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Letter No. 304-11A R.C.

Office of the Indian Commissioner ~~Indian Agency~~

October 28th, 1930.

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Sir,

Regina,  
I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 913,

amounting to \$20.27 in favour

of G. F. Stephens & Co. Ltd., Regina, Sask.

for extra paint for the hog pen, Cowessess Indian Residential School, Crooked Lake Agency. Prepaid freight receipt attached.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 108-2-5 dated 17th May, 1930.

Your obedient servant,

*Wm. G. Stewart*  
Indian Commissioner.

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The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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# DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To... W. M. Graham, "In Trust".....

Indian Commissioner.....

Regina, Sask......

## CREDIT VOUCHER

DATE 1930.	SERVICE	AMOUNT
	<u>Re Hog Pen, Cowessess Indian Residential School, Crooked Lake Agency.</u>	
July 7	To accountable advance - Cheque #2006	\$ 150.00
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>RECEIPT NO.</u>
July 8	J.P.B.Ostrander - Advance \$150.00	113317
Sept. 29	J.P.B.Ostrander-Unexp. Bal. 10.00	✓ 140.00
Nov. 8	Receiver General - Cheque #133040 for unexpended balance	✓ 10.00
Agent's Credit Voucher attached.		
<i>140<sup>00</sup> - J.P.B.Ostrander A.M.</i>		
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS - - - - -		TOTAL, 150.00

EXAMINED and  
found correct.  
*[Signature]*

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.

REGINA VOUCHER NO. 948  
Form 52.

*Wm Graham*  
Indian Commissioner. *AgCHK*

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Office of the Indian Commissioner ~~Indian Agency~~

November 8th, 1930.

Sir,

Regina Credit  
 I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 948  
 Expended \$ 140.00  
 Unexpended Bal. 10.00  
 amounting to \$ 150.00 in favour

of W.M. Graham, "In Trust", Indian Commissioner, Regina, Sask.,

for accountable advance re hog pen, Cowassess Indian Residential School, Crooked Lake Agency. Cheque #133040, for unexpended balance, is attached.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. .... dated .....

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*For Credit*  
*[Signature]*

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*

Indian Agent



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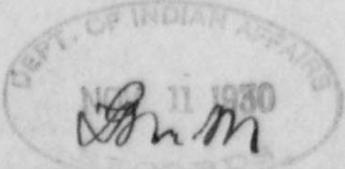
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BANK RECEIPT No. ....

Amt. \$10.00 chq



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Date ..... 19.....

Entered Journal No. .... Folio .....

Agst

Dept. Receipt No. ....

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 1655

Bank of Montreal,

109 folio 20  
W.M.

\$ 10.00

Ottawa, Nov. 12th 1930.

RECEIVED from W.M. Graham,

on account Indian Funds,

the sum of Ten 00/100 Dollars,  
which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

*[Signature]*  
Pro. Manager.

Ent'd. ....

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PLEASE ADDRESS  
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
OTTAWA

OTTAWA 19th November, 1930.

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Sir,-

A.2726  
Re: Claim against J. Tappin, Regina.  
Your reference No. 108-2-5.A.

I have the honour to advise that upon receipt of your letter of December 12th, 1929, communication was addressed to the Reverend Father Carriere giving the history of the action, setting out in detail the defence adopted by Tappin and concluding as follows:-

"In view of his having filed defence it will be necessary for the case to come up for trial and be heard at Regina on the first sittings of the Exchequer Court at that point, probably in September, 1930. Such a trial will necessarily be comparatively expensive and I should therefore be glad of word from you at your early convenience that our understanding of the facts is correct and that we may count upon you as a witness to that effect when the time for trial arrives."

A tracing letter in March elicited no reply and the matter stands in that position to-day. I would ask that this department be instructed as to your wishes in respect of pressing or dropping the claim. I would suppose from our experience with him that Father Carriere may be expected to prove a weak witness.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Handwritten signature*

Asst. D. M. of J.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA.

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24th November, 1930.

Dear Mr. Graham,

Re: Claim against J. Tappin estate.

I beg to enclose a copy of a letter just received from the Department of Justice with respect to the claim against J. Tappin, Regina, which speaks for itself. In view of the information contained in this letter it seems to us rather inadvisable to take any further proceedings, but before advising the Department of Justice I should be glad to receive any observations you may have to make.

enc.

Yours truly,

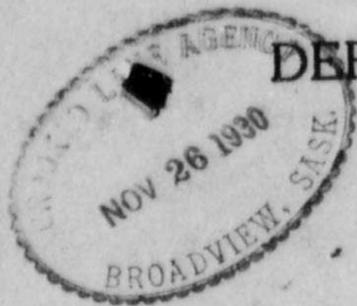
*A.S. Williams*

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

W.M. Graham, Esq.,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Regina, Sask.

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To... J.H. Ashdown Hardware Co.,.....

Winnipeg, Man......

DATE 1930		SERVICE	AMOUNT	
Nov	14	4 lens of 100 ft ea. underwriters canvas hose 1 1/2 @ .16 1/2	66	00 ✓
		4 sets 1 1/2 hose couplings for same - 4 sets 2.45	9	80 ✓
		<b>New fire hose and couplings required for use at Cewessess India Residential School.</b>		
		<i>link 2-12-30</i>		
		<i>5773</i>		
		<b>Seventy-five 00/100 dollars</b>		
		<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>80 ✓</b>

EXAMINED and  
found correct.

*[Signature]*

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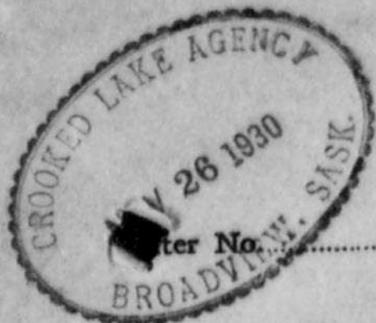
Voucher #5116

*[Signature]*  
Agent.

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Office of the Crooked Lake Indian Agency,

Broadview, Sask., Nov. 26th 1930.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 5116,  
amounting to \$ 75.80 in favour  
of The J.H. Ashdown Hardware Co., Winnipeg, Man.  
for Fire hose and couplings Cowessess Indian Residential School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental  
Letter No. dated

Your obedient servant,

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The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Indian Agent.

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OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT

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Broadview, Sask.,  
20th November, 1930.

S.S/

Dear Sir:

I beg to forward herewith voucher number  
5115 - \$17.80 in favour the J.H. Ashdown Hardware Co. for  
400 feet fire hose and couplings for the same, for the  
Cowessess Residential School.

No authority was received from the Department  
for this expenditure, but the new hose was badly needed  
as it was found that the old hose has perished and was of  
no further use in case of fire. I would therefore recom-  
mend that payment of this voucher be made.

Your obedient servant,

J.P.B. Oslander,  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 304-11A R.C.  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
D REGINA, SASK., Nov. 28th, 1930

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Dear Mr. Williams:-

I have your letter of the 24th. instant regarding the claim of the Department against Mr. Tappin.

I have looked over my files again, and it appears to me that there would not be much difficulty in proving that Mr. Tappin has put in false statements which led to the overpayment of \$172.60, in fact we have them in this office.

I know for a fact that Mr. Tappin has gone to lawyers in this City and they have refused to act for him, knowing perfectly well that he had no case.

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I am inclined to think that this man would never go to court in this case, as he knows perfectly well that he has put in false statements.

Yours very truly,

W.M. Graham,  
Indian Commissioner.

A.S. Williams, Esq.,  
Acting Deputy Supt. General,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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Indian Commissioner.

A.S.Williams, Esq.,  
Acting Deputy Supt. General,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, 3rd December, 1930.

Dear Sir,

A.2726  
Re: Claim against J. Tappin, Regina.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, a copy of which was forwarded to Mr. Commissioner Graham, of Regina.

In reply I beg to enclose a copy of Mr. Graham's reply. In view of the attitude of Father Carriere, it seems to us very doubtful as to whether it would be advisable to go to trial. However, I should be glad to have your observations with respect to Mr. Graham's letter before finally deciding what course to take.

enc.

Yours truly,

*A.S. Williams*

Assistant Deputy Superintendent General.

*A.S.*  
The Deputy Minister of Justice,  
Ottawa.

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COWESSESS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

I visited this school on November 6th, and made a general inspection of the buildings and premises.

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I found the school in excellent condition, and clean and tidy throughout.

The Rev. Father Carriere, O.M.I., is in charge as Principal, and is assisted by Rev. Father Devarenne. He has a competent engineer and farmer. The interior of the building is well looked after by a staff of qualified Sisters, two of whom act as teachers. These teachers have had many years experience and hold Model School diplomas. There are 72 pupils in attendance, 44 girls and 38 boys. These children presented a clean and well-nourished appearance. They have had practically no sickness in the school for some time. In addition to their classroom studies, the girls are taught sewing, knitting, and the making of clothing, as well as other domestic work. The girls are taught how to make bread, and I may say that when visiting the homes on the Cowessess Reserve, from which this school largely recruits its pupilage, I found a number of the women, who are ex-pupils of the school, making bread in preference to bannock, which is the customary manner of preparing the flour for food. I think I saw a larger proportion of bread makers amongst the housewives on this reserve than on any I have visited for some time. The boys assist in the garden and on the farm, and in caring for the stock. This school appears to be well managed, and the care given to the children is reflected in their happy appearance. I was present during their meal hours, and noted that they were supplied with ample wholesome, nourishing food. A sufficient number of milk cows are provided to supply ample milk for their requirements during both winter and summer seasons.

I examined the fire equipment, and found it in good condition. In addition to the hose supplied on each floor,

which is

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COWESSESS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL (CONT'D.)

which is connected with the water system, they have fire extinguishers as well located on each floor in an easily accessible position. Pole fire escapes are provided with exits from each floor, and regular training in the use of these escapes is given to the pupils. They have become very expert in the use of these escapes.

An abundant supply of excellent water is obtained from a well in close proximity to the building. Two 1,000 gal. pressure tanks are provided for water storage.

There have been a number of improvements to the buildings during the past two years. The new building, providing accommodation for the heating and lighting plant, as well as a work shop and shoe shop, is a good building and eminently satisfactory for its purpose.

I might point out that there is only one interior toilet provided for the boys, and that is upstairs in the building. They have three outside closets, which are hard to keep clean and are not sanitary; in fact, I found them in a filthy condition. I would suggest that it would be advisable to provide proper toilets for the boys. There is a suitable room at the end of the boys' playroom which would provide room for the installation of two toilets, as well as a shower bath. In the event of these being installed, a separate drain 150 ft. long to the septic tank would have to be provided, but the laundry water drainage could be attached to the same drain pipe, and this would eliminate the present system of draining the laundry water into a cess pool. It is estimated that this improvement would cost \$600.00. The Principal will undertake the work with his own staff. I think that the installation of these toilets is very necessary, and

I would

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COWESSESS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL (CONT'D.)

I would strongly recommend that it be authorized.

A new hog house was built during the past summer. The plan of this building is one, I believe, which is supplied by the Government of British Columbia. I am of the opinion that this building will not prove satisfactory for our climate here. This building is 16 ft. wide and 72 ft. long; the front stud is 10 ft. and the rear 6 ft., with sloping roof. The walls are not lined on the inside of the studding; therefore, there is no air space. Two wall ventilators are supplied with openings near the floor of the building. I am satisfied that these ventilators will not give the necessary ventilation, and during the severe weather the result of lack of ventilation will mean that the walls will be covered with frost, and the building will be damp. As you know, hogs cannot be satisfactorily kept in a damp building. They are very susceptible to rheumatism, and it is necessary to have a dry, well ventilated building in order to raise hogs successfully. I am of the opinion that it will be necessary to line the walls of this building in order to provide an air space and ceil the roof so that there will be an air space there as well, and provide ventilators close to the ceiling of the building, in order to make this building satisfactory.

Their stock consist of 12 horses, 50 cattle, of which 17 are milk cows, 9 pigs and about 150 poultry. An ample supply of feed has been secured for the stock this year. This feed is not all grown on the farm and a considerable amount of hay is purchased to meet their requirements. Their garden provided an ample supply of potatoes and vegetables for their requirements.

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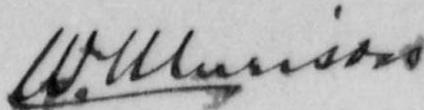
requirements.

I consider that conditions at this school are quite satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



W. Murison,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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EXTRACT from Indian Commissioner W.M. Graham's 304-11 of November 28th, 1930, enclosing Mr. Inspector Murison's Report on his inspection of the Cowesses Indian Residential School.

Original on File 108-1-5.

*[Handwritten: no action]*

The Cowesses School was also inspected. The children are reported to be in good shape, and I would gather from the Inspector's remarks that they are getting a good training.

If the Department is disposed to build outside toilets at this school, I should be glad to have the proper authority. The cost would be about \$150.00. In connection with the pigsty, the suggestion is that it be lined with shiplap, and ceiled with the same material and that two roof ventilators be put in. It is just a matter of the thing not having been completed properly.

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PLEASE ADDRESS  
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
OTTAWA

OTTAWA 10th December, 1930.

*M. A. [Signature]*

Sir,-

A.2627  
Re: Claim against J. Tappin, Regina.  
Your reference No. 108-2-5.A.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 3rd and to say that in view of Mr. Graham's remarks it might be well, before deciding to cease activity in the matter, to examine the defendant for discovery. This step is therefore being taken and the course to be followed should become reasonably clear thereafter.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*J. Chisholm*

Asst. D. M. of J.

The Deputy Superintendent General,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
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No.....  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*Robertson*

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

REGINA, SASK., 30 December 1930

Sir,

In connection with the proposed prosecution of James Tappin (Department file 108-2-5) will the Department kindly return for my perusal the certified time sheets forwarded with my voucher 5481 under date of 2nd October 1928. I am of the opinion that if sufficient evidence can be produced, Tappin should be made to refund the overpayment, and I am engaged in reviewing the file to see if satisfactory evidence of the overpayment can be produced.

Your obedient servant,

*W. M. Graham*  
W. M. Graham  
Indian Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Indian Department,  
Ottawa, Ont.,

ACCOUNTANTS  
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January 15th, 1931.

Dear Mr. Graham:-

In compliance with your request of the 30th. ult., I am enclosing the time sheet forwarded with your voucher, under date of 2nd October, 1928, relating to the Tappin painting contract.

Yours very truly,

*C. S. Williams*

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,

Indian Commissioner,

Regina, Sask.

*ABW.*

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REGINA, SASK... September 29th, 1928.

M. Dept. of Indian Affairs

Re Cowessess Boarding School, Marieval.

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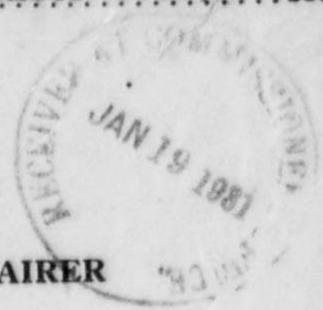
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Sept. 3	to 8 - 6 days,	3 men	11 hrs. each	198	hrs.
" 10	to 12- 3 "	5 "	10 "	150	"
" 13	to 15- 3 "	5 "	11 "	165	"
" 17	to 20- 4 "	5 "	11 "	220	"
" 21	to 22- 2 "	6 "	11 "	132	"
" 24	to 25- 2 "	5 "	11 "	110	"
" 26	to 27- 2 "	6 "	10 "	120	"
				<b>Total hrs.</b>	<b>1095</b>
					<b>876.00</b>

at 80¢ per hr. totals

The whole building was painted two coats from top to basement; all plaster repaired throughout building.

For work performed at Cowessess Indian Residential School, Crooked Lake Agency.

AUTHORITY:- Letter No. 108-2-5 dated Feb. 24/28, and verbal authority of the Deputy Supt. General on his recent visit to the school.

*per Oct 10/28*

CERTIFIED CORRECT.

EXAMINED and found correct.

Regina, Sask.,  
October 2nd, 1928.

*3782*  
*W. M. Graham*

W. M. Graham,  
Indian Commissioner.

REGINA VR. #5461.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

REGINA, SASK., January 21st, 1931.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. 304-11A R.C.  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
JAN 24 1931  
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Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Acting Deputy Superintendent General's letter of the 15th instant, enclosing the time sheet, or more properly speaking, the voucher forwarded under date of the 2nd of October, 1928, relating to the Tappin painting contract. I have a copy of this on file, but was under the impression that a time sheet, showing the hours put in by each man on the job, had been forwarded. I am now writing to Father Carriere for this.

I beg to return the copy of the voucher herewith.

Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature of W. M. Graham]*

W. M. Graham,  
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA.

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Wm. R. Rinsman, B.A., LL.B.

Deputy Minister of Justice,

and it was the duty of Father Carriere to keep tab on these matters and that he had always done it in the past and was doing it in this connection in an official capacity for the purpose of the Department.

Following my interview with Father Carriere and Commissioner Graham, I have endeavoured to get in touch with some of the workmen to ascertain what further information could be had there and especially to see on what basis they were paid by Tapping. The only one I was able to get in touch with is one Albert Welsh but I find that he was paid on the basis of \$20.00 a week and not on hour basis and quite likely this applies to the other workmen.

In the account rendered by Tappin there are many days when he has charged for eleven hours per man, and the workman Mr. Welsh, whom I interviewed, states that at no time during the two weeks he was there, did any man put in eleven hours, but the most, at any time, was 10 hours a day.

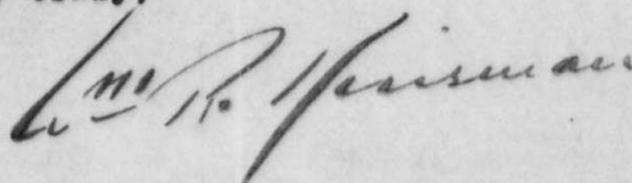
I am satisfied that we can establish that Tappin has been overpaid but there is some doubt whether the money could be recovered once a judgment was obtained. Tappin is financially considered to be of no value and I think this is strictly correct. Commissioner Graham and Father Carriere are not overanxious to press the matter in view of the difficulty of recovering, and I think I should present it to you and leave it to your department to advise as to whether you propose to have the matter proceeded with.

I am satisfied that the evidence is available to show that Tapping has been overpaid and if the action is to be continued, I think your suggestion is the correct one, namely to first examine Tappin for discovery and pin him down to his figures.

Awaiting your further instructions, I remain

Yours very truly,

WRK/EB



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File No.

Feb. 9, 1931. ....  
Dictated Feb. 7, 1931.

Deputy Minister of Justice,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

A. 2627

Re Claim Against J. Tappin, Regina  
Your A. 2627

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In further reply to your letter of the 10th of December last, I wish to advise that I have delayed further in this matter in an effort to obtain an interview with Father Carriere, the man who claims to have the evidence in connection with the overcharge in this respect.

Yesterday I had the opportunity of interviewing Father Carriere together with Commissioner Graham.

You will recall in this connection that Tappin put in an account claiming for 1,095 hours of painting at 80¢ per hour, whereas according to information received by the Department here, the actual time put in was 879 1/4 hours, making an overcharge for 215 3/4 hours. It is claimed that 132 3/4 hours is represented by actual overtime charge, or in other words time charged and paid for, which was never put on the job and an additional 83 hours representing time expended in doing work for Father Carriere which he paid for and which is included in the same period of time for which the Department has paid as well.

Father Carriere, who was at the school during all the time the painting was being done, kept an entry of the hours work each day put in by each man on the job, excepting one man who was Father Carriere's brother and is now deceased.

Father Carriere has the book, with the entries made each day as the work was done and I have examined him carefully in every particular as to the making of these entries and I can find no reason to believe that they are otherwise than absolutely correct and made at the time by himself.

Commissioner Graham states that it has been the practice

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PLEASE ADDRESS  
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE  
OTTAWA

OTTAWA 16th February, 1931.

*M. [Signature]*

Sir,-

A.2627  
Re: Claim against J. Tappin, Regina.  
Your reference No. 108-2-5.A.

I have the honour to advise that under date December 10th papers and instructions were forwarded to Mr. W.R. Kinsman, Barrister, Regina to look into the situation and advise the course to be followed as this department had been approached by the Ottawa representatives of the defendant's solicitors with a view to ascertaining whether or not action was to be prosecuted further. The attached letter has just been received from Mr. Kinsman and speaks for itself. I shall be glad if you will return this to us for our records with your instructions in the premises. It may be that you will decide to leave the matter in abeyance for a twelvemonth on the chance of Tappin's circumstances improving to the point where claim and costs might be recoverable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

"Encl."

*J. Chisholm*

Asst. D. M. of J.

The Deputy Superintendent General,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA.

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#108-2-5A

Ottawa, 18th February, 1931.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I beg to enclose a copy of a letter which has just been received from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice. You will note his suggestion that in view of J. Tappin's circumstances the matter might be left in abeyance for a twelvemonth. The question in our mind is whether to go on with this now or to abandon it altogether. Mr. Tappin apparently has nothing we could get at the present time and I should like to have your views as to whether he is a man who might reasonably be expected to have any property the Department could reach for in the event of a judgment in our favour.

enc.

Yours truly,

*A. S. Williams*

Assistant Deputy Superintendent General.

Wm. Graham, Esq.,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Regina, Sask.

*W. G.*

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

REGINA, SASK., April 2nd, 1931.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 304-11A R.C.

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir:-

I may inform you that I have received a visit from the Rev. Father Carriere, Principal of the Cowessess Indian Residential School, in the Crooked Lake Agency, who informs me that he had to line the new hog pen, which was erected for him last year, with lumber, and had to provide adequate ventilation, to make it fit for the housing of hogs during the winter months.

The manner in which this building is constructed was commented on by Inspector Murison in his report dated November 22nd, 1930, on Page 8. I also commented on this in my letter forwarding his report, dated the 28th of the same month. It is very evident that this building was not completed, and the Reverend Principal has had the work done, without cost for labour, by the members of his staff, and is asking that the Department pay for the material used, which amounted to \$181.35. As the work was apparently very necessary, I would recommend that, if possible, the Reverend Principal be re-imbursed for his expenditure for material.

There is also the question of providing interior water closets for the boys. This also was commented on by the Inspector who found the outside closets in a deplorable condition, and it appears that this is not an uncommon condition to be found at schools where outside closets are being used. Since forwarding the report, it has been ascertained that there is a 4" drain pipe leading from the room in which the toilets are being installed to the septic tank. This was formerly used to carry off the laundry water. The Principal, acting on his own authority, has procured the necessary piping and fixtures, and the work is now well under way. The engineer at the school, who is a competent mechanic, is installing

The Secretary,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA.

*Regret  
no funds  
[Signature]*

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is installing the toilets and shower baths, and there will be no charge for labour. I have not received the bills for the closets and material, but am of the opinion that they will not cost more than about \$200.00, if that much. The payment of this is also a matter which I would place before you for consideration.

Your obedient servant,

*W. M. Graham*  
W. M. Graham,  
Indian Commissioner.

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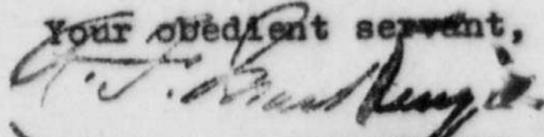
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Ottawa, April 9, 1931.

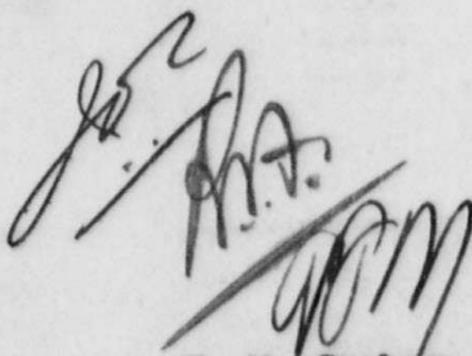
Sir:

I have your 304-11A R.C. of the 2nd instant, relative to reimbursing the Principal of the Cowessess Indian Residential School for the expenditure incurred by him in the construction of a hogpen, and also in providing interior water closets and shower baths for the boys. In reply I regret that we have no funds to pay the cost of the above mentioned improvements.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,  
Secretary.



W. M. Graham, Esq.,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Regina, Sask.

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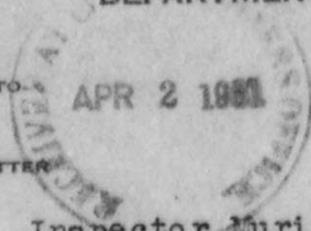
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

NO. 304-11

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



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REGINA, SASK. March 31st, 1931.

Inspector Marison's Report on Schools, Crooked Lake Agency.

Dear Mr. Graham:-

I beg to submit the following report on the two residential schools in the Crooked Lake Agency, which I visited during the month of March.

COWESSESS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL (R.C.)

I visited this school on March 23rd, and found 78 pupils in residence out of an enrolment of 82. The pupils looked healthy, clean and well-nourished. There is no doubt but that they receive plenty of wholesome food, which includes meat and milk. The school building was found clean and tidy throughout, and the outside premises neat and tidy.

The fire fighting equipment and escapes are in good condition. The equipment throughout is kept in good working order by the engineer who is a competent mechanic.

Since my last visit in November, the Principal, Rev. Father Carriere, has had the interior of the piggery lined with lumber, and two ventilators installed, at a cost for material of \$181.35. It was very necessary that this work should be done, as explained in my last report, otherwise the building could not be used for housing hogs during cold weather.

With reference to the question of providing sanitary flushing closets for the boys within the building, as noted in my last report, it was subsequently

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