

Mr. R. A. Hoey,

February 7, 1939

Mr. Huddleston has done, on the occasion of your visit last Spring.

I presume that the request for assistance to provide materials for the reconstruction of two cottages, has reached you through Mr. Indian Agent Daunt, and I trust that it may receive favorable consideration.

The problem of accommodation for married help at Coqualeetza, has always been a pressing one. I pointed out to the Department, shortly after I came, that it seemed impossible to keep efficient help unless this were done. I have tried all the while Mr. Huddleston was away, to secure another Boat Building Instructor, but had failed to locate one whom I thought satisfactory. The applicants were all either too old, or too inexperienced. As something had to be done, I secured the materials to reconstruct a cottage for Mr. Huddleston and one for Mr. Carter our Farm Instructor. The work has been done entirely under the oversight of our Manual Training Staff, by the Senior boys, and it has proved valuable experience. My knowledge of Indian villages, leads me to feel that the one thing necessary is rehabilitation of old houses, and these boys certainly should have caught the vision of what can be done with an old building. The above two cottages have been unoccupied practically ever since I came. We now have two comfortable homes, which I hope will prove an essential factor in maintaining an efficient staff in these two departments.

While the expenditure will run over the \$200.00 asked for, still if the Department is good enough to advance us that amount, it will relieve the school of some hardship. I am sure I have your full support in trying to increase the practical side of our instruction, and hope that you will be able to sympathize with me in the situation in which I was placed.

Thanking you for your enquiry, and hoping that this letter will give you all the information required,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Scott
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PRINCIPAL

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REV. R. C. SCOTT, B. A.

Sardis, B.C. February 7, 1939

Mr. R. A. Hoey,
Superintendent of Welfare and Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Hoey:

I have your letter of January 26th, 1939,
File: 153-0-11, enquiring as to the qualifications of
Mr. R. C. Smith, now engaged as Manual Training Instructor.

Mr. E. W. Lythgoe resigned at the end of last
school year, as he preferred teaching in the White schools.
I then wrote to Mr. F. T. Fahey, Director of Technical
Education for the Province, who submitted several names,
among which was that of Mr. Smith, who with one other
received his special recommendation.

I chose Mr. Smith, and have been well satisfied
with his work. He has taken the course for Manual Training
Instructors in the Vancouver Technical School. He was for
a time, Assistant to Mr. Parker, the Principal, in machine
work. He is qualified to teach all woodwork subjects, and
has had special instruction on hand work and machine work.
In addition he has had a complete Commercial education of
four years, besides three years carpentry experience.
He is twenty-six years of age. I may say that in addition
to his work as Manual Training Instructor, Mr. Smith has
fitted in to the life of the school very well, and has
under taken his share of house duties on the Boys' Side
with entire satisfaction. I am only hoping we shall be able
to keep him for a few years, as I am sure, starting in as he
has now, with so many in the Junior classes, he will have a
fine group of students by the time they reach the Senior
grades.

Regarding Mr. Huddleston, Assistant Manual
Training Instructor, you have perhaps noted that there
were no vouchers for him at \$40.00 a month, included in our
Manual Training Account. That was because we were unfort-
unate enough to lose his services until December 31st. He
is an excellent workman, and I was always afraid we would
not be able to hold him. He married about two years ago,
and when what seemed like an excellent opportunity, opened
with the Boeing Company of Vancouver, I could not blame him
when he accepted it. However, as you perhaps know, that
Company was at that time in process of re-organization with
a view to undertaking extensive aeroplane manufactures. As
a result, the employment of Mr. Huddleston was held up so
long that it seemed quite problematical as to whether the
Company would re-open their Boat Building at all or not.
Consequently he wrote to me towards the end of December and
offered to return to the school if we could find him house
accommodation, and arrange a mutually satisfactory schedule
of house duties. As you may imagine, I was more than glad
to have Mr. Huddleston return, and we are laying the keel
for a new boat, which will be built by the Senior boys this
term. I am sure that this will prove satisfactory to you,
as well as to myself, having seen something of the work

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Ottawa, March 16th, 1939.

MEMORANDUM:

Mr. Bailey.

I enclose voucher amounting to \$160.16 covering the cost of materials purchased by Mr. Indian Commissioner MacKay for manual training work at the Coqualeetza Residential School.

This expenditure should be charged to B. C. Special Appropriation. It would be appreciated if you would issue Purchase Order so that the account may be paid.

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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TO JULY 1940

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