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# Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School

Church of England



Phone 248

Rev. J. F. J. Marshall,  
Principal.

SIoux LOOKOUT, ONT., April 10, 1941. 19

Mr. G. Swartman,  
Indian Agent,  
Sioux Lookout, Ont.

Dear Sir:

During your visits to the School you have observed from time to time how the outside of the main school building is deteriorating from lack of paint. In our Estimates for 1941 we asked for paint for the main school building. For your information the school was last painted in 1929 and for the last eight years we have been estimating for paint for the school. However, nothing has been done in this connection to date.

The last few winters the school has been very difficult to heat, especially the north side while a north wind is blowing. At times we have had to move children from the classroom to one of the other back rooms and have also had to utilize the Chapel in this connection:

A great many of the boards on the outside of the building have no paint on at all and they are warping. There is also considerable space between them, so much so that in places the builders paper between the siding has also become dilapidated by the weather. If the building is left in this condition it is going to cost more as each year goes by.

You will remember from our last conversation regarding paint on the school that we thought it would be unwise to re-paint it as the boards will all have to be scraped and a large number replaced. This would take considerable time and labour. Instead we thought it might be better to Insul-Brick the building.

Since then I have taken the liberty of calling on Mr. Cosgrove, Manager of the Beaver Lumber Company who very kindly came out and measured up the building and gave us an estimate of the cost of Insul-Bricking the main school building.

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Mr. G. Swartman,

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The total estimated cost, including labour and material will be One Thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, (\$1750.00). Of this Fifteen Hundred Dollars would be for material and the balance for labour. The Insul-Briak, as you know, is fire-proof and has AI insulating value. I believe in the long run this would be the most economical and should be able to stand up for a good many years.

Should the Department see their way clear to complete this work I think it would be a great improvement in the appearance of the building. It would be more especially appreciated now by all concerned as you are aware the road is now completed from Sioux Lookout to the Trans Canada Highway and the last few summers we have had a large number of American Tourists coming out to go through the building and it is certainly most unsightly for our Southern visitors to see and take back a report such as they might with the School in its present condition.

We realize the handicap the Department is placed under owing to the present conflict, however, we think if it is at all possible this should be done now.

Thanking you for your kind attention,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

*Geo. L. Marshall*

Geo. L. Marshall,  
Acting Principal.

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**CHARLES HOGSDON**

engineer at the Indian residential school at Sioux Lookout and a former resident of Winnipeg, who was accidentally killed by a train Saturday night, while on his way from Sioux Lookout to the school. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hogsdon, 1518 Catherine street, and had been at the post for over a year. Funeral service will be held in Winnipeg, with Bardal's funeral home in charge.

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