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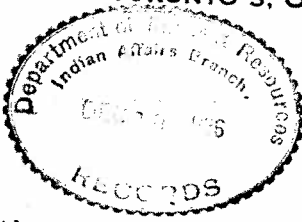
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TORONTO 5, ONT., December 18th.
1936.

Dr. Harold W. McGill,
Director of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.



Dear Dr. McGill:

Handwritten notes:
The 20th inst. is the date of the meeting of the Executive Committee.

Your letter, dated the 4th inst, file 44-6-1, stating that my proposal to erect at the expense of the Church of England in Canada "a new building to replace the present Moose Fort Indian Residential School" was submitted by you to the Minister and that he "is disposed to favourably consider providing per capita allowances for one hundred (100) pupils, if accommodation for that number is available in the new building;" was considered by the Executive Committee of this Society at its meeting on the 15th inst.

The Executive Committee decided unanimously to proceed this summer with the erection of the building in question on the assumption that the Minister being satisfied of the accommodation provided in the new building, a further letter would be received from him definitely accepting the proposal as submitted by me to you; viz, that the provision will be made for per capita grants, at the existing rate of \$200.00, for 60 additional pupils bringing the total provision up from the present number of 40 to 100; this rate to continue unchanged for a period of 10 years after we have secured an attendance of 100 pupils in the new school.

Concerning our ability to obtain 100 pupils, the Bishop of Moosonee, who knows the Anglican Indian population of the District very thoroughly and whom I consulted on the point, states in part in his reply as follows:

"Wherever I have gone during the past three years particularly, I have been besieged with requests from parents to have their children admitted to the Moose Boarding School and have been obliged to say there was no room.... So that I have not the slightest doubt that we can secure 100 pupils for the school at Moose."

Dr. Harold McGill.....2

The Principal of the School places the number that would desire admittance to the new school from 120 to as high as 150. There is, therefore, I am convinced, no question concerning an enrollment to the capacity of the school at an early date after it is erected and open.

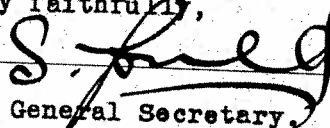
As you are aware, I think, Mr Orr is now drafting a plan for us which will ensure that the dormitory space provided has the necessary cubic air content conforming to the regulation of the Department.

Under these circumstances, I am assuming that the final and full agreement of the Hon'ble, the Minister, is assured and that I may proceed as soon as the plans are completed to take the steps necessary for the erection of the school during the coming summer since the large amount of materials necessary must be delivered at Moosonee for transportation over the ice before the Spring break-up.

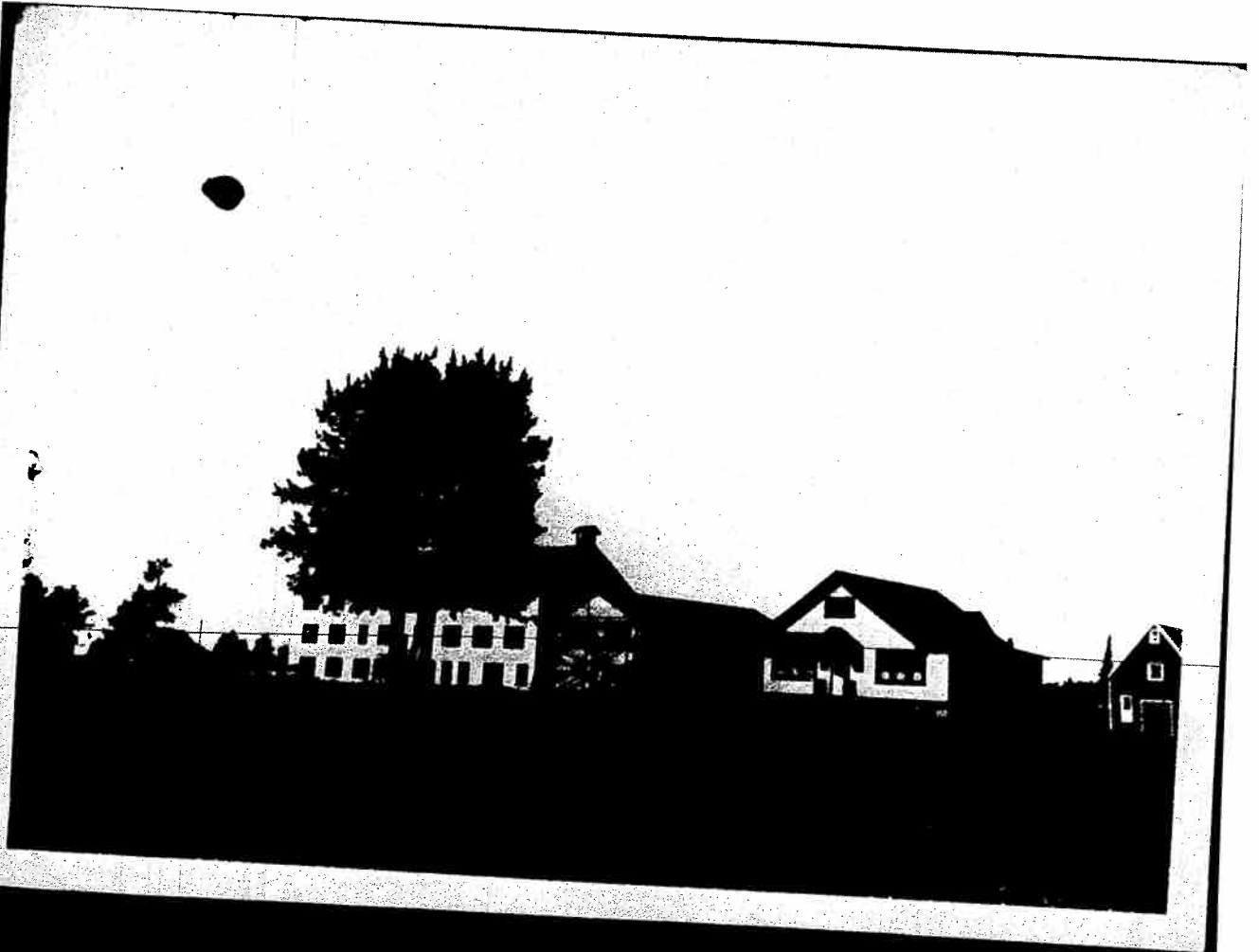
It was further understood and agreed between us that the Department would provide the cost - seats, blackboards, etc - of the equipment of the new classrooms; in this case to be provided for in a separate building.

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully,


General Secretary.

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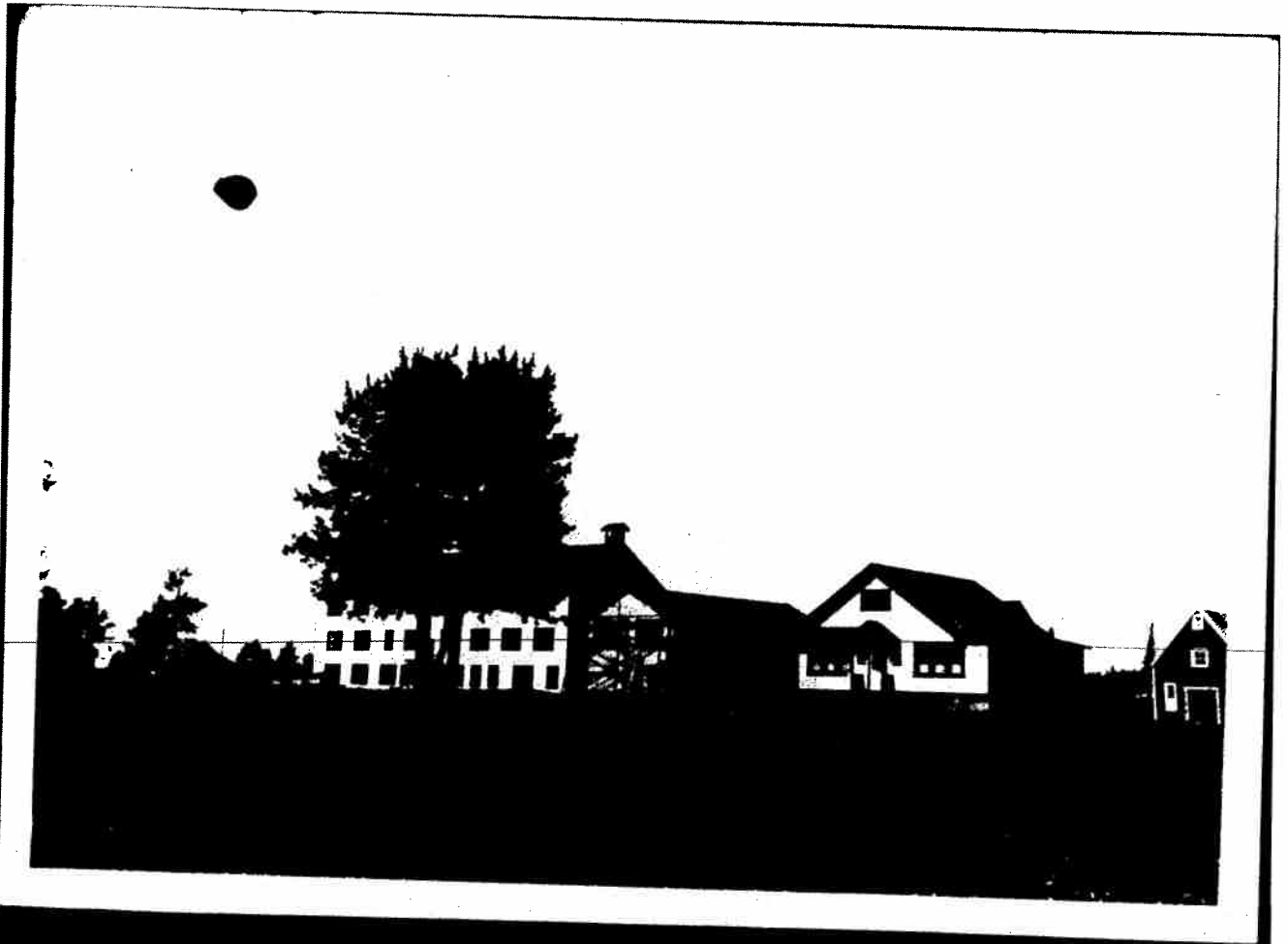
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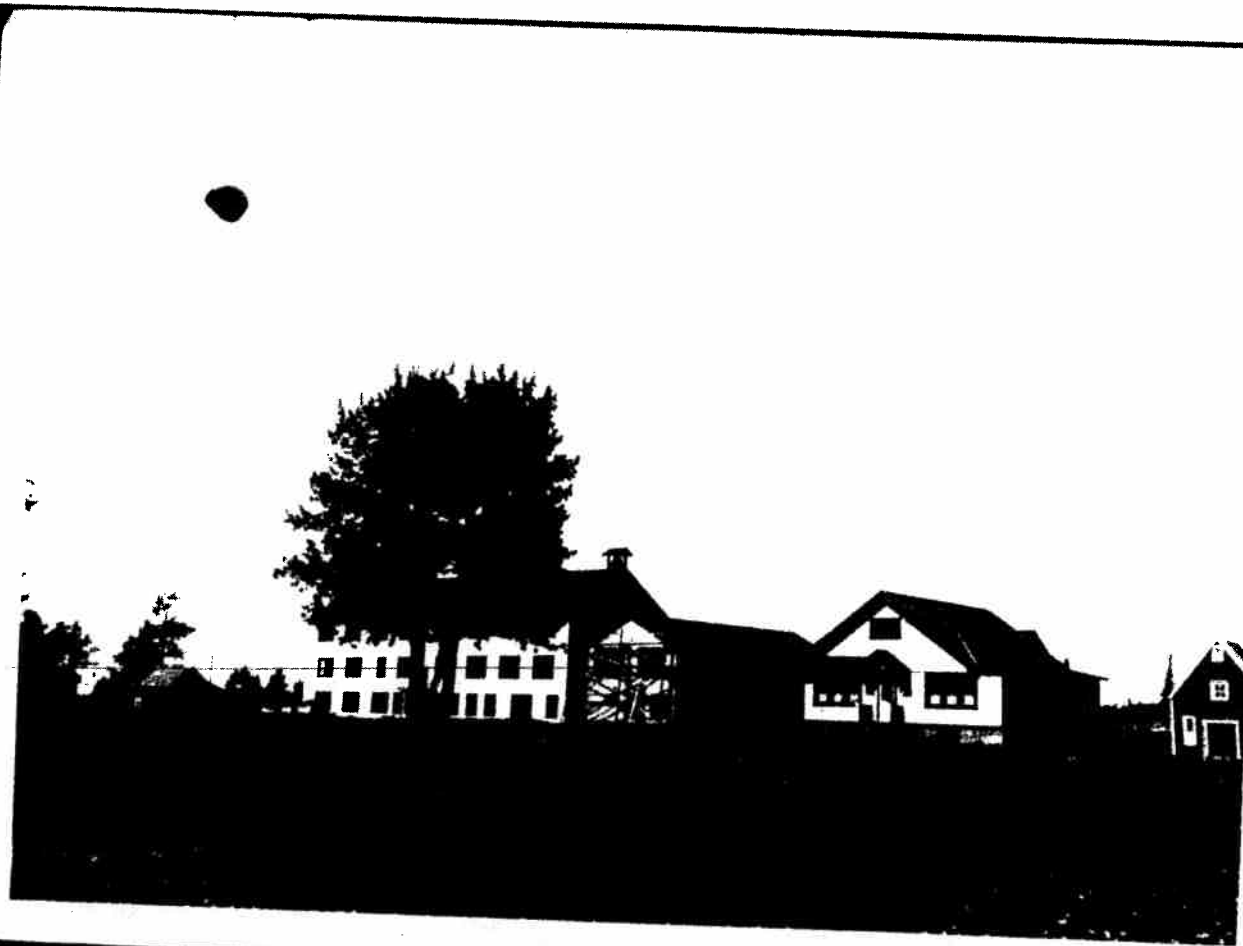
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Dear Dr. McGill:

It gives me much pleasure to enclose enlargement of my snap-shot of our new buildings at Moose Factory.

From right to left the buildings are:

1. The new Cottage Hospital.
2. The Annex, with outside scaffolding still in position, to the main building. The Annex provides on the ground floor for the laundry, the boys and girls wash rooms and the boys recreation room. The second storey consists of two very large and well-lighted classrooms. A closed and covered passageway of twenty feet connects the Annex with the main building.
3. The main building of the school. This building provides, on the ground floor - Chapel, kitchen and dining rooms for the pupils and staff; on the second floor, dormitories for junior boys and girls, office, and staff bedrooms and sitting room; on the third floor, main dormitories for senior boys and girls, with rooms for supervisors; the fourth floor, or attic, provides sewing room, large recreation room for girls and general storage rooms.

The cubic air-space provided for the dormitories is somewhat in excess of that required by the Departmental regulations

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully,

S. Gould
General Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION ON HIS
VISIT TO MOOSE FACTORY -

NEW BUILDINGS: The two years which elapsed since your Secretary visited this historic centre during the summer of 1935 were busy and eventful ones, and the progress made in that comparatively short time greatly exceeded his expectations. In the establishment of the fully modern Newnam Cottage Hospital, with ten beds, two cots, and one bassinette, and in the creation of a new, three and a half storey Residential School building, with ample accommodation for 100 pupils, the Church of England in Canada has furnished unquestionable proof of her deep and practical interest in all that pertains to the highest welfare of her numerous and devoted Indian people in the Moose Factory and James Bay areas. Never once, so far as your Secretary has been able to ascertain, since the arrival of John Horden (afterwards Bishop) in 1851, has the Church of England failed to provide labourers for this part of the world-wide mission field, and it is surely fitting that the good and glorious work which they began, and carried on so faithfully and so long, should now be maintained and extended by their successors with the increased resources and facilities they have at their command. The double process of maintenance and extension will be vastly stabilized and accelerated through the provision of those two very necessary and very efficient buildings, and one cannot but devoutly thank God for the abundance of wisdom and help bestowed upon the General Secretary of our Society, whereby he was enabled to find a way of making this provision possible.

THE HOSPITAL: As members have already received the printed pamphlet which furnishes considerable information about the Hospital, your Secretary does not consider it necessary to make any detailed reference to it in this report.

At the time of his visit five patients were in residence, two of them having been brought from Fort George, a distance of approximately 500 miles. ~~As two more were expected~~ to be transferred from the Hospital at Cochrane, there is ground ~~grain~~ for believing that the operating costs may be fully met by the usual for patients as made by the Indian Department.

For the time being, at any rate, Nurse Hockin, who is in charge, and Mrs Saucier, the House Matron, are quite sufficient to cope with the work, and additional help is not required.

The General Secretary recommends that responsibility for the Hospital be vested in the Commission, in the same way that the one at Hay River now stands, and your Secretary commends this recommendation to the members for sympathetic consideration and acceptance. It is the opinion of the General Secretary that the unification of control of

all the Society's work at this important centre, possesses advantages which should not be disregarded, and he expressed the hope that the members of the Commission would take the same view of the matter.

THE SCHOOL: The new buildings with the annex, the purpose of which will be described later, is pleasing in design, spacious in capacity and substantial in structure. The foundations rest on cement piles with wide footings, and the roofing material is asphalt shingles of the best quality. There is a neat little belfry on the apex of the roof at the east end, surmounted by a cross, and the bell itself, purchased by contributions from the local Indian community, has an unusually mellow tone. As the exterior of the building is painted a cream colour, with door and window frames in brown, the general effect, when viewed from a distance and against a background of green foliage, is decidedly pleasing.

THE ANNEX: At the east end of the main building (School) (which is 115 feet long by 38 feet wide) and connected therewith by a closed-in passage, there is another building, 64 feet long by 30 feet wide, which provides comfortable space on the ground floor for wash rooms for the boys and girls (each 24 feet wide by 15 feet) the laundry, the light and power plant, and a recreation room for the boys (29 feet by 15 feet.) On the upper floor it provides two well-lighted class rooms, each 30 feet by 30 feet, separated by a partition which can easily be removed when the combined space is required for an entertainment or general assembly.

Your Secretary feels confident that the detachment of the class-room work from the main school building will strongly commend itself to the members of the Commission, as it is in keeping with the policy they have been hoping for some years to have adopted at a number of the other schools under their control.

THE CHAPEL: Of all the rooms on the ground floor of the main building itself, undoubtedly the most interesting and beautiful is the one set apart, and furnished in oak, as a Chapel.

The Chapel is 50' 8" in length, 13' 4½" in width, has a Communion Table, Prayer Desk, and two chairs at the Sanctuary end, and a sufficient number of seats and kneeling boards in the nave to accommodate the staff and a capacity enrollment of pupils. The beauty and dignity of this room are greatly enriched by a window (2' 4" x 4' 2") of stained glass, located on the outside wall directly opposite to the main entrance. In the four

corners of this delightfully and artistically coloured window are excellent portraits of Bishop Horden, Archbishop Machray, Bishop Anderson, and the Rev. John East, while a panel in the lower half carries a remarkably fine reproduction of the painting of Bishop Mountain's momentous journey to the Red River. In a corresponding panel near the top of the window may be seen the lady Foundress of the W.A. as she unfolds to the Board of Management, D & F.M.S. the plans which, under Divine guidance and protection culminated in the honoured and Dominion-wide organization so well known today. In the centre of the window appears the Saviour of the World, blessing disciples gathered out of various nations, an Indian and Eskimo included, and, in the border on either side of this central group may be seen the official monogram of the M.S.C.C. and the Winchester Cross of the W.A. Few who see this window are ever likely to forget it, and one can only hope and pray that all who worship in this quiet and peaceful room may receive such fresh inspiration from the record which the memorial window carries of the heroic men and women of the past, as will enable them to dedicate their own lives to similiar great undertakings for Christ in the future. Fastened to the walls on either side of the memorial window, and becomingly framed are reproductions of the two paintings by Margaret W. Tarrant, one of which is entitled "LOVING SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP", and the other "BEHOLD I SEND YOU FORTH".

Other rooms on the ground floor of the main school building are as follows:

1. Childrens' refectory (50' x 30')
2. Staff dining room (13'4" x 13')
3. Hall (45' x 10') with three furnaces
4. Kitchen and pantry.
5. Store room, and
6. Dairy.

At either end of the first floor are spacious childrens dormitories, one of which is 48' x 16' and the other 55'6" x 14'. Connecting these are two passage-ways, each 34' long by approximately 4'4" wide. On this floor is located the Principal's office (15'10" x 12'); the staff sitting room (32'3" x 16' 6"); three bed rooms, each 15'10" x 10'); a guest room of the same size; a women's wash room 15'10" x 7'5"; and a Supervisor's room 16'4" x 10'.

The Second Floor has two dormitories each 56' x 38' and two supervisor's rooms, each 13'4" x 9'.

The Attic provides a room for storing clothing; another room for general storage; a recreation room for girls (49'4" x 14'); and a sewing room 16' x 13'4".

All rooms throughout the building are well lighted and storm and screen windows are available for winter and summer use respectively.

FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT. The annex will be heated by two Banner Furnaces, No. 333, made by the Galt Stove and Furnace Co., and the main school building by three Banner Furnaces, No. 328, year 1921, made by the same Company. The furnaces in the annex will burn wood, and those in the main school building wood and coal.

A Delco plant, Model No.25-C-1, Serial No.378902, 2500 watts, and 52 batteries will provide the light, also power to pump the water and operate the two Thor washers to be installed in the laundry.

The Water Supply is drawn from the river, with a Delco motor (Model 3747, Serial No. G26,115 volts D.C.) installed in a cement shaft on the river bank to operate the pump, and force the water through a 2" pipe to the school, a distance of some 430 feet. Due care has been given to the question of protecting the pipe against the severe frosts of winter.

There is a pressure, also a hot water tank in the laundry, a jacket heater. A table will be provided, also a stove for heating smoothing irons.

Tables and benches were available for the children's refectory, also a table for the staff dining room. Beds for the dormitories had been ordered, and there appeared to be every indication that the building would be ready for occupation by the end of the current year.

AFFILIATED BUILDINGS - such as a modern stock barn, implement shed, poultry house, piggery, etc. will have to be provided as funds from the Department or some other source become available. The "mission house," or staff part of the old school plant will be left standing and used for storing supplies. A root-house can be secured by putting a cement basement under this building. The Principal estimates that about 50 bags of cement will be required, and your Secretary recommends that the Department be asked to provide this, and the affiliated buildings mentioned.

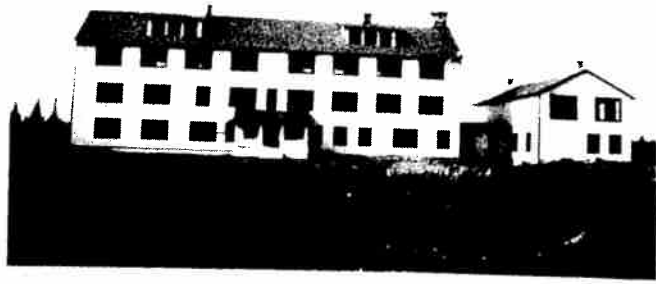
STOCK. The School has four good horses at present, and these are sufficient for current needs. It has four cows milking, one dxy, one heifer and one bull. More cows will be required in the Spring.

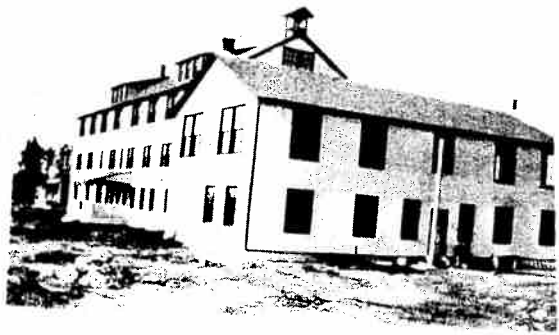
THE STAFF. The numerical strength of the existing staff, if augmented by one Teacher and one Supervisor, will probably be found sufficient to handle the work of the new and larger school.

THE PRINCIPAL (Rev. Gilbert Thompson, B.A.) is a diligent and capable worker. He conducts three services each Sunday - one at 11 o'clock in the Church at Moosonee, and the other two in the Church near the School, on the Island.

THE PUPILS. The enrolment of pupils at the time of your Secretary's visit was 39, but the daily attendance at the class room was not less than 80. The non-Treaty pupils receiving classroom instruction number 25, and there are about as many Treaty Indian children from the Settlement who benefit in the same way. Rev. Louis Sampson, the Teacher, has carried on the classroom quite steadily and faithfully, but it appeared to your Secretary that his qualifications better fitted him for work amongst senior grades, and none of which are to be found at this school. He himself has a keen desire to return to ministerial work and your Secretary advised him to communicate with some Bishops with a view to securing a suitable opening.

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T.B.R.W.





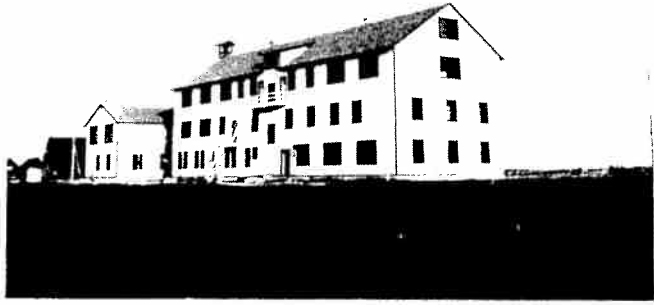
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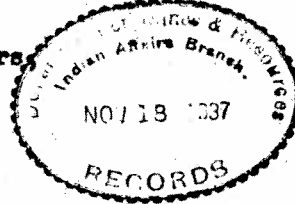
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TORONTO 5, ONT., November 15th, 1937.

Dr. Harold W. McGill,
Director of Indian Affairs,
Booth Building,
OTTAWA, Ont.



Dear Dr. McGill:

It gives me much pleasure to enclose photographs of the completed Bishop Horden Memorial Indian Residential School at Moose Factory. The photographs are numbered on the back as follows:

- No. 1. Front view of building with annex, showing covered way connecting them.
- No. 2. Rear view of building, and annex, showing fire escape.
- No. 3. Completed group of new buildings as a whole showing, from right to left, the Bishop Newnham Memorial Cottage Hospital, with the annex and main school building.
- No. 4. Side and front of annex, the front of main school building.
- No. 5. Interior of Chapel in the main building, showing in the middle of the right wall opposite the entrance, an historical stained glass window. Of this window I enclose separate photograph -
- No. 5A. This window represents in the bottom right hand corner, the Rev. John West, our first missionary to Rupert's Land who arrived in the Bay in 1820; next to him, bottom panel,

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