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for an Indian Boarding School at  
Fort Frances. -----

To The Honourable Clifford Sifton  
Sup. of Indian Affairs and  
Minister of the Interior

Honourable Sir,

We beg leave to state in reference to a Boarding School for Indian children at Fort Frances :

*First*, That there is only one Day School on Rainy Lake (an old dilapidated building on Coutcheching reserve) and there are six Reserves, each entitled to a school.

*Second*, That it was due to the prospect of having a Boarding School at Fort Frances that no day schools were constructed on the Reserves ; a saving of several thousand dollars being effected for the Government. Correspondence to this effect can be found at the Head Office in Winnipeg.

*Third*, That education is becoming urgent in that district as the mining industry has taken hold there and the country is overrun by prospectors. Living conditions have materially changed of late.

*Fourth*, That an educational establishment at or near Fort Frances will be under the public eye, nearly as much as Rat Portage, especially as it will be on the international boundary, hence the necessity for making provision for an institution that will be creditable to our country. Moreover, as it is destined to take the place of several day Schools, excepting the day school of Coutcheching Reserve, would it not be advisable to provide accommodation for at least 40 children, even if the number to be admitted were limited to twenty for the first year.

*Fifth*, That should the plea of undue favoritism arise, it might be remarked that Anglicans have been provided with day schools, wherever their jurisdiction extended, and with some costly ones, notably on Rainy River. In the present instance, it is a question supplying the place of day schools with a Boarding School.

In consequence of all these motives, we earnestly ask - the Government to kindly grant *First* a Boarding School of Indians at Fort Frances, at Pather's Point, if possible, *second* to provide accommodation for, at least, 40 children.

Hoping that this request will meet your approval and will receive your kind support, I have the honour to be

Honourable Sir, Yours very  
*W. McLean*

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# Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North West Territories,

Winnipeg, 13 Sept 1898. 189

In your reply refer to  
 No. 134/G  
 and date of this letter and  
 address  
 E. S. Forget, Esq.,  
 Indian Commissioner,  
 Winnipeg, Man.



*Handwritten initials*

Sir,

I have the honour to forward an application from his Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface for the establishment of a Boarding School at Fort Frances for the children of the Coutecheehing Agency Indians. I beg to add that the Indian population there is quite large enough to warrant the establishment of such an institution at that point.

Your obedient servant,

*E. S. Forget*  
 Commissioner

The Secretary  
 Department of Indian Affairs,  
 Ottawa.

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ten children of age to attend school."

Nickickisomeneaning Band.

"There is no schoolhouse on this reserve. Twelve children are of age to attend school."

Riviere la Seine Band.

(This Band has two reserves).

"There is no school on these reserves. Twenty children are of age to attend school, but the parents are indifferent in regard to education."

Lac la Croix Band.

"There is no schoolhouse on this reserve, though twenty children are of age to attend school, but their parents are indifferent in regard to education."

Long Sault Bands, Nos. 1 & 2.

"There are eighteen of an age to attend school. The school is conducted under the Anglican Church Missionary Society direction, with fair progress, but the attendance is somewhat irregular."

*H. Ross.*

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Hungry Hall Bands, Nos. 1 & 2.

"There is no schoolhouse on these reserves. One was opened years ago, but closed for want of attendance. There are only ten children of school age."

Manito Rapids Bands, Nos. 1 & 2.

The children of school age number sixteen, but the attendance at school is irregular. Very little interest is taken by the parents in the education of their children."

Little Forks Band.

"There is a substantial schoolhouse on this reserve, but I regret to say that the same state of affairs exists here ; for want of a teacher and attendance the school was closed part of the year, and consequently there was little progress made by the children. There are only twelve children of age to attend school."

Coutcheeching Band.

"There is one school on the reserve, and the pupils are making fair progress. Good discipline is enforced. The full blood Indians of this Band are careless about the education of their children. Even those living in proximity to the school are not regular attendants."

Stangecoming Band.

"A good substantial schoolhouse was built on this reserve a few years ago, under the supervision of Rev. Father Cahill, but it had to be closed for want of attendance. The parents are not interested in education."

Naicatchewewin Band.

"There is no schoolhouse on this reserve, and only

ten

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following remarks in regard to the education of the Indian children in the district under consideration :

"Education. There are in this Agency four hundred and forty-three children, one third of whom are of school age. There are four day schools,-- one at Long Sault, one at Manito, one at Little Forks. A new building has been purchased to replace the old one at Manito, so that the three buildings are in every way satisfactory. Water closets have also been built at each. The teachers have no certificates. Also a day school at Coucheeching Reserve. The standard course of studies are followed as nearly as possible. The attendance is neither regular or large, consequently the progress of the pupils is not good on that account.

"The parents do not appear to take much interest in the education of their children. I continue to impress on them the importance of education, and have frequently pointed out to the teachers the necessity of continuing their efforts in getting a larger and more regular attendance."

Inspector Leveque, whose inspectorate embraces the Coucheeching Agency, in his report to the 30th June last makes the following remarks in respect to the education of the Indian children in that Agency:

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*Adm. Sec. in Com.*

Ottawa, 24th October, 1898.

Your Grace :

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, through the Indian Commissioner, of Your Grace's letter of the 9th ultimo, addressed to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, asking the Government to establish an Indian boarding school, with accommodation for at least forty children, near Port Frances, Ontario.

In reply I am directed to say that as there are no funds at the disposal of the Department for the present fiscal year out of which the cost of a new boarding school could be paid. The matter will, however, be given due consideration; although in view of the increased expenditure for Indian education it is a question whether the Government will feel disposed to create any new boarding schools for some time, at least until the subject of the day schools has been fully ~~been~~ gone into and a decision arrived at as to the future policy regarding them.

*Jm. L.  
Her*

Your obedient servant,

**J. MOLEAN**

Secretary.

His Grace

The Archbishop of St. Boniface,

St. Boniface, Manitoba.

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Exd.

Ottawa, 25th October, 1898.

Sir :

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter of the 24th instant addressed to His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, in reply to an application for the establishment of a boarding school near Fort Frances.

*Am. K.  
HER*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

**W. MOLEAN**

*Secretary*

Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg,  
Manitoba.

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Ontario.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1899.

To His Grace Archbishop Langerin.

Your Grace,

I have the honour to report to Your Grace the results of a meeting of the Chiefs & Councillors of the Rainy Lake Indian Reserves. This meeting took place at Standjikaming Reserve on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.

Five Reserves were represented by their Chiefs & Councillors, viz:

Coutechiching, Standjikoming, Nor. West Bay, Kikikonsemekaning (Red but Res.) and Little Forks Reserve on Rainy River.

I attended the meeting by invitation of the Indians in order to note down their deliberations and transmit the same to Your Grace.

The object of the meeting was to discuss the question of an Industrial or Boarding School for Rainy Lake.

The deliberations and resolutions were substantially as follows:-

Considering:-

1<sup>st</sup> That hunting & fishing are hardly sufficient at present to obtain a living, and that it becomes necessary for our children to master the English Language in order to cope with the new condition of things prevailing since the arrival of the white man in our neighbourhood.

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- 2.<sup>d</sup> That the so-called Day Schools on the Reserves have failed to attain that end viz: teach the English Language.
- 3.<sup>d</sup> That most of our Reserves never had even the small benefit of a day school.
- 4.<sup>d</sup> That the rapid development of this section of the country calls for a proportionately rapid improvement in the education of our children.

Be it Resolved:

- 1.<sup>d</sup> That an urgent request be made to the Government for the establishment of an Industrial School for the benefit of the Rainy Lake Indians
- 2.<sup>d</sup> That said school be situated on the point of land commonly known as Pithe's Point.
- 3.<sup>d</sup> That these resolutions be placed in the hands of His Grace The Archbishop of St. Boniface with request that His Grace do use his best efforts with the Government to obtain for us the object which these resolutions set forth.

I have the honour to be,

Your Grace's most humble servant,

J. C. St. Amant  
Missionary.

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Ottawa, Canada, August 5, 1899



*My dear Sir*

To the Honourable  
Clifford Sifton, Sup. Gen. of Indian Affairs

Honourable & Dear Sir,

Allow me to present to you the humble request of the Indians of Rainy Lake and Rainy Reserves asking an Industrial or a Boarding School in their region in a meeting of chiefs and councillors held the 25<sup>th</sup> of June ult.

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It seems to me that a school for boarders would do a great deal of good, and becomes a necessity for the Indians of the said region — say by day.

Hoping to receive a favourable answer,

*Mr Stewart  
acknowledged  
made arrangements  
for the project*

Please the honour to be,

Honourable Sir,

Yours very truly,

*Adelard  
Arch. of St-Boniface*

*9/8/99*

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OTTAWA, 15th August, 1899

Your Grace,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's letter of the 8th instant forwarding a request from the Indians of the Rainy Lake district for the establishment of an Industrial or Boarding school at Pithers Point, and in reply I beg to say that no action can be taken in this matter, as no funds are available for the present.

I have the honor to be,  
Your Grace's most obedient servant,

**EDD MOLEAN**

Secretary

His Grace,  
The Archbishop of St Boniface,  
University of Ottawa,  
OTTAWA.

*Sam. Z*  
*[Handwritten signature]*

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Fort Frances Agency

13th December 1905



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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 1808  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Ref.: Your Letter \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith, three blank forms of declaration, required by the American and Canadian Customs officers, on four crates of iron bedsteads, containing 40 beds, for the Coucheching Indian Boarding School, near this agency, as per invoice attached. The beds have been received at the school.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

*W. B. Smith*  
Indian Agent.



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

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Hxd.

Ottawa, December 26, 1905.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. I beg to return herewith the invoice for the iron beds purchased for the St. Frances boarding school, together with the triplicate certificates for free entry, signed by the Deputy Superintendent General.

*For L  
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M*

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Secretary.

J. P. Wright, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Port Frances, Ont.

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are supplied. A stand pipe with hose and reel is provided in each corridor for emergencies in case of fire.

All the piping for the heating and plumbing has been installed in a good manner.

10th. I estimate the building and annex as now completed to be worth at least Eighteen-thousand Dollars. ( \$ 18000.00 ).

Respectfully submitted,

.....*James Chisholm*.....  
Architect.

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in my previous reports on the Fort Alexander and Sandy Bay Schools, and not as shown on the plans.

4th. On the stair platforms, at each end of main corridor, on two floors, exits to outside of building have been put in, with good platforms and stairs down from same, to serve as safe fire-escapes in case of emergency. The attic dormitories are isolated from the corridors below, by a closed in stair and door to same below the landings. On each landing is placed the outside doors to the fire-escape. The work mentioned in this clause is <sup>not</sup> called for in the plans or specifications, but is a wise and necessary addition.

5th. All the painting is completed in a good manner as called for in the specifications.

6th. The plastering has all been done in a good manner, much better than could have been required, owing to the obscurity of the specifications.

7th. The heating plant is not specified in the specifications, but they have installed a good low-pressure steam plant, with ornamental cast iron radiators in all rooms, halls etc., and also steam coil for attic tanks. The plant is all in good order and the resident Priest informs me that it works very satisfactorily.

8th. The lighting apparatus is all fitted up complete. The gas generator pump, and gasoline motor are of same design as the ones installed at Fort Alexander and Sandy Bay, and are all fitted up complete in good working order, having shafting, pulleys and wood-sawing apparatus outside of building.

A separate building, 20'.0" x 30'.0", on a good stone foundation has been erected, isolated about 20'.0" from the main building, in which the said generator, pump and motor are placed. Although not shown or called for by the specifications, this is to be commended and is much preferable to the arrangements for these plants which were installed in the other schools. This building is heated with steam from the boiler in the main building, having protected steam pipe connection.

9th. Water, etc. The water supply is pumped from the Rainy River, or rather from a bay at this point which is an overspreading of the main river current. The water supply pipe, at present, is laid out into the bay about 200 feet from the shore, and it is proposed when the ice is thickly formed, to put on an additional 300 feet, or more if necessary, to extend out to the current of the river, so that the intake will be in the deep running water, and also so that the mouth of the intake will be as far as possible up stream. The drainage from the building empties into the bay, down stream from the water pipe. On account however, of the water being partially stagnant in the bay, especially near the bank, it is of vital importance that the water taken from the river for domestic purposes, should be from the running current.

The water supply for the building is pumped into three galv. iron tanks, 4'.6" x 7'.0" each, placed above the attic ceiling, from which all the fixtures

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JAMES CHISHOLM  
ARCHITECT  
WILSON BUILDING  
COR. McDONNELL AND ALBERT STREETS  
P.O. BOX 288

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PHONES (Office) 610  
RESIDENCE 3818

WINNIPEG, MAN. Dec. 26th. 1905.

D. Laird Esq.,

Indian Commissioner, Winnipeg,

Dear Sir :--

According to your request of Dec. 15th., I have made a personal inspection of the School building which has just been erected on or near the Indian Reserve at Fort Frances, Ont., by the Oblate Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church and beg to report as follows :--

1st. I found that the building is completed with the exception of the setting up of 4 or 5 water-closets. The Plumber, was at that time, working on them, ( Dec. 20th. ) and expected to finish in 3 or 4 days. In connection with the closets for the school, I may say that the Fathers made a change from the specifications, and instead of using range closets as called for, substituted single and separate ones with seat operating flush, instead of automatic tank flush. These are put in throughout the building. This change increased the expense and I think that it should be commended as in my opinion, these fixtures are better adapted for schools of this grade and character than the trough or chain pull closets.

2nd. I may say that in May, last, I was taken to Fort Frances, by Father Poitras, to make an inspection of the foundations and stone basement which had been built in the fall of 1904, as they had received conflicting reports as to the quality of the work. Acting on my advice they took all the work down and rebuilt the basement in a first class manner.

3rd. The building above the basement which is of frame construction, has been well built and all the carpenter and joiners work has been done in a good and workmanlike manner. All the material for the outside and inside finish is of good quality, with the exception of the flooring which is rather knotty. The exterior work has been carried out as called for by the plans, the attic being made 6" higher than shown on plans. The tower has been omitted. The platform at the main entrance has been made larger than called for and a neat entrance vestibule has built on the same. The entrance doors are of oak instead of pine as called for. Inside of building, a few changes have been made in the location of doors and partitions which are an improvement on the plans. The inside doors and frames throughout are <sup>made</sup> as per specifications, and the doors have all been hung in conformity with the statute requirements, and as described

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Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

27 Dec. 1905



In your reply refer to  
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and date of this letter and  
address  
Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.



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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th. instant in reference to the transfer of the St. Boniface Industrial School building and in regard to that portion of same asking that conveyance be made from "Les Reverends Peres Oblats" of the new boarding schools at Sandy Bay, Fort Alexander and Fort Frances including the land occupied by and appurtenant to the said three boarding schools. I beg to say that each of these schools is erected on Indian Reserve land, therefore the Oblates have no title to the lands in question and cannot therefore convey same to the Crown. The Department, I understand, always held that school buildings on Indian Reserves, were safely under its control.

As to the buildings, so situated, I am not sure that it is necessary to have them conveyed. But if the Department thinks otherwise, I would like to have a form of conveyance made out by the Department such as it requires.

In regard to Mr. Chisholm's inspection of the Fort Frances building, I am enclosing his report.

Your obedient servant,

*D. Laird*

Frank Pedley Esq,  
Deputy Superintendent  
General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Indian Commissioner.

*See file 116751-18 for action on this document*

*[Signature]*

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There is installed in the school a low pressure steam plant with cast iron radiators. The report states the piping has been installed in a good manner and the plant is all in good order. It is noted however that Architect Chisholm has neither given the capacity of the boiler, the amount of radiation or his opinion as to its sufficiency for this building.

*Substantive*

*Robert M. Apelin*

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Memo.

Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, 12th January, 1906.

The Deputy Supt. General,-

*M. M. M.*  
I have examined the report of James Chisholm, architect of Winnipeg, on the Fort Frances Indian school. He reports that the building is now complete with the exception of some of the plumbing fittings which would be installed within a few days after his inspection (13th December, 1905), and that the work is done in a perfectly satisfactory manner.

He states that considerable work has been done which is not called for in the specifications. The items mentioned are however covered by a letter supplementing the specifications.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
JAN 10 1906  
SURVEYS.

It is noted that the changes required by the Department have been made, and that all exterior doors now open outward, as also dormitory and class rooms. Fire escapes have been provided for two upper floors, and doors provided at each end of corridor on ground floor ( shown as windows on the plan) giving additional means of egress in case of fire.

Minor changes have been made in the interior of the building which Architect Chisholm considers advantageous, and it is noted ~~that~~ that a defective foundation was taken down and entirely rebuilt.

*C. B.*  
It is stated in the report that water is pumped into three tanks above attic. <sup>capacities of</sup> The capacity to the tanks however are not given. The specification calls for 600 gal. tank, this amount would be of little service for stand pipe unless other means of storing water and providing pressure are available. Nothing is stated in this report as to fixtures and furnishings for the school.

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118751/ 1B.

HIXA

Ottawa, 19th January, 1906.

Sir,-

With reference to your report of the 26th ultimo on the construction of the Fort Frances Indian school, I have to request you to be good enough to state what is the capacity of the boiler and the amount of radiation <sup>and</sup> your opinion as to its sufficiency for the building.

Your obedient servant,

J. B. McLEAR

Secretary.

*J.B. McLeary*

James Chisholm, Esq.,  
Architect,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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JAMES CHISHOLM  
ARCHITECT  
WILSON BUILDING  
COR. McDONNELL ALBERT STREETS  
P.O. 178

PHONE (OFFICE 810  
RESIDENCE 2818)

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287058 WINNIPEG, MAN. JAN. 30th., 1906.

Secretary, Dept., of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa,



Dear Sir :--

Re. your letter No. 118751/ LB., of 19th. of January, regret that I was absent from the City when same was received and so reply has been delayed. There has been installed in the Indian School at Fort Frances, a Twenty-Five Horse power, tubular boiler, rated for about 2000 square feet of radiation. The radiation placed in the several rooms, exclusive of main, etc., is 1300 square feet. The glass surface in the building may be called medium. The storm sash is well fitted on throughout and in my opinion, the plant is sufficient to heat the building properly.

Yours most truly,

*James Chisholm*  
Architect.



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*McBray*

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No. 285250/1.

Memo.

Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, 8th February, 1906.

*Schools*  
The Deputy Supt. General,-

The reports of Mr. Jas. Chisholm, architect of Winnipeg, Man., on the new school building at Port Frances are considered to be satisfactory, and the building may be accepted as being satisfactorily completed.

*S. Bray*

Chief Surveyor.

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Winnipeg, Jan'y 24, 1908.

To the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs:-

Hon. Sir:-

Re Fort Francis School.

I beg to call your attention to the following facts:

First- This school is the only one within reach of fourteen bands almost all pagans,

Second- These Indians being far from civilized people have a special need of education,

Third- There is a great facility of recruiting children who are anxious to get the benefit of education, but who have to be refused admission,

Fourth- There is accomodation for over sixty children,

Fifth- There is an urgent need of more children to put the school on a better financial condition,

Therefore I hereby make application:

First- For an increase of twenty children,

Second- For an increase of capitation to \$100,

Third- For a grant of \$2,000 to cover the deficit incurred, first, By the clearing of the land, second, By the increased cost of material and labor, and third, By the extension of a waterwork. A drain of 1300 feet long by 4 feet deep had to be dug on account of low water and 500feet of pipe added.

Hoping that my requests will be given due and favorable consideration,

I remain,

Hon. Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*H. Poitras*  
Proc.  
for Rev. Father Brassard,  
Principal

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cipally by hunting Indians it occurs to me to ask you whether you have under consideration any special system of instruction for children whose parents are hunters and who must in their turn become hunters. It would seem to be advisable to have well conducted day schools and allow the Indian children to early learn the habits of the chase; and to give advanced education only to those who are specially promising and who have sufficient stamina to withstand the confinement of Boarding School life.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) *Frank Oliver*  
Superintendent General of  
Indian Affairs.

Rev. Father Peitras,  
The Juniors,  
Cumberland St.,  
Ottawa.

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*Am. Scott*

*Return to Schools*  
*2852 50*



Ottawa, February 20th., 1908.



Reverend Sir,-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24th of January with reference to the requirements of the Fort Frances School. In reply to your first requisition I beg to say that the Department does not see its way clear to increase the number of children in residence at the Fort Frances School.

(2) The whole question of the increase in the per capita grant *paid* is receiving consideration, and the claims of the Fort Frances School will not be lost sight of.

(3) As this School is one which was taken over in lieu of the St. Boniface School it does not seem possible to pay a deficit which was incurred for clearing land, and the general principle has been laid *upon* ~~down~~ that the Department would not be responsible for deficits at Boarding Schools.



*X*  
*scf*

Although it was supposed that the Schools taken over were furnished with an adequate system of drainage, if it was found that new work was necessary to perfect that system and by so doing to contribute to the health of the pupils, the Department would not be averse to giving some assistance toward the work, if proper accounts are presented for the outlay.

As this School draws its pupils from reserves occupied prin-

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the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, you are the foster father of the poor Indians, and it is to you that they look for help to improve their condition.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. H. Poirer*

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this school than any other school in the West where they cannot raise their own meat, milk and butter. Hay has cost from \$20 to \$24 a ton and everything else in proportion. Being closer to civilization the children have to be kept better and tidier than if they were living on the prairie or in the woods.

In your letter of the 28th of February you express the opinion that these Indians are in a peculiar condition, being hunting Indians, and that they need a special system of instruction. Allow me to say that hunting is a thing of the past, for all the Bands in Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods Districts. It is a fact of experience that where ever the white people have penetrated, the fur bearing animals are destroyed and soon disappear, which is the case here. The whole country has been overrun by lumbermen, prospectors, miners, settlers, etc., who have destroyed the hunting grounds of the Indians. I refer you to the reports of the Agents and Inspectors. Read the Item "Occupation," and you will find out that, as a rule, the Indians have to have recourse to other means besides hunting to support their families. It will be <sup>the</sup> case more especially for the growing generation. They will have to earn their living, as the white people, and they must be prepared for it and trained from youth. That training they get in our Industrial and Boarding Schools--nowhere else. The girls are initiated into all the details of housekeeping, and contract habits of cleanliness, order and economy; and the boys learn all kinds of work which they will have to do later on as a means of sustenance. That could not be accomplished in the day schools. It has been tried in many places in the past and had to be abolished as a failure. On account of the roaming habits of the Indians, it is impossible to get a large and regular attendance; besides, to civilize the Indian children you have to take them away from their surroundings.

Pardon me for taking so much of your valuable time, but I have this great work at heart, and it should be so with you, as

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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St. Mary's Church  
Winnipeg

March 20, 1908.

*East  
Schools*

The Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, P. Q.

Honorable Sir:

Re Indian Boarding School, Fort Frances; Ont.

*Note - see  
about the vouchers  
on file 285-250-5*

Acting on your recommendation contained in your favor of the 20th of February, I have procured vouchers covering the cost of the extension of the Water Works, which I herein enclose. On account of extreme low water, as I expressed in my request of the 24th of February, a drain 1300 feet long by 4 feet deep had to be dug, and over 500 feet of 2 1/2 inch galvanized pipe added, which was very hard work to do and required a very skillful man. To dig under water a special scraper had to be made, and dynamite had to be used to blast the frozen ground. You will be convinced of the necessity of the work when I tell you that during the whole winter water had to be drawn with horses and carried up stairs in pails to flush the closets. I need not insist on the inconvenience of such a system. I therefore ask of you to pay the full cost of that very necessary work which had to be done without delay. The material has been bought at wholesale price, and wages fair and just, considering the hard work done, have been paid.

I take this opportunity to ask of you to reconsider your decision about the increase of 20 children for this school as has been done for the Fort Alexander Indian Boarding School, which is now in about the same condition. Please let me know if you bear in mind that it costs \$1000 to

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Ed.

Ottawa, September 22, 1909.

Memo. for Fort Frances Boarding School File, No. 5.

Twenty-four Diamond Dry Dust Fire Extinguishers  
are being sent to this school.

*AM*

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*file*  
*1/20*  
The Indian Office,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

EX-10  
23rd. September, 1909

Sir:-

Referring to the number of pupils allowed the Fort Frances Boarding School, I would respectfully recommend that the grant be increased to provide for fifty pupils.

My reasons are that an aggregate allowance for forty pupils would not cover the necessary expenditure, and therefore the school has a deficit each year, but an allowance for fifty pupils would, it is thought cover all expenditure.

The building can accommodate fifty pupils as easily as forty and they have sufficient furniture on hand for the larger number. Again if this number is granted they could afford to have two teachers, whereas they only have one now, which in my opinion is not sufficient.

This is the only school we have for the Couchiching, Stangecoming, Niacatchewenin, Niskickansemenecaning and Lac la Ctoix Bands, when there are over one hundred children of school age and there are children applying for admission to the school all through the year.

In

The Superintendent of Indian Education,

Ottawa,

Ont.

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Contract for Fort Frances Bdq  
School forwarded to Most Rev. F.P. Langwin  
O.M.I., D.D. for signature on March 11 - 1911.  
See File 197173'

Smw.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,



~~FORT FRANCES AGENCY~~

31st July, 1913

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 3078  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Sir,-

I beg to report that I have been unable to visit any of the Schools in this agency, owing to annuity payments, and the schools being closed for holidays.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. D. Wright*  
Indian Agent.



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

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Extract from letter of Rev. Chas. Cahill, O.M.I. advising  
the Department of certain changes which have been made  
with the Principals of the Indian Boarding Schools of  
the Roman Catholic Church, dated from Winnipeg, Sept. 8/11  
File 197173-1

Ex'd

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Rev. Father Vales of Fort Alexander is transferred  
to Fort Frances Boarding school

X X X X

(sgd) Chas. Cahill, O.M.I.

Superintendent of Indian Missions

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

FORT FRANCES AGENCY

17th October, 1911

IS YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 3122  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir

397324

I beg to report that I have not made an official visit to either of the schools in this agency during September, as the Indians of the Manitou reserve were all away the greater part of the month, gathering wild rice, and there has been a change in the Principals in the Fort Frances Boarding school, the Rev. Father Sales, formerly of the Fort Alexander Boarding school, is now Principal of the school here. I shall make a full report on these schools at the end of this month.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. W. Wright*  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

Ont.

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Ottawa, May 7th, 1918.

Mr. Ogilvy,-

Are we prepared to re-erect the barn at the Fort Frances boarding school when we are making the other improvements?

*[Handwritten signature]*

Chief Accountant.

*may 8/18*

Mr. Scott,-

I was not aware until I received your memorandum that the barn at Fort Francis was burned, and there is not now sufficient time to prepare plans and specifications that tenders may be taken with other work without considerable delay. Plan, etc., can be prepared and tenders taken separately at a later date.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Architect.



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Fort Frances Bdy

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Extract from letter received from J.P. Wright, Indian Agent,  
with reference to Recruiting of Indian Children for Board-  
ing and Industrial Schools. Dated January 9th.  
Original on File #24926.

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I have not yet been officially informed what the  
quota of pupils are for this school, nor what the terms  
of the contract with the Roman Catholic Church are for the  
Boarding School here.

I have the honour to be,  
SIR,  
Your obedient servant  
Sgd. Jno. P. Wright,  
Indian Agent.

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ONTARIO

NEGLECTED AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
TORONTO



27th August 1914.

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

467772

Dear Sir:

I have received a complaint concerning some half-breed Indian children who have been abandoned by their parents while under the care of Rev. Father Vales, Superintendent of the Indian Industrial School, and it is stated that these children are not provided for by the Indian Government because they are not treaty Indians. The father and mother were legally married, but the father, a white man, deserted the family and went to the States. The mother then placed the children with Father Vales upon the understanding that she was to pay so much per month for the maintenance. She now has disappeared and we have no knowledge of her whereabouts. I shall be glad if you will advise me of the attitude of your department upon this matter, and whether maintenance for these children could not be chargeable to your appropriation for such work. Would appreciate an early answer.

Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Blair*  
For Superintendent.

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August 28th. 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have your communication of the 27th. instant, with reference to some children who have been abandoned by their parents, and who are at present in the Indian industrial school at Fort Frances, Ont.

In reply I have to state that as the father of these children is white and the children take the status of the father, this Department cannot make any grant for their maintenance.

Yours sincerely,

*Wm. A. G. ...*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

The Superintendent,  
Neglected and Dependent Children,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Toronto, Ont.

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EXTRACT.

ORIGINAL ON 265250-6.



*[Handwritten signature]*

REPORT OF INSPECTOR J. SEMMENS ON THE FORT FRANCES BOARDING SCHOOL

425/10

A number of children apparently white were noticed and when I made enquiry as to these the Principals informed me that they were boarders. Some families may be befriended by this practice and the children in question may gain great advantage but I am not sure that this is a wise move. It might lead to abuse of privilege and it seems to be apart from the purpose of the Department.

Date of Inspection, -February 11th, 1915.



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Ottawa, March 1, 1915.

Rev. Sir,-

Referring to that portion of your report dated the 11th ultimo on the Fort Frances Boarding School in which you state that a number of children apparently white were noticed and that when you made enquiry as to these the Principal informed you that they were boarders I beg to say that Mr. Agent Wright, who was in the Department a few days, gave satisfactory explanations in regard to the presence of these white children in the school.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. J. Semmens,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Winnipeg, Man.

*Handwritten initials and signature:*  
P.S.  
W.P.A.  
[Signature]

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Extract from Agent's Report for the month of March, 1916  
Fort Frances Boarding School. Original on 285250-7

*[Handwritten initials]*

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I find there are 13 boarders in this school, that is, non-treaty children. I think the number allowed for this school should be increased to 70 pupils as there are plenty of Indian children in the other bands to fill this school.

*60 pupils @ 100.00  
Enrollment - 60  
Average - 60*

Sgd. Jno. P. Wright,  
Agent.



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*M. J. [unclear]*

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APR 11 1916  
ARCHITECT.

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*Teacher at [unclear]*

*the reason for the [unclear] of the Fort  
Francis Boarding school. they have  
to grant [unclear] pupils there the full number  
of [unclear] & they now as it is in 10 [unclear]  
at Grant & Garrison. Wright says there are 2  
no treaty children in the school these will  
have to be [unclear] if more Indian children are  
authorized*

*Wright & [unclear]*

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INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES

LAKE OF THE WOODS INSPECTORATE

WINNIPEG, MAN. June 17 th 1918

*[Signature]*  
The Assistant Deputy and Secretary  
Department of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa Ontario

Sir,-

I have just now been informed that the Rev H.M.Brassard O.M.I. has been appointed as Principal of the Fort Frances Boarding School to succeed Rev Father Vales O.M.I. who goes to Berens River Lake Winnipeg.

In the absence of the Father Provincial of the Roman Catholic Church of this city Father Brassard accompanied by another Father of the Sacred Heart Church this city called to give this information and to request me to notify the Department to the above effect.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedient Servant

*John Semmens*

Inspector of Indian Agencies & Schools



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June 21, 1916.

*M. H. ...  
noted  
J. P.*

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant stating that you have just been informed that the Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I., has been appointed as Principal of the Fort Frances Boarding School to succeed Rev. Father Vales, O.M.I., who goes to Berens River, Lake Winnipeg.

In reply I beg to say that the appointment of Father Brassard as Principal of this school is approved.

*R.E.A.  
[Signature]*

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. John Semmens,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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*M. Morris*

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Northeastern Division,  
Buctouche, N. B. June 29th. 1918

Sir:-

I beg leave to inclose correspondence sent to my address.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

*John Sheridan*

Indian Supt.

Secretary,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

*Letter sent  
to Inspector  
on July 3/18*

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THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE.

222 Provencher Ave..



St. Boniface, Man.. July 15, 1918.

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To the Honourable Duncan C. Scott,  
Deputy Minister of the Indian Department,  
OTTAWA.

Honourable Sir:-

I beg to submit to your approval the  
appointment of

Rev. Father H.M. Brassard O.M.I., for the Indian School  
of Fort Frances, Ont..

and of

Rev. Father J. Carrière O.M.I., for the Indian School  
of Muskegwan, at Lestock, Sask..

I believe them to be able to perform the duties  
of Principal in a satisfactory manner.

Your humble servant,



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*Johns*  
*7/18/18*

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July 18th, 1918.

Rev. Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., nominating Rev. Father Brassard, O.M.I., as Principal of the Fort Frances Indian School, and Rev. Father J. Carriere, O.M.I., as Principal of the Muscowequan Indian School.

I beg to approve of these nominations and I trust that these gentlemen will meet with success in the administration of affairs at their respective schools.

Yours very truly,

*J. G. [Signature]*

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. T. B. Heys, O.M.I.,  
222 Provencher Ave.,  
St. Boniface,  
Man.

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a sad experience of what, I could  
do in it. My Brother Dan lend me  
his skates and said, I looked rather  
clumsy with them. This I dont deny.

There are two Reverend Fathers,  
Reverend Father Brassard, and  
Reverend Father Perreault, in charge  
of the school; we also have six Sisters  
to teach us how to do the work well  
and neatly.

We cook, bake, sew, wash and do the  
cleaning of the school.

Dear Dad and Dan will be very glad  
to see you. I wonder if I'll know you?  
It is so long I have seen you!

Miss Annie Jane Perreault and I are the  
two biggest girls in the school and we  
are two friends. It is always a  
satisfaction when we can find a  
true friend!

Well, Dear Cousin, I will close, with  
an ocean of best regards and a kiss  
on each wave.

Your Affectionate Cousin,  
Louise Marinville.

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Indian Boarding School  
Fort Frances Ont  
Nov 19. <sup>th</sup>/<sub>11</sub> 1919.

Dear Cousin;

I received your kind and welcomed letter yesterday; I was so surprised to hear from you. I thought you had forgotten us altogether! I showed the letter to my brother and he was ever so glad to hear from you also!

Our kind Inspector, Mr Semmes is presently in the classroom listening patiently and with what kind and delicate attentions to Reading lessons, Spelling, Arithmetic, etc.

In a few minutes it will be my turn to hand down my slate and have my letter criticized. So don't be surprised if I am a little bit nervous.

Dear Cousin, I cannot tell you all that has happened since I last wrote to you; it is so long I did so. I am in school and like it very much. I am now fifteen years old. You know that Dear Mamma died and that we now have a step mother who is very good and devoted to us, but never can replace our own Mamma! We enjoy ourselves very much in skating. I had my first lesson yesterday and my, I had

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Indian Boarding School,  
Fort Francis, Ont.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1919.

My Dear Friend;

Well, dear friend, I'm going to spend a few moments in speaking to you, to let you know all that's going on, in and out of the school. First of all I will tell you that we are having a visitor, Mr. Simmes, our devoted Inspector, and we hope we shall please him in every way as we are trying hard to please everyone, who so kindly honours us with their protection and care, our Inspector, our Agent Mr. Wright, the Reverend Fathers and Nuns Sisters.

Now, I will tell you that there are two Fathers and six nuns to supervise the doing of sixty-four children; thirty-six girls and twenty-eight boys, all in good health and going on fine in school.

Our present amusements are skating, sliding, and making snowballs, and we enjoy them very much, except skating which is the cause of hard trials to some young ladies who are using skates for the first time, and this, to the great excitement of their younger brothers who mistakably predict a perfect failure! "It won't be a will 'thru' a way," and we shall soon be on our way, on the ice, with newly brought skates we expect as Christmas presents.

We have study at night from 7.30 to 8.30 and it does help us a lot in our studies.

The men are repairing the laundry chimney as they repaired the furnace two weeks ago.

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We will be able to wash next week to the great  
satisfaction of all, as we did not do so for three weeks.  
I think you will be tired reading this letter as  
it is getting rather long and, evidently, nonsensical.  
With the hope of pleasing you all the same, accept  
my best wishes and love,  
Your true friend  
Eugene James Perault.

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OFFICE OF THE  
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES  
LAKE OF THE WOODS INSPECTORATE

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to APM*

Winnipeg, Man., November 28th, 1919.

D. C. Scott, Esq.,

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Deputy Superintendent General,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Scott,-

While I was inspecting the Fort Frances Boarding School lately, two of the girls were asked to write a letter without dictation. They wrote on their slates and when I read what they had written, I thought their work was so creditable that I asked them to put the letters on paper, which they willingly agreed to do, and I now forward these to show their hand writing, as well as their composition.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*John Semmens*

Inspector of Indian Agencies  
and Schools.

D.E.G.

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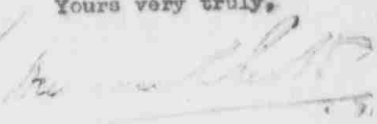
December 1st, 1919.

Dear Mr. Semmens -

I have read your report on the Fort Frances boarding school, and I am pleased that you found conditions so favourable. I have also noted the letters by the two girls, and I consider them very creditable and an evidence of careful training.

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Yours very truly,

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Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. John Semmens,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies and Schools,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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Indian Boarding School  
Fort Frances, Ont.  
Nov. 8 - 1920

To The Honorable D. C. Scott,  
Dept. Minister of  
Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa,

Honorable Sir,

In our present position, I am obliged to refuse the admission to the school of children belonging to the treaty, and after having an interview with our Agent Mr. J. P. Wright, about it, I thought it would be advisable to put up the number of children to seventy (70). I have already admitted sixty-nine (69) and three others have asked their admission. There is plenty of room in the school for seventy. - I trust for the education of the Indians, my proposition will be taken into consideration, and knowing the great devotedness of the Dept. for the welfare of those poor aborigines, I feel convinced that you will agree to my proposition.

Very truly Yours,

H. M. J. Brassard <sup>per</sup>  
<sub>Remoin</sub>

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Extract of letter received from John P. Wright, Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont. November 9, 1920. Original on 285250-10.

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I also enclose a letter from the principal of the  
school, asking to have the number of pupils increased to  
70. This I would recommend and have asked for that  
number in my estimates.

J. P. Wright,  
Indian Agent.

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*Requested in estimate for 1921-22*  
*Approved in 1921*  
*Years*



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA

Ottawa, November 16, 1920.

MEMORANDUM.  
Mr. Scott,-

A request has been received from the Principal of the Fort Frances Boarding School that the number of pupils for which a grant is allowed be increased by 10. The school at present receives a grant for 60 pupils at \$120.00 per capita and ~~that~~ the Principal states that he has already 69 on the roll and that there is no trouble to recruit to the number for which he wishes to receive the grant. I may say that there is accommodation in the building for 34 girls and 39 boys, a total of 73 pupils.

There is no provision in the current year's estimates for an increase in the pupilage, but I would recommend that an increase of ten pupils be provided in the estimates for the next fiscal year, as the school has the accommodation and there are sufficient children. I think it would be in the interests of the Indians, as well as the Department, to provide educational facilities up to the number for which the school can provide accommodation.

*A. D. Lutherdale*

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Ottawa, November 17, 1920.

Reverend Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instagt, in which you request that the number of pupils, for which grant is allowed the Fort Frances Boarding School, be increased to 70, which is an increase of 10 pupils over that now allowed.

In reply I beg to say that the Department has no funds to provide for this increased number from the appropriation for the present fiscal year. This increase is, however, being provided for in the estimates which are being submitted to parliament at the next session and, if allowed, will provide for 70 pupils from the first of April next.

In the meantime I regret that it will not be possible to allow the grant for more than 60 pupils.

Your obedient servant

*H.M. Brassard*  
H.M. Brassard, O.M.I.,  
Principal,  
Indian Boarding School,  
Ft. Frances,  
Ont.

J. D. McLean  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary

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*2 letters*

Ottawa, November 18, 1920.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing a communication from the principal of the Fort Frances Boarding School requesting that a grant be allowed for 70 pupils, an increase of ten over the number at present provided for.

In reply I beg to say that there are no funds available from the current year's appropriation to provide for an extra number of pupils. This increase has, however, been included in the estimates for submission to Parliament at its next session and, if passed, will provide for 70 pupils from the 1st of April, next. The principal has been informed accordingly.

Your obedient servant

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*[Handwritten initials]*

J. D. McLEAN  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary

J. P. Wright, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances,  
ONT.

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Ottawa, May 26, 1921.

Sir,-

The Department has decided to increase the pupilage at the Fort Frances Boarding School from 60 to 70, and grant for the latter number will be allowed from April 1, 1921. Kindly advise the principal accordingly and give him any assistance necessary in recruiting pupils up to the number for whom grant is allowed.

Your obedient servant

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean.  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary

*J.P.W.*  
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Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances,  
Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

FORT FRANCES AGENCY

28th July 19 21

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 6710  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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with on no 107  
this file*

EXTRACT  
ON 19-12-21

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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant, relative to pupils Nos. 073 and 074, of the Fort Frances Boarding School, being absent during the June quarter, I beg to state that their parents had taken them away on their hunting trip and they did not return to their reserve until June, they will return to the school as soon as the holidays are over.

As the Principal of this school is in need of a motor boat, as nearly all the pupils that attend this school are living on reserves on Rainy lake, I would suggest that the motor boat that I have been given over to him, as I can hire a boat cheaper for what I have to do, that keeping this boat, and the Principal can make good use of it, I explained the matter to Mr. Paget when he was here this week and he agrees with my suggestion and on his verbal authority I have handed the boat over to the Fort Frances Boarding school.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*W. P. Wright*  
Indian Agent

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

SCHOOLS BRANCH  
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EXD.

August 4th, 1921.

Sir:-

In reply to the last paragraph of your letter of the 28th ultimo, No. 8710, I beg to say that the motor boat may be handed over to the Principal of the Boarding School who can make good use of it, and a saving will be effected by hiring a boat when you need one.

Your obedient servant,

J.P. Wright Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

J. D. McLean

J. D. McLean  
Acting Deputy Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs.



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Indian Boarding School  
Fort Frances Ont.



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To The Honorable D. C. Scott,  
Minister, Dept. of Ind. Affairs.



Honorable Sir,

I am sending you  
the result of the examination of  
the 'Dental Defects' of the pupils  
of this school, made to-day by  
Dr. Reeves.

If you desire to engage  
him, to extract those defective teeth,  
I willingly consent to whatever  
you agree.

Very truly Yours,

*[Handwritten signature: H. W. Brassard]*

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Ottawa, Sept. 23, 1922.

Reverend Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter enclosing reports from Dr. Reeves on his examination of the dental defects of the pupils of the Fort Frances Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that we are taking this matter up with Mr. Agent Wright, and requesting him to ascertain the charges that would be made by a dentist to have the necessary extractions and fillings carried out in the case of each of the pupils requiring same.

As soon as we have full information as to the cost involved, we will be in a position to decide whether we can approve of the dental work being undertaken or not.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

*R.M.B.*  
*R.F.F.*  
*F.M.*  
Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I.,  
Principal,  
Indian Boarding School,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Ottawa, Sept. 23, 1922.

Sir:-

The Department has received a communication from the principal of the Fort Frances Boarding School, enclosing a report of an examination made by Dr. Reeves regarding the dental defects of the pupils of the school. These reports show that a number of the children require to have either teeth extracted or fillings made.


Before the Department can come to a decision to authorize having the necessary dental attention given to the pupils, I shall be pleased if you will furnish a report stating the cost that would be involved in having this work done. You should ascertain from the dentists in Fort Frances what fees they would charge for each extraction and for each filling - the work to be performed at the school. Amalgam should be used for the fillings. No doubt, a dentist would make a special rate for performing the dental work required for a number of children such as need attention at this school.

I shall be pleased if you will give this matter your early attention, in order that the Department will have some definite idea as to the cost involved.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

  
P. Wright, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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J. D. BELL, D.D.S., L.D.S.

FORT FRANCES,  
ONTARIO

Sept 28/22

J. P. Wright Esq  
Indian Agent  
Fort Frances, Ont.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your communication regarding  
an estimate on dental service for children at  
Indian reserve I beg to state that my  
professional fee for such a case is tendered  
as below.

- (a) amalgam fillings one dollar and one dollar and  
a half depending upon size and difficulties of  
same.
- (b) extractions, using local anesthetic, one dollar  
each.

Thanking you for bringing this matter  
before me for my consideration I am

Yours truly  
J. D. Bell.

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PLEASE REPLY TO THE  
SECRETARY, DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
OTTAWA.



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 124-1-1.

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

PLEASE WRITE ON ONLY ONE SUBJECT  
IN EACH LETTER.

Ottawa, Sept. 23, 1922.

Sir:-

The Department has received a communication from the principal of the Fort Frances Boarding School, enclosing a report of an examination made by Dr. Reeves regarding the dental defects of the pupils of the school. These reports show that a number of the children require to have either teeth extracted or fillings made.

Before the Department can come to a decision to authorize having the necessary dental attention given to the pupils, I shall be pleased if you will furnish a report stating the cost that would be involved in having this work done. You should ascertain from the dentists in Fort Frances what fees they would charge for each extraction and for each filling - the work to be performed at the school. Amalgam should be used for the fillings. No doubt, a dentist would make a special rate for performing the dental work required for a number of children such as need attention at this school.

I shall be pleased if you will give this matter your early attention, in order that the Department will have some definite idea as to the cost involved.

Your obedient servant,

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

J. P. Wright, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Dr. B. A. Reeves

DENTIST AND  
OPTOMETRIST

J.P.Wright (3)

FORT FRANCES,  
Ontario

eventually be lost, so that I would advise treatment of these teeth only in exceptional cases, so that there would very likely be only a few of these more expensive amalgam fillings.

Cement fillings 75¢ and \$1.00

Synthetic Porcelain fillings \$2.00

Fillings in temporary teeth 50¢ and 75¢

Extractions:-

Many temporary teeth will be extracted free of charge, some temporary teeth extractions will cost 25¢, some 50¢, where I feel that I should use a local anaesthetic.

Extractions of Permanent teeth (without novocain) 50¢

do do do (with Novocain) 75¢

These fees are considerably reduced below my regular charges and are not placed low because of the quantity of work to be done, but to give these children as nearly as possible an equal chance with the white children and in the interests of their better health.

Thanking you for your consideration of this letter, which I I am sorry I had to make so long, I am

Yours sincerely

*B. A. Reeves.*

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**Dr. B. A. Reeves**

DENTIST AND  
OPTOMETRIST

J.P. Wright (2)

FORT FRANCES,  
Ontario

(2) An automobile trip would have to be made to the school (about three and one half miles each way) each visit. While I have my own auto. and would try to keep down cost, this would entail extra expense in time and a reasonable amount for use of auto., besides the work would probably extend into the Winter months when an auto could not be used.

(3) In Winter, the days become shorter and darker. My office is equipped with proper electric lighting equipment for Dental work.

On many Fall and Winter days up here, it is impossible to do proper work without proper Dental lighting equipment, and during those seasons the light in the mornings and evenings is nearly always poor, unless augmented by electric light.

(4) I have in my office here- up-to-date electric and also chemical Dental Sterilization equipment. The sterilization of instruments used in this work must be carefully done and can be done more effectively in my office and by my nurse than can be at the school.

(5) There is no proper Dental chair at the school. I would be obliged to put one of my chairs up there to work efficiently. This would also entail extra expense..

(6) I have a very complete supply of all materials and equipment necessary at my office in town, electric engines and various appliances which it would be almost impossible to move back and forth. I have foot engines I could use but not so satisfactorily.

(7) While I make every effort to avoid causing children pain, sometimes we cannot avoid causing some pain. When we do, it is just as well that the other children who are to be operated on later, should not be in the immediate vicinity as the psychological effect is bad.

(8) Summing it all up, I would say that this work can be done better and more satisfactorily at my office in town than at the school.

Father Brassard and the sisters in charge are frequently at my office and in town on other business, there is telephone connection to the school and appointments can easily be made and the children brought down two or three at a time as has been done in the past. The work will probably extend over several months but I am sure the children will be given more satisfactory service if handled in that way., and at less cost to the department.

It is impossible for me to give a bulk estimate of the cost but I would charge the same as I do for Public school children, which is as follows:

Amalgam fillings (without treatment) 75¢, 1.00 and 1.25  
Amalgam fillings (with devitalization or treatment) anteriors or bicuspids \$2.50, Molars \$3.00

Note:- In the majority of cases, in children's teeth, where a tooth must be devitalized or treated, I believe it is better to remove the tooth, as the dead tooth will always be a weak one and likely

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Dr. B. A. Reeves

DENTIST AND  
OPTOMETRIST

FORT FRANCES, Sept. 29th. 1922  
Ontario

J.P. Wright Esq.  
Indian Agent  
Fort Frances

Dear Sir:

In reference to the matter of Dental attention for the children of the Industrial school here, about which you requested information as to cost etc., I beg to say-

Recently there has been a more active movement among the Dentists of Ontario towards saving the children's teeth and to that end, many Dentists have volunteered to examine the teeth of the school children of their locality. I was appointed by the Public School Board here to examine the teeth of the children of the Public Schools. I did this without cost to the school board and when the examination was completed, and as a further extension of the work, I decided that it was only fair to the children of the Industrial school to give them an equal chance with the white children.

After being given permission by Father Brassard and Dr Moore, my nurse and myself went up and made the examination at the school.

In order to leave the whole matter in the hands of your department to take such action in regard to the matter as they might see fit, we handed over all records (both originals and carbon copies) to Father Brassard. If your Department decides to have the work done, I would suggest having one set of copies handed over to the Dentist appointed to do the work. No charge will be made by me for this examination.

I also extracted quite a number of temporary teeth where extraction was urgently required and for this have made or will make no charge.

For the children of the Public Schools, who are having their teeth attended to, I am making a decided reduction in fees and will gladly do the same for the children of the Industrial School.

In the letter from the Department, it is stated that the work should be done at the school. I believe this would be a mistake for several reasons:-

(1) In my office in town, I have my Nurse who has been trained to assist me in the work and is of special value in working on the teeth of children. I presume I could take her with me on my trips to the school but that would at present mean the closing of my office each time, leaving no one to answer telephone calls and make appointments.

At a later date, I expect to have a graduate assistant again, and if the Department decides that the proposed experiment justified putting a chair and equipment at the school, I would then be in a position to handle future work for the children at the school, but at present

I do not think expense would be necessary or justified.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

FORT FRANCES AGENCY,



..29th..Sept.....19 22

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 7242  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Sir,— Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, relative to the dental defects of the pupils of the Fort Frances Boarding School, I have the honor to enclose a letter from Dr. Reeves, who made the examination of these children and I think he has covered the ground very fully. It would be absurd for me ## who knows nothing about such matters and not having the Doctors report, to try and make an estimate of the cost this work would entail, if the Doctor who made the examination considers it impossible to do so.

I quite agree with the Doctor regarding the work being done at his Office and not at the School.

I also enclose a letter from Dr. Bell of this town, who is the only Dentist besides Dr. Reeves here, and in my conversation with him, he informed me that the work could be better done in his office than at the school.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant.

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

  
Indian Agent

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Ottawa, October 3, 1922.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing communications from Doctors Reeves and Bell, relative to the dental defects of the pupils of the Fort Frances Boarding School, and stating the prices charged for having the necessary treatment administered in the cases of the pupils requiring same.

In reply I beg to say that you may arrange with Dr. Reeves to have the extractions and fillings made, where required. Only the cheaper grade of material should be used for filling. It is noted that the fees charged by Dr. Reeves are considerably reduced below his regular charges. The dental work may be performed by him in his office, and the principal should arrange to send the children as required by him, without any charge to this Department for their transportation.

No undue expenditure should be incurred and only the most urgent cases among the children should receive attention. In most of the cases it is considered that it would be better to remove the teeth rather than go to any unnecessary expense in having fillings made. The Department will leave this matter in your hands to see that the work is carried out at as low a cost as possible.

Certified accounts in duplicate, showing the work performed for each child, should be furnished by the dentist. You will kindly certify these accounts, attach proper voucher forms and forward them to the Department for payment.

You may arrange with Dr. Reeves to undertake this work as soon as possible. The reports made by him regarding the dental defects of each of the children are returned herewith, and you will be good enough to hand these to him for his information.

Your obedient servant,

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

Encl.

J. P. Wright, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances,  
Ont.

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*Schools*  
*R. J. T.*

Extract from Inspector's Report on the FORT FRANCES  
Boarding School, dated October 17, 1922.

GENERAL REMARKS.-

Father Brassard called my attention to a letter he has sent the Department. It appears that there are very many more Indian children who could be accommodated in school if provision could be made. There being no day school in this vicinity the only facilities for Indian education is at this boarding school. He feels that 100 could easily be found for regular attendance. To do this would mean that the school would have to be enlarged. It is a question just what the cost might be. Considering that this boarding school is the only one between the Manitoba boundary and Fort William, I have no hesitation in recommending that this school be enlarged to accommodate 100 children.



J. M. Bennett,

Insp.

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Ottawa, Oct. 25, 1922.

Dear Father Brassard:-

I have received your letters of the 11th instant, concerning the needs at the Fort Frances Indian Boarding School. I have noted that a larger pupilage is desirable and that additions to the Girls' and Boys' Wings should be erected as soon as possible.

In a few days I will be presenting to the Superintendent General the requirements for Indian Education for the next fiscal year, and your requests will not be overlooked. I believe that arrangements can be made to repair the cow stable and to prepare an approach to it, early next year. I will try to arrange for a visit of the Department Architect to the school, if we are successful in securing a Vote of Parliament in this connection.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I.,  
Principal, Indian Boarding School,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Ottawa, Canada



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University of Ottawa  
Ottawa, Canada

November 7, 1928

*[Handwritten signature]*

J. D. McLean, Esquire  
Asst. Deputy & Secretary  
Department of Indian Affairs  
O t t a w a.

Dear Sir:-

Reverend Father H. Brassard, O.M.I.,  
Principal of Fort Francis Indian Boarding Schools,  
has requested me to apply for an increase in pupils.  
He states that he can accommodate 80 children and  
would therefore welcome the approval of the Department  
for this number.

Kindly give this matter your consideration  
and oblige

Yours very truly,

*J. D. McLean*

*Grant now allowed  
for 70 pupils*



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124-1-1.

Ottawa, Nov. 16, 1923.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant, requesting an increase of 10 in the pupilage of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. In reply I beg to state that we are corresponding with our local agent in this connection and you will be further advised.

Your obedient servant,

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

*J. D. McLean*  
Rev. Jos. Guy, O.M.I.,  
University of Ottawa,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, Nov. 16, 1925.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Church Authorities have requested an increase in the pupilage of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School.

Will you ascertain the dimensions of the dormitories and classrooms and forward them to the Department at your earliest convenience. The air space in these rooms must be computed before we can give intelligent consideration to the request for an increased pupilage. I should be pleased to have your recommendation when you submit the facts concerning the accommodation.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

(over)

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

*R.W.*  
*J.P.W.*

J. P. Wright, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

FORT FRANCES AGENCY

21st November 1923

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 7523  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signature]*

R

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
NOV 24 1923  
RECORDS

F, 124-1-1

Sir,  
Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, relative to an increase of the pupilage of the Fort Frances Boarding School, I have the honor to state that the following is the dimensions of the dormitories and classrooms viz:-

- Girls dormitorie 52 ft 2 in. by 40 ft. & 10ft ceiling
- boys Do, 40 ft by 40 ft and 17½ ft. ceiling
- Class room 40 ft by 40 ft and 14½ ft ceiling
- Do, 34ft 2 in. by 15 ft 3 in & 10ft 2in ceiling

I do not consider it possible to increase the present pupilage as the building now stands, but I understand from the Principal, that he has made application to the Department for an addition to the present building, so that they could accomodate 100 pupils, in this connection I would refer you to my letter of the 12th October 1922, No, 7260.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*[Handwritten signature]*

Indian Agent

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

PROCESSED  
NOV 24 1923

*Accommodation  
Dormitories 98  
Classrooms more*

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124-1-1.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Ottawa, Nov. 26, 1923.

Sir:

I have your No. 7523 of the 21st instant, giving the dimensions of the dormitories and classrooms at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. Before replying to this communication and to the request of the Church Authorities for an increased pupilage, I should be pleased to have you enlarge upon your statement that you do not consider it possible to increase the pupilage as the building now stands. Please indicate the reason for this recommendation.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

*J.F.W.*  
*P.M. 10*  
J. F. Wright, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



FORT FRANCES AGENCY

30th. November.....1923

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 7526.  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



F, 124-I-I

Sir,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, and to state that the reason I stated in my letter of the 21st instant that I did not consider it possible to increase the pupolage of the Fort Frances Boarding School, as the building now stands, is that there is now 80 pupils in the school and that is all the present building will comfortably accomidate, and if this number is increased, I do not see how they are to be accomidated.

I have never been informed what number of pupilage this school has been allowed, but in my Estimates for next year I have asked for provision for 80 pupils.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

Ont.

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124-1-1.

Ottawa, Dec. 4, 1923.

Reverend Sir:

I have to refer further to your letter of the 7th ultimo, in which you request an increase in pupilage in the case of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. I have to inform you that grant will be allowed for 80 pupils, as from January first, 1924.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

*BZ*  
*J. D. McLean*  
Rev. Jes. Guy, O.M.I.,  
University of Ottawa,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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124-1-1.

Ottawa, Dec. 4, 1923.

Sir:

I have your No. 7526 of the 30th ultimo, with reference to the pupilage at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. I have noted your opinion that the present building will accommodate not more than 80 pupils.

In reply I have to inform you that the pupilage at this school will be 80, as from the first of January, 1924. Please inform the Rev. Principal.

Your obedient servant,

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

*R. J. Wright*  
J. P. Wright, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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R

Extract from Inspector's Report on the *Fort Brasseur*  
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, October 21, 1924.

*Schep* *Noted* *By*

The enrolment here is now 86. This school could be easily added to, to accommodate about 125 pupils at a cost of \$50,000.00. The centre is ideal for Indian children as they are being refused now. There are seven reserves to draw from. There are no day schools in this vicinity except Manitou where only 3 or 4 are in attendance. The census of this territory shows 240 children 6 years to 20 years, most of them are under 18 years.

Father Brassard is the most capable one I know of who could manage the building additions needed. The school is being ably managed and activities are directed with order and intelligence.

J. M. Bennett,  
Insp.



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Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate

Provincial Administration



Saint-Boniface, Man. March 2nd 1925

*[Handwritten signature]*

Mr. Duncan C. Scott.  
Superintendent General  
Department of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa.

**R**

Dear Sir:

I beg to present to Your approval Rev. Father Simeon PERREAULT O.M.I. as Principal of the Fort Frances School. After long years of devoted service Rev. Father Brassard has asked for a long rest which he really needs.

Father Perreault has been Principal in our school of Crooked Lake for a number of years and have no doubt that he shall prove a good principal.

Yours very faithfully.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
J. B. Beys O.M.I.  
Provincial

*Commissaire Municipal  
1900 7 20 - 1912  
[Handwritten initials]*

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124-1-1.

Ottawa, March 5, 1925.

Dear Father Beys:

I have your letter of the 2nd instent, in which you nominate the Rev. Father S. Perresult, O.M.I., to the principalship of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. In reply I wish to state that the Department confirms his appointment and trusts there will be a career of much usefulness in his case.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,  
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

*RAO*  
*J. B. Beys*  
Very Rev. J. B. Beys, O.M.I.,  
340 Provencher Ave.,  
St. Boniface, Man.

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124-1-1.

Ottawa, March 6, 1925.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Rev. S. Perreault, O.M.I., has been nominated to the principalship of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. The appointment has been approved by the Department.

Your obedient servant,

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

*AS* *MSM*  
Alonso Spencer, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Fort Frances, Ont.  
Aug. 31st. 1925.

L. D. McLean, Secretary,  
Indian Department,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In order to respond to the demand of the Indians wishing to place their children in the Indian School of Fort Frances and to accommodate all the children of school age of the Indians of Rainy Lake and of Fort Frances agency whom seem more disposed to understand the benefit of schooling it would require an addition to our school for a number of 150 pupils, which I hope the department will build next year.

In the meantime I would ask the Indian Dept. to raise the actual number of pupils to five more making a total of eighty-five. In my opinion the school could accommodate that number principally in the class-rooms and in the dormitories, as you may see by the following dimensions.

Boys' dormitory,	Height 23 ft.,	width 57 ft.,	length 47 ft.
Girls "	" 15 ft.,	" 57 ft.,	" 80 ft.
Big class	Height 34 ft. 6 in.,	" 38 ft. 6 in.,	l. 28 ft.
Small	" 10 ft. 2 in.,	" 15 ft.,	length 34 ft.

Hoping to hear favourably,  
Yours truly,

S. Perrault.

Principal.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

FORT FRANCES, ONT.

Sep 2nd 1925

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 8110  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*Handwritten initials*

R



Sir,—

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter I received from The Principal of the Fort Frances Residential School, in which he asks that the quota of pupils be raised from 80 at present, to 85. I would suggest that the matter of raising the quota be put before Mr R.T. ferrier, who has visited the School and knows if the School will acomidate any more or not,



I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

*A. Spencer*  
Indian Agent,

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

*Handwritten notes:*  
Raised to 80  
Jan 1st  
A.P.M.  
Dec 79.25  
Jan 79.55  
Jan 79.25

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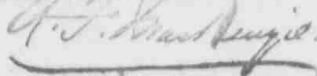
124-1-1.

Ottawa, September 14, 1925.


Sir:

I have your 8110 of the 2nd instant, enclosing a communication from the Rev. Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, in which he requests that the pupilage be raised from 80 to 85. The dimensions of the dormitories which he gives are not the same as those given in former Indian Agent Wright's 7523 of November 21, 1923. Before intelligent consideration can be given to the Rev. Principal's request, it will be necessary to know the exact size (three dimensions) of the two dormitories. Upon the occasion of your next visit to the school, I should be grateful if you would arrange for accurate measurements and submit them to the Department.

Your obedient servant,



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



A. Spencer, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



FORT FRANCES, CNT,

Sept 22nd 19 25

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO No. 8129 ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signature]*

R

Sir,-

I24-I-1

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th Ult; In regard to the dimensions of the Class rooms and dormitories of the Fort Frances Residential School. so I have visited the School and measured the rooms and find them as follows Viz:

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Girls Dormitorie	52ft 2 in	by	37ft 7 in	& 10ft 1 in high
Boys "	52" 2 "	"	30 " 10 "	" 17 " 6 In High
Class Room	38" 7 "	"	30 " 8 "	" 14 " 6 " "
" "	34 "	"	15 "	" 10 " 1 " "

These are the exact dimensions of the rooms asked for. I find that Father Perrault had sent you the measurements in links instead of feet. as he looked at the rong side of the tape when measuring, therefor the big mistake.

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Indian Agent,



The secretary,

Dept of Indian Affairs

Accommodation 95 pupils  
*[Signature]*

Increase 1's to 85  
Oct 1/25  
*[Signature]*

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124-1-1

Ottawa, September 30, 1925.

8129  
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SIR,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, furnishing the dimensions of the classrooms and dormitories of the Fort Frances Residential School.

In reply I beg to say that it has been decided to give favourable consideration to the request to increase the pupilage at this school from 75 to 85, as it is noted that there is accommodation for the latter number. This increase in pupilage will date from October 1, 1925. Please inform the principal accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie*  
A. F. MacKenzie,  
Act. Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

*AS*  
*AS*  
*AS*  
A. Spence, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances,  
ONT.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

FORT FRANCES, ONT.



December 10th 1925

R

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 8196  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,-

I have the honor to report, that on my last two visits to the Fort Frances Residential School, that there has been one of the older Indian Pupils teaching the Junior Class, this Indian Boy has no Certificate for teaching, and I don't think that he is capable of teaching them the way that the Dept. calls for,



I have the honor to be,  
Sir.

Your obedient servant,

*A. Spencer*  
Indian Agent,

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

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124-1-1

Ottawa, December 15, 1925.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant in reference to the junior classroom at the Fort Frances Residential School, I enclose for your information a copy of official letter of today's date to the Reverend Principal.

Your obedient servant,



Russell T. Ferrier,  
Supt. of Indian Education.

Encl.



A. Spencer, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances. Ont.

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124-1-1

Ottawa, December 15, 1925.

Reverend Sir:-

From a recent report on the Fort Frances Residential School, it is noted that Mr. Owens, teacher of the senior class is doing excellent work.

I regret to note, however, that there is only an Indian boy in charge of the junior room. The Department considers it is most important that there should be a qualified teacher in charge of this room, and I would therefore request you to make immediate arrangements to secure such teacher.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

Rev. S. Perrault, O.M.I.,  
Principal,  
Indian Residential School,  
Fort Frances. Ont.

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*[Handwritten signatures]*

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Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate

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Provincial Administration

*Handwritten notes:*  
2  
S. Perrault  
S. Brassard

Saint-Boniface, Man. February 16th 1929

Dear Sir:-

Reverend Father S.Perrault, for the last four years Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Res.School, is very tired, and I feel it is my duty to give him a complete rest.

I propose to the Department for approval the choice of Reverend Father H.M.Brassard, formerly principal of the same School. Father Brassard has a long experience in the management of Indian Schools, and no doubt it will be beneficial to Fort Frances School.

Yours very truly,

*J. Magnan*  
Provincial.

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

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124-1-1.

Ottawa, February 19, 1929.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Rev. H. M. Brassard, O. M. I., has been nominated to the principalship of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, to succeed Rev. S. Perrault, O. M. I. Father Brassard's appointment to this school has been approved by the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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

  
  
A. Spencer, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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124-1-1.

Ottawa, February 19, 1929.

Very Reverend Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, in which you nominate Rev. H. M. Brassard, O. M. I., to succeed Rev. S. Perrault, O.M.I., as principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. In reply I have to say that the appointment of Father Brassard is approved.

Your obedient servant.

J. D. McLEAN

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

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten signature*

Very Rev. J. Magnan, O. M. I.,  
340-Provencher Ave.,  
St. Boniface,  
Man.

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FEB 18 1929  
RECORDS

Fort Frances Agency,  
Feb. 13, 1929.

No. 2627.

SCHOOLS BRANCH  
FEB 21 1929

*Spencer*  
*Sumner*

Sir:

In regard to this Account, I have to report that the pipes at the Indian Residential School, froze up, so that I had to send a plumber up and repair the damage, no doubt but it was caused by not keeping the fires up, so that it was a careless thing of the Principal, so much so that I took it up with the Church Officials at St Boniface, and they sent their Inspector down, with the result that the present Principal Father Perrault, is being removed from here, and a new Principal is being sent in his place, the School has under his care been going to pieces, and I had to do something to stop the careless way. I might say also that the Father has been too careless in lots of other things, that should not be around the school, such as letting the children run all over and not regular at school. The Indians has put in several claims that the children were not being properly fed and clothed and were also freezing in the school. And I only hope that the new Principal will put things in shape, and carry on to the benefit of both the church and the Indian Department more successfully.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. Spencer.  
Indian Agent.

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

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Indian Residential School

124-1-1 Fort Frances, Ont.

20th March 1929.

R

To The Honorable D. J. Scott Dep. Minister.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
MAR 25 1929

Honorable Sir:-

After Four Years of absence my superior called me back to take charge of Fort Frances School. During that lapse of time, it seems to me that some changes have taken place for the time of the assistance of the pupils or the number of their years at the school. In the past the Dept. had ruled that pupils should not be discharged before the age of sixteen if they had reason, and for the others if they had no reason, before eighteen years old. Now I see that children of fourteen and fifteen years of age have been discharged from the school with and without reason, principally for the girls who are exposed to a great danger of immorality. I would be very glad to know from the Department what they think about it, and what they want me to do.

Sincerely Yours

SCHOOLS BRANCH  
MAR 26 1929

H. M. Brassard  
Principal

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Ottawa, March 26th, 1929.

Reverend Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, in connection with the discharge of pupils from the Fort Frances Residential School, I beg to say that the Department desires you to follow the same procedure as you did when formerly in charge of this school. It is felt that, in the majority of cases, it is beneficial to the pupils to have them remain at the school until they have fully completed their education. While the compulsory clause of the Indian Act does not give authority to enforce attendance until eighteen years of age, Indian Agents, principals and others interested in Indian education are urged to make every possible endeavour to have children remain in the school until they reach the age mentioned.

Your obedient servant,

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

*AM*  
*gob*  
*0/2/29*

Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I.,  
Principal,  
Indian Residential School,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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You are respectfully invited  
to take part in the  
**Celebration of the Silver Jubilee**  
of our School at the Concert  
given by our Children in  
**The School**  
on  
**Monday, May 4th, 1931**  
at 8:15 p. m.

The Staff

Indian Residential School  
Fort Frances, Ontario

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124-1-1

April 23, 1931.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation which you so kindly sent me to be present at the Celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Fort Frances Indian residential school on Monday, May 4.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the invitation, but I regret very much that I will be unable to be present.

My best wishes to yourself, the staff and the pupils on this occasion.

Yours very truly,

*Handwritten initials and signature: HSD, Del, DuncandScott*

Rev. H. M. Brassard, O.M.I.,  
Principal,  
Indian Residential School,  
Fort Frances, Ont.



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124-1-1.



July 7th, 1931.

MEMO FOR FILE:-

Per Capita Rate at Fort Frances Indian Residential School increased from \$155 to \$160 a year from April 1st, 1931.

The Reverend Principal was so advised by official letter dated July 7th, 1931, on File 124-1-3.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive name.

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*Mr. Williams*

Saint-Boniface, Man. June 6th 1932

Dear Sir,

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Reverend Father Brassard, Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, has been in poor health, and his condition getting worse, it has been deemed necessary to give him a successor without delay. I ask you to be so kind as to approve the nomination of Reverend Father P. Bousquet, formerly Principal of the Fort Alexander Indian Residential School, as Principal of the Fort Frances School.

Reverend Father G. Jeannotte will take charge of the Muscowequan Indian Residential School on or about the 15th instant, and you may inform the Indian Agent of the change.

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Yours very truly,

*J. Magnan*

Rev. J. Magnan, O.M.I.  
Provincial.

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Mr A.S. Williams,  
Acting Deputy Supt. General,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, June 10, 1932.

Very Rev. Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant, nominating Rev. Father P. Bousquet, O.M.I., for the principalship of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School to succeed Rev. Father Brassard, O.M.I., who is retiring on account of ill health. The Department concurs in the appointment of Rev. Father Bousquet and hopes that he will meet with every success in the work at the Fort Frances School. The local Indian Agent is being informed of the approval granted for the appointment of Father Bousquet.

It is noted that Rev. Father G. Jeannotte, O.M.I., will take up duties as principal of the Muscovequan Indian Residential School on or about the 15th instant. The local Indian Agent is being informed accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

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

*J. Magnan*  
Very Rev. J. Magnan, O.M.I.,  
340 Provencher Ave.,  
St. Boniface, Man.

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not to eat such and such a food for the purpose of complaining in the presence of their parents.

In the class-room, the pupils might act in a stupid way, so as to make these inspectors believe that they, - the pupils - learn nothing, ... in spite of the very good notes of our Provincial Inspector, Mr Greenings, and all the abilities and devotness of the school teachers.

I beg then to ask: 1st. If under these circumstances, the Principal is to receive these visitors ?

- 2nd. If it would not be preferable that Mr Spencer, the Indian Agent, should accompany them ?

- 3rdly. How many inspections can these Soviets, - New Genre, - should be allowed to make?.

Thanking you in advance for your answer, I remain, sir,

Yours respectfully.

*P. Bousquet*  
P. Bousquet, O. M. I.

Principal.

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Indian Residential School. JAN 30 1934

Fort Frances. Ont.

January 27 1934

The Secretary of Depart. of Ind. Affairs  
Ottawa.

SCHOOLS BRANCH  
JAN 30 1934

Dear sir,

We have presently here, on Kootchiching Reserve, where the Ind. Residential school is built, a newly appointed set of chief and councillors who, after having already been a cause of trouble to Mr. Spencer, our Ind. Agent, seem determined to do the same for our School.

Relying to the fact that, by the Indian Act, (Part 1st. no. 9.) they have a right to inspect the school, they want to make a thorough inspection of it. They go so far that they want see our books. They asked for them, but they were refused.

A first visit was already made, and they intend coming back soon. In this first inspection, they took the liberty of making unjust remarks in the presence of the pupils.--If there are remarks to be made these should not be mentioned in the presence of the children as this hinders discipline and authority, -but to the Principal of the School, who can see if there are ~~xx~~ causes to account for these remarks.

By these inspections, the children become excited and unruly, so that the task is an arduous one to all those in charge of the School.- In the dining room, the children pretend

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Ottawa, January 31, 1934.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant, regarding the trouble which is being occasioned at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School by the action of the Chief and Councillors of the Band, who claim the right to visit and inspect the school whenever they desire to do so.

In this connection I have to say that, under Section 9 (G) of the Indian Act, the Chief and Council of a Band have the right to inspect a school at which children of the Band attend, at such reasonable times only as may be agreed upon by the Indian Agent and the Principal of the School. It is considered that not more than two visits each year by the Chief and Councillors should be sufficient and these visits should be made only at a time convenient to the Agent and yourself. The Chief and Council have no right to visit the school indiscriminately and interfere with the regular routine of the classroom. During their visit, they have no right to inspect the books or accounts.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Agent Spencer and requesting him to give definite instructions to the Chief and Councillors that, before they make any visit, they are to arrange with the Agent and yourself, and they should be accompanied each time by the Indian Agent. Their visits should be made at a time when the regular classroom work will not be disrupted.

The above instructions are not to interfere in any way with the regular visiting hours set aside by the school authorities for the parents to call and see their children.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. Mackenzie*  
A. F. Mackenzie,  
Secretary.

*Spencer*

Rev. P. Bousquet, O.M.I.,  
Principal,  
Indian Residential School,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Ottawa, January 31, 1934.

Sir:

The Department has received a communication from the Rev. Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, with reference to difficulty experienced by visits of the Chief and Councillors of the Band. In this connection I enclose copy of a letter to the Principal. You will observe therein it is considered that two visits each year by the Chief and Council should be sufficient and that these visits should be made only at a time convenient to the Principal and the School. I would request that you advise the Chief and Council of the Band accordingly and inform the Department, later, concerning the results.

The above instructions, regarding the visits of the Chief and Council, are not to interfere in any way with the regular visiting hours set aside by the school authorities for the parents to visit their children.

Your obedient servant,

Encl.

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

*Spencer*  
A. Spencer, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Sir.

I have the honor to report that I was called to a meeting of the Couchiching Band, last week, in regard to the School Visits mentioned in your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ultimo letter No. I24-I-I

And at this meeting I informed the Chief and Headmen, that in the future, they would only be allowed to visit the Residential School, twice a Year and that they would have to accompany me at those visits,

I also informed them that there would be posted up by the Principal Notices of Days that the parents of the Reserve would be permitted to visit their children, in the School, which the Indians seem to agree to,

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your obedient servant,

*J. Jones*  
Indian Agent,

The Secretary,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Provincial Administration



July 14th 1934

Dear Sir,

Reverend Father Bousquet will be transferred to another Mission, and Reverend Father Maurice de Bretagne, formerly vice-principal of Pine Creek School, has been nominated principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. He will take charge of this School about the end of this month.

I hope this appointment will be approved by the Department of Indian Affairs.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Magnan*  
J. Magnan, O.M.I.  
Provincial.

Mr J.D. Sutherland,  
Acting Supt. of Indian Education,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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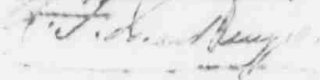
Ottawa, July 14, 1934.

Reverend Sir:


I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, with reference to a change in the Principal at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. It is noted that Rev. Father Bousquet has been transferred to another mission.

The appointment of Rev. Father Maurice de Bretagne as Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, to take effect about the end of July, is approved.


Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,  
Secretary.



Very Rev. J. Magnan, O.M.I.,  
340 Provencher Avenue,  
St. Boniface, Man.



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Ottawa, July 14, 1934.


Sir:

At the request of Very Rev. J. Mignan, O.M.I., Provincial of the Oblate Order, the Department is approving the appointment of Rev. Father Maurice de Bretagne as Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. He will take charge of the school about the end of this month.


Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKensie,  
Secretary.



A. G. Hamilton, Esq.,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Inspector's Office,  
Winnipeg, Man.



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Ottawa, June 10, 1932.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Church authorities have nominated the services of Rev. P. Bousquet, O.M.I., as Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School to succeed Rev. Father Brassard, O.M.I., who is giving up duties on account of ill health. The Department has approved of the appointment of Father Bousquet, and I would request that you give him any assistance you can in the work at this school.

Your obedient servant,

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

*A. Spencer*  
A. Spencer, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances,  
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Ottawa, July 14, 1934.

Sir:

At the request of Very Rev. J. Magnan, O.M.I., Provincial of the Oblate Order, the Department is approving the appointment of Rev. Father Maurice de Bretagne as Principal of the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. He will take charge of the school about the end of this month. Please give him every possible assistance.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie*

A. F. MacKenzie,  
Secretary.

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A. Spencer, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

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