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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF
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Muncey, Ontario.

January 18th 1934.

Dear Doctor Stone;

Information regarding conditions at Mount Elgin Residential School, as you are no doubt aware, was recently requested from Mr. Moore, by the Secretary, and as Director of Medical Services I believe you should have further data from me. On the whole, the inferences drawn from outside sources looks fairly serious on paper, but generally speaking the medical department and health of the pupils is in good shape.

Regarding the skin condition introduced into the picture I may say that on taking over this appointment Dr. Pardy informed me that there was an obstinate condition at this Agency, which he could not name or cure. It is a cross between a secondarily infected Impetigo and a Pemphigus, and is sporadic in its appearance. Several times it has been cleaned up only to re-appear after the children return from visits to their respective homes. It is present both on the reserves and at the school, and seems to run in families, Wassermann tests proving negative. At no time was there any great number of children affected, but it is a nasty looking disorder and leaves scars. Ammoniated Mercury Ointment proved useless in treating it and I obtained the best results from Bichloride Washes and internal use of Cod Liver Oil, and the latter suggests a lack of vitamin as partial etiology. At present it is cleaned up, and there is not a case at Mount Elgin Institute. I talked to Dr. Wall about it, and may have mentioned it to you previously. At any rate I was always aware of the situation and we have done our best to cope with the situation, now well in hand. While its degree of infectivity is low, we had separate towels for all patients, and I have been successful in obtaining separate towels for all pupils at Mount Elgin. This skin infection was usually absent on the face but seemed to have an affinity for hands and buttocks, and we had the toilets washed with a solution of Lysol after affected ones utilized them. I am pleased to report that everyone at the Institute co-operated to the fullest in cleaning up this disease which did not involve more than a dozen pupils over a period of 2 years and three of them were from one family.

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With reference to food provided pupils at Mount Elgin Institute I have inspected the tables ready for serving several times and concluded that a well balanced ration was provided. I believe that you remarked upon the same thing during your visit to Muncey. Further I have on file a letter from Rev. S.R. McVittym Principal, dated May 18th 1932, in which he says in part; "An abundance of excellent food such as whole milk (50% Jersey), butter, eggs, meat, bread, and a superabundance of fresh vegetables are served daily, and I am pleased to say that the wonderfully healthy appearance of our pupils calls forth the admiration of our many visitors. The usual comment is that white children have no such accommodation. This we know to be true." As for the egg ration I have taken the Reverend Gentleman's word for it, but agree that despite the absence of such food the children are in fine physical condition and have been prior to my appointment. I feel that any grievance regarding food is trivial and can be easily remedied.

Regarding bath accommodation for pupils this is in need of improvement, but until financial conditions warranted same, like many other of our needs the end justifies the means. Toilet accommodation is in a similar category, and Mr. McVitty informed me that indoor flush toilets for pupils was an endless source of trouble due to foreign material being thrown in them by ignorant pupils. The outside toilets are kept in a clean sanitary condition and I have inspected them several times.

Aside from the incident reported to you on December 12th, 1932, wherein the Principal refused to supply orange juice to a Pneumonia patient at Mount Elgin Institute after I had requested same there has been no friction.

I believe that a few recommendations are in order for the Institute worthy of consideration. They are as follows;

1. That all pupils submit to a blood Wassermann test for Syphilis. All new pupils from this Agency examined by me are so tested, but those in the school should have this done as a protection to themselves and others.
2. The system of ventilation in the sleeping dormitories be improved. At present this, notoriously poor particularly if there are many pupils ill. Mr. O.B. Strapp, assistant principal and myself have repeatedly discussed the situation and if limited funds were available an electric motor and large fan for each dormitory would ~~make~~ conditions satisfactory.
3. Installation of modern bath equipment when and as finances will permit.

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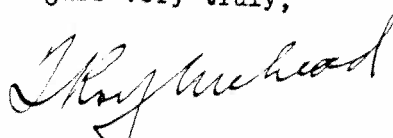
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4. Provision of modern flush toilets (to augment one in each dormitory now used at night), either indoors or out for the pupils with a campaign of education and supervision as to management by pupils.

5. A tooth brush for every pupils. Older pupils use them but in my opinion all should for the moral effect if no other goal is attained.

Insofar as the Medical end of the Department is concerned I believe that this covers the situation, and is being forwarded to you in the belief that this report will supplement that from the Indian Agent, the latter (from a layman's point of view), not covering the medical end of the problem as fully as might be desired.

Yours very truly,



T. Roy McLeod, M.D.
Medical Superintendent,
Caradoc Agency.

Dr. E.L. Stone,
Director of Medical Services,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Feb. 23, 1934

Date February 23, 1934

CARADOC AGENCY RESERVE . . MOUNT KLGIN SCHOOL
 A. D. MOORE, EXQ. AGENT . . Rev. O. B. Strapp (Principal)
 TEACHER

NAME	AGE	PEDIC.	SKIN	GR. LIDS	TEETH	TON-SILS	VAC.	REMARKS
Teddy Jewell	12						Yes	
Kenneth Henry	14					xxx	Yes	
James Ireland	15						Yes	
Eli Snake	14			Tracht	Pyhorr		Yes	
Bernard Wright	13			Conjunc	1 ext. 1 fill		Yes	
man.					3 ext.			Wass. Mch. 2
William Snake	15				1 fill		Yes	Neg.
Tommy Andrews	13				1 ext.		Yes	
William Joseph	16			Tracht			Yes	
Raymond Logan	16			Conjunc			Yes	
Stanley Jack-	13				2 ext. 1 fill		Yes	
son								
Glen Kady					5 ext.	xxxx	Yes	
Herman Thomas				Tracht	2 fills		Yes	Trachoma arrested.
Milford George	13				2 fills		Yes	
Truman Antone	12			Tracht			Yes	
Gordon Sahnation	14				2 ext. 2 fr. fills		Yes	
Douglas Simon	14				1 fill		Yes	
Joe Fox	12				1 fill		Yes	
Alfred Whyte	17				1 fill		Yes	
Wesley Sahnation	17						Yes	
Roy Doherty	17				1 fill	xx	Yes	

NO. OF PUPILS EXAMINED 74
 NO. OF PUPILS VACCINATED 74
 NO. OF PUPILS UNVACCINATED 0
 HEALTH TALKS
 DEMONSTRATIONS
 CLINICS
 NO. OF HOME VISITS
 CONSULTATIONS
 HOURS ON DUTY IN SCHOOL

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

TRACHOMA.

Summary of Cases at Mount Elgin Residential School.

DEFINITE

1. Katharine White*
2. Rosemary Fisher*
3. Truman Antons*
4. Ella Nyek
5. Katharine Schuyler*
6. William Joseph
7. Stanley Summers*
8. Leonard Beecher*
9. Fletcher Fisher*
10. Margaret Snake
11. Lillian Jacobs
12. Lerona Jacobs
13. Marjorie Bigwin

Suspicious

1. William Smith
2. Hazel Jacobs
3. Tena Shanks
4. Tena Elm
5. Eleanor Blackbird
6. Everitt Abram
7. Mathias Newakate

14 Susie Elm

*New cases.

15. Lila Abram,

Total 28 cases

16. Alice Koniah

7 suspicious.

17. Eli Snake

18. Harvey Redd

Subject to confirmation by Dr. J.J. Wall.

19/ Louis Elm

20. Cecil Hill

21. Clayton Wrightson

22. Herman Thomas.

J. Roy Archard

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MOUNT ELGIN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL,

Muncey Ontario.

March 1934.

Diseased Tonsils.

1. Virginia Rogers.
2. Jennie Kunham.
3. Jean Maracle
4. Sadie Hill
5. Cassie Cornelius
6. Mary Lou Thomas
7. Violet Strength
8. Kenneth Henry
9. Glen Cady*
10. Clayton Fisher
11. Ainsley Dextator.

*Glen Cady- son of Indian employee of Institute-Department ruled not responsible for hospital care of this family.

TEETH

Number of fillings required 133

Number of extractions indicated 133

J. Roy McLeod

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- DENTAL CLINIC -

MOUNT ELGIN SCHOOL - CARADOC AGENCY.

A.D. MOORE ESQ. - AGENT.

REV. O.B. STRAPP, - PRINCIPAL.

Josephine Whyte	3	fills.	1	ext.
Shirley Keeshig	4	"		
Virginia Rodgers	10	"	3	"
Rachel Simon	4	"	1	"
Blanche Henry	4	"	1	"
Genevieve Rodgers	4	"		
Melba George	2	"	1	"
Vela Seth	6	"	2	"
Gloria Fisher	7	"	1	"
Jennie Lunham	2	"		
Jennie Fisher	6	"	2	"
Katherine Whyte	2	"		
Clara Fox	1	"		
Lenore Logan	2	"		
Amy Thompson	5	"	2	"
Rebecca Thomas	1	"	3	"
Clara Kagegab	6	"	3	"
Ella Keyashk	1	"	1	"
Lillian Jacobs	5	"		
Ellen Riley	5	"		
Muriel Stonefish	4	"		
Sadie Hill	3	"	1	"
Evelyn Hill	1	"	2	"
Amy Carnelius	14	"	4	"
Mary Jane Bigwin	5	"	2	"
Vernita Jacobs	1	"	1	"
Leila Blackbird	5	"	3	"
Lillie Fisher	5	"	2	"
Frances Dodge	4	"		
Edith Siman	5	"	1	"
Carmen Sickles	4	"		
William Snake	4	"	2	"
Roy Doherty	1	"		
Leonard Flain	4	"	1	"
George Snake	4	"	1	"
Leonard Thomas	1	"	1	"
William King	3	"	3	"
Norman Thomas	3	"	2	"
Harvey Rodd	8	"	2	"
James Plain	1	"		
Albert Tobias	2	"	1	"
Gordon Sahanation	2	"	2	"
Wesley Sahanation	2	"		
Raymond Brant	7	"		
Lloyd Riley	8	"		
Eli Snake	5	"		
Earle Brasette	4	"		
Victor Tobias	2	"	1	"

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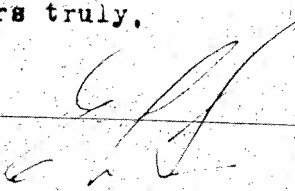
Ottawa, January 28th, 1935.

Dear Sir,-

I am having sent to you a sample of a remedy called "Sphincterine" which is highly recommended by its makers and by one or two of our residential school principals for bed wetting. I should appreciate your giving this remedy a careful and thorough trial and letting me know as soon as possible whether you find it effective. I am well aware of the importance of this problem in most Indian residential schools and would be pleased to find some remedy which would help to solve it.

You have probably had some of the incontinence tablets which have been used for this purpose, and I would appreciate your opinion on the relative merits of the two preparations.

Yours truly,


E. L. Stone, M.B.,
Director of Medical Services.

The Principal,
Mount Elgin Indian Residential School,
Muncey, Ontario.

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Department of Indian Affairs

DOCTORS' MONTHLY ACCOUNT FORM

Agency Canadore
Lancaster

Inf. Elgin Residential
Band Onondaga School

To Dr. W.F. Babb

(Address) 238 Queen's Ave, London, Ont.

For the Month of March

19 35 Date April 4th, '35

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State fully and exactly the service rendered each patient—how many visits at home or hospital, consultations at office (state with or without medicines), what operation or other attention. Fill in every column. In column 6, show result as B—better; W—worse; N.C.—no change; D—dead.

Date in Month	NAMES OF PATIENTS	DISEASE	SERVICE RENDERED	Miles one way	Result	CHARGES
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			FORWARD			
Mar 27th	Abbie Schyler	Defective vision	Refraction & glasses			6.00
Mar 27th	Mildred Doxtator	Defective vision	Refraction & glasses			6.00
Mar 27th	Celinda Bread	Defective vision	Refraction & glasses			6.00
Mar 27th	Tena Shanks	Defective vision	Refraction & glasses			6.00
TOTAL						24.00

TRANSFERRED
APR 23 1935
TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE

AGENCY... ALLOT... E.R...
Goods received or services performed.
Prices fair and just.
Approved for payment as taxed at

W.F. Babb
W.F. Babb

MEDICAL EXAMINER
APR 20 1935
DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Authenticity 7-2-35
22/3/35
Certified correct
J. Roy Wilcox
Med. Supt.
Canadore Agency

I certify that this account is correct, that the services charged for were rendered by me in person, and that no part of it has been paid.

W.F. Babb M.D.

I certify that this voucher is correct, that the charges are just and fair, and that the persons treated are Indian wards of the Government of Canada, and unable to pay the accounts themselves.

Voucher No.

Oliver B. Strapp
Indian Agent

TO REACH THE DEPARTMENT AT OTTAWA, IN TRIPLICATE, EVERY MONTH

Form No. 7

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OFFICE OF
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[Handwritten signatures]

July 19th, 1935.

Dear Doctor Strain;

With further reference to the measles situation, I believe that you will be interested in a report of our High Residential School. I am happy to state that there has been no increase from the original two cases reported last week.

Immediately upon making the diagnosis July 7th, complete isolation of these two cases, both girls, was effected on the third floor attic. There was no doubt of the diagnosis, a text book rash being present. One other female suspect was isolated, and three boys, the latter on the attic of the boys' side of the building. These boys have shown no further symptoms other than the initial fever and sore throat, one now presenting an Ulcerative Stomatitis which is responding to treatment.

The measles cases are convalescing and out of bed. The quarantine period for them has elapsed but they are still in isolation, partly in reference to Mr. Strain, but mainly due to the fact that they can be discharged from the school on July 17th for vacation, and I fear to tempt Lady Luck who has been so good in this problem to date.

I have a record of approximately thirty pupils who were down with measles at the school in 1933. These I intend to release to their homes on July 17th school closing day. The remainder, providing that there are no new cases in the interim, will be released on July 23rd, which is the expiration of the sixteen day quarantine period for contacts, as prescribed by the provincial statutes, which are being followed throughout including release of inmates. I feel that my action will be approved, but if there is any change needed, in your opinion, I will be pleased to follow it. I did consider immunization of the pupils by injection of whole blood from a convalescent patient, as recommended by the Department of Health, but with the venereal situation as is here, I felt that it was risky to start dumping blood indiscriminately into school pupils. The doctor has to obtain the blood himself, as it is not supplied by the Department of Health.

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When I reported measles at Fort Flgin School, last week, I was aware that a telegram regarding the need of a hospital there was being drafted to the Department, although I had no hand in it. Between ourselves, the principal considered that the outbreak would be an excellent lever to expedite preparation of the hospital which he had long anticipated. In all fairness to him, I believe that he was concerned over an epidemic, which to his delight, and I rather suspect somewhat to his chagrin did not materialize. Frankly, there was no great cause for alarm, and had there been an epidemic the housing of the sick would not have permitted the necessary alterations, and presence of workmen. I am in favour of and have recommended the hospital accommodation, but feel that it can be constructed when there is a minimum of sick. I have had the fullest cooperation of the school staff in dealing with the measles, and attribute much to the cure in holding down our figures.

We have considerable measles on the Crippen Reserve but it is on the wane. Whooping Cough is present on all three reserves, and it is a very disagreeable condition to handle as you know. It is difficult to convince the natives that time must elapse for the cough to subside. I have obtained some very good results by the use of Pertussis serum as a prophylactic in contacts but note a difference with the treatment of positive cases.

I feel that you will be interested in the Fort Flgin report in view of the anxiety of certain parties expressed a few days ago.

Yours very truly,

Raymond
R. Roy McLeod, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Muncey, Ontario.

October 28th, 1935.

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Dear Doctor Stone;

I have to report that there is an outbreak of German Measles, at Mount Elgin Residential School, and to date there have been 42 cases. The symptoms have been very mild being mainly cervical and occipital adenitis, sore throat, conjunctivitis, a slight fever, in no case exceeding 100 degrees, accompanied by rash of varying intensity. The first cases were put down to overeating of fruit on the part of the pupils, and it was only when the numbers increased that my attention was called to the afflicted, some of whom had not taken to bed or reported their illness to the staff.

The average duration of indisposition on the part of the children has been two days, and recovery has been exceptionally rapid. I detected one case on the Chippewa Reserve today, and the young daughter of the Mounted Police Constable here has just recovered from a similar attack. With the co-operation of the Institute staff I have instituted such quarantine measures as are feasible under the sudden onset of the outbreak. I feel that this epidemic will likely sweep through the school and reserves, but it is of such mild character that there is no cause for alarm.

I am informed that this disease has been prevalent, and undiagnosed in the vicinity of Shedden, eight miles from here. Several of those pupils who suffered severe attacks of typical Measles last summer at the Residential School, including two who had the hemorrhagic type have been down and subsequently recovered from this latest illness.

Yours very truly,

T. Roy McLeod
T. Roy McLeod, M.D.

Dr. E. L. Stone

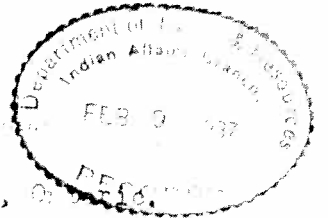
Department of Indian Affairs, Medical Superintendent,
Ottawa, Ontario. Caradoc Agency.

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February 7th, 1937.

L.H.D.

Dear Doctor Stone;

I have to report one case of Scarlet Fever, and eighteen cases of Influenza among the pupils at Court Hill Residential School. The former case was of such a mild nature that I called in Dr. Parry, Medical Officer of Health for Carleton Place Township to share the responsibility of the diagnosis, owing to the long quarantine involved. The rash was typical, but the only sign of illness was a temperature of 99 degrees manifested by the patient. To be on the safe side we have diagnosed Scarlet Fever, with the usual regulations, precautions, and any further cases will be reported to you. There was no history of exposure, although there have been one case in Carleton Place Township, and one in adjoining Ekfrid Township.

The Influenza at the school is quite mild with no complications to date. Mr. Strapp, Principal, set aside an upper dormitory in which the Scarlet Fever case is isolated at one end with screens, and the Influenza at the opposite extremity. He was quite willing to help in the situation but emphatically reiterated that he was taking no responsibility for results owing to the lack of hospital facilities at the school. Since he will not be expected to assume any great burden of responsibility his remarks were passed without comment.

This brings my total of Influenza cases to 90, with some Pneumonias particularly in aged and the children. Deaths have totalled two as previously reported. I may say that prior to calling Dr. Parry the proposal was discussed with Mr. Moore yesterday, and he approved.

Yours very truly,

J. Royen

Dr. W.L. Stone,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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OFFICE OF
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EX'D.



Muncey, Ontario.

September 24th, 1937.

Dear Doctor Stone;

I have to report the presence of Chicken-Pox at Mount Elgin Residential School. There are two cases, brothers; new pupils, and one suspect.

Source of the disease is unknown, and there are no cases on the local reserves. The usual precautions for isolation have been taken.

To date we have escaped infantile paralysis, which seems to be on the wane among the district white population.

Dr. Wall has concluded his survey and was pleased with the improvement noted in Trachoma at this Agency. I took him to Walpole Island this week, where we met Dr. Rowland, and visited the schools.

I have a letter from Dr. Brink stating that all his staff and himself have been assigned to the poliomyelitis outbreak, and that he would be unable to confer with me until this situation is in hand.

Yours very truly,

J. Reynolds
Medical Superintendent,
Caradoc Agency.

Dr. E. L. Stone,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Muncey, Ontario.

May 14th, 1938.

EXD.

Dear Doctor Stone:

I have to report that Peter Meyers, aged fifteen years, who is a pupil at Mount Elgin Residential School, is being treated for Acute Gonorrhoea. Source of infection is unknown, in that despite persistent questioning by the Principal and myself this boy insists that he has not been exposed to the disease.

The patient is from Walpole Island, and has been unruly to institutional discipline. He has not been home for months, and with the exception of an occasional trip to Muncey, has had little opportunity for exposure away from the school proper. The diagnosis is certain, having been confirmed by repeated smears.

Meyers is at present under strict isolation at the school. Hospital has been considered, but was withheld pending information as to source of infection. The staff has been vigilant to detect any other cases, but to date there has been none found. The patient is not ill, and under administration of Sulfanamide has practically cleared up in four days. He voluntarily reported his condition on May 13th. Mr. Strapp, Principal, suggested detention in London via juvenile court and Mr. Moore advised that Meyers be sent home under his own medical attendant at Walpole Island. The hospital authorities reluctantly agreed to take him if admitted, but declined to assume responsibility for his detention. Under the circumstances other than prompt isolation, no action was taken, as I felt that the first duty is to clear up the condition. Any further developments will be reported.

Yours very truly,
[Signature]
Medical Superintendent,
Caradoc Agency.

Dr. F.L. Stone,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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