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19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 2,

August 23rd, 1929.

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

Dear Dexter Scott,-

Although I have not yet heard from Mr. Byers and Captain Edwards, the exact date of the formal opening of the new Indian School at Kenora, we are planning about the invitations. I am not sure as to whether these should go out in the name of the Indian Department of the Government or our Society, or whether there should be a joint invitation. Would you be kind enough to let me know what the usual procedure is in such cases? I am planning to go out at the time of this official opening as our Board has appointed me to represent them.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

M. C. McKerrall

Secretary, Indian Department.

to the Superintendent ~~of the~~

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19 Laws Street,
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September 10th, 1929. 

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

Dear Doctor Scott:

May I thank you for your letter of August 30th, in regard to the invitations for the opening of Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I am writing Mr. Byers and instructing him to prepare an invitation list and to send it to me at once that it may be forwarded to your Department. We shall be only too glad to comply with your request in this regard.

I have received a telegram from Mr. Byers, which rather worries me, not the part about Mr. Mensies still being at Shoal Lake, as we gave him permission to spend a couple of weeks camping and resting there before finally pulling out, but the part about the non-attendance of the children. This looks rather serious. Can your Department, through the Agent at Kenora, do anything to reach these Indians and have their children sent in to the new school. They are still pressing for carrying on the two schools. I wrote Mr. Mensies as conciliatory a letter for them as I thought I could, saying that neither the Department nor the Church were in funds sufficient to carry on two schools, and urging that the Indians send their children in to the new school and give it a thorough trial, and we felt that they would not find it the hardship they expected, to have them a few miles further distant.

Mr. Mensies wrote me that he was turning over the books and the moneys to Mr. Byers at the beginning of September. He is forty-five miles away by launch and it is possible that they have lingered at the camp an extra week and this has not been done. Our Board has no desire to hurry Mr. Mensies, although we would like him to have turned over the books before now. However, he stated in his letter that he was making an effort to secure accounts which were owing for some supplies which he had brought out on the boat to accommodate the Indians

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and which had not been paid. Mr. Mensies informed me that
was leaving for Winnipeg as soon as the camping season
is over.

I am writing Mr. Byers to get in touch with the
Indian Agent in regard to the non-attendance of the children
and informing him that I am taking the matter up with you.
Is there something further that you feel I should do? I shall
be glad if you will let me know if this is the case.

Thanking you,

Yours very sincerely,

Mary C. M. Gerroll

Secretary, Indian Department.

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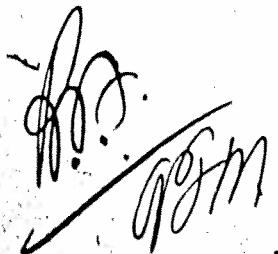
Sir:

The salary of Miss Matheson, Nurse at the old Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, has been paid by the Department up to the end of June of this year. As she was classified as a temporary civil servant and was paid by the month, there can issue no further cheque from the Department in her case. However, as she is now employed at the new school, there is no reason why you could not allow her for July and August whatever salary you contemplate paying her in the future. The Department will then consider this as one of the current expenses when making an adjustment in lieu of per capita grant, as explained in official 129-3-3 of June 8th. As Miss Matheson has been continually in the employ of the school during the year, there is no reason why she should not be allowed full salary for July, even though she took some holidays during the month.

Your obedient servant,



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



E. W. Myers, Esq.,
Principal,
C. J. Indian Residential School,
Kamora, Ont.

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19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,

September 24th, 1929.

Mrs. J. L. McKerral

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

Dear Doctor Scott,-

We would appreciate having a cut of the new
Indian School at Kenora, to use in our papers. We are
preparing a poster now and we would be glad to have a
cut for this if you could send it by return mail.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. J. L. McKerral
Secretary, Publics Department.



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Ottawa, October 15, 1929.

Reverend Sir:


I have your letter of the 9th instant, with reference to holidays for Nurse Matheson. I may say that on the 21st ult. I wrote to Mr. Byers in part as follows: "There is no reason why you could not allow her for July and August whatever salary you contemplate paying her in the future. . . . As Miss Matheson has been continuously in the employ of the school during the year, there is no reason why she should not be allowed full salary for July, even though she took some holidays during the month."

I am sure that Mr. Byers will deal fairly with this officer of the staff. I am today writing to Mr. Byers, telling him that he may allow her full salary for August as well.

With reference to the payment of the June per capita grant, the Department has had no misunderstanding with the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. The per capita grant, of course, is not being used for buildings or land or equipment. As far as the Department is aware, the same Board is in charge of the new school as was in charge of the old one.

Your obedient servant,

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


Rev. A. D. Mandies,
61 Carlton St.,
WINNIPEG, MAN.

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Ottawa, October 18, 1929.

Dear Mrs. MacKerrell:

Pursuant to Dr. Scott's letter of the 26th ultimo, I have sent, under separate cover, to you today, two photos of the new Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

Yours very truly,

Russell F. Ferrier

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Supt. of Indian Education.

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Mrs. D. F. L. MacKerrell,
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
19 Levesque St.,
Toronto 9, Ont.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

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TORONTO 2, October 18th, 1929.

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



Dear Mr. Scott:

At the request of our Board of Missions
I am forwarding to you the following resolution
passed by the Board at its September meeting:

"It was moved, seconded, and agreed,
that the Board place on record its deep
appreciation of the generous action of the
Indian Department of the Government in
placing at the disposal of the Women's
Missionary Society of our Church, the
excellent and excellently equipped buildings
at Kenora, for the purpose of Indian education,
and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded
to the Department".

Yours sincerely,

Andrew S. Grant



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OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT KENORA, Ont.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

October 18th, 1929



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

Dear Sir,

I have been informed by some of the Indians of the Shoal Lake Band that the late Principal of the Cecelia Jeffrey School, Reverend A.D. Menzies, prepared a petition for the Indians asking that the school be kept on at Shoal Lake, and that the petition was sent in direct to Ottawa. Mr. Menzies appears to have been the cause of a lot of the trouble we have had in getting the children back to the new school at Kenora as he was staying there until just lately and I have it on good authority that he has caused most of the dissatisfaction among the Indians. He has now left Shoal Lake, and I presume he will not be going back there.

Mr. Byers, the new Principal, also complains about him and particularly in connection with school funds. He told Mr. Byers he had about \$3,000 on hand, but from Mr. Byers statement to me he is unable to obtain the funds from him and Mr. Byers requires money to carry on the work at the school. I have advised him to write to his church authorities in connection with this and no doubt they will take the matter up with you.

Your obedient servant,

Rankin Edwards

Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, October 24, 1929.

Sir:

I have your 106-13 of the 18th instant, with reference to the Rev. Mr. Mennie, formerly principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I note, with satisfaction, that he has now left Sheel Lake. You were quite right in informing Mr. Myers that he should write to the church authorities in connection with the funds of the old school.

Your obedient servant,

A. E. MOLEAN
J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kenora. Ontario.

28th Oct, 1929.

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Russell T. Ferrier Esq.
Department of Indian Affairs.

Dear Mr Ferrier,

The new Cecilia Jeffrey School are having an official opening on the 6th November, and yourself and Mr Scott were invited,

Mr Scott writes me by todays mail, that it will be unlikely that a headquarters officer will be present for the occasion, and has informed Mrs McKerröll that I will represent the Department.

Under the circumstances I have to say a few words, and I have very little information about the school on file in this office, except since I have been Agent. would you be kind enough to give me anything that you think would be usefull, such as when the school first opened, who built it, The names of the different principals, who was Agent at the time of opening, was there any particular ceremony at this opening, and any other information that might be usefull.

The time is short so drop me a line as soon as you can.

With kindest regards,

Yours very faithfully,

Indian Agent.

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DEDICATION OF CECEL JEFFERY INDIAN SCHOOL

Impressive Ceremony Marked Official Opening of Splendid New Residential School at Round Lake

A new and distinguished chapter was added to the history of the Cecelia Jeffery Indian Residential School at Round Lake on Wednesday afternoon, November 6th, when the magnificent new building was opened; impressive ceremonial marking the dedication service which was presided over by Rev. Norman MacEachern, M.A., moderator of the Winnipeg Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who was assisted by a number of others in the interesting program.

A large number of Kenora citizens were present and they were received by Principal and Mrs. Byers, Mrs. McKerrroll, Secretary of Indian Affairs for the Women's Missionary Society, and Mrs. Strachan of Toronto, president of the council of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The visitors were conducted over the new building, inspecting the class rooms, some of which were occupied, spacious dormitories, play-rooms, and all parts of the new building.

Principal E. W. Byers presided over the opening ceremonies, and in opening he welcomed the people of Kenora and outside points to the new school. He felt that this was a red-letter day in the history of the school, and stated that the Department of Indian Affairs had placed a monument here in the school, that was worthy of any Government. He expressed regret at the absence of Hon. Charles Stewart and Dr. Scott, Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Earl Hutchinson, who acted as Dominion government representative, was then called on, and in handing the key of the building to Mrs. McKerrroll, Hutchinson said a tribute to the Government.

Mrs. McKerrroll in accepting the keys, stated that she did so with a full appreciation of what the Government had done, not only here but in other points. She received the key with every pledge and all sincerity to do all they could for the Indian children. Mrs. McKerrroll also paid a strong tribute to Cecelia Jeffery, after whom the school had been named. She then handed on the keys to Principal Byers as the Society's representative.

Captain F. Edwards, who represented the Department of Indian Affairs, thanked the former speakers for the compliments made to the Department. In a brief resume of the history of the Cecelia Jeffery school, Captain Edwards stated that it had been built by the church at Shoal Lake in 1901, with 210 acres of land secured, and the Department's contribution had been \$7,000. The new building was first thought of in 1925 and great care had been shown in choosing the site. The approximate expenditure was \$141,000. He thanked the Church, on behalf of the Department, for their good works, and also asked all present to show a continual interest in the children.

Rev. Norman MacEachern then took charge of the proceedings, and a service, marked with simplicity and impressive solemnity, was carried through, and the new building dedicated. Rev. David Johnstone, clerk of the Synod, and Rev. J. O. Ralston assisted in the Dedication Service.

Mrs. Strachan was called upon and in a most impressive address, she outlined the work of the Society. The Indian Department had done their part well, and the society was pledged to carry on the work of education. The upkeep of the school cost the Society approximately \$165 for each child per annum, or an

amount equal to that furnished by the department.

Rev. W. A. McKay, supervisor of missions for the Presbyterian church in northern Ontario and eastern Manitoba, brought greetings to all. He expressed the hope that the Indians would furnish a pulpit "Longboat" one who could be outstanding and not only carry a message to his or her own people, but also minister to the Anglo-Saxon congregations.

Before the conclusion of the service, Principal Byers read messages of greetings and congratulations from all parts of the Dominion. In the evening Principal and Mrs. Byers entertained at dinner the church and society representatives who had taken part in the service.

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The "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

A BRIEF HISTORY

THE "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School was opened in 1902 and was named in memory of one of our Women's Missionary Society Secretaries of Indian work, who had given long service in the work of the north-west. For a couple of years previous to this date, pioneering work had been carried on by Rev. A. D. McKittrick among the bands of Indians living on the Reserves round the Lake-of-the-Woods and Shoal Lake. These Indians were all pagans, but they received the missionary kindly and listened to his conversation and teaching. Mr. McKittrick had a knowledge of Cree which was a great help to him in his study of Ojibway and enabled him to converse with them in their own language.

A site for a school was chosen between Shoal Lake and Blue Bay, near the boundary line of Ontario and Manitoba and forty-five miles from the town of Kenora. The government granted ten acres free and one hundred and sixty more for a mere nominal sum, which would prevent anyone settling too near the school. The money to build this school was provided by the Women's Missionary Society.

The school, a commodious substantial building, two and one-half stories high, and thirty-eight by sixty feet, with accommodation for forty children and staff, was opened in January, 1902. After the dinner to the Chief and principal Indians, articles were signed by which they promised to send their children. The Chief at once brought his four, and the Chief Councillor three until nine were gathered. These children never having gone to school, it was thought best to take in only twenty-five to begin with.

While the school was in process of erection, Mrs. McKittrick endeavored to reach the women and, after many efforts, much tact, and the giving of a cup of tea, she succeeded, and ere long they came to her with their troubles and trials, then they began to come for tempting food and medicine for their sick and were anxious for the missionary to visit them.

The Indians were delighted with the school and its equipment, and began building houses close to it which meant that they came more under its influence. Even those from a distance who opposed it brought their children. In one year the children made a remarkable advance in neatness and thoroughness of work out of school and rapid progress and increasing interest in the school room.

The year 1905 saw forty names on the roll. It was the most successful year in the history of the school, not only in attendance, but in progress and influence. The scholars had begun to show the effects of earnest Christian teaching in their lives and characters and some older

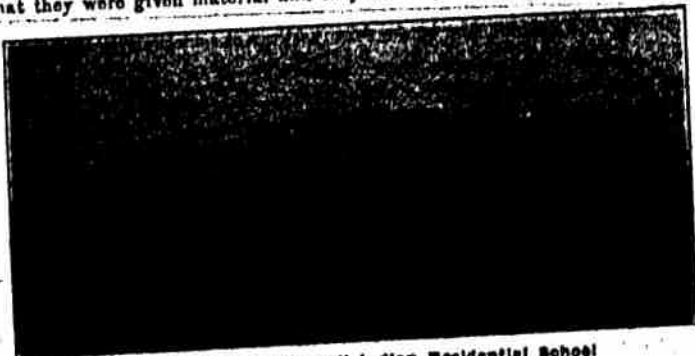
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students had accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. In December two of the graduates were united in Christian marriage and established a Christian home. From the very beginning worship was conducted in the school morning and evening. The class room work was also opened with Bible reading and prayer. On Sunday there was a morning service, Sunday School in the afternoon and a song service in the evening.

In 1909, an Auxillary composed of the older girls of the school was formed. It had a special educational value in teaching the Indian girls Christian duties, privileges, responsibilities and methods of organization which they could use in any Christian work they might undertake among their own people. Three years later a Mission Band was organized and so anxious were the smaller girls to do something to help outside of meeting, that they were given material and they made quilts for babies.



The old "Ceclila Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

And as the work grew. By 1923, there were enough children in the district to fill two large schools. Despite the fact that the school had been remodelled and enlarged in 1912, there was not sufficient class room accommodation for the children who sought admission. New features were introduced such as public health nursing, with the result that one of the girls entered one of the W.M.S. hospitals to take a regular course of nursing, and our hope is that several others will take a similar course, while one of the senior boys took an advanced course in studies to enable him to help his own people. The attendance mounted steadily until the original nine have increased to eighty.

No review of the past would be complete without some reference to the Principals and staff who, in this isolated spot and amid many difficulties, accomplished such a fine piece of work for the Indians and the Church. The list of Principals includes the names of: Rev. Mr. Gandier; Mr. J. D. McGregor; Rev. F. T. Dodds; Mr. Matthews; Rev. F. Martin; Rev. J. T. Ross; Mr. W. Cookson; Rev. A. D. Menzies.

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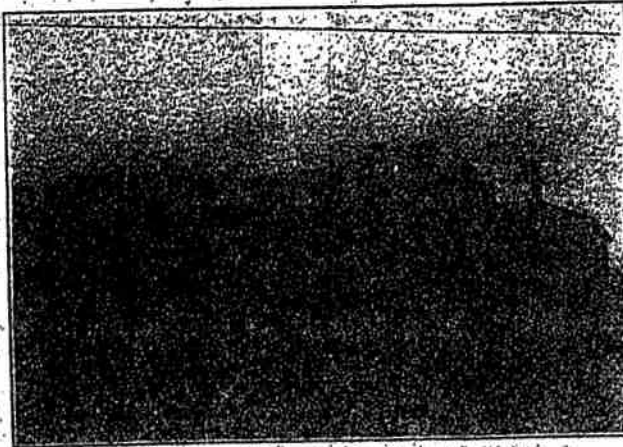
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Whereas the old school was built with the funds of the W.M.S., a new policy has been inaugurated, and the new school has been built and equipped by the Department of Indian Affairs, and we wish publicly and through our official magazine to thank the Department who, through the erection of this fine school, have made it possible for us to carry on a much larger and more efficient work.—M.C.G.F.

New "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School Officially Opened

THE official opening of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario, took place at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, November 6th, in the presence of a large and representative gathering. The Principal, Mr. E. W. Dyers, and Mrs. Dyers, Mrs. D. T. L.



The new "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

McKerroll and Mrs. Daniel Strachan, of Toronto, received the guests at the entrance to the Chapel. Among those present were:—

Col. A. T. Fife, ex-Mayor; Mayor E. Hutchinson, M.P.P.; Dr. Fer-

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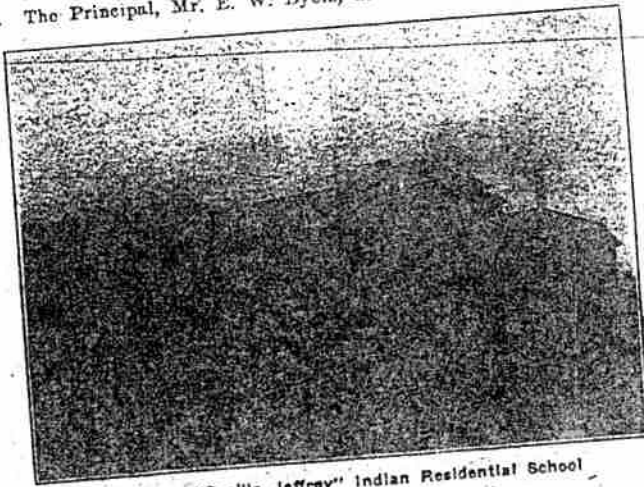
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guson, Indian Department Physician, Medical Officer of Health; Bishop Dewdney, Church of England; Archdeacon Lofthouse, Church of England; Canon Fairies, Church of England; Rev. R. Nairn, Treasurer of Ontario Government; Mr. Frainie, Superintendent C.P.R.; Mr. I. J. Chamberlain, Manager Maple Leaf Milling Company; Chief of Police Gordon; Fire Chief Dubois; Rev. H. Dickson, United Church; Mrs. Thos. Delbridge; Mrs. Evans; Captain F. Edwards; Dr. Snider, Official Dentist; W. H. Dickenson, Manager Bank of Nova Scotia, President of Boy Scouts; H. H. Tate, Manager Royal Bank; Chief J. China, Shoal Lake Band; Councillor Joe Crow, Big Island Band. Letters of regret were received from Dr. Scott, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs, Dr. W. M. Rochester, Editor of *The Presbyterian Record*, who had much to do with the building of the first school, and other interested friends.



Mr. E. W. Byers, Principal



Mrs. E. W. Byers, Matron

After the guests had been received they were shown through the building by members of the staff, then they returned to the Chapel for the opening services.

Principal Byers presided, and on the platform with him were:— Mr. Earl Hutchinson, M.P.P., representing the government; Capt. Edwards, the Department of Indian Affairs; Mrs. Daniel Strachan and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Toronto, and Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Winnipeg, the Women's Missionary Society.

After the singing of the National Anthem, Principal Byers gave a short introductory statement and introduced Mr. Earl Hutchinson, M.P.P., who made a brief address and, in closing, on behalf of the Government, handed over the key of the school to Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Secretary of Indian Schools, for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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Mrs. McKerroll, in receiving the key for the Society thanked the Government and the Department of Indian Affairs for the fine and splendidly equipped building, and promised that, as a Society, we would carry on the work of the School as efficiently as possible.

Captain Edwards, the next speaker, gave a short history of the School from its opening in 1902, with a statement of the monies expended on this School by the Department of Indian Affairs since then.

The Presbytery of Winnipeg, led by the Moderator in his robes, then came to the platform and took charge and conducted the service of dedication. Rev. N. A. MacEachren, of Winnipeg, was Acting Moderator, and other members of Presbytery present were:— Rev. J. O. Balston and Rev. David Johnstone, of Winnipeg. Rev. W. M. Mackay, Synodical Superintendent, sat as a corresponding member.

The service opened with the singing of Psalm 86—Old Hundred. Rev. J. O. Balston read the scripture lesson—Psalm 84; and Rev. David Johnstone led in prayer. A very beautiful dedication service was then conducted by the Moderator, Rev. N. A. MacEachren, the congregation joining in the response. Hymn 295, "The Church's One Foundation" was sung.

Mrs. MacEachren then introduced Mrs. D. Strachan, President of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Strachan referred briefly to the responsibilities of the Women's Missionary Society in connection with the training of the Indian children, and expressed the hope that from this School some Indian girls would soon come to the Missionary and Deaconess Home in Toronto, for training for work among their own people.

Rev. W. M. Mackay then spoke stressing the gratitude of the Church for this new building.

Principal Byers spoke briefly expressing his thanks to the citizens of Kenora for their kindly co-operation.

Rev. N. A. MacEachren pronounced the benediction.

Principal and Mrs. Byers entertained the out of town guests at dinner in the evening at the Tourist Hotel.

The School is a fine red brick building two and a half stories in height, with an extension to one side in which is the chapel. The Principal's residence also forms a part of the building with a door

Capt. Edwards
Indian Agent, Kenora, to
whose unflinching courtesy we
owe so much.

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connecting it and the school proper. The school is beautifully situated on rising ground and overlooking a lovely little lake. All the buildings necessary for carrying on farm work are also on the land adjoining the School. The property includes 168 acres of land, 70 of which are already under cultivation, the remainder is covered with wood. The dormitories are large, sunny and airy as, indeed, are all the rooms. The School has accommodation for 125 pupils. At present there are 82 boys and girls in attendance, leaving adequate room for expansion.

The Reunion of the Scottish Churches

[The material for this article describing the reunion of the Scottish Presbyterian Churches, has been taken from the *Record of the Church of Scotland* and from articles by Dr. Norman MacLean and other Church dignitaries, which appeared in the special supplement of *The Scotsman* devoted to this great event.—EDITOR.]

THE second of October, 1929, provided a new date in Scottish story for that day, in the stately city of Edinburgh, the reunited Church of Scotland entered a greatly enlarged sphere of opportunity and service and became again as it was in the past, the principal moral force in Scotland.

"It was a day with gleams and sunshine, and flecked with shadows, in which the two streams of Scottish Presbyterians separated for eighty-six years, came together at the top of Bank Street, and flowed into St. Giles'—the Temple of Conciliation. The scenes that preceded were impressive—the slow emptying of the two Assembly Halls, the issuing of the processions until at last the halls were tenantless. It was all very different from the great scene in St. Andrew's Church in 1843, when nearly half left and half remained. That was a scene of triumph and desolation, of glory and of tragedy. But, to-day nobody was left. Dense crowds watched the meeting of the two streams. As the two Moderators shook hands a cheer passed down the High Street. Some of the crowd raised the strains of a psalm. The united procession then moved four abreast and so passed into the Church of John Knox. As the procession went up the nave, the white Christ in the great east window glowed as if in benediction. It was a solemn thing to watch the ministers and elders come in. Church of Scotland and United Free Church of Scotland side by side. It took forty minutes ere the Church was filled, and at the end men stood against the walls for the great Cathedral could not seat all that throng.

A Great Heritage

"The first tense moment came when the west door was flung open and the Lord High Commissioner, His Royal Highness, the Duke of York,

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 7TH, 1930.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
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COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

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SECRETARY
MISS BEBBIE MACMURDOY
125 SOUTH DRIVE

12 Meredith Cres.,
TORONTO 5,

November 14th, 1929.



R

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

Dear Doctor Scott,-

I have just returned from Kenora, where in company with Mrs. McKerroll, I attended the opening of the new Cecilia Jeffrey School. Our Board thought the occasion important enough to send out the President of our Society as well as the Secretary for Indian work.

I felt that I must write and tell you what a contribution that school is to work among the Indians. It is such a nice bright, airy building that it should be full of health for the children, and its nearness to the town of Kenora, will mean a great deal to keeping the staff happy and contented. I suppose the Secretary will have found some things that are not quite right, but I have nothing to do with that, she will likely be writing to you herself.

I met Mr. Byers, the principal, for the first time, and was very much pleased with the appointment. He seems to have already a good grasp of what is required in Indian work. May I also say how delighted I was to meet Captain Edwards, the Indian Agent, and what a good address he made at the opening of the School. Although I had corresponded with Captain Edwards when I was Indian Secretary, I had never met him and it was a real pleasure to do so at this time.

I simply want to write and thank you now, on behalf of my Board and the Society, for all that the Indian Department has done in placing this School at our disposal to carry on educational and religious work. May I also thank you for your own personal interest in all that has concerned the building of this School, and to say how much we regretted that you could not be present to see for yourself the splendid contribution that the Department has made to this work.

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Thanking you most sincerely, on behalf of the
Women's Missionary Society of our Church, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs L)

Aileen M. Thacham

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CHILDREN'S MENU (WINTER)

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------|---|
| SUNDAY | BRANKFAST..... | Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Syrup, Tea. |
| | Dinner | Roast Beef, Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Raisin Pie, Milk, Bread. |
| | SUPPER | Jelly, Bread & Lard, Cake, Cocoa. |
| Monday | Breakfast..... | Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread, Peanut Butter, Tea. |
| | Dinner | Beef Stew, Bread Rice Pudding, Milk. |
| | Supper | Barley Soup, Bread, Prunes, Cocoa |
| Tuesday | Breakfast | Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread, & Syrup, Tea. |
| | Dinner | Boiled Beef, Potatoes, Gravy, Corn Starch Pudding, Bread, M. |
| | Supper | Beans, Bread, Apple Sauce, Cocoa. |
| Wednesday | Breakfast | Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Jam, Tea. |
| | Dinner | Pea Soup, Bread, Coconut Cream Pudding, Milk. |
| | Supper | Meat Pie, Prunes, Bread, Bran Cake, Cocoa. |
| Thursday | Breakfast | Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Lard, Tea. |
| | Dinner | Stew & Dumplings, Bread, Sage Pudding, Milk. |
| | Supper | Potatoes, Bread, Apricots, Cocoa. |
| Friday | Breakfast | Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Syrup, Tea. |
| | Dinner | Meat Pie, Bread, Tapioca Pudding. |
| | Supper | Barley Soup, Bread, Prunes, Cocoa. |
| Saturday | Breakfast | Perridge, Milk & Sugar, Bread & Peanut Butter, Tea. |
| | Dinner | Stew, Bread, Rice Pudding, Milk. |
| | Supper | Pea soup, Bread, Apple Sauce, Cocoa. |

- Raw VegetablesThree times each week
- Raw FruitTwice each week
- CandyThree times each week.

*Card served with all meals unless
soup and gravy are served.*

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT Kenora, Ont.

March 10th, 1930

[Handwritten signature]

Assistant Deputy Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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SCHOOLS BRANCH
MAR 14 1930
DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 12 1930
RECORDS

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter No. 129-3-1 of the 4th instant, enclosing an anonymous letter referring to the food for the children of the Cecelia Jeffrey School and also the general suitability of the Principal and Matron, I thought it advisable to go over the matter with the Principal himself which I did, and he immediately requested me to read the letter to the staff and get their opinion on it. I thought this was the best thing to do so went to the school on Saturday the 8th, and had a meeting of the Principal and all the staff, and went into the different matters complained of.

(1) As regards the food supplied to the children, the staff all informed me that they considered the children were getting plenty at the present time. One or two of them had an idea that they were not getting enough at one time. This was mentioned to the Principal and the matter was immediately rectified. I enclose a copy of the menu mentioned in the letter. The staff inform me this menu adhered to pretty well, but on one occasion some time ago there was not enough pudding to go around. This was no fault of the Principal and it only happened on one occasion. The menu is taken from that used at the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School and got up by the Church of England authorities. The Principal has made additions to that given at Sioux Lookout and I think there should be no complaints.

As regards the statement made in the letter that the matter had been reported to the Indian Agent by the Indians and children, a few weeks ago Chief Kejick of the Shoal Lake Band informed me he had heard the children were not getting enough to eat. I asked him to go to the school and be there at meal time, and not to inform the Principal or staff what he was there for, and to report back to me what he thought. He came in a few days afterwards and informed me he thought they had plenty to eat. His boy who was a pupil at the school also informed me they had plenty to eat so no further action was taken in the matter.

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(2) As regards latch keys for the staff, the Principal informed me he had given three out but there was only one to be found at the present time. He told the staff if anybody desired a key they could always have one. All the staff informed me that both Mr. and Mrs. Byers were reasonable and not rude, ill-mannered, and there did not seem to be any ill-feeling between any of them.

(3) As regards the Indian ex-pupil from the school. This girl was working there and Mr. Byers had been compelled to speak to her about several things she had done. His treatment of her according to what I heard, appeared reasonable. Mr. Byers informs me that he believes this anonymous letter came from or through one of the members of the staff he had to discharge some time ago, but of course, is not sure. This person, he informs me, persuaded the Indian ex-pupil to leave her position. The girl is not here now and I will not be able to see her for some time, but if I do I will try and find out what she left.

I asked all the staff if they had any complaints against the Principal and they told me "No." I told them the Principal and staff were all engaged by the Church but the Principal had to be approved by the Department and that we did not like interfering with any internal matters at the school but if there was any dissatisfaction or trouble, I would be only too glad to see what I could do on behalf of the Department. No one had any complaints of any kind and I do not think any particular notice need be taken of this communication. Mr. Byers mentioned that one had also been sent to the Church authorities in Toronto, which they had taken no notice of and destroyed.

As regards the letter, I made a full investigation and could not substantiate anything that was said in it. The staff inform me they have no knowledge of an indignation meeting having been held at the school by the Indians.

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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Cecilia Jeffrey School ,

Kenora , Ont. March 21st , 1930.

The Secretary ,

Dept. of Indian Affairs ,

Ottawa , Ont.

Dear Sir , -

Re report from Engineer who visited the school recently and who reported unfavorably upon our Engineer as being not competent to look after the mechanical plant.

I wish to state that it was a rather unfortunate inspection . It was a condition which existed that day only. The Furnace room was untidy owing to the fact that it was the day on which the furnaces were being cleaned out . I have three of the older boys appointed to clean out the ashes and sweep the furnace room immediately after Breakfast. This is attended to daily without fail . This particular day the cleaning was left until the furnace was cleaned .

Re the pumps requiring packing it was our engineer who called the Inspector's attention to it. Our check valves were not holding and we had to order new ones. As we could not secure them locally we were obliged to send away for them and we were waiting for the valves before doing the packing. In fact it was not so much the need for packing as for new valves .

Re the chlorinating plant not being properly used - This was no fault of our engineer. Wallace and Tiernan will corroborate this statement that our engineer knows the Chlorinator plant in every detail. We did have the plant ready to operate when the pumps shut down in the Fall. Then when every thing was ready again the safety plug in the cylinder corroded through allowing the liquid gas to escape. This accident was entirely beyond our control and as Wallace and Tiernan stated might have occurred in any plant. The escaping gas certainly did a lot of damage and there is no telling just how far it will effect the plant. This was no neglect on our part , the gas could not be shut off , the only thing we could do was to disconnect the cylinder and carry it outside.

As regards fire hazards in the boiler room , we had a box containing the sweepings which are regularly burned. I do not consider there was any fire hazard however I have had the box removed.

Our engineer's work was very favorably commented on by such engineers as Campbell, of Campbell Heating Co.

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Robertson of Spencer Heating Co. and others.

He is a very trustworthy man and I would appreciate your giving him a further trial and see what a later inspection will prove regarding his suitability as an engineer .

I was away the day the engineer made his inspection and I feel that the conditions met with that day were very unusual and not a just basis upon which to judge our engineer. He spent two years as engineer in the old school at Shoal Lake.

I wish to lay this information before you and shall await your further ruling in the matter.

I remain ,
Sir,
Your obedient servant ,

E. W. Byers Principal.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF Kenora, Ont.
INDIAN AGENT

March 22nd, 1930



Assistant Deputy Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter No. 129-3-1 of the 17th instant informing me that the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey School had been asked to take immediate steps to secure a properly qualified Engineer, and that a recent report indicated that the chemical plant is not receiving proper care, and expert handling. I enclose a letter received yesterday from Mr. Byers, in reply to your letter to him. Mr. Byers is very averse to changing the Engineer who came to the Cecilia Jeffrey School at Shoal Lake some time ago and has been well spoken of by the previous staff and also by Mr. Byers. This young fellow was a student, and is wonderfully well liked as far as the school is concerned. Mr. Kelly, Boiler Inspector of Port Arthur, also spoke well of him and Mr. H.C. Lindsten of Wallace and Tiernan who installed the chlorinator, informed me the other day that he knew as much about the chlorinator as any man could know, and was a most efficient man. Mr. Byers does not wish to lose this Engineer as if he did he would probably also have to get rid of the Indian who is working with him, and he asks the Department if they will not reconsider their decision and keep him on. To have a proper qualified Engineer at the school the authorities would have to pay large wages, and they say this is impossible in view of the grant they get.

Mr. Gow of the Dominion Water Power Branch, who put in the report only visited the school once and his report is based on that visit. I personally think that the present Engineer will be alright but he has been working under a handicap. We have arranged, as advised by Mr. Orr, for the man in charge of the Toys chlorinator plant to visit the school occasionally and inspect the plant. I would, therefore, recommend that for the present at least the Engineer be kept on.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: B. A. Edwards

Indian Agent

Handwritten notes:
But as you think
P.P.S.
Give him another chance
The

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CECILIA JEFFREY RES. SCHOOL:-

Pupilage of 135 from April 1st, 1931.
Agent Edwards advised regarding this by letter
of July 14th, 1931, on File 189-3-3.

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CANADA

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

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Kenora, Ontario.
July, 17th. 1931.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 21 1931
RECORDS

Dear Sir;

Some of the Indians have been objecting to their children at some of the Schools being baptized Christians, and mention was made particularly of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, where the Principal had some baptized Presbyterian, lately.

The Principal informs us that the children were asked to see their Parents and get permission, but apparently this was not done.

He also informs us that no pressure was brought to bear on the children, but they were baptized at their own request.

We would like to have a ruling re this, for future guidance.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent.

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

the Father and Mother of these girls belong to the Church of England and all the children baptized C. of E. and now baptized Presbyterian on June 19th.

Baptisms of children of parents
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Ottawa, July 23, 1931.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant, relative to the baptism by the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School of certain of the pupils who are in the school.

In reply I have to say that any baptisms of minor children should not be undertaken until the approval of the parents has first been obtained, and you will be good enough to inform the Principal accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

L. F. Macdonald
L. F. Macdonald,
Secretary.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OF CANADA

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Cecilia Jeffrey School
PRESBYTERIAN

INDIAN AFFAIRS
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KENORA, ONT. October 31st, 1932.

Mr. J.D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. Indian Educo.
Dept. Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir, -

Relative to a conversation in your office re
an increase of pupilage I wish to state for your information
that there are six dormitories in the school of the following
dimensions :-

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|-------|
| 2 Girls' Dormitories | 52.8' x 28.6 x 10' | - | 30200 |
| 2 Boys' " | 52.8' x 28.6 x 10' | - | 30200 |
| 1 Girls' Dormitory | 14' x 14' x 10' | - | 1960 |
| | 19.7' x 23' x 10' | - | 4531 |
| 1 boys' " | Do. | - | 1960 |
| | | - | 4531 |

Total 73382 c.ft.

This allows 500 c.ft of air space for 146.7 pupils
and there should be sufficient accommodation for 150.

I have gone over my roll and asked for several
discharges but there are quite a number of children who
should be in school and I shall appreciate it if you will
increase our pupilage to 145 as suggested, to take effect
from Oct. 1st of this year.

Thanking you for your worthy consideration of the

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foregoing ,

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant ,

E. W. Boyd
Principal

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Cecilia Jeffrey School
PRESBYTERIAN

KENORA, ONT. Dec. 30th, 1932.

[Handwritten signature]
Mr. A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.



Dear Sir, -

Referring to your letter I29-3-1, dated Nov. 10th, 1932, I wish to make request that the increase of ten in our pupilage be authorized and to take effect as from Oct. 1st.

There are a number of pupils that should be in school and on the strength of the above letter I had made arrangements for the admission of additional pupils and unless I receive the Department's sanction to this I shall be obliged to return some children to the reserve.

I hope the Dept. will grant the above favor as I feel some of these children should be given an opportunity of attending school before they are too old.

Wishing you the very best of good things throughout the coming year and extending same to the various members of the Dept. ,

I remain ,

Sir ,

Your obedient servant ,

[Handwritten signature]

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, July 4, 1933.

Sir:

I have to inform you that our estimates for the current fiscal year provide a grant for an increase of 10 in the pupils at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School as from April first, last. The per capita grant will be paid up to an average attendance of 145 pupils from the date mentioned. The Principal of the School is being informed accordingly and he may recruit up to that number.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

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

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AGENCY
of the
in Ontario, Toronto

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
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19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,

July 11th, 1933.

Dr. H. W. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 19 1933
RECORDS

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUL 20 1933

Dear Sir,-

I wish to notify you in regard to changes of teachers at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora. Instead of Miss McQueen and Mrs. Douglas, two of the teachers at this school, who are now going elsewhere, we have appointed Miss Nora MacLeod, who is a fully qualified teacher of some seven years' experience, with high qualifications in discipline and teaching, also a graduate of our Deaconess Training Home, as one teacher. Miss Vesta Gast, who has had several years' experience in Indian work is to be the other teacher. She has been teaching also for several years and has excellent references from every standpoint. She, too, was a pupil in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

Our old nurse, Miss Carruthers, is going back to "G. J." in place of Miss Powell, who is coming on our staff in hospital work. Miss Carruthers is a valued and tried worker and is most interested in the Indian children, as well as being a most capable nurse. We know we are adding a great strength to our staff in having her return.

These are the changes which we are making at the present time.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs D. L.) M. C. Kerrall
Secretary, Indian Department.

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L. S. W.

July 21, 1933.

Dear Mrs. McKeerroll:

I have your letter of the 11th instant, with reference to changes of teachers at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

The qualifications of Miss Vera MacLeod appear quite satisfactory, and her appointment is approved.

With regard to Miss Vera Oast, I may say that she taught for a few years at the Onaida No. 3 Indian Day School on the Carleton Place Reserve. At the end of June, 1932, the Department was obliged to request her resignation, owing to unsatisfactory reports received regarding the discipline at the school and methods used by the teacher when handling the pupils. In view of our previous experience with this teacher, I am inclined to feel that her services at the Cecilia Jeffrey School might not be satisfactory, and I would, therefore, appreciate your giving the matter further consideration before engaging her services.

I also note that Miss Carruthers is returning to the Cecilia Jeffrey School.

Yours very truly,

P. S. Williams
Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

P.S.W.
Mrs. D. T. L. McKeerroll,
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
19 Lamb St.,
Toronto 9, Ont.

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July 26th, 1933.

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W. Williams

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SCHOOLS BRANCH
JUL 28 1933

A.S. Williams,
Acting Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of July 21st. I would be much obliged to you if you would be kind enough to send me more in detail the nature of the unsatisfactory reports about Miss Vesta East's work on the Indian Reserve at ... as well as the report from your own agent. Would there ... be one from the School inspector? We were aware that she ... the agent had not always been in accord, and we also realize that ... strapped the pupils in the enforcement of discipline only as a last resort. If we had a few more details about this matter it would be a help to us in coming to a final conclusion in the letter.

May I suggest that under Mr. Byers at "Gedilia Jeffrey" school, she would have unusual help in methods of discipline on account of his having been principal of a Public school himself.

I am much obliged to you for your letter as we are always glad to have all possible information about our appointees. May I ask for a reply to this letter at your earliest convenience as the matter of having the position filled is urgent.

Sincerely yours,
Mary E. M. Kerrall
Secretary of Indian Department.

ME/MT

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DIRECT

July 31, 1933.

Dear Mrs. McKerrell:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, with reference to Miss Vesta Gast.

I have reviewed the Inspector's reports and, for your information, quote the following from his report regarding his visit to the school on May 26, 1932:-

"Success - Fair.
First and Second Classes were poor. Reading also was not good. Some of the Spelling and Arithmetic of the Third Class was fair. 40% was poor.

"There cannot be satisfactory progress unless pupils attend more regularly. Regularity will depend upon the interest parents take in the progress of the pupils and also in the interest the teacher is able to create in the pupils for their studies."

The local Indian Agent's report, during the period of Miss Gast's services as teacher on the Oneida reserve, indicated that the discipline and methods used by her in the classroom were unsatisfactory. Her attitude towards the work and in her dealing with the children and Indian parents was in part responsible for the poor attendance. As pointed out in my letter of the 21st instant, it is felt, in view of previous experience with this teacher, that unless she has profited by her training at the Deaconess Training Home, it is doubtful if her services would be satisfactory at the Cecilia Jeffrey School. However, under the supervision of the Principal, Mr. Byers, she may give satisfactory service.

Yours very truly,

W. L. Dill

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. F. L. McKerrell,
Women's Missionary Society of the
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
19 Lane Street,
Toronto 9, Ont.

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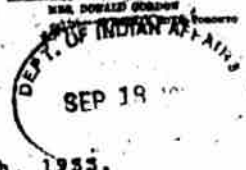
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
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19 Laws Street,
TORONTO 9,



September 14th, 1933.

Dr. H. W. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

In regard to Miss Vesta Cast, I wish to notify you that we have reappointed Mrs. Douglas, who has found herself able to return to the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, and that Miss Cast is not coming on our staff this year. May I thank you for the information which you sent to us in her regard.

I am not sending you any information about Mrs. Douglas as you had that previously and quite approved. Therefore, I feel that her return to her old post will meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, Indian Department.

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Division File No. 35 W 1250 K14

P. 107

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Sub-Division Detachment

Kenora
Date

11-11-35

Re: STANLEY BENN - "Treaty Indian" Cecilia Jeffery School
Kenora, Ont.

8-11-35

1. On this date I. Meikle Esq. Clerk Indian Office Kenora, Ont. phoned this office that he was in receipt of a complaint from E.W. Byeres, Principle of the Cecilia Jeffery Indian School that Stanley Benn the above mentioned Indian boy refused to answer his teacher and this was making a bad impression on the other Indian children attending the School and requested assistance from the police.

2 On the same date I patrolled via Private Car accompanied by Mr. I. Meikle to The Cecilia Jeffery Indian School, Kenora, Ont. and there interviewed the above mentioned boy, he informed me that he had a cold and when the teacher told him to speak up he just looked at her and would not say a word. I then explained to this boy that at anytime he should feel sick or have a cold to inform his teacher, and that he would find she, his teacher would assist him all she could, and that if he would apologize to his teacher in front of the other Indian children this would be satisfactory to all, this he did. The above action met with the approval of E. W. Byeres Esq. Principle of the Cecilia Jeffery Indian School.

3. This duty performed I returned on the same date via private car to Detachment.

Private Car Mileage 6 miles
No EXPENSE INCURRED

CONCLUDED

J.M. McCordle
J.M. McCordle Reg. No. 10175
Const.

The Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Manitoba District,
Winnipeg, Man.

Sir; Forwarded 11-11-35

Commissioner,
R.M.P. OTTAWA, Ont.

Forwarded for your information, *E. Stanley* Const.

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M. Stanley
Inspector (M. STANLEY) Reg. No. 10175
1/c Kenora Detachment
1/c G.I.B.

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