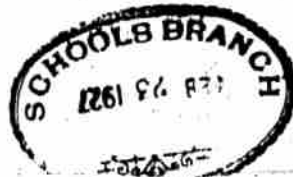


129.3.1

Extract from letter of Frank Edwards, Indian Agent,
dated Kenora, Ont., February 16, 1927.

Original on File #30129-2.



108-13.

I have informed the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School that he should not trade with the Indians without a permit from the Department. He therefore applies for the necessary permit, which I recommend should be granted, but in giving same it might be mentioned that prices should be fair and reasonable, as I am informed his charges are rather high.

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Copy

Ottawa, February 23, 1927.

THE GEOILIA JEFFREY INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL,
of SHOAL LAKE, MANITOBA, is hereby permitted to trade
for an indefinite period on INDIAN RESERVE NUMBER
FORTY, SHOAL LAKE, on which the school is situated.

This license is issued and accepted on and
with the following conditions, viz:

That the holder thereof will sell
and useful articles and that the same shall be
sold to or bartered with them in accordance
with a scale of fair and reasonable prices,
which shall be approved by the Indian Agent;
that the holder thereof shall not in any
respect violate the provisions of the Indian
Act or of the amendments thereto.

This license may be revoked by the Super-
intendent General without notice.

Spd. J. A. M. Lein

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, February 23, 1927.

Sir:

Referring to that portion of your letter of the 16th instant, relative to the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School trading with the Indians without a permit from the Department, I enclose herewith the necessary permit, which you will be good enough to hand to the Principal. A copy is also enclosed, which you should retain on file in your office.

You will note in the permit the conditions on which the same is issued. You will also note that the Principal should deal with the Indians on a scale of fair and reasonable prices, the same to be approved by you, and that the license will be revoked without notice if for any reason the terms of the permit are not complied with.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN (2)
J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Eggleston, Ont.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 29 1927
RECORDS

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Kenera, Ont.
April 25th, 1927.

132-9

Sir:

With reference to my letter 108-13 of Jan. 18th 1927 regarding Mildred Martin, an ex-pupil of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, I would say that our constable, Mr. Angus, and his wife have been keeping her and endeavouring to reform her to some extent, Mr. Inspector Bunn having expressed his belief that neither jail nor a detention home would be quite the right place, while the facilities for wrongdoing forbade her being left with her parents at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Angus kept this girl from Jan. 14th to the 14th inst, and there has been so much improvement shown that we have allowed the girl to go back to the reserve.

Mr. Angus is in receipt of a small salary, and is unable to keep a maid, and I would suggest that he be allowed to receive a nominal sum, say, \$15 a month, towards the maintenance of this girl. This would be cheaper than either detention home or jail. If you agree with the above suggestion I would be glad to receive a cheque for \$45 which should be charged against account 223, and on receipt of the same I shall send the necessary vouchers.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Mrs H. M. ...

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DIIRIC ADMIN

May 6, 1927.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Pratt.

Your letter of January 20th to Miss Cummings cannot be usefully supplemented in any way. This Mr. Munnice is at present in charge of the school, which was handed over to the Presbyterian Church. It is probable that before long we may put up a new building for this institution, but we shall have to insist that Mr. Munnice shall disappear with the old building so far as the principalship is concerned.

Oct
Deputy Superintendent General.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
APR 30 1927
RECORDS

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kenera, Ontario.
27th April, 1927

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAY 9 1927

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Dear Sir,

I am informed by Mrs (D.) Helen M. Strachan, that she is Secretary of the Womens Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and that her Society has taken over the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in this Agency, seley, as from 1st April, 1927. and that the arrangement is that the Rev. Mr Menzies and his staff, are staying on at the School in the meantime, so it will be carried on in the future as at present.

Mrs Strachan asked me to notify the Department as to their taking over the School, but I would suggest to the Department that it is advisable to make a change in the Management, (at not too late a date) as was suggested to the late Board of management of this school, so as to prevent a recurrence of the difficulties of the staff and Indians under Mr Menzies, although the Indians inform me he has improved in his treatment of them.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

*for address
AMP*

Edward Sec

Per WWA

*W. Mackenzie
Franks*

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.
Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa.

Indian Affairs. School Files.

C O P Y

Original on 160-6.

May 18, 1927.

Dear Mrs. Strachan:

Rev. Dr. Hanson has informed me that the Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential Schools are now under the control of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. I wish to assure your Society that you may count on the fullest cooperation of the officers of this Department in the conduct of these institutions. They are two important elements of the general programme for the education of the youth of our north and I trust that they will continue to be of much usefulness. The resignation of the Rev. Mr. Pitts, the incumbent at Birtle, has been brought to the attention of the Department and I should be grateful if you would let me know something of your plans for the management of these institutions.

Once every three months, the Department issues you capita grant cheques, and it will be necessary for us to know to whom they should be directed. They can be drawn in favour of the Society or sent direct to the Rev. Principals.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. Strachan,
Educational Secretary,
Presbyterian Women's Miss. Society,
12 ... Street,
... ..

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MAY 21 1927
RECORDS

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Extract by

Extract from letter, dated May 18th, 1927, from the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

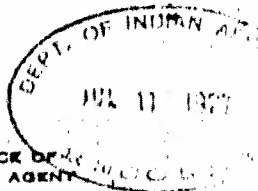
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"In regard to Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Rev. A. D. Mensies is still in charge, and I am not sure whether he wishes to make a change or not. We are perfectly satisfied for him to remain if he so desires."

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129-3-11

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



108-13

Kenora, Ont.
July 8th, 1927.

Sir:

Am Ottawa

We have received a letter of resignation from Nurse Reid of Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School, to take effect after the holidays. The school closes on the 15th inst and will re-open, I presume, about Sept. 1st. I would imagine therefore, that it would be in order to pay her until August 31st. We shall therefore make entries accordingly on the monthly pay-sheets, and I should like to receive for Miss Reid a refund of superannuation deductions, cheques to be sent to this office.

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I am also informed that two teachers, Miss Brodie and Miss Lonie, are likewise leaving, and in my opinion this all results from retention of the present principal, whom I still consider the wrong person to have charge of an Indian school.

*Ed
R.R.*

Your obedient servant,

Rank Edwards

Indian Agent.

*Miss S.H.O.
As with file
refuses to return at present
R.R.*

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

E/A

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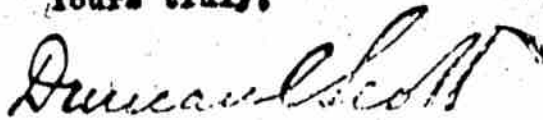
July 15, 1927.

Dear Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, in which you state that Miss Alberta G. Reid has tendered her resignation as Nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey residential school.

In reply I have to say that as Miss Reid is a permanent employee of this Department, it will be necessary to have her resignation accepted by Order in Council and in order that we may take this action she must forward her resignation in writing. Her resignation will be effective from August 31, and the money at her credit in the Retirement Fund will be forwarded her after that date.

Yours truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 30 1927
RECORDS

R

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kenora, Ont.
July 27th, 1927.

108-13

Mrs. Reid

Sir;

Enclosed herewith please find the resignation of
Nurse Reid of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School,
effective August 31st, 1927.

Kindly send a cheque for her salary and for the
amount to her credit in the retirement fund to her in care
of this office.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa..

E/A

Enc.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

July 30, 1927.

Mr. MacInnes:-

Kindly prepare memorandum to Council to accept the resignation of Miss Alberta C. Reid as Nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School from August 31, 1927; Miss Reid is a contributor to the Retirement Fund.


D. S. G. L. A.

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189-3-2A

August 1, 1927.

His Excellency

The Governor General in Council.

The undersigned has the honor to recommend that whereas Miss Alberta G. Reid, Graduate Nurse for the Indians at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, in the Kanora Indian Agency, in the Province of Ontario, has tendered her resignation, the same be accepted as from the 31st day of August 1927, and that the amount to her credit in the Retirement Fund be paid here.

over

K. M. Hall

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S.C. - 2 8.27
T.B. - 4 8.27
D.C. - 12 8.27

Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

August 1,

27.

To accept the resignation of Miss Alberta C. Reid,
Graduate Nurse for the Indians at the Cecilia Jeffrey
Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont., as from the
31st of August, 1927, and that the amount to her
credit in the Retirement Fund be paid her.

W. M. M.

1. Records - To register. *R.C.*

2. Accounts - To note and take necessary action re Retirement Fund money.

3. Schools - To note.



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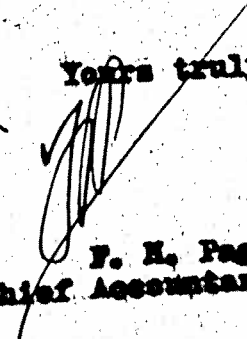
Ottawa, August 18th, 1927.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose, herewith, a copy of the Order-in-Council accepting the resignation of Miss Alberta C. Reid, Graduate Nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Kenora, and to request that you will kindly forward me a cheque for the amount standing at her credit in the Retirement Fund.

Yours truly,

Enclosure.

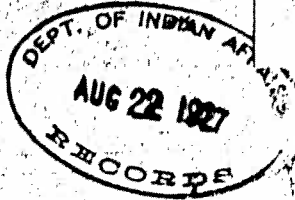

F. H. Paget,
Chief Accountant.

J. G. Macfarlane, Esq.,
Chief Accountant,
Department of Finance,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

R

Kenora, Ont.
August 18th, 1927.

108-13

[Handwritten initials]

Sir:

As I already stated in a letter to the Department, the teachers and nurse have resigned from Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, and the principal now informs me that he has engaged two teachers and a nurse for duty after the vacation.

I presume the nurse will be paid by the school authorities, as the Department has previously refused to continue supplying a nurse at the Department's expense.

Kindly let me hear from you in this regard, so that I shall know whether to include the nurse in the pay-lists. I do not know what salary the principal has arranged to pay the new nurse.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

E/A

L. Behrman
[Handwritten signature]

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189-5-1.

Ottawa, August 25, 1927.

Sir:

I have your 108-15 of the 18th instant, with reference to payment of nurse's salary at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

I have to inform you, in reply, that some time ago the Department intimated they would retain the position of nurse at this school until such time as the proposed new buildings were occupied. However, as the Rev. Principal has engaged a nurse, it may be his intention to pay her salary from school funds. If it is his wish that a nurse be placed on the Department's payroll, he should have his church authorities make a nomination to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Frank Edwards
Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamora, Ont.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

12 Meredith Crescent,
TORONTO 2, 5,
August 26th, 1927.

RECORDING SECRETARY
MISS MARGARET M. REID
27 PRINCE ST.
TREASURER AND FINANCIAL SECT.
MRS. E. G. DONALD
26 ADMIRAL RD.
CORRESPONDING AND INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY
MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY
122 SOUTH DRIVE

[Handwritten signature]

SCHOOLS BRANCH
AUG 2 1927

R

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 29 1927

The Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,
Ont.

Dear Sirs,-

I wish to notify you that our nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School has resigned, and we have appointed in her place Miss Bessie Clare, a registered nurse of Winnipeg, Man. I understand from the Rev. A. D. Mensies that the Department had agreed to pay the nurse's salary while the work was being carried on in the Cecilia Jeffrey building. Miss Reid, the former nurse received from you, I think, \$57.00 per month, but we could not secure a thoroughly qualified and competent nurse for less than \$60.00 per month. I presume that you will still continue to pay the salary of the nurse, and would like to ask if you will now pay the \$60.00, or if our Board will be required to meet the difference.

I also wish to thank the Department for providing the pillows for the Birtle Indian Boarding School. I am sorry that this has not been acknowledged sooner, but my absence from the city has prevented it.

Would you let me hear as soon as possible about the nurse's salary, that I may notify Mr. Mensies.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. E.) Helen M. Chace

HMS/EO.

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Department of Finance

Ottawa, Canada, Sept 6 1927

R

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th August and enclose as requested cheques in favour of the undermentioned persons, being refund of deposits and interest thereon on account of Retirement Fund.

#3008 Alberta L. Reid \$120.92

Chyn Smith for \$120.92

For the

Ck. 3008 sent to Mrs. Reid
Kenno - out 7 Sept 1927 by
registered mail

Yours truly,

W. H. Blair
For Deputy Minister of Finance

Rev W.H.

The Deputy Minister,
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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129-3-1

C.J. Boarding School,
Indian Bay, Man.,

Sept. 8th., 1927.

Mr. Russell T. Ferrier,
Super't Indian Education,
Ottawa, Ontario.

R

Dear Mr. Ferrier:

A CERTAIN member of our Staff, for reasons best known to herself, has adopted a course of action ruinous to the harmony and co-operation, so necessary to the work of our School. She has estranged from her the entire Staff by language and conduct which I will not attempt to characterize. I have found it necessary to give her a month's notice as provided for in our agreements.

The air has cleared somewhat today, but I understand she has appealed to you and to the W.M.S. Board of Toronto, hence this letter. The Secretary of the Board will no doubt respond by our next weekly mail; should you wish an enquiry I should be pleased to have Capt. Edwards pay us a visit and make if desired a thorough investigation. Accordingly I will not burden you with details but may note that one cause of the outward storm can be traced to Labor Day. We had a very heavy fall of rain on the night preceding and mud and water lay everywhere; rain still threatened and I felt it was a day quite unfit for a holiday here as we must be watchful re wet feet and consequent colds. I told the Teachers to call School and we would have a holiday a little later when it could be enjoyed. This may not be strictly legal but I know you

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We are interested in conserving the health of the children under our charge and will agree that there is an unwritten law that should on occasion take precedence.

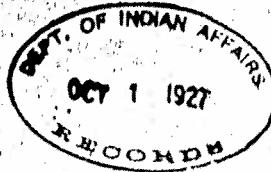
I am sending a copy of this letter to Capt. Edwards that he may be informed regarding the situation.

Yours faithfully

A. D. Mearns
Prin.

124-3-1

INDIAN AGENTS OFFICE



.....Kenora, Ont.....

.....Sept. 27th,.....19 27

IF YOUR ONLY COPY TO
No. 108-13
AND
NO BACK OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten initials]
SCHOOLS BRANCH
OCT 3 1927
H.A.D.

The principal of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School informs me that he has had trouble with one of his new teachers, whom he has replaced.

As these matters concern the internal management of the school I have not thought it necessary to bring it to your particular attention, presuming it was up to the church authorities.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

E/A

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129-3-1.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MRS. D. STRACHAN,
EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 12 MEREDITH CRESCENT,
TORONTO 5, ONT., March 1, 1928.
Letter addressed to Deputy Supt. General.

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Original on 129-3-9.



Would you think it wise for us to send
Rev. A. D. Mackies, the principal of the school also?
I would appreciate your advice in this matter.

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129-3-1.

March 9, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Strachan:

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter of the first instant, concerning the site for the new Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, I wish to inform you the Department does not consider it advisable to consult the Rev. Mr. Mensies. As you are, no doubt, aware, it was decided some time ago that another principal should be appointed for the new institution. As the new incumbent should be ready for duty when the building is under construction, there is no reason why your Society should not make a selection and nomination immediately. If a suitable gentleman can be secured without delay, it would be well to have him meet with Rev. Mr. Patterson and our Mr. Orr when the final selection of the site is made. If possible, your nominee should be experienced in institutional activity and capable of handling a staff and supervising the various phases of our educational work.

Yours very truly,



Duncan C. Scott
Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. Strachan,
Educational Secretary,
Presbyterian Women's Miss. Society,
12 Meredith Crescent,
Toronto 5, Ont.

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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SECRETARY
MISS MERRIE MACHUGHY
118 SOUTH DRIVE

VERROLL
Toronto
M. H. BIRD
25 FRANKTON ST.

12 Meredith Cres.,
TORONTO 5,
March 12th, 1928.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 13 1928
RECORDS

SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAR 14 1928

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

Your letter of March 9th received, and it was a surprise to me to learn that it had been agreed upon that a new principal should be appointed for the new institution. I was not aware of this. I suppose this must have been decided upon before the division of the Indian work between the United Church and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. I wonder if I might ask why this was decided upon, and if it was the wish of the Department or the wish of the Board that was then carrying on the work? If it is not the wish of the Department that Mr. Mensies take over the duties of the new school, I suppose we must search for some other principal at once. May I also ask if Rev. Mr. Mensies is aware of this?

Awaiting your reply.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. J.) Helen M. Stuebe

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PIIRIC ARCHIVES

129-5-1.

Ottawa, May 30, 1928.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant, announcing the resignation as from the first proximo of Miss Beattie Clark, nurse at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. Either you or the Presbyterian Church authority should nominate a worker to fill this post, temporarily. I am enclosing an application form, which should be forwarded to the Department by the applicant. Salary at the rate of \$40 per month will be allowed for a suitable nurse.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Indian Agent Edwards, for his information and guidance.

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
F. E. L. MacInnes,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

[Signature]
Rev. A. B. MacInnes,
Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Res. School,
Indian Bay P. C. M.

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108-13

OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENTS

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 5 1928
RECORDS

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Deputy and Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ont.

SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUN 6 1928

June 2, 1928.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter #129-3-1 of May 30 to the principal of the Cecelia Jeffrey Indian Residential School re the resignation of Miss Bessie Clare, nurse.

On my visit to the school on May 21st, Mr. Menzies informed me Miss Clare was leaving as she had received the offer of a much better position. The principal was deducting two weeks salary in lieu of notice, this money to go to the school. I informed him that as Miss Clare was paid by the Department, I did not think they would agree to a deduction from her salary and as I was on Treaty payments, I asked him to try to arrange for someone to fill her place, subject to approval by the Department. He now writes me that he has engaged Margaret Matheson, who has had the following training; Eye Infirmary, Glasgow, 2 years; Northern Infirmary, Inverness, 3 years; General Hospital, Winnipeg, Obstetrical, 3 months. In addition to this she has had 4 or 5 years experience. Miss Matheson came to Canada in the fall and started duty on the 31st of May.

We have not been able to see Miss Matheson as yet as we are now on Treaty payments and shall be away until the 1st of July.

On the principal's recommendation, I would therefore ask that her resignation be approved. *at same rate as nurse Clare \$60 per month.*

Vouchers for the principal's expenses in this connection, will be forwarded as soon as possible after we return from Treaty payments.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: Rank Edwards

Indian Agent.

Handwritten notes:
H.O.D.
Miss D. D. K. note
A.B.S.

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189-5-1

Handwritten: HFD
Miss O'Donohue
to note

Ottawa, June 6th, 1928.

Sir,-

I have your letter of the 2nd instant informing the Department that the principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School has engaged the services of Miss Margaret Matheson as nurse to succeed Miss Bessie Clare and stating the qualifications which Miss Matheson possesses. The Department approves of her appointment with salary at the same rate as was paid Miss Clare, viz., \$60. per month.

The principal should not make any deduction in Miss Clare's salary in lieu of notice from her in due time of her intention to resign.

Please inform the principal of the approval of the appointment of Miss Matheson and the salary allowed.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: F. Edwards

Handwritten: Mail

Handwritten signature: A. F. MacKenzie

Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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CIVIL SERVICE OF CANADA

APPLICATION FORM

Application for the position of Teacher in Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School
In the Department of Indian Affairs Competition No. _____

Name in full, surname first Madison Margaret
Address Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School Indian Bay P.O. Manitoba
(Give Number and Street, City or Town, County and Province)
Candidates must inform the Commission immediately if any change of address.

Give, in full, particulars of the length of your residence in this locality Three weeks

If an examination is held, at which centre do you wish to write? _____
(See list of centres on last page)

Are you willing to serve in Ottawa? _____ Amount of fee enclosed _____
Will you write in English or French? T; Do you speak and write well (a) English? Yes
(b) French? No

Place of birth Aird-Lough Lewis Scotland

Date of birth May 22nd 1895 Age last birthday 29
(Day, Month, Year)

Height 5' 4" Weight 130 lbs Are you in good health? Yes

Have you any defect of sight, hearing, speech, limb or otherwise? No
If so, give details _____

Are you physically fit to carry on the duties of the above position in a satisfactory manner? Yes
(You or no)

Sex Female Married or single Single Number of dependents _____
(Male or Female)

Are you a British subject? Yes Natural born or naturalized? Natural born

If naturalized, give date and place of naturalization _____
(If naturalized through a parent's naturalization give the latter's name in full, also date and place where naturalization obtained)

Length of residence in Canada Seven months Date of arrival in Canada November 20th 1927

Are you now employed in the Civil Service? Yes Department C. J. Indian School
(You or no)

Are any members of your family employed in the Civil Service? No
(You or no)

If so, state names, Department in which employed, and salary received by them
Name _____ Department _____ Salary _____

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence? No
Names, addresses and occupations in full of three referees (not relatives) who can certify to your good character. (These names need not be filled in by the referees themselves.)

Rev. R. MacIntyre Leitch Maudie Back
Mr. Callaway Superintendent Superintendent
Mrs. G. H. Bell Superintendent Superintendent

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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

All statements are subject to investigation. Statements found to be untrue, exaggerated, or intentionally misleading, may result in the disqualification of the applicant.

State the schools, colleges or universities you have attended, giving approximately the date of entry and leaving in each case. Mention any subjects or courses in which you have specialized, and any technical training or apprenticeship you have received.

Long School 1915 - 1918

Nicholson High School 1918 - 1925

Degree or Diploma obtained: Scottish State Registration of Nurses

Age on finally leaving school or university: 25

Give a full account of your career and show in what respect the experience acquired would be of advantage in the discharge of the duties of the position for which you are now an applicant. (If you need more space attach an additional sheet of the same size as this form.)

Applicants (except for clerical or lower grade positions) must also submit herewith three letters of reference as to their experience and qualifications for the position in question, preferably from their most recent employers.

Candidates for clerical examinations Grades 1 and 2 should mention any special qualification they may possess, such as a knowledge of shorthand, typewriting, adding machines, multigraph, etc., etc.

Glasgow Eye Infirmary Berkeley St. Scotland
October 1918 - May 1920
(Special Ophthalmic Training)

Three years General training
in The Northern Infirmary Inverness Scotland
May 1920 - June 1923

Two years Private Nursing
in The Park Nursing Home Glasgow Scotland
February 1924 - March 1926

Belmont Nurse School Belmont Gardens Glasgow
Scotland June 1926 - July 1927

Winnipeg General Hospital Canada
Three months Voluntary Nurse
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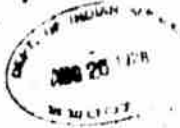


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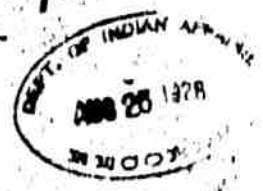


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decide for himself. Is it possible to teach children a better way to earn a living? He hears at the Cecelia Jeffrey they are taught trades. This is not done at the Catholic School. The boys in leaving school are not fitted to take up work in town and make a living. Could not they be taught some trades?

Mr. Paget said he would write to the Department what the Indians said about the schools.

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Chief Gardner said he hoped to see the new school filled with children and when the children were at the two schools in Kenora the parents would come to see them occasionally, but now the Indians have no Reserve or camping ground at Kenora and no house to live in when they came in the Winter or Summer. If they camped on a white man's land they might be and are often sent away. Could not some place be got for the Indians to stay?

Mr. Paget then said that the Agent had been speaking to him about this and the Department would see if anything could be done. The Agent has spoken to Mr. Paget each year about this and the matter would be taken up.

Chief Kejick wanted to know what had been done about the old school, Cecelia Jeffrey School, at Shoal Lake. Mr. Paget informed him that the school would be closed and a very much better one built at Kenora. Chief Kejick said the school should be left as it is as there are enough children at Shoal Lake and North West Angle to fill the present school. When the school was first built there, the other Chiefs were not in favor of it, but the Shoal Lake Indians were and that was why the school was built there, and the Indians were told that as long as the Indians were there, the school would be there, and they wished to have it kept there. He said he had 30 children from his own Reserve now attending the school, or would be able to attend shortly.

Mr. Paget said the Department were building a new school at Kenora as the Cecelia Jeffrey School was not large enough and was owned by the Church, and not the Department. Also that a larger school near town would cost much less to maintain and being nearer town the children would have a better chance to learn the white man's ways, etc.

Cecelia Jeffrey

Chief Kejick, Shoal Lake Band No. 39, said he agreed with what the other Chiefs had said about the children. That they did not know how to make a living when they left school and would like trades taught. In the old days trapping was different. Now the only way the Indians can make a living is to work like the white man and owing to the furs going through white men trapping and the raising of waters, it made it harder for the Indians each year to make a living.

Chief Kejick said he had eight children from his Reserve in the school and when the children left they did not know anything and could hardly speak English. They work hard to see that the children attended every day and one of the troubles was that the children were made to work at cutting wood around the school and not in the classroom, and even the very young ones did this. He thinks this is wrong as they go to school to learn to read, write and speak English. He had no fault to find with the new school being built and would

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do his best to send the children from the Reserve. He said when the children left school there was nothing done for them, not even given a blanket. When the school was built they promised that when these pupils left school they should have a sewing machine or lumber for a house, or something given them to enable them to earn a living.

Mr. Paget promised to look into this for them and let the Agent know if anything could be done.

Chief Black Hawk, North West Angle Band, No. 33, said he was glad to hear about the school and had sent some children to the Cecelia Jeffrey School. He could not understand why the Indians were not consulted first as to where the schools should be built, and he was not in favor of it being built at Kenora. It should have been built at the South end of the lake nearer their Reserve. Mr. Paget said the attendance of school children was compulsory the same as the white children if the Department insisted on them going, but up to the present they had not been compelled. The Department could not build schools near all the Reserves and had to decide on the best positions. The Department could not please everybody and the Indians came to Kenora more than any other place, and could see their children once or twice a year.

Chief Black Hawk said he did not understand the school was going to be built right close to the town but now thought it would be alright after hearing the explanation. He hoped the Department would get some land where the Indians could camp and have a house where they could stay to be called an Indian House.

Chief Thunder, Buffalo Bay Reserve, speaking through Chief Gardner. I won't promise to send all our children to school, but I am glad the Department is building a school and I would like to see the Indians use it. Can all Indians send their children to this school?

Agent Edwards. Roman Catholic children must go to the Roman Catholic School and Protestant Children to the Protestant school and pagans can go to either school.

Councillor Jim Kahkeeway said he had a girl who had been in school four years and she was deaf. Could she be discharged. Agent Edwards promised to look into this.

Chief Williamson said that old man Sinclair had a girl in school who had bad eyes, and the only trouble she had was when she was in the classroom. The Chief wanted this girl discharged. Agent Edwards said this girl had been to see a Specialist in Winnipeg last Fall and he would get the particulars, and if the Doctor said she should be discharged, he would see that this was done.

Chief Jim Williams informed the Agent that it was reported to him that at the Kenora school the children are made to kneel sometimes for hours at a time. This is called "sitting punishment" but is not really sitting but kneeling. The Chief thinks this is cruel and should not be allowed. Agent Edwards promised to put this in his report and make inquiries.

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October 17, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Strachan:

May I remind you of the advisability of securing a suitable principal for the new Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School without delay. The building is now under construction, and I believe the new incumbent could be profitably engaged as from the first of the new year. I should be grateful if you would make a nomination as soon as possible.

The Department is erecting a modern building, on a suitable site, at considerable expense. The proximity to the city of Kamour suggests that it will be visited a great deal by the general public, and both the Church and the State should be desirous of conducting a well managed institution. Every energy should be bent towards securing the services of a Reverend gentleman with real capacity for this important work.

Yours very truly.

Duncan C. Scott

Mrs. D. Strachan,
Educational Secretary,
Presbyterian Women's Miss. Society,
15 Meredith Crescent,
Toronto 5, Ont.

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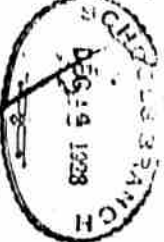
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December 11, 1928.

Mr. Jeffrey

Dr. Duncan G. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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My dear Dr. Scott:

Since returning home I have been laid up with influenza and have therefore been unable to write you to tell you that on coming home I found a letter from Mr. May, whose name we had been discussing for Cecilia Jeffrey, saying that he had been appointed history instructor in the city of Guelph.

I am sorry that we have missed securing him. I am today pursuing information in regard to a Mr. MacPherson, who has been recommended, and will let you know later should he seem to be a suitable appointee.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours sincerely,
M. C. McKersell
Indian Secretary for W.M.S.

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Ottawa, January 25, 1929.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of recent date, with reference to the Department's wishes concerning the removal from the present school to the new institution. Of course, all equipment of any kind, that is worth moving over to the new Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, should be transferred. I refer, not only to house equipment, but to live stock, agricultural implements, boats, etc. In due course, the Department will ask Mr. Indian Agent Edwards to cooperate in this matter. At the present rate of progress, it appears that the new building will be ready for occupation early in June.

Concerning the last paragraph of your letter, I may say that, at the present time, the Department cannot compel attendance of Indian children at school past the 16th birthday. However, every effort is bent to have those who should remain longer stay until they are 18 years of age. This should guide you in your relations with both parents and children, and, if there are requests for the discharge of pupils who are 16 or 17, you should inform them that the matter will have to be referred to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. D. McLean
Rev. A. D. Hennies,
Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Res. School,
Indian Bay P. O.,
Man.

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Kenora, Ont.
February 18th./29.

Sir:-

I visited the Cecelia Jeffrey Residential school at Shoal Lake, last week, and discussed the question of when the children should be moved. It was suggested that the school close on July 1st. instead of the 15th., and that everything be moved to the new building at that time. It might be advisable to give the children a slightly longer holiday this year to enable the staff to get their regular holidays, and to be at the new school, say a couple of weeks, before the children return, so as to get things in shape.

I will forward an inventory of the equipment etc. to be moved from the old school, in a day or so.

While at the Shoal Lake school, I persuaded the truants over 16 years of age, to return to the school for a short time, until I obtain their discharge for which I will apply in a separate letter.

While in Winnipeg I called on Mrs. Hutcheson, convener of the Presbyterian Committee. She will come to Kenora shortly to look over the new school, and make arrangements. We have had no one here representing the Church since the building started.

While in the city I also picked out the electric light fixtures and gave orders for the wash basins in the dormitories, subject to Mr. Orr's approval.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

The Assistant Deputy & Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Cecelia Jeffrey School,
Indian Bay, Man.,
Feb. 25th., 1929.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll
Toronto Ont.

Dear Madam:

It has been recently brought to our attention that certain charges have been filed against the Principal of the above named School. We, as members of the present Staff, would like to refute the said charges.

1. "There would seem to be a lack of good feeling between the Staff and principal."

In all our dealings with the Principal we have failed to find the least foundation for such a statement. Mr. Menzies has always supported the Staff in every way.

2. "The attitude of the Principal toward the staff is that of an autocrat."
We have always found him kind, considerate, and very just, a friendly spirit existing at all times between the Principal and Staff.

3. "Neither the Staff nor the Missionary are allowed to enter the School by the front door."
Although the front door of the School opens into Mr. Menzies' Office, it is always open to members of Staff when they wish to use it.

4. "The Principal's wife has no sympathy with the work of the School"

5. "She is not the proper type for institutional work as she cannot handle the Staff."

We cannot see that the above two charges have anything to do with the Principal, and their use against him seems unreasonable."

6. "I believe she is the real head of the School."
In our experience Mr. Menzies has been the head of the School

Signed:

Margaret Matheson
Mary Jensen
Evelyn M Fletcher
Archie Davidson
Marian D Cole
Agnes I Arnold

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Feb. 27th., 1929.

Capt. Frank Edwards
Indian Agent
Kenora, Ont.
Dear Capt. Edwards:

Some time ago, on false information furnished you by two members of staff at C.J., you formulated certain charges or complaints against me as Principal, adding "I would therefore recommend a change of Principal. I do not wish to appear as interfering in the internal management of the school, but things are so bad that I have been asked to draw your attention to the matter." This resulted in a finding by the Department, citing the charges and accepting all at their face value.

Presumably Mr. Ferrier, having made only a brief visit while the school was closed, is responsible for only one statement; I am quite content to let the record of the years answer it.

When appealed to for information, both you and the Department refused to say who the complainants were and, when invited to make thorough investigation at the school, failed to do so.

You have now frankly given me the names of the two responsible parties, and have yourself cited evidence that they were not wholly trustworthy. I have from the first been quite sure of the identity of one of the two, who had long had the reputation of being a trouble-maker, but I found it hard to believe the other capable of such dishonesty.

When confronted with the charges, the former admitted some of the statements but said she spoke only for herself, not for the staff, and that you had no right to so report her statements. The latter not only denied responsibility but when asked whether the charges were true to fact, replied "No, emphatically No" and assured me of her loyalty, yet she had been one of your informants. All other members of staff gave like positive denial of the truth of the assertions on which the finding of the Department was based.

On the testimony of reliable staff members these two tried constantly to prejudice new members of staff and to create ill feeling. They had their good qualities and did much good work, but they have made themselves responsible for many dishonorable acts and untrue statements.

We had been here only a short time when they informed us that they had little use for Capt. Edwards as an Agent and less as a man. Dr. Ferguson was disposed of in like radical fashion.

When informed that the two Chiefs and certain of the C.W.W.D. Railway officials had asked me if I was going to be Principal or if Misses B. and R. were still going to run the school, the reply was: "The two last Principals did little for the discipline of the school and every one knows the last Matron was no disciplinarian, so we had to take responsibility for the management of the children." They were restive under any semblance of authority and evidently wished

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to be a mere figure-head in the school.

After leaving the school in July 1927 they industriously defamed its management, tried to get an emissary on the staff (who by the way had to be dismissed), tried to carry on secret correspondence with the children, and informed at least two persons, where they thought it would do most harm, that the United Church Board, the Presbyterian Church Board and the Department of Indian Affairs had each asked for my resignation, but they could not get rid of me. Suffice it to say I have never been asked to resign.

I have just shown the present staff a copy of the charges sent to Ottawa; they were amazed. The enclosed, which is a copy of their signed statement, is their answer. Leaving out the two conspirators, a like reply would have been signed by all former members of staff.

Capt. Edwards you are an Englishman, with I fancy an Englishman's sense of honor and justice. On your report and recommendation, given presumably in good faith though on false information, the Department took action and, so far as their report could do so, discredited me with the Church of which I am a minister. Fortunately Dr Hamison, to whom the communication was sent, had known me as a fellow-student in the University, had asked me to undertake the work here and knew that such radical statements could not be true.

We have been above five years at C.J. School, we have not wrecked the institution, three who were on the staff since we came have again applied for work with us, discipline (for the sake of which we were asked to live in the school) has certainly improved greatly, you yourself stated, during your recent visit, that there is an improved spirit both amongst children and Indians since the two took their departure, (they had tried to make trouble in and out of the school) even these two special friends stated again and again that we had given both staff and children every much better table than formerly yet we changed an annual deficit into an annual surplus. We have been paying the salaries of four members of staff, yet keeping the balance on the right side. You have seemingly never found occasion to criticize our school or its work, or to suggest any line along which improvement might be made. I speak of Mrs Menzies as well as myself for without her efficient oversight and careful cooperation such results could not have been obtained.

As you are aware the Church's Board has expressed its hearty appreciation of our work and without my knowledge and months after my resignation had been given personally to their Secretary, the President and Secretary went to Ottawa and urged withdrawal of the finding of the Department, being unable to find anything to justify it. The Department refused reconsideration or enquiry, presumably because you, their only source of information, were supposed to stand by your original report and recommendation. They thus repeated to the Presbyterian Board the decision given the United Church some time ago, hence this communication and appeal.

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I have no desire to go to the new school, but I do object to go out under a cloud after five years of honest and not unsuccessful work. I object too to being condemned afresh before the Church with which I have worked harmoniously since our school was taken over by it, and this under utterly false charges, which have never been looked into and which the complainants themselves had not the courage to face.

Capt Edwards the facts are before you; if not sufficiently informed, the school and its conditions are open to you at any time. As you suggested I am sending forward to the Department a full statement of the case as above and I shall expect you as a man of honor to withdraw your former statements, discredited as above, and to ask for the United Church of which I am a Minister, and for the Presbyterian Board under which I am working, a statement from the Department of Indian Affairs in accord with the facts.

Yours &c.

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Kenora, Ont.,
February 28th, 1929.

A. D. Menzies,
Indian Residential School,
Shoal Lake.

Dear Mr. Menzies:-

Two people mentioned in your letter, as having been informants against you, are not the only ones who complained. I do not remember in any way saying that they were not wholly trustworthy.

At the present time your relations with the staff have appeared to me as always cordial; as are also your dealings with the Indians now. This is due, I believe, through your closer associations with them. I do not think that you leaving the school should make any difference in your relations with your Church as I spoke well of you to Mrs. Hutchison, who was here to see the new school.

You have very excellent business ability; although when you first came I did criticize your dealings with the Indians after complaints had been made by them. I am glad to say that you have now changed for the better in their opinion.

I am forwarding your letter to Ottawa, and if I receive any instructions I will follow them out. I cannot do anything further in this connection without hearing from them.

The forms for the school and hospital reports, etc. have already gone forward.

Yours faithfully,

Indian Agent.

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MISS MRS. M. M. MACHUDOWY
125 SOUTH DRIVE

19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,
March 20th, 1929.

Mr. Macensie,
Secretary to Dr. Campbell Scott,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

May I acknowledge the receipt of your wire and the letter which followed the next day. It was very kind of you to act so promptly, and to let me know this information which was so vital for the gentleman whom we are arranging to appoint.

May I ask when Dr. Scott will be returning?

Thanking you very much for your kindness.

Yours very sincerely,

M. C. McFerrall

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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126 SOUTH DRIVE

SECRETARY
MARGARET M. REID
OF PARSONS ST.

19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,

April 5th, 1929.

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The Hon. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Your admonition when we were in Ottawa to secure a principal at once and your letters since that time, urging us to make the appointment by the first of February, I am sorry to say, proved impossible. However, I am glad to notify you that we have appointed, subject to your confirmation, Mr. E.W. Byers of Brandon, Manitoba. I have been waiting very impatiently for his acceptance as he is a most excellent person and I was so afraid he would not accept. I only received his full acceptance yesterday and now send word of this at once to you. I telephoned to Ottawa while you were away in order to discuss with you this and some other matters and found you would be back in April.

Mr. Byers has been for six years, principal of the David Livingstone School in the City of Brandon. It is a fifteen room school, mostly composed of new Canadian pupils. Previously, he was principal at the King Edward school at Moose Jaw, and for eleven years before that in the High School at Rouleau, Saskatchewan, and in Bridgeport, Ontario, has been supervisor in boys' work for the Rotary Club for six years and is considered one of the outstanding community workers in Brandon. He holds certificates in the following subjects:- First Aid, St. Johns Ambulance; Physical Training; Cadet Instruction; Commercial Standing. Mr. Byers holds a first class Professional certificate for Saskatchewan and Manitoba and has also had one term in the Agricultural College, Saskatoon.

Mrs. Byers is described by those who know her as "a capable, strong and a splendid woman." She is a good dress-maker, has had much experience in nursing and has been President of various Mission Bands which shows her interest in children.

I have a number of recommendations which I could forward to you if you so desire. However, probably these extracts will serve the purpose.

Mr. Currie of Birtle says of him, "Mr. Byers has had fine experience in Military training. He is outstanding in Community Welfare. His present salary is \$2700.00 and it will

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be a sacrifice for him to consider this new position. From my ~~best~~ available information, you are not likely to secure a better applicant for the position."

Mr. Alex McIntyre of Winnipeg in his report of the David Livingstone School, says "This is the most interesting and most promising school in the Brandon School system. To be successful in such a school one must have the missionary spirit..... It would be difficult to find a better man for this community than the principal, Mr. E.W. Byers. Mr. Byers knows his work, he labors for the best and in the best spirit, and the evident results achieved, speak of his success."

Mr. C.W. Webb, superintendent of schools in Brandon, writes that, "Mr. Byers has been principal of the David Livingstone School since 1923. He has done and is still doing excellent work. As a disciplinarian, Mr. Byers is firm and courteous as well as sympathetic and winning in his attitude to his pupils. As a teacher, he employs a cool, concrete method, moving at a rate of speed adapted to the need of his class and explaining their difficulties with clearness and patience... Mr. Byers is a good manager of his school and has such a hold upon his staff as to win their good will and enjoy their whole hearted co-operation."

auditor
I find that Mr. Byers was for five years official auditor of school districts and rural municipalities in addition to his school duties. He was also a captain in the 229th battalion, and served overseas. Among all those who have applied for the position, he appears to be the most outstanding and I hope the department will see fit to confirm his appointment.

It was a great disappointment to me to receive word from your secretary that the building is far from ready and that the principal's residence is not complete, nor is there any immediate prospect of furniture for it. Could you let me know if furniture for the principal's part could be sent on earlier than that for the school so that Mr. Byers could plan the putting in of the ~~bed room~~ and what ever is to be done before perhaps the older boys would be moved over from the old site. Could you give me as soon as possible, an idea as to when it may be ready. It means extra expense for our Board to have to procure quarters in Kenora itself for him and yet I do not see what else could be done. If he stays at the old school he will be of no use. We are asking Mr. Menzies to complete the school term as you suggest.

In view of the building not being complete and the extra expense this entails on our Board, could the Government see fit to give us any grant to help meet the situation. The two salaries and the housing and board will run into quite a sum of money.

Mr. Byers is very anxious to know if he should take his electric washing machine with him. It is too bad to trouble you with these details, but it is the first time that a new school and residence have been equipped for us for a long time and I have forgotten the details of the furnishing that the Government does.

Would you kindly let me know if the appointing of Mr. Byers meets with your approbation, also if there is anything else which requires my attention that you know of, would you be kind enough to mention it.

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April 10, 1929.

Dear Mrs. McKerroll:

I have your letter of the 5th instant, nominating Mr. E. W. Byers, of Brandon, for the principalship of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I have read concerning this gentleman's qualifications with interest, and as his experience appears to prepare him quite well for our work, I am pleased to approve of his appointment.

The Department is quite ready to furnish the Principal's residence at any time, but there is no prospect of water supply or sewage disposal for a few weeks. If Mr. Byers and his family are willing to put up with a little inconvenience until the water is in the building, there is no reason why he could not take up residence at an early date and supervise the farming activity, accept the furnishings as they arrive and look after the many details attendant upon a successful re-establishment of an institution of this type.

The Department is willing to bear a fair share of the expenditure before the new school is placed on per capita grant basis. It is our practice to allow about two-thirds of the total costs of the school management. When the school is opened, of course, a per capita grant is made for the current expenses. The work on the farm should be commenced at an early date, and the Department believes it advisable for Mr. Byers to visit Kenora, look over the situation and cooperate with Mr. Indian Agent Edwards in the selection of furnishings for his residence and in the commencement of the farm and garden activity.

The Department provides the necessary furnishings and equipment, not only for all the buildings, but also for the farm and garden. This, of course, includes the necessary live stock. However, Mr. Byers had better take his electric washing machine with him, as equipment of this kind is not supplied. Of course, the school laundry will be fully provided for. Mr. Byers should have a full discussion with Mr. Edwards in relation to all details of this character and he will be better prepared to decide what he should take with him to Kenora.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. F. L. McKerroll,
Educational Secretary,
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
12 Lane St., TORONTO 9, Ont.

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129-5-1.

April 10, 1929.

Dear Captain Edwards:

I am enclosing, for your information and guidance, copy of my letter of today's date to Mrs. D. T. L. McCorrell, Educational Secretary, Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 15 Lamb St., Toronto 2, Ont. When Mr. Evans presents himself at your office, I should be pleased if you would give him every assistance in his effort to familiarize himself with conditions at the new Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School. Before he is deemed of moving into the principal's residence, you should forward, for the Department's consideration, a list of the furnishings you recommend with an estimate of the cost.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

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Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Toronto, Ont.

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129-5-1.

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Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

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Frank Edwards, Sec.-
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

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Kenora, Ont.
June 1st./29.

Sir:-

Mr. Byers the new principal of the Cecelia Jeffrey school asks me to write requesting the Department to keep on Miss Matheson, nurse, at the Department's expense.

It appears to me as a reasonable request, particularly as the Department is paying the major expenses until the new school is on a grant earning basis. Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Menzies and myself speak well of Miss Matheson and recommend this suggestion, as she is a very capable nurse and takes great interest in the children, and is well suited for the work.

Yours obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUN 6 1929

The Asst. Deputy & Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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C. J. Bdg. School,
Indian Bay, Man.,
Aug. 9, 1929.

Hon. Peter Heenan,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ont.

Hon. Sir:

The Chief of Shoal Lake #40, two councillors and other Indians called at the School yesterday to inform me of the Chief's interview with you re the closing of the School here and other matters. They asked me to report to you and to the Church's Board under which I am working. They claimed to be in a position to speak for the two Shoal Lake Bands, the two North West Angle Bands and Buffalo Bay Band, and I have good reason to believe their claim is justified by the facts.

These Bands assert that they can practically fill the school and keep it filled and this is probably true as they have now 50 children in the school and a very considerable number have been kept out lest they should have to go to the new school. They assert further that they are all agreed that they will not allow their children to go to the new school, even if it means jail for refusal, but will willingly send all their children to Shoal Lake School if it is re-opened. They also urge that Mrs. Mensies and I remain in charge of the work here.

Let me assure you that I have no axe to grind in stating their case for the Indians. While appreciating the confidence of the Indians, we told them we

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were leaving in any event. I may say, however, from my knowledge of the situation, after almost 6 years amongst them, that I consider they have a good case and are not making unreasonable request.

Why close a school accommodating 75 pupils when, if the new school be filled to capacity, 150 or 200 children in the agency will remain with no means of obtaining any education?

Why shut the door on the children of five Indian bands expressing readiness to send their children when so many others refuse to do so?

I do not know whether the Church would be willing to carry on here and at Kenora, but I do know the past six years has shown that the school, though small, can be run without undue cost as I have paid out of Maintenance Fund (per capita grant) four members of staff each year and am handing over a balance or surplus of around \$4000.00.

A PERSONAL WORD

The Department of Indian Affairs, through a report of four years ago from the Indian Agent at Kenora, judged Mrs. Mensies and myself incompetent or worse, but the attitude of the Indians, the emphatic commendation of the Church's Board, the testimony of the staff and the record of six years would seem to justify the Church's refusal to make a change.

Should the School be re-opened, it would be very necessary to overhaul the building and make some more or less radical changes.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) A. D. Mensies,
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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AUG 21 1929
RECORDS

Ottawa, August 19, 1929.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
AUG 23 1929

Dear Doctor Scott,

I am forwarding you herewith letter which I received from Mr. A.D. Menzies, Indian Bay, Manitoba, regarding the Shoal Lake School.

I would be glad if you would look into this matter and let me have your opinions, together with the return of the attached communication.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature: Peter Heenan]

Minister of Labour.

Dr. D.C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
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*M. J. Miller
to the church*

August 24, 1929.

Dear Mr. Heenan:

I have your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing a communication from Rev. Mr. Mensies, Principal of the old Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Sheal Lake. I may say that this school is wholly unfit for educational purposes, as it is old and constitutes a very serious fire hazard. It was on these grounds that the Presbyterian Church authorities represented that it must be replaced. The new building near Kenora is now ready for occupation. The old building has been abandoned and no further Indian educational activity will be undertaken there. I have no doubt that the new school will be successful. I am returning Mr. Mensies' letter.

Yours faithfully,

Duncan C. Scott

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Honourable Peter Heenan,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa,
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