



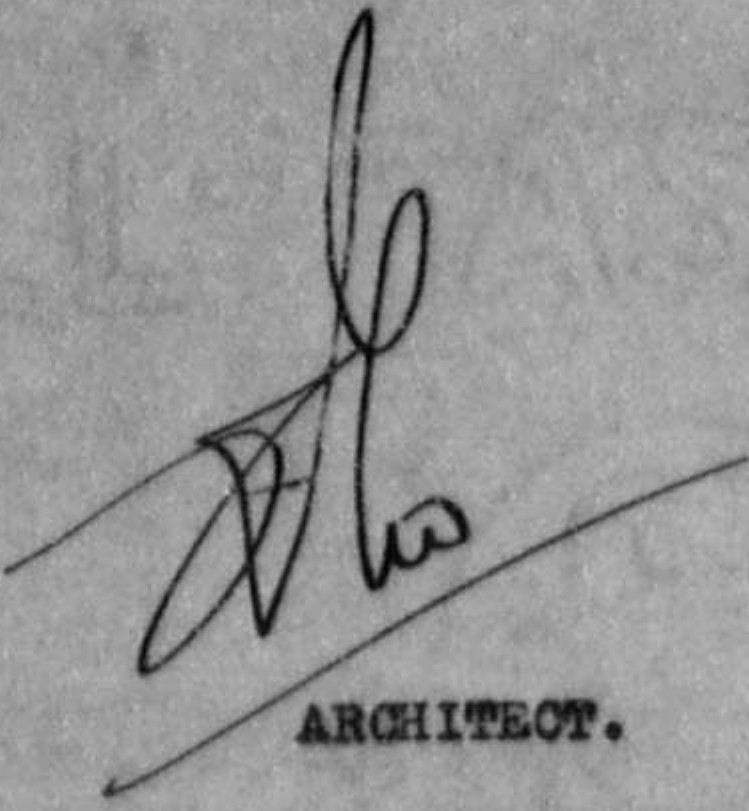
DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

March 12, 1931.

Memorandum:

Mr. Paget.

As the contract for the new Birtle School is completed
I would recommend that the deposit security of the Claydon Co.
be returned.


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Birtle, Manitoba,
March 6th, 1931.

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A. F. MacKenzie, Esq.,
Secretary Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

Re Grading.

I may state that there is a large quantity of loose gravel etc left in heaps on site by contractor. Mr. Curry is anxious to use this for roadways and scatter over play grounds. This is frozen hard and will have to stand over until spring. There are also one or two temporary buildings to be moved off site. With Contractor's last certificate being held and also one thousand dollars ample is held to complete.

Your obedient servant,

Per m.b.

David Henderson,
Clerk of Works.

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PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO
THE DISTRICT CHIEF ENGINEER
DOMINION
WATER POWER AND RECLAMATION SERVICE
COMMERCIAL BUILDING
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

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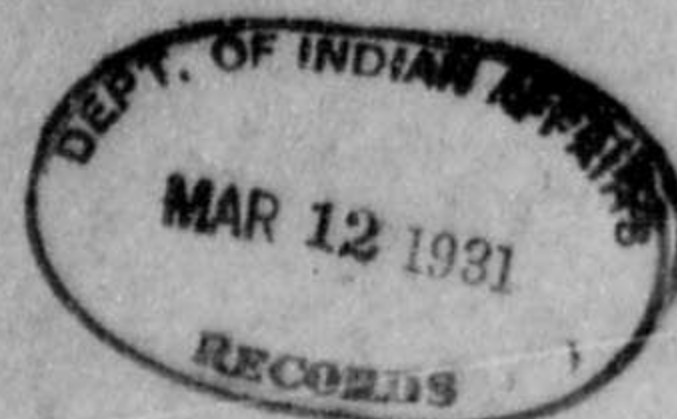
PLEASE REFER TO ONE SUBJECT IN A
LETTER, AND IN YOUR REPLY QUOTE

FILE NO. 2454 - M
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DOMINION WATER POWER AND RECLAMATION SERVICE
HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

WINNIPEG, MAN.

March 9, 1931.



Sir:

On July 19th last you forwarded to the under-
signed a cheque for Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars
(\$250.00) to meet contingent expenses in connection with
work being done for the Department of Indian Affairs in
Manitoba District. The purpose of this advance was to
meet such items of expense as outside labor, freight and
express charges, and such incidentals as required immedi-
ate payment and could not very well be referred to your
Department for payment from Ottawa.

During the present year we have not been
required to meet many items of expenditure along these
lines, and as a result there is left unspent of the
\$250.00 advance, the sum of \$240.95.

I understand that your appropriation has been
pretty well spent and that the account of Mr. H. S. Stead
cannot be paid until additional funds are voted.

I am in receipt of a letter today from Mr.
David Henderson, Clerk of Works at the Birtle Indian School,
advising me that the water tank and pipes require painting
but that he has been advised from Ottawa that such
additional work must stand over until after March 31st.
Will it be agreeable to you if I have this paint job
completed at the Birtle Indian School now, so that the
pumping plant will be completed for putting into oper-
ation on April 1st, on which date I understand the school
is going to be occupied by the children. Any funds
remaining I will then pay over to Mr. H. S. Stead to
apply on his account, and in this manner the fund could
be all spent with no necessity of a refund to the Auditor
General.

If this is not satisfactory to you, will you
please advise me to whom you wish the cheque for the
balance made out.

Your obedient servant,

D. B. Brown

Acting District Chief Engineer.

A. E. MacKenzie, Esq.,
Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Ottawa, March 16th, 1931.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, I beg to say that it would be more satisfactory if you would refund the unexpended balance of advance of \$250.00, namely \$240.95, and submit vouchers for the amount expended. Cheque should be made payable to the Receiver General.

The advance of \$3,000.00 for Water System should also be accounted for forthwith.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

D. B. Gow
D. B. Gow, Esq.,
Acting District Chief Engineer,
Dominion Water Power & Hydrometric Bureau,
Department of the Interior,
WINNIPEG,
Manitoba.

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MEMORANDUM

Minister's Office

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March 11, 1931.



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DR. SCOTT.

Attached herewith you will find a copy of a letter addressed to the Minister by Mr. E. Claydon, of Claydon Company Limited, Winnipeg, who had the contract for the Birtle Indian School.

Until the estimates are passed no money will be available for the payment of the sum still due the Claydon Company, and the point has been raised as to the advisability of refunding the security deposit of the Company when the final estimate is submitted.

Will you kindly let the Minister have your views as to this.

Private Secretary.

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March 13, 1931.

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Memorandum:

Mr. Buskard

The Claydon Company, Limited, have completed their contract for the Birtle School and we have made application to the Finance Department for the release of their security cheque. I hope before long we will be able to pay the final certificates in full.

del

Duncan Scott

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S TELEGRAPH



TELEGRAM

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

(Printed in Canada)

J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

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SECRETARY DEPT INDIAN AFFAIRS OTTAWA ONT

HOLD OVER LAST CERTIFICATE CLAYDON PLUS EXTRAS FOR UNPAID SUB CON-
TRACT LETTER FOLLOWING

DAVID HENDERSON

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March 4, 1931

David Henderson, Esq.,
Clerk of Works,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Birtle, Manitoba

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant we have gone over the various items with our sub-contractors, and wish to report as follows:-

On the toilet partitions instructions have been issued to the painters to give these two coats of paint.

Re: metal doors to corridor, Messrs. McDonald Bros. advise us that they have followed what has been standard practice on four or five other Indian Schools for which they have had sheet metal and roofing contracts.

In order to arrive at what hardware was actually required, it was taken up with the Department, and as these doors were considered as exit doors, it was decided to use push and pull plates and checks on both doors. These having been used on other buildings, they installed the same on the Birtle School.

If it is necessary to put on lock sets, it will also be necessary to put on bolts on one door in which case the push and pull plates and the check on that door would not be required. It is obvious that these ^{locks} will cost more than lock and two bolts, and it is, therefore, not a question of saving money which made them use the two checks and push and pull plates on both doors.

We feel they have made the best interpretation possible of the specification, and trust that in view of the explanation given it will meet with your approval, and would appreciate your advising us by wire as to your decision.

On the matter of painting for the metal doors, we are arranging to have this done, as it is obviously required, but it is not definitely covered in the painting or the door specifications. Our painting sub-contractors claim

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David Henderson, Esq.

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March 4,

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they did not include for it, and in view of this we request that you have an additional order issued for payment of this item.

Yours truly,

CLAYDON COMPANY LIMITED

EC, Jr-L

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C O P Y.

Birtle, Manitoba,
March 2nd, 1931.

The Claydon Company Limited,
General Contractor's & Builders,
Confederation Life Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Gentlemen:

Toilet partitions specified to receive two coats of paint after being installed. Some parts have received no paint. Instruct your painter that work is to receive two coats of paint.

Metal Doors at corridor landing main entrance.

Locks are specified, you have only finger plates on. These locks are wanted as well as specified. These doors to receive one coat of paint at least because they are badly bruised and blemished. Your painter wants an order to have this work done.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Per. M.C.

David Henderson,
Clerk of Works.

DH/MC.

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TELEGRAMS:
CLAYDON, WINNIPEG
TELEPHONE 24 885

CLAYDON COMPANY LIMITED

GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS

CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

WINNIPEG, MAN.

March 4, 1931

R. Guerney Orr, Esq.,
Architect,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:-

Re: Birtle Indian School

We enclose copy of a letter we have to-day forwarded to Mr. Henderson in reply to his letter of the 2nd instant, copy of which is also enclosed.

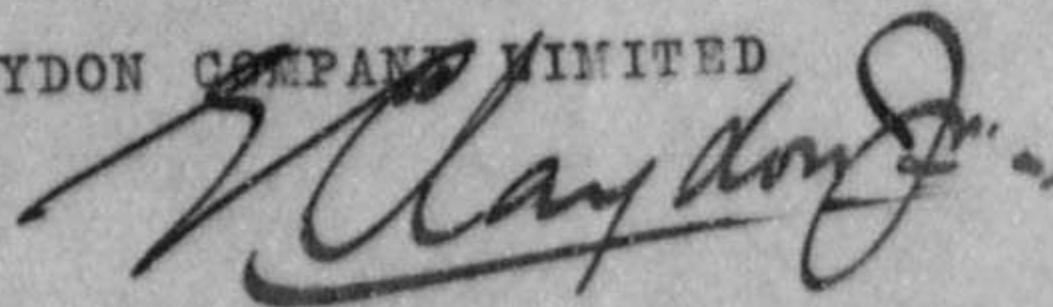
The item of painting toilet partitions arose as a result of our sub-contractors for sheet metal work sending the lavatory partitions to the job with two coats of Duco which were put on at their factory. However, in order to dispose of it we have arranged for the painter to put on two more coats on the job.

With respect to the hardware on metal doors, we think the information given to Mr. Henderson in our letter will explain the item to you. We feel Messrs. McDonald Bros. have done the right thing. Your ruling on the item would be very much appreciated.

The painting of these doors is an item which appears to have been overlooked in the specifications, and there is coupled with it the painting of metal work to stairs. This is not mentioned in the painting specification, and the painting firm did not include for either item. The painting work is obviously needed on both to make a complete job, and ~~just~~ their request for additional payment seems only fair. We are having the work done in order to get the job cleaned up, and trust you will see your way clear to pass their account for this work.

Yours truly,

CLAYDON COMPANY LIMITED



EC, Jr-L
Encl.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

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Birtle Man.
9th March 1931

Dear Sirs

I am returning herewith a letter
you have addressed to Mr Orr the Architect for the
Department of Indian Affairs, at Birtle.

As I am not aware that Mr Orr
is to be at Birtle in the near future, I thought
that perhaps this letter may have been sent to
Birtle in error, instead of to Ottawa.

Yours very truly,


P.G. Lezenby.
Indian Agent.

Messrs Claydon Company L'td
Winnipeg Manitoba.

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TELEGRAMS:
CLAYDON, WINNIPEG
TELEPHONE 24 895

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CLAYDON COMPANY LIMITED

GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS

CONFEDERATION LIFE BUILDING

WINNIPEG, MAN.



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March 10, 1931

Architect

R. Guerney Orr, Esq.,
Architect,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir:-

We enclose our letter of March 4th, which as
you will see by the enclosed letter from Mr. Lazenby was
addressed to you in error at Birtle.

Yours truly,

CLAYDON COMPANY LIMITED

W. Clayton Jr.

EC, Jr-L
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Winnipeg, Man.

March 9th, 1931.

David Henderson, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Birtle, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:-

We are sending you today by Express, Prepaid, one shovel for Boilers, as Mr. Claydon called us this morning and said you were having a hard time to fire boilers without a shovel.

The Manufacturers of Boilers do not supply a shovel with Firing Tools, they say all that Firing Tools means to them, is a set of Poker, Hoe Rake and flue brush or cleaner, but we thought you really needed a shovel, so sent it along.

Do you know any reason why the Department has not paid any estimates since the First of December. Mr. Claydon tells us that they told him at Ottawa, that they would not be paying anything more until the House meets and they get a further appropriation through, so we are patiently waiting until the House meets and hope we will get a payment soon, as according to specifications, everything, including all hold-backs, should be paid within 30 days after completion of the work. We would be glad to hear from you if you have any information about this.

Yours very truly,

BALLANTYNE & WETMORE LIMITED

Per. W. R. Wetmore

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Copy of telegram.

Mr. David Henderson,
Indian School,
Birtle, Man.

Balance of Claydon Account, One thousand four hundred
and ninety one dollars forty cents.

MacDonal Bros. Sheet Metal & Roofing Co., Ltd.,

Copy of Telegram.

W. MO March 12th 8.45

22 N.L. Winnipeg, Man
March 11th.31.

David Henderson,
Birtle, Man.

Answering your telegram outstanding payments are due for
December and final estimates and hold back amounting in all
to seven thousand dollars.

Ballantyne and Wetmore.

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Copy of Telegram.

To
D. Henderson,
c/o New Indian School,
Birtle, Man.

Per.

C. P. R.
March 11th 1931.

Metel Previous amount incorrect should be twenty one
hundred twenty six dollars thirty cents.

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chg.
4.30 p.m.

Dominion Bridge Co. Limited

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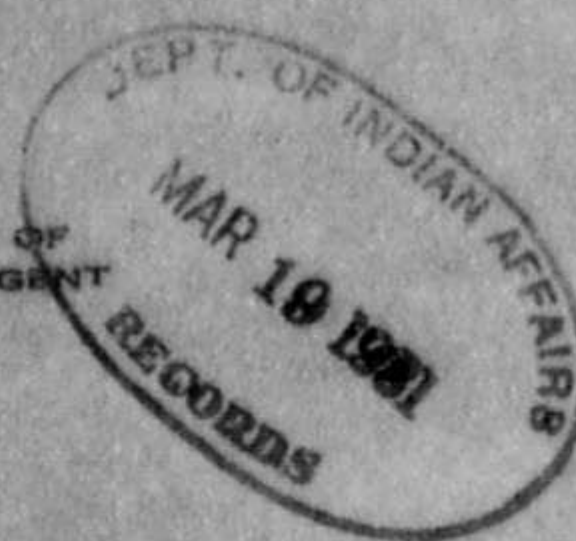
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Architect

Birtle, Manitoba,
March 14th, 1931.

A. F. MacKenzie, Esq.,
Secretary Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

Re Wire of the 12th.

I have had one or two letters from Sub-Contractor's re outstanding payment due to them namely:

Messrs Ballentyne & Wetmore	\$7000.00
The Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.,	2126.30
McDonald Bros Sheet Metal Workers	1491.40

I wired McConaghie & Forsyth, Plasterers, but have had no reply yet but have the feeling that they may be two or three thousand dollars outstanding. On receipt of said telegrams and letter I immediately wired you to hold last certificate plus outstanding extras and leave this matter of outstanding Sub-Contractor's account in your hands.

In the past the Department of Public Works have always specified that general Contractor must show that all Sub-Contractor's are paid before receiving his deposit cheque.

I still await contractor to send back painter, as promised to complete toilet partitions. This matter Claydon disputed also metal doors receiving paint but in last letter is willing to send painter back and paint partitions, as sent on to you. He thinks that he should get an extra to paint the metal doors.

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To complete painting partitions	\$154.00
Staircase doors & door jambs to receive two coats, this is worth an extra of	64.00
Grading in spring when ground is thawed out and cleaning up rubbish	53.00
Cleaning down brick work	100.00
Reserve until 30 days expire for carpenter repairs if required	<u>40.00</u>
	\$412.00

If you wish to allow him his last certificate it will be necessary that a thousand dollars be held over to cover these items mentioned until contractor completes painting and 30 days expires after completion but I would prefer that the last certificate for seven thousand five hundred and sixty four dollars and fifty-nine cents be held back until contractor comes back and completes his work. I have notified contractor to this effect and as soon as he completes his painting I will issue him his certificate.

Your obedient servant,

Per M.C.

David Henderson,
Clerk of Works.

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BIRTLE AGENCY,

Vote No. 7.

Voucher

Treaty No. 8997.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

DUPLICATE.

To..... Town of Birtle

Birtle Man;

DATE 1931	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Mch 13	To; Electric current for the new residential school at Birtle Man; 8 K.W. @ .25¢	2.00
	Meter rental for same period	.25
<div>EXAMINED and found correct. <i>H. H. H. H.</i></div> <div>8616</div>		
Two ----- and 25/100 Dollars		TOTAL, \$2.25

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.

Form 52.

Agent

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BIRTLE AGENCY.



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Office of the Birtle Man. Indian Agency,

13th March 1931 19.....

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. ~~8996~~ & 8997,

amounting to \$ ~~15.00~~ 2.25 in favour

of Town of Birtle Birtle Man;

for Electric current for the month of February; For the Agency residence & office; and the New Indian Residential School.

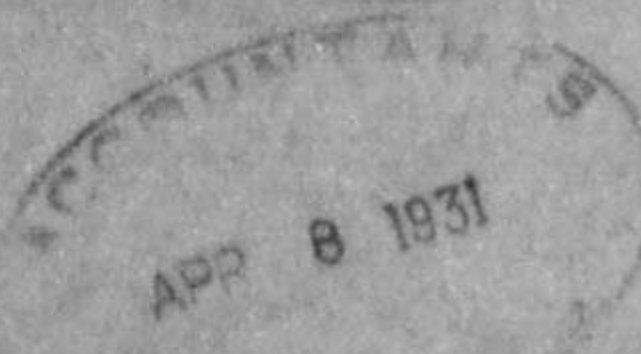
This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. dated

Your obedient servant,

J. G. [Signature]
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



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Winnipeg, March 9th, 1931.

David Hendefson, Esq.,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Birtle, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

We are sending you today by Express, Prepaid one Scoop Shovel for Boilers, as Mr. Claydon called us this morning and said you were having a hard time to fire boilers without a shovel.

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Yours truly,

BALLANTYNE & WETMORE LIMITED

Per W. R. Wetmore.

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Winnipeg, March 4, 1931.

David Henderson, Esq.,
Clerk of Works,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Birtle, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instand we have gone over the various items with our sub-contractors, and wish to report as follows:-

On the toilet partitions instructions have been issued to the painters to give these two coats of paint.

Re metal doors to corridor, Messrs McDonald Bros. advise us that they have followed what has been standard practice on four or five other Indian Schools for which they have had sheet metal and roofing contracts.

In order to arrive at what hardware was actually required, it was taken up with the Department, and as these doors were considered as exit doors, it was decided to use push and pull plates and checks on both doors. These having been used on other buildings, they installed the same on the Birtle School.

If it is necessary to put on lock sets, it will also be necessary to put on bolts on one door in which case the push and pull plates and the check on that door would not be required. It is obvious that these will cost more than lock and two bolts, and it is, therefore, not a question of saving money which made them use the two checks and push and pull plates on both doors.

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We feel they have made the best interpretation possible of the specification, and trust that in view of the explanation given it will meet with your approval, and would appreciate your advising us by wire as to your decision.

On the matter of painting for the metal doors, we are arranging to have this done, as it is obviously required, but it is not definitely covered in the painting or the door specifications. Our painting sub-Contractors claim they did not include for it, and in view of this we request that you have an additional order issued for payment of this item.

Yours truly,

Claydon Company Limited

W. Claydon Jr.

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Birtle, Manitoba,
March 14th, 1931.

R. Gourney Orr, Esq.,
Architect,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I beg to draw your attention to specifications re metal doors at staircase landings. Painting is not specified for these doors. These doors have been put on by McDonald Bros Sheet Metal Co., and have received a coat of Duco painting with a spray. Somehow or other it has been omitted that these doors receive two coats of paint. These doors were hung by Sheet metal men before plasterers came. I asked them to store these away but they only covered them up with paper, now they are peeling badly down the edges and badly blemished and are left in an unfinished manner. Owing to no painting being specified I took this matter up with Sheet Metal foreman and Claydon Co., and Claydon think they should be granted an extra if these doors are to be painted. I may also state that Principal Curry wants locks on these doors to keep children from running through the corridors when they should be outside. I have explained to him that these are fire proof doors and all they get is finger plates. Locks and hinges are specified for these, doors have received hinges, finger plates and door checks, all that is necessary although he still wants locks so that he can keep children out. I informed him that these have been put up similar to other schools.

With reference to toilet partitions. These are specified in the plumbing to receive three coats of

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ha paint after being installed. These have also received a coat of Duco paint. Painter of Sub-Contractor refused to do these toilet partitions and metal doors because he had no order from Claydon Co., I wrote Messrs Claydon twice and wired him for him to instruct his Superintendent to have this painting done before they left the job. Contractor Claydon seemed to delay in answering my letter and I find that he had been in touch with the Sheet Metal Company. Enclosed please find copy of Claydon Co. letter.

I had a wire from A. F. MacKenzie to the effect "Wire me what you expect to issue final certificate Claydon Contract". Last certificate issued was for seven thousand five hundred and sixty-four fifty nine cents which Messrs Claydon agreed to leave over until completion. A. F. MacKenzie wired me to the effect that they were anxious to grant contractor is deposit cheque on contract and to hold over my last certificate issued. I wired him three days ago to the effect "Hold over last certificate issued plus extras--Sub-Contractor's payments outstanding--letter follows.

I may state that I have had three telegrams from various Sub-Contractor's re outstanding payment namely :

Ballantyne & Wetmore	\$7000.00
Dominion Bridge Co.,	2126.30
McDonald Sheet Metal Co.,	1,491.40

I wired McConaghie & Forsyth, Plasterers, but have had no reply yet but have the feeling that they may be two or three thousand dollars outstanding. On receipt of said wire I will forward amount.

I deem it advisable that the last certificate be held back until contractor completes is work. There will be a small piece of grading to be done in the spring and

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maybe one or two other items before his thirty days expire after completion.

I shall be pleased to hear if you intend painting these metal doors and granting contractor Claydon an extra on same.

I have written Contractor Claydon to the effect that no further payment will be made until he completes his painting. This matter of the Sub-Contractor's I mentioned for your discretion as these parties have written me several times as they have had no money since the first of December.

Your obedient servant,

Per. M. C.

David Henderson,
Clerk of Works.

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Burtle School.

\$ 34

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Refund
from crane

[Signature]

DETACH
BEFORE DEPOSITING CHECK

CRANE LIMITED - WINNIPEG BRANCH
STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
				Covering C/M	73.34
				TOTAL	

Accs. Rec. Dept of Indian Affairs.

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No. 5999

Bank of Montreal,

For Mr. J. M.

\$ 73.34

Ottawa, Mar. 20th 1931.

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on account Indian Funds,

the sum of Seventy-three 34/100 Dollars,
which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this
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Signed in Triplicate,

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[Signature]
Pro. Manager.

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GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS

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March 20, 1931

Mr. Orr

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario

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Dear Sir:-

Re: Birtle Indian School

We have mailed the Final Account re: the above to Mr. Henderson, and trust that he will shortly issue certificate covering same.

There is one item of the account which Mr. Henderson is not conversant with. We refer to Item #23 which is headed as follows:-

"To additional cost of excavation being loading and freight charges on dragline to and from Birtle. Dragline necessary to handle boulders and rock which could not be done by ordinary methods."\$787.56

We are asking consideration of this account owing to the extra difficulty which we encountered in making the excavation.

Before tendering on the work we sent our Mr. Mitchell to Birtle to look over the site. He made a small test, and reported the ordinary excavation, and our price was based on same. The exact location of the School was not known, and it so happened where the test was made was not covered by the building.

We found nearly the whole of the site was packed with boulders which could not be dislodged without drilling or power. After trying four and six horse plows we were forced to use power, and accordingly loaded the 40 ton dragline from Winnipeg to Birtle. Our bill for doing so just represents the bare freight charges to and from Birtle and loading and unloading once.

The writer discussed this proposition with Mr. Orr,

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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.

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DATE March 20th 19 31

and Mr. Orr promised to consider it, but remarked that he understood we used the machine on a gravelling contract near to Birtle, apparently thinking this might be a set off against freight charges on the School.

It is true we did use the machine in unloading gravel for a road contract, but it was no advantage for us to do so, and if we had not had it in the vicinity would have used caterpillar and circular scraper, which is usual for that kind of work. This work we usually let by sub-contract at prices ranging from 10¢ to 12¢ per cubic yard. It was no advantage whatever to have the dragline on it, as the moving was so slow, and we had to hire tractors to move our outfit so that our expense with regard to freight was wholly due to the School.

We make the above explanations about the use of the machine for fear it might be thought we were getting a double benefit for it being at Birtle, but we can assure you this was not the case.

We trust you will be able to pass the account as charged, and thanking you in advance, we are,

Yours very truly,

CLAYDON COMPANY LIMITED

E. Claydon

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