



Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C. Jan. 10/40.
Looking East from West wing.



Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C. Jan. 10/40.
Concrete mixer and ramp.

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Indian Residential School
Alberni, B.C., Jan. 10/40.
Looking North to Assembly
wing.



Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C. Jan. 10/40
1st floor slab west wing
ready for concrete.

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Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C. Dec. 16/39.
Looking East, 1st floor
framing.



Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C. Nov. 28/39.
General view looking south.
Classroom bldg. footings in
foreground.

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Looking East along centre
line of centre wing. Indian
Residential School, Alberni,
B.C., Nov. 28, 1939.



Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C., Nov. 28/39.
Looking South on centre
line of building. Wall and
column footings in place.

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Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C. Nov. 28/39.
Looking south. Boiler room
excavation in foreground.

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SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

159-1-5
24th February, 1940.

Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

Re: Progress photographs, Port
Alberni Indian Residential School.

Herewith please find enclosed for your records eleven progress photographs of the Port Alberni Indian Residential School.

J. M. Tardie
Director.

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Ottawa,
February 29, 1940.

H.M.D.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

I desire to acknowledge with thanks
progress photographs of the Alberni Indian
Residential School.

[Handwritten signature]

Director.

[Handwritten initials]

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Dr. McGill,
Director of Indian Affairs,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir:

We are writing to you on behalf of our Port Alberni Agent to enquire if any insurance will be carried upon the new Indian School structure just being completed at Port Alberni.

We understand that it is not the usual practice to insure a federal building, but if the exception is to be made in this case, we would like very much to have the Board of Directors consider our proposals and rates on this account.

Yours very truly,

PARSONS, BROWN LIMITED

John A. Davidson
Superintendent Agency Production

JSD:MPM

REAL ESTATE AND FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT - HENRY C. MACAULAY, MANAGER

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Ottawa,
March 12, 1940.

Gentlemen:

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant with reference to the Port Alberni Indian Residential School.

As you are probably aware this building is under construction at the present time. When completed and turned over to the Department no insurance will be carried on it as it is not the policy of the Dominion Government to insure its buildings.

Yours truly,

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


Parsons, Brown Limited,
404 West Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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March 21, 1940

Memorandum:

Dr. McGill.

Re - Indian Residential School,
Port Alberni.

The estimated value of the work that can be done by the Contractor on the above School during the present fiscal year was carefully checked by our Senior Architect, Mr. Buck, when in Alberni recently, and he advises that the Contractor's estimate as to what he could do before March 31st was much too high.

Our Architect considers that with all charges included, the estimated expenditure up to the end of this month will be approximately \$66,000. There will consequently be an unexpended balance of \$84,000 of the Allotment provided in this fiscal year for the above project. The amount required for the coming fiscal year will thus be increased and is now estimated at approximately \$104,500.

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J. M. Dwyer

Director.

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Ottawa,
April 3, 1940.

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Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

I have your memorandum of March 21 in which you advise that approximately \$84,000.00 of the amount provided for the Alberni Indian Residential School will be unexpended.

Please arrange for the transfer to this Branch of an amount of \$4,800.00 in connection with reconstruction project No. 30 at the Kenora Indian Residential School.

[Signature]
Director.

April 4/40

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Date May 31 1970

For Glenn County School 11/25/71 CA Agency

NOTE:

To avoid delay, teachers should give full particulars regarding each article required.

The name, series, number of grade, and name of author and publisher of all books required should be given as fully as possible.

When ordering kindergarten material, the catalogue number of some well known firm should be given for each article required.

Only one item should be specified on each line of this requisition and no entry should be made under heading "Number Authorized".

[illegible]

N.B.—Explicit information regarding address must be furnished.

Name Jas. B. Glover
 School Alberni Indian Day
 Post Office (nearest) Alberni
 Express Office (nearest) Alberni
 Province B.C.

James B. Glover Teacher

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have examined this requisition, and that the articles asked for by the teacher are necessary and are such as are in use in the Provincial Schools.

W B Cochran
Indian Agent

FORM No. I.A. 413
R. 8568

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Ottawa,
April 9, 1940.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your requisition of the
31st ultimo you may purchase 2 gallons of floor
oil for use in the Alberni Indian Day School.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Mr. P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B. C.

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EXD.
A.S.

SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

April 26, 1940.



Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

I am giving herewith, for your information, final figures on the value of the work done on the Port Alberni School by the Marwell Construction Company up to the end of the past fiscal year:-

1. Gross value of work done to March 31st,
under contract\$62,862.85
2. Total payment made for work done up to
March 31st, 1940, retaining one-half of
the 10% holdback only\$59,719.71
(Gross value of work - \$62,862.85
Less 10% - 6,286.28
\$56,576.57
Add one-half of hold-
back 3,143.14
\$59,719.71)
3. Amount of re-vote necessary, including one-
half of holdback \$90,280.29
4. Additional amount required to be voted to
bring the total to \$170,500.00 \$20,500.00

The sum of \$111,000.00 should therefore be provided for in the 1940-41 Estimates in connection with the Port Alberni Indian Residential School.

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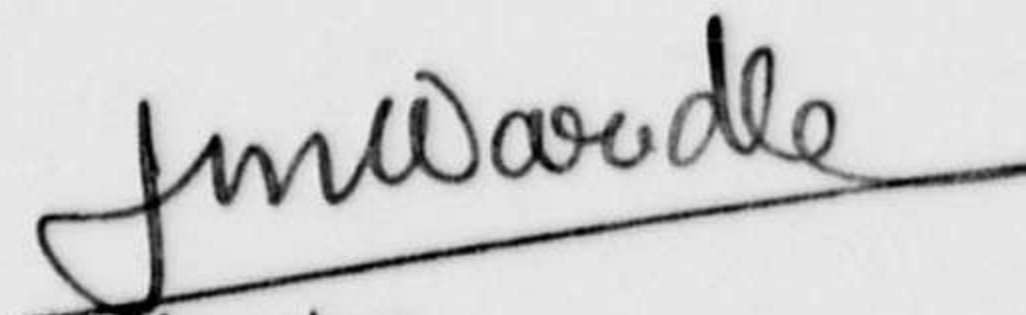
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On work of this nature there is usually a holdback of 10% of the value of the work done by the contractor until the project is satisfactorily completed, which in the present instance means that there will be a carry-over of funds due the contractor for work done in 1939-40 into the fiscal year 1940-41. In order to reduce the re-vote required as much as possible and since the Department is well protected by security bond, we have only held back 5% of the gross value of the work done in 1939-40.

You will note that the figure now given is greater than that given in my memorandum of March 31st and which was estimated prior to the receipt of the March estimate of work done.


Director.

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Alberni, B.C., May 8 1940

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June 26th, 1940.

Memorandum:

Mr. WardleRe: Indian Residential
School, Alberni, B.C.

It is brought to your attention that there is included in the contract price for the above, a sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to cover specially built shelving, storage racks, isolated counters, etc. as might be required for definite functions in certain areas, the details for which were not known when the contract was awarded.

With a view to obtaining information regarding this equipment, the matter was discussed with officers of the Training Division, Indian Affairs Branch, but no such information was available.

The data required for transmission to Mr. Cornish, our engineer at the job, is as follows:

- (a) Storage rooms: Details regarding dimensions and spacing of shelving, storage racks, etc.
- (b) Locker rooms: Details regarding shelving racks used in lieu of pupils' lockers.
- (c) Dairy, bakery and laundry: Details regarding shelving, counters, etc.

To expedite this matter so that the information will be available for use while the carpenters are still on the job, it is recommended that the Indian Affairs Branch be requested to have their Indian Commissioner for British Columbia make arrangements for Captain Scott, the Principal, to visit Alberni as soon as possible, and confer with Mr. Cornish.

Definite instructions regarding the desired construction of the equipment mentioned might then be transmitted directly to Mr. Cornish, who would be able to advise Captain Scott to what extent the provision of such equipment might be carried for the amount provided under the contract.

As it will not be long before the carpenters have completed their work on the school, I would appreciate being advised on this matter as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Engineer.

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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Copy sent to Mr. Scott

Ottawa,
May 22, 1940.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant enclosing letter received from Indian Agent Ashbridge regarding old buildings at the Alberni Residential School you may authorize the tearing down of the slaughter house near the back of the residence and the building referred to in our previous letter as a storehouse. The lumber should be given to local Indians.

The old barn and the old day school may remain in their present position until the school gets into operation when the Principal can decide to what point on the grounds he wishes to move them.

Yours truly,

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

Major D. M. Mackay,
Indian Commissioner,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Ottawa, May 20, 1940.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 14th instant, in which you seek information with respect to funds that might be available for the purchase of a moving picture machine for the Alberni residential school.

I may state that the officials here are making an earnest attempt to secure the funds necessary for the purchase of furnishings at the new school. It would appear, however, that there is not even a remote possibility of securing funds other than the amount necessary for essential furnishings. We have been informed by the Government that it is simply impossible in this national crisis to secure the funds necessary to maintain our regular services in the sense that they have been maintained in recent years. I can only express the hope, therefore, that this crisis will pass quickly and that we shall be in a position in the immediate future to give sympathetic consideration to the best ways and means of improving our courses of study and equipment at our Indian day and residential schools.

Yours truly,

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

Reverend R. C. Scott, B.A.,
Principal,
Coqualeetza Residential School,
S a r d i s, B. C.

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

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Coqualeetza Residential School
United Church of Canada

Sardis, B.C. May 14th, 1940.

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



Dear Mr Hoey:

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd inst re the securing of a truck for the new school at Alberni. I expect I misunderstood the Principal of another school and thought he said the Department supplied them with such a vehicle. I shall have to try to arrange it in some other way although I do not see my way clear at the moment to get a truck ourselves. I wonder if it will be possible to secure a moving picture machine for the new school as part of the equipment? Our present one gives a lot of trouble, and is not satisfactory. It is a very old model, silent, and has only one ratchet for passing the film along. This results in torn films, and unsatisfactory use. It would bring very little in a trade in on a new machine, but I would be willing to let it go in that way if it would help. Thanking you for your interest at all time, I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Scott
PRINCIPAL.

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OF
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INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 15/15/5532.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



Dear Sir:

File 155-0-5.

Replying to your letter of the 23rd ultimo with respect to the Rev. R. C. Scott's recommendations covering the removal of certain buildings near the new Alberni Residential School and the erection of a gymnasium, I enclose herewith a report, dated the 7th instant, from Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge in this connection, which is self-explanatory.

It is not expected that the Department will undertake this work until funds may become available for the purpose.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Encl.
:AC

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

5208/40/C.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
May 7, 1940.

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to your letter of May 3rd, 1940, re observations of Rev. R. C. Scott on buildings etc. at the Alberni Residential School.

Regarding the slaughter house, near the back of the residence, and the building referred to in paragraph three as a store-house, I would recommend that these be torn down and the lumber given to the local Indians, as the buildings are of no value and detract from the appearance of the school.

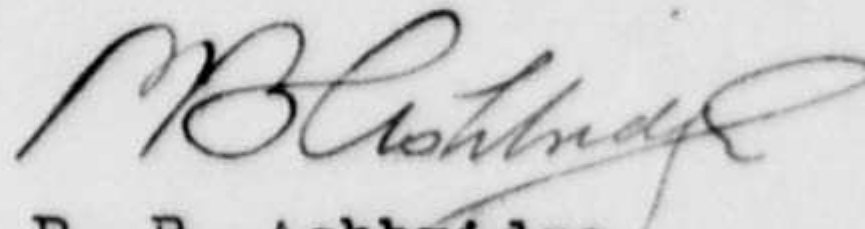
The old barn, while not being a thing of beauty, may be required later as an implement shed or garage, and it would not seem good policy to destroy all these buildings if others are going to be found necessary.

The old day school stands on a good cement foundation with a good cement basement. If it is found necessary to remove it, I would suggest that it be skidded back about fifty feet, rather than destroyed, as it should prove to be a very useful building for many purposes.

Re proposed gymnasium, I would hesitate to recommend such a building as referred to by Mr. Scott, not knowing whether the Department is prepared to go to added expense. The weather here, for the greater part of the year, is suitable for outdoor gymnastics and exercise, and I would say that setting up drill out of doors is far more healthy than indoor exercises.

Mr. Cornish also agrees that such a building would detract from the appearance of the school. I would prefer to leave this matter until such time you are able to inspect the present building, and thus form a better opinion.

Your obedient servant,


P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.



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OF
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INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 15/15/5361.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. May 3, 1940.

Dear Sir:

Re Your File 153-0-5.

I have received your letter of April 23rd enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. R. C. Scott, Principal of Coqualeetza Residential School, regarding various matters relating to the new Indian Residential School at Alberni.

I feel that some of the items referred to by Mr. Scott should be discussed with Inspector Barry. The Inspector is not expected to return from the north until the middle of next month but in the meantime I have written to Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge for his views with respect to several of the matters dealt with by Mr. Scott. On Inspector Barry's return, the subject matter of Mr. Scott's letter will be given further consideration and I will again communicate with the Department.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

/AC

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.



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EXD.

Ottawa,
April 23, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I attach for your information a copy of a letter just received from Rev. R.C. Scott. I should appreciate having your views on the various matters mentioned in this letter. For your guidance I may say that while the Department hopes to be able to obtain the funds that will be necessary to furnish this building in a reasonably comfortable manner at the same time it must be realized by all parties concerned that it will be impossible to secure funds for many improvements that might be considered necessary. The provision of such improvements will simply have to wait until some future time when funds can be secured.

Yours truly,

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

Major D. M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Ottawa,
April 23, 1940.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant with reference to certain buildings at Alberni which you consider should be removed.

I am submitting a copy of your letter to Indian Commissioner MacKay for his recommendation.

As pointed out in my letter of concurrent date the Department hopes to secure funds for equipping the new Alberni School in a comfortable manner but it must be kept in mind that at the present time it is extremely difficult to secure money and consequently many improvements that might be considered necessary at Alberni will have to be deferred until a later date.

Yours truly,

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

Rev. R.C. Scott,
Principal,
Coqualeetza Residential School,
Sardis, B. C.

Handwritten initials: R.C. Scott

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Ottawa,
April 23, 1940.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant requesting that in equipping the new Alberni School the Department arrange for the purchase of a truck.

While we hope that funds will be provided for furnishing the new building at Alberni in a reasonably comfortable manner there is not a remote possibility of securing the funds that would be required for the purchase of a truck. Besides, it has not been the practice of the Department to supply trucks or automobiles at Indian residential schools. Such vehicles are always purchased by the school management from their own funds.

Yours truly,

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

Rev. R.C. Scott,
Principal,
Coqualeetza Residential School,
Sardis, B.C.

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Coqualeetza Residential School
United Church of Canada

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

Sardis, B.C. April 15th, 1940.

Mr R.A. Hoey,
Supt. Welfare and Training,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada.



Dear Mr Hoey:

While at Alberni recently in connection with our farm programme, I took occasion to look over the grounds of the new school with special reference to the old buildings which are there. I noted that the old slaughter house is quite near the back of the residence, and hence would be quite unsuitable for that purpose should we ever wish to do our own butchering. It is somewhat on the playground on the girls' side as well, so that I feel it could very well be torn down. It is old also, I might have said. The same is true of the old barn situated somewhat farther away from the residence, but quite an encroachment upon the ground for the girls' play space. It is, ~~if~~ anything, older than the aforementioned building, and I do not see that it would fit into any scheme for use by the new school. Both buildings are unsightly in the presence of the fine building at present being erected. There is another older building, at present being used as a store house for the materials of the contractors. It might have been a woodshed in days past, but is beyond all repair now, and is too close to the new school. It is very unsightly and should come down. What should be done with the old Day School building which is immediately in front of the North end of the new school I cannot say, except that it ought to be taken away. I feel sure that your Mr Cornish will be able to advise you further on these points, and I shall be satisfied with what may be decided when you have heard from him. I am sure however, that these buildings should come down. If new ones are required, it would be good training for the Manual Training boys to erect them under supervision of their instructors, if the Department would be good enough to supply the materials. None of these buildings would be high enough to be any hazard to the boys in doing that work. Re a Gymnasium: there is going to be real need for such a building at the new school. Play rooms are not adequate for sports such as are fundamental to the health and training of these boys and girls. There is a fine site just alongside the new class rooms, but sufficiently removed, for such a building. I wonder if it might be possible to have Mr Cornish, or some other of your men prepare a plan

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Coqualeetza Residential School
United Church of Canada

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

Sardis, B.C......

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for such a building. It could then be gone into, perhaps jointly by the Church and the Department. I understand that a considerable sum was raised by the former Principal of Coqualeetza, the Rev Dr G.H. Raley for use as a building fund for a Chapel. As that will not now be necessary, it might be possible to have it diverted for the building of a gymnasium. We could then fit up the Assembly Hall as a chapel, and use part of the fund for that purpose. The assembly hall is, I fear too small to be adequate for a "gym" although I have not investigated that closely up to the moment. I think I am safe in saying it is.

I have not taken this up with either Mr Cornish or with our own men in Toronto, but shall do so in the near future. Meantime, you will have the proposal before you.

Thanking you in anticipation, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Scott
PRINCIPAL

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Coqualeetza Residential School
United Church of Canada

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

Sardis, B.C. April 15th, 1940

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

Re: School Truck

Dear Mr. Hoey:

As I am not just sure whom I ought to write in the above matter, I am addressing my letter to you and would be glad if you would pass it on to the proper department if that were necessary.

We have nothing in the way of a school truck except an old 1917 model Buick, which our boatbuilding fixed up with a truck body. The tires are bad this year, although I have got a new set since the truck was first put into commission four years ago. The wheels are "wheezy" and have been cobbled up and last year they gave us a lot of concern. I really do not feel it is right to ask the Camp Overseer to use it this year, for it is not safe. The brakes need a lot of expense also to make them safe.

We have not so much use for a truck about the school during certain times of the year, but in the summer we use it every day to haul water. Two barrels of drinking water have to be hauled every day along the highway from White Rock to our Camp, a distance of about a mile and a half. Then, it is our principal way of getting the children out for picnics or to take their part in soft ball or other games as are arranged from time to time during the summer. When my care is not at camp, and it is impossible for it to be there constantly, there is nothing but this old truck for use to take a child to the doctor, for instance, as is necessary at times during every summer. There will be from sixty to seventy children there again this year I expect.

When we go to Alberni, it will be necessary for us to have a truck, at least a one ton one, and perhaps a ton and half would not be amiss. All our coal will have to be hauled from the depot and as this is a mile and a half or more, it means that a team cannot be used to advantage as it would take so long there would be demurrage on the car, and interfere with the school work of the boys detailed.

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R.A. Hoey,

April 15th, 1940

As we have, or expect to have, plenty of help, it would not pay to have to hire trucking of this kind done. In view of the fact that food and most itmes we have to buy will be higher in price, it is likely that we shall have to buy wholesale in Vancouver and have our goods shipped over direct from there to Port Alberni, and then haul them from the Government wharf ourselves. I have been in touch with wholesale firms, and they suggest this as the best way of getting our supplies. I would like to be able to go down with our own truck and haul them to the School. With all the stokers to be supplied, and since we are likely to burn coal in the kitchen range as well, there will be a lot more coal used than here where we use wood for the kitchen stoves and residences. We use our temas as we can put two of them on, and the car is spotted only a block from the school, but in Alberni, as I have pointed out, it will be different.

I trust that it may be possible to include in the equipment for the new school a truck of at least one ton capacity, and perhaps a ton and a half. If it could be supplied for this summer, we could use it as above for our Camp prior to moving over to Alberni.

Hoping for favorable consideration, I am,

Yours sincerely,

R.C. Scott
R.C. SCOTT
PRINCIPAL

RCS/BW

P.S.

Such a truck would form an excellent unit in our Motor Mechanics Department.

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