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10th January

The undersigned has the
honour to report that in conformity
with the instructions of the Admiralty
and General he has the honour
of an interview with His Grace
the Archbishop of St. Bonifacio
and the Hon. Don L. Cordero, for
the purpose of hearing the views
and suggestions of these gentlemen
in regard to the Industrial School
proposed to be established near
La Ciffella and at Ship River,
in the South West Territory,
and likewise with a view
of discussing with them the whole
question respecting the future
management and maintenance of

Right Honourable

Sir John A. Macdonald,

P.M., H.C.C.,

Sup. General of Ind. Affairs

of these children.

The Roman Catholic priests
 & writing their views which
 will be found herewith, being
 numbered respectively from
 one to nine.

With regard to number one
 which suggests that the Industrial
 schools be established, one at
 High River in the District of
 Alberta, for the Blackfoot
 Indians situated in Treaty No.
 7, the other in the District of
 Assiniboia, near the Roman
 Catholic Mission of Father
 Du' Rocher, for the different
 Tribes situated in Treaty No. 6,
 and that such schools be
 at all times open to inspection
 by any officials of the Indian
 Department, the undersigned
 begs to state that he sees
 no objection to these propositions
 being concurred in. He would
 suggest, however, that in addition
 to the schools being open to
 the inspection of the Indian
 Department it would be well
 to provide that they may be
 also inspected by any Public

school purposes in the North West
Territories, should such an office
be eventually created, and Mr. Grace
stated that he had no objection
to this provision being added
on the understanding however
that the latter Official is
to have no right to make changes
in the administration of the
Institutions.

And with regard to the
locality for the school buildings
in July 1894, the undersigned
was informed by Mr. Grace
that the location which would
be available for this purpose
comprises land belonging
to the Government, to the Hudson
Bay Company, and to the
Syndicate. It will be necessary
therefore to come to an arrangement
with the latter Corporation should
the location recommended be
finally selected for the school.
Mr. Grace is of opinion that
about 600 acres of land
should be included in the
location and he states that
there is that quantity available
in the block of land
which

which has been received by the
 department of the Interior
 until the claims of the Roman
 Catholic Mission at Du'Offa
 have been settled; and
 His Grace was good enough
 to state further that, if
 necessary, he would on behalf
 of the Roman Catholic Church
 recede any assignment of
 their interest in the land to
 be appropriated for school
 purposes.

2nd, Buildings.

The buildings at first to
 consist of a dwelling house
 with the necessary outside
 buildings, and store for
 provisions and clothing,
 stable, and shed for animals
 and vehicle used in connection
 with the institution, and that
 it is desirable that the
 plans for the dwelling house
 should be acquired in by
 the Indian Department and
 the Principal of the School
 in order that convenient
 accommodation may be
 afforded the pupils and

the Employer of the Establishment
 The ordinary repairs, after the
 school has been open, to be
 left to the discretion and
 care of the Principal; but
 no important alteration or
 repairs to be made without
 the approval of the Commissioner
 of Indian Affairs for the
 North West Territory.

The undersigned is of the
 opinion that the arrangement
 as above proposed is a
 reasonable one, and that
 it may properly be given
 effect to. His Grace suggests
 that, in addition to the
 accommodation proposed
 in the plans submitted by
 the Indian Commissioner
 for the North West Territory,
 there should be at least
 two rooms provided in the
 building for the occupation
 of the Sisters of Charity, if
 employed; and these rooms
 His Grace recommends
 should be immediately above
 the room of the Mother, with
 a stairs leading to them
 for

From that source,

and Furniture.

The furniture, agricultural implements, books, and all such requisites for the Establishment to be recommended by the Principal of the Institution and decided upon by the Indian Commissioner, the Principal to be held responsible for the safe keeping of the same after they have been delivered over to him.

The undersigned sees no objection to this recommendation. There is no doubt that the Principals will be better able to give an opinion upon what is actually necessary than any other persons could possibly do, as both gentlemen who are recommended for the positions of Principal have long been connected with the Indians in their respective Districts, and will therefore know what will be best adapted for the children's convenience and comfort.

4th. Principals.

Each of the two Schools shall be under the personal supervision of a Principal, who will have the management of the Institution and will be held responsible for the same. The selection of the Principal to be made respectively by the Bishop of the Diocese in which the School is located subject to the approval of the Government. The Principal to make monthly returns of the number of pupils in attendance at the Schools, the industries in which they are given instruction, their progress, also of the supplies obtained for, and disposed of in the School. The Principal to draw up a Code of regulations to be observed in the School and to be approved of by the Department. All reports from the School to be transmitted through the Indian Agent for the Locality. The Principal to also keep a Diary of all matters relative to the School, and he shall have the privilege

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privilege at all times of
 rendering any suggestions which
 he may consider advisable
 in the interest of the Institution.
 The Principal also to have
 the selection of the other Employes
 of the School, but their
 appointment to be subject
 to confirmation by the Department.
 All Employes to be under the
 control of the Principal.

The undersigned has no
 objection to these recommendations,
 and in connection therewith
 His Grace Archbishop Tache
 recommends that the Rev.
 Father La Combe be appointed
 Principal of the Industrial
 School for the Blackfoot
 Nation, and that the Rev. Father
 Heywood be appointed
 Principal of the School in
 Treaty No. 4.

5th. Other Employes

The second in authority in the
 School to be a layman, who,
 besides teaching and
 performing any other duties
 that may be delegated to him,
 shall also act as Book-keeper,
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and in the event of the Principal's absence he shall assume direction of the establishment, but without the power of making any change in the ordinary rules. The Farming Instructor is also to be attached to the Establishment, who, like the other Employes, shall be under the direction of the Principal and shall be charged with the care of the farm, stables, cattle, implements, &c. &c. and with the instruction of the pupils in farming. If the services of the Sisters of Charity can be secured, their valuable assistance should be accepted for the purpose of nursing any of the children that may be sick, keeping their clothes in repair and washing the same, and seeing that cleanly habits are formed by them, and to give instruction to the youngest pupils. They might also be charged with the supervision of the cooking and with the house-work generally.

The undersigned sees no objection to these recommendations, on the understanding however that the trades of Carpentering and Blacksmithing be subsequently introduced

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introduced and brought in
the Institution. The first two
proposals are consistent with the
provisions of the Order in
Council of the 18th of July
last authorizing the establishment
of the Institution. The last
proposal, however, that the
services of the Sisters of Charity
be made available, is somewhat
at variance with said Order
in Council, which directs that
a Master and a Cook shall
be employed for the School.
The undersigned is however of
opinion that, provided the amount
to be expended in the salaries of
the Master and Cook be not
exceeded, there need not be any
exception taken to the employment
of the Sisters of Charity; as
there can be little doubt that
in their usual praiseworthy
manner they will give
ample satisfaction should
they be employed in the School
in the way suggested, and
it is doubtful whether a
Master and Cook con-
sidered would be sufficient

to discharge all the duties of
looking after the comfort and
health etc. of the pupils,
besides house-keeping and
cooking.

6th Teaching.

The object of the Industrial School
is for the purpose of imparting a
practical knowledge of husbandry
and Mechanical trades. The
Principals to charge themselves
with the duty of seeing that
the intention of the Department
in this respect is fully carried
out, as well as, that the children
are instructed in the art of
reading and speaking the
English language, and in the
elementary studies generally
pursued at school; and
all regulations of the Establishment
should be framed with a
view to secure these important
results. The School to open
with 30 boys between the age of
6 and 14 years; and, should
the Sisters of Charity be employed
as suggested by this Board,
a few female pupils should
be taken into the Institution.

The pupils to be selected by the Agent and the Principal after consultation with the Chiefs, and should any of the children prove to be unmanageable the Principal and the Agent, after consultation, may have the power of dismissing them.

The undersigned begs to express his concurrence in the above recommendations.

7th Provision

The bulk of the provisions for the Institution should be stored with the Indian Agent, and should be drawn upon periodically by the Principal, as they may be wanted, by requisition on the Agent. The supplies for the school to be kept totally distinct from all other stores belonging to the Department in the Agent's care. In this connection the undersigned begs to state that on consultation with Mr. Grace and John La Roche, these gentlemen were of opinion that provisions of the following description would be

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to required at the School :-

Flour

Corn Meal

Butter

Bacon

Tea

Sugar

Peas

Rice

Dried Apples or dried Peaches

Syrup or Molasses

Vinegar

Salt

Soap

Baking Powder

Pepper

Coal oil

8th. Clothing.

The School to be supplied by the Department with the necessary clothing and bedding for the pupils. On consultation with His Grace and with the Rev. John La Crosse the following articles of clothing are recommended to be supplied for each pupil :-

2 long flannel shirts

2 pairs trousers (flannel) per

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pay in color. (one pair etc. of
better material than the other for
Sunday use)

2 Coats of the same material as
the dress (one for Sunday)

3 pairs of Socks

2 " of Boots

1 cloth Coat

3 Handkerchiefs

2 pairs of Mittens

1 leather Belt

Bedding

1 Cot

1 Mattress

2 pairs of Blankets

2 pairs of Sheets (Cotton)

2 Pillow Cases (do)

8th. Fuel

On this question the difficulty of
obtaining a supply is reported to
be somewhat greater than one
would suppose. The Rev. Father
La Combe states, however, that
there are islands near the
mouth of St. John River at the
lower part of the New River
on which there is abundance
of peat, and he suggests that
some of the best timber islands

For the school
at High River

in this group should be reserved
 for fuel for the Institution.
 Father Le Combe is of opinion
 that Mr Nelson, the Dominion
 Land Surveyor in the employ
 of this Department in the South
 West, could from his knowledge
 of the locality make a selection
 of the most desirable islands
 to reserve for the above purpose.
 It is suggested that the Principal
 and the Indian Agent shall
 decide as to the quantity and
 description of fuel, and the
 number of stoves to be supplied
 for the Institution. His Grace
 the Archbishop suggests that
 stoves that can be used for either
 wood or coal should be
 furnished; as in the event of
 it being found at any
 time difficult to obtain
 wood, coal could probably
 be procured. At the present
 time however the latter is very
 expensive.

The undersigned begs to
 express his concurrence in the
 recommendation above made.
 All respectfully submitted,
 A. J. [Signature]
 Deputy Superintendent of Ind. Affs.