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Copy sent to the Principal of the School.

7-0-10.

Sept. 17, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Reverend O. B. Strapp, Principal of the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, has written the Schools Branch about Patricia Hill stating that she has venereal disease and for that reason cannot be kept in the School.

The Department does not wish to admit a patient to hospital for this condition and thinks it might be practical to have her isolated in the school for a short time until she could be rendered non-infectious. If this is not practical, probably you could arrange to have her kept in an Indian home convenient to the Agency while she is undergoing treatment.

We should be glad to have a report from you on this matter.

Yours truly,

TALM
T. R. L. MacInnes,
Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 7-0-10

Muncey, Ontario



September 24th, 1940.

Sir: Re; Patricia Hill-Mount Elgin Residential School.

With reference to the above named girl, whom Reverend O.E. Strapp, Principal of the school has reported as afflicted with venereal disease, I have to report that he has discussed this case with me several times. This pupil about eight years of age, is the daughter of Mabel Hill, of the Onéida Band and her father is believed to be white.

She has been a ward of the Childrens Aid Society at St. Thomas, Ontario, for some time, and is known to have congenital Syphilis. Her mother has been under treatment at this office for the same disease, and Patricia has received some treatments from Dr. Fry, of St. Thomas, who examined her on admission to the school.

The suggestion that Patricia be isolated in the school for a short time, or kept in an Indian home while she is undergoing treatment is not practical, as expert opinion, with which I agree, is that at her age, she could be treated for years intravenously, and still yield a positive blood test.

Principal Strapp is quite definite in his stand that he does not wish any pupils in his school with venereal disease, congenital or otherwise. He quoted prestige; the attitude of his staff; and the unfairness to other pupils, all of which has merit. He feels that this case may be initial for others of a similar nature, and asked that I guarantee this girl would be non infectious after treatment. This I cannot do, although I do feel there would be no danger of infection after a continuation of treatments started in St. Tho as. Such treatments could be given through this office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. [Signature]
Medical Superintendent,
Caradoc Agency.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,

Ottawa, Ontario.

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