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P. G. Lazenby

Ottawa, September 15, 1932.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th instant, relative to the request which you received for the rental of the classroom building at the old Birtle Indian Residential School site.

In reply I have to say that the Department is not prepared to consider the rental of this building, and you may inform the parties who wished to rent same accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

T. H. L. MacInnes
T. H. L. MacInnes,
Acting Secretary.

P. G. Lazenby

P. G. Lazenby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Birtle, Man.

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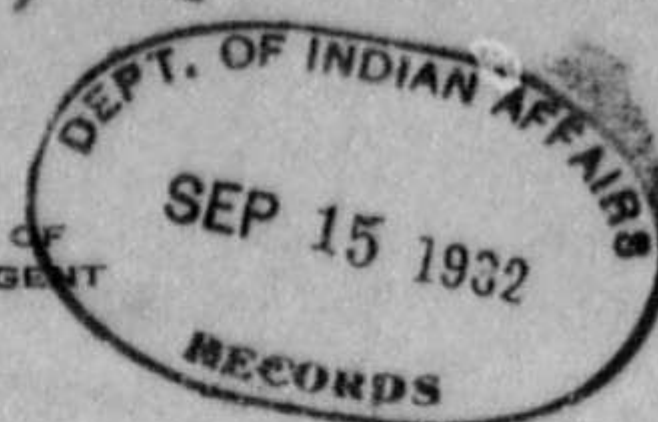
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT



Ref: F/15A

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Birtle Manitoba.
12th September 1932.

Sir,

I beg to advise you that Mr Martin Gatton of Binscarth Man; has offered to purchase the old bake oven, and bread trough, that was in use at the old Residential School, and that is now of no further use to the school, for the sum of \$30.00.

I have talked this matter over with Principal Currie, and he is agreeable to the sale being made, and I beg to recommend that the Department authorize the sale, and the use of the proceeds for work in the improvement of the new school grounds.

As Mr Gatton is anxious to have this oven as quickly as possible, provided the Department is willing that the sale should be made, I beg to request that I be advised by return mail if possible.

Your obedient Servant,

P.G. Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont;

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Ottawa, September 16, 1932.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I have to say that the Department will approve of the sale of the bake oven and bread trough which were in use at the old Birtle Indian Residential School, for the sum of \$30 - the proceeds to be used in the improvement of the grounds at the new school.

Your obedient servant,

T. R. L. MacInnes,
Acting Secretary.

P. G. Lazenby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Birtle, Man.

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
SEP 17 1932
September 15, 1932

Memorandum:

MR. BUSKARD.

Sept. 16/32

Pay the account of
Monarch Lumber Company.

F. Clapp
for Priv. Secy.

Referring to memorandum of the 10th instant, regarding the purchase of building material for the construction of two portable granaries at the Birtle Indian Residential School, I wish to inform you that the local Indian Agent, Mr. P. G. Lazenby, has made the purchase and forwards an account from the Monarch Lumber Company, Foxwarren, Man., for payment. This Company is on the list to receive consideration, and I would request your approval for payment of the account.

You will note in memorandum above referred to that the Agent suggested the name of a firm in Birtle from whom he might make the purchase, as he stated Foxwarren was a distance of some twelve miles from the Birtle School. I would beg to suggest that it might be advisable to have the name of a firm in Birtle, which is nearer the Birtle School than Foxwarren, from whom future purchases of lumber and building material for the use of this School could be made.

A. S. Williams

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

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BIRTLE AGENCY.

Foxwarren Manitoba

STATION Sept, 7th. 1933 192

Department of Indian Affairs

Birtle School

VOTE 7.

VOUCHER 9586.

TEN PER CENT
INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED
ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

DATE	NO OF PIECES		FEET	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT
	4	6 x 6 - 16 No 1 Fir	193	48	9.30	
	18	6 x 10 - 12 "	320	39	12.50	
	32	2 x 4 - 8 "	171			
	4	2 x 4 - 12 "	33			
	4	2 x 4 - 14 "	37			
	30	2 x 6 - 10 "	300			
	4	2 x 6 - 13 "	48			
	34	2 x 8 - 14 "	336	824	35	28.85
	33	1 x 10-16 Spruce Boards	427	32	13.65	
	8	1 x 6 - 15 "	53	40	2.10	
	10	1 x 4 - 13 Fir Boards	53	33	1.75	
	2	1 x 8 - 13 Spruce Shiplap	31	38	.80	
	6	1 x 6 - 13 Spruce Flooring	36	50	1.80	
	48	1 x 4 - 16 Edge grain fir flooring	258			
	39	1 x 4 - 14 "	183			
	5	1 x 4 - 10 "	30			
			458	50	22.90	
	4	1 x 2 - 12 Spruce strapping	8	1	.50	
	48	1 x 6 - 16 Fir Siding	384			
	54	1 x 6 - 14 "	378			
	58	1 x 6 - 13 "	348			
			1110	50	55.50	
	4,000	2 x 4 Edge grain Shingles		4.80	19.20	
	3	8 x 10 - 4 light sash		1.40	4.20	
		Nails, Padlocks, Hasps, Hinges			7.15	
		Draying to School			9.00	
					187.70	

TRIPLICATE ON FILE

Contracted price for all above material \$ 175.00

Materials for two Portable Granaries
for Birtle Indian Residential School.

Material supplied,
Prices fair and just.
Certified Correct.

J. G. [Signature]
INDIAN AGENT

TRIPLICATE FOR FILE
Voucher in duplicate detached
for Accountant to pay.

[Signature]
15/9/32

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BIRTLLE AGENCY.



Letter 2.

Office of the Indian Agent, Birtle, Mani. Indian Agency,

9th September 1932. 19.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 9586,

amounting to \$ 175.00 in favour

of Monarch Lumber Co. Ltd. Foxwarren Manitoba.

for Materials for two Portable Granaries for Birtle Indian Residential School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. Telegram dated 31st August 1932.

Your obedient servant,

J. G. [Signature]
Indian Agent.



The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Form No. 101

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HEAD OFFICE & WORKS
MONTREAL

CRANE LIMITED

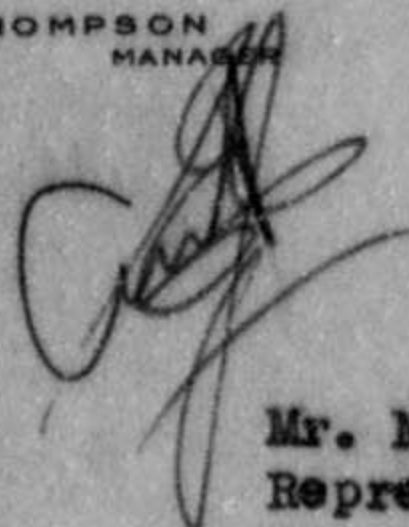
93 LOMBARD ST.
WINNIPEG, MAN.

Aug. 30th, 1932.

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TELEPHONE
22-351

F. S. THOMPSON
MANAGER



Mr. N.C. Allen,
Representative of the Treasury,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,

Dear Sir:-

Your File No. 458810 R.

Crane Limited, Montreal, have forwarded to us your letter of Aug. 22nd in which you request a copy of our invoice for \$1.24 outstanding against you on our books at Winnipeg.


We are attaching copy of our invoice in triplicate and would appreciate it if you would pass it for payment.

Thanking you in anticipation.

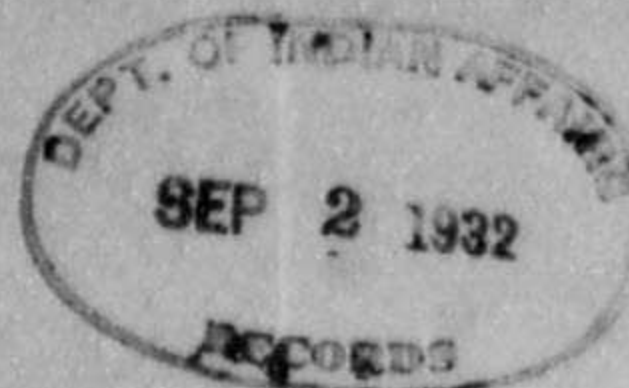
Yours truly,

CRANE LIMITED

By


J.M. Reid,
Credit Manager.

JMR:B:233.



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Ottawa, September 14th., 1932.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith an account received from the Crane Limited, of Winnipeg, amounting to \$1.24 covering freight charges for material supplied, and I have to request that you will ascertain upon whose order these goods were supplied and to what reserve. You should also request the Crane Limited to furnish their receipted freight bill which they state is attached to their account but has not been received.

Your obedient servant,

T.R.L. MacInnes
T.R.L. MacInnes
Acting Secretary.

A.G. Hamilton
A.G. Hamilton Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Winnipeg, Man.

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September 20th. 1932.

MEMORANDUM

Hon. Thomas G. Murphy -

With respect to your inquiry as to whether in purchasing the material from the Monarch Lumber Company of Foxwarren, Man., for the two portable granaries at the Birtle school, any expense was incurred in addition to what would have been incurred had the material been purchased in Birtle, I have to say that in the voucher which was submitted by the Monarch Lumber Company no charge is made for transportation, nor have we any charge for transportation by anyone else. I beg to quote from Mr. Agent Lazenby's letter of the 5th. September as follows :

" In this connection I beg to say that there is no lumber firm in Birtle mentioned in the list to receive consideration, it will be necessary to haul this material 12 miles from Foxwarren "

I gather from this that the material was hauled by the school authorities as they have the necessary equipment and were expected to do all the work, the Department supplying the material. It does not appear, therefore, that there was any additional cost in connection with this transaction.

A.S.W.

A.S. Williams

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

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FORM 2807
IN ACCOUNT WITH

GENERAL STEEL WARES
LIMITED

THE THOS. B. HARRISON MFG. CO. LIMITED THE MCCLARY MANUFACTURING CO. THE SHEET METAL PRODUCTS CO.
HAPPY THOUGHT FOUNDRY CO. LTD. MACDONALD MFG. CO. LTD. OF CANADA, LIMITED
AUBRY & FIL LTD. E. T. WRIGHT LTD.

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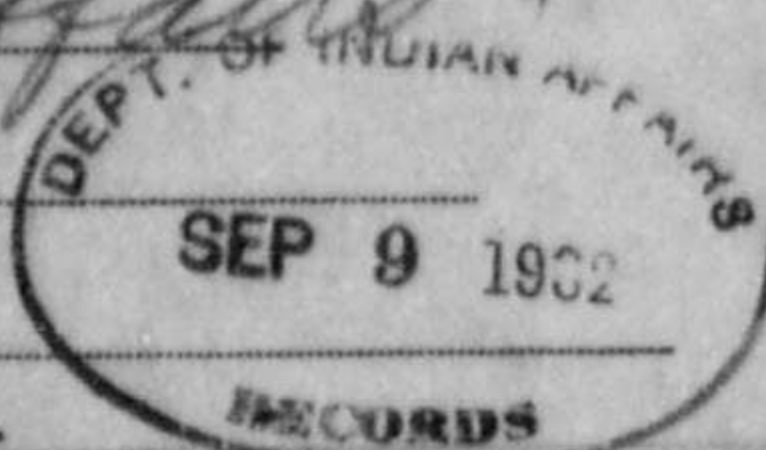
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VANCOUVER, B.C.

*Dept of Indian Affairs
Ottawa
Ont*



Interest charged at 8% per annum on all overdue accounts.

DATE	ITEMS	DEBITS		CREDITS		BALANCE
		2 PER CENT	NET	2 PER CENT	NET	
193.....						
JUL 30 '32	ACCT. REND.					76
JUL 30 '32	<i>Lease</i>					51
						227

*No record of
this 7c 24th.*

FOR AUDIT PURPOSES ONLY

If this statement is not in agreement with your records please return it with full particulars in the enclosed envelope to:—

R. B. TAYLOR, C.A.
FORT GARRY HOTEL,
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

THIS ACCOUNT PAYABLE AT WINNIPEG OFFICE

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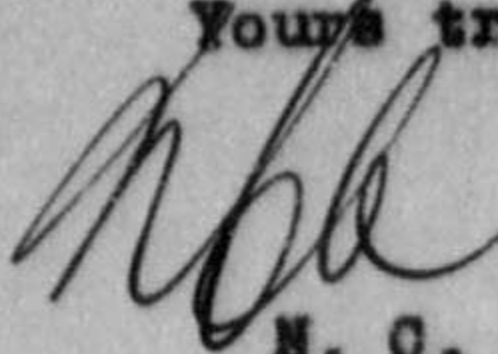
Ottawa, September 21st, 1932.

Dear Sirs:


With reference to the inclosed Auditor's statement showing an indebtedness to your Company of \$3.57, I beg to request that you will forward a detailed invoice in duplicate to enable us to trace this account.

INCL.

Yours truly,



N. C. Allen
Representative of the Treasury.



The Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co., Ltd.,
980 St. Antoine St.,
Montreal,
Quebec.

Auditor's Dept.

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PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO
THE DISTRICT CHIEF ENGINEER
DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC
BUREAU
706 COMMERCIAL BUILDING,
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

WINNIPEG, MAN.,

September 22, 1932.

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

FILE NO. 16958-M

Sir:

Crane Limited, 93 Lombard Street, Winnipeg,
have a debit of \$1.24 on their books against the
Department of Indian Affairs. This debit can be
accounted for as follows.

On December 16, 1930 certain materials were
ordered by the undersigned from Crane Limited to be
shipped, freight prepaid, to David Henderson, Birtle
Indian School, in connection with the water supply
installation. Invoices for these goods were received
and certified to and forwarded to you for payment in
December, 1930 through our Ottawa Office. No receipted
freight bill was ever received from Crane Limited nor
did we receive any debit charge on this account,
although we had received the Number Three Way Bill
along with the shipper's memorandum of shipment and
this Way Bill gave the weights of the packets forwarded.

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Under date of February 10, 1931, I wrote you
enclosing a statement of purchases made from Crane
Limited in connection with the Birtle Indian School
as well as a statement of your cash payment shown on
the ledger of Crane Limited. It was then shown that
at that time Crane Limited owed the Department of
Indian Affairs \$73.34 and doubtless they forwarded
you a Credit Note later closing out their account.
Yet you will observe that the Memorandum of Debit,
which I now am forwarding you, is dated December 30,
1930.

No purchases were made from Crane Limited
during 1931 nor since, yet on October 29, 1931 or
eight months after your account was balanced and
closed out, they evidently discovered this unpaid
freight bill of \$1.24 due on the shipment of December
16, 1930, and forwarded the invoices under date of
December 30, 1930, which invoice I now enclose. Upon
receipt of the invoice I checked up with Crane Limited
the history of the \$1.24 and upon learning of the
origin of the same explained that as all accounts had
been settled and as they could not produce any
receipted freight bill as was required by the Depart-
ment of Indian Affairs, I considered it good policy
on their part to forget about the item entirely or
else wait until such time as the account was re-opened.
Apparently Crane Limited have not approved of my

A. E. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Secretary, Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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suggestion and are putting themselves to considerable trouble to collect this item, as I understand they have written direct to your department at Ottawa regarding the matter.

Under the circumstances I dare say it would be adviseable to pay this account, inasmuch as the expenditure was incurred and is a legitimate charge against the Department of Indian Affairs. Crane Limited are alone responsible for the account not being paid at the time the invoice was paid.

Will you please advise me whether it is your intention to pay this invoice directly from Ottawa or whether you wish me to pay the same from monies advanced to the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

D. B. Dow.

Acting District Chief Engineer.

Encls.

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Ottawa, September 28, 1932.

Sir:

I have your 16958-M of the 22nd instant, regarding an account from Crane Limited, Winnipeg, to the amount of \$1.24 covering freight charges for material supplied for use at the Birtle Indian Residential School. For your information, I enclose herewith copy of a communication we are today forwarding to the above Company regarding the matter.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

ENC.

The District Chief Engineer,
Dominion Water Power & Hydrometric Bureau,
Department of the Interior,
706 Commercial Building,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa, September 29, 1932.

Gentlemen:

The Dominion Water Power & Hydrometric Bureau, Winnipeg, have forwarded your account to the amount of \$1.24 covering pre-paid freight charges on supplies for use at the Birtle Indian Residential School. In December, 1930, certain supplies were ordered to be shipped, freight prepaid, for use in connection with the water supply installation at this school. An account for these goods was received in the Department, and cheque No. 6758, to the amount of \$18.06, was sent you. No freight was charged, and no receipted freight bill was attached.

In official letter of February 25, 1931, you were written regarding a statement received from Mr. D. B. Gow, District Chief Engineer for the above Bureau, covering payments made you in connection with supplies furnished for the above school. At that time there was a credit in your books in favour of this Department to the amount of \$73.34, which amount you refunded. No mention was made at that time of any balance due for freight charges.

As our appropriation for the period in question has lapsed, I regret that the Department will be unable to make payment of the above mentioned account now submitted. It is being returned, and the District Chief Engineer of the above Bureau is being informed in accordance with the contents of this letter.

Your obedient servant,

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

J. S. [unclear]
Messrs. Grane Limited,
93 Lombard St.,
Winnipeg, Man.

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H. S. STEAD.
Hardware.

C O P Y.

Neepawa Man; Dec 19th 1932.

P.G. Lazenby Esqr.,
Indian Agent
Birtle

Dear Sir,

Re my account against the Indian School at Birtle for extra work done; I beg to state that I took the matter up with Mr Gow in Winnipeg, he says that you are the one to O.K. the bill as he has nothing further to do with it. I think that you were under the impression that the work I did at the school was contract but it was all day labour with 10% added, and I also worked under the instructions of the Clerk of Works, Mr Henderson.

Trusting that you will O.K. my account for \$113.15 as soon as possible, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Signed;- H.S.Stead.

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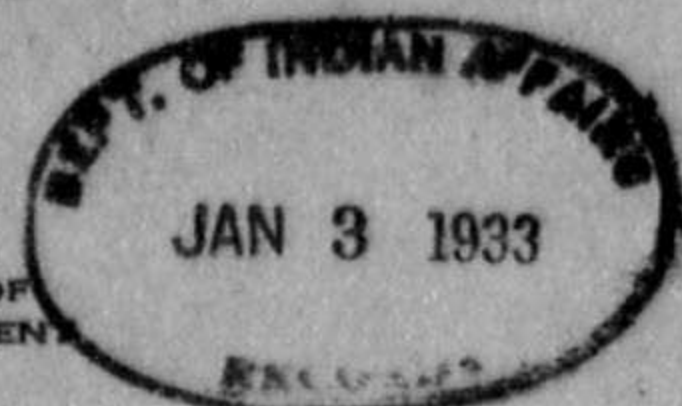
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT



Ref: F/15A

Birtle Manitoba.
28th December 1932.

Sir,

I beg to forward herewith a copy of a letter I have received from Mr H.S. Stead of Neepawa Man, in connection with his account for \$113.15 for extra work done at the Birtle Indian Residential School, on the water system in 1931.

Mr Stead had charge of the installing of the water system when the new school was being built, and after he and his men had completed the job, most of the pipe connections were leaking badly, with the result that he had to send two men back again to dismantle the pipes, particularly those connected to the filter, and do the work over again. The above mentioned account for \$113.15 was sent in by Mr Stead to cover this extra work.

On January 6th 1932 I forwarded Mr Stead's account to the Department with a covering letter in which I stated that the details of the account were correct, but that I did not feel that the charge was justified, as Mr Stead was only making good his own defective work, and in this connection, I quoted the Department's letter to Mr D.B. Gow of the Dominion Water Power & Reclamation Branch at Winnipeg, No; 106-1-15 dated May 4th 1931. Mr Gow sent me a copy of the Department's letter to him, stating that Mr Stead had been instructed to do the work, and requesting me to superintend the job, and approve of his account when rendered and forward it to the Department for payment.

According to Mr Stead's letter, he was not
- engaged -

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont;.

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engaged originally under a specific contract, but on a cost plus basis. Whether or not this should make any difference in the matter in question, I do not know, but in any case one would naturally expect the work to be properly done in the first place.

I may also add that some time ago, I received a letter from the Crane Company, asking for settlement of Mr Stead's account for \$113.15 as he had assigned the account to them. I replied to the Crane Company's letter advising them of the facts in the case, and stating why I had not recommended payment of the account.

Will you please advise me as to whether or not the Department will agree to the payment of Mr Stead's account.

Your obedient Servant,


P.G. Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

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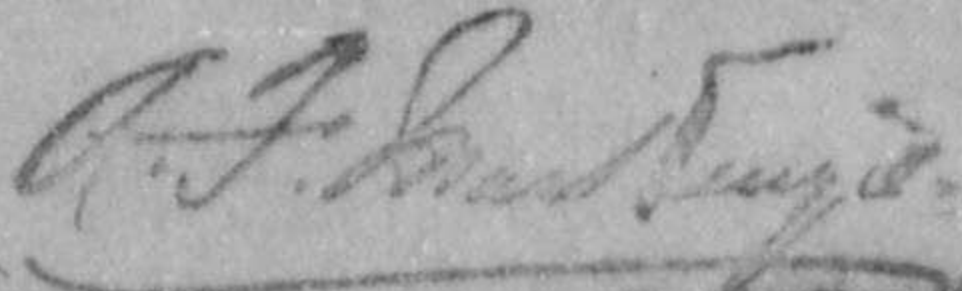
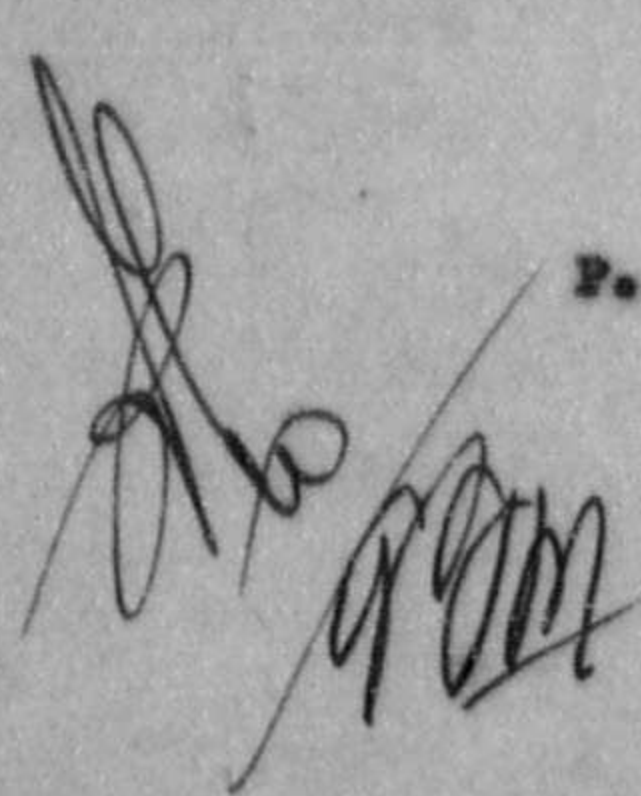
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Jan. 5, 1935.

Dear Sir,-

Replying to your letter of the 28th with reference to the account sent you by Mr. H. S. Stend of Neepawa, it would appear that Mr. Stend should make good his faulty work without any cost to the Department.

Yours very truly,

A. F. MacKensie.
Secretary.

P. G. Lasenby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Birtle, Man.

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C O P Y.

BIRTLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

18th Jany. 33.

Hon. M.P. Murphy,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

May we have permission to remove
the old class room of the old Indian School at
Birtle for the purpose of reconstructing it into a
place of worship down town.

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd.) H.T. White

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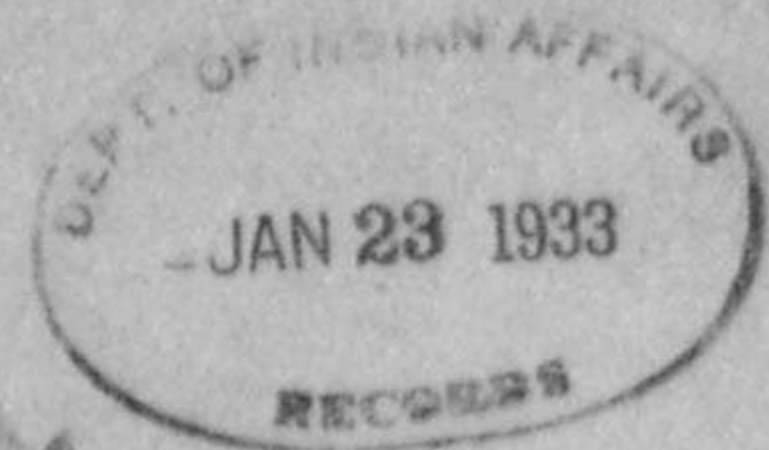
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MEMORANDUM

C.



Jan. 20th, 1933.



Dr. McGill.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from the Reverend H.T. White, of the Birtle Presbyterian Church, requesting permission to remove the old class room of the Indian School at Birtle and to reconstruct it for use as a place of worship.

Enc.

The Minister would like to obtain a report on the same.




Private Secretary.

Erected in 1924

Costs

Plans -	63.75
Material -	3416.97
Labour -	1248.96
	<u>4725.78</u>

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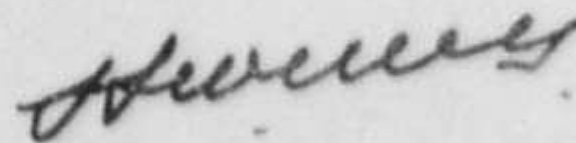
Dear Mr. Lazenby:

A request has been received for permission to remove the classroom at the old Birtle Indian Residential School, in order to reconstruct it for use as a place of worship in the town.


As you are aware, this classroom building was erected by the Department in 1924, at a cost of approximately \$4,500, and it is still in good condition. Please discuss with Principal Currie and inform the Department if this building could be utilized for any purpose at the new Birtle School or whether you would recommend that same be disposed of, and, if the latter, you should state what, in your opinion, would be a fair price for it.

Your early reply is requested.

Yours very truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.



P. G. Lazenby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Birtle, Man.

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V. B.

January 26, 1933.

Memorandum:

MR. BUSKARD.

I have your memorandum of the 20th instant, with copy of letter attached from the Reverend H. T. White, of the Birtle Presbyterian Church, requesting permission to remove the classroom located on the site of the old Birtle Indian Residential School property and to reconstruct it for use as a place of worship.

This building was erected by the Department in 1924, to provide classroom facilities for the pupils at the old Birtle Residential School. The expenditure in this connection - which was paid from the Appropriation for Indian Education for the fiscal year 1924-25 - was as follows:-

Plans	-	\$ 63.75
Material	-	3,416.97
Labour	-	1,245.06
Total	-	\$4,725.78

J.P.

I am writing the local Indian Agent, asking him to discuss the matter with the Principal of the Birtle School and let the Department have a report and recommendation. A copy of my letter is attached. In due course, I shall communicate with you again. I would suggest that, in the meantime, the Reverend Mr. White be informed that enquiry is being made regarding his request.

H. W. W.

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Telephone No; 84

H. S. STEAD.

C O P Y.

Hardware.

Neepawa Man; Jan 14th 1933

P.G.Lazenby Esqr;,
Indian Agent
Birtle Man;,

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst and note that the Secretary of the department is of the opinion that I should do the extra work of installing air bumpers on the pump lines as per my bill. I think that this is not fair to me, as a pump is supposed to have a large enough air chamber on it, but in your case it did not work and the system hammered causing the joints to leake, we did not find this out at the time we were at the school on account of the pressure system not being used at that time. After the school was finished Mr Gow wrote me and told me to go to Birtle and do what I thought necessary, and we put two air chambers on each side of the pump this extra work was no fault of mine and I can prove it by the Wholesale people.

Another thing I would like to mention to the Secretary is that I finished my work there on Jan 8th and got a letter from him on February 20th #106-1-15 stating that they could not pay me for some time, I got this money amounting to over \$5,000.00 in April and it cost me in Bank interest \$104.50 and I certainly think that if the Secretary does not want to pay my account he should pay this \$104.50 interest that I had to pay. And also I had to pay my own car expenses on the School work from Neepawa to Birtle a distance of 180 miles and I had to take these trips four or five times on account of not having the fittings and this was not my fault as I had nothing to do with the material, if I had have been getting a commission on the material it would have been different.

I will be glad if you will forward a copy of this letter to the Secretary of Indian Affairs, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Signed;- H.S.Stead.

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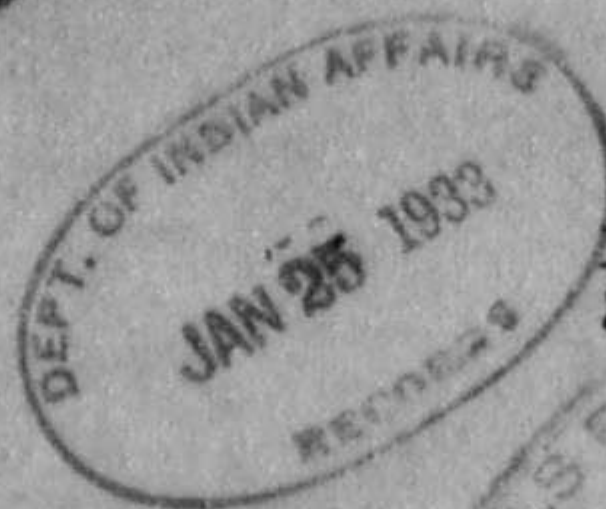
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Ref: S/15A



Birtle Manitoba.
20th January 1933.

Sir,

With further reference to my letter to you of the 28th December 1932 in connection with the claim of Mr H.S. Stead of Neepawa Man; for \$113.15 for extra work done on the water system at the new Birtle Residential School; and your reply thereto dated 5th January 1933, No; 106-1-5, I beg to say that on receipt of your letter, I wrote to Mr Stead advising him that the Department was of the opinion that he should make good his faulty work without any cost to the Department.

I received yesterday, a further communication from Mr Stead in connection with the matter, a copy of which I am forwarding herewith at his request.

Your obedient Servant,

P.G. Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont;.

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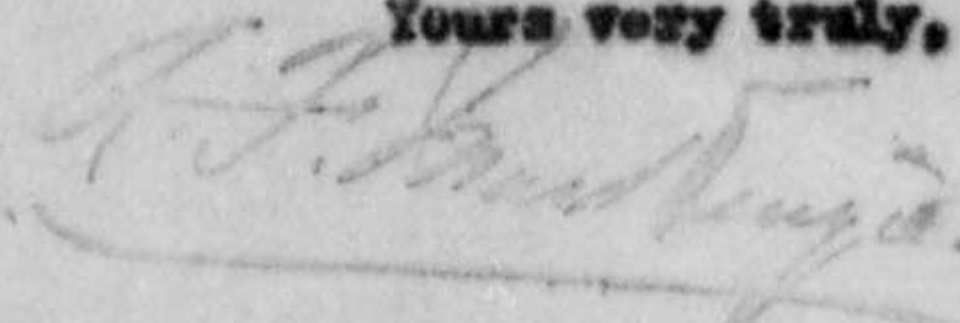
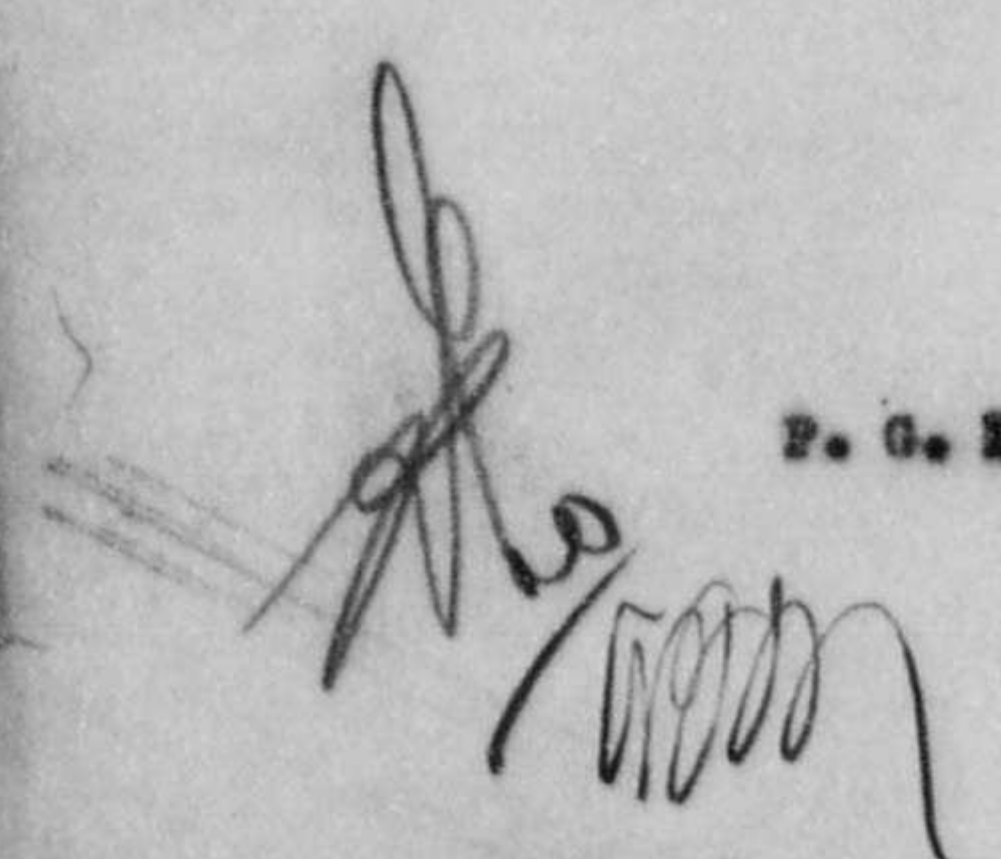
February 1, 1933.

Dear Sir,-

Replying to your letter of the 20th with further reference to the amount claimed by Mr. Stead of Neepawa for extra work done on the water supply system at the Birtle School, I would be glad, in view of his letter copy of which was enclosed, if you would state whether in your opinion favourable consideration should be given to his account.

It might also be advisable for you to communicate with Mr. Gow and get his recommendation.

Yours very truly,

A. F. MacKensie.
Secretary.

P. G. Ransby, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Birtle, Man.

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January 26th, 1933.

Immediate
[Signature]
Dr. McGill,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.



Dear Sir,-

Some time ago, in a conversation which I had with the former Deputy Superintendent General, it was understood that the old building at Birtle, which is in a most dilapidated condition, was to be demolished. We fear it may become a sort of hang-out for undesirables and the building itself is in such condition that no use can be made of it. May I have permission to write to Mr. Currie to have it demolished as was the intention? Perhaps I have been at fault in not taking the verbal order and passing it on to Mr. Currie, but I was waiting for something definite in writing. The building to which I refer is the old main building owned by the Presbyterian Church, and which is of such a nature as not to be fit for use in any way. It was condemned long before the new building was made, and before your appointment to office, Sir, we had to close the school and send the children home on account of the conditions, both throughout the building itself, and in the basement. I would like to have this attended to before the spring work opens up.

May I also inquire as to whether orders have ever been given to have the former school rooms fitted up for residence use in connection with the school. It was thought wise to have them fitted up as quarters for the engineer or farmer, or any other of the help. I have also had a dream of a cottage, where perhaps ten or twelve boys and girls could be taken for a month at a time, and where they could live under such conditions as would be found in a normal home, learning to do small family washings, small family bakings, etc., and perhaps teaching them more of home life. I know the Department had been considering also this method of use of this building. May I ask if anything definite has been done.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature: M. C. McNeill]
Secretary, Indian Department.

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February 4, 1933.

Dear Mrs. McKerroll:

I have your letter of the 26th ultimo, regarding the removal of the old building on the former site of the Birtle Indian Residential School.

In this connection I have to say that, while this building is now of no further use, it contains a quantity of good, solid dimension lumber, which could be utilized, and also that there is, on the outside of the classroom portion of this building, a good grade of drop siding. If this old building were to be dismantled, much of this material could be profitably sold. Further information is being obtained, and you will be informed when a decision is arrived at, regarding the action that will be taken to dismantle the building.

Relative to the fitting up of the former classroom building, where a number of boys and girls could live under home conditions, I have to say that Mr. Currie, Principal of the Birtle School, and also the local Indian Agent have requested that one-half of this building be made into a residence for the school farming instructor. The Department is disposed to have this arrangement carried out. In any event, we would have no funds to have this building fitted up as a residence where boys and girls could be trained in home life.

Yours very truly,

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Deputy Superintendent General.

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll,
Women's Missionary Society,
Presbyterian Church,
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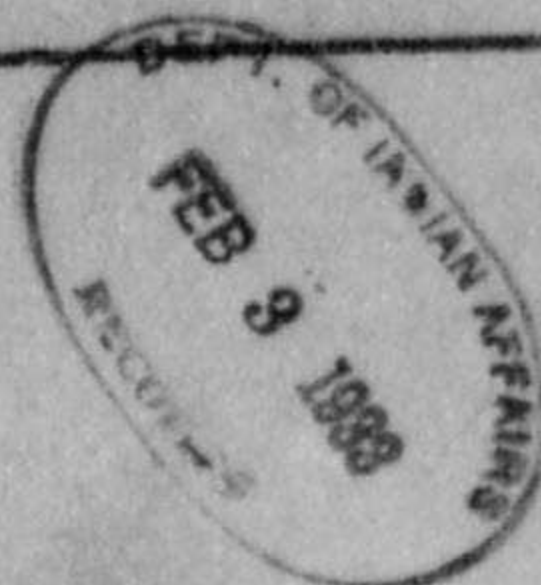
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106-1-5

Ref: F/15A

Birtle Manitoba.
30th January 1933.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No; 106-1-5 of the 26th instant, with reference to the request received for the old classroom building at the Birtle Residential School.

In reply, I beg to state that I have to-day conferred with Mr Principal Currie in this matter, and we are both of the opinion that this building should not be disposed of, but rather put to use for the school purposes.

The building was originally constructed throughout of first class materials, and is well built; consequently it is still, with the exception of broken window glass, in first class condition. Moreover, it is very doubtful if one could sell it at the present time, for what it is really worth.

Principal Currie's wish is, and has been for some time past, to convert one half of this building into a residence for the school farming instructor, which would mean the erection in the interior, of some partitions &c;, and Mr Currie stated this morning that if the Department would make a grant of \$200.00 for this purpose, he would add sufficient to that to complete this work. By having the farming instructor live on the premises, a saving of at least \$100.00 per year would be made, in wages, and the initial expense incurred in converting the building into a residence for this purpose would result in ultimate saving. The building itself would also be taken care of, if used as a residence for the farming instructor.

- The old school -

Harold W McGill Esq;
Deputy Superintendent General
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Ont;.

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The old school building is now of no further use; yet there is in the interior of it, an immense quantity of good solid dimension lumber, which could be made good use of, and on the outside of the classroom portion of this building, there is a good grade of drop siding, which was put on in 1924.

If this old building were to be dismantled, much of this material could be profitably sold, and to do this would be better than to let the building deteriorate as it stands. Probably the writer of the request for the new class room building could make use of this material, which would no doubt serve his purpose just as well, and the ultimate cost to him would no doubt be less.

With reference to Principal Currie's proposal to convert one half of the classroom building into a residence for the school farming instructor, I beg to say that at the present time, this member of the school staff has to live in town and consequently pay rent. He also has to walk a mile to and from the school twice each day.

Your obedient Servant,



P.G. Lazenby.
Indian Agent.

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