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May 10, 1948.

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Mr. J.F. Lockhart, Superintendent,  
Indian Agency, Fort Frances, Ontario.

The Department understands that the principal of the Fort Frances Residential School wishes to make some improvements in the kitchen in order to conform with recommendations made by the dietitian on the occasion of a visit some months ago.

In the current year's appropriation we have provided an amount of \$1,400. for repairs and improvements at the Fort Frances Residential School. We have already paid for repairs to the stoker an amount of \$75.00 and if you refer to your letter of April 22nd and our reply of April 28th you will note that it is quite probable that we will approve an expenditure of \$758.25 for converting a building for use of the male hired help.

You will, therefore, note that there is approximately \$567.00 still available during the current fiscal year. You should interview the principal and advise us what repairs you consider are necessary to the kitchen. At the same time let us have an estimate of the probable cost. In the event of any materials being required, you should forward a requisition.

Philip Phelan  
Chief, Training Division.

PP/MGD

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PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 17-124

Fort Frances, Ont., Dec. 24th. 1948.

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

Rev. V. DeVerennes, Principal at the Residential School advises that they are continuing to blow out fuses in the men's quarters, work shop and Father's Residence. These buildings are outside the School proper and the wiring is not large enough to carry the load being taken off the line.

We have had an electrician look over the trouble and he states that a new line from the outside pole together with new fuse boxes are required. He does not figure a new line to the outside pole is necessary but if a heavier line is require the Town of Fort Frances will put one in.

The cost of material and labour will be \$110.00, and if funds are available I would recommend that this work be done as there is a danger of fire with over-heating the present wiring in these buildings.

Kindly advise and oblige.

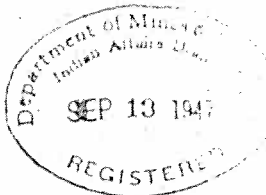
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J.F. Lockhart,  
Supt. Indian Agency.



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, September 9, 1947.

Memorandum:

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential School

Further to our memorandum of August 7th, 1947, in connection with repairs and revisions to the above, you are advised as follows:

Mr. Gow has personally contacted three contracting firms in Fort Frances. The North American Lumber Company, largest firm of its kind in the town, were unwilling to bid under any arrangement owing to former commitments and the uncertain labour situation. Another builder, not named, was indifferent and unimpressive; and it was felt unwise to attempt to negotiate with him.

The Smith Construction Company, successors to John East estate, offer to undertake the work on a cost plus ten per cent basis. They have carried out work at this school in the past under Mr. Gow's direction, and he has found them to be very reliable; consequently he requested them to submit an estimate to him which he will forward to us as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are forwarding to Mr. Gow for his information our own estimates of the cost of this work.

As a result of a more complete layout covering in particular revisions to the walk-in refrigerator, you are advised that approximately \$700.00 must be added to our original estimate of \$2,500. This means that Indian Affairs should be advised to provide about \$3,200. for this work.

Mr. Smith of the Smith Construction Company, urged that an early decision be reached in order to enable him to plan for materials and labour. In the meantime, he has agreed to prepare an estimate and forward same to Mr. Gow who will pass it along to us. When we are in receipt of same you will be further advised.

*J. M. Wardle*  
Chief Engineer.

J.M. Wardle, Esq.,  
Director,  
Surveys and Engineering Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
O T T A W A.

MR. BOEY

Further to our memorandum of August 27th last and for your information please. Will you kindly advise as soon as possible if the offer of the Smith Construction Co. should be accepted and if so, have a financial encumbrance for an additional \$700.00 set up in favour of our Engineering and Construction Service.  
Sept. 12/47  
*J. A. P.* J.A.P.



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Ottawa, 18th March, 1949.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, LANDS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential  
School No. 463

In 1947 following their visit to the above school, the Electrical Division of Indian Health Services recommended extensive improvements to the kitchen at the school, including the installation of a walk-in refrigerator. At that time your Branch had prepared a plan indicating the work which should be done (see Index No. 852).

You also obtained a quotation of \$3,200.00 for the work (your memorandum of 9th September, 1947, File IA 1380-3).

Funds were not available at that time, and consequently, no action was taken. Recently we received a request from the management of the school to proceed with the work which was proposed in 1947. We would appreciate it if you would obtain a new tender and advise us at what cost you can have the work carried out.

PP/ST

Director.

MEMORANDUM

Ottawa, May 2, 1949.

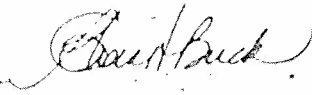
Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential  
School,  
Fort Frances, Ontario.

Further to our memorandum of March 23rd, you are advised that we are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Gow, under date of April 26th in which he states that the I.W. Smith Construction Company (originally the John East Estate) is the only firm in a position to undertake the alterations to the walk-in refrigerator, together with several additional minor revisions, all as outlined on our drawing Index No. 852, prepared in August, 1947.

Our original estimate was \$3,200.00, and the same firm when requested by Mr. Gow to submit a tender in 1947, advised that they would take on this work on a cost plus 10% basis. Their estimate at that time was \$3,300.00. Owing to lack of funds, the Indian Affairs Branch abandoned the project temporarily. The Smith Construction Company have advised Mr. Gow that they are willing to carry out the work on a cost plus basis, but advise that the cost will probably be increased to about \$3,750.00, to which their profit will have to be added. Should the Indian Affairs Branch wish to proceed with the work, it is felt that an encumbrance of \$4,200.00 should be set up to cover the project.


When approval is received, we will request Mr. Gow to instruct the Smith Construction Company, to undertake the work.

R.A. Gibson, Esq.,  
Director,  
Lands and Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
O t t a w a, Ontario.

  
Chief Engineer.

Major MacKay

In the light of the above could we have your instructions, please.

  
Director  
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Director.

I.A.1380-3

Ottawa, August 4, 1949.

Memorandum

Re: Fort Frances Indian Residential School,  
Fort Frances, Ont.

With reference to Major MacKay's memorandum of May 25th bearing your marginal notation of May 28th in connection with the above, you are advised as follows.

Since the Principal of the school has found it impossible to take on the work outlined on our plans and specifications after having offered to do so, we again requested Mr. Gow to obtain competitive tenders.

After some difficulty ~~and~~ delay owing to business activity in this area, Mr. Gow was able to procure but one tender. This was submitted by Wellington Smith Limited of Fort Frances in the sum of \$5,475.00 with electric wiring to be charged extra to this sum.

This price is considerably higher than the original rough estimate of \$3,300.00 submitted by the I.W. Smith Company in October 1947. We have discussed the matter with Indian Affairs officials on the telephone and they have indicated their intention to proceed with the work on the basis of the tendered price.

While the price as stated is high, it is not considered exorbitant as there are of necessity, many uncertainties to be encountered in a job of this nature.

It is pointed out that the tender varies in one respect from the requirements called for on our design. The Wellington Smith Limited propose to install a metal hood over the kitchen range and to connect to the chimney using natural draught instead of an exhaust fan as called for. We do not concur with this suggestion as the movement of air required to ventilate this area cannot be obtained by natural draught. Further, it is against recognized principles to install a ventilating pipe and connect same to a chimney.

We are advised verbally that the Indian Affairs Branch will prepare a memorandum to Council requesting authority to have the work carried out for the above sum. They have requested that this Branch take on supervision of the project, which can conveniently be handled by Mr. Gow's office.

A.H. Hargreaves,  
for Chas. H. Buck,  
for Chief, Engineering and  
Construction Division.

R.A. Gibson, Esq.,  
Director,  
Lands and Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
O t t a w a, Ontario.

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CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A MINUTE OF A MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL, APPROVED BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ON THE 24 August 1949.

Privy  
Council  
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The Committee of the Privy Council have had  
before them a report dated 10th August, 1949, from the  
Minister of Mines and Resources, representing:

THAT it is immediately necessary, and funds  
are provided in the 1949-50 Estimates, Indian Affairs  
Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, to carry out  
repairs to the Walk-in refrigerator and in the kitchen  
at the Fort Frances Indian Residential School, Fort  
Frances, Ontario;

THAT efforts have been made by the engineers of  
the Lands and Development Services Branch to obtain  
competitive tenders for the carrying out of these necessary  
repairs;

THAT due to business activity in this area, one  
tender only has been obtained, and that from the Wellington  
Smith Limited of Fort Frances, Ontario, in the sum of Five  
Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$5,475.00);

THAT it is considered that these repairs are  
necessary for the health of the 90 children who will be  
attending this school during the coming winter.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation  
of the Minister of Mines and Resources, advise that authority  
be granted for the letting of a contract to the Wellington  
Smith Limited of Fort Frances, Ontario, in the sum of  
\$5,475.00, which with contingencies will amount to approximately  
\$6,000.00.

(Signed) N.A. Robertson,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable  
the Minister of Mines and Resources.

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