

Office of the

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Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.

In your reply refer to

No. 21/46

and date of this letter and
address

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Winnipeg, 24 Sept. 1907.

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*Immediate
Schools*

Sir,

I beg to refer to my letter of the 21st. ultimo,
respecting the tenders for the installing of a heating
system in St. Joseph Industrial School, and to suggest,
in view of the lateness of the season, the desirability
of prompt action being taken.

Your obedient servant,

D. Laird
Indian Commissioner.

Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Send the following Message, subject to the above terms, which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, October 2nd, 1907.

Hon. D. Laird, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

May accept Gates' tender furnace St.

Joseph's School if you consider fair price for work to
be performed.

Charge L. A.

Frank Pedley.

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Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.

Winnipeg, 18th December, 1907.

In your reply refer to

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Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.



Sir,-

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Referring to the Deputy Minister's telegram to me of 2nd October last authorizing me to accept tender of Messrs. Chas. E. Gate & Sons for installing a heating plant in St. Joseph Industrial School at Dunbow or Davisburg, Alta., I beg to report that I did accept the said tender for \$3320.00, and I have now the account for same before me, and a report from the above firm that the contract is completed and the plant working satisfactorily. But it will take some weeks to obtain the Principal of the School's certificate to the satisfactory performance of the contract and transmit it to Ottawa.

In the meantime Messrs. Chas. E. Gate & Sons ask for an advance of \$2000.00 on account of said contract. I recommend that a cheque for this amount be forwarded to them.

Yours truly,

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Indian Commissioner.

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FOR INFORMATION OF SUPERINTENDENT - GENERAL,

DEPT. INDIAN AFFAIRS.

C O P Y.

Lethbridge, December 12th, 1907.

The Deputy Attorney General,

EDMONTON,

Alta.

Sir;- Re PETER DEEGAN ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY.

I have the honour to report that Peter Deegan, a pupil in an Indian School escaped and was subsequently captured at Medicine Hat, and when assisting at the stables, he made a break and got away, he was again found near Moose Jaw and sent to the school. I would not recommend his arrest on charge of escaping from custody, but would like your instructions in this matter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J.A.P. Wilson, Supt.

Commanding "K" Division .

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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EDMONTON

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REFER TO FILE



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EDMONTON, ALBERTA. December 17, 1907.

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Sir:-

Re PETER DEEGAN.

I am in receipt from the Officer commanding
R.N.W.M.P. at Lethbridge, of the enclosed letter.

I am writing Superintendent Wilson, inform-
ing him that I have referred the matter to you.

Your Obedient Servant,

Wm. Mack
Deputy Attorney General.

Superintendent - General,

Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA,

Canada.

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Ottawa, 26th December, 1907.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, regarding the heating plant installed at the St Joseph's Industrial School, by Messrs Chas. E. Gates, I beg to say that a cheque ^{to} ~~for~~ 2000.00 ^{sent} 4805 has been issued and sent forward in their favour, being an advance on account of the said contract.

It will be necessary for the Department to be furnished with an account bearing the Principal's certificate, together with the ~~form of~~ tender made by the firm, and the ~~contract~~ contract which they entered into in the matter.

Your obedient servant.

Hon. D. Laird,

Secretary.

Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa, January 8, 1908.

Sir,-

The Deputy Attorney General for the Province of Alberta, Edmonton, has written the Department, inclosing a copy of a letter addressed to him by the Officer commanding the R.H.W.M.P. at Lethbridge with reference to a boy, named Peter Deegan, who, he states, escaped from an Indian school (name not given) and was subsequently captured at Medicine Hat. The boy when assisting at the stables broke away and was again found near Moose Jaw and sent to the school.

The Officer states that he would not recommend his arrest on the charge of escaping from custody but would like instructions ~~thereon~~ and the Deputy Attorney General has referred the matter to the Department. He has been advised that you would be instructed to make enquiries regarding this case, and the Department would be glad if you would do so at your earliest convenience.

Your obedient Servant,

J.D. MCLEAN

Secretary.

The Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.

In your reply refer to

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Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Schools
Winnipeg, 21 Jan. 1908.


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Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 8th. instant re Peter Deegan, a deserter from the Qu'Appelle Industrial School, I beg to say that the boy was duly punished after his return to the school and it does not seem advisable to follow the matter any further.

Your obedient servant,

D. Laird
Indian Commissioner.


Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Indian Industrial School



at Davisburg, Alberta Inspectorate,

February 19, 1909.

Sir:

About two and a half years ago a stationary steam engine was exchanged for a 15 H.P. Belle City gasoline engine. At that time gasoline engines had not reached the perfection of like engines of to day and, moreover, the 15 H.P. has been found to be of insufficient power to meet the requirements at this school, particularly to properly operate a threshing machine, for operating a grain grinder and such like work it has given splendid satisfaction, however.

The Rev. Principal of the institution would like to secure a more powerful engine and of the traction type so that it can be used for ploughing and such like work. In this connection I may say that it is not the intention to abandon hand ploughing entirely and for the reason, among others, that it is conceded that the pupils should do a reasonable amount of ploughing - sufficient for education along this line.

Inquiries have been made regarding the cost of a traction gasoline engine of sufficient power to meet the requirements here and the engine chosen has been the Hart-Parr of 22 nominal or 45 h.p. The regular price of this engine is \$3000.00 but the general agents for Alberta have offered to accept \$2500.00 for one at Calgary. They apparently are anxious to place one here in the expectation that it will be a good advertisement for this engine. Now as regards the engine on hand the Rev. Principal is willing to assume the cost of the necessary plows, which will cost over \$500.00, to operate with this engine and in the hope that the engine on hand can be sold to meet the cost of the plows.

It is understood, however, that whether the engine on hand is sold or not that the engine plows will be purchased from school

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funds and that the Department will never be asked to provide for the cost of the plows and, furthermore, if the engine on hand is sold for more than the cost of the plows that the residue of sale will be invested in the purchase of some other farm implement required at the institution.

If the Rev. Principal's request meets with your approval kindly so advise him.

Your obedient servant,

J. J. Mackey
Insp.

I have read over the within letter and agree to the conditions stated regarding the disposal of the engine on hand and with regard to the settlement for the plows.

J. R. Ryan
Principal St. Joseph School.

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Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.

In your reply refer to

To. 21/46

and date of this letter and
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Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Winnipeg, 25th February, 1909.



Sir,-

See

I enclose herewith an application from the Principal of the Industrial School at Davisburg, Alberta, through Mr. Inspector Markle, for a grant of \$2,500.00 to purchase a traction engine for the use of the School.

I am unable to see my way clear to recommend the Department to incur such an expenditure. So far as I am aware no assistance of the kind has been given to any of our Industrial Schools. It is true the Regina School has a traction engine, but it was purchased by the aid of subscriptions of friends of the School, and has been no charge to the Department.



The Government has recently incurred large expense in providing heating apparatus for both the boys' and girls' buildings of the Davisburg School, as also for land and outbuildings in connection therewith. Having done so much for the School of late, I think the Department should not at this time have been asked for a traction engine which is not immediately necessary for the comfort, health or industrial education of the pupils of the institution.

Yours truly,

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

D. Laird
Indian Commissioner.

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Ottawa, March 3, 1909.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult., inclosing an application from the Principal of the St. Joseph's Industrial School, through Mr. Inspector Markle, for a grant of \$3500.00 to purchase a traction engine for the use of the school.

In reply I beg to say that the Department agrees with you that it would be inadvisable to grant this request.

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Encl.

Ottawa, April 23, 1909.

Rev. Sir,-

The Department has received a most interesting and commendatory report on the St. Joseph's Industrial School under your charge from its Inspector. There are, however, several matters referred to therein on which a report from you is desired.

It is stated in the report that there are fifteen pupils in attendance who are not enrolled. The Department would like further information regarding the parentage of these pupils, whether Indian, half-breed or white and it also wishes to know if any contribution is made for their maintenance and, if so, at what rate.

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The financial statement accompanying the Inspector's report showed an excess of expenditure over revenue of some \$1500.00. In the face of this deficit the Department would not be justified in approving of continuing these pupils in residence, unless there exist good reasons to warrant it, which should be given in each case.

It is also noted that you are said to have recently made a recruiting trip for pupils to the

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Rev. J. Riou, O.M.I.,
Principal,
St. Joseph's Industrial School,
Davisburg, Alta.

Onion Lake and Saddle Lake agencies. I may state for your information that, in addition to the loss of time and cost entailed in such extended trips, it is not the policy of the Department to collect pupils for residential schools from reserves situated at long distances from the institution. The field of the High River school should, it is thought, be restricted to Treaty 7.

In the report reference is made to the attention given in the school to supplying recreation for the pupils. The Department is in sympathy with the general principle, but considers that a reasonable limit should be placed on this branch of school work. From the Inspector's remarks it would be well if you could arrange to have the younger boys placed under a female teacher, as their presence in the class interferes with the senior boys, whose work is deficient, especially in reading. If this could be done, some of the younger girls might be taught with them.

The Inspector was most favourably impressed with the class-room and industrial work of the girls, but recommends that milking should not be lost sight of in their training, this work at present all being performed by the boys. The Department would like you to make some provision for teaching girls how to milk, not necessarily to do it all, but simply sufficient to make them expert in this work. They should also be taught plain cooking and

and breadmaking.

The Department trusts you will ~~be~~ carry out the Inspector's suggestion to break up more land for permanent pasture.

Attention is called to certain necessary repairs, and as Parliament has voted funds you are authorized to undertake the following work, but the aggregate appropriation must not be exceeded:-

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| Ceiling for boys' room..... | \$150.00 |
| New floor, girls' play-room... | 150.00 |
| Repainting stables and stores. | 200.00 |
| General repairs..... | 100.00 |

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Your obedient Servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary.

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Ottawa, May 31, 1909.

Rev. Sir,-

On the 23rd ult. you were written to in reference to several matters in connection with the St. Joseph's Industrial School.

Particulars in regard to the fifteen pupils in attendance who are not enrolled were asked for, and the Department would like to have this information as soon as possible.

You will be good enough to let the Department have a reply to the letter above referred to at your earliest convenience.

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

Rev. J. Riou, O.M.I.,

Principal,

St. Joseph's Industrial School,

Davisburg, Alta.

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Indian Industrial School

at Davisburg, Alta,

June 2nd /09.

MEMO.

Sir:-

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In reply to yours No. II7657/I in reference to the pupils in attendance who are not enrolled, I would beg to state that we had permission to accept in to the school such children. In reference to the excess of expenditure over receipts at the time of the Inspectors visit I would beg to bring to your notice the fact that we had not disposed of any of our farm products at that time, hence the apparent deficit. Hope you will find this satisfactory,

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



J. H. Brown
Principal,
Davisburg, Alta.

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, June 11, 1909.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. with reference to the fifteen pupils in attendance at the St. Joseph's Industrial School who are not enrolled, and in reply I beg to say that the Department would like to know by whom the permission to admit these children to the school was given.

I would also draw your attention to the fact that you have omitted to give the further information asked for regarding these pupils in the second paragraph of official letter of April 23, last.

The Department would be pleased to have this information as soon as possible.

Your obedient Servant,

W. D. MOLEAN

Secretary.

Rev. J. Riou, O.M.I.,

Principal,

St. Joseph's Industrial School,

Davisburg, Alta.

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Indian Industrial School

at Davisburg, Alta.

June 16th/09.



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Sir:-

The following information asked for in your official letter of April 23rd No. II7657/I. re pupils not enrolled is herewith submitted
 Lily George .Father unknown ,Mother living ,Full Cree, no fixed place of residence .Means of support ,begging and habits quite questionable .

Lizzie Muscrow .Same as above ,The same mother.

Havelock Nelson, Father dead ,Mother dead, Pupil kept in school by Administrator of father's estate @\$6.00 per month.

Charlie Nelson ,Same as above. Residence Cawley ,Alta.

Savards, Emily & Mary Jane .Mother living ,Father dead ,Cree half-breeds .No means of support .Came from Stoney Plain ,Alta.

Horace Holloway ,Mother living, Father dead .Cree half)breed. Mother has no means of ~~supporting~~ educating boy.

Pat Ward. Cree half-breed, Father dead ,Mother living, .No means of support. Residence Medicine Hat.

Mamie Hall. Cree half-breed, Father unknown .Mother dead No means of support. Residence Calgary, Alta.

Agnes Hall. Same as above.

Agnes Belcourt. Cree half-breed .Parents wanderers, .Calgary, Alta.

Albert Belcourt. Cree half-breed .Father living .Mother living, No means of educating boy .residence Lac St. Ann ,Alta.

Sylvester Belcourt. Same as above.

Albertine McKay. Cree half-breed .Father unknown .Mother dead . Mother was ex-pupil of this school.

Joe Omiyosiw .Full Cree. Band Sampsons No. 56. This pupil was refused admission owing to a mistake made by the Hobbema School as to his age .His certificate of baptism showed him to be well within the age limit when he entered this school.
 Residence Sampsons Reserve, Hobbema ,Alta.

Indian Industrial School

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Hoping this information will be satisfactory ,

I beg to remain ,Sir?

Your obedient servant,

J. R. R.
Principal.

The Secretary,

Dept.of Indian Affairs?,

Ottawa.

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Ex'd

Ottawa, October/9, 1909.

Memorandum.

Mr. Scott.

Re Pupilage at St. Joseph's Industrial School.

An examination of the return from this school for the March quarter, last, revealed the fact that there were some sixteen children enrolled who were not given, to any band, and Mr. Inspector Markle in his report, dated March 1, last, stated that there were fifteen children in attendance who were not enrolled. The Department then made enquiry regarding each of these groups of children, which for convenience we will refer to as Class I and Class II respectively, and elicited the following information.

In Class I according to the Principal's letter there are seventeen pupils, but the information received after several letters had passed between him and the Department is somewhat indefinite. The mother of the four Prevost children is dead and their father is unknown. They were placed in the school by their Guardian, who lives on the Peigan reserve. The six Pewabiskokapew children were recruited from Calgary; it is not stated whether they are Indians, half-breeds or whites. Two of the remainder are said to be full-blooded Crees, but their parents are unknown; and the remaining five are called half-breeds. In cases where the locality from which the above children were drafted is given, it is seen that they were prin-

cipally gathered from the towns in Treaty VII.

Class II. (Not enrolled) These children are half-breeds with possibly one exception, but it is difficult to see the distinction in this respect between them and most of the children in Class I. In the case of two of them, the Nelson children, the Administrator of their Father's estate pays \$6.00 per month each towards their maintenance, or \$72.00 per annum. (The per capita grant to this school is \$130.00 per annum.)

With the ^{possible} exception of the four Prevost children and the two reputed full-blooded Crees (all of Class I) it is doubtful if any of these 32 children are entitled to the privilege of admission to an Indian school. In most instances, as said above, they were recruited from towns and their parents were not even living the Indian mode of life. The trouble appears to be that in Treaty VII no effort has been made to distinguish in recruiting between half-breeds and non-treaty Indians.

With regard to the future admission of grant earners the Department has the remedy in its own hands; that is, a careful scrutiny and consideration of all applications. Those now on the roll are there by its authority and I presume must remain.

Mr. Markle reported a deficit of \$1500.00 at the time of his visit, and in view of the difficulty in making ends meet with an allowance of \$130 per pupil, it would not appear to be good policy to allow the Principal to take in

pupils for whom he receives no remuneration to the detriment of those for whose benefit the school was instituted. I fail to see any argument whatever in favour of allowing him to carry half-breed children, whose maintenance must be provided for out of funds supplied by the Department for the rearing and educating of Indian children in an institution owned by it.

It rests with the Department to say whether any action shall be taken with reference to this latter class, or not.

A. J. MacKenzie

Ex'd

Ottawa, November 4th, 1909.

Rev. Sir,

Referring to your letter of June 16th, last, and previous correspondence in regard to fifteen pupils who are kept in residence at the St. Joseph's Industrial School though not enrolled I beg to say that the principle involved in allowing your school to maintain these pupils has received the careful consideration of the Department.

An examination of your report on these pupils reveals the fact that, with possibly one exception, they are really half-breeds, not Indians, and for the maintenance of only two of them does the school receive any recompense, although the returns show that it is difficult, if not impossible, for the management to make ends meet. These two are the Nelson children, for whose keep \$6.00 a month each is paid, a rate only a little over one-half the per capita grant allowed by the Department for Indian pupils.

As you are aware this school was established and is maintained for the education of Indian children, and only such are entitled to the benefits offered by a training in the institution. For this reason the Department has decided that in future only those whose admission is approved, and for whom it is ~~to~~ ^{required} to pay the per capita grant shall be allowed to reside in the school.

Rev. J. Riou, O.M.I.,
Principal,
St. Joseph's Industrial School,
Davisburg, Alta.

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The Department has no wish to create any hardship in the case of those already there and they may be allowed to remain, but the number must under no circumstances be increased.

The Department is confident you will see that the stand it takes in this matter is reasonable, and will be glad to hear from you at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

L. J. McPherson
Secretary.

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EX-11

Ottawa, January 19, 1910.

Memo.

The Deputy Minister.

Re St. Joseph's Industrial School.

I beg to call your attention to existing conditions at the St. Joseph's Industrial School in view of which I am constrained to make the recommendation in the closing paragraph of this memorandum.

The Department provides for this school a grant of \$130 for 100 pupils. The return for the December quarter shows an enrolment of 67 with an average attendance of 61. Of those enrolled when Mr. Markle inspected the school in March, last, 17 were given as not belonging to any band of Indians and there were also 15 in attendance not admitted by the Department.

Enquiry was made with regard to each of these groups and the information elicited as to the 17 pupils referred to showed that, with six possible exceptions, they were half-breeds, recruited principally from the towns in Treaty 7 and not strictly eligible for admission to an Indian school. Of the fifteen children for whom no grant was asked all with one probable exception are half-breeds. The Principal receives \$72.00 per annum each for the maintenance of two of them, being about half the grant allowed per capita earning pupils.

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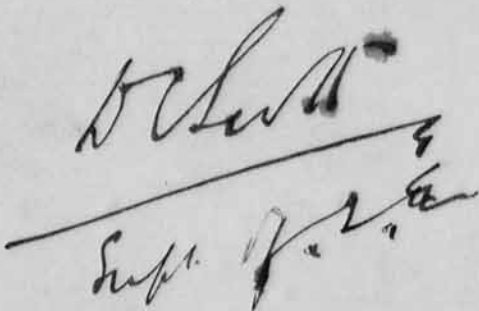
This school would appear to have outlived its usefulness as an institution to which recruits from the Roman Catholic boarding schools in Southern Alberta may be drafted. As proved the case in the Calgary school parents are adverse to sending their children so far from home and as time goes on the difficulty to obtain pupils increases. There are seven schools from which St. Joseph's recruits, viz., Blood, Blackfoot, Peigan, Ermineskin's, St. Albert, Onion Lake and Blue Quill's, the first four being the principal contributors.

A recent report by Dr. Bryce and Dr. Lafferty shows that nearly, if not quite, all the pupils in residence are affected with tuberculosis and no means are taken to completely isolate even the worst cases. The great danger of infection to which healthy children on admission are exposed is quite apparent, and the Department hesitates on this account to grant applications when received.

It appears to me that much better results would be obtained if the money spent on this school were diverted proportionately to the various boarding schools above referred to. At these schools there is now provision for 345 pupils at \$72.00 per capita. The amount voted for St. Joseph's (\$13000) would provide a per capita grant of \$100.00 and also permit of an increase in the total pupilage to the extent of 34 grant earners. These schools, with the exception of the Blood and the Peigan, could now accommodate a larger number of pupils, but at these two additional housing accommodation would have to be provided if the number were increased.

By this arrangement the educational needs of the Indians would be met and the more liberal per capita grant would enable the Church authorities to conduct the boarding schools in an efficient manner.

we have as precedents the closing of the Calgary and of the Metlakatla schools and at present negotiations for closing the Regina school, involving a redistribution of the grant, are under way. If this suggestion meets with your favour I would recommend that the Department communicate with His Lordship Bishop Legal with a view to ascertaining whether the Roman Catholic Church authorities would entertain such a proposal.


Sup. J. R. G.

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Encl.
Ottawa, January 26th, 1910.

Right Reverend Sir,

The Department desires to lay before Your Lordship certain facts in connection with the existing conditions at St. Joseph's Industrial School and to submit for your consideration a proposal having in view the closing of the institution upon terms set forth.

As Your Lordship is aware the Department provides a grant of \$130.00 per annum for 100 pupils at the St. Joseph's school. The enrolment for the December quarter, last, was 67 and the average attendance 61.

When this school was inspected in the month of March, 1908, seventeen of the pupils enrolled were given as not belonging to any band of Indians, and there were also fifteen in attendance for whom the Principal asked no grant. The Department made inquiries with reference to these pupils and ascertained that of the seventeen referred to all, with six possible exceptions, were half-breeds recruited principally from the Towns in Treaty 7. Of the fifteen for whom no grant was asked all, with one probable exception, were half-breeds. Your Lordship will thus see that of these 32 pupils at the most seven were eligible for admission to an Indian school. For two of the latter group the school receives from parents or guardians a grant of \$72.00 per annum each towards their maintenance, but this is little more than half the grant

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Right Rev. Emile Legal, O.M.I., D.D.,
Bishop of St. Albert,
St. Albert, Alta.

allowed per capita earning pupils by the Department and the rest have to be maintained from funds voted for the education of Indian children.

Your Lordship will have noted the increased difficulty met with in obtaining recruits for this school, and the same conditions prevail at other industrial school throughout the West. Parents appear averse to sending their children to a great distance from their homes, and, as time goes on, this aversion appears to gain ground.

The sanitary conditions at St. Joseph's Industrial School also are not what might be desired. A recent inspection showed that nearly all the pupils in residence were affected with tuberculosis and means are not taken to completely isolate even the worst cases. Your Lordship will thus see the great danger to which healthy pupils are exposed on admission. So great is this danger that the Department hesitates, under present conditions, to authorize the transfer of pupils from boarding schools who are shown to be free from tubercular taint.

There are seven schools on which the St. Joseph's school depends for its recruits, viz.- Blood, Blackfoot, Peigan, Ermineskins, St. Albert, Onion Lake and Blue Quills, the first four being the principal contributors.

It appears to the Department that much better results would be obtained if the money spent on this school were diverted to the various boarding schools above referred to. At these schools provision is now made for 345 pupils at \$72.00 per capita. The amount voted for St. Joseph's (\$13,000.00) in addition to the present vote for the boarding schools would provide a per capita grant of \$100.00 and also permit of an increase in the pupilage to the extent of 34 grant earners, who might be distributed as deemed best. These schools, with the exception of the Blood and Peigan,