

Indian Affairs  
School Files

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School - Church of England - Building  
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- 1928.

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October 6, 1936.

MEMORANDUM:The Honourable the Superintendent General, -

A fire occurred on the evening of the 29th ultimo in the engine room of the Indian Residential School, Sioux Lookout, a government-owned institution, (Electoral District of Port Arthur-Thunder Bay) Ont., Kenora Indian Agency. Upon being advised, the local Indian Agent immediately proceeded from Kenora to Sioux Lookout, and, in his report, he states as follows:-

"The fire started in the engine room, most likely from the exhaust of the engine. The exhaust pipe has run through the same hole since the school was erected, but, for some reason, the fire started at that point. No damage was done to the main parts of the building but the interior of the engine room is badly burned as are also some of the rafters and joists. Considerable damage was done to the engine and the batteries of the lighting system.

"In addition to the damage to the engine room, the fire travelled between the walls as far as the bake room and also travelled up inside the walls around the chapel but had not broken through. The staff managed to extinguish the fire. Considerable damage was done by the fire and water and also by the holes which had to be made through the roof and sides of the building to get the water to the fire.

"As a result of the fire, there was no water or lights in the school. Arrangements were made with

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the local Ontario Forestry Service, who have supplied a pump for a few days, to take care of the water supply. Lanterns have been supplied, and the school is managing, with great inconvenience, in supplying light."

The Agent has arranged with Messrs. Mumford and Medlar, agents for the Lister Motors, Winnipeg, for the loan of an engine and generator and also for them to forward an expert to examine the damage to the engine, the batteries of the lighting system and the water pumping equipment.

The Agent states, further, that it is difficult to ascertain the amount of damage, but he estimates it to be approximately \$2,000.00, in making the necessary repairs to the lighting and water systems and the building. No blame appears to be attached to the staff of the school in the outbreak of the fire.

As it is necessary that immediate action be taken in restoring the lighting and water systems, the Agent requests that he be given blanket authority to incur an expenditure of, approximately, \$2,000.00, in making the necessary repairs. He will arrange for the purchase of materials, from firms on the approved list. In the installing and overhauling of the lighting and water systems, the labour would be carried out by the firms supplying the equipment. The greater part of the other labour in repairs to the building could be performed by the school staff.

I would recommend, for early approval, that Mr. Agent Edwards be granted authority to overhaul the equipment, purchase any new equipment required and undertake the repairs to the building, at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Funds for this purpose could be provided from the Appropriation for Indian Education. Unfortunately, the Principal, of the School, Rev. J.F.J. Marshall, is in hospital in Winnipeg, where he has undergone a serious operation. Mr. Edwards wishes early instructions, and I would request that he be given the authority to undertake the repairs.

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*Edwards*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

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Voucher No. 8231

# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To... Fred Edmonds,

Contractor,

Sioux Lookout,  
Ontario.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1937 Feb. 15	<p>To account rendered per Vouchers attached</p> <p>Rebuilding walls and roof of engine room and new windows, glazing and painting 16 windows</p> <p style="text-align: right;">REPLICATED FOR FILE Voucher No. P. J. 37</p> <p>Sioux Lookout Residential School, allotment #2 sub allot. #243</p> <p>Authority. Department wire, November, 17th. 1936</p>	300 00
TOTAL,		

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

*Frank Edwards*  
Agent

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