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IN CASELY REFER TO DATE OF THIS  
LETTER, AND ADDRESS  
THE GENERAL SECRETARY  
METHODIST MISSION ROOMS,  
TORONTO.

The Methodist Church,  
MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,



155001-5  
300278  
Dictated - Dr. S. Toronto,

JUL 13 1906

*Schools.*  
*A. S.*

Sir,-

Referring to my letter of June 23rd in re-  
ply to one from the Department, I beg to say that  
I have received a letter from the Rev. T. T. George,  
Principal of the Mount Elgin Industrial Institute,  
enclosing sundry vouchers for repairs and improve-  
ments on the property. I also enclose a copy of  
Mr. George's letter referring to the same. I pre-  
sume it is desirable that the vouchers be returned  
to Mr. George as he will doubtless desire to keep  
them on file.

Hoping that this is satisfactory, I am

Your obedient servant,



*A. Sutherland*  
General Secretary.

Secretary, Department of  
Indian Affairs, Ottawa.



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MIZU

Ottawa, September 19, 1906.

Rev. Sirs-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 13, last, inclosing a copy of a communication from the Rev. Mr. George with reference to the repairs to the Mt. Elgin school.

Since your letter reached the Department statement and accounts showing this expenditure has been received, but as there was no covering letter accompanying them, Mr. George has been asked by the Department for a full report as to what has been done and what remains unfinished.

*Handwritten initials and signature:*  
A. H. K.  
M. B.

Your obedient servant,

**W. B. P. LEWIS**

Secretary.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.,

General Secretary,

Methodist Mission Rooms,

Toronto, Ont.

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Muncey Nov. 26/06

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Estimate of cost of repairs to be made on the Buildings of the Mt. Elgin Institute Muncey, Ontario. The said repairs to made & completed during the year ending March 31/08.

I Repairs to Large Barn

- 1 To cover the Roof with Galv. Iron Roofing
- 2 To place under the Barn new supporting timbers, cross sills, joisting & floor
- 3 To cover the Basement floor with cement & place new fittings in same for cattle
- 4 To erect a new Silo to replace the one now in use. The said Silo to be placed outside the Barn. \$17 00

II Work Shop

- 1 To remove the Work Shop from where it now stands & place on a Concrete foundation so as to join the Laundry on the East Side
- 2 Veneer the outer Walls with Brick
- 3 Cover the roof with Galv. Iron Roofing. \$1 000

III To paint the Outer Wood Work of the Main Building of the Institute with two coats of good lead & oil at a cost of \$3 00

Total estimated Cost of said repairs 3 000

MT. ELGIN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE  
MUNCEY, O.N.E.

*C. J. [Signature]* Principal

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MT. ELGIN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUT

REV. T. T. GEORGE, PRINCIPAL



304897

MUNCEY, ONTARIO, Nov, 26 1896

Schools  
Sir

The Secretary

The Secy, Gen, of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

I have been asked by Rev. Dr. Sutherland Secy, Sec, of the Methodist Missionary Society to prepare & forward you estimates of repairs needed on the buildings of this Institute as outlined in the Report made by the Rev. Thomas Furrier some short time since. I have advised Dr. Sutherland that all the repairs there outlined cannot be performed to advantage in one season & would therefore forward estimates of the most needy portions - portions requiring attention so badly that delay can only result in loss & increased expense. The other items I prefer to leave over for an other season when they can receive special attention. The portions selected for next seasons operations should your Department be pleased to favor with a grant, are - The large Barn built some twenty years or more ago & The Work Shop built several years earlier. The Barn is 50' x 100' with a lean to of 12' x 100'. It contains grain & Hay mows, Threshing floors & Silo. It stands upon a brick foundation & the basement is used for the stabling of Cattle.

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MT. ELGIN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

REV. T. T. GEORGE, PRINCIPAL

MUNCEY, ONTARIO, 190

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The repairs to this building requiring to be done with as little delay as possible are as follows,  
1<sup>st</sup> A new covering for the roof - the estimate is for galv. iron which will cost but little more than shingles & will last much longer. 2<sup>nd</sup> New supporting timbers, cross piers & joistings for the lower floor & flooring to cover same. 3<sup>rd</sup> Concrete floor & new fittings for the stables in the basement. 4<sup>th</sup> A new pile to replace those now in use - The pile in this Barn is much decayed & is not safe for another season's filling. I estimate the cost of material & such work as cannot be performed by our regular staff at \$1700.

The Shop I desire to move & place with one end against the east side of the Laundry. It requires a concrete foundation & should be walled with bricks & the roof covered with galv. iron roofing. The inside repairs can be attended to as opportunity presents by our regular staff. The brick, concrete & metallic roofing will add much to its safety from outside fires. I estimate the cost as above outlined at \$1000.

If you care in addition to the above I deem it important that the Main Building should be repainted on the outside. It has been standing now eleven years & the woodwork sorely needs repainting in order to preserve it. I had the front veranda painted this year but the entire work is beyond my resources in cost. I will undertake the work if granted \$300.

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*Returns to school*

Ottawa, December 3, 1906.

Rev. Sir,-

The Rev. Mr. George, Principal of the Mt. Elgin Institute, has sent in an estimate of additional repairs which he states are required at this school, the total cost of which will amount to \$3,000; but he has not yet complied with the Department's request, made on September 19, last, for information showing what repairs have been made out of the grant of \$3,000 made last year.

Before the Department can properly consider this further application, it will require a detailed report of what was done with this money, and what work remains unfinished.

You were also written to on this subject on September 19, last.

Your obedient Servant,

*Handwritten initials*  
Secretary.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.,

General Secretary,

Methodist Missionary Society,

Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa Nov. 30/06 190

F. Pedley, Esq.,

Deputy Supt. General Indian Affairs

Ottawa.

Dear Mr Pedley,-

I received a letter from the Rev. T. T. George Principal of the Mt. Elgin Industrial Institute, Muncy, Ont. enclosing me a copy of an application he has made to you in regard to improvements at that institute. I may say that I visited there about two months ago and found that his statement is quite correct; the roof of the barn being in very bad condition and just as he states. The other improvements I presume are also necessary. No doubt you will be making further inquiries through your Inspector and if it is the policy of the Dept. to keep that Institute in proper condition it will be necessary for you to provide at least a reasonable amount to do so.

Yours faithfully,

*W. S. B. A. L. O. V. E. T. S.*

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Mr. Benson —

Are these repairs  
being made?

H. G.

To - Dr. Sutherland has  
applied for \$3000 to carry  
out additional repairs to the  
School - but we have had  
reports yet as to what has been  
done with the \$3000 voted for repairs  
last year - Dr. Sutherland has been

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asked to forward report and  
voucher for expenditure.  
until the signature is received  
the other application cannot be  
directed to - I know that the  
bureau files are in a bad  
condition and renewing  
M.C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO DATE OF THIS  
LETTER AND ADDRESS  
THE GENERAL SECRETARY  
METHODIST MISSION ROOMS  
TORONTO.

155001-5  
**The Methodist Church,**

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT, 305188



Dictated - Dr. S. *Toronto*, December 4th, 1906.

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Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, #155001/5, in which it is stated that the Rev. Mr. George, of the Mount Elgin Industrial School, "has not yet complied with the Department's request, made September 19th, for information showing what repairs have been made out of the grant of \$3000 made last year."

I have written repeatedly to Mr. George about this matter, and also about a plan of the land from which the water supply is derived, and from his replies was under the impression that the matter had been attended to. I have written him again to-day with imperative instructions to comply with the requirements of the Department without further delay.

Hoping this will have the desired effect,

I am

Ypur obedient servant

*A. Sutherland*

General Secretary

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

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Moravian Band.

No. of Account

INDIAN TRUST FUND.

305223

The Department of Indian Affairs,

To Mount Elgin Institute

DATE		AMOUNT.
1906		
Oct 1st	To expense of arresting and returning Robert Whitey a Mount-pupil to Institute	12 30
<p>2211</p> <p><del>the sent Doc. #</del> <sup>in</sup></p> <p>JWS</p>		

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

A. P. McDonald

Agent.

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STATEMENT

Muney Oct 1 1906

M. Egin Institute

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Muney, Ont.

In aff With Lightning Dodge Dr  
Coushler

TERMS

To	2	Ferry tickets - Walpole Island to Algonac	10
"	2	Electric Con tickets to St. Clair	40
"	"	Ferry tickets to Courtville	20
"	"	R.R. tickets to Muney	3 20
"	1	" " Muney to Courtville	1 60
"	1	Ferry to St. Clair	10
"	1	Electric Con ticket to Algonac	20
"	1	Ferry back to Island	5
"	3	Loaves for prisoner	45
"	3	Days time	6 00
			<u>12 30</u>

Received payment in full for  
Rev. J. J. George, Principal

Lightning <sup>his</sup> Dodge  
mark.

Witness m. baupbell

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Indian Office



Quart 4 Dec 1906

Sir

Herewith I inclose an account in favor of Mount Elgin Institute for \$12.00 which I think should be changed to his behalf. He is no 96 or payroll and his money is returned to the Department. This is the third or fourth time he has defaulted. I would recommend the payment of this account.

Approved for P. J. ...  
496  
The Secretary

Entered ledger Dec 19/06  
P. J. ...

Your obedient servant  
A. R. McDonald  
Indian Agent

Return to Mr. ...  
12/14/06

Dep. Indian Affairs  
Ottawa  
Return to Mr. ...  
inform agent the boy's interest should be returned to Dept. with the account repaid

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Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, ..... 190 .....

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Ottawa, 11th December, 1906.

Dear Mr. Calvert,-

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I beg to say that the Department has received an estimate from the Principal of the Mount Elgin Institute asking that certain repairs and improvements be carried out. At present the Department has no funds available and the question of providing for the repairs which may be necessary, will be taken up when the Supplementary Estimates are being considered.

Yours very truly,

*Frank Pedley*

Deputy Supt. General  
of Indian Affairs.

*W.S.*  
↓  
W.S. Calvert, Esq., M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

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Ottawa 14th December, 1906.

With cheque.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant, I enclose herewith cheque No 2311 for \$12.30 in payment of the account which you forwarded from the Mount Elgin Institute for expense of returning to the school Robert Whiteeye, a truant. The boy's interest money should be returned at each distribution to the Department until the amount of this account has been repaid. Kindly make a note to this effect in the pay-list.

ACCOUNTANTS  
DEC 15 1906

Your obedient servant.

J. D. McLEAN

*Jan 20  
J. D. McLean*

SCHOOLS BRANCH  
DEC 27 1906  
Secretary.

D. R. McDonald, Esqr,  
Indian Agent,  
Duart, Ont.

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**DSM**

Ottawa, December 31, 1906.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to refer to your letter of the 4th inst. and to say that up to the present the Department has received no statement from the Rev. Mr. George showing what repairs have been made at the Mt. Elgin Institute out of the grant of \$3,000 made last year, and unless this information reaches the Department very shortly it will be unable to deal with the application for a further grant for repairs and improvements in next year's estimates.

*1049  
H.M.  
W.M.*

*M.B.*

Your obedient Servant,

**W. MOLEAN**

Secretary.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.,

General Secretary,

Methodist Missionary Society,

Toronto, Ont.

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or lavatory for the girls. I found it necessary in making these changes to change the entrance of the sewer and to extend same across the entire breadth of the building. Finding the old water fixtures for this department entirely inadequate, I followed the advice of your Mr. Beeson and installed an inch and a half main from the garret to the basement making connections therefrom for the service of the lavatory closet and bath room. This will give us much improved fire protection as soon as we can afford to purchase the necessary hose. Provision has been made for a hose in the boys' and girls' department and main halls of the basement and first floors. In the dormitories, officers' halls and private corridors of the second and third floors. This will enable us when fixtures are attached to give battle to fire in any one department without opening the doors and passages leading to other departments. The pipe extends to the basement and is carried beneath the wall of the main building and across the back entrance way and connected with the sewer and laundry. The full benefits of this improvement cannot be reaped until new and larger tanks are put in the garret of the garret as suggested by Mr. Beeson on the occasion of his last visit. The improvements above outlined add very much to the convenience and comfort of the girls pupils.

Laundry - The repairs of this building have been carried out by the purchase and installment of a new boiler and the separation of the boiler room from the work room by an eight inch brick wall. The milk room in the main building having been taken for the girls' bath-room it was found necessary to secure some substitute. This has been done by excavating beneath the floor

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of the work room of the laundry, enclosing and flooring the same with concrete. This furnishes two rooms 12 x 24, one to be devoted to fruit, the other to milk. Being entirely removed from hot water pipes and each having windows on opposite sides their value for the preservation of fruit in winter and the care of dairy products in summer far surpasses in value any rooms heretofore used for these purposes at the Institute. The work room has been floored with cement and ceiled with pine, the ceiling painted so as to preserve the timbers from decay caused by the steam from week to week. The building was given two coats of paint on all the outside wood work as well as the ceiling and woodwork within. Special care was given to provide ample and properly placed sewers for the removal of the wash waters.

The improvements to the boys' play house include the laying of a sewer, the erection of two cross supporting walls in the basement, the refitting and resetting of the furnace, the installment of ventilating pipes, the ceiling of the wash room in the basement. The laying of a double floor in the playroom apartment, the fitting up of hat and coat closets and the painting of the outside of the building with two coats of lead and oil. As soon as the water connections above referred to can be made I will forward the additional receipted invoices so as to close the work under the grant so generously given. I trust that when your Inspector next visits the Institute that he may be as well pleased with the manner of the execution of these improvements as he was with those executed under my supervision some three years ago. I have the honor to be  
 your obedient servant, *J. P. Jones*

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SRS  
AID  
Munsey, Ont,  
Feb. 6/07.

Mr. W. S. Calvert M.P.  
House of Commons  
Ottawa.

307957

Dear Sir,

As the season is advancing and the time of preparation for necessary repairs is upon us I am increasingly anxious to know whether the grant asked for will be forthcoming or not. The need of the outlined repairs has been acknowledged and the question now seems to be one of watchful perseverance until the grant is an accomplished fact. From intimations received it would appear that much will depend upon your attitude toward the grant. I am therefore putting the matter in your hands and trusting to you to see it through.

If you expect to be in Stratford in the near future I would like to have a short interview with you. I will deem it a favor to have an early reply.

Yours very sincerely,  
*F. T. Froese*

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*1. See under  
2. List*

Frank Pedley, Esq.,  
Deputy Supt. General Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

307957

Dear Mr Pedley,- Re Muncey Indian Institute.

I beg to enclose another anxious letter from the Rev. Mr. George of the above institution re- calling <sup>to</sup> my attention his request of some time with regard to repairs to their buildings which were urgently required.

You were good enough then to promise that this request would receive consideration. I hope you still have an active recollection of this and that you will bear the needs of the institution in mind when the time comes to provide for them.

*Can you give me some hope now*

Yours faithfully,

*W.S. Calvert*

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*See under*

Ottawa, 11th February, 1907.

Dear Mr. Calvert,

I have your note of February 8th with reference to the proposed improvements to the Mt. Elgin Institute. This matter will come up for consideration before long when the supplementary estimates are being dealt with.

*Oct 13*  
*[Handwritten initials and scribbles]*

Yours very truly,

*Frank Pedley*

Deputy Supt. General  
of Indian Affairs.

W. S. Calvert, Esq., M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
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