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Department of Indian Affairs

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Walpole Island

General Correspondence
School No 1

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Ottawa, February 28, 1919.

Madam -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, in which you ask for an increase of \$50.00 per annum in your salary as teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 School.

In reply I beg to say that the Department has decided to grant your request and you will be paid at the rate of \$650.00 per annum from the first of the current quarter. Mr. Agent Paul is being advised that this increase has been granted you.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Mrs. Florence Macdonald,
Teacher,
Walpole Island No. 1 School,
Walpole Island, Ont.

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W. and St. ...
J. D. M. Lean Esq.

Secretary of Indian Affairs, Supt. Gen.

Ottawa - Canada

RECEIVED
FEB 24 1919

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As I have been in charge of No. 1 School on Walpole Island Reserve for three years and as in that time the attendance has more than doubled I hope the Dept. of Indian Affairs will grant my request of an increase in salary of Fifty Dollars per annum, making my yearly salary Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

The Dept. will be pleased to know that 37 pupils have been attending this school since the beginning of 1919. The average for January was 25,-

The pupils are making good progress as was shown from Promotion Examinations held during first week in February. - There are now 7 pupils in 4th Standard, 2 in 3rd Standard, 2 in 2nd Standard. Of the remainder now in 1st Standard I expect at least 8 to pass into 2nd Standard at Midsummer.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
FEB 25 1919

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see pupils who had
to 4th Standard and Pupils promote
to 5th Standard during the past two years
are now attending Industrial
Schools.

There are some cases of "Flu" on the
Reserve and a number of the
pupils have been absent from the
cause as well as from minor
forms of illness.

Hoping my request for increase
of salary will be granted

I remain

Yours Respectfully

Florence Macdonald

Teacher
No. 1 School
Walpole Island

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*2 letters
Mr. Macdonald
noted
J.A.S.
He 5th office
Mr. Macdonald
in...*

Ottawa, February 28, 1919.

Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Macdonald, teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 School, in which she applies for an increase of \$50.00 per annum in her salary.

Mrs. Macdonald has been informed that the Department has decided to grant her request and that she will be paid at the rate of \$650.00 per annum from the first of the current quarter.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

MSB
[Signature]
Thomas Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Garnia, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Sarnia, Ontario.

Feb. 19th. 1920. 19

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

[Handwritten signature]

536586

Sir,—

When on my weekly visit to Walpole Island on Mon. the 16th. inst. I found both schools closed by order of Dr. Cathcart. The reason for closing schools was fearing an outbreak of Influenza. Quite a number on the Island have severe colds and the Doctor thought it advisable to close the schools in order to prevent an Epidemic of Flu. He also ordered both churches closed and issued an order against holding a y public entertainments. I approve of the Doctor's action in this case and trust that it will meet with the favorable approval of the Department of Indian Affairs.

Your obedient servant,

Jhos Paul
Indian Agent.

J.D. McLean, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.



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Ottawa, February 23, 1920.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, in which you inform the Department that the two schools on Walpole Island have been closed by order of the doctor on account of an outbreak of influenza on the reserve.

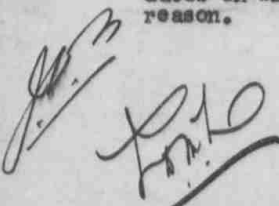
In reply I beg to say that the Department will approve of these schools remaining closed for such time as the doctor considers advisable in the interests of the health of the children.

The teachers, in preparing their quarterly reports for the current quarter, should give on their returns the dates on which the schools were closed for the above reason.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.


Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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J. D. McLean

Secretary & Asst. Deputy Supt.

Indian Affairs, Ottawa - Ont

SCHOOLS BRANCH
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Sir,
As I have entered upon my
fifth year in No. 1 School of this
Reserve, I hope you will favourably
consider my request for an increase
of salary.

The large enrollment of sixty pupils
makes the work very heavy, but
I am glad to say the pupils are
showing marked improvement, es-
pecially in reading and in their
understanding of the English language.
The cost of living in this part, has
advanced fully fifty per cent. since
a year ago.

I trust you will allow me, for this
year, an increase of One Hundred Dollars

Yours Respectfully

(Wm) Florence Macdonald
Teacher No. 1 School, Walpole Island - Ont

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on account Indian Funds
the sum of 08/100 Dollars,
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, May 27, 1921

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for
McDonald at
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Memorandum.

Mr. Scott:

At the present time we have a Mrs. McDonald teaching in the No. 1 School, Walpole Island. For the last couple of years Mrs. McDonald has been coming late to school, sometimes a half hour and sometimes an hour late in the morning. She very seldom opens school after dinner until a quarter to two, sometimes later. The Indians have complained to me on a number of occasions and I have made a report of this to the Department before. I have been informed recently that she is still arriving late at school. Another point about Mrs. McDonald is that she never loses an opportunity to say something detrimental to the present Agent, to the Indians, which is very embarrassing at times to the Agent. On two occasions the former Indian agent, Mr. Thomas McCallum, now deceased, came to the Island and stayed over Sunday with her, alone in the Agency house. He was seen by the Indians, coming and leaving.

This sort of conduct leaves a very bad impression with the Indians. No doubt, Mrs. McDonald would deny these charges, and I have no doubt that it would be difficult for us to prove the latter. So far as her opening school late is concerned, of course, that can be proved.

I beg to recommend that Mrs. McDonald's services be discontinued this mid-summer and that the Agent be notified to give her one month's notice.

At the present time there is a Mrs. Corman teaching in the Western School at the Deseronto reserve, who, I believe would make a splendid teacher for this school. She



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has expressed the wish to be stationed on some reserve where she could assist in missionary work. The Missionary at Walpole Island, the Rev. Mr. Fortiner, has expressed the wish to have a teacher in the school who would be able to assist him in the Sunday school work. Mrs. Corman has resigned at the Deseronto school. I beg to recommend that she be engaged for the Walpole Island school.

R. H. Abraham

Agricultural Representative.

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EXD.

OTTAWA, Nov. 25th, 1921.

Sir, -

It has been brought to the attention of the Department that Mrs. Florence Macdonald, teacher of the No. 1 school on the Walpole Island Reserve, has not been opening and closing the school at the regular hours.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Indian Day School Regulations, showing the teaching days in the year and the hours of opening and closing. You will be good enough to hand this copy to Mrs. Macdonald, and inform her that it is expected she will open the school each day promptly at 9 A.M. and that the hour for closing is 4 P.M. All the pupils should remain the full time the school is in session.

The Department understands that certain of the pupils are home each day about 3 P.M. You should inform Mrs. Macdonald that the dismissal of certain of her pupils at this hour should cease, and that it is hoped there will be no further cause for complaint regarding this matter.

It is expected that the new school building will be ready for occupation about the first of the new year. Living quarters for the teachers are provided in this building, and it is expected that they will occupy the same. You should inform Mrs. Macdonald accordingly, in order that she can arrange to move in when the building is ready for occupation.

It will also be necessary to secure the services of a second teacher to begin duties after the new year, and I will be pleased if you will make enquiries through Mr. Henry Conn, the public school inspector, or others, with a view to securing the services of a qualified teacher for the junior room in the new school. The salary allowed the second teacher will depend upon the qualifications which she possesses. You should submit the name, qualifications and experience of any applicant received by you.

Your obedient servant,

R. G. G.
Russell T. Farrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

[Signature]
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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Ottawa, December 9, 1921.

Sir:

I have to remind you that the Department requires the services, from January first, of a second teacher for the No. 1 School on the Walpole Island reserve. I will be grateful for immediate information as to the action that Mr. Inspector Conn and yourself have taken. Offer, for the Department's approval, the names and qualifications of any applicants that come to your attention.

I understand that there is a Miss Fortiner, a daughter of the Missionary near this school, who, although not qualified, might do in the event of no success meeting your efforts to secure a proper instructor. Your kind attention to the matter of securing a second teacher is requested at this time.

We should have given the information

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

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Sarnia, Ontario.



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 40-1-1
ALSO
Dec. 9th/21.
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Dec. 20th. 1921. 19

[Handwritten signature]
Sir, -



In reply to your letter of the 9th. inst. and previous correspondence, with reference to securing an assistant Teacher, for the No. 1, Indian Day School, Walpole Island, beg to advise that I have called on Miss Fortner, and that she is willing to assume the position, of an assistant teacher for this school. She has attended High School, for three years or over, She is teacher of an Indian Sunday School Class, on the Island, and seems to be quite interested, in Indian Welfare. She is nineteen years of age, quite bright and clever. I feel that I could quite conscientiously recommend Miss Fortner, as an assistant teacher for this school.

I have just had a talk, with Inspector Conn, and he tells me that he has nothing in sight, at the present time for this position.

Awaiting your reply, with further instructions, I remain,

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Yours truly,
J. D. McLean
Indian Agent.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Miss Paul
1921

OTTAWA, December 23rd, 1921.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, regarding the appointment of an assistant teacher for the No. 1 Indian Day School on Walpole Island, and recommending Miss Fortner for the position.

In reply I beg to say it is noted that, while Miss Fortner has no professional qualifications, her services might be satisfactory and that she is recommended by you for the position. The Department will approve of the temporary appointment of Miss Fortner as assistant teacher, to begin duties after the new year. Her retention in the position will depend upon the success with which she meets in her work. The salary allowed her will be at the rate of \$500 per annum, with any bonus provided by law.

It is hoped that the new school building will be fully completed and ready for occupation when the schools re-open after the Christmas Holidays, and you should see that all arrangements to this end are carried out.

You may inform Miss Fortner of her appointment, and you should inform the Department as to the date upon which she begins duties, and also her full christian name.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Thos. Paul
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Sarnia, Ontario.

Dec. 24th. 1921. 19

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 40-1-1
Dec. 9th 1921.
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

On my visit to Walpole Island yesterday, and in conversation with Mrs. Florence MacDonald, Teacher of the No. 1, Indian Day School, on the Island, she informed me that she was going to resign as Teacher of this school, unless her salary was increased to \$1000.00 per Annum. and no Bonus. She also stated that she would be willing to remain as Teacher of this school, for a few months, if we were not able to procure a suitable teacher. She said that she would expect to be paid at the rate of \$1000.00 per year, for the time she remains, as Teacher of this school. I would recommend that Mrs. MacDonald's services be retained until such time as we can procure a suitable teacher for this school.

Awaiting an early reply, with instructions, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Thos Paul
Indian Agent.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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EXH

Ottawa, December 30, 1921.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, informing the Department that Mrs. Florence MacDonald, Teacher of the No. 1 Indian Day School, Walpole Island, intended resigning unless her salary was increased to \$1000.00 per annum, without bonus.

In reply I beg to say that, owing to the qualifications which Mrs. MacDonald possesses, it will not be possible to grant her any further increase in her salary at present. If, in consequence, she intends to give up duties, she should forward her written resignation to you, for transmission to the Department. It is hoped, however, that she will reconsider her intention to resign and will remain at least until the end of the present school year, June 30th, next, or until the services of a suitable teacher can be obtained. You should consult Mrs. MacDonald and advise the Department, as soon as possible, as to what arrangements you are able to make with her to carry on the work until the end of the present year, or at least until a successor can be secured.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

T.P.
R.T.F.
Thomas Paul, Esq.,
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...Sarnia, Ontario.....

Jan. 11th. 1922. 19

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 40-1-1
Dec. 23rd. 1921.
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

noted

Beg to advise that the Senior Room of the New School, at Walpole Island was opened on Monday, 9th. inst. The men from Wallaceburg are busy engaged completing the installation, of stove, in the Junior Room. I expect will have the work completed today or tomorrow, and that Miss Evelyn Fortner will commence her duties as Teacher, on Monday, the 16th. inst.

This school will have many advantages over the old one, in equipment as well as in nice, roomy, classrooms. The slate blackboards are perfect and the location, one of the nicest on the Island.

Your obedient servant,

L. H. Paul
Indian Agent.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.



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Ottawa, January 16, 1922.

Madam:

*See File
173736²
appn for
Appointment*

I have to acknowledge yours of the 12th instant, referring to your religious denomination and your wish to obtain a position in an Indian school in Ontario.

In reply I beg to state that there will be a vacancy in an Indian school near Wallaceburg, Ont. in the near future. The position in question is that of Senior Teacher in a 2-roomed school where both teachers reside in a residence above the classrooms. The building is new and we are desirous of getting a lady teacher to supervise the education of the Indian children at this point. It is desirable, in connection with this position, that we find an incumbent who will take over the work more or less permanently.

The salary we are offering at this point is \$650 per annum, free residence and whatever bonus is allowed by law. At present the bonus is being paid at a rate of \$15 per month. The school year is ten teaching months, and the course of studies is that of the Ontario Department of Education.

If you wish to apply for this school, and the Department of Indian Affairs will await your reply before filling the position, will you support your application with letters of recommendation from the Reverend Canon Elliot of Carleton Place, and intimate to me the name and address of a public school inspector who has supervised your teaching in the past. This information is desired as soon as possible. It might be possible for you to pay a visit to Ottawa in this connection, and I will be pleased to have a personal interview with you. The office is at 501 Booth Building, Sparks St.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

R.T.F.

Mrs. R. N. Macpherson,
Box 533,
Carleton Place, Ont.

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OTTAWA, January 16th, 1922.

Sir, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, informing the Department that the senior room in the new No. 1 school at Walpole Island was opened on the 9th instant, also that the teacher of the junior room will begin duties today, the 16th instant.

Regarding the senior teacher, Mrs. Florence MacDonald, I beg to refer you to official letter of the 30th ultimo, in which you were requested to obtain and forward her resignation, provided she was not satisfied to remain. I may say that the Department has in view a qualified teacher for this school and it would be well, in view of all the circumstances, of which you are aware, if Mrs. MacDonald would forward her resignation, to take effect at as early a date as convenient. Her notice should be given in due time, in order that steps can be taken to have her successor arrive to take up duties as soon as Mrs. MacDonald leaves. You should see Mrs. MacDonald immediately and inform her that the Department desires her resignation and that she give up duties by the middle of February, next.

I will be pleased to hear from you regarding this matter as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier *over*
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Supt. of Indian Education.

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Carleton Place, Ontario,
Jan. 17th 1922.

M. M. Macpherson
Supt. of Indian Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,-

Your letter of Jan. 16th received re position
as teacher in the Indian school near Wallaceburg.
Would you kindly grant a personal interview
on Friday Jan. 20th, about 2 p.m. at which
time will bring references requested.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. A. T. Macpherson
Box 58 of *Randine*
Carleton Place, Ontario.

Should get to work for
via Chatham on
before afternoon
and finish next
pm

Ass. Supt
Paul who
is required

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Office of
R. C. Rose,
Public School Inspector

Carleton Place, Ont.,
Jan. 19, 1922.

This is to certify Mrs. Harriet Macpherson
taught in S. S. No. 7 Huntley for 4 mos. and in
Carleton Place for 6 mos.

R. C. Rose,
I. P. S.

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Carleton Place,
January 20, 1922.

This is to certify that I have known
Mrs. Harriet McPherson all her life, and her life
and character has been good and exemplary.

Signed,

A. Elliot,
Rector.

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Walpole Island, Ont. January 16th 1922

Mr. Thos. Paul

Indian Agent. Larnia, Ont.

Sir

Will you please convey to the Dept. of Indian Affairs my resignation as Teacher of School No. 1 at the end of the ensuing month of February.

In view of their refusal to consider an increase of salary, the Department cannot reasonably expect me to continue in my present position at a much lower rate than what I am offered in Public School work.

I hope I have allowed sufficient time for the services of another teacher to be procured.

In conclusion I have to thank you for the unfailing courtesy and consideration you have shown me in your official capacity.

Yours Truly,

Florence Macdonald

Teacher No. 1 School
Walpole Island
Ontario.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Sarnia, Ontario.

January, 18th./22nd

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 40-1-1
Jan. 18th. 1922
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 16th, inst. regarding the Teacher, for the Senior Room, in the New No. 1, School, Walpole Island.

When at Walpole Island, on Monday, the 16th, inst. I received from Mrs. Florence MacDonald, her written resignation, to take effect, the end of next month. Will inclose her resignation.

I am glad to know that you have in view a qualified teacher for this school, as it appears to be a difficult matter to secure teachers for Indian Schools.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean
Indian Agent.



J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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*Return to Mr. Hutchinson
A.P.*

OTTAWA, January 23rd, 1922.

Sir, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of letter of the 18th instant, enclosing the resignation of Mrs. Florence Macdonald, teacher of the Walpole Island, No. 1, Indian Day School, to take effect at the end of February, next.

In reply I beg to say that the resignation of Mrs. Macdonald is accepted from that date. Before leaving, she should prepare a return showing the attendance and days taught during the months of January and February and hand this return to you for transmission to the Department, in order that the balance of salary and bonus due can be paid.

You will be good enough to see that all school material or other supplies in her charge are left under proper care, in order that they will be available for the new teacher who will succeed her.

Regarding the appointment of a teacher to succeed Mrs. Macdonald, I beg to say that, as you have already been advised, the Department has a qualified teacher in view and you will be informed in due time as to the name, salary, etc., of the teacher appointed, who will be ready to take up duties on the 1st of March, next.

The question of furnishing the teacher's residence in the new school building is being left in the hands of Mr. R. H. Abraham, who expects to visit Walpole Island in the very near future.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

A.P.
A.P.
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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OTTAWA, January 24th, 1922.

Madam, -

With reference to previous correspondence regarding your application for a position as teacher in an Indian day school, and also referring to the conversation held with you in the Department on the 20th instant, I now beg to inform you that the Department will be pleased to accept your services as teacher of the senior room in the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian day school from the 1st of March, next. The present teacher, who is resigning, desires to remain until that date in order that she can receive full bonus for the month of February. The Department has acceded to her wishes in this regard, and there will, therefore, not be a vacancy until the 1st of March, next, when, if satisfactory to you, your services will be required.

From copy of original report and

As you have already been informed, the salary allowed will be at the rate of \$650 per annum, free residence and whatever bonus is allowed by law. For the present fiscal year the bonus is paid to teachers in Indian day schools at the rate of \$15.00 per month.

The school will be conducted in a new building, with living quarters provided over the classroom for the teachers. We will have the teachers' quarters furnished, with the exception of bedding and linen.

An early reply, stating definitely as to whether you will accept the position offered and be ready to take up duties on the 1st of March, next, will be appreciated.

Any further information you desire will be furnished.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Handwritten initials: R.F.F. and others

Mrs. R. N. Macpherson,
Box 533,
Carleton Place,
Ont.

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Carleton Place, Ontario.
Jan. 26th. 1922.

[Handwritten signature]
Russell T. Fernier,
Supt. of Indian Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

565204

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of Jan. 24th. wish to state that I will accept the position as teacher of the senior room in Walpole Island no 1. Indian day school from the 1st of March next, according to arrangements made.

Kindly make an appointment for a personal interview on or about the 14th. Feb.

Very sincerely,

Harriette Macpherson.

Mrs. H. H. Macpherson,
Box 533.,
Carleton Place, Ontario



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OTTAWA, January 31st, 1922.

Sir, -

I beg to inform you that the Department has appointed Mrs. Harriette Macpherson as senior teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School to succeed Mrs. Florence Macdonald, who is resigning at the end of February, next. She will take up duties on the 1st of March. The salary allowed her is at the rate of \$650 per annum, free residence in the school building, and whatever bonus is allowed by law.

Mrs. Macpherson has had a number of years' experience as teacher in white schools in various parts of Ontario. She has junior matriculation and partial senior matriculation certificates, and has attended Queen's University for two years. She also has a district certificate from the Madoc Summer Model School.

I might further add that Mr. R. H. Abraham has been requested to supply a list of the articles necessary to furnish the quarters over the classrooms, in order to fit them up for the teachers.

When Mrs. Macpherson arrives, I have to request that you will grant her every assistance you can in her work.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Thos. Paul
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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miss. H. H. Macpherson

OTTAWA, January 31st, 1922.

Madam, -

I have your letter of the 26th instant, stating that you will accept the position as teacher of the senior room in Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, and will be pleased to take up duties on the 1st of March, next.

In reply I beg to say that we are pleased to have your acceptance of this position, and look forward to your meeting with much success in your work at this point.

We will be pleased to have a personal interview on the 14th of February, next, or at any time convenient to you.

I might add that our Agent, Mr. Thos. Paul, who has charge of the Walpole Island reserve, is being informed of your appointment and the date on which you will take up duties.

Your obedient servant,

H. H. Macpherson

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Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Mrs. H. H. Macpherson,
Box 533,
Carleton Place, Ont.

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Carleton Place, Ontario.

Feb. 3rd. 1922.

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~~Mr. Russell~~ ~~Heppner~~ -
Dept. of Indian Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir -

Would you kindly change the date of my appointment
from Feb. 14th. to Feb. 4th. (tomorrow) at about 11.45 a.m.
as find it necessary to make a business trip to Ottawa on
that date. Should this not be satisfactory, kindly phone
collect to 258, Carleton Place, Ontario.

Sincerely yours,

Harriette Macpherson.

(Mrs) H. H. Macpherson
Box 533
Carleton Place, Ontario.

SCHOOL BRANCH
FEB 4 1922

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Carleton Place, Ont.
Feb. 22 nd/22.

Mr. Russell T. Ferris,
Supt. of Indian Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs, 566474
Ottawa.

Dear Sir -

Replying to yours of 22 nd. re
cheque for advance of March salary
for no. 1 Indian Day School, Walpole
Islands, beg to acknowledge receipt
of same.

Have advised Mr. Abraham
that will arrive in Chatham Mar. 1st.
as I wish to get permanently settled
in the school immediately upon
my arrival there, rather than
remain with the missionary
as was Mr. Abraham's first plan.
Have made this change in order

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that things may be ready for my
occupation Mar. 2nd.

Will teach an extra day either
Saturday or a holiday or else
refund the days salary of Mar. 1st.

Very sincerely
Harriette Macpherson.

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2 Forest, Ont.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

May 10th 1922.

Sir.

Kindly

consider my application for
the position of Primary Teacher
for the Walpole Island school,
I hold a Commercial Certificate
and have had over seventeen
years experience.

Enclosed please find a ^{no}
testimonial from H. Conn Esq. R.T.T.
Public School Inspector for
West Lambton.

Hoping for a favourable
reply, I am

Respectfully yours,
Ethel E. George
2 Forest,
Ont.

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Office of
The School Inspector Div. No. 1

Henry Gonyea, B.A.



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Sarnia, Ont.

8 May, 1922

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I have pleasure in stating that Mrs Ethel George has taught for the past seventeen years in the Kettle Point Indian School which has been under my personal supervision for the past thirteen years. Her work has been very satisfactory.

Mrs. George is an earnest and industrious teacher, and I can recommend her as one who may be trusted to discharge her duties faithfully and with good success.

Henry Gonyea, B.A.

Public School Inspector.

Mrs Wee Plerson's sister ^{owns the}
Primary position at
Walford Sch. R. 77.

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OTTAWA, May 15th, 1922.

Madam, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, resigning your position as teacher of the Kettle Point Indian Day School, and applying for the position of primary teacher in the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, and enclosing a testimonial from the Public School Inspector regarding your past service.

In reply I beg to say that your resignation as teacher of the Kettle Point school is accepted from the 1st of June, next.

Regarding your request for the position of primary teacher at Walpole Island, I beg to say that we have another teacher in view for this position, and cannot, therefore, approve of your appointment to that school. We understand, however, that you have requested Mr. Agent Campbell, Deseronto, for a transfer to a school on the Tyendinaga Reserve. Mr. Campbell informs us that there will be a vacancy at the Mission school on the Reserve and if you desire a transfer to that school the Department will approve of the same, and will allow salary at the same rate as you now receive, viz: \$650 per annum, plus any bonus provided by law.

I will be pleased to hear from you at an early date as to whether you will accept the position of teacher of the Mission school on the Tyendinaga Reserve or not. As stated, we are unable to comply with your request to be appointed primary teacher at Walpole Island.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

[Handwritten initials]
Mrs. Angus George,
42, Forest,

Ont.

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Box 533 Carleton Place, Ont.
May 27, 1922.



J. Russell Ferrier
Supt.
Indian Education
Ottawa.



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Dear Sir -
Beg to make
application for position
as junior teacher in
No. 1 Indian School.
Walpole Island under
my sister, Mrs. Harriet
Macpherson. Will graduate
from Carleton Place
High School in June
and intend staying

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teacher's course at Madoc
Summer School. Am
nineteen years of age.
member of Church of
England in good standing
and can furnish best
of references as to
character etc. from
Rev Canon Elliott, and
Hon. R. F. Preston.

Trusting that my
application will be
favourably received

I remain etc

Very truly yours

Maurice MacDougal

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Ottawa. May 31, 1922.

Madam,-

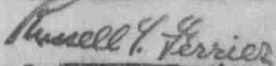
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, applying for the position of junior teacher at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, to begin duties when the school re-opens after the summer holidays, on or about September 1st, next, and stating the qualifications which you possess.

In reply I beg to say that the Department will be pleased to accept your services as junior teacher to begin duties on the above date. The salary allowed will be at the rate of \$550.00 per annum plus any bonus provided by law.

I will be pleased if you will state whether you will accept this position and be prepared to take up duties after the summer holidays.

An early reply to this communication will oblige, as we will require to notify our agent if you accept this position.

Your obedient servant,



Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Miss Marion McDougall,
Box 533, Carleton Place,
Ont.

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Waepole Island, May 24/22.
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Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.



Dear Sirs-

Am writing to tell you that we are going to move away from Waepole at the end of the present school term, that is the end of June. In consequence thereof I will be obliged to resign.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Fortnes,

(Assistant Teacher,
No 1 Day School,



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OTTAWA, June 2nd, 1922.

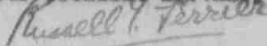
Madam, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, informing the Department that you are giving up duties as junior teacher at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School at the end of the present month.


In reply I have to thank you for the services you have rendered during the period you have been employed at this school.

When the school closes, you should prepare a return showing the attendance, days taught, etc., on the form for that purpose, which you can obtain from the Indian Agent. After this return has been prepared by you, you should hand it to Mr. Agent Paul for transmission to the Department in order that the amount of salary and bonus due you can be paid. We are aware that the school was closed during the month of May on account of an epidemic of measles, and, as this action was taken upon orders given by the Doctor and Agent, salary will be allowed for such period.

Your obedient servant,



Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.



Miss Evelyn Fortner,
Walpole Island,
Ont.

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Carleton Place

June 1st 1922

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Russell Ferris

Supt.

Dept of Indian Education
Ottawa

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SCHOOLS
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Dear Sir-

Replying to yours
of May 31st re position
as junior teacher No 1
Indian Day School,
Walpole Island, beg to
state would be pleased
to accept same and
be prepared to take
up duties at beginning
of fall term.

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you for your kind
attention in matter
I remain

yours truly
Marion MacDougal
Box 533
Carleton Place
Ont

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OTTAWA, June 6th, 1922.

Madam, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, in which you state that you will accept the position of junior teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, and that you will be prepared to take up duties when the school re-opens after the summer holidays, on or about September 1st, next.

The Department will be pleased to accept your services, and we are notifying the local Indian Agent of your appointment and the salary you are to receive, namely, \$550 per annum, plus bonus provided by law, which, for the present fiscal year, will be at the rate of \$15.00 per month.

In view of this appointment, it is expected that you will take a teacher's course in a summer school during the present summer.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Miss Marion MacDougall,
Box 533, Carleton Place,
Ont.

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*Miss Paul
M. P. B. note*

OTTAWA, June 6th, 1922.

Sir, -

I beg to inform you that Miss Marion MacDougall, Carleton Place, Ont., has been appointed as junior teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School to begin duties on or about September 1st, next. Miss MacDougall is a sister of the senior teacher, Mrs. Macpherson.

The salary allowed Miss MacDougall will be at the rate of \$550 per annum, plus the bonus provided by law.

Miss MacDougall is a graduate of the Carleton Place High School, and is taking a teacher's course at the Madoc Summer School.

I shall be pleased, when she arrives to take up duties, if you will give her every assistance you can in her work.

Your obedient servant,

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Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

JP
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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School



No. 1 Indian School
Walpole Island
Ontario.
Oct. 19th. 1922.



The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,

With regard to cheque no 2161
issued for \$17.25 as balance due on my
Sept. salary, kindly explain how
above-mentioned salary is paid. I under-
stand I would be paid quarterly at
the rate of \$70 a month (including \$15 a month
bonus). Sept was the only month in the
quarter, I taught so should receive
\$235. Received an advance of
\$30 travelling expenses so thought
I should receive \$20, rather than
\$17.25. Also please inform me
about what date both teachers
in this school will receive
their Sept. bonus.

Thanking you, in
anticipation of an early reply,
I remain,
Very truly yours
Marion Macdonnell - J. Teacher

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Ottawa, October 23, 1922.

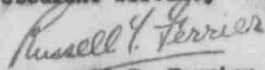
Madam,-

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I beg to say that the return forwarded by you for the September quarter, showed that you had taught 19 days during the month. There are 200 teaching days in the school year and in the case of a new teacher the Department pays for the September quarter for the number of days actually taught during that quarter, consequently, you were paid $19/200$ of \$550.00 which equals \$52.25. From this we deduct an advance of \$35.00, leaving \$17.25 still due you, a cheque for which amount you have received.

For the December quarter you will be paid one-quarter of your yearly salary and a like amount for the March quarter. At the end of the June quarter, provided you have taught the full 200 days, you will be paid the balance of your yearly salary.

The September quarter bonus will be paid to teachers of Indian day schools when the December quarter bonus is being paid.

Your obedient servant,



Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

R.P.
R.T.F.

Miss Marion Macdougall,
Teacher,
Walpole Island No. 1 School,
Walpole Island,
Ont.

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No. 1. Indian School,
Walpole Island, Ont.,
March 12th. 1923.

Mr. R. T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir -

would the Dept. kindly grant permission
for this school to remain open during the
Easter holidays i.e. April 3rd to April 10th.
and close a week earlier in June.

There has been a great deal of illness
on this reservation, during the past
winter. The children are just starting to
return to school and consequently the
Easter holidays will make another
unnecessary break in the school work.

Whereas, if we continued school and
closed earlier in June, the children
would be home at the time when they
are most needed to help. We would like
to close for Good Friday Easter Monday
and open again Tuesday.

Trusting this will meet with your
approval. I remain,

Yours truly,
Harriette H. Macpherson
Sv. Teacher.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

581946

Sarnia, Ontario.

March, 15th. 1923. 19

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO No. ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
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[Handwritten signature]

Sir.—

Inclosed find letter, received today, from Mrs. Harriette MacPherson, Principal, of the No. 1, Indian Day School, Walpole Island, which speaks for itself.

I would recommend that Mrs. MacPherson's request be granted, that is keep school open, during the Easter Holidays, and close one week earlier, in June, prior to Midsummer Holidays.

Your obedient servant.

Thos Paul
Indian Agent.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, March 19th, 1923.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing a communication from Mrs. Harriette MacPherson, teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, requesting permission to teach during the Easter holidays, and to close school a week earlier in June.

In reply I beg to say that, in view of the reasons given by Mrs. MacPherson for making this request, and your recommendation that the same be granted, the Department will approve of the school being kept open during the Easter holidays and closed one week earlier in June prior to the midsummer holidays.

You will be good enough to inform Mrs. MacPherson accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

*Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.*

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Extract from Inspector's Report on the WALPOLE ISLAND
No. 1 School. May 14, 1923.

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*noted
J.P.*

I understand that Mrs. Macpherson intends to ask for a year's leave of absence for the purpose of attending the Normal School. If her request is granted I shall be very pleased for I would like very much to have her remain in the service of the Department.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAY 24 1923

H. Conn.

Insp.

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July 13, 1923.

MEMO FOR FILE:

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In the event of the resignation of Mrs. MacPherson, Teacher at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, the Department should correspond with Mr. R. H. Abraham, who has a good teacher for this cause in view.

R.H.A.

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[Handwritten signature]

August 10, 1923.

MEMO FOR FILE:

Mrs. Harriet Macpherson called at the Department today, with the information that she and her sister, Miss MacDougall, would not return to Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School for the coming academic year. Mrs. Macpherson hopes, at a later date, to re-enter Indian educational work and would be agreeable to resume duties at the same school.

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Ottawa, August 11, 1923.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mrs. H. Macpherson and Miss M. MacDougall have resigned their positions as Senior and Junior Teachers, respectively, at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School.

Please get in touch, without delay, with Mr. Public School Inspector Conn, and see if properly qualified incumbents can be found for these positions. The salary allowed will, of course, be commensurate with the qualifications of the successful applicants. The Department is prepared to allow as high as \$800 and \$700, respectively, plus in each case, whatever bonus is allowed by law, in the event of properly qualified teachers being employed. You are authorized to advertise in a local paper, if necessary. Your recommendations and those of Mr. Inspector Conn and any applications you receive should be submitted to the Department, at your earliest convenience, for a decision.

Please give this matter your careful and prompt attention, so that school can commence during the first week in September.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

R.J.F. C.P.M.
Thomas Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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Frankford, Aug. 22nd 1923

Handwritten notes:
Director
Sub-Commissioner
Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Mr. MacLean,

Dear Sir,

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 25 1923
RECORDED

Although I have not heard from you for a number of years I hope you are still in good health and enjoyment of life. Do you remember Mrs. Crane, daughter of John Keenan, Round Lake?

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II

My oldest girl is just home from Charbot Lake Summer Model School, and is looking for a School. She will have a limited Third Class Certificate, and I would be greatly obliged to you if you could help her to secure an Indian School. I heard that the Indian School on Walpole Island requires two teachers, as their teachers are not returning

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III

to the school there. Margaret is eighteen years of age, and is anxious to get the school as she had a favourable report of it from the last junior teacher, Miss McDougal of Carleton Place.

If you can help her in any way to get an Indian School I will be under a great obligation to you, as I am a widow, and she will be the first of my children to earn her living. My other four

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children are all at School.
Hoping Mr. Little is still
enjoying a Partridge hunt
occasionally as well as
yourself. Thanking you
for any efforts on our
behalf, and hoping it
will not be too much trouble
Yours very sincerely
(Mrs.) Mary A. Orme
Tramore
Ont.

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Ottawa, August 27, 1923.

**Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, ONT.**

Referring official letter of eleventh instant, kindly advise at once what progress you have made with reference to securing teachers for Walpele Island Number One School.

J. D. McLean

[Handwritten initials]
Chgo. D. of I.A.

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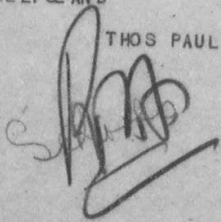
J D MCLEAN

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY SECY OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OTTAWA ONT
YOUR TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED BEG TO ADVISE THAT I HAVE NO ONE IN
VIEW TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE NO 1 INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

WALPOLE ISLAND

THOS PAUL.



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M. A. Orme

August 29th, 1923.

Dear Mrs. Orme:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant, in which you intimate that your daughter, Margaret, is desirous of securing a position as teacher in an Indian school.

As you have heard, the two-roomed day school at Walpole Island is vacant, and, as yet, the Department has not secured incumbents. I am sure that you daughter would be quite suitable for the junior room, but I am extremely desirous of securing teachers for this school who are known to each other. If you are able to put me in touch with a second class Normal trained teacher, with experience, who would accept a salary of \$800 for the ten teaching months, supplemented by the bonus allowed by law, I should be pleased to offer the junior room to your daughter. The salary allowed the junior teacher is at the rate of \$700 for the ten teaching months, plus the bonus, which, at present, is at the rate of \$15 per month.

If you are able to secure the services of a properly qualified and satisfactory teacher, I shall be pleased if you will telegraph me without delay.

Yours truly,

J. D. McLEAN

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

M. A. Orme
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Mrs. Mary A. Orme,
Tramore,
Ont.

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N.L.

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CHATHAM-ONT AUG 30TH
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AUG 31 1928
RECORDS

SECY INDIAN DEPT OTTAWA ONT

PERMANENT TEACHER TO START SCHOOL AT NUMBER ONE WALPOLE ISLAND NOT AVAILABLE HAVE ENGAGED TWO QUALIFIED TEMPORARY TEACHERS FOR SEPT ON TERMS ADVISED IN YOUR LETTER WILL TRY TO SECURE PERMANENT TEACHERS TO START OCTOBER FIRST

THOS PAUL

1251AM

*Copied
P.P.*

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Ret. to Selma An.


Ottawa, Sept. 6, 1923.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your night lettergram of the 30th ultimo, in which you informed the Department that you had arranged for the temporary services of two qualified teachers at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. I should be pleased if you would intimate the names and qualifications of these teachers and, if they are proving satisfactory in their work, indicate whether or not they would continue for the full academic year. You should also report concerning the success that has met your efforts to secure permanent teachers to commence duties on October first.

Please give this your immediate attention, so that if you have been unsuccessful, the Department can take action towards the appointment of permanent incumbents.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKensie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Ret. *AMP*
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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Tramore, August 30 th 1923

Mr. J. D. MacLean
~~Dear Sir,~~

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SE-4-923
RECORDS

I have just received your letter of the 29th instant, and am sorry to say that Margaret does not know any second-class teacher, who is not already engaged to teach in some school. We understand that it is quite important to have the two teachers friends, as I suppose they live together. But Margaret

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is quite willing to live with
a lady teacher, that your
departmant would engage
as no doubt good morals
are an important part
of the teachers qualifications.

My second daughter has
her Lower School Certificate
also a diploma from the
Ottawa Infants Hospital,
which, of course does not help
her to teach, but is certainly
a help to the management
of children. If your

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department finds it impossible
to engage two friends, or a
Senior teacher that could be
recommended to Margaret.
Would it be impossible
to engage both my daughter
Margaret as Senior and Doris
as Junior teacher? They
are both reliable girls.

(I can imagine from memory
Mr. McLean's smile, and "Mrs
Arne wants to push her whole
family into the school.")

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But, if the junior position
is still vacant, and two
friends do not apply, Margaret
is willing to go as asst.

Thanking you for your
prompt reply, and your
kindness,

Yours Sincerely
(Mrs.) M. A. Erme

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Sarnia, Ontario.....

Sept. 8th. 1923.19

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 40-1-1.....

Sept. 6th. 1923.

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

[Handwritten signature]
Sir,—

In reply to your letter, of Sept. 6th. acknowledging receipt, of night letterogram, of the 30th. ult. in which we informed the Department, that we had arranged for the temporary services, of two qualified teachers, at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School.

These teachers, are sisters, (Misses Herds), the elder sister, has a Certificate, and has previously taught school. The younger sister, has her Matriculation Standing. I have every confidence, that their work, in this school, will prove quite satisfactory. We were only able to secure their services, for the month of Sept. as they return to the University of Toronto, on the 1st. of October.

I have just forwarded four applications, for this position, duties to commence on the 1st. of October, with my recommendations, on the same.

Your obedient servant,

Thos Paul
Indian Agent.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary,

Ottawa, Ontario.

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To whom it may concern -

This is to certify that I have known Mr Stewart E. Burns for a number of years. I can conscientiously and with pleasure testify as to his ability as a student and to his good moral condition.

I believe him to possess the necessary qualifications to make a successful teacher. Mr Burns is of a good family, much respected in the community. Three of the boys have obtained teachers certificates.

Any School Board will make no mistake in securing the services of Mr Burns.

G. A. Newton.

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Tucknow, Ontario,
Aug. 31/1923.

Mr. Thomas Paul,
Sarnia,
Ontario.

Dear Sir,

I was informed last evening by Mr. Edgin & Turnbull of Sarnia, that you require two teachers for the ensuing year in Walpole Island school.

After four years of successful High School Training I entered Stratford Normal School from which I graduated this year with a Limited Third Class Certificate. Although only 19 years of age I am physically developed beyond that age, a fact which should be an asset in any school. I am possessed with good habits and have tried to develop the moral side of my nature as well as physical and intellectual.

It will be my desire to further the interests of the community in which I teach. In religion I am a Presbyterian.

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Enclosed you will find a testimonial
from the Secretary of our School Board,
and I trust that this may find
favour with you. The salary stated
to me will be satisfactory.

Trusting I will have an early
reply.

Yours very truly,
Stewart E Burns

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Peterborough, Ontario
Sept. 4. 1928.

Thomas Paul. Esq.

Hamilton,

Dear Sir,

Further to our telephone conversation
I beg to apply for the position of
principal of No. 1. School, Walpole
Island.

I hold a second class certificate
granted from Hamilton Normal
School and have two years
teaching experience.

I attended Western University
London, Ont. for one year and
Cambridge University England
for seven terms.

Praying that you will
forward this application to
the proper authority I am

Yours sincerely,
Wm. E. Windover

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Lucknow, Ontario,
Sept. 3/1923.

Mr. Thos Paul,
Sarnia,
Ont.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter
of the 1st instant, I beg to say
the proposition outlined by you in
the letter receives my endorsement.

Providing my application is sanctioned
by the Department of Education, kindly
forward confirmation of same at
an early date.

I might further state that
I feel competent to undertake
the senior duties in the school.

Yours very truly,
Stewart E Burns.

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[Handwritten signature]

Ottawa, Sept. 12, 1923.

Dear Mrs. Orme:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo, with further reference to the position of junior teacher at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School.

I regret to inform you that no suitable senior teacher has applied, without nominating a friend for the junior position, so I am reluctantly informing you that it will not be possible to engage your daughter, Margaret.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

R.S.F.
[Handwritten signature]
Mrs. Mary A. Orme,
Tramore,
Ont.

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173736

Tramore, Oct. 2/29

~~Mr. J. MacLeau~~

~~Act. Supt. of Indian Affairs~~
Ottawa,



Dear Mr. MacLeau.-

173736
Could I further
trouble you for the list
of vacant Indian schools
If you have still
no teachers for Skalpale
Island school I know
a girl friend who
has as yet no school
She has four or
five years experience

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and is a very clever
girl. She has her Third
class certificate and
I know her very well
her name is
Miss Adeline Cribes
Eganville
Ont.

Thanking you in
advance I remain
yours respectfully
Margaret Cime

P.S.
Miss Cribes would
take the senior room
and I the junior if it
is satisfactory to you.

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EXD

Ottawa, October 26th, 1923.

Madam:

I regret that your letter of the 2nd instant was inadvertently overlooked and that a reply was not forwarded before this date.

I now beg to inform you that teachers were secured on the 17th of September, last, for the No. 1 school on Walpole Island Reserve, and we are, therefore, unable to accept the services of Miss Girbes and yourself.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

J.D.
R.7.
Forke
Miss Margaret Orne,
Tramore,
Ont.

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Walpole Island, Ont.,
Nov 6th 1923.

The Department of
Indian Affairs.

Dear Sir, — Mr R. St. Abraham has
very kindly offered to supply each child
in No 1 School Walpole with a tooth brush
for which we are most grateful.

Mr Connly, informed us, that
they could be obtained at ten cents
apiece through the Department, a
Hutax brush, I believe. Accordingly
there is enclosed a money order
for \$6.60 for sixty six brushes.

Mr Connly also suggested, on
my enquiry, that a dentist come out
and fix the children's teeth. I have
arranged for Dr Weese to come out, but
the roads are bad and he has not yet
come. However when he does, I shall

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report to the Department.

It has been suggested by the thinking people on the Island that, the Agency house, which is not occupied by Mr Paul, be used as a hospital, and that one room be fixed up for a dentist, and that he should come twice a month and the people as well as the school children could go for dental treatment. He could be paid partly from the Department & partly from the Indian people themselves (as the Doctor is paid). The Methodist & Anglican Missionary Societies would likely assist in the equipment of the Hospital. These people need teaching & help along hygienic & medical lines.

Yours very truly
Mrs Grace Savage.

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CANADA



CHATHAM, ONT. Nov., 10, 1923.

Exact

R

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing, herewith, letter from Mrs
Grace Savage, teacher in No 1 School Walpole Island.
If the Department are able to supply the brushes
mentioned in this letter at the price mentioned, if
you would forward me a bill covering cost of same,
I will return check in payment.

Yours truly,

R. H. Abraham

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
The Secretary,
Dept of Ind. Aff.,
Ottawa Ont.

R. H. ABRAHAM,
AGR. REP. DEPT. OF IND. AFF.



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Ottawa, November 14, 1923.

Madam,-

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, with reference to procuring tooth-brushes for the children of Walpole Island No. 1 School, I regret to have to inform you that the supply of brushes which it was thought could be procured from the Naval Service is exhausted and it is impossible to secure any. Under the circumstances it will be impossible for the Department to forward the brushes.

With reference to that portion of your letter about having a dentist come to the reserve to attend to the children's teeth, the understanding was that you were to enquire what a local dentist would charge to come to the reserve to do this work and report this to the Department when the matter would be considered, and you would be advised if the arrangement was satisfactory. If you have definitely engaged a dentist to come to the reserve you should cancel the arrangement until you have reported fully to the Department as to the fees charged and the method by which the children's teeth would be treated.

The matter of fixing up the Agency house as a place where a dentist could practice cannot be considered by the Department.

Your obedient servant,

JMB
J. D. McLean
Mrs. Grace Savage,
Walpole Island P. O.,
Ont.

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

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Ottawa, November 14, 1923.

Sir,

Encl.

Enclosed herewith please find copy
of letter sent to Mrs. Savage in reply to her letter
of the 6th instant.

Your obedient servant,

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

JAB
JAB
R. H. Abraham, Esq.,
Agricultural Representative,
363 Victoria Ave.,
Chatham, Ont.

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40-1-1
Ottawa Normal

Ottawa.

Jan. 30th, 1894.

Mr. R. P. Harris
Supt. of Indian Education.
Booth Building.
Ottawa.

R

Dear Sir-

As we are going back
into Indian work this
coming autumn, would
ask your permission to
return to our former school
at Walpole Island.

Should there be no
vacancies there this
fall, kindly inform me

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what other vacancies there
would be in two or
three roomed schools, or
for three teachers on the
same reservation in
Ontario.

Thanking you for the
kind consideration you
have always given my
requests.

Very Sincerely,
Harriette H. Macpherson.

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Ottawa, February 1, 1924.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo, and have noted that you and your sister are willing to return to the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School at the commencement of the coming academic year. In reply I have to inform you that, if vacancies occur at this school or at any other school in which you would be interested, your application will receive the consideration of the Department.

Your obedient servant,

Russell F. Ferrier

Russell F. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

R.F.F.
Mrs. Harriette H. Maspherson,
Ottawa Normal School,
Ottawa, Ont.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, March 10th, 1924.

Sir:

The Department has been informed that there may be a resignation on the part of one, or both teachers at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School at the end of the present school year. If so, I would like to be advised in due time so that other arrangements can be made to obtain successors. Please ascertain from the teachers whether they intend to remain or not, and inform the Department accordingly. This matter should receive your early attention.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

[Handwritten initials]
[Handwritten signature]
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Sarnia, Ontario.

March 19th. 1924. 49



IN YOUR REPLY REFER
No. 40-1-1
March 10th. 24.
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 10th. inst. with reference to resignation, of one or both Teachers, at the Walpole Island, No. 1, School, at the end of the present school year. En reply beg to advise, that Mrs. Savage, the Principal of this school, has no intention, of tendering her resignation, and would like very much, to continue, as Teacher, of the No. 1, School, holding her present position. I might say, on behalf of Mrs. Savage, that she is getting good satisfaction, interested in her work, and producing good results. Harold Wells, her Brother, Teacher, of the Junior Room, does not intend to remain, any longer, than the present school year. Mrs. Wells, his Mother, who is also, the Mother, of Mrs. Savage, would like to take his place, as Teacher, of the Junior Room. And I believe, is quite qualified to assume the duties, as teacher, in the Junior Room. If she were engaged, then Mrs. Savage, and her Mother would be able to occupy the Teacher's residence, in this school, in harmony.

Trusting that this arrangement may be successfully carried out, with the approval, of the Department, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Thos Paul
Indian Agent.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.



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40-1-1.

Ottawa, March 21st, 1924.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, informing the Department that it is the intention of Mrs. Grace Savage, the senior teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, to continue duties for another school year, but that her brother, Harold Wells, the teacher of the junior room, intends to resign at the end of the present school year.

In reply I beg to say that, in view of the services which Mrs. Savage is performing, the Department will approve of her re-appointment for the next school year. We have noted that her brother is resigning at the end of June, next.

Regarding the request that Mrs. Wells, the mother of the above named teachers, be appointed as teacher of the junior room to succeed Harold Wells, I have the request that you will state her age and the qualifications and experience which she possesses. The Department will then be in a position to decide whether her appointment can be approved or not.

Your obedient servant,

J. E. McLEAN

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

J. D.
R. H.
Paul
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Barrie, Ont.

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40-1-1

Box 654, Carlton Place
29th March. 1924

J. Russell Scher
Supt of ~~Public~~ Education
Ottawa

B

Dear Sir - In making application for position of Teacher in Junior Room, No. 1 Indian Day School Walpole Island, with my daughter Harriette Macpherson. beg to state hold 3rd class Certificate, am a graduate of Carlton Place High School. have had extensive experience in training children and can furnish the best of references. I thank you in anticipation of a favorable reply. I remain

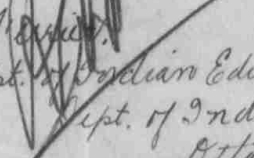
Very Truly yours
(Mrs) Eva Macpherson.

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40-1-1

Normal School,
Ottawa, March. 29. /24.


Mr. R. T. F. [unclear]
Supt. of Indian Education.
Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

B

Dear Sir,-

As the leave of absence recommended by
Inspector Conn, for the purpose of taking a course
at the Ottawa Normal School, is drawing to a close,
kindly note that I desire to return to my
former position as Senior Teacher of No. 1.
Indian Day School, Walpole Island, Ontario.

The only change in our original
arrangements being that my younger sister
at present teaching in white schools, does
not wish to return to Walpole Island, so ask
that my mother, who is applying for the school,
(the vacant position in the Junior Room) be
appointed junior teacher.

Trusting to hear from you at an
early date.

yours truly,
Harriette H. Macpherson.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, April 1, 1924.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mrs. Harriette Masperson, formerly senior teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, is desirous of returning to Indian work. She intimates that there was some understanding that she was to have the Walpole Island No. 1 School again. I should be pleased if you would comment on any promises that you may have made to her in this connection.

Mrs. Masperson's mother, Mrs. E. MacDougall, has applied for the junior room at Walpole Island No. 1, on condition that her daughter secures the senior room. Please let me know without delay whether you consider Mrs. Masperson and her mother would be more satisfactory for this school than Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Wells, the two teachers who are at present in mind for the academic year 1924-25.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

R. H. Abraham
R. H. Abraham, Esq.,
Agricultural Representative,
R. R. #1,
Chatham, Ont.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, April 1, 1924.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mrs. Harriette Maspherson, formerly senior teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, is desirous of returning to Indian work. She intimates that there was some understanding that she was to have the Walpole Island No. 1 School again. I should be pleased if you would comment on any promises that you may have made to her in this connection.

Mrs. Maspherson's mother, Mrs. E. MacDougall, has applied for the junior room at Walpole Island No. 1, on condition that her daughter secure the senior room. Please let me know without delay whether you consider Mrs. Maspherson and her mother would be more satisfactory for this school than Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Wells, the two teachers who are at present in mind for the academic year 1924-25.

Your obedient servant,

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

Paul
K.D.
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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Form 74
766—Nov., 1911

Primary, Junior Leaving, and Pass Matriculation Examinations, 1912
(1892-3-4-5.)

MARKS REQUIRED:

For Primary Certificate, 625. For Junior Leaving Certificate, 750. For Pass Matriculation, with Greek, 800; with either of the other options, 680.

Chatterton, Eva.

Carleton Place

L. R.

4572/24

PRIMARY EXAMINATION.	Max.	Min.	Obtain'd	JUNIOR LEAVING EXAMINATION.	Max.	Min.	Obtain'd	PASS MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.	Max.	Min.	Obtain'd
Reading				English Grammar and Rhetoric	150	50	54	English Grammar	150	37	
Drawing				Composition	100	33	44	Composition	100	23	
Book-keeping				English Poetical Literature	200	66	116	English Poetical Literature	200	50	
English Grammar and Rhetoric	200	66		History and Geography	150	50	79	History and Geography	150	37	
Composition	100	33		Arithmetic	200	66	93	Arithmetic	200	50	
History and Geography	150	50		Algebra	150	50	51	Algebra	150	37	
English Poetical Literature	200	66		Euclid	150	50	50	Euclid	150	37	
Arithmetic and Mensuration	200	66		Chemistry	200	66	36	Latin Authors	100	25	
Algebra and Euclid	200	66		Physics	200	66	XX	Latin Composition and Grammar	100	25	
Physics	100	33		French Authors	100	33	68	French Authors	100	25	
Botany	100	33		French Composition and Grammar	100	33	46	French Composition and Grammar	100	25	
French Authors	100	33		Latin Authors	100	33	XX	German Authors	100	25	
French Composition and Grammar	100	33		Latin Composition and Grammar	100	33	XX	German Composition and Grammar	100	25	
Latin Authors	100	33		German Authors	100	33	XX	Greek Authors	100	25	
Latin Composition and Grammar	100	33		German Composition and Grammar	100	33	XX	Greek Composition and Grammar	100	25	
German Authors	100	33		Greek Authors	100	33	XX	Physics	200	50	
German Composition and Grammar	100	33		Greek Composition	100	33	XX	Chemistry	200	50	

TORONTO, April 4th, 1924.

Certified.

R. W. Anglin, M. A.

Registrar.

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ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Primary, Junior Leaving, and Pass Matriculation Examinations, 1891

MARKS REQUIRED :

For Primary Certificate, 685. For Junior Leaving Certificate, 750. For Pass Matriculation, with Greek, 600 ;
with either of the other options, 680.

Chatterton, Eva Carleton Place, L.R.4572/24

PRIMARY EXAMINATION.	Max.	Min.	Obtain'd	JUNIOR LEAVING EXAMINATION.	Max.	Min.	Obtain'd	PASS MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.	Max.	Min.	Obtain'd
Reading			XX	English Grammar.....	100	50		English Grammar	150	37	
Drawing			XX	Composition.....	100	33		Composition.....	100	25	
Book-keeping			XX	English Poetical Litera- ture.....	200	66		English Poetical Litera- ture	200	50	
Rhetoric	50	17	25	History and Geography.	100	50		History and Geography	150	37	
Composition	100	33	56	Arithmetic	200	66		Arithmetic	200	50	
History and Geography..	150	50	104	Algebra.....	100	50		Algebra.....	150	37	
English Grammar.....	150	50	124	Euclid	150	50		Euclid	150	37	
English Poetical Litera- ture.....	200	66	88	Chemistry.....	200	66		Latin Authors.....	100	25	
Arithmetic and Mensura- tion	200	66	88	Physics	200	66		Latin Composition and Grammar	100	25	
Algebra and Euclid	200	66	140	French Authors.....	200	66		Greek	200	50	
Physics	100	33	XX	French Composition and Grammar.....				French Authors	100	25	
Botany	100	33	XX	Latin Authors.....	200	66		French Composition and Grammar	100	25	
French Authors.....	200	66	62	Latin Composition and Grammar.....				German Authors.....	100	25	
French Composition and Grammar.....				200	66	50	German Authors.....	German Composition and Grammar	100	25	
Latin Authors.....	200	66	XX				German Composition and Grammar	Physics	200	50	
Latin Composition and Grammar.....				200	66	XX	German Authors.....	Chemistry	200	50	
German Authors.....	200	66	XX				German Composition and Grammar				
German Composition and Grammar.....											

TORONTO, April 4th, 1924.

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Certified,

R. W. Anglin, M. A.

Registrar.

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Please address any reply to
"The Deputy Minister, Department
of Education, Toronto,"
quoting also Date.

(Form No. 2000-June, 1923)



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

40-1-1

*Records
Please enter file*

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TORONTO, April 4th, 1924.

Dear Sir,

[Handwritten signature]
I am directed by the Minister of
Education to write you at the request of Mrs. Eva
MacDougall, and to enclose confidential statements of
the marks obtained by Miss Eva Chatterton at the
Primary examination of 1891 and at the Junior Leaving
examination of 1892.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

R. A. Colquhoun

Deputy Minister of Education.

R. T. Ferrier, Esq.,
Superintendent of Indian Education,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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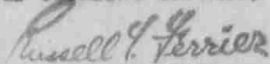
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Ottawa, April 5, 1924.

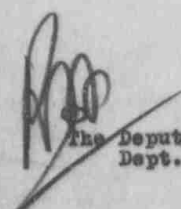
Sir:

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing confidential statements of marks obtained by Miss Eva Chatterton at examinations in 1891 and 1892.

Your obedient servant,



Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.



The Deputy Minister,
Dept. of Education,
Toronto, Ont.

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mentioned the fact that she was possibly the best teacher they had ever had at Walpole Island.

Unless Mrs. McPherson was promised that she would get the school back again, I would not be in favor of making any change.

Yours truly,

R. H. Abraham

R. H. ABRAHAM

AGR. REP. DEPT. OF IND. AFF.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
The Secretary,
Dept. of Ind. Aff.,
Ottawa.

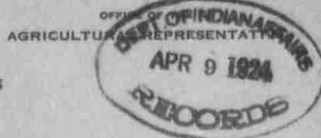
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
LETTER NO. 17-2-1



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



CHATHAM, ONT. April 7, 1924.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 40-1-1 of April 1, in respect to the Indian Day School at Walpole Island. So far as I was concerned there was no promise to Mrs. McPherson in any way that she would have the Walpole Island school when she wished it.

The question as to whether Mrs. McPherson and her mother would be better suited to Walpole Island than Mrs. Savage and her mother Mrs. Wells, I would not be in a position to say, as I do not know what kind of a teacher Mrs. McDougall would make. So far as Mrs. Savage and Mrs. McPherson are concerned both are very good teachers, and both have good qualifications. Of course Mrs. Savage has a professional second class certificate, and has had many years of experience in some of the best schools in this vicinity, including a large school in the city where she taught for some years.

I understand that Mrs. Wells taught school a number of years ago. The objectionable feature in connection with Mrs. McPherson coming back, was the fact that her younger sister, was too much inclined to run around with some of the Indian boys. Of course that objection would be removed if Mrs. McDougall takes her place.

I think the school would be well served in either case, from the standpoint of efficiency. I do not think it would make very much difference.

Personally I would not be in favor of dismissing Mrs. Savage, as the Indians seem very well satisfied with the present conditions. The missionary just the other day

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Sarnia, Ontario.

April, 9th. 1924. 191

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 40-1-1
APR. 1st. 1924.
YEAR OF THIS LETTER
1924

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of March, 21st. and also April, 2nd. with reference to the teacher, of No. 1, Indian Day School, Walpole Island. With reference to Mrs. Wells, as a successor, to her son, Harold Wells, who is the teacher, of the Junior Room, and in answer to your letter, of March, 21st. I beg to inform you, that her age, is 57, and looks much younger. She has a good public school education, and has attended the Emerson College, of Oratory, at Boston, Mass., for two years. I might say that Harold Wells, only intends to remain, on the Island, till the end of the present month, and that Mrs. Wells, will teach the Junior Room, for the months, of May and June. I might further state that Mrs. Wells, only intends to remain, on the Island, as teacher, till the end of the present school year, June, 30th.

Mrs. Savage has a friend, Hilda Lamb, a High School Graduate, now attending the Normal School, at Winnipeg, Man. who when, her normal term is completed will be a fully qualified teacher. Miss Lamb, has agreed if necessary, to be an assistant to Mrs. Savage, at the No. 1, Walpole Island School. I might further state that I made no promises, whatever, to Mrs. H. McPherson, in fact, I expected her and her sister, to return to the Island, and open the school, after the summer holidays. The first intimation that I had that she was not coming was on the 13th. day of August, less than three weeks, before school, was to re-open again, when I received an official notice, from the Department.

With reference to Mrs. Savage, I believe that she has done good work, since coming to Walpole Island, and many of the Indians, whom I have talked to, are well satisfied, and believe her Mother, is quite capable of looking after the Jr. Room, to the end of the present year, or longer, if she could be secured.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Your obedient servant,
J. D. McLean
I.A.

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FORM T. 21

DOMINION OF CANADA.
OFFICE
OF THE
INSPECTOR OF TAXATION

DISTRICT OF.....19.....

Dear Sir,—

Under the Amendment to the Income War Tax Act, 1917,
Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 1919, the following exemption
provided with respect to dependent children:

“Sec. 2 (2) (b). For the purposes of the normal
tax only, two hundred dollars for each child under eighteen

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Kettle Pt.

Mr Watts offtd Jan/24

* 650

no prof qual.

av. att.

no resid Bds $\frac{1}{2}$ m away
Inspector

St Clair

Mr Windover offtd Oct/23

* 800

fully qual

av att 16.2

no resid. live $\frac{1}{2}$ m away.
Inspector splendid

Strong Pt.

Mrs. McKinnon offtd Sep/23

* 600

- fully qual doing OK

av att 5.6

no resid live at home.

Inspector Fair

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, April 14, 1924.

Madam:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Superintendent of Indian Education, in which you apply for the position of teacher of the Junior Room, Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. In reply I regret to inform you that there is but one vacancy at this school and your daughter, Mrs. Harriette Macpherson, would have a prior claim. Your application, therefore, cannot be given favourable consideration.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

Eva MacDougall
Mrs. Eva MacDougall,
Box 654,
Carleton Place,
Ont.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, April 14, 1924.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Superintendent of Indian Education, in which you apply for your former position as Senior Teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. I have to inform you that the present incumbent of the senior room wishes to continue her services at this school. There is a vacancy at this school for one teacher, and, if you are interested, I shall be pleased to hear from you without delay, as there is another fully qualified applicant.

The Superintendent of Indian Education reports that he has given careful consideration to the advisability and possibility of transferring Mrs. Savage, the present teacher, to some other school in the vicinity. There are two schools where the services of the present teachers are not wholly satisfactory, but no residences are provided, and further, the salaries are at the rate of \$600 and \$550 for the ten teaching months. The activity at the two schools mentioned is such that the Department cannot allow an increased item for teacher's services, and therefore, overtures to Mrs. Savage concerning her transfer cannot in fairness be made.

As intimated in the first paragraph of this letter, there is one vacancy at Walpole Island No. 1 School. If you are interested, I shall be pleased to have your application without delay.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN *over*

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

H.M.
Long
Mrs. Harriette Magpherson,
C/o Ottawa Normal School,
Ottawa, Ont.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, April 14, 1924.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. The Department approves of the temporary appointment for the months of May and June, next, of Mrs. Wells. Salary at the same rate as was paid Mr. Wells will be allowed.



I have noted that Mrs. Savage has a friend, a Miss Hilda Lamb, who will be professionally qualified this summer and is desirous of securing the junior room at Walpole Island No. 1. Please inform Mrs. Savage that if Miss Hilda Lamb will forward an application to the Department for this school, it will be given consideration.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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



Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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List of Children of school-age - No. 1. School

Do not attend

Attend occasionally

Dorothy Williams 14	Bernice Greenbird ^(Mrs Alex Peters) sick 9
Mabel Tooshkenig 14	Violet Pinnance 6
Irene Miskokamon 15	Ella Jacobs 6
Marie Jacobs 12	Bernetta Jacobs 9
Rachel Nahdee X 10	Christina Ermatinger sick 10
Sarah Jacobs 14	Margaret Sampson sick 8
Millicent Williams 15	Marjorie Solomon sick 9
Grace Kewayosh X 15	Agnes Greenbird 9
Wilfred Ermatinger 13	Ford Soney 8
Henry Jones 13	Paul Sands 7
Ralston Sampson 12	John Tooshkenig 9
Ambrose Williams 12	John Ermatinger 8
Emerson Sands 10	Walter Johnson 10
Harry Wright sick ¹² _{winter}	Stanley Issac 9
Russell Riley 16	Benny Jones 6
Harold Riley 12	Harley Sands 6
Herbert Johnson 10	Joseph John 9
Bert Sands X 14	Russel John 10
Harry Williams 10	Burston Jacobs 10
Milton Boyle ^(Wrightman) X 14	Floyd Chaubway 9
Charlie Jacobs 9	Chester Chaubway 6
Alexander Sands 12	Edward Pinnance 9
Henry Riley 10	Tecumseh Colwell 9
Henry Thomas 16	X Mervyn Wrightman 8
Eddie Greenbird X 14	X Earl Thomas 11
Lewellyn Greenbird X 16	Elmer Soney 6
Silas Fisher 16	Norman Miskokamon sick 8
Myrtle Williams 8	X Wesley Kewayosh 12
Mollie Sands 10	X Bernhard Nahdee 9
Margaret Sampson 8	X Oliver Nahdee 10
Agnes Jones 9	X Charles Osahgee 13
Ekella Issac 11	X Ileen Osahgee 11
Myrtle Sands 9	Madeline Williams 9
Mary Warner X 10	Irene Williams 7
Olivia Sands 1	Helen Fisher 13

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Milton Boyle - stepson of Beander Wrightman
 very clever - 14 - never comes to school.

Helen Fisher 13 does not attend at all and
 did not attend last year

Arabella Nahdee - 14 - father Adam Nahdee
 does not attend at all.

Oliver Nahdee - 11 - is sent only occasionally.
 He is very bright and a fine
 little chap and is capable
 of making fine progress if
 he is only sent.

The Following have never attended.

Madeline + Irene Williams of Squirrel Island
 children of Mrs Thomas Williams widow.
 They are coming to school on 7th of April I
 told.

Emmeline Johnson - 11 yrs - daughter of David Johnston
 has never been to school.

Josh White - lives on the Inye - 1 boy 7 yrs.

Moses White " at Highbanks - mother died this winter

Etna White - 14 Alfred White 10

Daisy White - 12 Simon White 7

Bernard Nahdee - 11 yrs - youngest son of MacKenzie Nahdee
 { Fiddie + Bluebellon Greenbird at the same house
 have never attended since I have been here.

Grace Kicknosway - 10 yrs - daughter of Walter Kicknosway

Eleanore Johnson - 8 yrs - daughter of Mrs Adam Blackbird
 She is going to start this spring.

Elizabeth - daughter of Mrs Alex Blackbird - 12 yrs -

Charles Osahgee 13

Ileen " 11

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Walter Wright

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
LETTER 7-811



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

CHATHAM, ONT. April 7, 1924.

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing, herewith, a list of the school children at Walpole Island who should be attending the No 1 day school. You will note that there are fifteen or sixteen children who have never been to school. Some of these children are 12, 13, and 14 years of age. Of course there are some of them at a considerable distance from the school, the public school. I think it would be advisable to send them to one of our residential schools.

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I might say that there has been nothing done in regard to the Greenbird Williams children or the White children. I think it would be advisable to appoint a new Truant Officer. There is no excuse now at Walpole Island. There is adequate school room for all the children, and it is evident to me that the present Truant Officer is not doing his duty. I would recommend that Allen Isaac be appointed as Truant Officer for the No. 1 school, also the No. 2. I do not know the exact amount of money the Truant Officer receives at the present time, but I believe it would be good policy to pay at least \$100.00 per year.

I might point out that Walpole Island is an exceptionally bad condition in respect to school attendance and something should be done to relieve the situation.

Yours truly,

J. J. McLean, Esq.,
The Secretary,
Dept. of Ind. Aff.
Ottawa.

R. H. Abraham

R. H. ABRAHAM,
AGR. REP. DEPT. OF IND. AFF.

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Ottawa, April 16, 1924.

Sir:

I have your No. 17-2-1 of the 7th instant, with reference to the non-attendance at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School of a large number of Indian children in the vicinity. The case of the children of Joshua White has engaged the Department's attention, following your letter of the first ultimo; but I regret to inform you that the Whitebread School District cannot consider allowing them to attend the public school, because of lack of accommodation. Mr. Indian Agent Paul has been instructed to apply for the admission of the White children to the Mt. Elgin Indian Residential School.

Unfortunately, vacancies in Indian residential schools in Eastern Canada are so few, that a genuine effort to relieve the situation at Walpole Island cannot be undertaken at the present time. The question of the appointment of Allen Isaacs to the position of truant officer for both the No. 1 and No. 2 schools, at a salary of \$100 per annum, is being referred to Mr. Indian Agent Paul for recommendation. The Department views your suggestion favourably.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

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Agricultural Representative,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
R. R. #1, Chatham, Ont.

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Ottawa Normal School,
Ottawa, May 24/24.

Mr. Russell T. Fenwick
Supt. of Indian Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

I explained difficulties
to Mrs Macpherson
See memos
MS

Dear Sirs,-

I accept with pleasure, my former
position as Senior teacher of No. 1 Indian
Day School, Walpole Island, as offered me
during our recent conversation.

I am desirous of taking possession
of my share of the teacher's residence,
the first week in July. Kindly inform
me at your earliest convenience, if
such arrangements will be satisfactory.

Yours truly,
Harriette S. Macpherson.

(Mrs.) H. S. Macpherson
Ottawa Normal School
Ottawa.

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May 27, 1924.

MEMO FOR FILE:

The conversation referred to in the letter hereunder ended when Mrs. Macpherson informed me that she was not interested in one room at Walpole Island; and she further stated that, although she wanted to do Indian work, she would not consider any school unless her mother could be given the junior room. I asked her to write to this effect and she promised she would. Much to my surprise, I received her letter of the 24th instant saying that she would like one room at Walpole Island.

I have noted that she accepts her former position as senior teacher "as offered me." No offer of this kind was made. I promised consideration would be given to the question of who was to be senior teacher if she accepted a vacancy at Walpole Island. In official letter of the 14th ultimo Mrs. Macpherson was offered "a vacancy" at this school.



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May 30, 1924.

MEMO FOR FILE:

Mrs. H. Macpherson, who was formerly at the No. 1 School, wishes to return to Walpole Island for the coming academic year. She is willing to take either room in the No. 1 School or the No. 2 School. She is willing to accept \$700 in the event that she takes the junior room and has no general responsibilities and will be content, in this event, to have one of the up stairs rooms only as her share of the residence.

It is understood that, if she takes the responsibility for No. 1 School or the No. 2 School, a salary of \$800 would be offered.

Russell T. Ferris

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Ottawa, May 30, 1924.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mrs. Harriette Macpherson, formerly Senior Teacher at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, wishes to secure a position in one of the Indian schools at Walpole Island for the coming academic year. As you are aware, there will be one vacancy in the Walpole Island schools, as Mrs. Wells is giving up duty at the end of June.

The Department wishes to give Mrs. Macpherson's application favourable consideration. She is willing to take either room in No. 1 School or the No. 2 School. If she takes the junior room at Walpole Island No. 1, she will be content to have one of the up stairs rooms only as her share of the residence, as she would arrange to rent a cottage in the vicinity.

The Department will agree to any arrangement which is considered in the best interests of the Indian children of the Island. If Mrs. George wishes to transfer to the junior room at Walpole Island No. 1 at the same salary she is now receiving, this action can be taken. If Mrs. Savage wishes to transfer to the No. 2 School because of the better residence facilities, such action would be approved.

Please give this question your careful and earliest consideration and discuss the matter with Mr. Indian Agent Paul as well as with both Mrs. Savage and Mrs. George. A copy of this letter is being directed to Mr. Indian Agent Paul, so that he will be prepared to make an intelligent recommendation when you get in touch with him.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

R. H. Abraham, Esq.,
Agricultural Representative,
R. R. #1,
Chatham, Ont.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, May 30, 1924.

Sir:

I am enclosing, for your information and guidance, a copy of official communication which is being directed today to Mr. R. H. Abraham.

Enclos.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

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Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

LETTER NO.



OFFICE OF THE
AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

CHATHAM, ONT. June 14. 1924.

*Immediate
Reply*

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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 30, No. 40-1-1. I beg to say that I have interviewed Mrs. George and Mrs. Savage, teachers at No. 2. and 1, respectively. Mrs. George feels that she should not be asked to move from this school at the present time. She has just got there, and got acquainted with the people, and the school. I do not think it would be fair to her or to the people, who are very much pleased with Mrs. George, to ask her to move.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUN 17 1924

On the other hands, Mrs. Savage is very agreeable to make any arrangements that would be satisfactory to the Department. She states that she would be willing to accept your terms as offered in your letter of the 30th, to let Mrs. McPherson take the junior room at the No. 1 school, and that she would be perfectly willing to allow her to have the room under the conditions specified in the letter.

I presume that Mr. Paul is also making a report, as he was with me when I discussed it with Mrs. Savage.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory,
I remain

Yours truly

R. H. Abraham

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
OTTAWA.

R. RH. ABRAHAM,
AGR. REP. DEPT. OF IND. AFF

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, June 17, 1924.

Madam:

I have to refer further to your application for a position as teacher at an Indian school on Walpole Island. After fully considering the arrangements that will exist for teachers during the next school year, the Department will be pleased to accept your services as teacher of the Junior Room at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. The salary allowed will be at the rate of \$700 per annum, which will be supplemented by any bonus that may be provided by law. Payment of salary and bonus will be based on ten teaching months in the year. If you accept this offer, you should be ready to begin duties when the school re-opens after the coming summer holidays, on or about September 2nd, next.

In the event of your acceptance of the above position, you will have the use of one of the upstairs rooms only as your share of the quarters provided for a teacher's residence. Mrs. Savage, the senior teacher, is to have full responsibility for the general management of the school and you should join with her in every effort to make a success of the work at this school.

I shall be pleased to have your acceptance of the above offer at your early convenience, stating at the same time whether you will be ready to begin duties on the date mentioned, in order that we can inform Mr. Agent Paul accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

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Mrs. Harriette Macpherson,
P. O. Box 684,
Carleton Place, Ont.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, June 17, 1924.

Sir:

I have to refer to official letter of the 30th ultimo, regarding the appointment of Mrs. Harriette Macpherson to the position of teacher at one of the schools on Walpole Island. I beg to inform you that, upon receipt of a report from Mr. R. H. Abraham, Agricultural Representative, as to the arrangements that can be made with the other teachers, it has been decided to offer Mrs. Macpherson the Junior Room at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. I enclose herewith copy of our letter to Mrs. Macpherson, stating salary and conditions under which she is appointed. Please inform Mrs. Savage and Mrs. George accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

Enclos.

Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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Box 654.

Carleton Place, Ontario

June 23. 1924

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Mr. R. P. Ferrier.

Supt. of Education.

Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.



Dear Sir. -

Replying to yours of recent date, I
accept the position of junior teacher at
No. 1. Indian Day School, Walpole Island.
Duties will commence, Sept. 2. 1924.

yours truly,

Harriette H. Macpherson.

(Mrs) H. H. Macpherson
Box 654
Carleton Place, Ont.

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J. H. MILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

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R F FERRIER

INDIAN EDUCATION, OTTAWA ONT

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT MRS SAVAGE IS ANXIOUS TO LEAVE THE ISLAND
IMMEDIATELY BOTH MY MOTHER AND MYSELF ARE WILLING TO TAKE OVER SCHOOL
MYSELF AS SENIOR AND MOTHER AS ASSISTANT SHOULD THIS PROVE SATISFACTORY
KINDLY WIRE AT ONCE TO MRS SAVAGE.

HARRIETTE MCPHERSON.



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Ottawa, November 3, 1924.

Madam:

Your telegram and that of Mrs. Savage of the 1st instant has been received. The resignation of Mrs. Savage as senior teacher of the No. 1 School on the Walpole Island Reserve is accepted from the 1st instant. In this connection I beg to confirm the following day letter of today's date which has been sent Mrs. Savage, Wallaceburg, Ont. -

"Your resignation accepted. October salary will be allowed. Inform Mrs. Macpherson she should take over temporary responsibility for school as from today's date and Mrs. McDougall is temporarily appointed assistant at salary of \$600 plus bonus."

You are to assume responsibility for the management of the school, and the temporary appointment of your mother, Mrs. McDougall, is approved. You may take charge of the senior or the junior room - whichever you consider the most advantageous arrangement for carrying on the classroom work. It may be that you can devote considerable attention to the work in both rooms, and assist and advise your mother in the classroom activities. The salary allowed you as Principal will be at the rate of \$750 per annum, and Mrs. McDougall will be paid at the rate of \$600 per annum. Both salaries to be supplemented by the bonus provided by law, and payment of same to be based on ten teaching months in the year. As Mrs. McDougall has no professional qualifications, the above salary is all that can be allowed.

When preparing your return for the current quarter, please include the number of days taught by Mrs. Savage, and make a note on the return of the date on which she gave up duties and when Mrs. McDougall assumed charge. We are forwarding one month's salary to Mrs. Savage upon receipt of a brief report as to the number of days taught.

We are informing Mr. Agent Paul in accordance with the contents of this letter.

We hope that you and Mrs. McDougall will meet with every success in the work at this school. I may add that Mrs. McDougall's retention will depend upon the success which is met with by her in the work. I shall be pleased to hear later as to the arrangement you have made for the conducting of the classroom activities and whether you or your mother have taken charge of the senior room.

Your obedient servant,

Mrs. Harriette Macpherson,
Teacher, No. 1 School,
Walpole Island,
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J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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No. 1 Indian School,
Walpole Island, Ontario

Mr. Russell T. Ferris,
Supt. of Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa

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RECORDS

Dear Mr. Ferris,-

Replying to your request re teaching arrangements at No. 1 Indian Day School, beg to state that my mother is teaching in the Junior Room while I have taken charge of the Senior Rooms.

Should it be necessary to help or advise her, will certainly do so, but the present arrangement is very satisfactory. I have taken the remainder of the First Class into my room and this divided the number of pupils attending in each room, more evenly. At present there are 33 pupils enrolled in the Junior Room and 32 pupils in the Senior Rooms.

As the principal work in the Junior Room consists in instructing the children in the English language and in the rudiments of education, I feel confident that my mother who has had much experience with children and who has a natural ability for teaching, will make a success of her work there.

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②.

Mrs. Savage taught 21 days and closed school
for the two days of Teachers' Convention held at
Petrolia during the month of October.

Trusting that this information will be
satisfactory and thanking you for your
kind interest, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Harriette H. Macpherson.

(Mrs) H. H. Macpherson.
No 1. Indian Day School.
Walpole Island.
Ontario.

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no. 1 Indian School,
Walpole Is. Reserve,
R. no. 3. Wallaceburg.
May 8. 1920.

Dear Mr. Larrier:-

would you kindly tell me what action should be taken in the case of an Indian who absolutely refuses to send his boy to school. The child in question is about 13 years of age. He has only attended school 3 days in the past 5 months and all efforts of the Supt. Officer to compel him to attend regularly, are fruitless.

The boy's sister attends but the father has become stubborn in the case of the boy. The man is just ignorant enough to maintain his stand, encourage other Indians to follow his bad example and to openly criticize the whole school system.

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Silas Sands² is the man
Indian - in question and
the boy is his son
Alexander.

I would advise, very strongly
that this boy be sent to
Chapleau Boarding school,
as Mr. Sands, acted in the
same manner with an
older son when my predecessor
was teaching here.

The same action should
be taken in the case of the
two Chambury boys -
Chester and Floyd - who
although, well over school
age, do not attend the
Junior room.

These are the only two
cases of non-attendance
and the parents in each
case have become quite
insolent about it.

Kindly advise, re this
case at your earliest
convenience. Thanking you
I remain,

Very truly yours,
Harriette H. Macpherson.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, May 13th, 1925.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 8th instant, regarding the case of the three children mentioned by you whose parents refuse to send them to the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. We note that all the efforts of the truant officer to induce their attendance are fruitless.

Mr. Agent Paul is being communicated with, and requested to state whether he would advise that action be taken under Section 10 of the Indian Act to compel their attendance, or whether he would advise that they be committed to an Indian residential school. We hope that the Agent will give this matter his serious consideration and inform the Department as to what he would advise be done.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

J. D. McLean
Frank
Mrs. Harriette Macpherson,
Teacher, No. 1 School,
Walpole Island, Ont.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, May 13th, 1925.

Sir:

The Department has received a communication from the teacher of the No. 1 school on the Walpole Island Reserve, drawing attention to the case of 3 children who do not attend school in spite of the efforts of the truant officer. She especially refers to the case of the son of Silas Sands, who is 13 years of age and has only attended school 3 days during the past 5 months. She states that this boy's father absolutely refuses to allow him to attend, and is encouraging the other Indians to follow his example. Another case is that of the 2 Chaubway boys - Chester and Floyd - who, although of school age, do not attend the junior room. She states that the parents in both cases have become quite insolent and openly criticize the school system, and suggests that these boys be placed in a residential school.

I have to request that on the occasion of your next visit you will enquire into these cases and report whether you would advise that action be taken under Sub Section 3 of Section 10 of the Indian Act. It may be that if a fine was imposed on the parents it might prove of salutary effect and induce them to send their children to school, or you should state whether you would advise that these children be committed to a residential school. The Department will expect a reply at an early date, stating your opinion as to what action you would advise be taken in the case of the son of Silas Sands and the two Chaubway boys. We are informing the teacher that you have been requested to report as to the action you recommend be taken in the case of the above mentioned children.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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INDIAN OFFICE



At Sarnia, Ontario.

May, 28th. 1925. 19.....

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May, 13th. 1925.



Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 13th inst. with reference to a communication, which the Department received from the Teacher, of the No. 1, School, on the Walpole Island Reserve, drawing attention, to three children, who do not attend school, regularly.

In reply, beg to advise, that I took up this matter, with the parents, of those children. The Shobway children, are now attending school, every day, and have promised regular attendance. Silas Sands has also promised that he will send his boy, as regularly as conditions will permit. He also stated, that he was going to try, and have his children placed in a Residential School. Those children have a long way to go to school, I would say three miles or more, and I believe that it would be in the best interest of those children, to have them placed, in a Residential School.

Your obedient servant,

Thos Paul
Indian Agent.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa, June 1, 1925.

Sir:



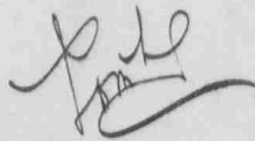
I have your letter of the 28th ultimo, regarding the three children on the Walpole Island Reserve, who, the teacher of the No. 1 School stated, did not attend regularly. It is noted that the Shobway children are now attending school each day and that the Sands boy will attend as regularly as conditions permit.

It would, no doubt, be in the best interests of these children to have them placed in a residential school, and you might communicate with the Principal of the Mt. Elgin Institute, with a view to having them sent to that school after the coming summer holidays. If this school will have no vacancies, arrangements might be made to have them placed in the Mohawk Institute, Brantford. Please give this matter your attention and, if possible, arrange to have the children referred to placed in either one of the above mentioned schools after the summer holidays.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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




Esq. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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No. 1. Indian School,
Walpole Island. Reserve,
R.R. no. 3. Wallaceburg, Ont.
Sept. 10. 1925.

Mr. Russell T. Ferris,
Supt. of Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

[Handwritten signature]



Dear Sir:-

would you kindly advise re the following -

① This year there are 85 pupils attending no. 1. school, with prospects of more coming. There is only seating accommodation for 75 pupils. In the Sr. Room, 45 pupils are attending daily, necessitating, using chairs, tables and extra seats, all of which is very detrimental to proper class recitation and discipline. The cloakroom is only 12 feet square with 36 hooks for children's wraps. Naturally it is almost impossible to call school and dismiss in this congested space. Would it be possible to use the upstairs of the teacher's residence as another classroom for the 7th and 8th grades and

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use the kitchen² as a separate entrance for the boys. Thus using the whole building for a school. Several influential Indians suggested that the Dept. might consider erecting a dormitory at the rear of the school and using this as a resident school.

(2) Failing the dormitory plan, would the Dept. kindly make arrangements to have the children conveyed to and from school, especially during the cold weather. At present there are children walking a distance of 6 miles daily (3 miles to and 3 miles from school), while those on Squirrel and St. Anne's Islands cannot walk the distance at all and consequently are receiving no education at all.

(3) The former teacher, Mrs. Grace Savage who is staying on the Island, took the clothesline (a wire one) from the school on Sept. 8th claiming it was hers, though I had left a clothesline here.

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when leaving³ to attend Normal. would
you kindly give permission to Indian
Agst Paul to have a new wire clothesline
fastened up for the use of the teachers.

(4) In view of the increased attendance
which involves much extra work,
would the Dept. consider granting
increases in salary to both teachers
in proportion to what they consider
our work merits.

I trust to hear from you soon
in regard to the above mentioned
matters and thanking you for
past kind attention, I remain,
Very truly yours,
Harriette H. Macpherson.

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Ottawa, Sept. 14, 1925.

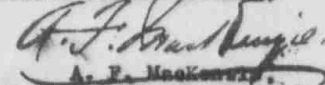
Madam:

I have your letter of the 10th instant and I note, with satisfaction, that the enrolment at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School is very satisfactory. The Department cannot give favourable consideration to erecting dormitories for the children nor to the suggestion that the teacher's residence be used as another classroom. If the attendance warrants it, the Department might favourably consider erecting a third classroom. In the meantime, to avoid overcrowding, it might be advisable to re-arrange the classes and to refuse admission of those children who are under 7 years of age.

I regret to state that it is not the practice of the Department to convey children to and from Indian day schools. With reference to the clothes line, you should make application to the Indian agent.

I also regret that the Department cannot give favourable consideration at the present time to an increase in salary for the two teachers. Our funds are extremely limited this year. When the bonus was discontinued, the salaries of all day school teachers were increased \$15 a month and applications for further increases cannot be given favourable consideration.

Your obedient servant,


A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

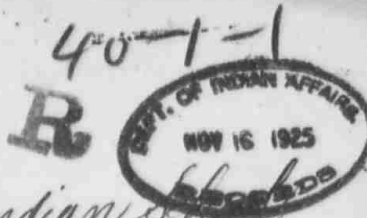
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Mrs. Harriet H. Macpherson,
No. 1 Indian Day School,
Walpole Island,
R. R. #3, Wallaceburg, Ont.


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No. 1 Indian School
Walpole Island Reserve
R.R. no. 3. Wallaceburg
Nos. 12th Ont.


Mr. Russell H. Ferrier
Supt. of Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir -
would you kindly advise re
the overcrowded conditions at No. 1.
School. To date there is an average
attendance of 63 for the two class-
rooms, in spite of the fact that
there is scarlet fever on the Reserve
and that the Health Officer does
not call. Under favourable
conditions the attendance is
approximately 75.

In the junior Room, the attendance
for this week averages 20 - composed
of 3 classes i.e. 'Beginners', junior

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Primer and Senior Primer.

In the Senior Room the attendance averages 40. Here there 6 classes or grades, as follows. - Senior 10th. (Grade 8.)
Sen. 11th. (Grade 5).. Senior 12nd. (Grade 6.)
Junior 11nd. (Grade 111.) Senior 1st. (Grade 11 A. and Junior 1st. (Grade 11-B.) This necessitates, teaching each of the higher subjects, six times a day (once to each class.) In this Senior Room we are so overcrowded that we are using 3 tables at the rear of the class-room and 6 of the big double seats from the little old school at the front of the class-room.

The grading in this room which is according to age and ability, meets with the approval of Mr. Conn, the Public School Inspector and Indian Agent Paul. All children in the Senior Room are over 10 years of age.

Mr. Abraham's suggestion that the First Class (Grades 11 A. and B) be sent back to the Junior Room is not practical. There are 15 pupils in these classes so

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consequently³ there is not seating capacity for them. Added to this, the seats which were installed for a kindergarden grade are much too small for 1st. class pupils. Their average age is 12 years and already they have been kept back in the Junior Room because of irregular attendance, until now it is only fair that they should be left to senior graders.

Also have any steps been planned to remedy the smoke conditions in the Junior Room. It is so filled with smoke each morning that the children cannot even go in. After the opening exercises, they must play outside for an hour or so until the class room is fit for occupation. Added to this the pipes are dropping creosote all over the floor. There is one large puddle 3' square on the floor, which is eating into the boards. The odour from this

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liquid is ^{the} most of noxious
and hard for eyes and health.
On the Indian Agent's last visit
to the school, two weeks ago he
admitted that the matter
was beyond him. The popular
belief is that even a new chimney
will not remedy the situation.

I might also add, that the
winter supply of school wood
has not been delivered. For the
first two months of school - Sept.
and Oct. they burned our house
wood in the box stove in the
Junior Room. The man who has
the contract for bringing the wood
just brings a small load at a
time and it is burnt up before
the next comes. There is never
an emergency supply.

Trusting you will take whatever
action you deem advisable
in these matters, I remain

Very truly yours.

Harriette H. Macpherson.

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Ottawa, November 17, 1925.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 12th instant and I note that you consider the attendance at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School warrants the establishment of a third class. I regret that there are no funds available for the providing of either the building or the equipment necessary for this purpose, and further, the Department cannot contemplate extending its educational system at Walpole Island at the present time. With reference to the use of tables at the rear of the senior classroom, I have to suggest that more desks be installed, if you feel that some of the less advanced pupils should not be placed in the other classroom. Would it not be possible to put the Grade 2 A in the junior room so as to make a more even distribution of the children and the work. The plans for this building indicate that each classroom will hold 40 pupils.

Separate communications will be directed to you with reference to the difficulties due to the smoking of the stove in the junior room and relative to fuel supply.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

Handwritten signature
Handwritten signature
Mrs. Harriette Macpherson,
Teacher, No. 1 Indian Day School,
Walpole Island,
R. R. #3, Wallaceburg,
Ont.

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Copy.

Wallaceburg, Ont. Jan. 13th. 1926.

Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise that on account of an outbreak, of Scarlet Fever, at No. 1, School, Walpole Island, I have deemed it expedient to quarantine, and close this school. The patient being the Teacher's Son.

There is one Indian Family, in quarantine, for Scarlet Fever, but today I saw a family, which had Scarlet Fever, two weeks ago, but did not report to me. Since the opening of school, term, the children of this family, have been attending No. 1, School, and this is no doubt, the source, of the last case. In order therefore, to stamp out this Epidemic, I would appreciate a little more co-operation, from the Indians, who seem to endeavour to escape quarantine.

Fortunately, the disease, is of a mild type, and no fatal case has occurred yet.

The general health, of the Reserve I am pleased to state is excellent.

Yours very truly,

Dr. R. D. Cowan.

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INDIAN OFFICE



At Sarnia, Ontario.

Jan. 14th. 1926.

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Handwritten signatures and initials

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Sir:-

Inclosed find copy of letter just received, from Dr. R. D. Cowan, Wallaceburg, Ontario, the salaried medical doctor, of Walpole Island, reporting that one of the children, of Mrs. Harriette McPherson, Teacher, of the No. 1, School, Walpole Island, has Scarlet Fever, and that the Teachers, and School, are under Quarantine. This makes the fourth case, of Scarlet Fever, of the families and children, attending No. 1, School.

I think, that Dr. Cowan acted wisely, in quarantining, the No. 1, School, and Teachers. As Mrs. McDougall, who is teacher, of the Junior Room, and her daughter, Mrs. McPherson, and Family, live together.

Awaiting your reply, and approval, or further instructions, I remain,

Encl.-1.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Thomas Paul
Indian Agent.



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Ottawa, January 16, 1926.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of a communication which you received from Dr. Cowan reporting an outbreak of scarlet fever at the No. 1 School, Walpole Island, and stating that, as the teacher's son has developed this disease, he deemed it expedient to quarantine and close the school.

In reply I have to say that the action taken is approved. It is noted that, besides the case of scarlet fever in the teacher's family, there is an Indian family in quarantine. You should cooperate with the doctor, with a view to enforcing any regulations which he recommends towards the eradication of this disease. It is hoped that no further cases will develop and that the school will be re-opened at the earliest possible date. I shall be pleased to hear from you, later, as to the probable date of the re-opening of this school.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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*Note - original copy of
the letter sent
RC*

J.D.M.

Ottawa, January 18, 1926.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, with inclosure I beg to say the Department approves of Dr. Cowan's action in having placed under quarantine certain families on the Walpole Island Reserve where cases of scarlet fever have developed. The Department notes the doctor's statement that he would appreciate "a little more co-operation from the Indians who seem to endeavour to escape quarantine". If you and the doctor are of the opinion that a guard is necessary to enforce quarantine, a man may be engaged for the purpose, but the Department desires to impress upon you that no unnecessary expense should be incurred yet every effort must be put forth to stamp out the disease on the reserve as quickly as possible.

It is assumed that Dr. Cowan has notified the Provincial Health Officer with regard to the scarlet fever cases. If not, he should do so without delay.

Kindly keep the Department informed with regard to the fever cases.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Thos. Paul
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.



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Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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Paul
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Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 11 1926
RECORDS

At Sarnia, Ontario.

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Jan. 18th. 1926

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[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials]

Sir:-

In reply, to your letter, of the 18th. ultimo, with reference, to certain families, also the No. 1, School, of Walpole Island, being placed, under quarantine, owing to the outbreak, of scarlet fever.

On my visit, to the Island, on the 8th. and 9th. inst. I found that there had been no further outbreaks, of scarlet - fever, on the Island, and that Quarantine, should be lifted, today. School disinfected, and school re-opened, on Monday, the 15th. inst.

[Handwritten initials]

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature: Thomas Paul]
Indian Agent.

J.D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
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TELEGRAM



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J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal

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WALLACEBURG ONT JUNE 22-26

RUSSELL T FERRIER

SUPT OF EDUCATION DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

OTTAWA ONT.

WOULD YOU KINDLY AUTHORIZE ME TO DISMISS ON FRIDAY JUNE .
TWENTY FIFTH ALL GRADES EXCEPT ENTRANCE CLASS WHICH CLASS I AM
TAKING TO WALLACEBURG AT MY OWN EXPENSE TO WRITE DEPARTMENTAL
EXAMS JUNE TWENTY EIGHTH TO THIRTIETH REMAINING ATTENDANCE OF
SEVENTY BEING TOO LARGE FOR ONE TEACHER TO UNDERTAKE.

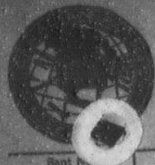
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TELEGRAM 40-1-1.

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J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, June 23, 1926.

Mrs. H. Macpherson,
Wallaceburg, Ont.

Both schools Walpole Island may close Friday -STOP-
Tell Mrs. George.

Handwritten initials

Chg. Dept. I. A.

Handwritten signature: Tom L.

J. D. McLEAN.

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Chs

Ottawa, June 23, 1926.

Sir:

Mrs. Harriette Macpherson, of the Walpole Island No. 1 School, intends to take the Entrance Class to Wallaceburg, at her own expense, to write on the examinations which are being held from Monday to Wednesday, next. She has asked, by telegram, permission to close her school on Friday, the 25th instant. I have telegraphed, authorizing the closing of both schools on that date and asking her to notify Mrs. George.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

Paul *Leak*

Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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No. 1. Indian School
Walpole Island,
R. R. No. 3. Wallaceburg.
Sept. 7th. 1926.

Mr. T. Paul.
Sarnia, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

would you kindly
consider, granting an increase
in salaries to the teachers
of No. 1. Indian Day School.

For the past two years we
have worked faithfully on
the salary allotted at the
Commencement of our duties
here. Now, due to the fact
that we have such a large
attendance and the pupils
are progressing so favourably,

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as shown ^{2.} in the Departmental
Examinations when two Indian
pupils from this school
passed their Entrance to
High School, we feel that
our efforts should be recog-
nized by an increase in our
salaries.

Trusting you will give this
matter your earnest attention
and thanking you for all
past kindness, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Harriette H. Macpherson.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Sarnia, Ontario.



Sept. 14th. 1926. 19

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No.

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

J.D. McLean



Sir,—

Inclosed you will find a communication from the Teacher's, of the Walpole Island No. 1, Indian Day School, which speaks for itself.

Mrs. McPherson, has passed two of her pupils, at the Entrance Examinations, which were held in June, last, I believe, those are the first children, that have ever passed their examinations, on Walpole Island. The teachers are interested in their work, and faithfully performing their duties, as teachers, in their respective classrooms, and if possible, I would recommend, that they each receive, an increase in salary.

Your obedient servant,

Thomas Paul
Indian Agent.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.

*Mrs. McPherson - 900 - (Vote 700; Bond 200)
Mrs. McDougall - 750*

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Ottawa, September 21st, 1926.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing a communication from Mrs. Macpherson, senior teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, in which she applies for an increase in salary for herself and her mother.

In reply I regret to state that there are no funds available at the present time to provide for an increase in the salaries of these teachers.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

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Paul
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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Mr. R. A. Abraham,
Chatham, Ontario

Waipole Island, Brit.
Sept. 28, 1926

Dear Mr. Abraham,

When I saw
you in Chatham about my son Emerson
being expelled from The Waipole Island
No. 1 school you told me to see Mr.
Paul, the Indian Agent about the matter.
I have seen Mr. Paul and we together
saw the teachers of No. 1 School.
After we discussed the trouble Mr.
Agent Paul advised that Emerson
be taken back into the school if
he promised to be a good boy. Emerson
promised to be a good boy but the teachers,
Mrs. J. P. Sheppard and Mrs. McSungall,
wanted me to sign a paper to stop me
from talking about the teachers in
the future. I refused to sign such a paper.
Then they refused to take Emerson back into

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Expelled.

- On Sept. 15, 1926 No. 1 School was not opened until 11 a.m. There was a big storm and the school children were alone in the school from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Emerson played around the school room with other children. On Sept. 16, 1926 Emerson was expelled for "bad conduct" ^{and because I had backing Emerson} in his "bad conduct" ^{the teachers}. Then they would not take Emerson back into school until the Indian agent came to the school.

I am placing complaint against the teachers of No. 1 School.

- The school was nearly a week ^{late} starting this fall. The school is late in the morning and at after noon hour.

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3/ Mrs. McConfull has not a Certificate
to teach. The Indian Department
• dismissed Mr. Arthur Mikokoman,
Mr. Wm. Peters, Joseph Sampson,
and Albert Saksy as teachers
because they had not proper
Certificates.

I have as my witnesses to prove
what I say these persons

- William Peters
- Joseph Sampson
- Arthur Mikokoman
- Zethen McConse
- James Peter
- Alan Isaac
- John Armstrong
- Dan Shokkegink
- James Tule
- Walter Sands

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

LETTER NO.



OFFICE OF THE
AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



CHATHAM, ONT. Oct. 2, 1926.



[Handwritten signature]

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing, herewith, a letter which was handed to me by Walter Sands, one of the store keepers at Walpole Island.

In explanation, I might say, that Walter Sands came over to my office and told me a long story about his boy being expelled from school for misbehaviour. He stated at that time that he was ready to back the teachers in every way in trying to control the boy; he said the boy was willing to promise to be good if allowed to go back to school. I advised Mr. Sands to get in touch with the Indian Agent, Mr. Paul. You will note that his letter states that he had been in touch with Mr. Paul, but that the teachers would not allow the boy to go back to school, unless he promised not to talk about them any more. This, he claims, he refused to do on the grounds that he did not think that this had anything to do with his son's conduct.

While at Walpole Island on Monday last, I went with Mr. Paul and saw the teachers. We discussed the matter of allowing the boy to come back. Finally after a great deal of persuasion the teachers agreed to allow him to come back if he promised to behave himself, and if the father would promise to assist them in every way possible. We, therefore, brought the father and boy over to the school. The boy agreed to behave himself in the future, and the father agreed to assist the teachers as much as possible.

I might say that we asked both parties not to bring up any of their grievances at this conference, as it would only lead to further trouble. Notwithstanding this, when Walter Sands and his son were leaving, the teachers subjected him to considerable abuse, calling him a jail bird and a number of other terms to which he objected. The father then said he did not think it would be any use sending the boy back, if the teachers maintained that kind of attitude.

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However, we talked it over with him and he has started the boy back to school, but I do not think the settlement between the teacher and Sands is permanent. I feel confident that the boy will be an angel if he escapes being expelled again, and the teachers will be severely condemned by Sands if his boy is punished for misdemeanour.

I believe that Mr. Paul intends writing you in regard to this as well.

You will also note in the letter that I am enclosing, that several other Indians are making complaints against the teachers. I also understand that the whole matter is to be aired in the Indian Council on Monday.

I remain

Yours truly,

R.H. Abraham

R.H. ABRAHAM,
AGR. REP. DEPT. OF IND. AFF.

J.D. McLean, Esq.,
The Secretary,
Dept. of Ind. Aff.,
Ottawa.

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APD*

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Ottawa, October 6th, 1926.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing a communication which you received from Walter Sands relative to the case of his son who was expelled by the teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School on account of his behaviour. Your report regarding this matter has been noted.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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


R. H. Abraham, Esq.,
Agricultural Representative,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Chatham, Ont.

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No. 1 Indian School,
Walpole Island Reserve,
R. R. no. 3 Wallaceburg Ont.
Oct. 20th. 1926.

Mr. Russell T. Perrin
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa

Dear Sir:-

As you are no doubt now aware, there has been considerable trouble caused in this school by an Indian - Walter Sands - owing to the fact that I was compelled to expel his son, Emerson, for continued smoking, disobedience and insolence during school hours.

Mr. Paul, the Indian Agent after a consultation with the boy and his parents, upheld my decision but Mr. Abraham, the Agricultural Agent, came to the school and insisted that I allow the boy to return, on the terms he laid down, even humiliating me to the extent of making me promise to do as the boy's father wished with regard to his son etc.

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Since returning to school, the boy is still causing trouble, and consequently the discipline which has been excellent, is hard to maintain. He bullies the younger children, destroyed a watercolour map on a senior girl and resents any authority.

Mr. Cohn, the Public School Inspector, on observing the boy's attitude in school, says he should never have been allowed in again and that upon his next offense, he should be expelled permanently and sent away to boarding school, as the home conditions are so immoral and unfit for the upbringing of children.

The boy's father, Walter Sands conducts, a low dance hall which has always been a source of trouble on the Reserve. Further information re this side of the matter, may be obtained from Rev. G. Clayton, United Church minister who resides next to these Sands or Inspector Nelson of the Canadian Mounted Police of Windsor.

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Mr. Abraham instructed me not to whip the boy as this would annoy the father, but rather to overlook all his offenses which are most flagrant.

Kindly advise re this case as the boy who is 14 years old feels that he can do just as he wishes in school, while Mr. Abraham has practically tied my hands by saying I must not punish him.

I might add that I have prepared this pupil twice for his Entrance examinations and he has failed both times, so little further can be done for him here along educational lines.

With ~~the~~ regard to the petition which Mr. Abraham obtained from this Walter Sands to forward to you, might I, as a great favour, be allowed to see a copy or have Mr. Paul show me a copy of same as I have been informed by Indians that their names were written on without their knowledge or

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permission, as in the case of Allan Isaac, the truant officer.

I also understand, that few if any of those who signed have children attending this school although the originators of the petition combed the Island for signatures.

Thus as an act of justice I feel that I should be entitled to see a copy of this petition.

Awaiting the Department's advice in this matter,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Harriette H. Macpherson

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, October 26, 1926.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 20th instant, with reference to difficulty at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, caused by Walter Sands and his son, Emerson. I am making certain enquiries in this connection and shall have a further communication for you in due course.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

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AM

Mrs. Harriette H. Macpherson,
Teacher, No. 1 Indian Day School,
Walpole Island,
R. R. No. 3, Wallaceburg,
Ont.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, October 26, 1926.

Sir:

I wish to inform you that the Department has received three communications with reference to difficulty at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School - such difficulty having been caused by Walter Sands and his son, Emerson. One correspondent indicated that the question might be aired in the Indian Council of October 4th. I note, however, that there is no minute in this connection. At your earliest convenience, please send me a full report, indicate who are at fault in connection with the difficulty and state what course the Department should pursue.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

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W.D.

Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Sarnia, Ontario.

October, 28th, 1926. 19

IN YOUR NEXT REFER TO
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Oct. 26/26.
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



Sir, -

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, of the 26th. inst with reference to difficulty, at the Walpole Island, No. 1, School, caused by Walter Sands, and his son, Emerson.

About four weeks ago, the teacher, Mrs. McPherson, suspended Emerson Sands. One of the faults, were, that Emerson, was smoking around the school, during recess, and I am told, asked to go out, and when out, indulge, in smoking a cigarette, and generally very mischievous. Emerson is about 14 years, old. I investigated the matter, without success, on Sept. 22nd. I again, investigated the matter, in company with Mr. Abraham, on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, when we were able to have suspension raised, and the boy allowed to return to school, and I believe that he has been going regularly, ever since and I have heard no complaints, since the 29th. of Sept. I might add, that this matter, was not aired in any form, at the last Council Meeting.

I have always considered, Mrs. McPherson, very earnest in her work, as a teacher. I would not advise any further action, at the present time.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

*Mr. Parker also
has learned something
of this. See
file 114-40
JPM*

W. Paul
Indian Agent.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, November 3, 1926.

Madam:

With further reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo, concerning difficulty caused by Walter Sands and his son at the Walpole Island Indian Day School, I wish to state that all pupils at the school are subject to regular classroom discipline. If it is necessary to punish Emerson Sands, do not hesitate to do so; but, in view of the correspondence that the Department has had in this connection, I have to request that you will use considerable tact in dealing with this boy and that you will take no drastic action, such as expulsion, without reporting the matter to the Indian Agent and securing his approval.

The Department does not wish to condone the action of this boy or his father; but I am convinced that some of the difficulty has been caused by your own attitude to Walter Sands. I believe you would be well advised to pay less attention to matters which are not definitely connected with your work among the children of the reserve.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

P.A.
Lon
Mrs. HARRIETTE H. Macpherson,
Teacher, No. 1 Indian Day School,
Walpole Island,
R. R. No. 3, Wallaceburg, Ont.

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EXTRACT FROM DECEMBER QUARTER RETURN OF

Mrs. H.H. Macpherson, Teacher of the
Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School.

*Parents
School*

"This pupil, Earle Thomas, 14 years of age, is a chronic nuisance to any school. He has only attended 11 days out of the 55, yet during that time he broke one of the large school windows and wrote filthy notes accompanied by filthy pictures. Unless placed in an institution he will develop into a moral degenerate. His father is dead. His mother lives with another man to whom she is not married. Earle receives a pension from the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment at London, Ont., as his father died of war injuries. He will also own considerable property when he comes of age. 17.

"Violet Finnacle, 10 years of age, also should be placed in an Orphans' Home as both parents are dead. She receives a pension but her grandmother does not provide a proper home."

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Ottawa, January 25, 1927.

Sir:

The teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School has drawn attention to the case of two pupils, viz. Earle Thomas, age 14, and Violet Pinnance, age 10, whom she recommends be placed in some school where they will receive proper training.

She states that Earle Thomas has only attended 11 days during the December quarter, and that, during that time, he broke one of the large school windows. She states that Earle receives a pension from the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment at London, Ont., as his father died of war injuries. I shall be pleased if you will state to whom this pension is paid. If you have the information, you should give the name of this boy's father, his regimental number and the unit with which he enlisted. If this boy should be placed in a residential school, it is considered that his pension should be forwarded to the department and administered from here.

Relative to Violet Pinnance, I beg to say that this girl's grandmother, Mrs. Esther McCoonse, was appointed her guardian, as her father was killed overseas and her mother is also dead. In this connection I would refer you to official letter of April 1, 1919. If this girl's grandmother does not provide a proper home for her, and she is not attending the day school regularly, the question of placing her in a residential school should be considered, and also the having of her pension money sent to the Department to be administered for her.

I shall be pleased to have a full report from you regarding the case of these two pupils, stating whether you would recommend that they be placed in residential schools, and if a request should be made to have their pension money transferred to this Department to be administered for their use. You might also state with whom Earl Thomas is living, and to whom his late father's pension is paid. Your early attention to this matter will oblige.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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INDIAN OFFICE

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At Sarnia, Ontario.

F. 1-1.

Jan. 25th. 1927.

Feb. 10th. 1927.

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Sir:-

In reply, to your letter, of the 25th. ult. with reference to the report, of the Teacher, of the No. 1, Indian Day School, Walpole Island, with reference to the case of two pupils, viz:- Earle Thomas, age, 14 and Violet Pinnance, age, 10, whom she recommends, be placed in some school, where they will receive proper training.

Morgan Thomas, was the father, of Earl Thomas, enlisted in the 149th Battalion, regimental No. 845376, I believe that the pension, is paid to his grandfather, and guardian, Wm. E. Mahdee, Sr. I believe that this boy's attendance, at the Indian Day School, is very irregular. Relative to Violet Pinnance, this girl is living with her grandmother and guardian, Mrs. Esther McCoonse, and the teacher reports, that she attends school, very regular, in fact, every day. Judson Pinnance, who was the father of Violet Pinnance, was killed overseas. He enlisted in the 149th. Battalion, regimental No. 845113.

The Department, of Soldier's Re-Establishment, is working on those two cases, and apparently making arrangements, to have them placed, in the Protestant Orphan's Home, in the City of London, with arrangements almost completed. I believe that it would be in the best interests, of those two children, if they were placed in a home of this kind, and will advise the Department if anything definite takes place.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

[Handwritten signature: J. D. McLean]
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, February 14th, 1927.

Sir,-

I have your letter of the 10th instant, furnishing information regarding the case of two pupils, namely, Earle Thomas and Violet Pinnance, who have been regularly attending the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School.

We have noted, in each case, the person to whom the pension which is being allowed is paid, also, particulars regarding the regimental number, etc., of the father of each of these pupils. We have, also, noted that the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment is endeavouring to make arrangements to have these two children placed in an institution in the city of London. I should be pleased to hear from you later as to whether they were successful in carrying out this arrangement and, also, if the amount of the pension received in each case would be sufficient to provide for their maintenance and tuition.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

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Thos. Paul, Esq.
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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No. 1 Indian School,
Walpole Island,
R. R. no. 3 Wallaceburg Ont.
July 7th. 1927.

Mr. T. Paul,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ontario,

Dear Sir:-

would you kindly request the
Indian Dept. to consider our
application for an increase in
salary to begin with the new
school term in Sept.

This application is based on the
fact that both Mrs. Macdougall, the
Junior Room teacher and myself
have carried on the school work
here, most successfully for
approximately three years. We
have a large school of nearly
75 pupils to handle. Last year
by hard and careful preparation
we had two successful candidates
at the Ontario Entrance Examination
held in Wallaceburg. They were the
first in the history of this Reserve
to pass direct from the Day School.

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This year 4 pupils wrote their High School Entrance Examination. The two who wrote for admission to the High School at Algonac Mich. were successful. To date the results have not been published for those who tried at Wallaceburg, but I feel confident that one, if not both will be successful.

Everything points to the fact that the school year of 1927-1928 will be the most successful of any in the past and so we feel that Dept will look favourably upon our request for an increase in salary. Especially so, because there are so many outside demands upon the teachers salaries to keep our school foremost in the ranks of schools in this district. At present we helping the school children prepare a "Portfolio" to be exhibited at the Toronto Exhibition under the auspices of the Junior Red Cross Society of Canada. Our own expense

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to date, in ³ this matter has been
nearly \$20. It is these and similar
expenses which leave us a very
small margin for living expenses.
I might state in closing that this school
was selected by Inspector Smith B.A.
of Chatham, Ontario as the highest
type of Indian school in this part of the
country. He brought the British Overseas
Teachers who were teaching in Canada
for the year, out to see our
school, although he is not our
Inspector.

I trust this application will
meet with your approval,
I remain,

Very truly yours,

Harriette H. Macpherson.

(Mrs) H. H. Macpherson,
No. 1. Indian School,
Walpole Island,
R. R. No. 3 Wallaceburg
Ontario

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT



Sarnis, Ontario.

July, 15th, 1927.

[Handwritten signature]

Sir:-

Inclosed you will find letter, just received from Mrs. H. McPherson, Teacher, of the No. 1, School, Walpole Island, for an increase, in salary, for Mrs. McJougall, and herself. I believe that all statements, contained in let-ter, are true and correct. I am also in a position to know, that those teachers, have worked hard and faithful, for the advancement and welfare, of their pupils, and would recommend, that they each receive an increase in salary, commencing Sept. 1st. as stated in application.

Your obedient servant,

Thos Paul
Indian Agent.

50 each
[Handwritten initials]

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Mrs MacPherson - \$900 (Vote \$700; Board \$200)
Mrs MacJougall - \$750 (Vote)

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, July 25th, 1927.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing a communication from Mrs. Harriette H. Macpherson, teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, in which she applies for an increase in salary for herself and Mrs. Macdougall, the assistant teacher.

In reply I beg to say that, in view of the faithful services which these two teachers are performing, the Department will approve of an increase of \$5 per teaching month to each. This will make the salary of Mrs. Macpherson at the rate of \$95 per teaching month and Mrs. Macdougall's at the rate of \$80 per teaching month. This increase will date from September 1st, next, the beginning of the new school year. I shall be pleased if you will inform both these teachers accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

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

J.P.
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Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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Meadowbrooke Country Club,
Northville, Mich. U. S. A.
Aug. 9th. 1927.

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AUG 11 1927
REPORT

Mr. Russell T. Ferrer,
Supt. of Indian Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir -

I feel quite pleased to be able to inform you that three of the four pupils who tried their Entrance Examinations from No. 1 Indian School, Walpole Island, were successful. Phelma Whyte plans to go to Wallaceburg High School, while Charles Jacobs and Evangeline Christie wish to attend the High School at Alpena, Mich. - just across the River from the Reservation.

Our only failure this year, as last, was Emerson Sands. Kindly advise what would be the best action to take with this boy. He has tried his Entrance Exam three successive years and failed each time. He refuses to submit to discipline, is a constant smoker during the school day. He causes untold bother in school and is either 15 or 16 years old. Mr. Conn, the Inspector on observing his attitude, strongly recommends that he should be expelled but I would like the Dept's advice in the matter as I do not feel that after three chances the boy should be allowed to

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take up time the other pupils are
entitled to, in order that I may
again prepare for Entrance work
which he will never pass.

might add that he is naturally
a clever, likeable boy but has no
home training and his parents have
always encouraged him to oppose the
Teachers and all in authority.

Last year, his father, Walter
Sands, came to the school and
abused my mother and myself
in front of all the pupils, saying
things and making statements
which really left himself open for
court action. The boy takes his
attitude from his father who tells
him he may do as he likes at
school, and as Mr. Abraham
sided with the father, it made
matters very unpleasant. This year
it would be best, if your Dept sees
fit, to have the boy continue his
education elsewhere - best for the
boy and best of the discipline of the
school.

Please advise in this matter
at any early date. Could you not
include our school, if you make a
tour of inspection this year. Both
teachers and pupils would feel
highly honoured. There are matters
which could be discussed more
satisfactorily than by correspondence.

Very truly yours,
Harriette Macpherson

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Ottawa, August 12, 1927.


Madam:

I have your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to the activity at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. I regret that it will not be possible for me to visit the Reserve at the present time.

I am writing to Mr. Indian Agent Paul with reference to the case of Emerson Sands, and, at a later date, he will let you know the Department's decision.

Your obedient servant,

Russell F. Ferrier
 Russell F. Ferrier,
 Supt. of Indian Education.


 Mrs. H. Macpherson,
 Meadowbrooke Country Club,
 Northville, Mich., U.S.A.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, August 12, 1927.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mrs. H. Macpherson, senior teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, has strongly recommended that Emerson Sands be refused admission for the coming year. She states that this boy is very difficult to handle and that for three years now he has successively failed to pass the entrance examination. Please let me have your recommendation without delay.

Your obedient servant,

Russell G. Frazier 21
Russell G. Frazier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

Paul
Thos. Paul, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Sarnia, Ont.

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No. 1 Indian Day School,
Walpole Island Reserve,
P. R. No. 3 Wallaceburg,
Sept. 15th 1927.

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SEP 17 1927
TORONTO

Dear Mr. Ferrier

We are very pleased to report that
No. 1 Indian School have been awarded
Second Prize for their Portfolios entered
under the auspices of the Junior Red
Cross at the Canadian National Exhibition,
Toronto, this year.

As portfolios were entered from
all over Canada and as ours was
classified with graded schools - towns
and cities, we feel quite proud
of our achievement. Especially as
the prize list would indicate
we are the only Indian school
to receive a prize.

Might we request that you
kindly return enclosed sheet
as we would like it for future
reference.

Very truly yours,
Harriette St. Macpherson.

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Ottawa, September 19, 1927.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 15th instant, informing the Department that the No. 1 Indian School, Walpole Island, was awarded second prize for their portfolio entered under the auspices of the Junior Red Cross at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, in competition with graded schools in towns and cities. The Department is very pleased to learn of the success achieved by the pupils in the competition. The sheet which you enclosed is returned herewith as requested.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

H. Macpherson
Mrs. H. Macpherson,
Teacher, No. 1 Indian Day School,
R. R. #5, Wallaceburg, Ont.

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Walpole Island, Ont.

September 12, 1928

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Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Sirs,-

Kindly advise me what
Teacher's Certificates are held by Mrs. Eva Mc Dougall of No. 1 School
Walpole Island, Ontario.

Thanking you, in anticipation of your reply,

I am

Yours truly,

Walter Sands

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No. 1. Indian Day School.
Walpole Island Reserve,
P.O. No. 3. Wallaceburg, Ont.
Dec. 11th. 1928.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Recently a very unpleasant incident occurred on this Reserve, which may or may not, have been brought to your attention.

Walter Sando, the Indian who forwarded the petition to have us taken from this school, two years ago and has caused so much trouble about his boy Emerson - struck the United Church Missionary Rev. G. M. Clifton several times with his fists in the face and tried to hit him with his stick. Mr. John Bachus, the Customs official intervened and pulled the Indian off. A charge of assault has been laid and the trial is to be held in a week. As Walter Sando has always been a menace to all the white people, no small amount of interest is attached to the trial. The missionary's lawyer is anxious that we should be called for.

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witness to tell of all the trouble
Walter Sando caused us and the
abuse he gave us.

Bung an employe of the Dept.
we do not wish to mix up in affairs
of this kind without first consulting
you.

Rev. Clayton has been most patient
kind and long-suffering with these
people who live next door to him and
was instrumental in having the boy
Emerson, admitted to a white school
on the mainland from which he
was later expelled.

Kindly advise by return a strail
is next Tues. Dec. 18th. 1928.

Very truly yours.

Harriette Macpherson.

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40-1-1.

Ottawa, December 13, 1928.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 11th instant, regarding the advisability of testifying at a police court case, which follows an incident on the Walpole Island Indian Reserve. The Department is satisfied that teachers of Indian day schools should keep out of local difficulties as far as possible.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

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J.D.M.
Mrs. Harriette Macpherson,
R. R. No. 3,
Wallaceburg, Ont.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Walpole Island, Ont.

Jan. 9th 1929.

[Handwritten signature]

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will please find quarterly School returns for no One and Two School's, Walpole Island, Reserve, also Truant Officers reports for said Schools.

Report of No Two School I believe to be correct in every detail and recommend that it be adopted as submitted.

^{not} Sorry that I am not able to make same report on no One School that while I have signed same it does not seem to me to be correct in every detail, having reported 3 days holidays, it seems to me that they have had more holidays than that, several times I have noticed the school closed when it should be open, school hours as held being, very irregular.

Your Obedient Servant,

Archie Highfield
Indian Agent.

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Walpole

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No. 1 Indian Day School
Wallace Island Reserve
R. R. No. 3, Wallaceburg, Ontario.
June 10th. 1929.



Dear Mr. Perrier,

In view of the fact that this year there is an Entrance Class of three Indian boys from this school, would it be possible to close school for the other grades on June 25th rather than June 28th.

The boys write on their Entrance Examinations at Wallaceburg, on June 26-27-28. We usually drive them in and out each day, - a distance of 9 miles; coach them in Wallaceburg between Exams. and give them special lessons each evening on the Exams. for the next day. It makes it much easier, if the Promotion Exams. for the other grades in the Day School here, are over, the pupils dismissed for summer vacation, while the Entrance class are writing.

also.

There is an epidemic of Measles among the children of both schools. So far, there are 10 homes quarantined including the United Church Missionary's house and the Agency House.

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where Mr. Bachus the Customs Officer lives with whom the Indian Agent, Mr. Highfield boards. Last week there were 32 pupils absent from this school. Friday, June 7th. the Junior Room was dismissed for the day as there were only 5 pupils present out of 30 enrolled. This was done, pending a report from the Truant Officer as to how many were really ill. What would the Dept advise in this case?

also.

One of the officials on the Island, Rev. Clayton, whose children attend this school, has drawn our attention to the fact that the water in the school well appears to be impure. Several of the school children run nasty little fevers (temperature of 103 and 104) which one doctor says might point to Typhoid. Could I have permission to have the well water analysed. Last fall we drew Agent Highfield's attention to the fact that all the refuse water, when the children drink, wash their hands or have bleeding noses, runs back into the well because the jacket around the pump. - i.e. the lid over the well which allows for cleaning, does not fit tightly. Incidentally the well has not been cleaned for a couple of years.

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You will, no doubt, note from Inspector Convis report that the school floors are most unclean. The class room floors have not been scrubbed since Christmas Vacation. When the Janitor's salary for this school was increased to ^{40.00}90.00 a year, it was definitely stated by the Dept that the class rooms were to be scrubbed and the windows cleaned, once a month. I have drawn the agent's attention to this several times and feel we should not receive a black marking from the Inspector for something we cannot rectify.

Otherwise school work seems to be progressing most favourably. We should all feel highly honoured, if at some time in the near future, you would pay our school a visit as we are very proud of our little Indian charges.

Very truly yours

Harriette Macpherson

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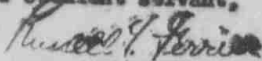
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Ottawa, June 12, 1929.


Madam:

I have your letter of the 10th instant, with reference to closing the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School on June 25th so that proper attention can be given to those pupils who are writing their entrance examinations. Arrangements may be made for the other classes to commence their holidays from the 25th of the month, and Mr. Agent Highfield is being informed. I note with regret that there is an epidemic of measles on the Reserve. The Department is writing to Mr. Indian Agent Highfield concerning the well water. There will be another letter to you with reference to janitor services.

Your obedient servant,



Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.



Mrs. Harriette Macpherson,
R. R. No. 5,
Wallaceburg, Ont.

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Ottawa, June 12, 1929.


Sir:

The Department understands that some of the pupils at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School are to write on the entrance examinations at Wallaceburg commencing June 26th. The other classes may be dismissed for the summer holidays on the 25th of the month, and Mrs. Macpherson has been so informed. It is her intention to give special attention to the entrance pupils during the balance of the week.

Your obedient servant,


Russell T. Fries,
Supt. of Indian Education.

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A. Highfield, Esq.,
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In reference to each school and teacher, I might say, in respect to No. 2 School and the teacher Mrs. Ethel E. George, her qualifications are not high I believe her to be conscientiously doing her best at all times. She keeps school regular hours, full time and never loses a day if she can possibly avoid it. She keeps both the school and living quarters very neat and clean and takes splendid care of all the furniture, also keeps the yard and grounds outside very nice.

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By

Ottawa, July 17, 1929.

Sir:

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, your general report of the 10th instant on the schools of the Walpole Island Indian Reserve. Your comments concerning the teachers of the No. 1 School have been seriously considered, and the Department proposes to write to Mrs. Macpherson at the commencement of the coming academic year, indicating that a change must be made in their work and other activity generally. The teachers will be given to understand that they are on trial for the year and that a change for the better will be expected of them. You will please make a report on their work in December, next.

Your obedient servant,

A. P. MacKenzie

A. P. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy Secretary.

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A. Highfield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Lambton,
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Ottawa, September 12th, 1929.

Madam, -


I write to inform you that there will have to be a change in the conduct of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School if you and Mrs. McDougall are to be retained in the Department's service. I understand that the Department's regulations regarding the school hours have not been followed heretofore and that the school has been opened and closed at unusual hours and that holidays are taken without authority.

The Department is informed that you do not meet with general support from the parents on the reserve. I understand that this unfortunate situation is not caused by any failure in the classroom activity but is due to out of school activities. Please give this your most serious consideration and bend every energy towards making the school a success during the present academic year. If there is not a marked improvement in the situation, a change will have to be made.

Your obedient servant,



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



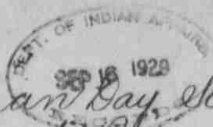
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Wallaceburg, Ont.

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No. 1 Indian Day School,
Walpole Island Reserve,
R. R. no. 3 Wallaceburg, Ont.
Sept. 14th 1929.

Mr. F. Mackenzie
Mr. A. F. Mackenzie,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of Sept. 12th begs to state that I feel it is a direct insult to the teaching ability and daily life of the teachers in No. 1 Indian Day School.

To the best of our knowledge and ability, all the statements therein contained are direct falsehoods. The statement "that school is opened and closed at unusual hours, and holidays taken without authority" cannot be substantiated. This school is always opened at 9 a.m. and closed at 4 p.m. except when we teach till 5 p.m. during the Spring term to help prepare the Entrance candidates.

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True, there used to be some discussion re school being called at 1.30 p. m. rather than 1. p. m. But when I came here to teach in March 1922 Mr. Roy Abraham told me to call school at 1.30 p. m. partly because the teachers, who must live in residence, have their own lunch to prepare and partly because the majority of the children attending this school, including the white children of the officials, go home at noon hour for lunch and cannot return till 1.30 p. m. To date this order has never been rescinded.

There have never been any holidays taken without authority. On the very, very rare occasions, when school has been closed, the Agent's permission has always first been obtained. This can be verified from the "School Registers", always inspected by the Public School Inspector, Mr. Conn of Sarnia and more recently, under the new regime, twice a month by your

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Indian Agent Mr. ⁽³⁾ A. Highfield. He has
always told us he has found the
registers perfectly satisfactory.

②. You have been misinformed re our
not having the general support of the
parents on this Reservation. The attendance
at this, No. 1 Indian Day School has never
been better than during the past few years.
Just this past year, at least five
Indian heads of households, have either
bought or leased property in the
vicinity of the school that their children
might attend classes here, viz.
Albert Kewayook, Julianne Smith
Raymond Randee, Frank Day and Job
Sands. Further, for the past 4 years
the Indians of Walpole Island have
always had both Mrs. Macdougall and
myself take full charge of their
receipts ^{to} \$3000 or more from their Annual
Indian Fair held the latter part of
August. which facts scarcely show
a lack of confidence. On the contrary
we have both been asked to join
the Chippewa Band - which fact, of

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course, your ^{4.}informant does not know.
True we or any other teacher has
never had the support of a small
band of agitators known as the Treaty
Indians. But we could not, in
justice to the Indian Dept. work
with them as they approve of nobody,
not even the Dept. of Indian Affairs
itself and are constantly holding
secret meetings, denouncing authority.

③ That part of the letter which stated
that the unfortunate situation is
caused by activities outside the
school room, is very ambiguous. Your
letter is the first intimation that
there was any unpleasantness re
no. 1. School. We do know that
there has been great dissatisfaction
re. no. 1. School. for some years past.

Feel that the word "activities"
needs explanation. You say there
must be a marked improvement.
Would you kindly enlarge on this
statement as one can hardly
be expected to improve something of
which they have no knowledge.

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The only activities we indulge in outside of school hours are skating, swimming, golf, tennis and motoring - always with ourselves. As far as possible we go away from the Reserve every weekend to Detroit where my brother has charge of an Anglican mission and we like to help him as much as possible. Practically all summer my mother, Mrs. Macdougall was in New York where my sister is taking a Post-Graduate course in nursing while I was at the Meadowbrooke Country Club Northville, Mich where my husband is located. My two children were in private summer camps.

During the week, after school hours, we live very much to ourselves as we do not feel there is anybody on the Reserve, fit to associate with. Except on rare occasions when we take our own two children to a picture show at Wallaceburg, we always retire at 9 p.m. As far as possible all work has been for the best interests of the Indian Dept.

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In justice, both to the Indian Dept. and ourselves feel that this matter should be investigated. Statements that do not give date, day and explicit data, leave a most unpleasant feeling where there should be perfect harmony.

It is only necessary, to consult our files and refer to Inspector Conn's reports or to get in touch with such people as Inspector Smith of Chatham, Benon Collins of Sarnia, Inspector Dickenson of Wallaceburg, Mr. Lorette O'Connor, Toronto, who is Ontario Director of Junior Red Cross, Capt. Ridderford, Western Ontario Organizer of the Orangemen, R.W.A.

Barner of Toronto, Supervisor of Indian Missions for the United Church in order to learn that to the utmost of our ability, all our work here has been to make a success of No. 1. School both in our own interests and those of your Dept. by whom we are employed.

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Somehow, I feel that had there been
a different type of Indian agent
appointed, these silly childish
stories of a few disgruntled Indians
aided and abetted by one or two
white people, would be considered
too trivial to be conveyed to
the Indian Dept. when there
are much more important matters
for the welfare of the Indian people
needing attention.

Trusting you will look into this
matter much more fully and
explain, in detail, just what
changes you desire inaugurated
re No. 1. School for the best
interest of the pupils and we
are always most anxious to
comply with every wish of the
Dept.

Very truly yours.

Harriette Macpherson

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P.S.

Has the new agent, Mr. Highfield authority to authorize school holidays as in the past? Twice on the instigation of the Anglican rector Mr. Smith, the agent has told us to take a half-holiday to attend some special service at the Anglican church. On both occasions our better judgement led us to keep school open but send the Anglican pupils to church. They try to force us to make this an Anglican school and the rector calls for the attendance periodically to forward to his Bishop. Mr. Highfield asked us to take a partial holiday Monday, Sept. 16th. to attend Sombra School Fair at Wilkesport in order to glean new ideas for our own School Fair. In view of

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your letter we shall refuse. as
it would now seem, the officials
for some strange reason offer us
an occasional holiday and
then complain if we take them.
might add that the United
Church Missionary, Rev. S. M.
Clayton never interferes in
school matters except to be
of some assistance.

Harriette H. Macpherson.

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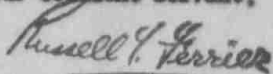
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Ottawa, September 26, 1929.


Madam:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 14th instant, concerning conditions at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. I have also your confidential letter in this connection. Mr. A. F. MacKenzie is proceeding to Walpole Island to night, in connection with other business, and he has kindly consented to look into the questions arising out of your letters.

Your obedient servant,



Russell F. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.



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No. 1 Indian Day School
Walpole Island Reserve
R.R. no. 3, Wallaceburg
Oct. 4th. 1929.

Dear Mr. Perrier -

In view of the fact
that the teacher's duties at this
school have increased owing
to greater attendance especially
in the upper grades and the
Beginner's classes, would your
Hlpt. consider granting an
increase in salary of \$5.00
month to each of the teachers
in this school.

There is always quite a
drain on the teacher's salary

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in this school - i.e. bringing
bales of used clothing to the
school which necessitates extra
ferry fare, - also providing
lunches for children whose
parents send them to school
without a noon-day meal.

Subscriptions to magazines,
donations to charities etc. are
all extras which must be
attended to from our salaries.

Trusting you will see your way
clear to grant this request -
especially on account of our
painstaking and conscientious
work here and earnest efforts
to co-operate as much as possible
with your Dept. in all
school matters.

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Thanking you, I remain
Very truly yours.
Harriette A. Macpherson

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Ottawa, October 9, 1929.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 4th instant, asking for an increase in salary for yourself and the teacher of the junior room. I regret that there are no funds for this purpose.

Handwritten initials and signature

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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No. 1 Indian Day School,
Walpole Island Reserve,
R. R. no. 3, Wallaceburg Ont.
Oct. 30th 1929.

Mr. A. J. MacKenzie
Secy.
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa. **R**

Dear Sir:-

Would you kindly advise
re the following matter.
The minor unpleasantness between
the white people on the Reserve
and the school, which was
temporarily smoothed out as a
result of your visit, seems to
have started again.

We have been informed on very
good authority that another complaint
is being forwarded by the white
people, through Mr. Ross Gray
of Sarnia, Federal M. P. for West
Lambton. So far as we know
it is because we attended
the two political meetings

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Conservative at 4³⁰ p. m. and
Liberal at 8. p. m. - held
on Walpole Island. No active
part was taken in these
meetings but we attended
them only upon a written
request from the C. W. U. A.
who evidently thought we
would be interested in the
speeches of the candidates

To-day Mrs. Backus came
down to the school and gave
us quite a nasty bowling out
because school was late
in being called at noon hour.
Owing to a fire at the gas station
on the Reserve, we needed
gasoline and on the return trip
our car stalled and we had to
walk $\frac{1}{2}$ mile home. However,
taught through the recess hour
to make up for any time
lost.

Feel we are only responsible to
the Indian Dept. and as long as
we deal fairly and squarely
with their time that the
Customs Officers should not
interfer with our teaching duties

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Really hate³ to draw your
attention to these petty annoyances
but for some unknown reason the
white officials have decided to
do everything in their power to
make things miserable for us.

Shall we just continue ahead
doing our duty and ignore them
or what would you advise.

In view of the fact that the
school is running most satisfactorily
in the opinion of the majority of
the Indian population we would
like to continue with our work here
in which we are most interested.
Do you think the situation here,
could be straightened out if we made
a trip to Ottawa at our Thanksgiving
vacation. If we could leave here
Friday a. m. we could have an
interview Saturday a. m.

We are most willing to do everything
possible to keep peace and quietness
here but really know the whole
trouble is trying to get us out of the
school so Mrs. McPherson may teach here.

Any advice you could offer in this
matter would be most graciously received
as we have really done our best.
Harrington McPherson

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P.S.
Your Engineer, called at the school
yesterday and gave a favourable
report on our "sink" in the kitchen
of the Teachers' Residence. This
is one bright spot in our
lives just now.

H. H. Macpherson.

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AN OVERFLOW OF LETTERS.

There are stacks of letters in The Globe Office bearing on the election campaign for which it has been impossible to find space. During the past month each day's mail brought from 25 to 50 of these communications. Most of them were excellent letters, analysing in an intelligent manner the issues before the elector, and it is regrettable that all could not have been published.

WALPOLE ISLAND AFFAIRS.

To the Editor of The Globe: In the issue of The Globe of Friday, Oct. 25, there is a reference to conditions on Walpole Island given to the semi-annual meeting of the I.O.D.E. What the conditions described are is not given in the report. The whole tenor of the article is to give a bad impression of the Island. The very worst condition we have on this Island is the purveyors of information such as you publish. If such persons would work for harmony on the Island it would be very much better. They appear to want to attain an object and that is to create a feeling that the gifts sent to the Island are not distributed as they would wish. Last year on Dec. 25 the English Church made over 500 gifts to the Indians here from bales sent by the deanerles, churches, Sunday schools, A.Y.F.A.'s and others. These gifts were carefully made by a committee of ladies selected by the rector.

In a population of nearly 1,000 there are always some cases of poverty, but as soon as they are known they are looked after. Referring said news item in Oct. 25 issue to Mr. Highfield, Indian Agent, Chief Isaac, T. W. Bacchus, Customs Officer, and Mrs. Brigham, widow of the former rector, they know nothing of deplorable conditions spoken of. Nor do I.

Henry Smith,

Rector of Church of St. John the Baptist,
Walpole Is' d.

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November 5th. 1929.

Dear Mrs. Macpherson,-

I have your letter of the 30th ultime in reference to matters at Walpole Island. I had seen something in the press regarding certain differences of opinion regarding conditions among the Indians.

I regret that there should have been any friction and the only advice that I can offer is that you should confine your activities to the school and corelated work, observe the regulations closely and give your best efforts as I think you have in the past, to the class-room work.

I can see no purpose in your coming to Ottawa. It would mean closing the school for a day which might be further cause for criticism, and I fail to see what advantage could possibly accrue.

Yours very truly,

AGM

AGM

Mrs. H. H. Macpherson,
R. R. No. 3.,
Wallaceburg, Ont.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, CANADA



Port of... Wallace Island, Ont.

Nov 18th 1929.

J. D. McLean, Esq.-
Deputy Minister and Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials]

Dear Sir-;

It is with regret that I write concerning no 1 School Wallace Island Reserve.

I have a daughter Betty Bachus attending said School and am greatly disappointed in the progress she is making, she is past 8 years of age has been attending school regularly since Easter of 1927, she is now unable to spell words having more than three or four *letters*, this inefficiency I believe to be due to marked discrimination, this discrimination is due to personal feelings against myself, why I cannot tell I have never in my capacity as Customs Officer (knowingly) been either disrespectful or lacking in due attention to either of the Teachers as, users of this Port.

I am sure you will agree with me that it is of the utmost importance as a parent that greater results should follow from strict attendance at school and industry at home.

I am forced regretfully to say with other parents that a change in Teachers is very desirable. Many other reasons could be given for a change if inquiry were made by the Agent or other persons deputized for the purpose.

Sir I earnestly press the serious consideration of the contents of this letter for immediate action.

Very respectfully yours

W. J. Bachus

Customs Excise Officer
R.R.3 Wallaceburg, Ont.



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Ottawa, December 3, 1929.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant, with reference to conditions at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. Your representations are receiving consideration.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

W. J. Macbus
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Wm. J. Macbus, Esq.,
Customs Excise Officer,
R. R. No. 3,
Wallaceburg, Ont.

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No. 1. Indian Day School;
Walpole Island Reserve.
R. 7. No. 3. Wallaceburg. Ont.
Dec. 3rd. 1929.

Mr. Russell T. F. [Signature]
Supt. of Indian Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



Dear Mr. Frier:-

This Christmas vacation,
my mother, the Junior Room teacher is
going to Bermuda sailing from New
York with my sister Jean Macdougall
R. 7. In view of the fact that we
never take an extra holiday or even a
day for sickness, could the Indian
Dept. kindly grant three extra days
at Christmas? I wish to motor to
New York and return with them.
also. Tell agent

Kindly the Dept. please mail our cheques
for December quarter salary to reach us
here at the school not later than Dec.
20th. - the last day of school.
also.

You might be interested to learn that
Walter Gandy, the disgruntled Indian
frequently mentioned before, is again
taking around a petition to have us
removed from the school. This
time, Mr. Jack Bachus, the Customs
Officer is driving him around.
Whereas Mrs. Brigham drove him

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three or four ⁽²⁾ years ago.

It would appear that the Pottawatomie Indians residing at the back of the Reservation are signing, but none or very few of the front Indians. I mention this fact because of the similarity of names among the Indian people. Only two parents from this school have signed. Whether this petition will materialize enough to reach Ottawa, remains to be seen. Mr. Highfield, the Indian Agent, tells us it is "just spite" and for us not to worry, but still these petty annoyances are most unpleasant.

However, in justice to ourselves, felt we should tell you that the complaints are the same old, untrue ones viz -
O too many holidays @ irregular school hours.

Our holidays are only those allowed by the Dept. as shown in our registers and quarterly reports. While as we have already stated, we adhere most closely to Dept ruling re school hours. We would not like you Dept to think, as the petition seems to indicate, that we are acting in open defiance to your regulations.

Thanking you for your very kind interest in all matters concerning this school. I remain,

Very truly yours,
Harriette H. Macpherson

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Ottawa, December 7, 1929.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant, requesting extra holiday leave during the coming Christmas holidays for your mother and yourself, teacher at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School.

In this connection I have to say that you may close the school for the Christmas holidays on the afternoon of the 20th instant and reopen after the holidays on January 6th, next. Mr. Agent Highfield is being informed of the holiday period allowed.

Salary cheques will be mailed in due time to reach you before the 20th instant.

Your obedient servant,

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

W. H. Macpherson
Mrs. H. H. Macpherson,
R. R. No. 3,
Wallaceburg, Ont.

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NO-1-1.

Ottawa, December 7, 1929.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the department is granting the teachers of the No. 1 School on the Walpole Island Reserve permission to close the school for the Christmas holidays on the afternoon of the 20th instant and to reopen after the holidays on January 6th, next.

You may also inform the teacher of the No. 2 School that she may close her school for the Christmas holidays between the above mentioned dates.

Your obedient servant,

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

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A. Highfield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Walpole Island,
Ont.

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Ottawa, December 7th, 1929.

Handwritten signature and initials

Sir:

I beg to submit the following report on my recent visit of inspection to the Walpole Island Agency.

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There are two day schools on this reserve. I had numerous complaints made to me regarding the teachers at No. 1. school. These were chiefly in regard to irregular school hours, absence from school during noon hour and discrimination against some of the pupils. I understand these complaints have already reached the Department through other sources. It will, therefore, be unnecessary for me to go into detail. I may say, however, that the general attitude of the Indians towards Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. McDougall is entirely antagonistic and there is no possibility, in so far as I was able to judge, of this being overcome. In my opinion these teachers have lost the respect and confidence of the Indian people which to say the least is unfortunate.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JAN 8 1930

I arrived at the school at 3.30 and found the pupils having recess. They were called into the classroom and gave an exhibition of a drill they are preparing for the Christmas season. What I saw of the classroom work was very good. The pupils were tidy and appeared to be well cared for, and in excellent health. This applies to both classrooms of No. 1. school. There is a Junior Red Cross Society in connection with this school.

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Thos. McGookin.
Inspector.

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ARTHUR MISKOKOMON

MANAGER

Walpole Is. Musical Brass Band
Walpole Island Indian Orchestra

BOX 94

ALGONAC, MICH.

Jan 9th, 1930.
Mrs. Macpherson & Mrs MacDougall.
Teachers of No. 1 School.

Dear friends,

I am advising
our Council to pass a Resolution
in their meeting this afternoon
that our good Teachers of
No. 1 School should not be
annoyed after this in their good
work. My brother Peter thinks that
you both should send a letter to
The Council stating your grievance
from a very small party here.

Arthur Miskokomon

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No. 1. Indian
Walpole Island
R.R. no. 8. Walla
Jan. 9th.

Mr. Chief and Gentlemen of the Council -

One or two people have ^{been} trying
to circulate a petition containing untrue
statements, without the approval of the
chief and council.

We are working for the
best interests of the Indian children
and feel that the majority of people
on the Reserve know our efforts
have been successful.

But we cannot do our best
work while being constantly annoyed.
Would you kindly discuss this matter
and take whatever action you see fit

This communication is being forwarded
to you at the request of some of the
parents

Piece Torn off

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JAN 15 1930

No. 1 Indian Day School
Walpole Island Reserve
P. O. # 3 Wallaceburg Ontario
Jan. 11th 1930. ✓

Dear Mr. Perrin:

file by [signature]

The enclosed letters speak for themselves. The answer which I wrote was not forwarded to the Council as we felt the Indian Dept. would rather we confined our interest to school work only, as we have done in the past.

However felt, you might be interested to know that the Indians are not pleased with the petty persecutions, one or two white people are encouraging some of the inferior Indians to carry on against the school. The writer of the Indian letter was himself a former teacher and has now 4 sons and a granddaughter attending No. 1. School.

Very Sincerely,
Harriette Macpherson

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To the Supt. of Indian Education
Ottawa.

We the undersigned parents and relatives of children attending No. 1. Indian Day School, Walpole Island wish to express to the Indian Dept. our satisfaction in the work being done by the teachers Mrs. Macdougall and Mrs. Macpherson. It is the wish of the undersigned that the present teachers continue in their work here.

In view of the fact that we have been informed a petition has been circulated by non interested parties asking the removal of our teachers we send this communication to your Dept.

NAMES

Chief William Peters
Councillor Solomon Hurayosh
" George Shogonoth
" Levas. R. Jacobs
" F. A. [unclear]
" Peter Mistokomons
" E. Pinnance
Councillor & Lay Reader
Chas. Peters
Frank Day.
Mary Jane Day.
Mathus Mistokomons
Mushelia Altman.
Albert Hurayosh
H. B. Williams
Mrs. Jane Jacobs
Willie Kahlee
Wesley K. Jones
Mrs. Mabel Jones
Thomas Johnson

Mrs. Susan Pinnance
Mrs. Amelia Mistokomons
Beatrice Mistokomons
William H. Shaw
The Alice Peters
Rev. J. M. Clayton.
Mrs. E. J. Clayton.
Wm. Soney
Thomas Isaac

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Walpole Island Ont-⁴⁰⁻¹⁻¹
April 23rd 1890



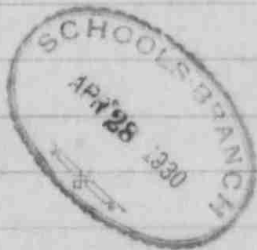
Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find a petition to hand over to the education Department for consideration -

I am sending this by the wish of the petitioners -

I am Sir

Yours Respectfully
Chief William Peters
Walpole Island
Ont,



for acknowledgment
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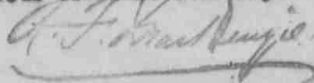
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Ottawa, April 28, 1930.

Dear Chief:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, enclosing a petition from yourself and a number of other Indians of the Walpole Island Reserve relative to retaining the services of the present teachers of the No. 1 School.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.



Chief William Peters,
Walpole Island,
Ont.

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INDIAN OFFICE

At.....

MEMO.

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Moved by J. A. Ermatinger & seconded by S. Kawagood
that we retain the present teachers of No 1 School of Waspoakie,
Carried.

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WALPOLE ISLD. COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 12th, 1930.

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No. 12.

In connection with this motion there was a petition handed to me headed to whom it may concern, it is not mentioned in the motion and no instructions with it as it where it was to be sent. No doubt it was intended for the Department, I will enclose it.

I am of the opinion that it originated and was typed at the school and was handed to me in an envelope during the council meeting. When I received it there was no signatures attached, the names were added after the motion was passed. Three spoke in favor of the motion and five voted for it, the remainder did not vote at all. Judging by the hesitation and conversation the most of them signed it very reluctantly and one did not sign at all. I see Chief Wm. Peters signed the petition. I heard him lodge a complaint with Inspector McCookin, when Mr. McCookin was visiting the reserve late last year. Councillor E. Pinnance spoke in favor of the motion but stated that a year ago he was much opposed to the teacher owing to the many holidays and lost time but he thought that had improved considerably during the past year and on that ground they were worth another trial. I might say that there is not the lost time there formerly was but there is far too much yet.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
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Archie Highfield.

Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, May 19, 1930.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of resolution No. 12 of the Walpole Island Council of the 12th instant, relative to retaining the services of the present teachers of the No. 1 School, and in reply to inform you that the same has been noted.

Your obedient servant,

Sgd. A. S. Williams

A. S. Williams,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

A.S.W.
A. Highfield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Walpole Island,
Ont.

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Walpole Island, Ontario,
May 20, 1930.

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Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.



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no consist the future of
the Department about my boys
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I want to ask the advice of

the Department about my boys who are now
going to No. 1 School. On Thursday the 15th of May
they were chased home from school during
noon hour by big boys ^{with sticks}. They first ran to a
house near the school to get away but the
big boys still chased them. We live three
miles and a half from school and they
can't come home at noon. When I called
the school teachers, Mrs. McPherson
picked up the receiver and would not talk to
me. I think when children have to stay
at school the teachers should be there
to look after them.

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They often are not there during noon
hour or recess, and on Monday, May 12,
I saw Mrs. McPherson driving Arthur
miskokomon up the river at 5 minutes
after two. This was a school day.

We want our boys in school but we
want somebody there to look after them.
If these teachers will not keep school hours,
we want new ones. I have asked the
Agent several times before to make them
keep school hours but they are bad as
ever, so I am writing straight to you.

I hope you will do something about this
at once. If nothing is done I will have to
take my children out of school, and send
them off the Reserve to school. Please Reply
and besides write to me Yours truly,

address
Joseph Danks
and our Indian Agent - Mr. A Highfield
Box 39, Port Lambton, Ontario.

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Ottawa, May 26, 1930.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant, in which you draw the attention of the Department to certain conditions existing at the No. 1 School on the Walpole Island Reserve.

In this connection I have to say that at the present time the Department is considering the future of this school.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. Mackenzie
A. F. Mackenzie
Acting Asst. Deputy Secretary.

J. S.
Mr. Jos. Sands,
Box 39, Port Lambton,
Ont.

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EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF MR. A. HIGHFIELD,
INDIAN AGENT, FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1930, ON
HIS INSPECTION OF THE WALPOLE ISLAND NO. 1
AND NO. 2 INDIAN DAY SCHOOLS, DATED MAY 30/30.

Original on 40-2-7.

School Inspector Conn, of Sarnia, on May 26th
visited No. 2 School and reported progress there,
would compare favourably with white schools.

I am sorry Mr. Conn was unable to report on
No. 1 School. For some reason unknown to me
there was no school at No. 1 on the above date.

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JUN 12 1930

To whom it may concern. -

We the Chiefs and Councillors of both bands of Hopedale

Island Indians do hereby certify that we wish to retain the services of the teachers at NO. 1. School, namely Mrs. Macdougall and Mrs. [unclear] for the following reasons.

S. J. P.

1. They are a great benefit to our Indian children taking a personal interest in each of them and having unusual success in putting them through their Entrance Examinations.
2. They are bringing up our children to lead a Christian life by the religious instruction they give.
3. They are giving our children a musical education. It is wonderful to hear our children sing.
4. They are a great benefit to our destitute children by providing them with clothing etc.

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So for these and many other reasons we do not wish to lose our teachers. If our resolution is not accepted by the Department of Indian Affairs we feel we should demand an investigation to see what reason the minor opposition party has to dispose of our wonderful teachers.

*See under
P. J. P.*

Chief William Peters
 Chief Geo Isaac
 F. W. Ernestinger
 Solomon Kewayak
 Peter Wistokman
 Chas. R. Jacobs
 E. Pimama
 Andrew Isaac
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40-1-1.

25th Apr

Ottawa, June 25, 1930.

Sir:

I am enclosing, for your information and guidance, copy of official letter of today's date to Mrs. Macpherson and Mrs. MacDougall. You will note that their services are being discontinued at the end of this month but that a reasonable time will be allowed for them to leave the reserve. You will please ascertain from them when they wish to leave and arrange to go over the building with them for the purpose of seeing that everything is in good order before looking up.

New incumbents will be found for these positions, who will commence duties on September first. I believe it will not be necessary for you to advertise for teachers, as the Department has several applications from qualified persons. If any applications reach you, please forward them promptly to the Department for consideration.

Encl.

[Handwritten initials]

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature: A. F. MacKenzie]

A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

A. Highfield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Walpole Island, Ont.

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25th Reg

Ottawa, June 25, 1930.

Madam:

I write to inform you and Mrs. MacDougall that your services will not be required at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School after the end of the current academic year. When the school year ends, a reasonable time will be given for you and Mrs. MacDougall to vacate the teacher's residence. I have to request that you will leave things in good order, so that they will be ready for new incumbents who will commence duties on September first, next. Mr. Indian Agent Highfield is being informed.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie

A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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Mrs. H. H. Macpherson,
R. R. No. 3,
Wallaceburg, Ont.

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Agriculture for June

A. B. C. THROOP, B.S.A.
Renfrew Collegiate and Vocational School

It has been pointed out in these articles in *THE SCHOOL*, that agriculture is a utilitarian subject, and we think should always be taught with this in view, and we believe that no subject on the curriculum lends itself so well to home projects of a practical nature, which really give significance to the work.

Successful farming depends on the following factors:

Location of farm; accessibility to market.

Suitability of buildings for kind of agriculture carried on.

Kind and fertility of soil.

Tillage, including tillage operations to produce suitable tilth and drainage.

Improved live stock by selection and breeding.

Selection of seed grain.

Judicious use of fertilizers.

Control of plant diseases and insect pests.

Control of weeds.

Suitability of type of farming undertaken.

Rotation of crops.

Size of farm, machinery, and horsepower.

Judicious marketing.

Most of the foregoing topics have been dealt with in previous issues of *THE SCHOOL*. Except for one or two of them they give a wide scope for home projects to supplement the work done in the class.

IDENTIFICATION OF TREES.—The summer months offer the best opportunities to study plants of all kinds in their natural habitation. The following key will enable us to become more familiar with our common Canadian trees, and trees are perhaps a more important factor in agriculture than we sometimes think.

The key to the common conifers includes both native conifers and those planted for ornamental purposes.

THE COMMON CONIFERS

I. Leaves opposite or whorled, mostly short and often scale-like.

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There is never a bell rung that Sammie does not answer. He comes running across the fields to march in with the pupils and usually sleeps at the back of the classroom until dismissal bell. Sometimes he follows a class to the floor, waits till they return to their seats and then marches back to his own place. He has learned many tricks due to the patient teaching of his little playmates and is a most useful model in all drawing classes. He will hold any pose until told he may relax and likes nothing better than to sit on a chair in the front of the classroom while the children "draw" him. He goes hunting with the boys on Saturday; serves as a patient for bandaging and first aid work, while with the other dog—a police pup "Peter"—he has been trained to pull the sleighs for the children. What merry races have been run off this winter, each dog having a cheering crowd of little "rooters" to urge him on to victory!

Billie, the goat, was given to the school as a mascot when a mere kid. The children raised him on a bottle. As regularly as intermissions came he would come to the door calling "mah! mah!" The children took turns feeding him. He afforded no end of fun when taught to pull sleighs and what jolly times all had while he learned. He has "butted" many a snow fort to pieces and eaten many things of value to small owners. Finally he had to be kept tethered to the fence but that did not prevent ambitious little gentlemen from "riding the goat." In the summer he rests. All vacation, he is locked in the school yard where he keeps the grass cut as short as if it had been cut by a lawn-mower. He is most effectual in scaring away would-be picnickers and other trespassers.

The white mice were special friends with the girls who trained them to lie under their middy collars or run into their pockets. In this school, many of the children cannot speak English. I have seen little beginners quite forget their shyness and strangeness when given the school kitty or a baby rabbit to cuddle. Every small person becomes quite friendly when talking of a pet animal.

All our pets are accustomed to being brought into the classroom for nature study lessons, for art models or for geography and they add real interest to these lessons.

Through these pets our pupils learn kindness to animals, responsibility as to their feeding and housing requirements and above all a love for dumb animals, a love that will stay with them all their lives.

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A Pet Park

*The School,
June 1930.*

HARRIETTE MACPHERSON

No. 1 Indian Day School, Walpole Island Reserve

FOR several years, the outdoor activities at our school have centered around a collection of pets who live at the school. I thought perhaps others would like to hear of our experiment.

First and foremost, ours is an ungraded school—two teachers—of about 60 or 65 pupils. Our pets consist of a Billy goat, a family of rabbits, a white rat, two dogs, a cat and a family of guinea pigs. There was also a rooster, Tommy, who recently died of old age. Yes, they all belong to the school, live in the shed in boxes constructed by the pupils who take turns looking after them.

During the summer, they run at large around the play ground. They are fed from scraps left after the children's lunches or from collections brought from home and the pride all the pupils take in them is wonderful. Wouldn't you like to hear more of them and their uses?

Sammie, a shepherd-collie comes first by virtue of his age. He is seven years old and came to the school as a puppy—a gift to a little girl.

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stem and notice the strain necessary to break it. As man cultivates the field the rootstocks are torn in pieces and carried to different parts of the field where they grow. If very tough, they could not be separated and spread so easily. If very brittle they would break into small pieces and not be carried so far by animals or machinery. Notice the size of the rootstock. Within it there is stored considerable food which nourishes the cutting until it is established as a new plant. The leaves are rather prominently ribbed and quite hairy below, and, like the stems, they are coarse and not relished by live stock. Of course this is an advantage to the plant because it is not disturbed very much. At the top of the stem appear the flowers. How are they arranged on the stem? These are very unattractive in colour and structure and do not produce perfume. Like many other flowers they are cross-pollinated by wind and do not need to attract insects, but they produce abundance of pollen on their long stamens because the wind wastes so much. If we examine the heads or spikes late in the summer, we shall see the numerous seeds which are rather long and slender. This seed is distributed chiefly as an impurity in coarse grass seed but also by farm machinery, by water and to some extent by wind. Couch grass is propagated much more slowly by seed than by rootstock division, but the seeds as a rule are carried much farther and, therefore, have an important place in spreading the plant.

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MONDAY, JUNE 10

Capacity Assembly At O. S. B. Concert

Miss Elsie Charlton Presented
Memorial Scholarship —
Varied Program Heartily
Applauded

The June concert of the Ontario School for the Blind attracted an audience that taxed the auditorium to its utmost. The great variety of work, musical, dramatic and physical, was much enjoyed and each and every number won well merited applause. Mr. W. B. Race, principal of the school, occupied the chair and extended a cordial greeting to all assembled. A notable feature of the program was the presentation of the Ethel Charlton scholarship by Miss Elsie Charlton, Toronto, daughter of the Hon. W. A. Charlton, representative of Norfolk and former speaker of the Ontario House, and Mrs. Charlton, on whose behalf the presentation was made. Miss Ethel Charlton was a former pupil of the school. A brave array of silver trophies was presented to their respective winners by Mr. W. B. Race, who pointed out that the

school curriculum was not concentrated upon any one phase of work particularly but was after all but physical. Miss Charlton expressed her pleasure at being present and listening to the concert so well given. She then presented the scholarship on behalf of her mother.

VARIED PROGRAM

The program was a revelation to those who attended an O.S.B. concert for the first time. The variety and scope of the work accomplished by these talented pupils under skilled instruction appeared exhaustless, and reflected great credit upon the members of the school staff. The physical work under Major S. C. Cegg which has won such praise abroad, was outstanding and pupils in the living pyramids building, general mat work, tumbling, handsprings, headstands and somersaults held the close attention of the large audience throughout and won the heartiest applause.

The program opened with a one-act play beautifully staged and costumed, "The Clown of Doodle Doo" in which Miss Draper's juniors earned the plaudits of the audience from the outset. The parts were taken with remarkable freedom and ease and the enunciation was excellent. The costumes were cleverly

designed by Miss Vera Kellett. The part songs displayed fine expression and modulation and were most creditably sung: "My Bonnie Lass," German; "In Twilight Hour," Horne, and "I Know a Grove," Stafford, by the girls of the class. Piano solos, "Liebestraum" Liszt, by Ella Koch and "Un Scapito," Liszt and "The Butterfly," Lavalee, by Grace Leaper, were exceptionally well interpreted. Surety of touch and technique were noteworthy. Mr. George Patrick in his Bach's "Prelude and Fugue" scored great applause. Howard Shaw sang "Captain Mac." Sanderson, in fine spirit and responded to a vociferous encore with "The Road to Mandalay" which was equally well applauded. A talented trio of youthful pupils vied in friendly rivalry in their recitations which were imitatively given as follows: "Grandma's Prayer," Helen Self; "A Mortifying Mistake," Leola McWhirter. "Little Orphan Annie," Mildred Philpott. The senior dramatic endeavored to achieve an all-round education. Many of the honors were won by pupils of the Canadian west and will be proudly taken back to their respective cities as a token of their prowess. Winners of honors were: senior boy champion, Peter Rymar; senior girl champion, Grace Leaper; intermediate boy champion, Burton Jacobs; intermediate girl champion, Edna Eske; junior boy champion, Joseph Bembridge; junior girl champion, Gwendolyn Ashert; boy's efficiency trophy (for physical education, hygiene and conduct), David Inglis; girl's general proficiency, Mary Edwards.

Miss Elsie Charlton in a very charming way presented Miss Mary Edwards with the Ethel Charlton Memorial prize, saying that it was given in memory of one, who, although physically handicapped, nevertheless had constant thought for others and felt that there was always a law of compensation somewhere at work and that there were others who needed their inspiration and courage. Blindness work was exemplified by Miss Mary Edwards in her reading; "Wreck of the Flante" was given with a musical accompaniment and in unusually good French Canadian patois. Miss Betty Gold gave a most musically rendering of "Polonaise" and "Dance of the Nymphs" two charming violin solos, which were well played. The concert will be repeated this evening.

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under auspices No. 1 School

THURSDAY, JULY 3rd

Boat leaves Walpole at 7 a.m.

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Indian Band in Attendance
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No. 1 Indian Day School.
Walpole Island Reserve,
P. P. No. 3 Wallaceburg, Ontario
July 4th. 1930.

Mr. Russell T. Ferrier
Supt. of Indian Education.
Ottawa

Dear Mr. Ferrier

In view of the kindly interest you
have always taken in this school, felt that
the enclosed collection would meet with your
approval as an explanation of the excellent
work done in this Day School.

① The picture was taken at our Annual Empire
Day Celebration - May 23rd. 1930. when all the
parents, and many guests from outside points
gathered to hear and see the Patriotic Program
delivered by the children. As Indians are the first
Canadians this point is strongly stressed.
Fourteen children were absent from the picture owing
to the death of an infant relative.

② The clipping from the Brantford Paper
refers to Burton Jacobs - the Chief's grandson
who was last year sent to the Provincial
Blind School at Brantford where he
distinguished himself in athletics
and won a silver cup. He has been a pupil
at No. 1 Indian Day School for 2 years previous.

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③ The Annual Excursion to Belle Isle inaugurated 6 years ago was never a more outstanding success than this year. \$19.50 was paid for the boat - a slight fee given the Band and the balance provided a treat for the school children. Belle Isle Zoo is a never failing source of wonder and the trip down the River and Lake is full of interest. Approximately 200 people attended this year.

④ The article re our "Pet Park" was written upon the request of Inspector Conn who has always been interested in this unusual branch of our school work here.

⑤ Edward Pinnance one of our Entrance Class boys won the prize donated by the Selkirk of Baldom Ship. P. O. D. E. to all seaborg for the best essay on "Pauline Johnson".

⑥ Mavis Solomon one of our juniors is receiving recognition for rescue from drowning from the Ketham Society.

But all are now - children of which the country should be justly proud.

Planning and helping all these activities together with the regular school work, having the school children's eyes tested, compiling lists for Council Removal - organizing a Hot Lunch Program and preparing lists of children annually to be sent to the Residential schools, provide for rather

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a full life, with little or no time for
standing outside interests - reports to
the contrary, not withstanding. Nevertheless
said work as outlined above - make the
school one that our successors can easily
handle, and derive pleasure from.
We are awaiting with pleasure, the results of your
Entrance Class, of which we expect two to be
successful. The others had only spent one
year instead of two in the Fourth class and
consequently not fully covered all the work.
Trusting this will all prove of interest and
thanking you for all kindness in the past.

I remain,
Very Sincerely Yours,
Harriette Macpherson.

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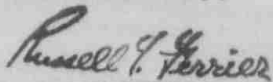
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Ottawa, July 7, 1930.


Dear Mrs. Macpherson:

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of the 4th instant, with enclosures, showing the activity of special interest at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School.

Yours very truly,



Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.



Mrs. H. H. Macpherson,
R. R. No. 3,
Wallaceburg,
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Mr. J. [unclear]

No. 1. Indian Day School,
Walpole Island Reserve,
P.R. no. 3. Wallaceburg, Ontario

June 30th 1930.

Mr. A. P. Mackenzie,
Sec'y,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Dear Sir:-

Big to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of recent date notifying my mother (Mrs. Macpherson) and myself of our dismissal as teachers in the No. 1. Indian Day School, Walpole Island.

As this dismissal is for alleged political partisanship, I emphatically deny that I ever drove voters to the polls in any political campaign or made any political speeches for or against Mr. Ross Gray, M.P. or his provincial liberal candidate.

Acting on our month's notice, we shall vacate the residence on or about Aug. 1st. pending a more satisfactory adjustment. This is without prejudice.

Very truly yours
Harriette H. Macpherson.

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on several occasions I have them both spoken of
as very successful teachers.

Your obedient servant

Archibald Highfield

Indian agent

The secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa Ont.

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Walpole Island Ont. July 5th 1930.

Sir.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo in reference to the services of Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. MacDougall being discontinued at the end of June in reply I might say that the above named person state that 30 days would be a reasonable time for them to leave which would be July 27. If the Department has no objection to them remaining 30 days I think it might be considered a reasonable time, and seem to feel that things might be arranged by that time that they might remain on at the school.

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In the event of them leaving the school Mrs. MacPherson states that they are not leaving the reserve but are renting a house here and remaining on the Island would there be any objection to them remaining. I notice in your letter that you speak of them leaving the reserve.

I have no list of what furniture or other contents of the school residence belongs to the Department if the Department has a list of these property I would be glad to receive a copy I am of the impression that the residence is furnished by the Department.

I have no application for teachers I have in mind a married couple both qualified teachers both have taught about five years they have been married about 18 months and I understand she is quite anxious to teach but it is hard for a married woman to get a school in Ontario but I thought it might be quite satisfactory here with the residence in the school. I have not seen this couple and do not know if they would consider an Indian school do not even know their address both Mr and Mrs. Balye parents live in or around Wallaceburg I could secure their address from their parents Mr. Balye taught some where in the Chatham district last year formerly they both taught in the Wallaceburg district and

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Ottawa, July 10, 1930.

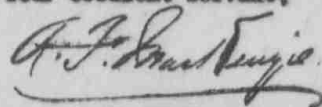
Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant, with reference to Mrs. Macpherson and Mrs. MacDeugall, formerly teachers at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. There is no objection to their remaining in the teacher's residence until as late a date as August 15th, and you may so inform them. They should be given to understand, however, that at that time the Department will expect them to leave the reserve.


You may apply to Mr. Indian Agent Paul for the list of furnishings at this school, concerning which you have been written already.

If Mr. and Mrs. Daly care to make application for the vacancies, you should forward them to the Department, for our consideration. A young married couple is hardly suitable, however.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.



A. Highfield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Walpole Island,
Ont.

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Chatham, Ont., R.R. 5.

July 11, 1930.

Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I hereby make application for the position of teacher of the Junior Room at S.S. no. 1, Halpole Island.

I am a graduate of the London Normal School, 1924 and now hold a Permanent Second-class certificate. I have taught for five years and four months in Lambton County and have reason to believe that ~~the~~ my experience has been successful.

I am a member in good standing of the United Church

The salary I ask is eight hundred dollars.

If I am engaged for this position, I shall carry on my work with the pupils to the best of my ability.

I remain,

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Verna Daley.

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Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Chatham, Ont.
July 11, 1930.

Dear Sirs:

I hereby make application for
the position of Senior Teacher in S.S.
No 1. Walpole Island

I graduated from London Normal
School in 1927 and now hold a
Permanent Second Class Certificate
with two and a half years experience
under Inspectors Pearson and Smith
of Kent County.

I am a member of the United Church
and am Superintendent of a Sunday School
of that denomination.

I would expect one thousand dollars
as salary.

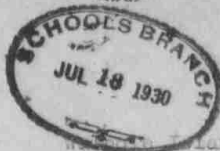
Should I be engaged I shall do all
in my power to advance the pupils as
well as possible.

Yours truly,
James W. Daley
Chatham, Ont.

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[Handwritten signature]

Windsor, Ont. July 14th 1930.

Sir.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant file NO.40-1-1 re-teachers and furnishing at No.1 school. I might say that Mr. Mrs Baly came to see me re-school Friday last later forwarding me an application. If these application are accepted Mr. Baly would like to know by August 1st as he has again engaged with his present school and would need to give the school trustees 30 days notice.

Possible a married couple would not be suitable I was of the opinion that they would be preferable on a reserve with a residence in connection with the school. As far as personal knowledge goes I can not speak with authority but Both Mr and Mrs Daly have lived ~~ixxxx~~ in the Wallaceburg district and I understand they both have a good reputation and Mrs Daly taught the Duthill school near my former home for three years and I always heard her spoken of as a successful teacher.

I have received a letter from the former agent Mr. Paul stating that he has no list of furnishing and etc at NO.1 school but gave me dates and file NO, of Department letters of authorization for the purchase of mattresses, pillows, curtain sheets and pillow covers, some of the linen will probably be wore out I am of the opinion that the heavier furniture such as chairs, tables, sideboards beds and etc, all belong to the Department, I do not see that there need be any trouble in checking up this furnishing but I thought if I had a list as a guide one could check with a little confidence,

Your obedient servant

The Secretary,
Department of Indian affairs,
Ottawa Ont.

*Archibald Highfield
Indian agent*

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Ottawa, August 5th. 1930.

Sir,-

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 14th ultimo with enclosures in connection with the vacancies at the Walpole Island No.1. Indian Day School.

The Department approves of the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Daley at \$950.00 and \$850.00 respectively, per teaching year. Please inform them and give them every possible assistance when they take up their new duties.

Your obedient servant,



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

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Archie Highfield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Walpole Island,
Ont.


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No. 1 Indian Day School,
Walpole Island Reserve,
P.R. no. 3. Wallaceburg, Ontario

July 31st. 1936.


Mr. Russell T. Perrier
Supt. of Indian Education
Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Perrier -

In view of the fact that the Indians -
(the Chief, Councillors and parents of the children) are
most anxious that we should remain as teachers
we hereby apply for the positions formerly held by
my mother and myself, which have recently been
declared vacant.

Our qualifications are on record at your
Dept. while information as to the success of our work
here, may be obtained from Mr. G. B. A. - our
public school inspector, the Indian parents
and all interested in the school here.

Trusting that this application will be favourably
received and thanking you for all past consideration
I remain -

Very truly Yours.

(Mrs) Harriette H. Macpherson

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No. 1. Indian Day School,
Walpole Island Indian Reserve,
R. R. No. 3. Wallaceburg, Ontario.

[Handwritten signature]
Mr. A. F. Mackenzie,
Secretary & Assistant Deputy
Dept. of Indian Affairs -
Ottawa.



Dear Mr. Mackenzie -

In accordance with the wishes of the Chief, Councillors and Indian parents on Walpole Island, my mother and myself have this date applied to your Supt. of Indian Education to be re-instated as teachers of No. 1. Indian Day School.

We trust that you will use your influence to have this application accepted as our work here among the Indians, especially the children, has been an undeniable success, due in no small measure to the hearty co-operation and extreme kind interest of your Dept.

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We feel that you would wish all personal feelings sacrificed to the best interests of your words whom we have learned to know and respect very highly.

For this reason we sincerely trust your Dept. will allow us to continue as teachers here that we may keep up our work among the Indian children in whom alone we are greatly interested. Thanking you for all past kindness and trusting to receive a favourable reply. I remain,

Very truly yours.

Harriette H. Macpherson

(M¹⁰⁰) H. H. Macpherson.

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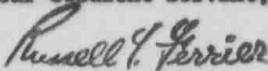
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Ottawa, August 7th, 1930.


Madam,-

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo, applying for the vacancies at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. I may say that official letter from the Secretary of today's date is informing you that other arrangements have been made for the future of this school.

Your obedient servant,



Russell T. Ferrier.
Supt. of Indian Education.



Mrs. Harriette H. Macpherson,
R. R. No. 3,
Wallaceburg, Ont.

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Ottawa, August 7th, 1930.

Madam,-

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo, applying, on behalf of your mother and yourself, for the vacancies at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. In reply I have to state that the Department has now made arrangements to fill these vacancies and I regret that your application cannot receive favourable consideration.

Your obedient servant,



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

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Mrs. Harriette H. Macpherson,
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

DUNCAN C. SCOTT
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

August 25th. 1930.

Mr. Ferner, *[Signature]*

Mr. Buskard, the Minister's
Private Secretary, has just telephoned with respect
to Mrs. Macpherson, teacher, Walpole Island, who
has recently been relieved of her duties. Mr.
Buskard states that the memorandum already furnished
sets forth that this woman was a trouble-maker.
He would like to have full particulars with respect
to this trouble-making.

A.S. Williams

Acting D.S.G.I.A.

*Mr Buskard
asked me to see him
10 am. Aug 26.
I reported here.
A.S.*

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Ottawa, December 11, 1929.

Dear Mr. Gray:

I have your letter of the 6th instant, concerning the teachers of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. My Deputy for Indian Affairs informs me that these ladies get into petty squabbles from time to time and that, recently, they were warned to confine their activity to the classrooms, where they have been really quite successful. However, political partisanship is another matter, and they will be dismissed from our service. The Walpole Island Indian School is an important one and care in the selection of new teachers should be taken. The term of engagement is the academic year and I am directing that, on May 15th, Mrs. Macpherson and Mrs. McEugall be informed that their services will not be required after June 30th.

R.W.G.

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Yours faithfully,

(C Stewart)

Ross W. Gray, Esq., M. P.,
Sarnia, Ont.

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June 16th, 1930.

Memorandum:

Mr. Pratt.

I beg to call your attention to letter of the 11th December last, prepared here for the Minister's signature to Mr. Ross W. Gray, Sarnia, Ont., concerning the teachers of the Walpole Island No.1. Indian Day School. You will note that at the time it was the intention to discontinue the services of the two teachers, Mrs. Macpherson and Mrs. McDougall, at the end of the school year.

Will you kindly advise me whether it is still the wish that these teachers be dismissed because, if so, they should be given notice without delay.

sel

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June 24, 1930.

Dr. Scott.

Reference your memorandum
June 16th - teachers of the Walpole Island
No. 1 Indian Day School - notice should be
given forthwith to Mrs. Macpherson and Mrs.
McDougall that their services are no longer
required.

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J. C. Scott

Assistant Secretary.

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August 14, 1930.

Memorandum,-

Mr. Buskard.

Incl.

With reference to the attached letter from Mr. Merriam to the Minister, I would report that Mr. Gray did recommend the dismissal of the teachers of Walpole Island, No. 1, Indian day school, and they were dismissed, but the Department was glad to get rid of them on altogether different grounds, as they may be called trouble-makers, and for sometime we have thought it was not in the interests of the educational work to continue their services; they applied a few days ago to be reinstated and we told them we had made arrangements to fill the vacancies. The positions were filled on the recommendation of the Agent by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Daley, who appear to be well qualified. I would certainly recommend that they be given a chance; I would anticipate that improvement would follow.

D. J. [Signature]

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Acting D.S.G.I.A.

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is entirely antagonistic and there is no possibility in so far as I was able to judge of this being overcome."

Pursuant to a report and request from the office of the Honourable Mr. Stewart, these teachers were dismissed in June, last.

R.S. *oel:*
Deputy Superintendent General.

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Copy By

August 26, 1930.

Memorandum:

HONOURABLE THOMAS G. MURPHY.

Pursuant to telephone conversation with Mr. Bunkard, concerning Mrs. H. Macpherson, former teacher of the Walpole Island Indian Day School, I wish to report that she has been employed for a total of 7 years. Complaints and difficulties, which have arisen during her incumbency, indicate that she is hardly suitable for a post on an Indian reserve, particularly when there are missionaries and other white people interested in the same Indians.

Mrs. Macpherson has shown a penchant for interfering in all reserve matters and will not confine her attention to the classroom activities, where she has been quite successful. She has been accustomed to close school at unusual hours, without authority, to attend fairs, picnics, court trials, inquests, etc. She would evince a lively interest in any matters affecting the Indians, even when entirely unconnected with school activity. As a result, the parents were divided in their allegiance.

In 1924, while Mrs. Macpherson was junior teacher, the senior teacher resigned, largely because they could not get along together. In 1926, the Department's Agricultural Representative tried to settle a dispute between Mrs. Macpherson and one of the Indians. Our officer's report reads in part as follows: "We (the agricultural representative and Indian agent) therefore brought the father and boy over to the school. The boy agreed to behave himself in the future and the father agreed to assist the teachers as much as possible. . . . When Walter Sands and his son were leaving, the teachers (Mrs. Macpherson and her mother) subjected him to considerable abuse, calling him a gael bird and a number of other terms, to which he objected. The father then said he did not think it would be any use sending the boy back if the teacher maintained that attitude." At that time, the Department wrote to Mrs. Macpherson in part as follows: "I believe you would be well advised to pay less attention to matters which are not definitely connected with your work among the children of the reserve."

In 1928, it was necessary to write Mrs. Macpherson as follows: "I have your letter of the 11th

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instant, regarding the advisability of testifying at a police court case, which follows an incident on the Walpole Island Indian reserve. The Department is satisfied that teachers of Indian day schools should keep out of local difficulties as far as possible."

In January of 1929, the Indian Agent reported in part as follows: "Several times I have noticed the school closed when it should be open school hours being very irregular."

In July, 1929, the Indian Agent reported in part as follows: "I believe Mrs. Macpherson quite well qualified to teach any school if she would attend strictly to her duties, but I have been unable to get her to keep school at anything like full time. One is liable to see children in the yard, playing, at any time of the day. Both teachers at this school have been known to close school from a day to three days at a time to go to a fair or picnic. Neither the classrooms, the residence or the yard or outbuildings are kept very neat or attractive. Owing to the peculiar temperament and disposition of both Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. MacDougall, they have become very much disliked by the majority of residents on the Reserve, and it is just under threats of taking action under Section 10 of the Indian Act that we have been able to keep a number of the children at school at all. As it is claimed by Band members that where the teachers have quarrelled with the parents they do not give the children a fair chance -- for the above reason it makes it that much harder to keep the children attending school regularly. I would consider that the above two teachers are either directly or indirectly the cause of more petty disturbance on the Reserve than any other element that I know of. They have the Church divided against itself and keep individuals and families continually at enmity with each other. Although the Department asked Mrs. MacPherson to dispose of her goat some time ago, it is still in the schoolyard." "Under the above circumstances, I feel that we might get better results and a fuller cooperation for all concerned, with a change of teachers at No. 1 School, and quite probably both Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. MacDougall would secure better results at a new school where they would have the goodwill of all parents at least to begin with."

Following this report from the Indian Agent and reports from other Department officers who visited the Reserve, it was decided that there must be a marked improvement if their services were to be retained. The teachers were written to this effect in September, last. I may say that petitions for and against Mrs. MacPherson and her mother have since been received, from Indians, by the Department. The Inspector of Indian Agencies, who visited the reserve in December, reported in part as follows: "I had numerous complaints made to me regarding the teachers. These were chiefly in regard to irregular school hours, absence from school during noon hour and discrimination against some of the pupils. . . . I may say that the general attitude of the Indians towards them

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Deputy Superintendent General.

R.S.
sel:

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R. F. Ferrer B.A.,
Supt. Dept. of Education,
Ottawa.

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Walpole Island,
Sept. 25/30.



Dear Sir,

When Mr. Mackenzie was here this summer he told me if I ever got into any difficulties in regard to the school to consult you about it. Well I am in difficulties and of a nature that has a teacher cannot cope with.

It seems that the former teachers are instigating a propaganda among the Indians which is bearing fruit among the parents. I have had two complaints about my methods of punishment and in trying to reason with these people find they don't want the children punished in any way. And to make matters more provoking I get it reminded that the other teachers didn't do that.

These teachers are on the Island nearly every day and the truant officer Mr. Wright, tells me, he has heard, they are telling the parents not to send their children.

Of course Mr. Ferrer, this is all being done without any actual proof but it

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is certainly very annoying.

I have found the school advanced two and three classes further than they should be and I am told by the inspector, Mr. Conn, that this is usual in all Indian schools. Would you advise me to keep on feeding the children and parents this delusion?

I gave the children in all the senior classes from the Sr. IV to Jr II the letters capital and small, written and printed, and only one pupil got them right. The pupils are up well in reading and talk as fluently as white people but surely they are to be taught more than this.

The agent, Mr. Highfield has been very helpful but I feel he cannot understand the situation having had no experience in educational matters.

I hope, sir, you will pardon me for unloading my burdens on you but I surely feel I need help if I am to retain my temper and my school.

Sincerely yours,
James W. Daley, Wallaceburg R.R. 3.

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Ottawa, September 29, 1930.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant, with reference to difficulties at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. It is not unusual to have Indian parents complaining about school affairs, and, while I would always be courteous and pleasant to fathers and mothers, I would not take the matter too seriously. I regret that some of the trouble is caused by the attitude of the former teachers at this school. It may be necessary to advise them to stay off the reserve if their interference does not cease. I am inclined to the opinion that, if you are patient and deal with your problems thoughtfully and quietly, the main opposition to your efforts will cease. If the trouble continues, it may be necessary to look for evidence to the effect that Mrs. Macpherson and Mrs. MacDougall are telling the parents not to send their children to school. This, of course, would be better placed in the hands of the Indian Agent.

With reference to the classification of the pupils, I believe it would be well to act on the advice of Mr. School Inspector Conn. Generally speaking, the Department wishes the children to be classified strictly on their merits and in conformity with the practice in public schools.

Do not hesitate to take your difficulties to Mr. Highfield, as I am sure you will find him very sympathetic and he will be the one who would have to take action in the matter in connection with anything outside of the classroom and playground activity.

With best wishes for a successful year.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

J.W.D.

James W. Daley, Esq.,
Senior Teacher,
Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School,
R. R. No. 3, Wallaceburg,
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EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF A. HIGHFIELD, INDIAN AGENT,
PORT LAMBTON, WALPOLE ISLAND AGENCY H'QUARTERS,
dated September, 1930.



~~WVVT~~ Original on 40-1-7.

P. [Signature] Anted

There is a marked improvement in cleanliness and general condition of the interior of the school room. The teachers have put a number of the pupils back a grade, whether it was necessary or not, it does not suit some of parents very well. The former teachers are on the reserve almost every day and it is reported that they are advocating to the Indians that they do not send their children to school, making much trouble for the truant officer and present teachers.



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R. A. PATCHELL
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC, ETC
CARLETON PLACE, ONT.

April 24, 1931.

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SCHOOLS BRANCH
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Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sirs: RE: MRS. McDOUGALL

A Mrs. ^{Mc}McDougall one time taught
school on the Indian Reservation at
Walpole Island. Can you advise me if
she is still with your Department and
if so where she is located at present
and oblige.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. Patchell
per M.B.

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Ottawa, April 28, 1931.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, I have to say that Mrs. Eva McDougall is not now in the employ of this Department. A recent communication from her daughter was addressed from No. 1 School, French Portage, Lake of the Woods, Kenora, Ont.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

[Handwritten signatures]

R. A. Mitchell Esq.,
Barrister,
Carleton Place,
Ont.

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Walpole Island,
May 5, 1931.

Russell T. Ferrier Esq.
Supt. of Indian Education,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Sir:

Mrs. Daley and I are having considerable difficulty here due, according to certain of the Indians, to severe punishment which we have given to their children. The objection however has not been to the harshness of the punishment but rather to the punishment in any amount shape or form.

The family most active in this complaint has a habit of complaining about any and everything and has taken their children from this school before and sent them to a school on the mainland, where they were put out because of unclean heads.

When I first came here, I felt we stepped into a school far beyond behind standard in the knowledge they should have known. Since then Mrs. Daley and myself have worked hard, to bring them to the efficiency necessary for the classes they were then in. In order to do

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this ~~is~~ as quick a time as possible we have had to detain after four certain lazy, careless or slow learning children and quite frequently at first, to administer Corporal punishment. The chief objection was raised last winter when I kept two boys in till around half past four in order to get them up with their classes, at half past six the parents called me asking why their children were not home, I have witnesses to prove those boys were skating on the river till nearly half past five but still their parents blamed me. Then on the ~~first~~ ^{second} of March I had trouble again with one of the same boys and from the third until the thirtieth he stayed at home, the parents refusing to send him until they took it before the Indian Council here on Walpole Island. But before this time came the agent got us together and the boy started to school on the thirtieth of March.

Last week I received a complaint that this same boy had vermin and in the checking over I gave personally I found four in the school with vermin, two of them being his brothers. Following Dr. Rowland's advice (the Island Doctor) and getting permission from the Agent, Mr. Highfield, I sent all four home to get cleaned up. Since then a

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person's friend of ^{theirs} them has lodged a complaint with Mrs. Daley about keeping his boy of whom ^{his} guardian in after four and using very insulting language to her over the telephone. The telephone has been used frequently also by the other family to find fault with our methods of running this school.

The family most to blame is Joe Sands' and, Mr. Ferrer, what I want to know is ^{is} are we doing wrong in keeping these children in after four and in punishing with a strap for continued tardiness or are we in the right? If we are right then I wish to goodness that your department would stop this bother and annoyance which we are subjected to.

Hoping to hear from you soon on this matter.

I remain sincerely yours,

James W. Daley,
Principal of No. 1. School
Walpole Island.

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Ottawa, May 11, 1931.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant, with reference to trouble Mrs. Daley and yourself have encountered at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. It is difficult for one who is not in close touch with the situation to prescribe a course of action in connection with the discipline at a school. After all, discipline is a matter of personal equation. I believe you would be well advised to enlist the cooperation of Mr. Indian Agent Highfield.

At Indian schools generally, teachers will find a peculiar situation in connection with discipline. Indian parents are not in the habit of administering corporal punishment and, on the whole, they dislike it when used in schools. On the other hand, if teachers are fair and just, there is not often trouble from fathers and mothers. When you do receive complaints or are disturbed by parents, I believe it advisable to inform the Indian agent. He knows the particular father or mother and the home conditions. He can then advise you as to what action to pursue.

Generally speaking, I would not administer corporal punishment for continued tardiness. I would reserve it for real extremities. Be patient and deal with your problems thoughtfully and quietly.

The Department understands that you may have special difficulty with certain parents. Do not argue with them. Refer them to the Indian agent and do the best you can at your school.

Your obedient servant,

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Senior Teacher,
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Walpole Island, Ont.
November 2, 1931.
Secretary of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

On Saturday the twenty fourth of October I received a complaint from a white family ~~that~~ that their children had got vermin here at school. The following week I examined the children's heads in both rooms and found from twenty to thirty children infested with these vermin. As it was impossible to send so large a number home and then we could not be certain that they would be cleaned I suggested to the Agent and medical attendant that we procure the necessary things and clean them here at school. With the Agent's permission I hired a nurse who came nearly two days and we rubbed the heads of all pupils with a solution of kerosene and sweet oil, then the following day washed the heads at school.

I told the Agent if the department would not pay the nurse the children would pay it out of their Junior Red Cross funds but I think the department should pay it. The charge being four dollars for the nurse, two dollars for sweet oil, soap and kerosene twenty-five cents.

Mr. Mackenzie, I want to know if some means cannot be taken to clean up some of these homes in order to give these children

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a chance to keep healthy and clean.

We insist every week on a note from the parents stating their child has had a bath but I am sure some haven't seen water below the collar-bone for months.

I would suggest a nurse visit the homes as often as possible and make a report on the conditions and suggest a means whereby these homes (of school-children) could be made reasonably clean. Also that the nurse be given authority to examine any child in any either school to see that their body and clothes are kept clean.

It has come to such a state that Mrs. Daley and myself fear to visit any of our friends for fear of carrying these different things into their homes.

Hoping our efforts meet with the approval of the department and that they will support us in cleaning up the children.

Yours sincerely;

James W. Daley.



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Ottawa, November 9, 1931.

Sir:

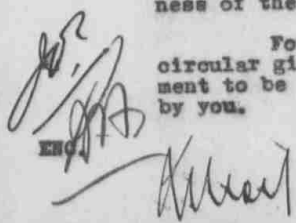
I have your letter of the 2nd instant, informing the Department of the action taken in cleaning the heads of a number of the pupils at the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School. It is noted that, with the Agent's permission, the services of a nurse were engaged for two days and some cleaning supplies furnished.

In this connection I have to say that the Department will pay the expenses incurred for the purpose, and you should have the Agent prepare a voucher, in duplicate, for the amount due the nurse for her services and also for the supplies used. He should make out the voucher in favour of the person to whom payment should be made, certify and send to the Department. In future, however, I would request that before any action is taken involving an expenditure which the Department will be called upon to provide, permission be first obtained by the Agent. It is hoped that, as a result of the action taken, there will be a decided improvement in the cleanliness of the pupils.

For your information, I am enclosing copy of a circular giving the necessary instructions and treatment to be used in a similar case to that referred to by you.

Your obedient servant,


 A. F. MacKenzie
 Secretary.


 Jas. W. Daley, Esq.,
 Senior Teacher,
 Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School,
 R.R. #3, Wallaceburg, Ont.

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File
Ottawa, March 4, 1932.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Miss Electa Bissell was employed by this Department as teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, near Wallaceburg, Ont., from September 5, 1911, to June 30, 1913. Her salary during this period was at the rate of \$500 per academic year. Her services were satisfactory.

[Handwritten initials]

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

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Oak Island, Minn.

J. R. Ferris Supt.
Indian Education

Ottawa



Dear Mr. Ferris - Would you kindly forward a memo. to the effect, that I had taught under your Department during a period covering 6 years. viz. 1924 - 1930. Same to be used for the sole purpose of entering a school of Practical nursing, with a view fitting myself for better work among the American Indians.

With very best wishes for your success and thanking you in anticipation of a favorable reply. I remain

Very truly yours
E. A. Macdonnell

Nov 1/24

June 30/30

Oak Island

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Ottawa, April 18, 1932.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mrs. Eva MacDougall was employed by this Department as teacher of the Walpole Island No. 1 Indian Day School, near Wallaceburg, Ont., from November 1, 1924, to June 30, 1930. Her services while in our employ were satisfactory.



Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

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Ottawa, April 15, 1932.

Dear Mrs. MacDougall:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, requesting a certificate regarding your services as teacher in the employ of this Department. I am enclosing herewith a certificate setting forth the period of your service.

Yours very truly,


Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.


H.C.
Mrs. Eva MacDougall,
Oak Island,
Lake of the Woods,
Minn., U.S.A.

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