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Ottawa, January 14, 1918.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant stating that you are forced, on account of your health, to ask the Department to relieve you from the office of Principal of the Spanish River Industrial School.

In reply I beg to say that your resignation is accepted. The Department trusts that your health will soon improve.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. Eug. A. Papineau, S.J.,  
Spanish River Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.

Industrial school

Spanish Out

July 17 1918.

Mr. Benson

Dept. of Ind. Affs. Ottawa

Dear Mr. Benson

I regret to have to inform you that I have some laceration in the infirmary with a case of blood poisoning in the left wrist.

On Thursday last (14.2.18) I had the doctor from Massay & under chloroform there were some incisions practiced to drain out the pus.

I foresee that it is going to be a considerable time before there will be much improvement.

There is still danger for him losing the hand, whereas if a complete dissection of the part were practiced which would necessitate him going to the hospital I have every reason to believe the hand will be saved.

A word from you by telegraph & I will take him to either Sudbury or South Wharfedale or in fact any hospital you will designate or I will keep him here what ever you wish awaiting your wishes.

I remain Dear Mr. Benson.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ  
Fred. M. Thompson, M.D.

Infirmary

# Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Telegraph



READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON THE BACK.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, February 19, 1918.

Rev. T. A. Desautels,  
 Principal,  
 Spanish River Industrial School,  
 Spanish, Ont.

May take Sam Cote to Soc Hospital for treatment.

Charge to Dept. of I. A.

J. D. McLean. *[Handwritten: public ward]*

*[Large handwritten signature]*

Indian Affairs. (RS 10. 1-1-1917, file 171-1, part 11)

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Sept 1

Children have entered our school this year in larger number than any previous year. We have already 96 boys, 95 girls, and more are to come soon, and I have refused quite a number for want of room and not to exceed the number of 200 for both institutions. Comes the question if we should refit our school to accommodate a larger number of children or not. We are ready to do it if the Department of Indian Affairs would guarantee the ordinary grant for a number of children not exceeding 250, boys and girls. The girls school is large enough in all its parts for 125 children. The boys dormitory can contain only 100 beds, but this can be enlarged by adding half of the third story of the staff building. All other parts of the house are large enough for 125 children.

It is my opinion that the boarding school will be more and more the means of educating the Indians of this part of the country. The day schools have not reached great many Indian children. The proportion of those who attend these day schools seems rather to decrease, and the some of the many reasons are the following: The Indians are not

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as before grouped in villages, they rather tend to disperse all over their respective reserve for farming purpose. The high wages in saw mills and timber camps, the berry picking, sugar making keep always many families shifting about. For these reasons, some schools around here have to close periodically, so Serpent River School, Spanish River (Nagamok), South Bay, Whitefish Lake.

The new location of our boarding school has afforded school facilities to many band of Indians who had never previously sent children to Wabunnu. We now received children from Pujissing, Soki's bands, from Abitibi, Mahisaki and we have application from Lake Superior Indians. I have already refuse quite a number of children and some are orphans or destitute children.

If the Indian Department allows us to increase the number of our boarders, we will prepare to answer all the applications.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr Martin Benson  
Dept. of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa, Ont.

T. A. Desautels, S.

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September 18, 1918.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to Mr. Benson of this Department, in which you ask that the Department increase the number of grant earning pupils allowed the Spanish River Industrial School to two hundred and fifty.

In reply I beg to say that the Deputy Superintendent General is at present out of town, but upon his return this matter will be brought to his attention and you will be further advised.

Your obedient servant,

E. S. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. T. A. Desautels, S.J.,  
Principal,  
Spanish River Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Ottawa, October 3rd., 1918.

Gentlemen,

I beg to transmit herewith a list of drugs required for use at the Spanish River Industrial School, and I have to request that you will kindly furnish the same and make shipment of them to the Rev. T.A. Desautels, S.J., Principal of the said institution, whose address is Spanish, Ont. You should forward your account in triplicate to the Principal at the above mentioned address and you should attach thereto a receipt for the prepaid shipping charges on the drugs.

Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Messrs. Lyman Limited,  
Wholesale Druggists,  
Montreal, Que.

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Ottawa, October 10, 1918.

Rev. Sir,-

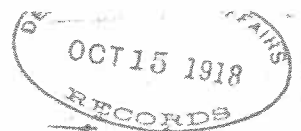
In further reference to your letter of the 14th ultimo, in which you asked that the Department increase the number of grant earning pupils allowed the Spanish River Industrial School to two hundred and fifty, I beg to say that the Department is unable to grant this increase at present, as the appropriation for school purposes for this year is limited.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

  
Rev. T. A. Desautels, S.J.,  
Principal,  
Spanish River Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.




 DISTRICT SCHOOL,  
 STANTON, ONT.
October 14<sup>th</sup> 1918.

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. concerning the increase of grant earning pupils in our school. The answer was in the negative for the reason that the appropriation for school purposes is limited.

Then I would beg the Department to consider another proposition. Our school has now the full number of children allowed: 100 boys. There is no margin left for urgent cases that present themselves now and then. Lately I had to refuse five very poor and orphan boys for the reason that the number of children allowed in our school was filled. Parents will bring us from far distance children without previous notice. It is not easy to turn them away.

There are here some 7 or 8 boys undesirable, past <sup>beginning to be</sup> ages, insubordinate, exercising bad influence on others. One of them is scrofulous, one has sore eyes. I would propose the discharge of these boys. They draw very little advantage by being here and they take the place of others. If it is granted, which I desire much, I would propose names and add explanations.

I would be pleased to receive soon our cheque for the quarter ending Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. We are in such need of money.  
 The Sec. of the Dep<sup>t</sup> of Ind. Affairs  
 Sincerely yours,  
 Ottawa, Ont. T. A. Desautels

Ottawa, October 21, 1913.

Reverend Sir/-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, in which you inform the Department that the Spanish River Industrial School has now the full number of children in residence for which a per capita grant is allowed and that there is no margin left for urgent cases that may present themselves for admission.

In reply I beg to say that in the case of the seven or eight boys, whom you state are undesirable and are beginning to exercise a bad influence, if you will forward an application stating their names and register numbers, the Department will be disposed to grant their discharge.

The cheque for the September quarter's grant was sent you on the 17th instant and it is hoped will reach you in due course.

Your obedient servant


for Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. T. A. Desautels, S. J.,  
Principal,  
Indian Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.

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REPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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COPY.

Massey, Ont.,  
November 7th, 1918.

Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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Sir,-

I have been instructed by phone from J. Hagan, Indian Agent, Waseelon, to notify you that he is quarantined at his daughter's house and not able to communicate with the Department as his office is not near his house.

He wished me to say that he is in good health, also to let you know that up to last night there has been 30 Indians died at Spanish Hills of Flu, these were from several different bands, also that 7 girls and 3 boys have died at the Spanish Industrial School of this disease.

Yours obediently,

Edward Barclay,  
Constable.

Box 33.

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Ottawa, November 12, 1918.

Rev. Sir,-

The Department is advised that seven girls and three boys have died at the Spanish River Industrial School from the Spanish Influenza.

I have to ask you to be good enough to furnish the Department with a full report in regard to the epidemic of this disease at your school.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLENNAN

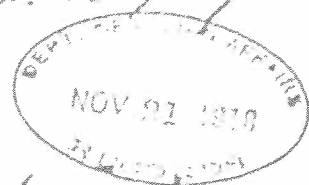
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. T. A. Desautels, E.J.,  
Principal,  
Spanish River Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.

*7. 5. 18*  
*[Handwritten signature]*

Spanish, out. Nov. 18, 1918

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No doubt you have been informed of the great trial we have undergone these last weeks. The Spanish Influenza has visited us in all its severity. It broke out first at the girls school, the 21st Oct., and in three days, all the girls except three and some members of the staff were in bed. Three days after it started in the boys school, and in a few days, all the boys, except three and six members of the staff were sick. We had many serious cases, lungs, kidneys, and ears troubles, many cases of pneumonia. I regret to state that we had to register some losses in both schools; the following is the death record: Oct. 28, No 0402 Lina Osawatine, 14 years, 4th Standard, Manitowish unceded. Oct 29, No 0447, Ellen Manitowish, 8 years 1st Std. Cockburn Island; Oct. 31, No 0482, Ernestine Corbiere, 7 years 1st Std. West Bay; Oct 31st No 0295 Mathilda Rissillon, 16 years, 5th Std. Tessalon; Nov. 1st No 0381 Rose Womignans, 10 years 4th Std Manitowish unceded; Nov. 3rd No 0395 Mary Medweish 12 years 3rd Std Manitowish unceded. Nov. 3 Nov 0288 Annie Begoniaessang 14 years 5th Std. Manitowish unceded. Nov. 12 No 0448 Virginia Corbiere 7 years 1st Std. West Bay. Boys: — Nov. 4 No 617 Augustus Tabbell 10 years, 2nd Std. Cahygnaraya; Nov. 4 No 552, Moise Minnowakana 7 years, 1st Standard Spanish River; Nov 5 No 533 Michael Akimozia, 11 years, 1st Std. Cape Croker; No 7 No 543 Edmund Witskamizad, 11 years 3rd Std.

Manitowish unneeded; Nov 8 No 529, Jerome Kitchikety  
12 yrs 3<sup>rd</sup> Std South Bay; Nov. 8 No 469, Joseph  
Amerson 11 years 3<sup>rd</sup> Std Cape Craker. Nov. 9 No 435  
Alexandre Wemignous 13 years 4<sup>th</sup> Std Manitowish unneeded  
Nov. 11 No 417 Isaiah Beauvais 15 years Industrial  
Course, Shoemaker St Regis. In all 8 girls and 8 boys.

We have still a few in bed recovering very slowly.  
Some of the most serious cases who have partly recovered  
might remain so weak that they would not be able  
to attend their school duties, and some might  
develop tubercular diseases. I will report on such  
cases if experience prove they turn that way.

Thank to the Indian Department, we have been well  
supplied with drugs. We tried to give the children  
the best medical and nursing attendance we  
could in those in the circumstances we were  
in. We had the help of one infirmarian from Red-  
bury and of two from Montrose.

I would please to receive a letter of our Mr Agent  
of the school J. Bayne in which he quotes the  
following statement from Mr J. Stewart of the  
Ind. Dep't: "Replying to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the  
reporting outbreak of Influenza at the Industrial  
School at Spanish, the Department approves of Dr  
Mc Dermott's engagement to attend these cases,  
and you should see that every attention in the  
way of nourishing and medical attendance is  
given them." I concluded from this that Mr Dr  
Mc Dermott was at the charge of the school. In the meantime  
paid his regular visits to the sick of our school,  
generally every day. He has shown hospitality and  
devotion in the fulfillment of his duties.

We have been doing more than ordinary infirmarian  
work, we had real hospital work and we had to  
undergo some extra expenses. I call to the fairness  
of the Department to help us to solve our expenses,  
at least the bill of the extra infirmarian which  
will amount to \$150.00.

We hope to start teaching in a few days after the  
washing and disinfection of the buildings is  
finished.

You will find inclosed the Admission papers  
of Ernestine Ochiire and Basil Mishi Binejima  
They entered on the date marked on their papers.

Three boys, who have completed their course of  
study last summer, asked to stay a few months more  
in the school to learn some trade in their respective  
trade. Isaac Beaurais was a Shoemaker.

Joseph Martin applied himself to carpentry and  
cement work, Angus Beaurais applied himself to  
join work, especially to planing. They wish now  
to be discharged, and I beg for their discharge.  
Isaac Beaurais No 417 have already been discharged  
by the Almighty in this last disease.

No 419 Joseph Martin 16 years, St Regis. entered Sept 20, 1911.  
No 387 Angus, Ignatius Beaurais, 15 years, Coughmanaga  
entered October 3, 1912.

Herewith is the certificate of death of Peter Johnson.  
Owing to his predispositions this boy was nearly dying  
of the influenza, he will be to sick to attend his  
properly his school duties this year. I would advise to dis-  
charge him too. No 416 Peter Johnson 16 years, St Regis.  
I suppose these boys are entitled to their fair pay by the  
Department.

Very sincerely yours,  
The Sec. of the Dep't of Ind. Affairs  
T. A. Dequette, Jr.  
June

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant in which you inform the Department of the death of eight boys and eight girls at the Spanish River Industrial School as a result of the severe epidemic of Spanish influenza.

The death of these pupils is very much regretted. The Department is satisfied that every care and attention was given them by yourself and members of your staff as well as Dr. McDermott. It is hoped that the pupils are now all on a fair way to recovery and that no further deaths will occur. The class work should be resumed again as soon as the disinfection and cleaning is completed.

The expenses incurred by you in the employment of the extra infirmarians to the amount of \$150.00 will be paid and you should forward vouchers, in duplicate, properly certified, covering the expenditure to the above amount.

With reference to the request for the discharge of pupils Nos. 419, Joseph Martin and 387, Angus Ignatius Beauvais, I beg to say that enquiries are being made from the agents at St. Regis and Caughnawaga as to what disposition is to be made of these boys when they arrive home. As soon as a reply is received you will be given further instructions. The cost of their transport will be paid by the Department.

With reference to pupil No. 416, Peter Johnson, I have to acknowledge the receipt of a certificate from Dr. McDermott regarding the health of this boy and recommending that he be discharged from the school. As the parents of this boy are dead, enquiry is being made as to what arrangements can be made for his care if it is decided to return him to St. Regis. I have to request that you will be good enough to have Dr. McDermott furnish a report as to whether he considers this boy would be likely to recover if he were sent to a sanatorium. If there is a reasonable hope that he will recover his health arrangements might be made to have him placed in a sanatorium. However, before any action is taken Dr. McDermott should give a report and also state whether he considers that it would be advisable to have him sent to a sanatorium.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of applications and certificates of health for the admission of Ernestine Corbiere and Basil Mishibinejima, and in reply I beg to say that the admission of these two children is approved. The application of Ernestine Corbiere is returned herewith as the signature of the witness has not been filled in and this should be done and the application returned to the Department. In future, the Department would like you to forward all applications for admission to the agent of the band to which the children belong for his approval before the applications are sent in to the Department.

Your obedient servant

Rev. T. A. Desautels, S.J.,  
Principal,  
Indian Industrial School  
Spanish, Ont.

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

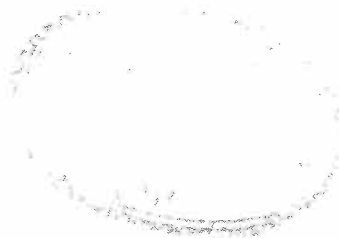


Spanish, Oct. May 2<sup>d</sup> 1919

EXTRACT  
ON 760370-25

Perhaps you will find my report a little lengthy, especially the items about the children. So, if you find useless passages in this chapter, I do not be offended if you cut them. The same about the correction of language, as I have not the pretense to be a scholar in English language.

As you will notice, the boys have been granted a typewriter, and the girls have none, and they are anxious to learn it also. The teacher of the girls' sewing class, Miss Jenkins, told me many times she would be delighted to teach typewriting to the girls. I think it would be a help now towards the progress and an advantage for the girls if they learn typewriting. Thus they would work under a better situation than housemaids, etc., they would associate with a higher class of people than they do in house work. But the individual girls are inclined to disagree with the Department, or to be heavily considered by the matter of decision to grant this request, it should be greatly appreciated.



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Spanish Industrial School, May 16, 1919

*[Handwritten signature]*

Dear Sir:—

I have to the Department of Indian affairs to accept my resignation as Principal of the Spanish Miner Industrial School. I am called to another field of labor. I'll keep remembrance of the kindness and courtesy of all the officers of the Department in our intercourse.

I'll be still in Indian Mission Work.

I propose to the approval of the Department as my successor, Rev. Victor Garab, S.J. a man of long experience in educational work.

Very sincerely yours,

T. A. Desautels, S. J.

The Secretary of the Department  
of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa, Ont.

*[Handwritten mark]*

Ottawa, May 16th, 1919.

Reverend Sir, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th, instant, in which you tender your resignation as Principal of the Spanish River Industrial school.

During the time you have been in charge of this school, continued progress has been evident and this was, no doubt, due to your interest and zeal in the welfare of the Indians.

The Department accepts your resignation with regret and extends its best wishes for your success in your new field of labour.

The appointment of Rev. V. Gravel, S.J., as your successor, is approved,

Your obedient servant

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. F. A. Desautels, S.J.  
Spanish River Industrial Sch.  
Spanish, Ont.

General Hospital

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

October 11/11

Mrs. W. Desautels

Spanish

May take Sam Cote to Gros Ven Hospital  
for treatment. He is to be interested as a pay  
patient in the guide ward.

Yours truly  
C. J. [unclear]

This is a correct copy of the Telegram we receive  
when Sam Cote came to our Hospital.

We have not received any pay yet. Will you  
kindly look into it for us. Mr. [unclear] told me  
to [unclear]

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
MAY 23 1919  
RECORDS

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

*J. M.*

*May 23* 1919

ACCOUNTANTS  
MAY 28 1919  
BRANCOE

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Sir,—

I have received an account  
and a letter which received yesterday from the  
General Hospital at ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
I beg leave to say that I know nothing about the  
transaction I never had anything to do with the  
matter, and my impression is that this party named  
Sam Cole is not an Indian, at any rate I have no  
such name on my payroll for the above Agency  
and therefore I do not wish to meddle with it  
without special permission

Your obedient servant  
Samuel Hagan  
Indian Agent  
Thessalon, Ont.

The Secretary  
Department of  
Indian Affairs  
Ottawa

FILE

Ottawa, May 27th., 1919.

Sir,-

I beg to transmit herewith an account of \$123.00 from the General Hospital at Sault Ste Marie in the case of Sam Cote, who was a patient in the said institution from the 21st February 1918 to the 4th May 1918. This account reached the Department through Mr. Hagan, Indian Agent, at Thessalon, but he states he has no information in regard thereto and knows nothing of the individual on whose behalf the account is presented. The Department desires that you will look into the matter and furnish full information in regard thereto. You should state under what authority this man was received into the hospital, and you should also ascertain definitely as to whether he is an Indian, and if so, to what band he belongs.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

Your obedient servant,

**J. D. McLEAN**  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

A. D. McNabb Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.

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Sault Ste. Marie, Ont,

June 16th 1919

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

ACCOUNTANTS  
 JUN 19 1919  
 FRANCIS

525637

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 27th of May and also reminder of June 11th File 254041/36 in reference to Sam Cote

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I am enclosing a copy of Telegram from J, D, Mc Lean Esq, authorising the Spanish School Principal to have Sam Cote sent to the General hospital and his fees would be paid. No doubt you have the Copy of this Telegram at the Department. Hoping that this explanation is satisfactory,

I have the honor to be Sirs,

Your obedient servant,



Indian Agent,

J, D, Mc Lean Esq,  
 Asst, Deputy & Secretary,  
 Dept, of Indian Affairs,  
 Ottawa,  
 Ont,

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Ottawa, June 24th., 1919.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, I return herewith the account amounting to \$118.00 which you submitted from the General Hospital, Sault Ste Marie, in the case of Sam Cote. This account should be amended so as to show the date when the patient entered the hospital and the date of discharge, and it should be attached to voucher forms in duplicate, which should be certified by you, provided the said voucher is correct. It should then be returned to the Department in order that the question of payment may be considered. There should be no delay in dealing with the matter.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

A.D. McHabb Esq.,  
Indian Agent,

Sault Ste Marie, Ont.



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Wasson, Ont.  
Sept. 28/19

Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont. 530423

Dear Sir:

I wish to report to you that  
I have under my care 20 cases of  
Thymus Cough at St. James Industrial  
Schools. No doubt this may spread to  
the 200 children at the Schools. I have  
them at present under Board of Health  
Vaccine treatment.

Sincerely yours  
H. Lee Smith  
M.D.

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BX D

Ottawa, October 2, 1919.

Sir, -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo reporting an outbreak of twenty cases of whooping cough at the Spanish River Industrial School.

In reply I beg to say that it is regretted that this outbreak has occurred.

It is noted that you have the children under Board of Health Vaccine treatment, and it is hoped that yourself, aided by the staff of the school will be able to prevent the spread of this disease among the other pupils. You should see that the pupils affected receive the necessary treatment.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. J. McDermott, Esq., M.D.,  
Massy,  
Ont.

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1920



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Dear Sir



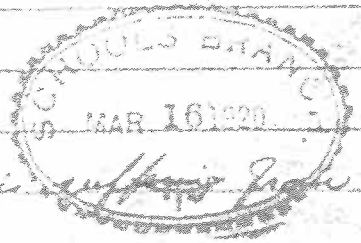
Please find enclosed a letter from  
Doctor Mc Dermott advising us to send Louise Mc Graw  
pupil no 0480, to the Hospital.

We have been trying for several days to reach her mother who  
passed the winter at Little Current, Ont, but in vain. We tried  
at Sucker Creek and Sogamok, where a sister of Louise was  
living, and also without success. Should the doctor of the Hospital  
say that an operation is necessary may we tell him to proceed  
with it, without the mother's consent? The mother has  
always looked after the child. The line separated, I think from  
her husband. We cannot find her whereabouts neither.

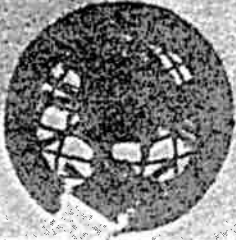
Will the Dept pay for the expenses incurred?

Your obedient servant  
V. Grand, S.  
Principal

The Secretary,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.



P.S. The Doctor thinks that the child is suffering from  
an abscess in the liver.



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J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa 16th March, 1920.

Rev'd F. Gravel  
Principal  
Industrial Indian School,  
Spanish, Ont.

Day Lettergram.

May send Louise McGraw to hospital for operation if necessary.

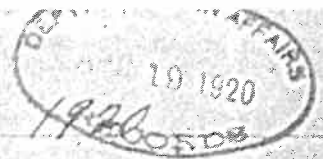
Department will pay reasonable charges. Place in public ward.

J.D. McLean.

Charge Dept. I.A.

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CANADA

April 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir

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Please find enclosed a Doctor's Certificate in favour of Delia Dokum pupil no 0511. The mother is in prison at Gore Bay. I sent a telegram to Mr. Haddon Tull, Sheriff asking him to let her come if it was possible. She answered saying that she could not do so. Fortunately Mr. Dokum (or John Clark) arrived and when the Doctor advised us to remove the child to the hospital, he sent a Telegram to Mr. Agent Lewis; but fearing the answer would not come in time he asked us to take her to Sudbury as he could not go himself. She left yesterday. Miss Bonneau went with her; she is expected to be accompanied on her return by Louis Mc Gray who has sufficiently recovered to be dismissed from the Hospital.

Your obedient servant

V. Grant, S.J.  
Principal.

Industrial School.

Spanish, Ont.

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa.



Ottawa, April 19, 1920.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant enclosing a doctor's certificate regarding the serious illness of Delia Dokum, pupil No. 0511 of the Spanish River Industrial School, whom you have sent to the hospital in Sudbury on the doctor's advice.

In reply I beg to say that your action in this matter is approved. The Department will pay reasonable charges for her as a patient in the public ward during the time she is in the hospital.

It is noted that Louise McGraw, whom you were authorized by telegram of the 16th of March, last, to send to the hospital, has sufficiently recovered to be dismissed from the hospital.

Accounts, in duplicate, covering the hospital charges for these pupils should be forwarded to the Department for payment as soon as both receive their discharge.



Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. V. Garvel, S.J.,  
Principal,  
Spanish River Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.



within their beds mostly every night & others who  
are not so frequent as it is necessary to have a  
yard of sleeping for each bed & although I had the  
intention of asking for 20 yards, <sup>but</sup> on account of your  
letter No. 427. 010-1. March 12<sup>th</sup> 1920. we have reduced  
the amount to 15 yards which will allow 12 yards for  
the dormitory & 3 yards for the bathroom which I have  
4 beds.

Yours Truly  
W. H. Woodmont, Jr.  
Superintendent

Sup. rec'd

V. Gravel S. J.  
Principal

F. H. Payer.  
Chief Accountant





DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA

Ottawa, Oct. 25th, 1930.

*Handwritten signature and scribbles*

Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions I visited the Spanish River Industrial School, while on my recent trip in that section.

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The principal of the school was absent at the time of my visit, having gone to Little Current on business in connection with the school. His assistant, showed me through the various buildings and did everything possible to give me an insight into their work and method of handling their pupils.

In visiting the boys' dormitory I found that the beds were well provided with bedding and although it was in the latter part of the week when I made my visit, the bed clothing was clean. Considerable difficulty is found in keeping some of the beds in proper condition on account of bed wetting by some of the smaller boys. Rubber sheets are used on these beds but the quality of rubber sheeting was very poor and thin. The greater part of the beds were not made up at the time I saw them, about ten a.m. The Asst. Principal explained that this was on account of the necessity of airing the beds.

The boys are provided with plain but warm clothing and have a change of underwear every week. They sleep in their underwear. All the boys get a bath once a week and their heads are kept close cropped.

Their food consists of, for breakfast porridge, milk, bread and butter; dinner, meat, potatoes, bread; on Fridays they have macaroni instead of meat; for supper beans or corn porridge, bread and tea or milk. Butter is given only once a day. The bread is a sort of black bread made from a formula obtained from some medical man who is known to them. It is objected to by the pupils, some of whom say that they cannot eat it at all.

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In the school  
at Spanish River  
the boys  
are  
not  
overworked

The boys take turns at the outside work. Seven or eight are required for milking. Four work at shoe making and repairing. Three work at carpentering. In summer some work in the garden and four or five on the farm. The work is done during one hour after breakfast and one hour before supper. I do not think that any are overworked. The older boys help with the thrashing.

The school location does not appear to me to be a good one from a health standpoint. It is low and boggy. Land that has been cleared for some time is still very boggy. In the mornings there is always a mist hanging over the place. It seems to me to be about the worst possible location for any person who is at all subject to tubercular troubles of any kind.

*msb*

*1/2 day*

I found the girl's school to be in much better condition than the boys'. The building is a better one and is kept much cleaner. The location, however, has the same fault as that of the other school, both being built on the low land down near the lake.

I noticed, when passing the cemetery that there appeared to be quite a number of graves. By looking over the fence I could count over 60 graves and there were probably some others which I could not see on account of the tall grass. That seems to be a great many for such a short time as the school has been in existence. *gaw*

I saw the Simon boys and they appeared to be in good health and not suffering from being underfed. I asked them if they wanted to leave the school and they said not. They may have been influenced by the presence of the teacher at the time.

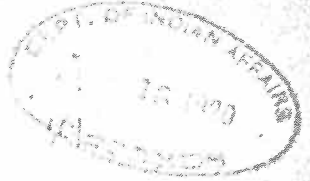
From what I saw, while at the school, I would consider that its unsatisfactory location was the greatest fault. It seems to me that there is bound to be sickness on this account. The food provided, while plain and not of great variety, is not stinted in quantity. The only complaint in regard to quality might be in the matter of the bread. The clothing provided is sufficient and cleanliness of body is well looked after.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie*  
Inspector.

A. F. MacKenzie, Esq.,  
Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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December 18, 1920.

Dear Doctor McGill,-

Incl.

I am sending herewith for analysis a loaf of bread such as is supplied the pupils at one of our large industrial schools in the province of Ontario. Some complaint has been made by the parents as to the quality of the food supplied at this school, and I shall be pleased if you will have this loaf analyzed, and let me have a report as to its food value.

*Complaint bread*

*AGM*

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Anthony McGill, Esq., B.A., B.Sc., LL.D.,  
F.R.S.C.,  
Chief Analyst,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Ash (Mineral Matter)	1.63%
Fat	1.13%
Crude Fibre	0.77%
Protein (N x 6.25)	11.58%
Carbohydrates (Nitrogen free Extract)	49.59%

Calorific Value per pound 1188 calories  
Acidity (cc n/10 alkali per 10 grs. bread) =3cc.

The nutritive value (1188 calories per lb) is about the average though the protein and fibre are slightly higher than usual. This is probably due to the use of a flour containing more of the bran, though otherwise it is just as nutritious as a finer flour. The acidity and taste indicate that the bread is slightly sour, but the analysis does not indicate that the bread should cause ill health.

*J. B. Collier*

Dominion Analyst.

January 3rd. 1921.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the Department received some complaints as to the quality of the bread that was being furnished the pupils of the Spanish River Industrial school, and Mr. Phelan was requested, when he visited the institution, to bring home with him a sample loaf which you were kind enough to give to him.

The loaf was submitted to the Chief Government Analyst, of the Department of Trade and Commerce, and I think I cannot do better than to enclose herewith a copy of the report received.

One of the claims made to the Department was that the bread was very often sour. You will notice that the report of the Analyst shows that, while the nutritive value of the sample sent in is about the average, there was evidence of sourness.

As bread is one of the staple articles of diet in all institutions of this kind the greatest care should be taken to see that only that of the best quality is furnished the children. I am sure that you will exercise the necessary care to see that the wishes of the Department in this respect are carried out.

Yours very truly,

  
Rev. F. Gravel, S.J.,  
Principal,  
Spanish Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.

  
Deputy Superintendent General.

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1921



Dear Sir

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I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., and in answer I beg to say that there are no second grade flour in our house nor any other than

2<sup>nd</sup> there are a half a dozen bags of bran or whole wheat flour hundred bags of flour, first grade.

3<sup>rd</sup> That this small quantity of bran, or whole wheat, was added to the flour at the request of our Doctor. Many children who are not used to eat bread at home, suffer from constipation when they are here; and to do away with this, which after a while become sufficient, Dr. Que Dermott told us that we should return to the brown bread.

If the Dept. think that we should give the children pure white bread only I am ready to give it to them; it was not a question of economy that prompted us to give them brown bread; but a question of health. Practically there is no economy on children eat more of the brown than of the pure white bread. I can say that I have never heard a boy or a girl complain about it. They prefer the brown to the white. I can also say that to my knowledge we never gave sour bread to the children.

Now many of our Chief Government Recipients when the supply of this loaf of bread was beyond the men give to the children, use the staff very brown bread more than three or four days old; because we know that on account of the bran especially, this bread becomes sour in a short time.

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The sample given to Mr. Phelan has been baked exactly 40 hours before it left the house. Therefore I would be glad to know when the analysis was made, i.e. begun, as this may explain why it was found slightly sour.

Your letter induces me to think that there are other complaints as you say that "one of the claims made to the Dept. was that the bread was very often sour."

I would be most grateful to you if you would kindly let me know of these other claims.

Your obedient servant  
W. Grant, S. F. Principal  
Industrial School,  
Spartan, Ont.

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,  
Deputy Superintendent General  
Dept. of ~~Interior~~ Affairs  
Ottawa.

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January 14, 1921.

Dear Sir,-

I was at Guelph the early part of this week, taking over some supplies from the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment. Among other things I obtained a number of manual training sets consisting of the bench and necessary tools. Four of these sets I ordered to be shipped to you, freight charges collect. There will be no charge for the goods themselves. I am sure that you will find these of great value in your work with the boys of your institution. We are taking over some other supplies, which will be distributed at a later date. Will you kindly advise the Department when this shipment arrives.

*ADM*

Yours very truly,

*W. F. ...*

Secretary to the Deputy.

The Principal,  
Spanish River Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.



March 15<sup>th</sup> 1921



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Dr. Mc Dermott was here yesterday to examine a few children who suffer from a light attack of grip. He found one, little Louis Delane, pupil No 593, who should be sent to the hospital. It is a case of pleurisy. Dr. Mc Dermott found pus in the lower part of his right lung and advised me to send a word to the mother of the child to have permission to treat him in the hospital. It may take a day or two before I can reach the mother. May I send the boy to St. Louis and have him treated there in Saint-Joseph Hospital?

Your obedient servant  
 V. Grand, S. J. Principal  
 Industrial School,  
 Spanish, Ont.

The Secretary,  
 Dept. of Justice Affairs.

Very  
 Yours,  
 Comes from [unclear]

Public Archives of Canada

Ottawa, March 17, 1921.

Reverend Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, in which you state that Dr. McDermott recommends that Louis Debeau, pupil No. 593, be sent to the hospital at Sudbury.

In reply I beg to say that you may send this boy to the hospital at that point. The Department will pay reasonable charges for him as a patient in the public ward during the time he is in the hospital.

It is noted that you are endeavouring to locate his mother in order to advise her regarding her son's condition.

Accounts, in duplicate, covering the hospital charges for this pupil should be certified by you and forwarded to the Department for payment.

Your obedient servant

J. D. McLean.  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. V. Gravel, S.J.,  
Principal,  
Indian Industrial School,  
Spanish, Ont.

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April 2. 1921.

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Dear Sir.

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March, 31<sup>st</sup> No. 385664/p. re influenza.

In answer I am very glad to say that there are only two children still in bed to-day, one boy and one girl, and both are expected to be up in a few days.

During the month of March there were 62 cases treated in the infirmary. Fortunately the attack of influenza was not severe: much coughing, but little fever. After three or four days they were better. None relapsed. Those who had a beginning of pleurisy, i. of pneumonia, c, are now out with the others, but kept under special care and diet. Classes were interrupted three days in all.

After the mild winter we had and following sudden change in the temperature it was expected that some kind of disease would result. It came quite suddenly just the same; but thank God, it was not severe.

Doctor Mc Dermott hopes that it will not be necessary to send pupil to St. Louis, Louis Dolan to bed long for an operation. This boy is on his feet now and is doing very much better. I keep his mother well informed.

Yours obedient servant

J. Grand L.

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

SCHOOLS BRANCH  
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