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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

NO 5-11-3

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

P.O. BOX 70  
VANCOUVER, B.C. June 25th, 1946.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

Your File 155-0-5

With reference to Mr. Phelan's letter of June 12th in connection with the water pressure tank at the Kootenay Indian Residential School, I am enclosing Kootenay Agency voucher No. 53 in favour of Pioneer Motors, in the amount of \$63.50, covering cost of temporary repairs.

Mr. Indian Agent Boys advises that it is only by close supervision and by keeping pressure to a minimum that a supply of water is being maintained. In view of this it is hoped that an inspection can be made by the Surveys and Engineering Branch at an early date.

-EW  
Encl.

*James Colman*  
For D. M. Mackay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.



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QUOTE FILE

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION  
SERVICE

OTTAWA, July 13, 1946

*Scho*  
*mp*  
MEMORANDUM:

Re: Kootenay Indian School, B.C.

With reference to your memorandum to our Director,  
of the 2nd instant, regarding the above, we are forwarding  
today, under separate cover, one set of blueprints of our  
u.s.c. plans, Index No. 217B, Sheets 1 to 12.

*T. S. Mills*  
Chief Engineer.

*Just July 16/46*  
R. A. Hoey, Esq.,  
Director, Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Ottawa, July 17, 1946.

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Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

With reference to your letter of the  
25th ultimo, one set of blueprints of the plans  
of the Kootenay Residential School were forwarded  
today to Mr. T.V. Boys, Indian Agent, Cranbrook,  
British Columbia.

Bernard F. Neary,  
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Kootenay Agency,  
Cranbrook, B.C. July 8th, 1946

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Canada.

The following is a report on conditions in  
the Kootenay Agency, during the quarter ended June 30th, 1946.

WELFARE AND TRAINING:-

At the end of the school year one or two  
teaching Sisters at the Kootenay Residential School are to  
be replaced. It is hoped that their replacements will have  
higher academic qualifications and more recent instruction  
in teaching methods. The school would benefit too from a  
thorough inspection by a qualified educationist. But above  
all else the services of a social worker are needed to follow  
former school pupils into their homes to advise and assist  
them toward clean, sanitary housekeeping habits.

Lighting and pumping equipment at the School  
gave good service after several replacements in the last  
quarter, but a pressure tank in the water system caused a  
breakdown of water supply and demands replacement.

Authority has been received for alterations  
in the school building to make two balconies tenable for  
preventorium purposes.

A large piece of land, formerly a garden, has  
been made available to the children for a play ground.

J.V. Boys,  
Indian Agent.

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VANCOUVER, B.C. July 22, 1946

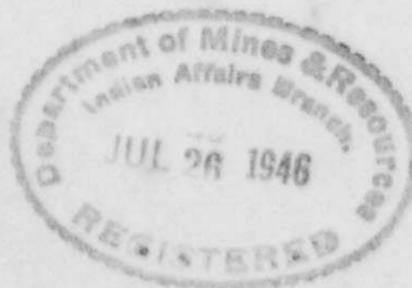
Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa.

With reference to Mr. Neary's letter of July 17th advising that one set of blueprints of the plans of the Kootenay Indian Residential School were forwarded to Mr. Indian Agent Boys, in my letter of June 25th it was requested that a copy of these plans be also forwarded to this office.

Receipt of this plan would be appreciated.

-mh

*James Coleman*  
D. M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.



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Mr. Hoey - Recommendation concurred in.  
Copy of Mr. Walker's report  
herewith.

JMA

23/7/46.

J.M.W. J.M.W.

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155-8-5  
Ottawa, July 25, 1946.

Memorandum.

Re: Pressure Tank, Kootenay Indian  
Residential School, Cranbrook, B.C.

Referring to your notation on a copy of a memorandum from Indian Affairs dated June 12th, we are now in receipt of a report from Mr. Walker dated July 2nd, duplicate copies of which are attached.

Mr. Walker recommends that a new pressure tank be purchased and installed at a cost of \$2400.00, in which we concur.

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,  
Director,  
Surveys and Engineering Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
OTTAWA.

T. S. Mills  
Chief Engineer.



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Banff, Alberta.  
July 2nd, 1946.

Re: Kootenay Indian Residential School,  
Cranbrook, B.C.

In compliance with the request in your letter of June 18th, Mr. Snelson made an inspection of the pressure tank at the above school, on June 25th.

The tank lies horizontally with its top 9.3 feet, and its bottom 14.3 feet below the surface of the ground. The end of the tank nearest the building was exposed for a length of some 8 feet.

The tank was installed in 1912; is badly rusted around the rivets and seams and has been leaking. Efforts to stop these leaks by welding were not successful due to the age and condition of the metal.

I would recommend that:

- (a) The old tank be removed entirely from the excavation.
- (b) That a new tank, 5'-0" in diameter by 25'-0" long, of sufficient thickness of metal to stand a working pressure of 100 p.s.i., be installed on the same bed as was occupied by the old tank, except that the end of the tank nearest the building and containing a manhole, 3" holes for pipe connections at top and bottom of the manhole end, and 1½" holes for air volume control and gauge glasses, be moved into the boiler-room through a hole to be cut in the boiler-room wall so that after the tank is in place and the wall cemented up, the end of the tank mentioned above will project at least 6" into the boiler-room with a clearance between the bottom of the tank and the boiler-room floor of 9".

This tank is to be painted with a suitable rust-preventative coating.

This tank will have a 2100 Imperial Gallon water capacity between a maximum of 100 p.s.i. and a minimum of 20 p.s.i.

ESTIMATE OF COST

1. Removal of old tank	\$200.00
2. New tank 5' x 25' F.O.B. Cranbrook, B.C. (tax included)	1,600.00
3. Hauling, placing and covering new tank	250.00
4. Plumbing and connections	150.00
5. Supervision, Engineering, Incidentals	200.00
	<u>2,400.00</u>

G. M. Walker,  
Supervising Engineer.

T. S. Mills, Esq.,  
Chief Engineer,  
Engineering & Construction  
Service,  
Dept. Mines & Resources,  
OTTAWA.

Per: *WTS*

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Ottawa, August 1, 1946.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Surveys and Engineering Branch has submitted a lengthy report stating that the present pressure tank at the Kootenay Residential School will have to be removed and replaced by a new tank. The estimated expenditure is \$2400. and the Surveys and Engineering Branch is requested to proceed with the necessary work.

*Handwritten initials: B.P. and H.*

Bernard F. Neary,  
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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155-0-5 (W.T.1).

Ottawa, August 1, 1946.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, SURVEYS and ENGINEERING BRANCH

Re: Pressure Tank, Kootenay Indian  
Residential School, Cranbrook, B.C.

I am in receipt of your memorandum of July 25th in connection with the above. Please have your officials proceed with the work required so that it may be completed as soon as possible.

An amount of \$2400.00 will be transferred to your Branch, covering the expenditure that will be necessary.

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten signature*  
Director.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, August 1, 1946.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY.

Please transfer an amount of \$2400.00 to the  
Surveys and Engineering Branch in order to provide funds  
for the purchase and installation of a new pressure tank,  
at the Kootenay Indian Residential School.

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten signature*  
Director.

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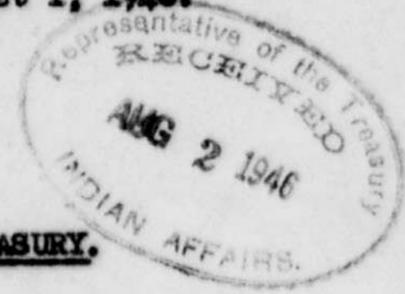
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*[Signature]*  
Director.

*[Handwritten initials]*

*T.24  
aug 2/46  
a.g.n.*

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Telephones: 44, 443, 216  
P. O. Box 167

CRANBROOK, B. C., July 1st/46 1946

M Department of Indian Affairs

City

(Supplied to Kootenay Industrial School)

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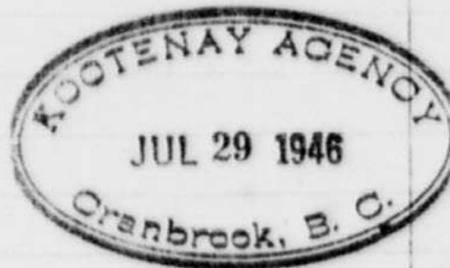
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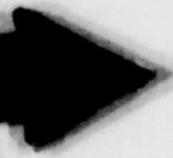
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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
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CORRESPONDENCE FROM JULY 1946  
TO MARCH 1949

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FROM  
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J.M.W.  
P.

OTTAWA, September 13, 1946.

Re: PRESSURE TANK - KOOTENAY INDIAN RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOL - KOOTENAY AGENCY, B.C.

Encls.

Attached are duplicate copies of letters from the Indian Agent to the Indian Commissioner dated August 19th, and from the Principal of the above school to the Indian Agent dated August 14th.

Copies of these letters were received from Mr. Webb, and we suggest they be forwarded on to Indian Affairs for their information.

We should like to have authority before we instruct Mr. Walker to look into the matter of automatic operation of pump or compressor. You will note that the Principal mentions a manually-operated pump and the Agent refers to a manually-operated compressor.

Tenders have been called on the supplying of a new tank, but due to the present material shortage there is slight prospect of delivery before December.



T. S. MILLS,  
Chief Engineer.

J. M. Wardle, Esq., Director,  
Surveys and Engineering Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
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Cranbrook, B.C.,  
August 19, 1946

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B. C.,  
P.O.Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: REPLACEMENT OF WATER PRESSURE TANK  
AT KOOTENAY RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

I am enclosing a letter received from Rev. Father Kelly  
re above.

During a visit to the Residential School I inspected  
the tank in question and am in agreement with Father Kelly that  
the water supply will be unsatisfactory when school opens on Sept.  
3rd. Keeping sufficient water pressure requires constant attention  
and in the event the old tank fails it would create a major hazard  
as to sanitary conditions.

Due to the position of this tank and the major excavation  
problem of its replacement, I consider it advisable to complete work  
on this project before the Fall frosts set in.

I wish at this time to recommend the installation of an  
automatic air compressor with this unit; the present manually-  
operated compressor is unsatisfactory in that there is a tendency  
on the part of the operator to overcharge the tank with air on one  
hand and in the course of his many duties allow the pressure to  
fall below a desired point.

J. S. DUNN,  
Indian Agent.

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Kootenay Indian School,  
Cranbrook, B.C.,  
August 14th, 1946.

Mr. J. Dunn,  
Indian Agent,  
Cranbrook, B.C.

Dear Mr. Dunn:

I felt it my duty to request you to point out again to the proper authority, the urgent necessity of the replacement of the water pressure tank in this School. I know that materials and labour are scarce, but this question has been open since early in the month of June and replacement was to be made during the summer vacation. With the opening of the School only nineteen days away our situation is very serious.

The maintaining of pressure in the present condemned tank with a manually-operated tank pump is almost impossible. I don't need to go into details regarding the difficulty of operating the School without water. That is self-evident.

Anything you can do to convince the suppliers of the urgency of this matter will surely be appreciated by us.

Assuring you of our continued co-operation,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

"G. F. KELLY" O.M.I.,  
Principal.

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Ottawa, 23 September 1946.

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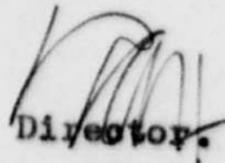
Memorandum:

DIRECTOR OF SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING

Re: Kootenay Indian Residential School

We have your memorandum of Sept. 13th in connection with the new pressure tank required at this school. We have no objection to making the operation of this pressure tank automatic.

In connection with the pressure tank we would refer you to your memorandum of July 25th and our reply of August 1st.

  
Director.

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OTTAWA, 13th September 1946  
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The Secretary,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa.

Re: Urgent Repairs for Cranbrook School.  
Attention: Mr. Phelan.



My dear Mr. Phelan:

The last school which I saw during my British Columbia visit was Cranbrook. This is quite a large establishment, capable of accommodating at least 120 children, although at the present moment, the attendance is not up to that point. In fact there has been a drop from last September's attendance to this year's. This is due in part to some children from Penticton not returning. Of course, there may be a change and the attendance may yet reach considerably over the hundred.

The Principal says that he could easily secure children from the district around Mission and wishes to know if this would be acceptable to the Department. As you know, there must be at least 150 children in that part of the country who have no school and who might be glad to attend the one at Cranbrook.

The general condition of the school is quite good, but like most schools, it requires a good deal of painting. There is one improvement though which must be attended to immediately.

The pipe which brings soft water to the school must be renewed without any delay. The enclosed sketch shows the distance from the intake to the school, measuring 1650 feet. I am informed that Major McKay recommended its renewal and that at that time, he secured an approximate figure of \$3,000 for excavation and necessary equipment. You will notice from the sketch that soft water could be secured from St. Joseph's Creek at a much closer point than the proposed one, but the present line was chosen in

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order to give it sufficient head. In fact, it might be possible by taking it at that particular point, to force it to the roof of the school by gravity. This would create in itself a very appreciable fire protection.

The water situation, due to the breakage in the soft water line, is so serious that it is damaging all the plumbing in the school and if not attended to in the immediate future, it will force the Department to renew a great many of the fixtures. For instance, the Principal tells me that he has had to replace the kitchen jacket heater three times in the last year.

This is an improvement which is essential for the proper management of the school and I hope that you will include it in next year's estimates. As prices have gone up considerably since Major McKay had it estimated, it would be better to include the sum of \$5,000.00 in the budget.

When the school was built, the specifications called for granite staircase for the front of the school but it was poorly set up or laid. It is now in fairly poor condition and should be reset. I believe that \$500.00 would take care of this improvement.

There are other improvements of a minor nature which the Principal will proceed to effect and for which he will send, in due time, accounts to the Department.

Thanking you in anticipation I remain,

Very truly yours,

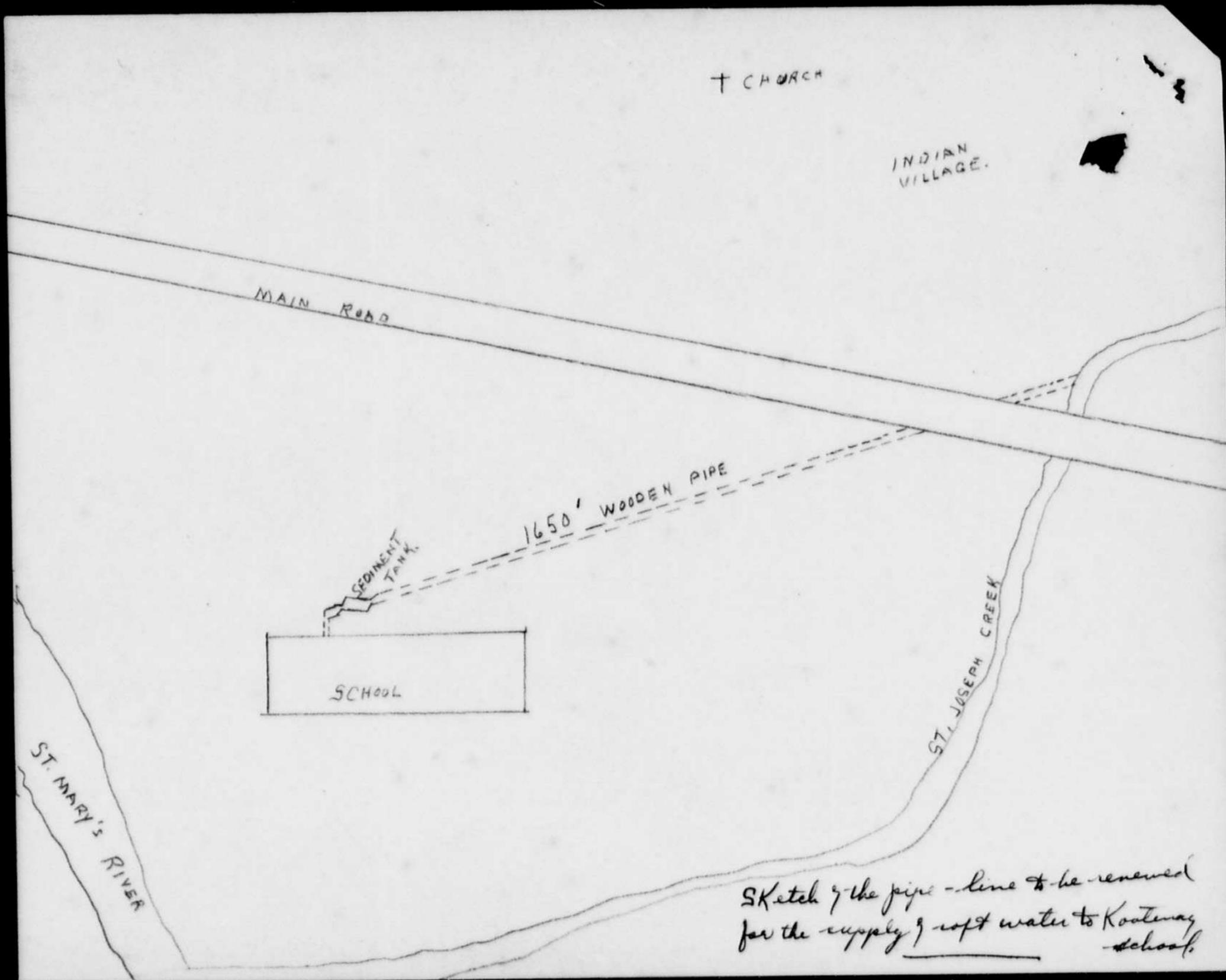
*J. O. Flourde O.M.I.*

J.O. Flourde, O.M.I.

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Sketch of the pipe-line to be renewed  
 for the supply of soft water to Kootenay  
 school.

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