

Letter Book from June 9, 1884 to May 1, 1885

Let. June 10/84 to Rev. E. Wilson, Sault Ste Marie - Phipps

"The Indians promised in January last that the children from Serpent Point should be sent back to the Shingwauk Home on opening of navigation. I recently saw the 2nd chief Tahbishkokezhik and asked him the reason why the promise made had not been kept, he answered in a very loud (?) manner- 'that the children had been badly treated and they did not want to return'- and upon my pressing the subject would not give any definite promise.

What are the names of the children from Spanish River you expect?

Let. June /84 to Ottawa -Phipps

"I have the honor to enclose requisition for the salary of Martha Esquimaux who entered upon the duties of teacher of White Fish River Indian school on the 2nd inst. Miss Esquimaux produced to me a certificate from P. McLean Esq. school inspector authorising her to teach the school in question for one year -as soon as I can see Mr. McLean (who is away from this island at present) I will obtain a certificate of character and competence and forward to the Department. p 20

Martha Esquimaux White Fish River 200 p 21

p 28 June 12/84 letter to Dept referring to application of a Miss Durand (?) to teach in the Catholic school at Sagamook

Letter June 14/84 to Dept -Phipps

"I have the honor to enclose a communication from the Chief of the Serpent River Indians complaining that white men are setting up Pound nets in the Fishery in the immediate neighborhood of their village. I beg respectfully to bring the matter to the notice of the Department and respectfully to recommend that if practicable some arrangement might be made with the Department of Marine Fisheries whereby fishery privileges could be obtained for Indian Bands where they would not be molested by white men and that the locating of Pound nets near their villages might be put a stop to.

Let. June 16/84 to Dept - Phipps

"I have the honor to report ..that on the 5th inst I visited (Club Island)..

"I found a capacious wharf, ice house, storehouse, boarding house, store and 5 cottages had been built. There were two steam tugs at the wharf and 10 fishing boats, half of the latter were Indian boats....I shall notify Messrs Post and McDonald to remove from the island..

Let June 18/84 to Fr. Duranquet - Phipps

"An Indian from Mississauga named 'Negonaib' who says that you have rented a house from him requested me to write and ask you to be so good as to remit the rent \$20 to him at Blind River P.O.

Let June 20/84 to Dept about pay lists for Robinson Treaty for Lake Superior Bands, Lake Nipissing etc. Few lists available p 61

p 78 list of Indians from different bands and annuities paid to them ni

Let June 24/84 Dept -Phipps

"I have the honor to state that I have this day mailed to the Bank of Montreal Toronto the sum of four dollars and seventy cents being fine for intoxication (less Crown attorney's commission) imposed upon Louis Kitcheaikaike Indian.

The fine should be placed to Cr of the Chippewas of Beausoleil

A similar fine etc. occurred for Simon Ochwabiosai

p 85 a statement of collections for land dues and timber dues by Phipps residing superintendent from 1st July 1883 to 30 June 1884 upon which commission of 3% is payable Ojibs & Ottawas of Manitoulin Isld lands \$3055.46 timbers 1907.16

Let June 28/84 Dept -Phipps

"I have the honor to enclose a communication from John Assiniwe an Indian living on the Spanish River Indian Reserve who is about moving on to Crown Lands on the opposite side of the River, and wishes to receive his fencing and buildings.

Assiniwe complained to me some time since that one of his cattle had been shot he believed by an Indian, and that the Band generally were displeased at his farming like a white man. they wished him to do as they do -he expected at that time that he would be compelled to leave the Reserve - I beg respectfully to recommend that the permission asked be given to him.

Let June 30/84 Dept -Phipps

"I have the honor to state that the head chief and second chief of Serpent River have complained that A Besan has supplies them with liquor. I enclose their letter and from its tenor there will be no difficulty in getting them to

John Osewanimiki	43)
Angus Anderson	42)
Chas Wabigigig	41)
J B Kinoshameg	40)

councillors

The total number of votes cast was 94 -at this season the Indians are busy in their gardens, and many did not come to vote-at the previous election held in January 1879 the number of votes cast was 185

The South Bay chief and some of the Indians from that village were present, but declined to vote or take part in the proceedings. Good order was maintained throughout the entire election.

Let June 30/82 Mary McKeon teaching at Sheshegwaning
 Joseph Agowissi " White Fish Lake
 Amelia Chartrand " West Bay
 commenced ~~xxxxxx~~ teaching May 15th 82
 Minnie Reardon now Mrs George Saunders, resigned

p 66 May '82 statement of the number of Indians in each Band entitled to receive annuity under the Robinson Treaty for the year 1882

French River Indians - number in Band	76
Grumbling Point	" 56
Maganettawan "	" 152
Ojibways of Mississaga River	" 136
Serpent River Ind	" 79
Spanish River Band	" 475
Thessalon River Ind	" 167
Tahgawenene "	" 146
White Fish Lake Ind	" 154
White Fish River	" 68
	1509

Let June 13/82 to Duranquet from Phipps "the Governor General in council has been pleased by an order dated the 23rd inst to authorize the sum of \$200 per annum to be paid from the Indian school fund towards the support of the ~~xxxxxx~~ Indian school (Roman Catholic) at Buzwah...a teacher may now be engaged and the school opened as early as possible..

June 17/82 a Miss Mary Daigle teaching at Missisagi
 Sophie Lamorandiere South Bay
 Louis Debassige Serpent River

July 17/82 Letter indicates a new school built at Sheguiandah

Let July 29/82 Chief Kittigak, Sagamook -Phipps "Application has been made by the Rev. A Baudin S.J. who contemplates building a church and parsonage on the right bank of Spanish River, for permission to cut timber for that purpose on the Reserve free of dues. Will you kindly inform me whether the Indians of your Band are ~~will~~ that willing that the consent asked should be granted by the Department..

p 348 1st Aug 26/82 C.P.R. charged \$282.15 for land taken for right of way through the Serpent River Indian Reserve and expenses incurred in connection with the surrender of the land

Sept 30, 82 Joe Pelkie teaching at Buzwah's school at \$200

Let Sept 4/82 Dept - Phipps "An Indian school at Buzwah's village on Manitowaning Bay has been opened and has been in operation one month during the quarter with an attendance of 14. the children have been absent from their homes during the remainder of the quarter. Certificate of character and competence of the teacher Joseph Pelletier is herewith enclosed.

The schools at Mississauga, White Fish lake and Serpent River are closed at present.

Let Sept 18/82 reports that the "Asia" carrying mail from Collingwood has been lost

Let Sept 23/82 Chief Nowgahbow and Indians of White Fish River say "that if an appropriation for the support of a school on their Reserve is made, they will give up one of their houses for school purposes for one year, and next summer will build a school house.... I believe from sixteen to twenty children would attend school during the winter season-at other seasons of the year as in all other Indian schools the attendance would in all probability be irregular.

The Indians in question have requested me to make application to the Department for a grant for the amount of the Teacher's salary

P 441 a hard to decipher letter on bodies found from the "Asia" disaster. 2 coffins to bury two corpses cost \$2 each and grave digging was \$2

p 451 a letter about finding only six bodies etc.

Let Oct 9/82 Chief Nowgahbow -Phillp Dept approves salary grant to teacher. "Will you please inform me if you know of a suitable teacher, I presume a Protestant would be preferred by the Indians.

Let Bk May 1, 1882 - June 11, 1883 p 1.

Let May 2/82 payment of Miss Minnie E Reardon \$50 salary teacher at Missisagi for quarter ending March 31st

Chief Nowgahbow White Fish River

Let May 4/82 ~~Dept~~ - Phipps "the cause of the removal of certain Indians from the payroll of the Robinson Treaty in 1862

was that the Indians so removed had no claim to ownership of the land surrendered by the Robinson treaty, and consequently were not entitled to participate in the annuity secured to Indians who owned the land by the Treaty in question.

I am further instructed to state that the fact of certain Indians having participated in the annuity payments for some years without just right to do so, cannot be held to entitle them to restoration to the payroll after having been removed for good cause.

Let May 6/82 Dept - Phipps "I have been requested by the chiefs of the Wikwemikong Indian Reserve... to report to the Department that Squaw Island and Club Island are used as fishing stations by white Fishermen, as many as from twenty to thirty boats being occasionally in the harbour of Squaw Island at one time; - that the fishermen land and cut down timber for fuel, and that they have steam tugs in connection with their business and that wood for fuel for the tugs is cut upon the islands mentioned without payment of dues.

Let Dept (The Honorable the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa) May 19/82 "I have the honor to report the destruction By fire of the mail steamer 'Manitoulin' within a short distance of this port yesterday and the loss of all the mail matter on board - the steamer left Collingwood on the 17th inst and would bring Ottawa letters of the 15th, as the latest communication received from the Department is dated 8 inst, any letters between the date and the 15th would have been on board the steamer and I beg respectfully to request that duplicates of the missing letters may be sent to me.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

Jas. C. Phipps.

V Supt

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Description of portion of Missisaga Indian Reserve surrendered July 27/81 "All that portion of the M.I.R. lying south of a line drawn due e ast from the mouth of the creek which empties into the Missisaga River on the left bank thereof, a short distance below the falls, and opposite the trading post of Edward Sayer, - also as much of the land lying north of the said creek with is now (July 27/81) enclosed within a fence made

by Theophile Texier and any person claiming under him.

Let Dept May 19/82 -Phipps "I have the honor to acknowledge of official letter dated 14th April enclosing copy of a letter to his Excellency the Governor General from John Nowgahbow chief of the White Fish River Band of Indians asking for aid, upon the ground that he is poor sick and unable to work, and instructing me to report thereon.

I beg respectfully to stat that Nowgahbow, although not a very strong or robust man is yet well able to work and to cultivate his garden were he so disposed, he is in my opinion less industrious and prudent than the majority of Indians, wit the aid of an industrious wife and three strong sons he ought to be able to live comfortably by using ordinary diligence.

I have been well acquainted with Nowgahbow for the last nine years, he has at times accompanied me in the Department boat, and on such occasions has always behaved well:-at the death of the late Chief Paibomsey about six years ago, Nowgahbow was chosen to succeed him, since his elevation to the dignity of chief he has made himself very busy with the affairs of the Indians generally, holding councils with the various Bands and persuading them that they are not fairly treated by the Government & and that they are entitled to more pay than they receive at present, and in other matters causing a certain amount of discontent which otherwise would have no existence.

During the past year (1881) Nowgahbow and family (five in number) received \$10.62 per head, a total of \$53.00 made up as follows. Robinson Treaty annuity per head \$4.

Interest on funds to the credit of Band .46

Interest Ojibs & Ottawas of Manitoulin

Is. spring \$2.65 fall \$3 per head 6.16 \$10.62

The poverty of shich Nowgahbow complains I believe to be the result of his own want of prudence and industry, with abundance of good land, waters teeming with fish and an income of over \$50.00 per annum from the Government, ordinary industry would soon place Nowgahbow in a more satisfactory and prosperous condition."

Let May 20/82 Dept - Phipps

"Schools at Cockburn Island and Serpent River are closed no teacher having been as yet appointed for the last mentioned school and Cockburn Island school having only been opened for the winter season. The teacher at West Bay having left a new teacher has been engaged.

Letter May 23/82 Dept -Phipps election held on the 17th resulted as follows: Francis Metossage 65 votes) head
Wm Kinoshameg 52) chiefs

Page 134 his request for aid was denied -

Let may 23/79 to Abbott Ind Lands Agt Soo - Phipps
about some Indians from that area wanting to be entered
on annuity pay lists.

"O....atchewonagual -name entered on Thessalon Band.
I have entered her for 5 in family-but don't consider them
entitled, as her husband is an American Indian and until today
I am told received pay in U.S. Soo-she wishes to be entered
with Garden River Band. I have not the least objection and
should be very glad if you could do anything for her. I sent
her spring interest payment to Mr. Plummer on 10th May \$5.85
and will remit her annuity payment to you, for her, as soon
as I receive it.

"Its a great pity that these poor creatures have come so
far for nothing they have been badly advised in doing so,
I will give them some flour to help them on their way back
and shall be glad if you can do anything for either of them."

p 504 Lts 17 & 19 property of Church of England Missionary
Society

p 590 Aug 1/79 Dept -Phipps Estimate of work performed and
expense incurred in connection with the extension of the
school for Indian boys at Wikwemikong

Work done A log building 40' x 20' intended for a carpenter
and blacksmith shop-Body of building erected rafters in place
and joists for upper and lower floors laid.

A lime kiln built and about 400 bushels of lime burned.
A cellar dug and walled up. A well dug and stoned up.
The foundations of a house 90' x 40' dug and masonry work
in progress.

A quantity of heavy frame timber the building purchased and
on the ground. A quantity of shingles, nails and other
materials purchased.

Expenses incurred

masons and laborers wages \$180.00
29 cords of stone \$84 1/2 cord wood for lime kiln \$12
sand for mortar \$5 shingles \$120 heavy frame timbers \$140
2 kegs shingle nails \$7.40 Blacksmith's bill \$16.50
total \$564.55 Agent Phipps applied to the Dept for a
special cheque to cover the costs p 592.

p 621 letter to Dept - Phipps Peter Kijigibines has retired
from teaching, Miss Agatha Gabow replacing him at Wikwemikon-
sing; Moses Migwans at Cockburn Island taught many of the
children and some of the adults to read during the winter, a
more competent teacher might be hired for there. Schools at
Missisauga and Sheshegwaning closed during the quarter.

... report to the Dept on the condition of things in general on the reserves. Thessalon reserve got set apart for the Indians who used to be part of Garden River.

I have entered her for 5 in family-but don't consider them entitled. I checked all the letters in this volume. I am told received pay in U.S. 300-she wishes to be entered with Garden River Band. I have not the least objection and should be very glad if you could do anything for her. I sent her spring interest payment to Mr. Plummer on 10th May 22.32 and will remit her annuity payment to you, for her, as soon as I receive it.

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Let Aug 29/78 Dept from Phipps

"The Indians of Wikwemikong with a view of reconciling the differences which have of late prevailed amongst them have come to the conclusion of recognising the two life chiefs Thomas Kinoshameg and Louis Walkigigig and electing seven other chiefs and councillors, this will give them a council of nine which will be competent to manage the affairs of their Reserve.

Let Aug 29/78 Dept "The Indians of Cockburn Island have requested that I should make application for assistance in establishing a school at their village during the coming winter - they ask for a grant of fifty dollars to pay the teachers salary and will themselves undertake to board and ledge the teacher for the winter and provide a school room. The number of children of an age to attend school is fifteen. I have the honor respectfully to recommend their request to favorable consideration. Phil

Let p 149 Chief Wagosh Cockburn Island - Phipps "with reference to the grant of \$50.00 towards the salary of the Teacher it is made on the understanding that the Indians board the teacher - the grant will be the teacher's salary..

P 41 Pay list school teachers quarter ending 30th Sept 1878

Joachim Kohmstedt & assistants Wikwemikong	\$300	-\$75	net
Lucy Kaessly & " " Girls Sch	"	"	"
Fredk Frost Sheguiandah	"	"	"
Peter Kezhikgobeness Wikwemikongsing	200	50	
Sophia DeLamorandiere Atchitawaiganing	"	"	
Mrs? Maryann Wahbonggai Mitchikewedineng	150	37.50	
Alexander Pelkie Mississaga	200	50	

Let Sept 18/78 Dept - Phipps "I have the honor to ~~inform you~~ report that an Indian school has been in operation on the Mississauga Indian Reserve since the 1st July last. The teacher is Alexander Pelkie who formerly taught at the West Bay Indian school, and whose certificate of character and competency is on file at the head office.

"The teacher informs me that he has had a daily average attendance of upwards of twenty children and which will doubtless increase now that the season of picking berries is over.

p 64 letter of Thessalon River band of Indians relative to the reserve asked for by them to be set apart for their use upon the Thessalon Reserve instead of the Garden River Reserve as stipulated in the Robinson Treaty.

Let Oct 28/78 Dept - Phipps "The attendance of the children (at West Bay school) having been very unsatisfactory on my recent visit to West Bay I made enquiry as to the cause, and was informed that the Indians wanted to have a White teacher, and that the majority would not send their children to school to be taught by an Indian teacher. I beg respectfully to recommend that a cheque for Mrs Wahbonggai's salary to 30th June last be sent and would respectfully suggest that the grant for the salary of the teacher at West Bay be increased from \$150.00 per annum as at present to \$200. per annum being the same amount granted to the other Indian schools, when efforts might be made to obtain a teacher who would be more acceptable to the Indians.

Let Oct 28/78 Dept - Ph. "A return from the Mississauga Indian School for the term named... shows an average attendance of 43 54/60 daily - this however includes sixteen children of whites, halfbreeds and non-treaty Indians.

Let Oct 28/78 Dept - Ph "Sophie DeLamorandiere who has for the past six months succeeded Miss Proulx as teacher of the Indian school at Atchitawaganing.

Let Oct 29/78 Dept - Phipps Mr. P. R. DeLamorandiere & family had been on the annuity list of the Spanish River Band, had asked to be enfranchised, then asked to be reinstated. "The chief and Indians of the Spanish River Band at Sagamook.. declined to make any apportionment of land to Mr. DeLamorandiere on the ground that he was not an Indian, and had no right to any of their land, they further stated that Mr. DeLamorandiere's mother had been placed on the list through the influence of the old chief Shamahgab (?) in order that they might receive Government pay.....Mr. Delamorandiere...desired a grant of land on the unceded part of this Island near Wikwemikong where he wanted to open a blacksmith shop. They further stated that Mr. DeLamorandiere and his family are not Indians as define by the Indian Act 1876, - upon entering upon the duties of this superintendency I found that many recipients of Indian pay were not entitled thereto under the acts then in force and which have since been incorporated with the Indian Act 1876 - on mentioning the matter to my predecessor I was informed that the names referred to were upon the list of recipients of pay when that gentleman took charge of this superintendency, and were continued by him for that reason. I have also continued the names on the pay list, but have declined to increase the number by adding additions to the families of such persons."

p 187 a letter mentions a Congregational Society School and a Catholic school on the plan of the Missisauga Reserve. Proposed plan to survey and divide the Reserve into part of Indians and another that is occupied by Whites.

A letter p 204 indicated that the intention of the Treaty of Oct 1862 was that the Indians of all the Reserves except Manitoulin Unceded should take up land surveyed in lots.

"in conformity with the Treaty in question. The Indians however have disregarded the selection of lots then made and occupy their reserves in common." "A reserve has recently been set apart for the Sheshegwaning Indians (5000 acres) and land has also been set apart for the Obidjewing Indians."

From this same letter (Nov 25, '78) is taken the following:

The Sheshegwaning Reserve contains 5000 acres.
The Band contains 28 heads of families 100 acres = 2800
(1) single adult 50 50 2850
leaving a surplus of 2150

The West Bay Band contains 8059 acres
46 heads of families 1 orphan family
6 single adults

The Sucker Lake Reserve contains 599
2 families have settled
2 " are absent in the USA
1 family lives on Man. Unceded Reserve and uses a sugarbush only at Sucker Lake

The Sheguiandah Reserve contains 4887
24 heads of families
2 single adults

The Sucker Creek Reserve contains 1665
12 families settled
3 single adults
3 orphan families

In the foregoing estimates of land required for the various Bands I have excluded some who although on the list of the Band have not settled upon the Reserves but have permanently located themselves elsewhere.

Lists of Indians by names are also in this letter.

Let Dec 31/78 Dept -Phipps

"I..make application for a grant of ten dollars from the funds of the French River Indians for the support of their Chief Edowekezis (successor to the late Chief Maishequonggai) who has been suffering from severe illness...the assistance asked for will maintain the chief until next summer by which time I have every expectation that he will be able to support himself."

Let January 14/79 Dept -Phipps

"I have the honor to report that in conformity with the instructions contained in official letter dated 24th October last an election for seven additional chiefs and Councillors was held on the 8th inst at Wikwemikong, when the following were elected under the provisions of the 62nd section of the Indian Act 1876

Angus Anderson chief

John Baptiste Kinoshameg 2nd Chief or Councillor

Peter Kijigobinens "

William Kinoshameg "

Louis Odjik "

Francis Metossage "

John Baptiste Osowainimiki "

In addition to the foregoing the undermentioned life chiefs still hold office, - Thomas Kinoshameg, Michael Wakegijig, John Bapt. Baigonewassang, David Asance, making in all five chiefs and six second chiefs or councillors for the Indians living on the unceded part of the Island."

Letter Jan 17/79 to William Kinoshameg, Chief of the Wikwemikong Indians- Phipps

"I duly received notice of the proceedings at the Council held on the 13th inst and your election as head chief, which I have reported to the Hon. the Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

p 313 a letter asking permission for Indians to spear fish etc.

p 436 Quarter ending June 30th 1879 Minnie Reardon teaching at West Bay, Moses Migwans at Cockburn Island

Let May 16/79 "the Captains of the local steamers inform ^{me} that they do not intend to call at any point on this island west of Gore Bay unless under special arrangement, proceeding from there direct to Cockburn Island..

Let May 17/79 "No return from the Cockburn Island school has been received since the enclosed (to Dec 31/78) this is probably owing to there being no mail communication with that place. I will forward it as soon as received.

Mrs Wabange has retired from the position of teacher at the West Bay school and has been succeeded by Miss Minnie Reardon whose qualifications are far better than those of any previous teacher in that place. Miss Riordan commenced her duties on the 24th April....The school at Mississauga is closed for the current quarter, the teacher being absent puttin in his crop.

give evidence so that a conviction against Besan may be obtained..

Let June 30/84 Dept - Phipps

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of official letter dated 24th June inst. on the subject of the employment of some reliable man to accompany a Detective and act as a Witness in case of supplying Intoxicating liquor to Indians, and in reply beg respectfully to state that I do not know of any suitable man here or in this neighborhood who would be likely to accept the position. The explanation of this state of matters is that a perverse public opinion sympathizes with the Indian and the liquor seller, and any person who acts the part of a Detective is frowned upon by the community.

Let July 10/84 to a Mr. Frost - Phipps

"On my next trip (which will be about the 22nd or 23rd inst) to pay the Indians I require the services of a constable and I have thought that perhaps John Mitchell would like to come with me for the purpose of looking after liquor sellers to Indians. I can offer him \$1.00 per day and board. will you kindly see him and inform me if he will come. I expect to be at Sheguiandah about the dates named.

Let July 10/84 Dept - Phipps

"I have the honor to report that the boys who absconded from the Shingwauk Home and returned to their homes at Serpent River have not been sent back to the Shingwauk Home as promised. I have enquired of the chiefs their reasons for not keeping their word in this matter. The only reply I received was that the children complained of being ill treated at the Home and did not wish to return and their parents would rather pay the amount of expenses claimed by Mr. Wilson than coerce their children and compel them to return against their will. I have the honor to ask for instructions in the matter; whether the amounts claimed by Mr. Wilson are to be deducted from the Indians, who owing to the advances made them last winter by the Department will have less money than usual to receive this payment.

While I have every reason to believe there is not the slightest ground for the complaint of ill usage made by the children I am of opinion that Religious differences are the real grounds of the difficulty in getting the children sent back to the Home.

Letter July 17/84 Dept - Phipps

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of official letter dated 11th inst ~~with~~ instructings me to take steps to put a stop to the sale of whiskey to the Mississauga Indians, and beg respectfully to state that I have engaged Mr. J. J. Taylor of this place to leave by the next steamer for Mississauga and endeavour to obtain evidence which will lead to the conviction of McGauley.

Mr. Taylor is an intelligent and reliable man. I have agreed to pay him \$2.00 per day and expenses, it being difficult to get suitable persons to do work of this character, the rate though high is the best arrangement I could make and I ~~believe~~ have every reason to expect the time occupied in obtaining evidence will be long..

Let July 23/84 Dept Ottawa - Phipps

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of official letter dated 17th inst enclosing the following official cheques for payment of salaries of Teachers Quarter ended 30th inst.

Jos. Richard Wikwemikong	Boys School	\$75.
Lucy Haessly	" Girls "	75
Mary A. Wassegijig Wikwemikongsing		50
Agatha Gabow Buzwahs		50
Rev. Fredk Frost Sheguiandah		75
Sophie Peltier Serpent River		50
Bridget Horrigan White Fish Lake		33.33
Agnes Gabow Sagamook		50
Martha Esquimaux White Fish River		50

Let July 26/84 Dept -Phipps

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of official cheque...for the sume of \$7.58 in favor of Thomas B. Ross agent for Hudson Bay Co at La Cloche being for provisions furnished sick Indian.

Let July 30/84 Dept - Phipps

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of official cheque...for the sum of \$300.00 in favor of Revd D. Duranquet. Grant to Wikwemikong Industrial Institution June quarter 1884.

Let Aug 1/84 to Henry S Sims Little Current - Phipps

"I enclose official cheque...for \$16.66 in favor of Martha Esquimaux, being for one month's service.

Letter Aug 1/84 addressed Miss Kate Horrigan c/o Mr T Ross
Laclouche

Let Aug 5/84 to Missahbai's wife c/o John Dyke Esq.

Mississauga -Phipps

"I enclose herein the sum of Eight dollars being payment of your share of annuity for this year.

I also enclose the sum of two dollars and eight cents being your share of the interest payment to 31st Mar.'84

Letter Aug 5/84 To Ashegunekzhik c/o John Dyke -Phipps

I enclose herein the sum of four dollars being payment of your annuity under Robinson Treaty for this year

I also enclose the sum of one dollar and four cents being payment of Interest to 31st March 1884

Let Aug 5/84 Dept -Phipps

"I have the honor to enclose a communication which has been handed me by chief Louis Espagnol, Spanish River Band, Division 2, with a request that I would forward the same to the Dept.

The Indians request that a Reserve be surveyed for them at Pagumossing Lake which is about 10 miles in length and situated a few miles west of the 82 meridian and about 30 miles south of the height of land, as described by the Indians.

The Indians say they have occupied the place for about twenty seven years but they do not appear to have any claim to it under the Robinson Treaty. some of this Band also occupy land near Birch Lake in the township of Cough but to which they do not appear to have any legal claim.

p 276 Pay for School Teachers June 30/83 to Aug 9/84 110 days

Duranguet	Grant Wik Indust. Instit	\$1200
Steven Dufresne	Wik Boys	300
Lucy Haessly	# Girs	300
Mary A Wassegijig	Wikwemikongsing	200
Agatha Gabow	Buzwah's	200
Rev Fredk Frost	Sheguiandah	300
Sophie Peltier	Serpent River	200
Kate Horrigan	White Fish Lake	200
Agnes Gabow	Sagamook	200
Mary Cada	Mississauga	200
Martha Esquimaux	White Fish River	200

p 277 Mary Cada Mississauga \$25 from 15th May to 30th June '84

MRs Mary Cada during the first part of the quarter at Shishigwaning from 1st April to 15th May p 278
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Let Aug 14/84 -Phipps

"With regard to the school at Sagamook I do not know what can be done unless Father Duranquet can influence the Indians to rent one of their houses for the purpose of a school. If that can not be done the school must stop for the present.

Can you place Agnes Gabow at some school?

The condition of things at Killarney is very bad. I quite agree with you that no licence for the sale of liquor should be granted there and would do ~~am~~everything in my power to have it stopped.

p 300 August 16, 1884 Statement of number of Indians who were paid annuity under the Robinson Treaty for the year 1858 and the amount paid (Bands from Soo to N Bay)

p 305 a list of Indians whose names hadn't been turned in by their chiefs at the time of the Robinson Treaty

p 363 Miss Horrigan commenced teaching White Fish Lake Aril 1st

Let Sept 4/84 Rev Wilson - Phipps

"I enclose \$2.50 collected from the parents of James Simpson Serpent River Band, the other accounts mentioned in your note are to be deducted at the next interest payment which will be due 31st March next (but which is not usually paid before the opening of navigation) unless in the meantime the children are sent back to the school and the parents have been notified that the rule in this case will not be relaxed.

p 365 Miss Horrigan was paid for the month of April but didn't teach during that month as the Indians were absent sugar-making.

300	Mary Gaba
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300	Agnes Gabow
300	Martha Sagamook
300	White Fish Lake
300	Serpent River
300	White Fish Lake
300	Sagamook
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Let Sept 15/84 Dept - Phipps

"Louis Espagnol is chief of the 2nd division of the Spanish River Band which numbers 107 souls. a portion of this Band occupy the Spanish River Indian Reserve, another portion who are mainly hunters live during the winter at Pagamasing, it is this latter portion who have applied for a reserve. I am unable at present to give the exact number living at Pogamising but will enquire..

Let Sept 15/84 Phipps reports to Dept that Wm Riddle was fined \$100 and Geo Cook \$50 for selling liquor to Indians After deducting expenses etc. the money was credited to the Manitoulin Unceded Band.

It appears that all monies received were deposited in the Bank of Montreal at Toronto, and expenditures were paid by checks sent from Ottawa even for sums as low as \$1.

Let Sept 17/84 Phipps to Miss Horrigan

"Dear Miss Horrigan -I enclose cheque no. 19583 in your favor for 16.67 for salary for April last. (There was a question of her getting it as she hadn't taught during the month as the Indians were away).

P 426 letter to Dept about no paylists during 1850's

p 429 Therese Akiwens apparently teaching at South Bay since Sept 4, 84 and Catherine Amadjiwegijig at WEST Bay since Sept 2nd at \$200 each for the school year. The schools were repainted.

p 433 Angus Anderson & Louis Tegezo were members Nipissin Ban

Let fof Phipps Oct 2/84 apparently to Anglican Bishop

"My Lord...As regards the Shesheganing school by Sec 74 Indian Act the teacher is required to be of the same religious belief as the majority of the Band-all the teachers have hitherto been Catholic and a census of the Band would probably have to be taken..

Let Oct 4/84 Phipps to Dept "I have received a communication from the Bishop of Algoma in which his Lordship states that he is anxious to release the Rev. Mr. Frost from his duties as teacher of the Sheguiandah Indian school leaving him entirely free for his personal duties.As.his successor the Bishop has suggested the name of Mr. Charles Sims, who is well qualifiedand is also conversant with the Indian language."

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Let Oct 4/84 Phipps to Dept ...the Bishop of Algoma has informed me that last year the Sheshegwaning Indians applied to him to send them a Protestant teacher...the Bishop has suggested the name of John Esquimaux who has been a student at Shingwauk for some time and of whom the Rev. Mr. Wilson reports favorably.. Phipps refers to the Ind Act requiring a Catholic ~~for~~ majority of Indians etc...

pp 502,3 checks for Sept quarter 1884 sent to Fr. Duranquet S. Dufresne, Lucy Haessly, Mary A Wassegijig, Agatha Gabow, Agnes Gabow, Therese Akiwenes, Mrs Sophie Peltier at Serpent River, Miss Kate Horrigan at White Fish Lake Mrs Mary Cada, Missisagi

Let Nov 4/84 Dept from Phipps .."have at the request of Chief Nowgahbow and his Band purchased for them a yoke of oxen and a logging chain..

P 524 claim of Indians to Squaw Island, Club Island etc and fisheries "in conflict with the Treaty of 6th Oct 1862 by which ...

P 539 a long letter about claims made by 2nd chief Wm Kinoshameg on a visit he made to Ottawa, and opinions of Mr. Phipps in the matter.

"#6 This claim refers to Chief Kinoshameg with many others having been removed from the payroll of the Robinson Treaty for opposing the sale (or cession) of part of the Manitoulin Island to the Crown. The correct reason for their removal I believe to be that those removed were American Indians who had no claim to ownership of the land ceded by the Robinson Treaty, and were not therefore entitled to participate in the annuities ... by that treaty. He says a list of the Indians participating in the war of 1812 was enclosed.

Let Nov 18/84 Dept - Phipps "..received a communication from the Rev. A. Baudin complaining of frequent misconduct on the part of John Edowishkosh chief of the Indians occupying the Sheshegwaning Reserve and enclosing the accompanying written statement of Nancy Kadah. Complaints have been previously made of misconduct and inattention to his duties on the part of the chief and he has more than once been written to and remonstrated with on the subject. I beg respectfully to recommend that I may be authorized to notify him that any further misconduct will be followed by his removal from the position of chief..

Let Nov 19/84 "Miss Horrigan teacher of White Fish Lake school informed that she discontinued teaching at the end of October, the house which she occupied being required by the owner, and as she was unable to obtain a house to live in for the winter she is desirous of resuming her duties next spring, should the position be vacant at that time.

The schools at Sheshegwaing and Sagamook are not at present in operation..

Let Nov 26/84 to Chief Magonskezhik (?) Sagamook.- Phipps

"Your letter of 15th November has just reached me. in reply I have to inform you that the lumber and nails mentioned are the property of the Priests at Wikwemikong who sent them to Sagamook for the purpose of building a school house, but owing to the obstructions placed in their way (as the Gentlemen informed me) the project had to be abandoned, and consequently there will not be any school at Sagamook this winter. I very much regretted to hear of the difficulties placed in the way of the erection of a school building, as it will be most unfortunate of the children of the Band if they not receive the education which they would obtain by attending school. It is now too late to obtain the boards etc. for building this winter. p 590

PP 593,4 material for Buzwah school or "Manitowaning Bay school"

Agatha Gabow, Teacher

Sadlier's Dominion Catholic Text Books

2 doz 1st Book

1 " 2nd do

1 " Primers

1/4" reading chart (or tablets) 1st book

2 " slates 2 only boxes slate pencils 1 box steel pens

2 " pen holders, a supply of desk paper

2 " copy books no 1 to 5

p 608 letter to Rev. Wilson about John Esquimaux teaching at Shishigwaning

p 609 let Dec 8/'4 to Dept "I have received from the Chief (at Shishigwaning) the enclosed letter and papers signed by eight heads of families of the Band who desire a Protestant teacher..

Let Jan 10/85 to Martha Esquimaux, White Fish River schoolteacher

"..I beg to inform you that fire wood for the school should be furnished by the Band. I enclose a letter to the Chief asking him to see that wood is provided for the school. The Band also should furnish a stove for the school house. It would be difficult at this season to send one to the Reserve....

Let Jan 20, 1885 burning of school (Boys') at Wik p 708

"It is with much regret that I have to report the destruction by fire yesterday of the building at Wikwemikong used as the Boys and Industrial School. almost all of the furniture bedding etc was saved principally by the assistance of the Indians who worked well...the loss will amount to about \$6000.00 there was no insurance.

The fire originated near the stove in the recreation room but the exact cause is unknown. it was discovered soon after midnight and efforts were made to extinguish it, but it soon got beyond control when the efforts of all were addressed to saving as much as possible of the furniture etc.

The boys whose parents live in the neighborhood have been sent to their homes for the present, those from a distance have had some of the rooms in the Priests' house set apart for their use and other rooms in the same building will be used as school rooms. the schoolagain in operation within two or three days..

Let January 24, 1885 "On the 20th inst I had the honor to report the destruction by fire of the Wikwemikong Boys and Industrial School building. I have with much regret again to report ~~that~~ another disastrous fire by which the building used for a Girls and Industrial school has been entirely destroyed. The fire took place on the 22nd inst at 5 pm there was no loss of life-a great portion of the furniture was saved. The cause of the fire was a defective chimney. The loss is about \$5,000.00 no insurance.

The children whose parents live in the neighbourhood have been released to their homes. those from a distance have been placed in a house which has been rented for the purpose...

Let January 29/85 to Chief at Sagamok

"As to the school house, if the Indians will get out the logs this winter, I will apply to the Dept for the lumber shingles, door and windows required as soon as I am informed that the logs are out and that the Indians will go to work up the building..

pp 745,6 aid needed for twenty destitute Indians of Chief Louis Espagnols band at Pogamissing and twenty-five Indians of the White Fish Lake Band out of provisions.

letter to Angus Anderson Feb 13/85 "I regret to say in reply to your request for a loan of ten dollars that I am unable to let you have the money having been prohibited ~~from lending money~~ by the Department from lending money to Indians. I will if

you desire it apply to the Department for an advance of ten dollars on account of next years annuity -if you wish me to do so let me know at once also that I may write by next mail..

Let Feb 25/85 Dept -Phipps "all the Indians at Sheshewaning claim to belong to the Roman Catholic faith. the only family about which there is any doubt is that of the chief John Edowishkash who seems undecided at times claiming to belong to the Catholic and at other times to the Protestant church.

The reason the Indians desire a Protestant teacher is that they believe they would obtain one of higher attainments and better qualified to instruct them.

Let March 7-85 "I have the honor to transmit a letter from Chief Gee wedin of Thessalon Band complaining that some of the members of the Band have not been paid.

With reference to Julian Bezaio and Joseph Bezaio I beg respectfully to remark that both are half breeds, Julian Bezaio appears in the census of the Band as far back as 1856, he receives annuity for himself and all his family 11 in number- his brother Joseph is not entered in the census of the Band, his wife Mequowequal and five children receive pay, there are other children who I have not entered, not considering them entitled, as the father is not an Indian as defined by the Indian Act. The chief wishes Joseph Bezaio to be entered in the census of the Band the same as his brother Julian has been.

John King and Joseph King are both halfbreeds. their mother Catchoqual is entered in the census of the Band but the father a Frenchman was not entered. The Kings appear to have been first entered in the census of the Band in 1861 as Joe and James Saisag..... Joe King continues to receive pay for himself and two children. James or John the latter being the correct name has been living in the United States for many years and was left out of the Pay list in 1876.....There are many half-breeds...who receive pay, whose only claim appears to be derived through the mother and who have been recipients of for many years. The half breed families increase with much greater rapidity than the Indians and now number fully half of the Band, not including those applying for admission.

Let. March 12/85 Dept - Phipps "With reference to the report of P. McLean Esq. public school insp. concerning the school at Buzwah and in which the small size of the building used as a school house and the occupation of the room by the teacher as a sleeping room is commented on, I have the honor to state that the Indians have gone to work to get out logs for building a new school house 18 ft by 24 ft, also joists and rafters; and

and they promise the work of building the school house provided the Dept will furnish the lumber, nails, shingles, windows, hinges and lock that will be required. The following is an estimate of the cost

2100 ft 1..board at 12.50 \$26.25 nails 2.75
4 windows etc 12 lights 10 x 14 glass \$8 5000 shingles 11.25
hinges, lock etc 1.75 teaming etc. \$5 total \$55.00

p 901 letter To chief John Edowishkost Sheshegwaning telling him that the Dept "cannot see its way to accede to the wishes of the Indians by engaging a teacher of a different Religion belief to that of the Indians of the Band..

p 916 the Indians at Sagamok have got out logs for a new school house 18' x 22' nails etc. to be provided by the Dept. The chief wants some provisions to be furnished to the Indians working at the school house, Phipps recommends \$8. be advanced them, to be repaid out of their annuity payment. Estimate \$53.55

Census of Lake Huron Ojibways for annuity 1885

Thessalon River 176
Ojibways of Mississauga River 141
White Fish River 73
Spanish River Band 507
Serpent River 91
French River 81
White Fish Lake 156
Grumbling Point Band 62
Maganettawan Indians 163
Tahgaiwenine Band 148

Each page of this book was checked for pertinent matter.

Nov 1/82 letter to Rev Wilson -Phipps asking about a possible
Protestant teacher for Whitefish River Indian school.
p 516 Rev. Wilson has replied that no pupil of his is available

p 523 Dec 30/82 Buzwah school closed. Miss Lamorandiere
has left the South Bay school

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