of Section 91.

To Whom Applicable

91. (1) In addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, there shall be levied and paid upon the income of every person described in paragraphs (a) to (e), both inclusive, of subsection one of section nine of this Act a tax to be known as the National Defence Tax at the rate:

Tax Rates

- (a) in the case of a married person whose spouse is resident in Canada or any other part of the territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in a country contiguous to Canada, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year; and in the case of a husband and wife having each a separate income, of five per centum if the income of each is in excess of \$600 per year;
- (b) in the case of a single person, or a married person whose spouse is not resident in Canada, or any other part of the territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in a country contiguous to Canada, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$600 per year and does not exceed \$1,200 per year; or of seven per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year;
- (c) in the case of a widow or widower with a son or daughter resident in Canada or any other part of the territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in a country contiguous to Canada, and under twenty-one years of age who is wholly dependent upon such parent for support, or with a son or daughter similarly resident and twenty-one years of age or over likewise so dependent on account of mental or physical infirmity, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year;
- (d) in the case of an individual who maintains a self-contained domestic establishment and who actually supports therein a person wholly dependent upon him and connected with him by blood relationship, marriage or adoption, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year;
- (e) in the case of a minister or clergyman in charge of a diocese, congregation or parish, whose duties require him to maintain, at his own and sole expense, a self-contained domestic establishment, and who employs therein on full time a housekeeper or servant, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year;
- (f) in the case of income taxable as provided by subsections two and four of section eleven of this Act, of seven per centum;

Proviso

Provided that there shall be allowed a tax credit of four dollars for the year 1940, fourteen dollars for the year 1941 and twenty dollars for the year 1942 and each year thereafter for each of the following persons resident in Canada or any other part of the territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in a country contiguous to Canada and wholly dependent upon the taxpayer:

- (i) a child, grandchild, brother or sister of the taxpayer under twenty-one years of age, or if twenty-one years of age or over wholly dependent on account of mental or physical infirmity;
- (ii) a parent or grandparent of a taxpayer wholly dependent on account of mental or physical infirmity;
- (iii) a child maintained by the taxpayer in Canada under a co-operative scheme sponsored by the Governments of the United Kingdom and of Canada or any of the provinces of Canada for children brought from the United Kingdom under a Government plan,

except one such dependent on whose account the taxpayer is entitled to have the tax calculated as provided in paragraphs (c) or (d) of this subsection.

Tax Not to Reduce Basic Income

(2) If the tax exigible under the provisions of this section shall cause the income of a single person or a husband or wife to be reduced below the amount of \$600, or in the case of those persons referred to in paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) of subsection one of this section (except a husband or wife where each have an income in excess of \$600) below \$1,200, then to the extent that it would so reduce the income of the taxpayer such tax shall not be payable.

Extra Tax

(3) Taxes imposed by this section, which have not been deducted at the source, shall be increased by the following amounts, which shall be imposed and collected with the tax:

- If the tax is \$25.00 but not more than \$100.00, by \$1.00.
If the tax is more than \$100.00, by three per centum of the tax payable.

Persons Not Liable

(4) Income of the following persons shall not be liable to tax under this section:—

- (a) incorporated companies;
- (b) persons and institutions mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (i), both inclusive, and in paragraphs (p) and (q) of section four of this Act;
- (c) municipalities or municipal or public bodies which in the opinion of the Minister perform a function of Government;
- (d) the service pay and allowances of:—
 - (i) warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian Naval, Military and Air Forces while in the Canadian active service forces, and
 - (ii) commissioned officers of the said forces while on active service beyond Canada, or on active service in Canada whose duties are of such a character as are required normally to be performed afloat or in aircraft.

Deduction by Employer

(5) Every employer at the time of payment of earnings to an employee shall deduct and collect the tax imposed on the employee under this section in respect of the earnings of the employee paid on or after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, if the amount paid (including personal and living expenses or the value of subsistence, if any, furnished to the employee as valued by the employer), daily, weekly, monthly or for such other period, is such that if continued for twelve months would cause the annual earnings of the employee to be in excess of the relevant amount mentioned in subsection one of this section.

Remittance by Employer

(6) Every employer shall, on or before the fifteenth day of the month next following that in which the earnings were due, pay to the Receiver General of Canada the full amount of the taxes so deducted, the first remittance to be made on the sixteenth day of September, 1940.

Deduction From Interest and Dividends

(7) Any person paying interest on bonds, debentures or other like obligations or dividends in respect of shares of stock, irrespective of the amount, to persons registered as the holders of bonds, debentures or like obligations or shares shall deduct and collect an amount of five per centum from each and every such payment made to residents of Canada on or after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

Remittance by Corporation

(8) Each incorporated company referred to in subsection seven hereof shall remit the amounts collected to the Receiver General of Canada, on or before the fifteenth day of the month immediately following the date of payment of the interest or dividends, the first remittance to be made on the sixteenth day of September, 1940.

Returns

(9) Every person required to make deductions under this section shall make a return at such time and in such form as the Minister may prescribe showing all deductions made.

Persons Deemed Trustees

(10) Every person deducting any amount under this Act shall be deemed to hold the same in trust for the Receiver General of Canada.

Legal Immunity

(11) No one shall have any right of action against an employer or incorporated company in respect of any moneys deducted as a tax and paid over to the Receiver General of Canada in compliance with or intended compliance with this section.

Forms and Returns Required

(12) Every employee who comes within one of the classes described in paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of subsection one of this section shall be required to complete such form as the Minister may prescribe as to personal status and dependents and shall file the form with his employer;

Provided that a like form shall be so filed in each case where the forms as given in the form last filed are changed by altered status or by a change in the number of dependents.

Tax Not Fully Paid by Deduction

(13) Every person liable to taxation under this section whose tax hereunder has not been fully paid by deduction at the source, shall, on or before the thirty-first day of March in each year, without any notice or demand, deliver to the Minister a return, in such form as the Minister may prescribe, of his total income during the last preceding year and shall pay any tax due at such times and in such manner as in this Act provided.

Offences and Penalties

(14) Every person failing to deduct or remit or to deduct and remit the tax due pursuant to the provisions of this section at the time prescribed therefor shall be liable to a penalty equal to the amount of tax which should have been deducted and remitted, but the penalty shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

Failure to File Form

(15) Every employee failing to file the prescribed form with his employer pursuant to the provisions of subsection twelve hereof shall have the tax deducted at the source at the rates applicable to an unmarried person, and without regard to the tax credits to which he would otherwise have been entitled in respect of persons dependent upon him for support.

"Employee"

(16) "Employee" shall for the purposes of this section include any person who receives as income any salary, wage, remuneration, compensation, hire, emolument, stipend, perquisite, or any similar payment or any indemnity, pension or director's fee, howsoever paid for any services, functions or duties rendered or performed in Canada.

"Employer"

(17) "Employer" shall for the purposes of this section include any person who makes any payment of the descriptions referred to in subsection sixteen of this section.

Records to be Kept

(18) Every person required to deduct the tax hereby imposed from any payment made by him, shall keep an accurate record of all persons to whom any such payments are made, showing their names, residential addresses, the dates and the amounts of such payments and such other information as the Minister may require.

Refunds

(19) The Minister may make a refund to the taxpayer of any amount collected under this section which was not exigible or which the Minister is reasonably satisfied was not exigible under this section, provided the taxpayer applies in writing for such refund within twelve months from the close of the calendar year in which the amount was collected.

Deductions

(20) Income (except salary or other fixed payments referred to in subsection sixteen hereof) shall for the purposes of this section be subject to the deductions provided by paragraphs (a), (b), (f), (k), (l) and (o) of subsection one of section five and to the provisions of section six of this Act.

Exemptions

(21) Save as provided in subsection twenty of this section, income shall be taxed under this section without exemptions, deductions, allowances or credits, and without deductions of contributions by civil servants referred to in section thirteen of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act*, chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927.

Time for Making Deductions, Etc., May Be Varied

(22) The time for making deductions and remittances as provided for in this section may be varied by regulations made hereunder.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE TAX



DOMINION OF CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE
INCOME TAX DIVISION

Name of Employee THORMAN William Pelham
Surname or Family Name Christian or Given Names
Address Telegraph Creek B.C.
Street No. City or Town Province
Name and Address of Employer Dept of Mines & Resources Indian Affairs Branch
Full Name and present address of Wife (or Husband) Alice Thorman Telegraph Creek, B.C.

1. I hereby certify that I am a married person a widow a widower an unmarried or divorced person .
(Put X in proper space)

2. I hereby claim a tax credit in respect of the following persons who:
(i) not having an independent income in excess of \$400 during the year, are dependent upon me 'or support; and
(ii) are resident in Canada, any other territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in the United States of America.

(A)	Name and Address of each child, grandchild, brother or sister under twenty-one years of age dependent upon me (If space insufficient, attach additional sheets)	Age last birthday	Relationship to me (that is, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, brother or sister)
	<i>nil</i>		

(B)	Name and Address of each child, grandchild, brother, sister, twenty-one years of age or over, parent or grandparent, dependent upon me on account of mental or physical infirmity	Age last birthday	Relationship to me
	<i>nil</i>		

(C) Name and address of each child maintained by me in Canada under a co-operative scheme sponsored by the Governments of the United Kingdom and of Canada (or of any of the provinces of Canada) for children brought from the United Kingdom under a Government plan.
nil

3. As an unmarried or divorced person, widow or widower, I hereby claim "Householder Status" for purposes of National Defence Tax by reason of the fact that I maintain a self-contained domestic establishment at the above address (i.e. a house, apartment or other similar place of residence containing at least two bedrooms, wherein as a general rule I sleep and have my meals prepared and served) and wholly support therein the following person connected with me by blood relationship, marriage or adoption.

(Name of dependent) (Relationship to me)

4. As a clergyman in charge of a diocese, congregation or parish, I hereby claim "Householder Status" for purposes of National Defence Tax by reason of the fact that I maintain, at my own and sole expense, a self-contained domestic establishment at the above address and employ therein on full time the following person as my housekeeper or servant.

(Name of housekeeper or servant) Monthly Remuneration of Housekeeper or Servant— \$

5. As a widow or widower with a son or daughter resident in Canada, territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in the United States of America who is under twenty-one years of age and wholly dependent upon me for support, or with a son or daughter similarly resident and twenty-one years of age or over who is wholly dependent upon me for support by reason of mental or physical infirmity, I hereby claim "Widow or Widower Status" for purposes of National Defence Tax.

Name and Address of Son or Daughter	Age last birthday

I hereby certify that the information given herein is true and correct in every respect at the time of making this declaration and that the person(s) claimed as dependent on me is/are in truth and in fact so dependent and is/are not dependent on any other person or jointly on me and any other person. Further, I undertake, in accordance with the law, that so soon as the facts above given are changed by altered marital status or additional or decreased number of dependents which would cause a change in the benefits to be received by me because of this declaration, I will immediately notify my employer, whomsoever he then may be, by the filing of a new declaration.

May 15 1943 W. P. Thorman
Date Signature of Employee

There are penalties for making a false declaration

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF FORM N.D.T. 1
To be accorded married, householder, widow or widower status, or to be allowed any tax credit in respect of dependents, an employee must complete and file Form N.D.T.1 in duplicate with his employer.
Subsequent to receiving such forms from an employee, the employer is to forward one copy thereof to the Inspector of Income Tax for his district at the time of making his first remittance for National Defence Tax. The other copy of Form N.D.T.1 is to be retained on file by the employer where it will be available at any time for inspection by officers of this Division.
In cases where Form N.D.T.1 is not completed and filed, the employee is to be regarded for tax purposes as a single person without dependents. It will accordingly be apparent that it is unnecessary for single persons without dependents to complete and file Form N.D.T.1.
Where an employee claiming married, householder, widow or widower status or a tax credit in respect of dependents, is engaged by more than one employer during the year it will be necessary for such employee to complete and file Form N.D.T.1 in duplicate with each employer.
Moreover, if during the year any change occurs in the status of an employee, the employee must complete and file with his employer an amended Form N.D.T.1 in duplicate.
Form N.D.T.1 may be obtained from local banks, post offices or from the office of any District Inspector of Income Tax.
Section 91 of the Income War Tax Act (National Defence Tax) as amended by Chap. 18 of the Statutes of Canada, 1941 is printed on the reverse side of this Form.
Further information with respect to operation of the tax on and after 1st July, 1941, may be obtained from any District Inspector of Income Tax. (SEE REVERSE SIDE)

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SECTION 91 OF THE INCOME WAR TAX ACT

(Being Section 26, 4 Geo. VI., Ch. 34, 1940 (Second Session) as Amended by Section 30, 5 Geo. VI., Chap. 18, 1941.)

NOTE—Section 91, as reproduced below has been declared by Act of Parliament to have come into force on the first day of July, 1941, and to be applicable to all payments on and after that date; provided, however, that the rate of National Defence Tax applicable to the total income of any taxpayer for the calendar year 1941 is to be 3½% wherever 5% is mentioned, and 5% wherever 7% is mentioned in subsection 1 of Section 91.

To Whom Applicable

"91. (1) In addition to any other tax imposed by this Act, there shall be levied and paid upon the income of every person described in paragraphs (a) to (e), both inclusive, of subsection one of section nine of this Act a tax to be known as the National Defence Tax at the rate:

Tax Rates

- (a) in the case of a married person whose spouse is resident in Canada or any other part of the territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in a country contiguous to Canada, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year; and in the case of a husband and wife having each a separate income, of five per centum if the income of each is in excess of \$600 per year;
- (b) in the case of a single person, or a married person whose spouse is not resident in Canada, or any other part of the territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in a country contiguous to Canada, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$600 per year and does not exceed \$1,200 per year; or of seven per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year;
- (c) in the case of a widow or widower with a son or daughter resident in Canada or any other part of the territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in a country contiguous to Canada, and under twenty-one years of age who is wholly dependent upon such parent for support, or with a son or daughter similarly resident and twenty-one years of age or over likewise so dependent on account of mental or physical infirmity, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year;
- (d) in the case of an individual who maintains a self-contained domestic establishment and who actually supports therein a person wholly dependent upon him and connected with him by blood relationship, marriage or adoption, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year;
- (e) in the case of a minister or clergyman in charge of a diocese, congregation or parish, whose duties require him to maintain, at his own and sole expense, a self-contained domestic establishment, and who employs therein on full time a housekeeper or servant, of five per centum if the income exceeds \$1,200 per year;
- (f) in the case of income taxable as provided by subsections two and four of section eleven of this Act, of seven per centum;

Proviso

Provided that there shall be allowed a tax credit of four dollars for the year 1940, fourteen dollars for the year 1941 and twenty dollars for the year 1942 and each year thereafter for each of the following persons resident in Canada or any other part of the territory of the British Commonwealth of Nations or in a country contiguous to Canada and wholly dependent upon the taxpayer:

- (i) a child, grandchild, brother or sister of the taxpayer under twenty-one years of age, or if twenty-one years of age or over wholly dependent on account of mental or physical infirmity;
- (ii) a parent or grandparent of a taxpayer wholly dependent on account of mental or physical infirmity;
- (iii) a child maintained by the taxpayer in Canada under a co-operative scheme sponsored by the Governments of the United Kingdom and of Canada or any of the provinces of Canada for children brought from the United Kingdom under a Government plan,

except one such dependent on whose account the taxpayer is entitled to have the tax calculated as provided in paragraphs (c) or (d) of this subsection.

Tax Not to Reduce Basic Income

(2) If the tax exigible under the provisions of this section shall cause the income of a single person or a husband or wife to be reduced below the amount of \$600, or in the case of those persons referred to in paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) of subsection one of this section (except a husband or wife where each have an income in excess of \$600) below \$1,200, then to the extent that it would so reduce the income of the taxpayer such tax shall not be payable.

Extra Tax

(3) Taxes imposed by this section, which have not been deducted at the source, shall be increased by the following amounts, which shall be imposed and collected with the tax:

If the tax is \$25.00 but not more than \$100.00, by \$1.00.

If the tax is more than \$100.00, by three per centum of the tax payable.

Persons Not Liable

(4) Income of the following persons shall not be liable to tax under this section:—

- (a) incorporated companies;
- (b) persons and institutions mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (i), both inclusive, and in paragraphs (p) and (q) of section four of this Act;
- (c) municipalities or municipal or public bodies which in the opinion of the Minister perform a function of Government;
- (d) the service pay and allowances of:—
 - (i) warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian Naval, Military and Air Forces while in the Canadian active service forces, and
 - (ii) commissioned officers of the said forces while on active service beyond Canada, or on active service in Canada whose duties are of such a character as are required normally to be performed afloat or in aircraft.

Deduction by Employer

(5) Every employer at the time of payment of earnings to an employee shall deduct and collect the tax imposed on the employee under this section in respect of the earnings of the employee paid on or after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, if the amount paid (including personal and living expenses or the value of subsistence, if any, furnished to the employee as valued by the employer), daily, weekly, monthly or for such other period, is such that if continued for twelve months would cause the annual earnings of the employee to be in excess of the relevant amount mentioned in subsection one of this section.

Remittance by Employer

(6) Every employer shall, on or before the fifteenth day of the month next following that in which the earnings were due, pay to the Receiver General of Canada the full amount of the taxes so deducted, the first remittance to be made on the sixteenth day of September, 1940.

Deduction From Interest and Dividends

(7) Any person paying interest on bonds, debentures or other like obligations or dividends in respect of shares of stock, irrespective of the amount, to persons registered as the holders of bonds, debentures or like obligations or shares shall deduct and collect an amount of five per centum from each and every such payment made to residents of Canada on or after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

Remittance by Corporation

(8) Each incorporated company referred to in subsection seven hereof shall remit the amounts collected to the Receiver General of Canada, on or before the fifteenth day of the month immediately following the date of payment of the interest or dividends, the first remittance to be made on the sixteenth day of September, 1940.

Returns

(9) Every person required to make deductions under this section shall make a return at such time and in such form as the Minister may prescribe showing all deductions made.

Persons Deemed Trustees

(10) Every person deducting any amount under this Act shall be deemed to hold the same in trust for the Receiver General of Canada.

Legal Immunity

(11) No one shall have any right of action against an employer or incorporated company in respect of any moneys deducted as a tax and paid over to the Receiver General of Canada in compliance with or intended compliance with this section.

Forms and Returns Required

(12) Every employee who comes within one of the classes described in paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of subsection one of this section shall be required to complete such form as the Minister may prescribe as to personal status and dependents and shall file the form with his employer.

Provided that a like form shall be so filed in each case where the facts as given in the form last filed are changed by altered status or by a change in the number of dependents.

Tax Not Fully Paid by Deduction

(13) Every person liable to taxation under this section whose tax hereunder has not been fully paid by deduction at the source, shall, on or before the thirty-first day of March in each year, without any notice or demand, deliver to the Minister a return, in such form as the Minister may prescribe, of his total income during the last preceding year and shall pay any tax due at such times and in such manner as in this Act provided.

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Deductions

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Exemptions

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Ottawa,
May 18, 1943.

Mr. R.H.S. Sampson, Indian Agent, Telegraph
Creek, B.C.

With reference to your letter of the 7th
instant, you should notify the Department re-
garding the teacher engaged for each seasonal
school in your Agency, even though some of them
have taught in the preceding year.

I note from your letter that Mr. W.P.
Thorman re-opened the Tahltan School on April 1.

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

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 6-2



TELEGRAPH CREEK, B.C. April 7, 1943.

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

Reference Department File 158-2-1
of March 20, The Tahltan Seasonal School opened April 1st
with Mr. W.P. Thorman teaching again.

If it is the Department's wish
that this office inform them in advance of the teachers who
will be in charge of the various seasonal schools and the
probable date of opening of these schools, this will be done.
In the past it was presumed that where a teacher had been
nominated for a particular school, he would continue at that
post each season unless other arrangements were made in which
case the Department would be notified beforehand. I should
be pleased to receive instructions in this respect.

R.H.S. Sampson
R.H.S. Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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158-2-1

Copy sent to Major MacKay

Ottawa,
March 20, 1943.

AIR MAIL

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Mr. R.H.S. Sampson, Acting Indian Agent,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.

It is the Department's desire that the Tahltan Seasonal School be operated during the current summer. Salary is available for a five-month period at the rate of \$90.00 a teaching month, plus bonus. As you are aware, the school is usually operated from April 1 to August 31. I presume that Mr. W.P. Thorman will resume duties, but, if his services are not available, you should communicate with Rt. Rev. Bishop Rix immediately and have him nominate a teacher. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. In the event of a new teacher being appointed, new forms will be required. I enclose these.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Stikine Indian Agency,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.,
November 30th, 1942.

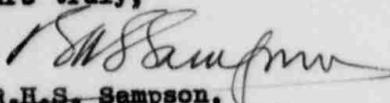
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Sir: Department File 158-2-1.

As instructed in Department letter of March 20th last Mr. W.P.Thorman, teacher at Tahltan Seasonal School, was asked to complete a National Defence Tax form and cost-of-living bonus form. Mr. Thorman completed the enclosed National Defence Tax form last May and turned it into the office and at that time was asked for the cost-of-living bonus form. He stated he would submit it as soon as possible. The National Defence Tax form was held pending receipt of the bonus form. Recently I again enquired regarding the cost-of-living form and Mr. Thorman stated he did not intend submitting another form as he had sent one in last year.

If another cost-of-living bonus form is required please advise me and I will have Mr. Thorman forward same.

Yours truly,


R.H.S. Sampson,
Acting Indian Agent.

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

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EXTRACT OF ORIGINAL ON 75-158

REPORT ON STIKINE INDIAN AGENCY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1943.

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Schools;

Tahltan Seasonal Indian School was visited during the month. The health of the children was fair but attendance is low so far.

Klappan Seasonal Indian School closed at the end of the month and the teacher, Rev. B. Arsenault, O.M.I. walked into town over 60 miles of trail. Good work has been done this season but attendance has not been good due to so much sickness.

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R.H.S. Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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159-2-1



BISHOP:
THE RT. REV. G. A. RIX, B.D.

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD
OF THE
DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

MR. G. P. TINKER
SEC.-TREAS.

SYNOD OFFICE
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.

Jan. 4, 1944.

[Handwritten signature]

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir;

I have been asked by the Indian Agent at Telegraph Creek, B. C. to send direct to you my nomination of a teacher for the Tahltan Indian School, and to send him a carbon copy of my letter to you.

I hereby nominate the Rev. W. Thorman for that position again for the coming year. He has been a satisfactory teacher for that school for several years.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

G. A. Rix
G.A.Rix.

Bishop of Caledonia.



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Ottawa,
January 11, 1944.

Mr. R.H.S. Sampson, Indian Agent, Telegraph
Creek, B.C.

The Department is in receipt of a letter from Right Reverend G.A. Rix, Bishop of Caledonia, nominating Reverend W. Thorman as teacher of the Tahltan Seasonal School for the period April 1 to August 31, 1944. His appointment is approved and he will be allowed salary at the same rate as previously; namely, \$90.00 a teaching month, plus bonus.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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CANADA

Ottawa,
January 11, 1944.

Right Reverend Sir:

I have Your Lordship's letter of the 4th instant, nominating Reverend W. Thorman as teacher of the Tahltan Seasonal School for the term April 1 to August 31, 1944. Salary will be allowed him as previously; namely, at the rate of \$90.00 a teaching month, plus bonus.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Rt. Rev. G.A. Rix,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Synod Office,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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215-12-1974

March 15, 1944.

Dear Bishop Rix:

I have your letter of February 25th forwarding Mr. Thorman's letter to you of February 1st resigning as teacher of the Tahltan Indian summer school. Mr. Thorman appears very definite in his desire to resign and I have, therefore, recommended to the Department that his resignation be accepted.

Inspector Coleman reported that the lands of the Reserve in use by Mr. Thorman were needed by the Indians for the production of garden produce and the action of the Department in requesting Mr. Thorman to discontinue his use of these lands for this reason has, no doubt, been largely responsible for his resignation. I may say that the Department has for some time emphasized the importance of Indians being encouraged to the fullest possible extent in developing gardens and Mr. Coleman had this in mind in making the recommendation referred to.

It is my intention to visit Prince Rupert in connection with Departmental matters within the next few weeks and should be glad to arrange to call to see you regarding the schools in your diocese and other matters. Mr. Thorman's letter is being returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,

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

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The Rt. Rev. G.A. Rix,
Bishop of Caledonia,
Synod Office,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

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COPY

Telegraph Creek, B.C.
Feb. 1st, 1944.

The Bishop of Caledonia,
The Close,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

My dear Bishop Rix:

I thank you for your letter of January 10th, in which you mentioned the matter of a School Teacher for Tahl-Tan Summer School for 1944.

With your consent and approval I should wish to be relieved of what has, since April 1943, become a distasteful duty. I have no assurance that the Indian Department will not visit upon me additional indignities. I have suffered an injustice amounting to a persecution at their hands. The Inspector of Indian Agencies Coleman has already written into a document charges of hypocrisy in that I had ulterior motives as a teacher, for gardening was a part of that teaching. I can allow him no further opportunity to exploit his imagination at the expense of what has always been a sincere undertaking. You are aware that the work at Tahl-Tan was first of all devotional and was recognised as such by the previous Agent H. Reed.

Isolated for between five and six months each year, from companionship, regular mail, conveniences of a home, and providing for a separate establishment under a salary never commensurate with the duties. These were never unbearable with a certain appreciation from the Indian Department and fortified by the spirit in which such duties are accepted. When I lack the confidence of the Indian Department I lack the essential that could make me a successful teacher in their employ.

For them to arbitrarily withdraw a privilege which privilege I produced from nothing, is a form of persecution I am unable to accept.

I dutifully request that you favourably consider my most earnest desire to decline any further duties under the Indian Department.

I am,
Your Lordship,
Yours faithfully,

W.P. Thorman.

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CANADA

158-2-1

Copy sent to Mr. Sampson

Ottawa,
March 20, 1944.

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

I have your letter of the 15th instant,
in which you advise that Reverend W.P. Thorman
will not be in charge of the Tahltan Seasonal
School during the coming summer. I presume
that Bishop Rix will nominate someone else.

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

Handwritten initials: THA

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER
BRITISH COLUMBIA



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 215-12-1973
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Schools



CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF

MINES AND RESOURCES



158-2-1

INDIAN AFFAIRS
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P.O. BOX 70 March 15, 1944.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIR MAIL

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

I have been advised by the Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, D.D.,
Bishop of Caledonia, that Mr. W. P. Thorman, teacher of the
summer Indian school at Tahltan, has resigned. A copy of
Mr. Thorman's letter to Bishop Rix setting forth the reasons
for his decision, together with copies of related correspondence,
are enclosed. I would recommend that Mr. Thorman's resignation
be accepted.

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

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Stikine Agency,
Telegraph Creek, B.C.,
April 28, 1944.

James Coleman, Esq., Inspector of Indian Agencies for B.C.

Your 1941 inspection report on this agency requested that the ownership of the mission schools be cleared up and the following data is submitted in that respect:

Caribou Hide Seasonal School:- As reported in June 15, 1942, report on this school the building was constructed by Mr. Jim Anglin, a school teacher, assisted by the Indians who cut and skidded logs as well as assisting in the erection of the building. The Department supplied some roofing to the value of about \$100.00 including transportation from Telegraph Creek. The Roman Mission considers the Indians' help as donated and therefore claim complete ownership of the building, the Department's assistance being counted as a grant and not necessarily giving them part ownership. The value of the building is estimated at about \$800.00.

Dease Lake Seasonal School:- The Department supplied about \$225.00 worth of material and the Roman Catholic Mission paid the Indians for their labour getting logs and erecting the building. A good deal of the work was done by the missionary himself. This building is fairly well finished and is now valued at \$1500.00.

Klappan Seasonal School:- The Department supplied \$300.00 for material and equipment and the school was mostly built by the Indians under the supervision of a R.C. priest. The Indians donated their labour and the Mission considers the building is theirs, the Department's assistance being a grant. The value of the building is estimated at \$1200.00.

Lower Post Seasonal School:- A room in the Roman Catholic Mission building at Lower Post is used for school purposes and the Department has no interest in this school.

McDame Creek Seasonal School:- Apart from about \$30.00 worth of lumber for rough desks the Department did not assist in the construction of this school. It was built by the Roman Catholic Mission and the ground floor has been used as a school and church for ten years.

Tahltan Seasonal School:- The building was constructed by the local Anglican Mission with Indian labour, mostly paid. The Department supplied about \$150.00 for material but the Mission considers the building belongs to them. It is valued at about \$1000.00.

Teslin Lake Seasonal Schools:- The two schools here, one Roman Catholic and the other Anglican, are owned by the respective Missions.

None of the buildings for which the Department granted material or equipment would approach the requirements of a modern day school and as the expenditures made by the Department in each case are relatively small compared to the total value of the buildings I would recommend that their interest in each school be turned over to the respective missions to give the missions full ownership. Considering that the buildings have been used several years as

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schools without any rental being charged by the Missions, the Department would probably still not object to paying rent as authorized for the Dease Lake and Klappan schools.

The alternative to this suggestion would be to endeavour to purchase the Missions' share in the schools but I would definitely not recommend this course as I believe that it would be far less expensive, even over a period of years, to pay an annual rental of \$75.00 in the case of the Dease Lake and Klappan schools and possibly Lower Post or McDame Creek if either operates, than to purchase these crude log buildings and try to improve them. From past experience it seems that the operation of these bush schools is quite provisional, depending as it does upon whether or not the Indians camp at the location of the school during the usual term. At the present time it seems that any extensive outlay for establishing day school buildings would be unwise, especially in the more remote locations because it is evident that the Indians in this area as a whole are still not inclined to settle permanently in one location. Their houses in and near Telegraph Creek for the most part are used only as stopping over places between their trapping and fishing camps. This has been more evident during the past fall and winter when these people have had to earn their living from the country, as they did prior to the freighting boom from 1941 to 1943 when supplies were going in by this route to Watson Lake Airport. It seems that the life-long habits of the Indians will not easily be changed, even to ensure the education of their children and the more or less temporary bush schools will probably have to serve, at least for the present.

R.H.S. Sampson
R.H.S. Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 215-12-3675
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



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

May 26, 1944.

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

I would refer to the Inspector of Indian Agencies report of 1941 covering the Stikine Agency in which it was stated that there was some question as to the ownership of various Indian seasonal schools in that district and that the Agent had been re-questioned to clear up the matter. Mr. Indian Agent Sampson's letter of the 28th ultimo is enclosed herewith which gives a brief report covering each building.

It will be noted that Mr. Sampson recommends that the title to these buildings remain with the Roman Catholic and the Anglican Church with which I concur.

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

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[Handwritten initials and scribbles]

Ottawa,
May 31, 1944.

[Handwritten initials: D. G.]

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

I have your letter of the 26th instant,
enclosing letter from Indian Agent Sampson
regarding the ownership of various Indian
seasonal schools in the Stikine Agency. The
Department concurs in your recommendation that
the title to these buildings remain with the
churches which erected them.

[Handwritten initials: R.A.H.]

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

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REPORT ON STIKINE INDIAN AGENCY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1944.

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Schools;

There are no seasonal schools operating in the agency at the present time. The Tahltan school which in former years operated from April 1st to August 31st each year, is closed this year on account of the resignation of the teacher two weeks previous to the scheduled school opening which did not leave any time to secure another teacher.

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R.H.S. Sampson,
Indian Agent.

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SUBJECT GENERAL
TAHLTAN SUMMER DAY SCHOOL

CORRESPONDENCE FROM JAN 1910
TO MAY 1944

NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE
TO BE PLACED ON THIS FILE

NOTE: For subsequent correspondence relevant to the subject matter of this closed file see

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