WELFARE AND TRAINING SERVICE



INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ottawa, March 30th, 1937.

To Church Authorities, Principals and Department Representatives:

The Department has decided to allow pupils at Indian residential schools annual leave with grant for any period up to two (2) months. These holidays should be taken during the months of July and August. Other dates for the annual leave may be fixed only when specifically approved by the Department.

This extended holiday should obviate the necessity of granting week-end holidays or holidays at Christmastime, for which no authorization can be given.

Orphans and children of destitute parents should not be allowed summer holidays unless arrangements can be made for their care when away from the school. This provision has special application to girls from twelve to sixteen years of age. Extreme care should be exercised in the case of pupils whose homes are distant from the school. Unless special safeguards concerning their return can be taken, holidays should not be granted.

Requests for special or emergency leave for pupils who are urgently needed at home should be made to the Indian Agent, who will give approval only when he considers such leave absolutely necessary and after he has the concurrence of the Principal, who should understand that grant will be discontinued during such absence of a pupil. All such cases of special leave should immediately be reported to the Department by the Indian Agent.

If the medical officer advises that a pupil be sent home for a period because of illness, the Indian Agent should be informed and the Principal, when preparing the quarterly return, should not apply for grant for those days the pupil was not in residence. Definite information regarding all such pupils should be supplied on the quarterly return.

When the September quarter return is being prepared, the dates of the annual leave should be clearly indicated and grant for the full quarter may be requested for all pupils who have been away from the school not longer than sixty-two (62) days.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Welfare & Training.



MINES AND RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT WELFARE AND TRAINING

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Ottawa, March 30, 1937.

Reverend Sir:

I enclose, for your information, a copy of circular letter of today's date, with reference to our decision to allow two months' holidays with grant at Indian residential schools.

The Indian agents are being instructed to impress on the Indians the importance of having their children returned to the various schools promptly upon the expiry of the holiday period. I would appreciate if you would request your Missionaries to take similar action.

Yours very truly,

Encl.

Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Rev. Father Keane, S.J., 160 Wellesley Crescent, Toronto, Ont. WELFARE AND TRAINING SERVICE



INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Ottawa, August 21, 1937.

Very Reverend Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 15th instant, in which you inform the Department that Reverend James Howitt has been appointed to the principalship of the Spanish Indian Residential School, to fill the position formerly occupied by the Reverend Paul Mery, S.J.

I may state by way of comment that this change has been carefully noted and meets with departmental approval.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Very Rev. Henry Keane, S.J., 160 Wellesley Crescent, Toronto 5, Ont.