

Sault Ste. Marie
April 22/07

Dear Sir

Yr letter with \$18 40
enclosed - (being \$10 00 from Miss
A. S. Deane, & \$8 40 - collected by Miss
H. Maxwell.) I need scarcely
say we most accept it. I

enclose you a copy of "Our Sons
Children" - & will gladly send you
more - if you will let me know
how many copies you would like.

Yours sincerely
S. V. Wilson

Mrs. Caesar, Esq.

Secy. Church Ch. A.S.

Marquette.

Sault Ste. Marie
April 22/07

Dear Mr. Murray -

You may have for
you - Miss Allen & enclosure
of \$21 00 on Miss' acct - Miss
Deane about a week in hospital
with a bad complaint - but is
now quite well - back at school
again. I enclose you

programme of an entertain-
ment.

We are going to give here next week.

I want to do the same thing in

Ottawa Marquette & Sault - if

the people at those places will promote
the cause. I don't want to make

any more, out of it - of course to help

the Indian in his civilisation & education.

Yours sincerely
S. V. Wilson

Dear Sir

London 21/10/50

Dear Mr. Bradcliffe
April 22/50

Dear Mr. Bradcliffe
I am writing for the
9/6th just received on account
of the Pellety -
Directly to you and sent
and of the Print of the American
found you the extra copies - I know
you have received them - I have
not seen.

I enclose you program of
that we are putting for next week -
I want to show the same thing
is that it is to be - also
I want to show the same will
also it is -

Yours sincerely
J. W. Williams

Dear Sir
I am writing for the
London 21/10/50

Dear Mr. Bradcliffe
April 22/50

Dear And
I have received the letter
of the 15th. I could not do this
writing. What you meant of the
'Circular' - until on 20/4/50.
I shall I found that he had failed
to send you copies of the Annual
Report. I am very much surprised
about it - as I thought you had had
it after strictly it was printed - 3
weeks ago - I have of an egg
to me till the end came from the bank
- that is and you -
of course is not a built -
of it & the last time ^{and the} was enclosed by
the fire both place - but I of received
the picture a few weeks ago.
I regret the circumstance I will
do all possible with circumstances

I had a guarantee that the money
could be drawn with secured interest
at any time I was pleased to erect
fresh buildings on the shipyard land.
It was a voluntary act on my part
not that they want it as a reward but
church property - & I did it in good
faith not expecting that impediments
to my work would thereby be known in
any way.

I am kind of leasing to an acre
of land at the point where our dock
is - for erection of a factory - with
provision that some of our boys be
employed in it.

This, if
effected, would require your sanction
as trustee -

Yours sincerely -
S. H. Wilson

Dear Mr. Wilson
April 22 1879

I am glad also that you are
not less the teacher's man. It
is a pity that you are not
more like him - more like
himself.

You must have yourself some
new form of instruction - I think
you will not always be a failure -
I think as things you had all power
to do as things you had all power.

It is not a man's words but his life
that you are to be is.

I think you are a card of our "Dun-
don club" - All right about

as you may become a member - if
you like help you may have
a paper for me to put in our book
which your name also to the card
& put it up over your bed. Also
send 10 cents which is the admission fee.

We are going by via an entertainment
in the hall at Dawson's Hall on Friday
the 29th. 20 boys & 10 girls - There
will be tableaux showing them at their
work - singing - speeches by the boys -
& a debate - Our boys are
going ahead now - the school is
quite different to what it used to be.
I am applying to the government
for \$45,000 - & if I get it - I'll be
up a number of new buildings & later
300 pupils. I am glad to hear

that Joseph is doing well at Massillon. There
is no law against men, a Roman Catholic - he
like enjoys in Ch. Post. - He is better with it

John Wilson
Chil. 22/07

Rev. H. A. A. Almon

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter enclosing
\$50 towards support has been
just received. For many months
the 1/2 support for a full year. Also in
1895, which cost \$375. I am
sending you 155 copies of O.F.C.

I send you also a program
of entertainment for your here next
week. I want to have 70 copies of
printed. O'Keefe - to look to if
people will take it up. Also
& there are among the number select
types -

Wm Wilson

Dear Mr. Caylor -
I enclose
a program of the
entertainment we give here
next week.
Please as soon as possible
let me know what
is of our coming to Seattle - I
C'd not undertake it unless
expenses were guaranteed - I
do not want to take money out of
it - of course to make that better
we be civilized & educated first
as well as rich people -

Wm. H. Wilson
April 22/17

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Wm. H. Wilson

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entertainment we give here
next week.

Wm. H. Wilson
April 22/17

Dear Mr. Henderson

Please let me know
what you think of the
bill which is a substantial
proof that our friends in Oregon
will be as faithful as

Henderson just a copy of
the best children - will
send you as my copy as
you like to keep for -

Yours sincerely
S. O. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
April 22/87

Dear Jacks -

Please tell Alex. Warner
that his little girl Janie is perfectly
well now back at school - & I
think it will be a pity for her to
lose her lessons by going home earlier
than the other girls -

Enclose you a proposition
thinking that we are going to do here next
week - & I am going to arrange
to do the same thing in Montreal &
Ottawa about the end of June -

If people will guarantee expenses
I will come also to Toronto & Samia
I go down by the Beauclerc.
Talk to people about it to see what they say.
Why are the St. John's & Samia Indians so
slow going to school? I am inclined
to open schools on all the islands of
by first boat Samia close with the island.

The number of children in the
 of the year 1850 was 250,000
 of the year 1851 was 250,000
 of the year 1852 was 250,000
 of the year 1853 was 250,000
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 of the year 1862 was 250,000
 of the year 1863 was 250,000
 of the year 1864 was 250,000
 of the year 1865 was 250,000
 of the year 1866 was 250,000
 of the year 1867 was 250,000
 of the year 1868 was 250,000
 of the year 1869 was 250,000
 of the year 1870 was 250,000

At the present time we have pupils from the Diocese of Huron
 Toronto and from the Diocese of Mich. Out of our 78 pupils
 25 belong to the Algona Diocese. The Algona Indians
 are nearly all Roman Catholics. Some are still heathen, but
 most of them are Roman Catholics; there are less than 200 belong-
 ing to the Church of England. Our strict in establishing a
 large Protestant Institution for 300 Indian children at Sault
 Ste Marie is taken from all parts - far & wide. We
 propose to have a Reciprocal Home in the North West and a
 similar Home at Sarnia - to take Indian children from
 all parts. The further the children can be removed from their
 own Homes the better. He has been the experience of those
 who have engaged in the work both in the United States and
 Canada. The Carlisle Institute in Pennsylvania
 with its 600 Indian pupils is 1500 miles away from the Indian
 lands, & many of the children come more than 2000 miles.
 There are now 116 Institutions for Indian children in the States
 and all of them started within the past 10 years. They have accommodated
 9360 children. In the States by ^{the school} ~~the school~~ population of Indians
 is 55,000; with us it is about 25,000. The only Institutions
 in Canada are the 3 I have mentioned, one other Protestant
 one recently started in Saskatoon, and some four or five
 Roman Catholic ones. The entire number of ^{Indian} children being
 trained in Institutions in Canada is less than 400.
 I hope that the plan to establish a large Protestant Instit.
 at Sault Ste Marie will be taken up in a prompt manner.
 The land on which the new building are to be erected is Church.

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land and will remain Church land. But I am persuaded
 for the work to be successful - placed as I am here in the
 midst of a Roman Catholic population, - we must be liberal
 and open our arms to the pupils besides those belonging to the
 Church of England. Those who have not been engaged
 in the work as I have can scarcely judge of the difficulties which
 often beset me. I hope my friends will treat me to continue
 the work in the future as I have tried to do in the past with
 a single eye to public good, - upholding our noble old Church,
 whose ministers I have to fear to be, but at the same time
 recognizing the good work done among the Indians by other
 Protestant denominations, and admitting their children as
 pupils without at the same time obliging them to renounce the
 form of faith in which they were baptized and under which they
 have been brought up. Now dear old Church is to become
 THE Church of Canada I am persuaded! She must open her
 arms to embrace and open her hands to give.

Yrs &c E. F. WILSON.

Countess of Marib

April 25th 1887.

P.S. I am exceedingly glad to note how decidedly your paper is coming
 out against Roman Catholic aggression, & that you do not hesitate to use the word
 "Protestant". But word ~~is~~ just now - but I hope to see the day when all Protestants
 will unite as the one great Catholic Church.

Laurel St. Prairie
April 25/89

To Messrs
Bank of Montreal, Lon-
don

London Ind.

Advt Chy for 9/150 which

please credit to my Indian

Home acct

No. 29307

Yrs truly

J. H. Wilson

F. WILSON

John Comig
Cotton Church

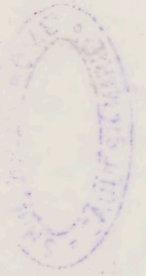
April 21/07

My dear Mr. Drake

Very many thanks for
your second remittance of \$18.25
on behalf of the boy - v- \$17.25
towards the New England Man
in the Black West. I shall

Credit you or the order with this
at once and charge Mr. Mass
with the amount. I think this
will be the most satisfactory way
of doing it. At my rate it will
prevent our 'drowning' you any
Genealogy for the summer of an
entirely true of night.

Wm. Drake



April 21/07

My dear Mr. Moore

I was very glad to receive
your letter & to find on looking
for it that you - also received
the letter of Miss J. of the
School - \$34.25. I enclose

you a copy of our new little
publication which perhaps you
have not seen, & if you would
like more I will send them.

Yours very sincerely
Wm. Drake

April 26/87

Mr. C. W. Colclough

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter. As far as I know the land which the mission is now near has not been set apart as an Indian Reserve, and that Mr. [unclear] applied to the Indian Department for land at the time when I was sick - but I do not think the Department did anything about it. I should like to see the Indian Agent at Port Arthur would know about it.

Yours very truly
J. H. Wilson

April 26/87

Prof. C. Weston Parham V.L.

Dear Sir - I shall be obliged

to you send me 3 volumes of your topical Scrap books - with envelopes -

- Vol 1. Indian Tribes
- Vol 2. Indian Names
- Vol 3. Miscellaneous.

London Jan 27 1887
#2.75. Please be sure to

send me the money in return.

Yours truly

Rev. Edward A. Mearns

April 26 1887

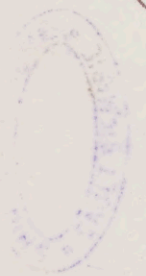
Rev. G. H. Almon

Dear Sir

By way thanks for your kind and welcome of \$4 from your Sunday School Trinity Church, Halifax -

I enclose you our new little publication which perhaps you have not seen - If you wish other more copies I can send them - also \$2.00 or 2.

Yours sincerely
J. H. Wilson



April 25/87

Dear Bro. Almon

My thanks for the very kind invitation received through Canon McKeiton - I am with you in heart but I am not certain - but I am coming on a C. P. R. boat May 6th or in that case - will arrive

on Sat. S. 8.10 a.m.

on Wed. May 10. As there is

no train to Halifax on Monday - I would like you kindly to

write me if you prefer to

come - when I go on Wednesday

visit W. Burman's mission

Young Mr. Prescott will

be with us as usual -

but do not communicate

to me.

Yours sincerely

J. H. Wilson



Dear Mr. J. Payne

April 29/87

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Please to send me

4 Leeches Bibles - one at \$1, one at \$2.50, - one at \$2.50, - one at \$3.50, at about the price. Be sure they are not damaged in transmission -

Yours truly
Edward D. Wilson

The summer holidays will begin in July 15. I expect the profits due to Laramia will get down now about the 17 or 18. I will send Dora & Lippin down with them & you will have to see & will send me the rest mine to the end of \$19. I will pay for return tickets for both of them - This is our rule.

I shall be very glad to take your boy when his picture returns here after the holidays - If you wish him to come I will send you an agreement for your trip - for him to remain with us 5 years. It will cost you \$32.00 to send him up from Laramia -

April 27, 87

Mr. J. W. Jermyn
Dear Sir

Your letter of April 20th just received -
I am quite willing to receive the 3 orphan children -
Not so - of the are Indians - & healthy. I am
sending you a set of agreements which you can
keep by you & use as needed. The children
can be sent up as soon as the agreements are
signed.

Mr. Macgregor seems anxious for his two
pits boys home this summer - on account of their
having lost a child. I have no objection to the
pits boys home under these circumstances if Mr. M.
will send money in full for their journey down
& back. Of the little boy No. 1 is sick & the
worse they may wish the 2 pits to come down - but if
the child gets better I wd like them to remain here
until the holidays begin July 16th -

Yrs sincerely -

R. L. Wilson

What about young Makboosa?
He is an amiable fellow at the same time.
and then collect the money from
G. Mackay.

Sault Ste Marie 662
April 27/87

Miss S. A. Taylor M^o

Dear Sir

Kind fill following order -

- 3 doz 2^d book Ontario Rea
2 " 3^d " " " "
1/2 " 4^e " " " "
2 " 2^d part 10^d book " "
4 " Arithmetic (element) authorizd.
2 " Campbell's progress - "
1/2 " Algebra (elem^d) "
2 boxes - pens for school use -
1 " " do.
12 doz penholders.
6 doz slates (medium)
1 doz boxes slate pencils
1 " " white chalk.
12 doz - Copy books
6 doz exercise books.
5 doz scribble books.
1 doz Canadian history (auth.)
1/2 doz Quarts black ink -
1 bottle Copy's ink.
3 boxes envelopes (white)
1 ream ruled foolscap -
1 doz extra books etc etc
2 doz Black Conn pass books
5 " paper " "
1 " stiff cover M.S. books

Yrs truly
Edward C. McIlwain

No 7906



April 27, 87

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge
a letter of the 22nd inst, No 75.297 - reply
to mine of the 13th in which I proposed a visit
to our Indian school at Ottawa & elsewhere.

I do not think you deem it unadvisable to bring
the pupils at this time on account of the great
expense to be incurred at the Indian School Fund
not being in a condition to render any assistance &
that you wish me on that account to defer my
proposed visit.

I readily bow to the decision. Perhaps
next November, when the Board line from
Algonia Mills to theault is completed, will
prove a more suitable time and should I find
it feasible to carry out my plan at that date I
will communicate again with the Department.

I have the honor to be Sir

(Yours obediently)

Edward A. Wilson

South St. Miss
 April 25/09

Dear Mother & Gys.

Dear An

I am exceedingly
 sorry to have to inform you that
 Thomas Johnson - one of our favorite
 & most promising pupils is sick - &
 I am afraid serious - He has not
 been to school about 4 days - but the doctor
 who came to see him yesterday says it
 is a case of 'aneurism of the aorta' -
 or in common language, a tumour
 growing on the main artery of the body -
 He may of course live for months or
 even years - but if it is what the doctor
 says - I fear the disease is incurable -

I will do to secure his father wishes
 about him - Perhaps his father will come
 up to see him - & take him back home -
 He will hardly be fit to travel alone. He
 has not been looking well for more than
 a week - but we did not think it was anything
 serious -
 Yours affectionately
 S. D. Wilson

April 30/87

Robert Kerr Esq.

Genl. Passenger Agent C. P. R.

Dear Sir

On the 15th of May last
(1886) I called on you at your Office in Winnipeg
and you very kindly granted me a half fare
pass over the C. P. R. as far as Elkham^{at Port Arthur} - allowing
stop overs at several places. and also gave
me half fare tickets for several Indian children
whom I brought back with me to our Institution at
Sault Ste Marie.

I earnestly hope you will grant me the same
favor this year. I hear you are not giving
reductions to Indian Clergy or Indians. but I
very much hope you will take my own special case
into consideration - I am laboring simply
for the benefit of the Indian race - & generally have
to travel at my own private expense. Unless
this favor is granted to me, I am afraid I shall
be unable to make my ~~next~~ trip.
My kind regards to your family provided I can get

half fare is as follows -

I start as soon as navigation opens - say May 10 -
 take C.P.R. boat to Port Arthur - & thence
 through to Calgary - & require stop overs
 at Manitoba Lake, Winnipeg, Griswold,
 Elkhorn, Du Appelle, Regina, & fleischen on
 the way up - & coming back too if allowed.

My object is to visit the Indians at these
 various points - & pick up pupils for my
 schools - if any are willing to come on the way
 back. I expect the trip to occupy me about
 6 weeks.

My I ask the favor of a reply either by mail
 or telegraph so that I may start as soon as
 a C.P.R. boat can get into Port Arthur.

Yours faithfully

Edward G. Wilson

A young fellow named Robin Bessant aged 17
 is going with me as Companion - & I should esteem
 it a great favor if you could allow a refund of my fare
 for the same.



May 27 87

My dear Mr. Carter -

I have just had your letter received & have received
information from Ottawa & advised that you
advised that you proposed visit with 30 Indian
children to near November - Too much for
me to manage - & also by that time we shall
have through railway communication.

I have now made another plan: viz - to take the
30 children to Lunenburg - St. Johns - Chatham & London &
come again. The expense of trip to Lunenburg -
St. Johns - Chatham & London - I estimate be about \$2800 - which would be
no great matter at first sight. This 2^d trip will
not cost more than \$200. - I think it best to try
at first & see how we succeed. We cannot start
till July 15 when holidays begin. I imagine this
will be too late for you. But if you think it would
be better I will try & arrange to extend so as to take in
Toronto & Hamilton. I will certainly advise 4 meetings
in Toronto at different points - Our exhibition has had
a very successful success - I enclose you clipping
of some papers & our programme -

Yrs sincerely
W. P. Wilson

Factory Lease

I will rent 1 acre with frontage
for 7 years at \$50 an acre -
lessee to erect suitable buildings
and dock & to purchase all
our machinery & plant.

At the end of 7 years it will
be optional ^{with lessee} for lessee,
or for lessor to remove his plant -
or in any case to agree with
to purchase plant of lessee.

S. H. Wilcox

May 3/07

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Standish - Mr. Main
May 3/07

Dear Mr. Rowland

As brot on as late I have
to delay my trip - I shall hope to
reach Uman - 5:45 pm. Monday
May 10. & stay till Saturday or Sunday
evening - then will I hope find time to
visit Bewick &c - & if there is not
time for all I can I think put in

2 more days on my way back June 8-9.

I think it best not to buy any horses by
myself now - as holidays do not begin till
July 15 - & if my trip is till then - I think
also it will be best to have the horses at
with them - & I have a nice lot of them all.

Uman has been brief as disinterested
lot of & asks if he may try best at the
place - His I certainly would like him from
down as I hope to remain with you - The
Chief Executive seems to be late home &
leaving as holidays or good Friday.

Yours sincerely
S. H. Wilcox

Dear Sir
I have the pleasure to inform you that your letter of the 10th inst. has been received and the same is being forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

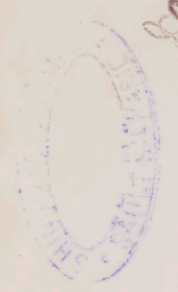
Dear Sir
I have the pleasure to inform you that your letter of the 10th inst. has been received and the same is being forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Per your order
May 27 1867

Wm. McCadden

Dear Sir
Your letter in relation to the above mentioned bill is well remembered. However, I told you that we could not be required to pay for our own contractors' checks. I would suggest that you should be advised that we do not pay for bills which are not paid for by the contractor. I cannot be expected to pay for bills which I have never seen & of which I have no proof. I do not know what to do in this matter.

Yours truly
S. H. Wilson



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I have the pleasure to inform you that your letter of the 10th inst. has been received and the same is being forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

Sub to Rain
Aug 2/17

Dear Dad -

I'm having more in common
 - nicotin with me in regard to craft
 a view of land for a factory -
 Exp. our own block. It's water from
 Dean Hill - not known to me. It
 I wish that I could enjoy the
 company as you & a lady. 7 years ago -
 It's an acre in common. I see to
 next build; I shall look for
 but all our reading. As usual
 7 years ago was here a woman
 back - a tall slender one. This is
 it. We had a the room. If you
 I suppose will see the
 as I'm not well in a
 it's a bit. There is no
 to the town. People want
 but build. We had a
 started as work in
 I'm
 C. J. P.

Wm. J. C. C. J.

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Dear P. D. Wilson

In compliance with your instructions
 of February 9th last. I have consulted with Mr.
 Coulter in regard to building the farm cottage - and
 as foreman of the Carpenter Shop, I hereby undertake
 to erect a cottage in the spot selected by you, to
 be a frame building, as shown on the plan
 the painted red with white sash, to have a
 cellar, and a brick chimney, & the walls inside
 to be plastered, and every thing finished fit for
 occupation for the sum of -

Of this amount the sum of three hundred dollars
 (\$300) as agreed upon by you will be charged
 to the Institution account & the balance of
 to Mr. R. Coulter.

P. D. Wilson

I hereby agree to pay the balance as above of (nil)
 also for any other work that may be required and shall
 not expect any compensation for doing so when I leave -

R. Coulter

name - May 5th / 87

Dr. Frank Boas
Editor of Science -

Dear Sir

Permit me to acknowledge with very
thanks your letter of the 20th ult. - in reply to
say that I shall be most happy to do any thing I can
to assist you in the furtherance of the objects you
have in view. - The only thing that with a large
institutions for Indian children on my hand, my
time is very limited - but I will do what I can.
Next week I am starting on a trip to visit the Blackfoot
Indians near Calgary - & Mr. Hale has asked me
to prepare a Report for the British Association.

I shall be very glad to receive copies of any
notes you have of the Northern & Brit. Columbia
tribes if you can kindly spare them -

Yours very faithfully

Edward S. Wilson

May 5th / 87

P. dear Mr. Hale -

Last night I found time to peruse your
 (copy of the Blackfoot Indians and I can assure
 you I read it with my great interest - have marked it
 throughout - & shall take it with me to Calgary. The
 little I had picked up of the language had already convinced
 me that it must be one of the Algonquin stock owing to
 its grammatical construction - the fact of the words being
 so entirely different is I should think quite accounted
 for by that on being in a paper of their westward
 migration & having mixed with some other tribe - I saw
 the Cree - tho' almost entirely similar to the Ojibway in
 grammatical construction & many of the words identical
 or almost so - still has full half its words quite as
 entirely distinct from Ojibway as Blackfoot is from either
 of them. (e.g. Child of abinodji, Cr. Owasies.
 Ojib. oj. Kikhi.. Cr. mista..)

I advise that the Blackf. word for ruin is nigitagkay - this
 seems to me very much like the ... tigawcia (Ojibway) which
 is used as an affix to impersonal verbs & means a ruin -
 thus Kiwetartigwacia, the river turns in its course. The
 separate word for ruin in Ojibway is as I expect jan kaws sibi.
 Nitskiookam (Blackf) one, tho' it is like the Ojibway jigit (1)

is not unlike the *Opuntia nitens*, or *retamio* (fruit) -
Akwé (woman) *mité* (tree) + *nit ana* (my daughter) bear also
 a similarity to the *Opuntia*.

I am arranging now to start next Tuesday, May 22
 I shall try to give 10 days to the Blackfoot. I hardly
 think there will be time to fill in so large a vocabulary
 as the Smithsonian - but I will follow their orthography -
 it will fill in the 200 words in *Solmie* & *Dawson*
 vocabulary, also get sentences to illustrate the grammar.

If we want to compare with tribes west of the Rockies this
 vocabulary will I think be the best one to get. I will also
 take the 'Notes & Queries' published by the British Assoc.
 I gather all the information I can.

I am a little surprised at your proposing for me
 to edit the replies resulting from the Circular of Enquiry issued
 by the British Assoc. - I think I am more suited
 to get things out in the rough - & that more experienced hands
 should be employed to finish them - I am not a
 professional, only an amateur at best sort of thing - I
 am very glad that this Circular of enquiry is being issued -
 it is just the thing that I had proposed to do as a first
 step.

I shall be quite satisfied with half a volume
 of my trip. Mr. Pills has kindly promised me a copy of his
 'Bibliography'. I have received letters from Dr. Dawson & Dr.
 Boas. I will send you of my manuscript to Mr. B. Loomis.

Col. Indian Exhibit has
 awarded us 2 medals and
 2 diplomas.

Yrs very sincerely
 S. J. Wilson

O'wans

May 5th 1827

Res. W. Bloom Esq.

Dear Sir

At the suggestion of Mr. Horatio
 Hale I am taking the liberty to send you a
 copy of my little manual of the Ojibway
 language. It is possible I may have
 sent you one some time ago when I received
 from you a copy of yr. 'notes & queries' but I am
 not sure. I understand from Mr. Hale
 that yr. Committee are about to issue a 'Circular
 of Enquiry' with a view to obtaining information
 re Indian Tribes of Canada. I am very glad
 to hear this - as I was already in correspondence with
 Mr. Hale in regard to doing something of the kind
 myself -

I remain dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Edward P. Wilson

Laurel Hill, Harris, Pa.

May 5th / 67

Rev. I. P. Thompson

Dear Sir

As you are so very pressing in your desire for the Epitaphy prayer book & you say your Bishop has also told you to apply to me for them - I will send you 100, the charge being 50 cents each - Paid amount I

shall be receiving if from you pay to the Society that printed them for us. I do this on my own responsibility - & shall write to you to advise that I have done so. I believe they printed them exclusively in Canada & I believe - but if I have no objection to the books for the States certainly I have none. I have heard of one Mr. Miller

to whom I will send you 100 for Mr. S. H. Wilson

Indian Homes - Sault Ste Marie - Ont.

Directions for providing cloth -

Each boy requires per annum one winter uniform coat and peaked cap, the coat of light grey stuffe, with dark blue collar, cuffs & shoulder straps trimmed with scarlet braid, 5 ^{large} brass buttons down the front & a ^{small} brass button on each shoulder.

3 pair of pants (grey preferred), 3 shirts, 2 undershirts & 2 p. drawers for winter, 1 winter cap or tique, 4 p. socks, warm muffer, 1 p. of warm mitts, 2 pair of strong boots or shoes, and a coat or jacket and waistcoat



Boys autumn jacket.



Boys winter uniform

of any style or pattern for everyday.

In summer the medium sized and small boys wear loose Garibaldi jackets of dark blue serge trimmed with scarlet braid, ^{small} brass buttons ^{down the front and} tight waist bands, and a scarlet netted sash is

passed twice round the waist and then tied at the side. a dark felt hat is also worn. The big boys wear dark serge coats of the same pattern as in the winter.

Measurements -

Big boys of from 15 to 17. Length of coat 27 in. Sleeve 22 in. Waist 32 in. trousers 34 in. ~~the~~ Cap about 7. Boots No 6 or 7.

Medium boys of 12 to 14 Length of coat 25 in. Sleeve 20 in. Waist 28 in. trousers 36 in. Cap about 6 1/2. Boots No 4 or 5

Small boys of 8 to 10 Length of coat 21 in. Sleeve 17 in. Waist 26 in. trousers 32 in. Cap about 6 1/2 Boots No 2 or 3.

Each girl requires for annum • uniform dress, dark blue 879
 serge trimmed with scarlet braid, and dark straw hat ^{with red trim} trimmed
 to match, 2 other dresses of any pattern, 2 petticoats, 1 warm
 hood for winter, 2 pr. boots, 4 pr. stockings ^(2 cotton & 2 woolen), 3 chemises, 2 night
 dresses, 1 shawl, 2 undershirts, 4 pr. drawers, 4 pocket handkerchiefs,
 1 cloud, 1 pr. mitts, 2 aprons or pinafores, 1 outdoor jacket.

Measurements

Big girls - of 15 to 17. Skirt 37 in., Sleeves 22 in., waist 27 in., neck 16 in.
 Medium girls of 12 to 14. " 32 in., " 20 in., " 24 in., " 14 in.
 Little girls of 8 to 10 " 25 in., " 16 in., " 22 in., " 12 in.

Send last off cloths if in good condition is acceptable, especially boys' houses and overcoats.

Send in boxes, bales, or barrels, - and please put a list of articles
 inside ^{of} from whence they come.

Address - Mrs. Wilson, Shipman's Home, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.



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May 10 1877

S. P. May Esq.

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge with
 thanks your favor of March last - and to inform you
 that the two Diplomas & two medals awarded from
 Indian School of the Royal Commission of the Civil
 & Indian Exhibition have arrived in good order. I
 desire to tender my sincere thanks to the Education
 Department for having so materially assisted our work
 by bringing us under the notice of the Commission.

I am venturing to send you a little sketch I
 have made which I would like to have engraved
 as a head; for my letter paper. Would the
 Educational Department revise and improve it &
 have it engraved for us? We have a heavy burden
 of expense and at present receive only a small part
 from the Dominion Government & not from Ontario.
 If the Educational Department would be so good
 to supply us with stationery stamped as above it would
 be a great boon to us.

I remain Sir

Your obedient servant
 Edward T. Miles

the Blackfoot Camp - & I assume on I work
brutly hard.

And now in regard to the future - I would like
any small portion of the work that you propose
if you think I am capable of it - but it
must surely involve 8 or 10 years steady
work to accomplish it properly - How well
does the Brit. Assoc. propose to do - they may
pick up a little here & there - as with the Missionaries
& Indian agents - but Missionaries & Indian agents
are generally busy men - & cannot be expected to
give us much time to the subject. & I fancy it
will be slow work proceeding - this way & the results
perhaps not very satisfactory. Of the Brit.

Assoc. are well disposed in general - I would
like to give up my whole or nearly my whole time to
it until it is accomplished - Make Banks (as
I said - my best friend) my Centre - & from there
travel into Brit. Columbia & what I can learn of
the same time give courses in
the same connected with Indians in all parts of Canada

For my own sake - if the Brit. Assoc. are engaged in
this work - I am depending on it -

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No. 7909

L. A. D. D. D.

June 14, 1857

to the Agent of Indian Affairs

I have just arrived home from
to Rock West - bringing two Blackfoot boys
from Blackfoot country who are being educated.

I had hoped on my arrival home to have
found a communication from the Department
in reference to the grant asked for towards
extension of our building here and in regard
to grant towards maintenance also grant
towards establishment of a new school.

Our maintenance fund - at the present number
of pupils is in deficiency of funds is now \$2900
in debt.

We are also completely at a stand still in
reference to the grant asked for towards the Department is
unpaid to us.

I shall be thankful to hear as soon as possible
whether or not the various grants applied for
will be forthcoming - as if not I have thought
of moving my whole establishment to the west.

joining westward to last 3 summer houses
 considered one of two facts - (1) That unless
 the Department favors the plan followed in the U.S.
 of sending Indian children to the East for their education
 as far as possible from the Reserves - by present
 means are too far to the East for accomplishing the
 work that remains - (2) That if Protestant
 Missions are to hold their own in the West they must
 work together - consequently I have visited and
 am in communication with the Rev. J. M. Macdonnell
 of Morley - and representatives of the Presbyterian
 Church - in regard to united action -

I am to your friend

Your obedient servant

Edward H. Wilson

~~I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours obedient servant,
 J. M. [Name]~~

Handwritten note on the left margin, possibly a name or address.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours obedient servant,
 J. M. [Name]

No 7908

The Superintendent
of Indian Affairs -

June 16, 1887

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs -
Sir

I wish to state
that our Maintenance Fund for the
Indian Homes was about \$900 in debt in
consequence of our receiving a much larger number
of pupils than we had the means to support. These
figures represented our position - just before I
started on my trip to the North West 5 weeks ago.

I have this morning examined our accounts and
find that instead of \$900 we are at present
\$1400 in debt.

Under these circumstances I feel it our duty
to question & endeavour to keep our Institution
on its present stand. I have been doing my
best to make it in every way efficient - have
increased our staff - raised the salaries of teachers
- improved the board & cloth of the pupils - expended
good money to get the grounds & surroundings in better

June 16th 1887

The Hon^{ble}
 Commissioner of Indian Affairs
 W. M. S.

Sir

I have to hand back to you the receipt of yr letter - No 1115 - by today's mail - & now with pleasure state you favor the establishment of a Branch Institute of our Shipwrecked Homes at Bangs. & have recommended it to the Department.

I very much hope that the Department will accept of your recommendation.

I have had 14 years of incessant labor in connection with the Homes here - and - with a little help from the Department - have I think brought them to a fair condition of prosperity. I am willing now to hand over the work to another - if the Department should see fit to establish a more extensive & perhaps more important work farther West. My whole life has been and is given

to the Indians. I know the Ajibon language as well as English, have studied the grammar & can speak myself as understood in Cree and Pious, & have this summer commenced study Blackfoot. I may also I think say that I have gained a hold over the Indians in a way that can only be done by long intercourse with them. I was plain & outspoken with the Blackfoot on the occasion of my recent visit, and tho' warned not to do so by the missionary, told them all about my schools at Sault St. Marie & asked them to send a boy or two back with me. The Blackfoot adopted my visit their tribe - gave me a Blackfoot name - (meaning "the one who speaks") and gave up two boys to go back with me. These two boys are at present perfectly happy & make good friends with the other boys. I treat them in a common sense manner. Shall not cut their hair - & at present, allow them to smoke. I think the great thing is to get them to like their quarters as a first step - & then gradually to lead them onward & upward. One of them has to-day commenced learning carpentering, & the other both show a great aptitude.

I would like to state plainly -

I intend to work in unison with the Protestant Missionaries - be they Presbyterians or Methodists. Indeed a proposal has been a monthly magazine in circulation among all Protestant Proletarians throughout Canada. So that we may know what each other are doing.

I am willing to commence work this fall - say October 1st - provided the Department will put up for me a log house - sufficient to accommodate myself & family - + another log house for an embryo school - both houses to be used afterwards as out buildings - when the new buildings are ready for use.

3) Any number of my boys here are willing to accompany me - and I would recommend 2 or 3 of them should come with - to remain say 2 years - I think it would very much facilitate the establishment of an Institution to have a few trained pupils to begin with, & it would be very helpful in many ways - It could be transported at a cost of \$20 each.

4) Should the Department take up this work in a serious manner with a prospect of its becoming permanent - I am willing to accept a salary of \$200 per year -

and in my last letter - but would remain as long
as it might seem necessary.

I mentioned in my last - that I expected also
to have some to do for the British Association.
I should probably require only a part of my personal
salary to be paid by the Department. Indeed if
I can carry out the arrangements which I have in
view, I may be in a position not to require any
part of it.

I may add, that while at B.uff, I had a long
conferance with Mr. Sturges, who was warmly
in favour of the proposed move & promised to
do all he could to assist me. Also that I had
an interview with Mr. Burgess, & sent through
him a communication to the Hon. the Minister of
the Interior on the same subject.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient servant

Edward P. Wilson

June 16/37

Rev. A. Stewart Esq

Dear Sir

Since I saw you at Banff -
I have been in communication with Archdeacon
Bainham & the Lieut. Governor Dewdney with
a view to establishing an Institute in yr. neighborhood.

I have just received the followg from Mr. May-
Reed - - - - - "a copy of yr. letter has been
sent to the Department with a recommendation
that your wishes be acceded to, as the Commission
is strongly in favor of it."

To this I have to day replied - that I am willing
to commence work in the Fall - say Oct 1st - provided
the Dept will put up for me a log house sufficient
to accommodate myself & family - & another log house
for an embryo school - said houses to be used
as outbuilds - when the new buildg are

(2) Not intended to work in

(3) Protestant missionaries (5) I expect

bringing a few of my old pupils with me - as I think
 it will very much facilitate matters - (There are an
 number of them ready to come) (21) That I am willing
 to remain beyond 3 years - or even permanently, if the Supr.
 will take the work up in good earnest.

I also mentioned your name - & could not you
 were warmly in favor of the proposed scheme & wd
 do what you could to aid me.

The Archbishop is not very warm about it. By
 mentioning that I intended to work in unison with
 the Protestant Denominations - I think he has
 quite liked. As to that matter - I am not
 in the least lax in my own Church views - but I
 do think that with the rapid encroachments made by
 the Romanists the Protestants who believe in the
 bible ought to stand shoulder to shoulder - and
 when they hinder one another's work.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your
 convenience whether you still favor the proposed
 plan - & if so - perhaps you could furnish me a
 little trac; showing position & size the building wd
 occupy if erected - & how situated in regard to the
 sites the residences &c. Any particulars as to cost of
 building, &c. wd be acceptable - and Can furniture
 be purchased? I remain
 Yours sincerely
 J. P. Wilson

June 10/47

My dear Mr. Hale -

I have just received the following from the Indian Office, Regina -
 " . . . a copy of your letter proposing to establish an institution at Crauff has been forwarded to the Department with a recommendation that your wishes be acceded to, as the Commission is strongly in favor of it."

I have written back that I will be prepared to move Oct 1st - if the Department will put me up two log houses for temporary use - one for myself & family the other for Indian children - & I propose to take a few of my things & settle with you & make a happy wife -

As ever
 W. H. Wilson

June 17 1847

My dear Miss Core -

I am sending you by this mail
 so me more copies of our Annual
 Report & 'Our Forest Children'.

I have just received the following from the
 Indian Office, Reprint -

"... a copy of your letter proposing to
 establish an Institution at Brantford has been
 forwarded to the Department with a recommendation
 that your wishes be acceded to, as the Commission
 is strongly in favor of it."

I have written to Mr. Stewart saying that I will
 be prepared to come Oct^r - if the Department
 agrees - & if it will provide us a log house or
 other accommodation for the winter - We shall be
 with a large party - wife & children - passengers -
 & servant.

I send you with kind regards
 R. Tedd Over -

Yours faithfully

Edward D. Milner

Leeds, W. Yorks.
June 17th 1857

My dear Mr. Chase,
I wish I think Mr. Ingham
some time ago - that certain of the
files wd. by our rules be required to
remain at the Institution for the summer
- & Alice Thompson quite understands
that she is to remain here - & quite
satisfied to do so. Mary Peters I
shall send home for holidays on account
of her being somewhat delicate. Of
the money you sent I am keeping
£4 50 to pay for Mary Peters return
ticket and ^{will} send you back the balance
of £2 50 of William Thompson's order
if - or else may give it to Alice
to spend on herself. I have just
heard from the Rocky Mountain &
will Blackfoot boys etc. etc.
Yours sincerely

E. J. Wilson

June 17/87

Dear Mr. Snider -

Your letter of May 9 arrived via
 apt. Toronto for the N. West. I got
 back again 3 or 4 days ago - bringing
 a Blackfoot boy from the foot of the
 Rock Mountain - the first of that tribe
 that have ever sought education.

We are defining our proposed visit to
 Montreal for the present.

Mr. Sniderman has been with me
 about a Inverness Protestant Association
 that is the job up in Alberta - sends
 me the by results etc.

I am getting ready of place my present
 home in the hands - among family
 fall to the Rockies to inaugurate a new
 work there - am in communication
 with Government in regard to it.

Yours sincerely -

S. P. Wilson

June 17 1857

P. H. Buckland Esq.

Dear Sir

I received yr letter of May
20th White travel & yr further communication
of June 11th enclosing Circular - to do. I have
been away nearly 5 weeks - as far as Banff
up among the Rocky Mountains - & have brought
back a couple of wild Blackfoot boys with flint
knives & some blankets.

I like yr plan for a great Protestant demonstration
in October - & hope it may be successful.

I enclose you a copy of our last Forest Child
which will show you what our intention is -

The chief difficulty is the expense - To take
30 children to Ottawa & Montreal - say 10 days
would certainly cost nearly \$8000. I don't
think we can attempt it unless the C. P. R. agrees
to take us at a very low rate - & that either free or
very cheap accommodation be afforded us at the
places en route. You will see in the copy of

'Our forest children' one plan that I had
 thought of for disposing of the children is

Long as well remember that I have some
 idea of giving some of them here into the hands
 of some of my family in the neighborhood of the
 Rocky Mountains to inaugurate a new work
 here. I am in communication with the Department
 in regard to it - but nothing is settled at
 present.

Yours sincerely
 S. H. Wilson

June 17/89

Dear David -

I am very glad you have
 decided to stay on - I will do what
 I can to help you in going home
 for Christmas & Easter -

How would you like to be
 telegraphically after you leave school -

There is a great demand for telegraph
 operators at West - I got for \$200
 a month - A young fellow was
 offered to be it took him a month
 of work to learn that much
 of his work. I might perhaps
 get you in somewhere in the same
 way. There is a young man
 at the line at West - had a
 good salary - I got a big salary
 myself & a number of boys to be
 sent to S. F. I hope

W. R. East

June 17/47

Dear Madam

You are mistaken in
thinking that Mr. Pearce's name is
Mr. R. West is likely to be found
up - I have already about \$2000
towards it. Mr. Pittman's of
build, it at Shelburne since
is just on the bank of Manitoba
& Assiniboia. about 120

Go from Bishop Anson's residence
Should you be disposed to make
any further contributions towards it
I will be very happy to receive them.

Yrs faithfully

Edward D. Wilson

June 17/47

The Ministry
of Public Works
London

Sir I enclose you bill of
exchange on Paris for Mr. Martin
for 1051-0-6 - which amount
please credit to my order
Honor. acquit - Adieu

Yr. obed^t

Edward D. Wilson

June 15/87

Dear Madam

June 17/87

I am of this back
 from a by trip of 3200 miles
 to the Rocky Mountains - I have
 brought back two wild Blackfoot
 brought me - the first of that tribe
 that have ever been taken to the slaves
 I am by this time foot: established
 an establishment at this - it may be
 necessary for me to place them some in
 the hands of the state - it is not long
 - being given to the state of you
 by the Alexander's Review - a by nice
 with follow - with in the 3rd book. The
 April part and the letter. I will also
 have in the 1st part of the paper
 I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
 J. P. [Signature]

June 15/87

Back from the Rocky Mountains

Mr. Rev. S. H. Miller, principal of the
 Michigan & Wisconsin Normal School
 returned from his trip to the Rocky
 Mountains - having been there to visit
 the Blackfoot Indians. This tribe
 (with the Blood and Peigan) are
 about 6000, and they are almost all
 without exception pagans. The
 Blackfoot Indians received Mr. Miller
 very cordially and adopted him with
 great gusto, giving him the name "Native-
 Assessor" (the sun looks upon him). They
 also engaged to build confidence
 in him as follows: they of the Blackfoot
 Apprehension and Christianity to go
 back with him to the Blackfoot. The
 are to first two Blackfoot boys that
 have consented to go to an education
 to be wanted. They are all called

fellows with long plaited hair, and
 one of them on his arrival had with
 on but a blanket and a pair of leggings.

The boys are intelligent looking fellows
 aged 18 & 16 respectively - & seem very
 anxious to learn; one of them is the
 taught Carpenter to the other bookmaking.

Mr. Wilson is in communication with
 the Department in regard to the establishment
 of a Branch Institution out at the
 Rockies. If his proposals are assented
 to, it is probable that he will place
 his fault to Marie House, in other
 hands, at any rate temporary, & remain
 out there to inaugurate the new work.
 He also proposes to establish another
 Branch Home at Elkton on the
 northern boundary of Manitoba. Several
 acres of land, & the offer of a free
 grant of land close to the railway. The
 new site of Algonquin Mission, also will contain
 a large tract of land.

The Lord will of my own

June 8th 1878

My dear Lord -

After thirteen years chief of the
 of our Missionary news in the interest of the Diocese
 and our Indian Homes - I desire now to be
 relieved from that somewhat onerous position
 and shall be glad if you will at the meeting of
 our Conference at Perry Sound in August appoint
 some one to take my place. The clergy of Mukah
 have not I consider done me justice in forwarding
 me particulars about their Mission ~~the~~ work - their
 communication having almost invariably gone to the
 Society's Church papers. I have consequently had
 to peruse difficultly especially during late years in
 obtaining any information as to what was being done
 in that important part of your Diocese. I would
 suggest now that the paper be edited & published in
 Mukah - & I shall be very happy to continue to
 supply my successor with any particulars he may
 desire in regard to our Indian Homes. I must close
 for the paper being almost filled with the account of
 recent trip but I have not clear what is
 I am, dear
 J. Wilson

Mr. W. B. R. R.

Ms. Dept. arrived early
and is enjoying herself thoroughly -

By Mrs. W. B. R. R.

Send me \$2.00 - by

as follows -
Mrs. R. R. 4.00
Mrs. R. R. 5.00
Mrs. R. R. 2.00
Mrs. R. R. 2.00

Thank you for the \$2.00 -

Explains that she has not yet received the money -

She also says that she has not yet received the money -

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and is enjoying herself thoroughly -

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Sault Ste Marie

June 17 1897

Dear Mr. Crosswell -

The train stopped such a short time
at Elkton that I had barely time to speak to you -

I am still strong in favor of erecting the Branch
Home at Elkton - & very hope that the Bishop will
agree to it. I am begining to think that Bishops are

winded & hold back rather than help forward building
works. I have had trouble with 2 or 3 of them -

However I hope your Bishop will be sensible - & see the
advantage that it will be to carry out our plan -

I am heard from Mr. Irvine - & he likes the arrangement
very much & will be quite prepared to come - if the
Bishop agrees to it.

I am in communication with you & am in regard
to Branch Home at Banff. Lieut. Gov. Dewdney
is strong in favor - & recommends to I think
Ottawa to accede to my proposal. If they do, it

is a matter of fact that I shall put my Home here in
this land & move with my family to Banff. This
will not cost the Elkton Home one way or the other.

I shall still retain general Superintendent duties

Of our Homes here visit them if possible
 annually - stopping at Elkhorn each time when
 passing. I want the Homes here to furnish
 Homes there if any of Elkhorn more of a
 preparatory character. The new ground I think it
 is best to make myself & leave the to occupy
 the positions already taken. You see I like to
 go ahead the same as you do - with God's help
 & blessing I fear not.

The 2 wild B. ~~Maple~~ boys have settled in
 wonderfully - one of them is busy stitching the
 fur sewing leather - as a first step toward shoe
 - making. I am glad to have driven the
 Roman Catholics out west - to have ^{at} ~~at~~ a
 single Blackfoot in their schools.

As soon as the B.C. of Rupert Land signifies
 his approval of the Elkhorn Institution I will write
 to the Indian Department & ask for a grant.

Did you see my letter signed 'Alberta' in the
 Toronto Mail. "His Commandants for the Blackfoot"

I try to push the thing with the
 Church personally - but don't
 know it - Camps, means, address.

Yrs sincerely -
 J. H. Nelson

Preparation for estimate
2 copies of letter paper
headed as enclosed
I enclose with this paper
of paper

Leah & Co. Boston
June 14/87

W. H. R. Boston
Dear Sir

I enclose you a copy of
report for your use. I will send
also of my own account showing
of the same. Please let me know
circumstances about this as speedily as
possible. We are having some very
interesting work of the '60s account.

I think of getting an illustration
of the '60s account. I enclose
to you all the material I have for
Indians in the Dominion - this is 16 pages
of which about 9 or 10 are with nice
illustrations. I printed on paper
5 or 6 pictures (small slips of paper)
and I think it better that you will
have them in your possession. I think of
getting a few more copies of the
report. I will send you a copy of the
report if you wish.

June 20 707

Reason as to the
I will not
to land school
+ only for
aid.

My dear Lord -

Since I was in Ipswich I have
 been in communication with Mr. Rowwell of Elkton
 in regard to establishing our proposed Branch Home
 at that place - & wrote to you about 6 weeks ago
 asking for approval. We have now proceeded so
 far as to have obtained the offer of free grant from the
 C. P. R. ^{of 14 lots} in the village of Elkton
 & I made a plan of proposed building - & have an
 offer by a contractor to build it for \$1350 - which
 Mr. R. thinks reasonable. I think for the
 success of the Institution it will be a great thing to have
 Mr. R. take an interest in it - I looked
 into the matter as to the value of the site - it will
 also economize greatly & have the gentleman in charge
 look after of the Elkton Congregation - I have already
 written to you about Mr. Brown - & have heard from him
 that he would like very much to take it - If you are
 persuaded - will you kindly write to him & Mr. Rowwell so
 that he may start on building - & also let me know - I propose to
 have the Church Society not to provide but to be kept always for the
 education of the children with sold for the purpose
 & accordingly handed over for J. J. Wilcox

June 23rd 1847

My dear Mr. Roswell

Yours of the 14th just received, and letter from Mr. Campbell. We are only waiting now for the Bishop. As soon as we have his approval we can go ahead at once. \$1350 I still think is not out of the way for the building - but unless God helps us I think it will be scarcely wise to go beyond that - as there will still be the furnishing - & we ought to keep \$400 or \$500 in hand to fall back on. I almost think it will give more confidence if we make it clear property as I have done here - but then ought this the proviso that no part can be sold leased &c. - without the approval of Rev. S. G. W. or successors - & that it is to be always kept for the purpose of Indian Education - or if sold at any time - the money to be reinvested for the same purpose elsewhere.

I will write again to the Bp of Quebec Land by this mail - & ask him, if favourable, to vote in an direct - so that there may be no delay. I have not yet got to the Indian Dept - but as soon as I know that the thing is a certainty will write them & ask

Yrs sincerely
S. G. Wilson

June 23/07

My dear Mr. Murray -

Very many thanks for yr letter &
 enclosure of \$17.50 on Alice Macgregor's
 acct - I recd it back a week ago from
 the Rocky Mountains being 2 wild Black feet boys
 with me - There will be a full account in the City
 Mr. News - I am taking steps to establish a
 Branch Home on a small scale at Elkhoron on
 the Western boundary of Manitoba - I am also in
 communication with foot with view to establishing another
 one at Banff up among the Rockies - There
 seems to be considerable likelihood that both these
 Institutions will soon be set on foot - I have \$2000
 towards the Elkhoron one - at Lint Fox Landing is
 'strongly in favor' of the Banff one - I wish I
 could come & visit you & try some of my Indian
 children but the distance is so great - We have been
 invited to give the first Protestant Service in Montreal
 in Oct.

Yrs sincerely
 C. J. Willson

Laurel & Prairie
June 22/87

C. H. Anderson in Type
Dear Aie

Many thanks for the kind contribution of \$5 from the boys' meet 4. M. S. S. of Monkland. I was thing out Aie -

I returned a note \$10 from the West - thought a wild Blackfoot boy from the foot of the Rocky Mountains -

We celebrated Sunday - 6 milk on Protestant process - Myrtle ton - the M. S. S. School's joining with us - 4 little Indian girls & 4 little white girl were brought by the Major's picture - & above me a letter with an old bill - & the words "The scene of England's greatness" -

Respectfully
S. D. Wilson

M. Augustin Breeser
Dear friend -

I have received from you \$2.60 for the Peter Schalkers for home & have received from Mrs. Mill \$2 for fare of Passer Mill.

Please tell Mrs. Mill that I will send her \$10, send to her from England, if she will say to whom I am to send it. I must have a proper receipt for it before the friends in England. Signed by herself.

Your boy Ned wishes to remain here for the holiday. Marion & Breeser can go home if you will send the money for them \$2 each. I would prefer him for home to Breeser if you can take them.

I have my suit for back from a trip to the Rocky Mountains & have a back for the suit bags with me - You truly

June 22nd 1727
 The most Noble
 to Marquis of Loune
 by Lord -

The pupils of our
 House are most anxious that the
 enclosed letter should be presented
 to the Majors - & if not too
 presumptuous on our part, may
 I leave it in your hands to do
 as you may judge best.

I remain, my Lord -

Yours, respectfully
Edward A. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
June 25/87

Dear Joseph -

You must do as you think
best about going back your people on
Manitoulin - but my advice would
be to you not to go away - You seem
to have settled in well now - and
giving the respect both of your clergyman
& the people - I think the best thing for
you is to stick to where you are -

Will you please give enclosed
check to Mr. Renison - I forgot to send
it when I wrote to him - Also thank
Miss Pidge for her letter to Mr. Wilson
I am going to put it in the Alb. M. News.

We had a great time on jubilee day -
a protestant procession of all the bands
of the town through the streets - Little white picnics
& other picnics supporting the Queen's picture
you can see a bible above it with the words 'The secret
of God's faithfulness' yet sincere

Wm. Wilson

No 7982

January 27th 1887

The Supt. General of Indian Affairs

Ottawa.

Sir,

Having long been impressed with the fact that sufficient is not being done in Canada for the education civilization & Christian training of the rising generation of our Indian population; and taking as I do, and as the Department is aware, a very deep interest in the welfare of these poor down trodden and yet intelligent people, I have within the last week or two been visiting (at my own expense) and inspecting closely some of the largest institutions for Indian Children in the United States, have made all possible inquiries of the Heads of these Institutions as to the plan upon which they are conducted and the amount by which they are severally assisted by the State. I have also been to Washington and made further inquiries there at the Indian Bureau, and will now with ^{the} your permission of the Department offer to you my report of what I have seen and noted.

and would very respectfully suggest that steps should be taken to deal more liberally and thoroughly in the future with this great question in which the interests of the whole country are so much concerned, than has been done hitherto. —

The Institutions which I visited were the Carlisle Institute near Harrisburg Penn, with 550 Indian pupils - under the control of Capt. R. H. Pratt U. S. A. - The Hampton Institute, in Virginia, with 500 coloured & 135 Indian pupils under General Armstrong. The Lincoln Institute near Philadelphia with 200 pupils under Mrs Belknap Cook.

The Carlisle Institute was formerly a barracks, it consists of 15 separate buildings (exclusive of stables) distributed over a large space of ground, with band stand and flag staff in centre, and has accommodation for about 600 Indian children, boys and girls. At present there are 430 pupils in residence and over 100 more placed out with farmers. The Schools are under the charge of Captain Pratt a cavalry officer of the U. S. Army, and he employs a staff of about 40 teachers. - The Government allows the Institution \$167²/₁₀₀ per annum per capita, and they also raise about \$10,000⁰⁰/₁₀₀ in other ways. The buildings are all thoroughly well furnished and heated by steam. The total expenditure per annum

being between \$80,000^{xx} and \$90,000^{xx} and the School has been in operation since 1879, and is very successful - General Atkins, Commissioner of Indian Affairs whom I had the privilege of meeting in Washington, assured me that it was doing a very good work - not only in educating the Indians but in proving to the white people what the Indian can do if properly taught. - Captⁿ Pratt insists on taking the children away entirely from the parents, the further they can be removed, he thinks the better - and after they are educated, he encourages their leaving the Reserves and settling among white people.

The Hampton Institute is for both Coloured persons and Indians, it is under the charge of General Armstrong, originally it was for coloured folk only, Indians were first taken in 1877. There are at present 500 coloured pupils and 135 Indians - boys and girls. Two separate buildings are set apart for the Indians to live and sleep in, but for meals and lessons they are altogether with the coloured folk. The average age of pupils is about 17. The buildings are nearly all of red brick - large, roomy, substantial, heated by steam and most complete in every way. There is a staff of 64 teachers employed. The coloured pupils pay in part for their education

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but the Indians are admitted free - and the govern-
ment allow the Institution \$167 per capita.

Both this Institution and the one
at Carlisle are conducted on the military system,
the boys being all in uniform - and formed into
battalions under regular officers - Every day at
noon they march to the Dining Hall headed by
their band - 4 numbers of visitors are generally
present to see this. - I was much struck by
the thorough interest the teachers seem to take in
the pupils, & the general good feeling which
seemed to prevail - The school teachers receive
from \$600[±] to \$900[±] salary - out of which they pay
\$3[±] a week for board.

The Lincoln Institute consists of two
large buildings in the immediate neighbourhood
of Philadelphia - and several miles apart from
each other - They were both established by a benevolent
lady named Mrs Cox. The Government aids these
Institutions by a similar grant as that made to
Carlisle & Hampton namely \$167[±] per capita -
per annum. There are 99 boys at present in the
Boys house and 101 girls in the Girls House, they
are chiefly Sioux and Ojibways and come from
Minnesota - Nebraska, and other distant States.

The idea seems to be in all these Homes, to remove the children as far as possible from their old Haunts and they are not allowed to go Home for holidays. The Lincoln Institute is under the auspices of the Church of England, the Carlisle and Hampton Institute are undenominational - 25 or 30 of the Lincoln girls merely board in the Institution and attend the Public School in the city.

I have endeavoured to make my account of these Institutions which I have visited as brief and concise as possible. The chief points impressed on my mind are.

1st That the U. S. Government is dealing with great thoroughness and considerable liberality with the question of Indian education - and has evidently been led on to do so, partly from the idea of economising public funds and disposing of the Indians in a less expensive manner than by the old way of killing them off - partly by the fact that Public sentiment demands it. - There are 260,000 Indians at present in the States, and the United States Government is expending a million dollars per annum solely in the Education of the children. -

2^{ndly} I notice that in the States it seems to be quite accepted that the day School on the Indian Reserve is of little avail except as a stepping stone to the Industrial School or Institute, and as Captⁿ Pratt

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well remarks even the Industrial School should only be a stepping stone to the Common Schools and High Schools of the Country - where the Indian children would mingle with the white children and emulate them in their studies & future aspirations.

3^{rdly} I notice that it is common for the U. S. Government to allow \$167^{xx} and even more per capita for pupils in the various institutions - whereas at our Homes at Sault Ste Marie we are only allowed \$60[±] a head for 30 boys and \$40[±] a head for 15 girls out of a total of 78 pupils.

4^{thly} I notice that in the U. States there is a disposition to do away ~~with~~ gradually with the present system of Indian Reserves - and allow each Indian so soon as he is sufficiently civilized & educated have his own homestead unhampered by any special Indian laws. I would urgently press this upon the notice of our Canadian Government. No people I imagine can ever prosper who are always to be kept in a state of tutelage. A certain proportion of the Indian population (of Ontario) might go to the wall if made independent, but I believe the great bulk of them would prosper in a way they cannot be expected to do at present. It seems quite

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hopeless teaching our boys Trades, so long as they have only the Indian Reserve to go back to when they leave us. If any of them wanted to buy stocks and set up a trade - no wholesale establishment would trust them under existing laws. There is certainly a division of opinion in the States in regard to this plan of separating educated Indians from the Reserves, but the balance of opinion seems to be in favour of doing so, and no Institutions seem to prosper so well as those in the East far away from Indian Reservations.

And now in regard to my own particular work at Sault Ste. Marie, the extension & remodelling of our present buildings - and the erection of Branch Homes in the North West & on Ontario. - Since visiting the Homes in the States I am inclined to give up my plan for Branch Homes and to concentrate all my efforts towards the establishment of a large Central Institution at Sault Ste. Marie. I believe Sault Ste. Marie to be about as good a central point as could be found, it is already the crossing point of about 8 or 10 different Steamboat lines, and I understand that within the next two years it will be the centre of 4 Railroad lines - two connecting us with the States and two with Canada. Our position on the banks of the Sault Ste. Marie River is a very prominent one, - and a large institution

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established there could not but be noticed by the
travelling public - There are already 8 or 10 large
Institutions established in the the States either
largely aided or wholly supported by the Government,
and it seems to me only reasonable that we
should have at least one such Institution
established in Canada. I would propose to
make our present Shupavik Home the Girls
Home and buy the farm adjoining us on
the East which is already partly under cultivation
and I believe can be bought at a moderate
price, and establish there a new boys Home,
to erect a ^{separate} suitable building with ~~separate~~
suitable classrooms above and Dining Hall
and kitchen in basement, also work shops
where 7 or 8 trades might be taught, the
Indian Department employing us (as is done
in the States to make farming implements,
harness, tinware &c to supply to the Agencies
in the North West. - I propose that the Government
should undertake the cost of all this and do
it in a liberal substantial manner, and
when the buildings are ready allow us at
least \$150⁺⁺ per capita - say for 300 pupils
so that we may be able to employ a sufficient

Staff of teachers & conduct and conduct the Institution on a similar plan to that which is so successfully followed in the States.

I think it would be an honour to the Country to do such a work as this - General Atkins assured me that in his opinion \$1. expended on educating Indians went further than \$10th expended in fighting them. If the Government will carry out this plan I wish to say that I am willing to yield all the independence that I have hitherto enjoyed and am ready to become a servant of the Department and act implicitly under their direction. I am willing that the Institution should become un denominational in so far that pupils not belonging to the Church of England be allowed to attend their own place of worship in Town & to be visited by their own ministers - provided only that the Institution continue to be strictly Protestant & that the whole Bible always be a text book in the School. The Wawanosh Home at present occupied by girls, might if this change were made be utilised either as a Junior School or a Hospital. I very earnestly trust that the Government will undertake this work - I have been struggling

amid many difficulties for the past 15
years to build up such a work as this.
If the U. S. Government after due & thoughtful
consideration has seen good to authorize
the expenditure of \$1,000,000 per annum
on the education of the children of their
260,000 Indians, would it be anything out
of the way for the Canadian Government to
expend half a million a year on the children
of our 130,000 Indians - but all I ask for
is \$45,000⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per annum for the Sault Ste
Marie Institution when established, and I
suppose a like amount would require to be
spent in the purchase of land and erection
of buildings. To begin with I think it is not
only a mistake but unjust and ungenerous
to treat our Indians as paupers. If we are
to give them schools let us give them good
schools - let us acknowledge our indebtedness
to them in a generous manner, in a manner
worthy of a great nation. I see no reason
why the pupils should not be as respectably
kept and cared for as the inmates of our
blind and deaf & dumb and other Government
Institutions. As with the blind and the deaf
and dumb their condition is their misfortune

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and not their fault. It is not right (in my estimation) that Indian children should be treated as paupers and they ought at least to get as good food and clothing as the best of them would get in their own homes. Many of the parents of our children are respectable farmers living in good houses - & yet we have often to depend on gifts of cast off clothing to cover our pupils - & to feed them at $3\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 cents a meal each.

I may just add in conclusion that the people of Sault Ste Marie are fully in accord with me in my desire to extend my work and are always ready to suggest our pupils as apprentices. Ten years ago they were greatly prejudiced against us, but having watch us closely for the last 10 years & seen for themselves the results of our system they are now one and all in favour of our work.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Yr obedient servant.

S. K. Wilson

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