

Indian Affairs
School Files

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OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 144-7-2

Sioux Lookout, Ont.
August 29, 1941



Dear Sir:

We have recently been advised by Father Parreault, principal of the McIntosh Residential Indian School, that he has not received cheque covering night watchman's salary for the month of January, February and March.

Will you kindly advise in this connection.

Yours very truly,

Gifford Swartman
Gifford Swartman,
Indian Agent.

G.S./A

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA CANADA

Ottawa, September 24th, 1942.

Memorandum:

Mr. Wardle

Re: Roofing, Indian Residential School,
McIntosh, Ontario.

With reference to the above, Mr. Gow has advised that the roofing material ordered by the Departmental Purchasing Agent has been delivered at the school by Alexander Murray and Company, Limited, and by the J. H. Ashdown Hardware Company.

In regard to the carrying out of the roofing repairs, Mr. Gow states in part as follows:

"Brother Eugene Gauthier of the McIntosh Indian Residential School was in this office this morning and brought up the question of who was to carry out the work of repairing the roofs at the school, now that the material has been purchased for the job and has been delivered. It was explained to Brother Gauthier that this office has had nothing to do with the purchase of materials and has received no word as to who is supposed to carry out the placing of the new roofing. Brother Gauthier stated that insofar as the Principal of the School was concerned, they had not agreed to do any work in connection with the replacement of the roof and that they were unable to carry out any part of this work. The School authorities are anxious that this roof repair work be carried out at the earliest possible date."

It would seem advisable to furnish this information to the Indian Affairs Branch. Accounts, in triplicate, together with freight voucher for Ashdown account, covering the materials furnished by Alexander Murray and Company, and J. H. Ashdown Hardware Company, are transmitted herewith for attention by the Indian Affairs Branch.

Encls.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Miller

Chief Engineer.

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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Ottawa,
October 2, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Re: Roofing, McIntosh Indian Residential School.

This Branch is in receipt of a memorandum from the Chief Engineer, Surveys & Engineering Branch, in which he states:

"Brother Eugene Gauthier of the McIntosh Indian Residential School was in Mr. Gow's office this morning and brought up the question of who was to carry out the work of repairing the roof at the school, now that the material has been purchased for the job and has been delivered. It was explained to Brother Gauthier that this office had nothing to do with the purchase of materials and it has received no word as to who is supposed to carry out the placing of the new roofing. Brother Gauthier stated that insofar as the Principal of the school was concerned they had not agreed to do any work in connection with the replacement of the roof and that they were unable to carry out any part of this work. The school authorities are anxious that this roof repair work be carried out at the earliest possible date."

In the estimates of this year the sum of \$700.00 was provided for supplies and repairs at the McIntosh School. At this date the sum of \$780.00 has already been spent. In view of this fact it will be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, for the Department to provide the amount of money necessary to defray the cost of the labour necessary to the roof of the building. It so happens that this year we have exceeded most of our appropriations with the result that there are no funds available for this or any other purpose. Would it be possible for you to secure from the Principal of this school an estimate of the

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

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cost involved and the extent to which the school is prepared to assist in this matter? If the school finds itself unable or unwilling to bear part of the cost it is just possible that these repairs may have to be postponed until the next fiscal year.

Your immediate attention to this matter would be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

H.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 144:7M



Sioux Lookout, Ont.,
November 4th, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Mr. Hoey's letter of October 2nd, File 130-7-5, with respect to repairs required for the roof of the laundry and boiler room at the McIntosh Indian Residential School, I have to advise that the necessary repairs have been attended to by the School Staff. They also had assistance from two Brothers who were sent down to help with the job. The roof is now in first class shape, although it may require an additional four barrels of coal tar next summer to mix in with the gravel. It will depend on how the gravel now on the roof mixes with the tar already applied, but the results of this will not become apparent until after we have some real warm weather next summer.

Yours very truly,

G. Swarbrick
G. Swarbrick,
Indian Agent.

GS:K

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Sioux Lookout, Ont., October 16, 1943.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.



During a recent visit to the McIntosh Indian Residential School the condition of the bake oven was brought to my attention. This piece of equipment is in very bad shape and I recommend that steps be taken to replace same as soon as one may be procured. The oven in present use is an Oxford Portable No. 72 C manufactured by the Gurney Company, Limited, size $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet and built in three sections. The top and lower sections are now useless and the middle one is the only part serviceable.

I understand that it is necessary to bake three days each week and two bags of flour are used for each batch of bread. With only the one section of the oven, many hours and much labour are required for each day's baking. It is also quite probable that the centre section of the oven will not last much longer. A larger oven should be obtained if possible, as the bake room would accommodate one from 8 to 10 feet long.

While on the subject of the McIntosh school, I wish to report that the new penstock is now completed and in use. The workmen made a first class job. All that remains to be done now is to place a roof over the entire length of the penstock in order to protect it from the weather. It is estimated that this structure will last for another forty years.

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G. Swartman,
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa,
November 3, 1943.

Reverend Sir:

I am in receipt of the attached account from the Canadian National Railways, covering the cost of transporting two cartons of clothing to the McIntosh School. This clothing was forwarded to your school by the R.C.A.F. Station at Toronto on the request of this Branch. As you understand, clothing for pupils attending Indian residential schools is provided by the school management from per capita grant, or other receipts, and as a consequence when the Department arranges for supplying any Indian residential school with discarded military clothing it is felt that, as this is supplied free of charge, the school concerned should pay the carrying charges. This means that the school secures the clothing at a very reasonable cost. In view of what has just been said I feel certain that you will forward a cheque for \$16.83 to the Canadian National Railways, Toronto, Ontario. This is the same procedure as is adopted in the case of discarded military clothing forwarded to other Indian residential schools throughout Canada.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.


Rev. C. Perreault,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
McIntosh, Ont.

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Sioux Lookout, Ontario,
December 30th, 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

During my recent visit to the McIntosh Indian Residential School, the installation of the new bake-oven was brought to my attention. This oven is installed in a new addition to the basement 28' from the main chimney. The oven manufacturers advise that the length of pipe from the chimney should not be over 10'. In this case it is impossible to have a shorter length than 28', due to the location of the chimney and oven. They also recommend a 10" pipe, whereas the old pipe was 7" and entered the same flue in the main stack or chimney as the steam boiler and laundry. The former arrangement was very unsatisfactory, as the flue was not large enough to take care of all (boiler, laundry and oven) at the same time.

The alternatives to put the oven in working condition are:

1. Build a chimney which would be high enough to clear the main building and large enough to withstand wind pressure. This would mean a chimney 55 - 60' high, and would require guy wires. The estimated cost for such a chimney would be from \$300. to \$350.

2. To have an iron stack, specially made, of proper size and height to clear the buildings. The main objections to a steel smoke stack are that unless it is properly insulated there is a great deal of condensation. In this case, where the oven is only used every second day, the condensation would be even greater than if the stack was in use continually. We are unable to submit an estimate of the cost to manufacture a stack of this description.

3. The third alternative would be to install a special induced draft system. This would mean a short piece of iron smoke pipe extending 6' above the roof with an induction draft fan. The Alpha Manufacturing Company of Winnipeg quote a price of \$235.00 to supply all necessary equipment for this installation.

It is recommended that this equipment be provided, as we believe it would prove highly satisfactory as well as less costly, and would also eliminate an additional chimney or smoke stack on the West side of the School which would detract from the appearance of the building.

G. Swartman
G. Swartman,
Indian Agent.

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QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING MARCH, 1945, ON SIOUX LOOKOUT AGENCY

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Schools:

During the quarter visits were made to both the McIntosh and Sioux Lookout Indian Residential Schools. At McIntosh an attempt was made to have the children familiarize themselves with the outside pole-type fire escapes. The boys were very proficient but the girls, especially the younger ones, were unable to use the escape with any degree of confidence. However, the Reverend Principal Assured me he would see to it that they had plenty of practice in future. I might add that under certain conditions in the winter months, the iron pole fire escapes are dangerous for the inexperienced.

At the Sioux Lookout School the poles are inside the building. This arrangement permits the pupils to have more practice, although the efficiency of the arrangement is open to question. At the Sioux Lookout School twenty-two of the older pupils are enrolled in the Air Cadets. They are being trained by Miss Richardson, a staff member who was previously in the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. These boys are all greatly interested in this movement and look very smart in their uniforms.

At both Residential Schools in this Agency lack of recreational and athletic opportunities is very noticeable. I believe that much more thought should be given to this phase of school life, as the Indian children seem to enjoy sports and games even more than our own children do. Under proper supervision this would go a long way toward developing character and physique.

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G. Swartman,
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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
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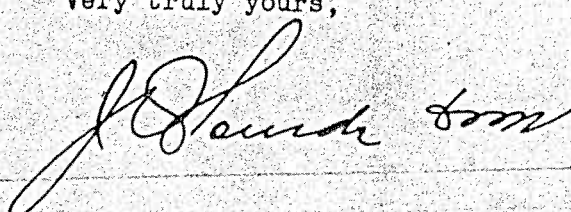
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Re:- McIntosh Indian Residential School.
Necessity of outboard motor.

My dear Mr. Phelan:

Would it be possible for the Department to secure and pay for an outboard motor of five horse power for the above school. You know that recruiting for this school is done mostly over the waters. For instance, in our travel back and forth from McIntosh to Grassy Narrows, a distance of over 40 miles, the only known road is the water one. This applies to other parts of their territory. Consequently, an outboard motor is of vital necessity for recruiting and I hope that if one of these motors can be had at the present time, that you will willingly supply it. I understand that a smaller motor than the one asked for would hardly be advisable as the distances are long, the lakes are rough and consequently they have to use larger boats than they might otherwise.

Hoping that you will give this matter your sympathetic consideration, I remain,

Very truly yours,


J.O. Plourde, O.M.I.

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Purchasing Division

Ottawa, November 8, 1945.

Memorandum:

Mr. C. W. Jackson.

The attached requisition from the Indian Affairs Branch requests the purchase of a 5 H.P. outboard motor for the Indian Residential School at McIntosh, Ontario.

This motor is to be used in connection with recruiting for the school, one Reserve being approximately 40 miles from the school and the only method of transportation is by water. The Evinrude 5½ H.P. motor costs \$160.20, and the 5 H.P. Johnson motor \$153.00, f.o.b. McIntosh, Ontario.

Please advise me what action you wish taken in connection with this request.

H. J. Davidson,
Departmental Purchasing Agent.

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Sioux Lookout, Ontario.
October 15th, 1945.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

Report re 1945 Annuity Payments
Treaties 3, 5 and 9, Sioux Lookout Agency.

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Grassy Narrows

May 23 -

Several of the Band members lodged complaints re the condition of the enamel ware, plates, cups etc. used by their children at the McIntosh Residential School, as well as the quality of the clothing supplied to the children when returning for the summer holidays. I offered to meet the Chief and Councillors at the School any time in September and investigate these complaints fully at that time. They are to advise me when it will be convenient to meet them.

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G. Swartman,
Indian Agent.

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Sioux Lookout, Ontario,
December 31st, 1945.

AGENT'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31st 1945.

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Welfare and Training

Both the McIntosh and Sioux Lookout Residential Schools are practically filled to capacity. McIntosh has an enrollment of 131 and Sioux Lookout 150. The new road to the Sioux Lookout School was completed in early December, to the stage where it is passable. Owing to the lack of proper equipment to keep the road open it has not been of much value in recent weeks. Considerable gravelling and widening will have to be done in the summer before it may be considered as an all-weather road. Some of the work could be done by the School staff if they had a dump-truck, and it is urged that one be provided. It could also be used to haul wood and would lessen the work of the pupils. Pd

I have come to the conclusion that the children in our Residential Schools do not have sufficient recreation and opportunity to engage in sports and games. Actually they have not much time for such, owing to the endless chores and outside work. At the Pelican School, fuelwood in the winter months is one of the big problems, - cutting it in the woods, hauling it to the School, sawing it and firing the boilers. It has been suggested to the Principal that he investigate the cost of coal as compared with wood. It certainly would be a tremendous saving in man or boy hours. labir

I am also of the opinion that the more labour saving devices that could be installed in our Schools, the better, as it would certainly allow the children much more time for other worthwhile activities. (It might be pointed out again that there is an extension of the hydro system to within two miles of the Sioux Lookout School.) However, like any other institution or business, the success of a School depends largely on management and supervision.

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G. Swartman,
Indian Agent.