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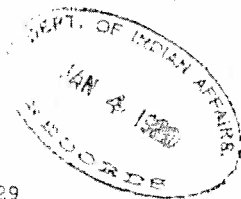
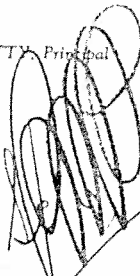
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Mount Elgin Indian Residential School

MUNCEY, ONTARIO

S. R. McVITT, Principal



January 3rd 1929

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir;

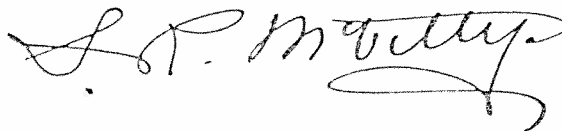
It is my duty to inform you that the mangle at present in use in the laundry at the Mount Elgin Institute, is entirely out of date and very dangerous. It was discarded as dangerous by the New Method Laundry of St. Thomas, nineteen years ago, was purchased for a trifle and installed here about that time. There is nothing in the way of modern protection against children getting their hands caught in the rollers. Notwithstanding the greatest precaution we have had several instances of girls getting caught in the roller. Yesterday, a girl got caught and had it not been for the alertness of the man in charge her hand would undoubtedly have been destroyed. Apart from the loss and suffering of the child, it would undoubtedly mean a law suit against the Department or School, or both.

We respectfully request therefore, that a mangle equipped with modern protection be installed at the earliest possible moment. It should be approximately six feet wide. No doubt the Department has been installing laundry machinery in other Schools, and would know a suitable size better than I would.

Hoping for immediate action,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,



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Ottawa, January 7, 1929.

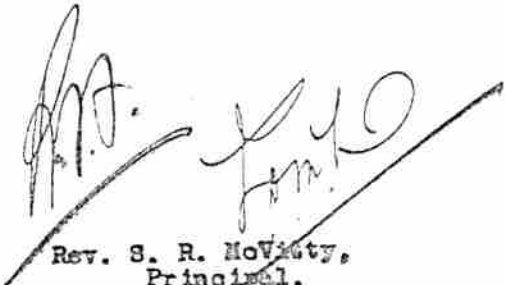
Rev. Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant, with reference to the mangle in the laundry at the Mount Elgin Institute.

In reply I have to state that the Department does not regularly supply mangles to Indian residential schools. You might comment on the need of this equipment and indicate how the old one was operated.

Your obedient servant,

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


Rev. S. R. McVitty,
Principal,
Mount Elgin Institute,
Huncey, Ont.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir;

In reply to yours of the 7th inst, No. 7-0-5, re mangle for laundry at the Mount Elgin Institute, would say that a mangle is absolutely necessary for carrying on the work of the laundry. About 200 sheets, besides towels, pillow cases, girls dresses and other things go through it every week. This is necessary, not only for appearance sake, but in order to get them perfectly dry before putting them to use.

The mangle at present in use is heated and operated by steam, and as stated in my former letter is a very old and dangerous one. Notwithstanding very great care exercised, there have been several cases where pupils have had their fingers caught in the rollers. One girl came near losing her hand some years ago.

The Department has already recognized its responsibility for laundry equipment by supplying all other machinery in use, except this mangle which was here prior to the Departments taking over the school buildings some years ago. Apart from the very great injury which might come to a pupil through the use of this defective machinery, the Department is taking a very great risk of a suit for damages, should a serious accident occur. I assure you that we will continue to use every possible precaution as we have done in the past, but I cannot accept responsibility for the further use of this machine.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours respectfully,

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