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Indian School, Mc. Intosh, Ont.
February, 27th. 1946.

Mr. Philip Phelan, Chief Training Service,
O-tawa Ont.

Bear Sir.

The Plaunt Hardware Co are sending me their bills for an Outboard Motor that we used all Summer. I regret that as a new Principal here I ^{was}unaware that this motor has been forwarded as the result of a mistake on the part of the Company.

It appears that the Staffmembers were under the impression that the second motor had been sent by a tourist, who had promised to provide same free of charge. The thought in this matter was strengthened by the fact that the account covering the cost of the second motor only reached us later on.

Whilst we only asked for only one motor last spring, to save expenses to the Department, we really required two for the use of the School. You know that we are three miles from the Station and all our freighting and other trips to the station have to be made by boat. Furthermore, we need an outboard motor for recruiting purposes, as many of our children can only be reached by water over fairly long distances.

We have found these motors of great advantage. As they will be used in the future for the welfare of the School children, we hope that the Department will pay for both of them.

Yours very truly. *C.K. Comeau O.M.I.*

Rev. C.K. Comeau O.M.I.
Principal.



Indian School, Mo. Intesh, Ont.
Oct. 6th. 1947.

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

Dear Sir.

On the occasion of your last visit to the School, Dr. Bell pointed out, that the cause of the high rate of sickness amongst our girls, was the unfitness of the basement class rooms. These rooms are cold and damp. The sun rays never penetrate into them. And to add to this all, at the epoch of heavy rains, water infiltrates into the school, through the concrete foundations at the North west corner of one of the classroom. The girls have to sit for hours in this chilly atmosphere, their feet on the concrete floor.

We have on the second floor, a space suitable for two class rooms. It is on the actual play-room of the girls. Over there it is warm and comfortable. There is plenty of sun-light. In every respect, more suitable than down stairs.

This place, is also used as a reception room, at the occasion of Christmas entertainment and on other occasions. The stage could be transported down, and rebuilt exactly at the same place, because the two floors have identical dimensions. This will eliminate the inconvenient caused by the infiltration of water, leaving a space between the two floors.

This cannot be done without expenses. It will take lumber for two partitions between classroom, leaving space for a corridor between. Down stairs, in the new play room, it will take three water closets and six wash bassins. And also lumber for lavatory room.

It will therefore require about 2000. feet of quality lumber, which will amount delivered here, to about \$200.00. Let us say, about \$ 150.00 for the water works, and \$ 150.00 for labor. Total amount \$ 500.00.

As this is in the interest of the Department, who have to spend so much money for the health of the Indians children, I do not hesitate to make this requisition of \$ 500.00 in order to be able to proceed in making this necessary transformation, without delay. With the hope that you will be successful, I remain.

Yours truly:

C. E. Comeau O.M.I.

C. E. Comeau O.M.I. Principal.

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OTTAWA, January 24, 1948.
 ONTARIO



The Secretary,
 Indian Affairs Branch,
 O T T A W A .

Re: Nutritional Report on
 McIntosh Indian Residential
 School

My dear Mr. Phelan,

Under the heading of "Facilities", your nutritional inspector recommended the following equipment for the above school:

1. Suitable dishwashing unit.
2. Potato Peeler.
3. Replacement of old and unserviceable bread slicer.
4. Electric mixer.

It will be appreciated if you can supply the above at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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

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Ottawa, March 16, 1948.

Mr. G. Swartman, Superintendent,
Indian Agency, Sioux Lookout, Ont.

EXD.

I have your letter of the 11th^A instant, file 144:7M, enclosing letter from the principal of the McIntosh School requesting the expenditure of \$3,500. for repairs and new equipment.

From recent correspondence you are aware that we intend to construct a new road if satisfactory arrangements can be completed, and funds have been provided for that purpose.

In addition to funds for the road, we have provided an amount not exceeding \$900.00 for repairs and improvements and purchase of new equipment at the McIntosh School. The principal should, therefore, decide what repairs and new equipment is most urgent this year and advise you so that you can communicate with us. It should be distinctly understood that this letter does not give authority for the expenditure of any amount; we will decide what we can do when we receive a further letter from you.

We also find it necessary to return your voucher No. 177. There are two items on the principal's account, one for \$175.87 for material for plumbing and the second for \$150.00 for lumber. Before payment for these items can be made to the school, we require itemized accounts, receipted by the firm from whom the purchase was made. Please have this voucher returned to us as soon as possible as we desire to pay it from the current year's appropriation.

Bernard F. Heary
Superintendent of Education.

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130-7-5 (E).

Ottawa, April 2, 1948.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Mr. James Sinton.

McIntosh Indian Residential School,
McIntosh, Ontario.

It is understood that you recently discussed with our Superintendent of Education, the possibility of having a road constructed to the above noted school.

There are two alternatives for the construction of a suitable link between this school and the existing road:

- (1) From McIntosh School via McIntosh Station to connect with the road constructed last summer by the Ontario Minnesota Pulp and Paper Company for winter hauling. This has been marked one on the attached sketch plan.
- (2) The road from McIntosh into the school via McIntosh Railway Station to connect with the road from Alexandria Bay and Vermilion Bay. This has been marked two on the attached diagram. It is understood that there was a road location survey made of this proposed road in 1935. Unfortunately, this latter course requires twelve miles of road and would be a very expensive proposition.


Therefore, we requested Mr. G. Swartman, our Superintendent of Sioux Lookout Agency to discuss the situation with Mr. Kelly, your District Engineer at Kenora. We were advised that this official requested our assurance that the Department would share in the expense for the construction of the road outlined in bracket one above.

Mr. G. Swartman also took this matter up with the officials of the Ontario Minnesota Pulp and Paper Company at Kenora. Mr. Swartman advised that the road which they built last Summer from Quibell to the east end of the Lake near McIntosh, is a good one and that he feels that the Company would allow us to use it.

It would be appreciated if you could advise us as to the possibility of sharing the construction of the road from the McIntosh Indian Residential School to connect with the Ontario Minnesota Pulp and Paper road as described in bracket one above.

Yours sincerely,


Director.


The Municipal Roads Branch,
Department of Highways,
Queens Park,
Toronto, Ontario.

Encl:

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Sioux Lookout, Ont., November 23, 1949. 14801

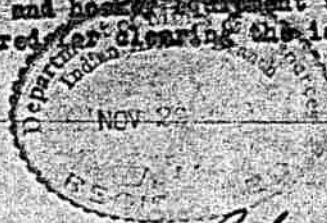
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It is recommended that a grant of \$75.00 be provided to purchase hockey equipment for the McIntosh Residential School, and also a grant of \$100.00 be provided for the same purpose for the Sioux Lookout Residential School. These amounts are based on the comparative number of pupils in each school who will be playing hockey this season.

I would also add that we expect to have two teams from the Sioux Lookout Residential School playing in organized hockey this winter and that some financial assistance is expected from local citizens. It is also recommended that the Department contribute towards the expenses of operating the teams, in the way of providing equipment for those beginners who are not actually playing hockey. As well as skating and hockey equipment there will also be scrapers and shovels required for clearing the ice.

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G. Swartman
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Superintendent,
Sioux Lookout Agency.