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FARM

S. R. MCVITTY, SUPERINTENDENT



MUNCEY, ONT., January 18th. 1917.

Mr. Ogilvie

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Sir:-

In reply to official letter of the 13th. inst., No.155001-5, permit me to say, the question is one of authority. Messrs. Ingram and Davey are perfectly honorable, but not practical electricians, and put all their electrical work in the hands of their Mr. Schwack-hammer, who has already intimated that it is his intention to place all conduit (except first floor) in an exposed condition along the ceiling. This certainly is not in accord with the spirit of the contract as indicated in Messrs. Ingram and Davey's letter of May 2nd.1916, P.155001-5, and in which they agree to make good all floors etc.

I also notice that wire sent forward for the job is all No.14. Some circuits need, at least, No.12, in fact most of them do.

I would, therefore, respectfully suggest as follows:- That, the Department decide at once if conduit may be exposed on ceilings, also size of wire; and then appoint my assistant, Mr.J.R.Littleproud, who is right every way, to look after the job. He is in the building all the time, and entirely competent. I will excuse him from most of his other work. This would increase his responsibility for at least three weeks, and I would think a small fee, of say \$20.00 for this extra work would be reasonable.

I will, of course, give every attention possible myself, but will, of necessity, be away quite a bit during the next few weeks.

I will notify Messrs. Ingram and Davey that we are not prepared to start until next week.

I am Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
JAN 25 1917
ARCHITECT.

S.R. McVitty

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GEO. D. PERRY, General Manager.

Ottawa, January 25th, 1917.

Rev. S. R. McVitty,
 Kuncsey, Ont.

Electric wiring Kuncsey Institute to be number twelve wire in concealed conduit. Exposed work will not be permitted. You or your assistant to inspect work without charge. Final inspection to be made by Hyde Electric District Inspector who must pass same before payment.

(Chg. Dep't I.A.)

J. D. McLeane

True
[Handwritten signature]

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155001-5.

Ottawa, January 27, 1917.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 18th instant in connection with electric wiring at Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, and in reply to inform you that immediately on receipt, a night-wire was sent you which is hereby confirmed,-

"Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, January 25th, 1917.

"Rev. S.R. McVitty, Muncey, Ont.

"Electric wiring Muncey Institute to be number twelve wire in concealed conduit. Exposed work will not be permitted. You or your assistant to inspect work without charge. Final inspection to be made by Hydro Electric District Inspector who must pass same before payment. J. D. McLean."

As stated in the telegram, all wire and tube work in the building is to be concealed, and no exposed work permitted. You are to give the work careful oversight, either directly or through your assistant, without additional charge to the Department, as there is no money available for this purpose. The wire to be No. 12 gauge, and wire and work to be of such quality that these will meet with the approbation of the District Hydro Electric Inspector, whose certificate must be obtained before the work will be passed or paid for.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. S. R. McVitty,
Principal, Mt. Elgin Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

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HOUSE FURNISHINGS

St. Thomas, Ont.,

Jan. 16

1917

M. M. Elgin Institute,

Paints, Oils
Glass, Stoves
Furnaces

8-per cent. interest
charged on overdue
accounts.

Muncey, Ont.

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Gas Fixtures
Plumbing
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Tinsmithing

Sporting
Goods

Jan	16	3-1" Unions			1	02	✓	
		1-1" Jenkins globe valve			3	35	✓	
		48 feet Loudon barn door track	08		3	84	✓	
		2 pair Loudon barn door hangers	1.50		3	00	✓	
		2 lbs 7/8 Galv. clout nails	.17			34	✓	
		1 doz 1" pipe couplings	1.08		1	08	✓	
	17	20 pieces 1" black pipe 10' long 200' @ 12¢			24	00	✓	
		28-1" open return bends			6	80	✓	
		18 sheets 30 guage galv. iron 244#	10		24	40	✓	
		Cutting and threading pipe			3	45	✓	
	23	10-1" open return			3	40	✓	
		12 sheets galv'd iron 30 guage 163#	10		16	30	✓	
		1 lb red lead				18	✓	
		24 lbs asbestos	15		3	60	✓	94 76

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155001/5

Department of Indian Affairs



To Messrs. Ingram and Davey,

St. Thomas,

Ontario.

DATE	SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
	Authorized by official letter, No. 155001/5, dated Jan. 22nd. 1917.	
Jan. 23	For material purchased from above firm, for in- -stallation of drier in Laundry of Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, as per invoices attached.	94. 76
<p>4120. sent March 22/17. JMJ</p> <p>but request that this be so slightly over our estimate - but as a matter of fact we used in addition about \$25.00 worth of material of our own. However the "drier" is splendid and in every way equal to one at \$300.00 if purchased from manufacturer</p> <p>A. H. M. W.</p>		
TOTAL,		\$94.76

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that 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. H. M. W.
Receiver Agent.

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THE GREEN LUMBER CO., LIMITED
CITY PLANING MILLS
BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO

ORIGINAL INVOICE

Jan. 31 / 17

SOLD TO Mount Elgin Industrial Institute,
Winney, Ont.

Terms: Cash, Unless Otherwise Arranged
1% Per Cent. Per Annum Charged on Past Due Accounts

1916.									
Dec	2	To 10 pcs/ 2 x 10 - 12	Dressed						
		" 2 " " " 16	"						
17		Tongues & Grooves:					13 00	✓	
Jan.	16	" 20 pcs: 2 x 4 - 14	187' Kam.	30.00			9 61	✓	
		" 4 " " 14	38' D&S	35.00			1 33	✓	
		" 4 " 2 x 2 - 12 D&S					85	✓	
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									\$ 20.59

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 492734
 Sch Date
 Treaty No.
 Department of Indian Affairs
 To The Green Lumber Co.,
 St. Thomas,
 Ontario.

DATE	SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
1917 Jan. 31	Authorized by official letter, No. 135001/3, dated Jan. 22nd. 1917. To lumber used for drier installed in laundry of Mount Elgin Institute, as per invoice attached.	\$20.39
TOTAL,		\$20.39

Sch Date
pay three
22/3/17
 RECEIVED BY PAYMENT
 JMS

4119.
 sent March 22/17.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed, and that 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. H. Mitchell
 Supervisor

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MOUNT ELGIN INDUSTRIAL FARM

S. R. MCVITTY, SUPERINTENDENT

MUNCEY, ONT., March 20th. 1917.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, ONT.

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Dear Sir:-

We are expecting to hold a Congress of all the Methodist Indian Missionaries and teachers in Ontario and Quebec, also the Presidents of the Central Methodist Conferences, and about a dozen prominent laymen, for careful consideration of our work among the Indians. Said Congress to be held here early in May.

We would greatly like to have the place look well. The fences around the garden, lawns, and yards, also some interior rooms, such as the Lower kitchen, pupils' dining room, etc., all need a coat of paint.

We have two excellent mechanics on our staff, and if you will supply the paint, we will gladly do the work.

I might also add that our Annual Conference meets in London this year, and the city autoists are proposing a motor ride to the Institute as a Saturday half holiday for the Conference.

The one freshening up would meet both cases.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

P.S.

I presume the total cost of material would not exceed \$30.00.

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155001/5

Approved by J. D. McLean

Ottawa, March 23, 1917.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant asking the Department to supply paint to paint the fences around the garden, lawns and yard and some of the rooms of the Mount Elgin Institute, as you expected to hold a Congress there in May of all the Methodist Indian Missionaries and teachers in Ontario and Quebec, also the Presidents of the Central Methodist Conferences, and about a dozen prominent laymen for careful consideration of our work among the Indians.

In reply I beg to say that you may expend a sum not exceeding \$50.00 in the purchase of the necessary paint.

J. D. McLean

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. S. R. McVitty,
Principal,
Mount Elgin Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

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MOUNT ELGIN INDUSTRIAL FARM

S. R. MCVITTY, SUPERINTENDENT

MUNCEY, ONT.

April 10



The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.
Dear Sir:-

493711
ARCHITECT.
APR 13 1917
DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

In official letter of March 23rd, No. 155-001/5, you granted my request for fifty dollars, for paint for outside fences, verandahs, etc. This has been purchased, and the work is being done as rapidly as possible, and will show a very marked improvement.

In going over inside of building, I feel the pupils' dining room, kitchen, and main halls ought to get a coat of paint, not only for appearance, but for sanitary reasons. The officers' dining room ought to be papered; has not been touched for ten years, and the outside steps leading to the school rooms in the old building need some repairs, also steps leading up to their side doors, and some cement work around foundation, over doors, and windows.

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S. R. MCVITTY, SUPERINTENDENT

MUNCEY, ONT. 191

need repairing. It would be economy to have above items attended to right away.

Lumber, cement, and paint would cost about one hundred dollars. We have two first class mechanics, who, with the boys would do the work if the material is supplied.

I might add, that, in addition to the Congress referred to, the London Conference of the Methodist Church meets in London this year, and the London Motor League is taking them out to the Institute for a Saturday afternoon run. We want to look as clean and tidy as possible.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

S. R. McVitty

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55001-5

Ottawa, April 13, 1917.

Reverend Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant in reference to further repair and painting at Muncsey Institute, and in reply to inform you that the kitchen, main hall and pupil's dining room may be painted and the officer's dining room papered. The repairs to outside steps in old building may also be repaired, and the necessary attention given to the foundation, over doors, and windows.

M. G.

The paint, paper, cement and lumber, etc., may be purchased, and will be paid for by the Department to the extent of \$100.00. The labour being done by and at the cost of the school. The account for material to be sent in duplicate, certified by yourself.

L. H. O.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. S.R. McVitty,
Principal,
Mount Elgin Institute,
Muncsey, Ont.

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Sporting
Goods

Apr 27	To contract Wiring Bldg. (McVitty)		450	00		
Apr. 30	Material & Labor used in changing, renewing, and installing fixtures with new conductor pipe.					
	Labor taking out old panel board and installing new one.					
	195 ' Green Lamp cord	4¢	7	80		
	19 Porcelain Key sockets	50¢	9	50		
	4 R. Ball and Band complete	1.50	6	00		
	27' 18 Fixture wire			54		
	2 yards Spec. Chain EB	.50	1	00		
	8 Installing joints	.50	4	00		
	Diff. between new and old panel board		20	00		
	12 dyas time man & helper on extra work	7.50	90	00		
	Railway Fares for two men		2	80		
	22-220 volt 10 amp. Fuses	.20	6	60		
	Board for two men for two weeks		18	00	616	24

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Sir Adam Beck, K.B., Chairman
J. B. Lucas, Commissioner
W. H. McNaught, C.M.G., Commissioner
Frederick A. Gaby, Chief Engineer

Hydro-Electric Power Commission

of Ontario
Electrical Inspection Department
DISTRICT OF ST. THOMAS

Geo. W. House,
District Inspector,
Merchants Bank Chambers,
St. Thomas, Ont.

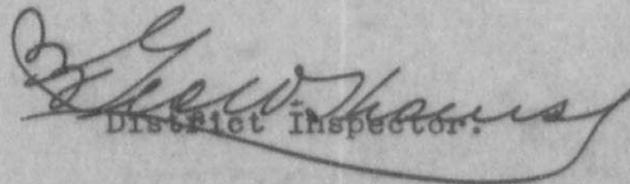
February 6th, 1917.

Rev. S. McVittie,
Mount Elgin Institute,
MUNCEY, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

As per your request I visited your institute in order to determine the best system of wiring. I would recommend that all wiring be done in conduit and lighting be distributed with ten circuits divided as follows:-
2 circuits in basement, 3 on first floor, 3 on second floor and 2 on third floor. This will give a maximum of 660 watts per circuit. For service would recommend 2 No. 6's. The question was asked as to the size of wire to be used for the different lighting circuits. For this I would recommend No. 14 owing to the fact that we stipulate the number of watts permissible on any one circuit. If the above recommends are carried out I assure you that your system of lighting will be most efficient.

Yours truly,


District Inspector.

MKB.

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ELGIN INDUSTRIAL FARM

R. MCVITTIE, SUPERINTENDENT

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUL 17 1917
ARCHITECT
DEPARTMENT
JUL 20 1917

Secy Dep Indian Aff
Ottawa

MUNCEY, ONT.

June 19 1917

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Dear Sir

I am enclosing you copy of
plans of proposed work as for winning
this business. At least the red part of it
I have not a copy of this contract - or
original tender so as not feel free
to certify the extras until you
have decided upon them. I believe
they are justly entitled to the 20th
extra on small board. They figured
on using this as one and the contract
ordered a new one. I am enclosing
her report of Feb 6th 17. Would send
before you to my letter of Jan 18-17
copy copy of Jan 27th 155001-5
Awaiting your instructions in this
matter. I am Dear Sir
Yours Respectfully
J. H. McVittie

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155001-5.

Ottawa, July 27, 1917.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 19th ultimo in reference to wiring of Muncsey Institute, and in reply to inform you that the original estimate for this work was retained at the school, and the amounts stated in a letter sent under the signature of Mr. Littleproud on your Staff. It was intended that every item necessary to complete the work was to be included in their estimate as the correspondence clearly shows, and the awarding of contract deferred until this had been made clear. The department cannot, therefore, accept or pay the account as presented. It is just possible that they would be entitled to payment for the exchange of panel-boards providing this was a necessity, but the work and wiring, etc., in connection must be considered as a part of their contract. The correspondence in this matter shows clearly that information on these points was asked for and is being enclosed herewith for your information.

WMS
Encl.

WMS
When this account has been amended in accordance with the agreement it should be certified by you and sent on for payment.

Your obedient servant,

Rev. S. R. McVitty,
Principal,
Mt. Elgin Institute,
Muncsey, Ont.

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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MOUNT ELGIN INDUSTRIAL FARM

S. R. MCVITTY, SUPERINTENDENT

*McVitty
copy*

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MUNCEY, ONT. July 31st. 1917.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, ONT.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to official letter of the 27th. inst., No. 155001/5, permit me to say, I took the full correspondence in to Messrs. Ingram and Davey yesterday. They are going to take the matter up with the Department.

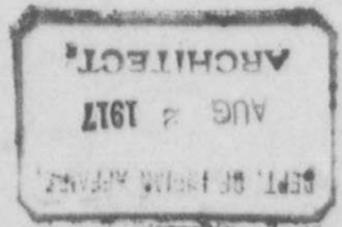
I think their tender was altogether too low in the first place, and then the Hydro Inspector made demands they had not anticipated, and material and labour advanced greatly between the time the contract was made and the work performed.

In view of these facts, I hope the Department will give them as generous a settlement as possible.

They will lose money on the job, even if the full account is paid.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,



S. R. McVitty

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EX'D.

*Account
number*

Ottawa, August 3, 1927.



Rev. Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 31st ultimo in reference to account for electric wiring at Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, and in reply to say that the department will await the explanation of the contractors, and on receipt, the matter will be given further consideration.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Rev. S. R. McVitty,
Principal,
Mt. Elgin Industrial Institute,
Muncey, Ontario.

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MOUNT ELGIN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

S. R. McVITTY, PRINCIPAL

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*Mr. Byrd
- 1000*

MUNCEY, ONT. Sept. 7th. 1917.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, ONT.

Dear Sir:-

The several bathrooms in our private and resident teachers' apartments are supplied from two galvanized tanks placed between the third and attic floors. These tanks are 4' by 8' each, and catch the water from the roof of the Main building. They were placed in position about 13 years ago.

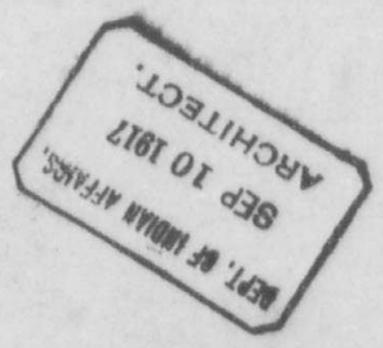
I regret to report that they have become porous through action of the water, and are leaking badly and spoiling the walls beneath them. We took one out yesterday, and patched the holes, but find they are worn out and unsafe. There is great danger that when heavy rains come they will go to pieces, and flood the building.

It would undoubtedly be economy to have them replaced as soon as possible. Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

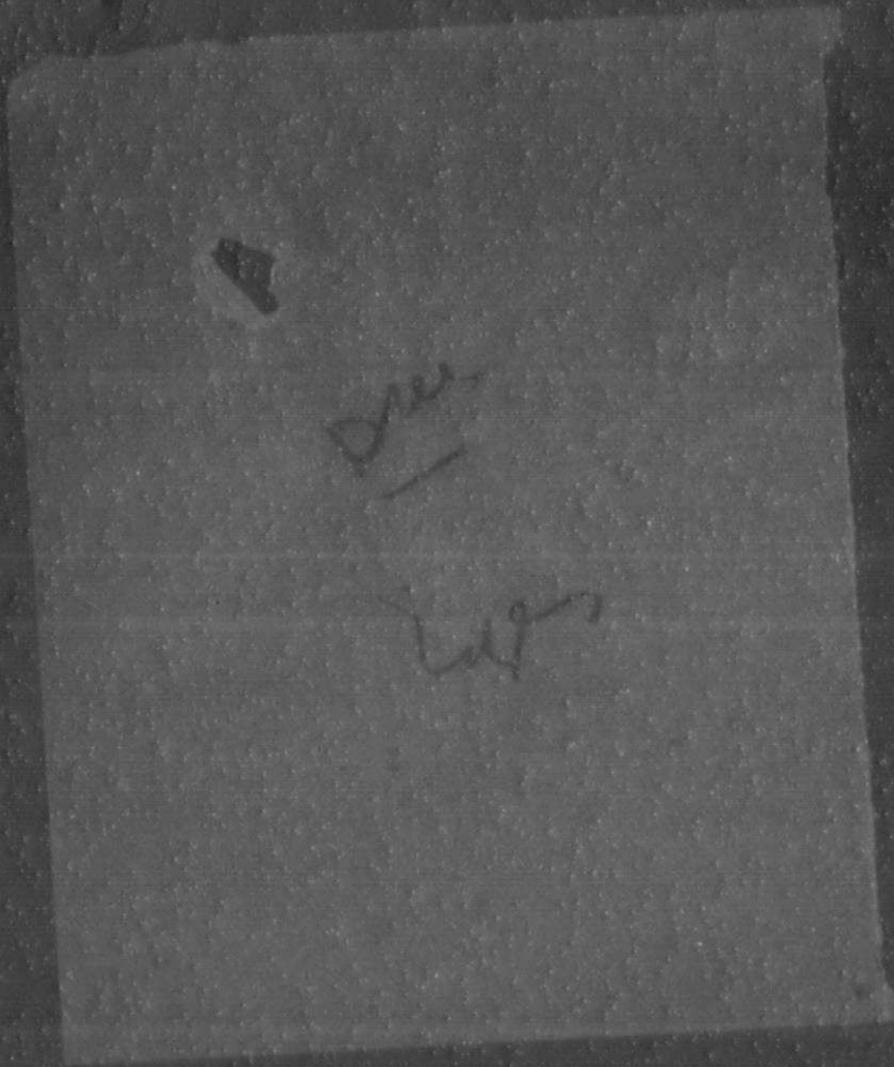
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155001-5B.

Ottawa, September 11, 1917.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th instant in reference to defective storage-water-tank at Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, and in reply to say that an estimate of the cost of providing new tank should be forwarded to the Department for consideration, when you will be further advised.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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J. D. McLean

Rev. S. R. McVitty, Esq.,
Principal, Mt. Elgin Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

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155001/5-



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA



September 14, 1917.

Schools and Accountants Branches,-

Rev. Mr. McVitty, Principal of the
Mount Elgin school, may be authorized to expend
\$160.00 in repairs to the fences.

Duncan
D. S. G. I. A.

*Mr. Benson
You will write
me this I presume
Schools
Return to Mr. Giffin*

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155001/5.

*See memo of W.M.
J.M. O'Connell
Assistant Secretary*

Ottawa, Sept. 19, 1917.

Reverend Sir,-

I have to inform you that the Department has decided to allow you to expend an amount not exceeding \$160 in repairing the fences at the Mount Elgin Industrial School. Certified accounts in duplicate should be forwarded for this expenditure which should not exceed the amount above stated.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAW,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. S. R. McVitty
Rev. S. R. McVitty,
Principal, Mt. Elgin Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

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MOUNT ELGIN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

S. R. MCVITTY, PRINCIPAL



MUNCEY, ONT. Sept. 20th. 1917

Handwritten signature/initials

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, ONT.

Dear Sir:-

Messrs. Ingram and Davey offer to install two galvanized tanks, 18 gauge, 4' x 8', making all connections, and guaranteeing first class job; also repair tank in middle attic for sum of \$173.00

Kindly wire instructions.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

S. R. McVitty

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London, Sep. 17th/17. 191...
ONTARIO

Rev. S. E. McVitty,
Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

We beg to quote you for two heavy tanks, made of #18 gauge Galvd. Iron, with heavy bands at top and centre of each. Size of tanks 3'8" x 8' high. We figure these tanks made up in first class style of the material above specified to be worth One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each, f.o.b. London. The estimated expense of a man to go to Muncey to make connections, and to solder leak in your present tank to be in the neighborhood of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

We will be pleased to have your order, and will guarantee a first-class, satisfactory job.

Yours truly,

WM. STEVELY & SON.

per. *W. Stevely*

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MOUNT ELGIN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

S. R. MCVITTY, PRINCIPAL



MUNCEY, ONT., Sept. 18th. 1917

Mr. Ogilvie

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, ONT.

Dear Sir:-

I beg leave to enclose tender from Messrs. Stevely, London. I am told they are specialists in this line of work, and I think their price a fair one for guaranteed job.

The tank to be repaired is one of the two large ones in the main attic. It was rebottomed by Messrs Ingram and Davey about two years ago, but has never held water since. Our water supply has been so low, one has been quite sufficient. We are carrying water up in pails today to flush the toilets. Have not ten pails of water in entire building.

I hope, if tender is satisfactory, it will be put through with the least possible delay. Am sending Mr. Ogilvie facts about the present condition of water supply.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

S. R. McVitty

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S. R. MCVITTY, PRINCIPAL

MUNCEY, ONT. Sept. 25th. 1917.

R.M. Ogilvie Esq., Architect,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, ONT.

Dear Mr. Ogilvie:-

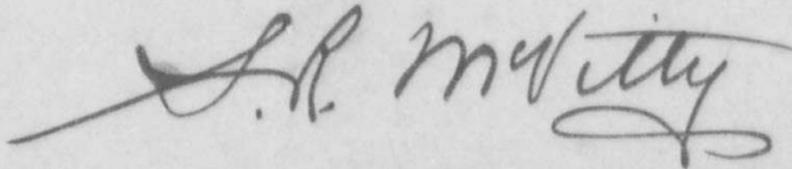
Since my visit to Ottawa, I have been thinking and planning for our water supply almost night and day. It is so important that we do the right thing.

I was down in the ram pit today, and it occurred to me that it might be quite possible to put a small gasoline engine there, and pump the waste water from the rams. There is an extra pipe from the building. If the two large tanks in the attic could be kept full all the time, we could get along splendidly. (One of these tanks is leaking, so out of use). The surplus, or waste water from the rams would be quite sufficient. Possibly we would need to deepen the catch basins, and extend the drains into the bush.

We have a deep tank in the laundry yard at present, which holds 3000 gals., but we pump it out in a very short time. It makes me suspicious about storage.

This latter suggestion, as to small engine and pump in ram house would be very inexpensive, and is well worth considering. Then, it would give us pure, fresh water all the time.

Yours very sincerely,



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S. R. MCVITTY, PRINCIPAL

MUNCEY, ONT.,.....Sept. 24th. 1917.

R.M. Ogilvie Esq., Architect,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, ONT.

Dear Mr. Ogilvie:-

Have been looking into the water question here and find:-

1. That in order to gain sufficient supply, drains will have to be extended back into the hills a considerable distance. A new catch basin built to get elevation, and a two inch pipe laid about 100 yds.
2. It will cost 17¢ per cubic foot to build tank after all material is put on the ground, and excavating done.
3. I am satisfied that the engine, at present running the electric light, can be utilized for pumping.
4. The tank might be placed in the Laundry yard, near where the engine house now stands.

An estimate of cost would be about as follows:-

1. Extension of drains, piping, & building a catch basin \$300.00
2. Cost of pump -----?
3. Cost of clutch pulley, and belt for engine -----?
4. Piping from tank to Main building ----- ?
5. Cost of cement, and reinforcing for cover of tank -----?

I greatly wish you could come up and go over the situation. Water is absolutely necessary. We have been carrying it in pails for several days, and the building is most unsanitary. The work must be done immediately, or frost would interfere.

I am, Dear Mr. Ogilvie,

Yours very sincerely,

S. R. McVitty

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Ottawa, October 2, 1917.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 16th and 20th ultimo with estimate of cost for the building of the cistern tanks in the Mount Elgin Institute, and in reply to inform you that the estimate of Messrs. Ingram & Davey for the building and installing complete in the school, two tanks of 16-gauge galvanized-iron, properly rivetted and soldered with necessary reinforcing to secure ^{same} satisfactorily; also the repairs to middle tank, ensuring a thoroughly water-tight and satisfactory job, for the sum of \$175.00, should be accepted, and the work completed as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. S. R. McVitty,
Principal,
Mt. Elgin Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

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Ottawa, October 3, 1917.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 24th and 25th ultimo in reference to water-supply and note the information contained. There is one thing which is not clearly shown and which we discussed, that is the probability of procuring a supply of water in a tank at the school by gravitation, which could be pumped into the tanks into the building and provide temporarily for a better water supply. It does not appear possible at this time to finance the larger problem, that is the putting in of a complete fire-protection plant consisting of hydrants around the building with stand pipe inside, yet it would be well to determine exactly what plan to adopt so that any work now done would become a part of the complete system. when this is undertaken ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~, and in this connection I think it would be well to ^{first} ascertain if an adequate supply of water in the storage tank could be obtained by gravitation or by syphonage from any of the existing gathering-basins, and if this be possible, it would be better to utilize this plan rather than the pumping of waste water from the ram, which will entail considerable expenditure for the pumping, and should be avoided if possible.

M. C.

F. R. C.

The 5000 gallon tank might be utilized temporarily for the supply, if this can be kept full by gravitation and the system enlarged later.

Rev. S.R. McVitty,
Principal, Mt. Elgin Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

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