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June 13th. 1927.

Dear Mr. Lawlor,

We returned from our trip last week after an enjoyable and useful journey. You will remember our conversation at Shubenacadie and the Minister would like you to prepare your report on the farms which we were discussing. The acreage, improvements including fencing, and the price should all be mentioned. I should like to have the report at an early date.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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D. B. Lawlor, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Shubenacadie, N.S.

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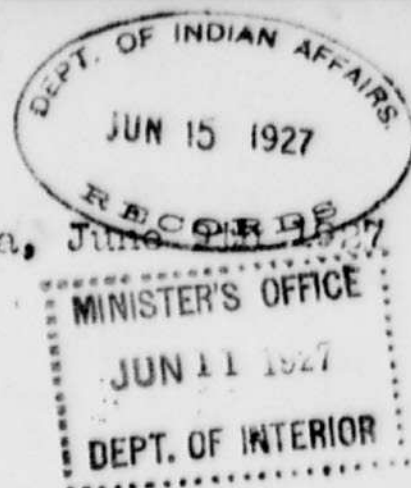
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Re: *Indian Affairs*
to the Deputy
Minister
JUN 11 1927

FOR ATTENTION
~~DRAFT~~

Charles Stewart.
Minister of Interior.
Supt Genl Indian Affairs Etc.

Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, June 9 1927



Dear Sir:-

As an old resident of this district, I was much pleased to hear the report that an Institution for the better education and training of Indians was to be located here.

Your recent brief visit could not give you the best idea of the district and I regret that I did not have the opportunity of showing you some of the real farms and beauties of the district.

The best agricultural land lies along the Shubenacadie river, the high marshes along the river being unsurpassed in any part of this country, suitable for any sort of crop and cultivation, and yielding continually an annual hay crop of from 2 to 3 tons per acre without any cultivation, and have to my personal knowledge been doing so for upwards of fifty years.

Shubenacadie is the best agricultural district in the Province of N.S.

A glance at map will show you that it is located exactly in the centre of the Province.

It has most excellent connections, by Highway, Rail Stages, Telegraph and Telephone with all parts.

It is located on the C.N. Ry, and the main highway through the Province.

It is one of the largest mail distributing points.

The Ry traffic at this station is greater than any station between Halifax and Moncton with the exception of Truro and Amherst.

The Indian Reserve of 1800 acres I think one of the largest in the Province, and excellent agricultural land is located within 5 miles of this station.

Shubenacadie has never been favoured one cents worth by either the Federal or Local Governments.

We have the County Exhibition Grounds but a few of we citizens put it up ourselves.

I have no desire to butt in or presume to advise you but I know the Province pretty well, and have no hesitation in saying that this is a most desirable location for your institution.

Thirty-five or forty years ago my father was Indian Agent here, and Shubenacadie was always rather regarded as headquarters of the Indians, and it would as a matter of history and sentiment, seem to be quite proper that the institution should be located here.

I realize fully that it would mean very much to this district if this institution be located here and feel that

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I would be deficient in my duty as a public spirited citizen if I neglected to put the matter fairly before you.

I have already written Mr Ilesley, our representative on the matter and I know it will mean much to Mr Ilesley if it be located here.

As you are aware we only have two representatives from N.S. The Hon Minister of Defence and Mr Ilesley, and I have not the slightest doubt that Mr Ralston would confirm every word I have said to you as to the advantages of this location.

From what I have been able to learn from the Indian Act here, while I feel he might not tell me all he knows, I assume you require a good large farm, in a good location where it would show up well to the public, located on the main highway, with unfailing water supply for such an institution, and within a short distance from the Ry Depot, Post office, Telegraph office.

I know such a location would do much to popularize the movement, and tend to the success of the institution.

I have already written Mr Boyd Supt for N.S. along this line and giving him names of five farm owners with farms within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the depot and Post office here, and I take it that these would all be inspected by competent impartial men of your Dept and the Best taken.

Unfortunately or fortunately I am one of these owners, and while I protest my first thought is to get the institution located at Shubenacadie, and at the best location in Shubenacadie and I feel that I may be rather handicapped in urging Shubenacadie as the location because of the fact that I am a seller, and it might be thought my urgency was self interest.

I will therefore take a broader ground and say that I would be willing to place my farm and its location in competition with any location in Nova Scotia. *at the price and location*

I have one of the finest farms in N.S. On the main highway, with a good elevation, overlooking the highway, the C.N. Ry and the Shubenacadie River all of these three running parallel past the front of my farm.

It has an unfailing water supply, and could easily be made one of the show places of the Province.

On its front it has 32 acres of the finest marsh on the River as referred to above.

It is a large farm, some 400 acres The frontage adjoining highway being cultivated lands, and the rear wilderness.

It is two weeks earlier than any farm I know of. I will sell the front or cultivated part and keep the wilderness part, or will sell part of the front retaining the buildings, Will sell it with or without the marsh.

In fact would do most anything to get this Institution located at Shubenacadie, and will not feel a bit sore if your Dept after fair inspection prefer some other farm to mine.

Give Shubenacadie a chance, because it has hitherto been neglected.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Lass

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June 14, 1927.

Dear Mr. Cass,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to Honourable Charles Stewart, with reference to the proposed Indian Residential School in Nova Scotia.

In reply I beg to state that while the site of the school has not yet been decided upon we are giving close attention to the matter.

Yours very truly,

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Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Robert Cass, Esq.,
Shubenacadie, N.S.

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SITE NOT YET SELECTED
Michael Bayle June 9/27
**Hon. Charles Stewart Returns
From Maritimes Trip**
Ottawa, June 8.—The site for the new Indian boarding school in Nova Scotia will not be decided upon until a further investigation is made, declared Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, today, who has just returned from a trip to the Maritimes. A number of likely locations for the schools were inspected by Mr. Stewart in the course of his visit in Nova Scotia.
The work of moving the Indians from outside the limits of Sydney, N.S., and placing them upon the new reserves there was proceeding very satisfactorily, stated Mr. Stewart. He hoped that in the course of the summer all the Indians would be removed to the new location, comfortably housed, with school accommodations provided on the reserve.

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Shubenacadie, N. S., June 6th., 1927.

A. J. Boyd, Esq.,
Superintendent Indian Affairs N. S.,
Cannes, C. B.

Dear Mr. Boyd:-

I was pleased to learn that through your effort there is a likelihood of an institution for Indians being established here, and regret that I did not at the time know of your visit.

I do not wish to butt in anywhere, but I presume that the first thing in your mind is a suitable location, at a reasonable price, for the popularity of the movement will depend much on the location.

I need not say to you that Shubenacadie village situate on the C. N. Ry. and on the main highway from Halifax to Truro, exactly in the centre of the Province, the best farming community in the Province, with excellent connection by Rail, Main highway, Stages, Telegraph and Telephone with all parts must be a desirable location, and the Indian Reserve of some 1800 acres is only five miles distant.

As a lifelong resident of the place, and for many years past Appraiser for the Canada Permanent Corporation I have perhaps a better knowledge of the farms here, and their values than others could have, AND I have no axe to grind.

I do know however if you can secure a suitable location and build this institution near our Town, and close to Ry Depot, Post Office, Tel and Tel offices Churches etc that it would mean much to the appearance and popularity of the Institution, and to the future of this Town.

I can well believe that a location on the main highway with a good elevation, ample water supply and opportunity for sewerage and with a good view would be the ideal, and several such can be obtained here, within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the Ry. Depot and Post Office.

While I repeat, That I have no axe to grind, and my first thought is the Best interests of the institution and this Town and community, I beg to say that I have one of the finest farms in the Province, within sight of the Town, less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Ry Depot, on the main highway, at a good elevation overlooking the Shubenacadie River and in full view from the Railway, most excellent situation, splendid soil, about two weeks earlier than most farms, ample water supply for an institution and sewerage easily available, 32

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acres of the renowned Shubenacadie River marsh, the most prolific and easily cultivated of farm lands and yielding a continual annual crop of hay without cultivation, small orchard, a splendid flat for an institutional athletic grounds, a large barn capable of housing 50 head of cattle and storing 150 tons of hay and located where in my judgement it would not interfere with your other buildings.

I only bought farm last year. It had been rather neglected, but cut 120 Tons Hay and some grain crop but I expect in two years to be making it produce 200 tons hay besides other crops.

The whole farm contains around 400 acres, but I would sell the front or cultivated portion say 150 to 200 acres and retain the rear and wood lands for myself.

Now all this does not sound as though I have no axe to grind: But the fact remains that I am not anxious to sell it.

Besides there are a number of other places near the town, which can be bought and one or two of them at low prices.

S. J. Etter, George Gay, Fred Etter, Joseph Flemming, all have good locations and are worth while looking over, to get the best for the money.

My farm could easily be made one of the show places of the country, the view of and from the farm cannot be excelled.

The marsh alone is valued \$200.00 per acre or \$6400.00 but if you would not want the marsh I will keep it, and sell the upland portion, or any part of that.

While as I have said I am not anxious to sell, I am anxious that you get a property that will suit you entirely and within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of our town, as I know that would mean a great deal to the future of this community.

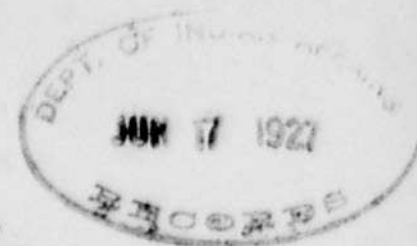
Yours truly,

(Signed) Robert Gass.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT



River Bourgeois, N. S.,
June 11th., 1927.

Dear Doctor Scott,-

I enclose herewith for your information a letter which explains itself. Although the gentleman who wrote it, Robert Gass, Esq., of Shubenacadie, N. S., protests that he has "no axe to grind", yet I think that the property, which he owns and describes, should not be overlooked in selecting the best site for the proposed residential school for Indian children.

Yours very truly,

A. J. Boyd.

Indian Superintendent.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq., Litt. D.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

P. S. I am forwarding original of the enclosure to Hon. Mr. Stewart, Superintendent General.

A. J. Boyd.

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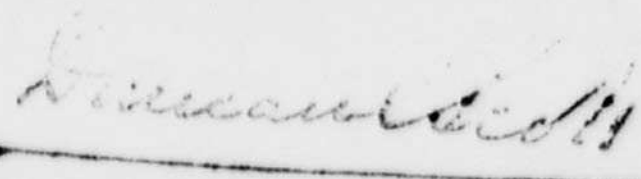
June 16, 1927.

Dear Mr. Lawlor,-

I send you herewith a copy of a letter which Superintendent Boyd has sent me. The Honourable Mr. Stewart also received a letter from Mr. Gass. Would you kindly report on his farm when you are reporting on others.

Yours very truly,




Deputy Superintendent General.

D.B. Lawlor, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N.S.

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July 11, 1927.

Dear Mr. Lawlor:

I have to inform you that Mr. Russell Ferrier, Superintendent of Indian Education, and Mr. R. Gurney Orr, Department Architect, will arrive in Shubenacadie on Tuesday morning the 19th instant, at 10.15 o'clock. They have been instructed to look over the properties that are mentioned in your letters of the 17th and 22nd ultimo with a view to selecting a building site and purchasing a farm. Please arrange to meet them and to give whatever help you can. It might be well to notify the owners of suitable properties.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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D. B. Lawlor, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie,
N. S.

Reends - 600070



Shubenacadie N.S. July 14th 1927

Duncan C. Scott Esq.

Depy Supt Genl Of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Re my former letters and the proposed purchase of a farm here by your Dept, I have been advised that your Engineers will shortly visit this place to make selection.

While you have a rough sketch of several offers I made through local Indian Agent, in making such sketch I was rather at a loss not knowing exactly what you required.

However I wish to remind you that I will allow you to select any portion of my farm you may consider most desirable for your purpose, with or without buildings, and will sell any portion you may select, without enhancing prices, and really at perhaps a little less than value.

I not only wish to sell the farm but as an old resident, and citizen who has always worked for the best interest of the community, I would like to see you get the best location possible for your institution.

I know I have one of the best farms in the country, THE BEST SOIL, a sandy loam free from stones easily cultivate and very productive. Best location, fronting on the Main Provincial Highway which advantage none other has, within a short distance of Post Office, Ry Station Telegraph Office Churches Schools District Exhibition and athletic grounds.

AMPLE and Never failing water supply and most convenient and inexpensive sewerage opportunity.

Good farm buildings, or plenty farm and excellent building sites without buildings, which no other obtainable has

Yours truly,

Robert Lase

I desired you could obtain a railway siding just across highway, opposite front of farm.

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Shubenacadie, N.S.,
July 22, 1927.

We agree to sell this fall
our farm, composed approximately of

1. — 17 acres marsh land,
2. — 65 acres upland on which the bldgs
are situate
3. — 50 acres wood lot.

but not including this years crop &
all chattels, personal effects for the
sum of (\$7000) Seven thousand dollars.

Witness
D. B. Fawcett.

George Guy
Minnie Guy

Shubenacadie N.S.
July 22/27

We hereby agree to sell our house and lot situated on the Gay Property, Maitland Road, Shubenacadie, to the Department of Indian Affairs, for the sum of Four Thousand (\$4000^{00/100}) Dollars, possession to be given them May 1st, 1928.

Signed:
Bertha E. Lutz Etter
Allan J. Etter

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1. Boundaries
 2. Site
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- Memorandum:

DR. SCOTT.

July 28, 1927.

On Tuesday, the 19th instant, we arrived at Shubenacadie, N. S., to examine properties there for the proposed Indian residential school. J. L. Ilsley, LL.B., of Kentville, M. P. for Hants-Kings, met us there and assisted until a final selection was made. At the outset, we had a preliminary look at the various sites that had been brought to your attention by letter, and, without much hesitation, we soon confined our interest to the Etter and Gay farms, which were carefully examined. Certain local persons with some influence were desirous that the Dewis property be included in the final examination, but Mr. Ilsley and ourselves could not agree that it was suitable enough to be worthy of comparison with the other two.

It was considered advisable to proceed to Halifax for the 20th and 21st, for the purpose of meeting the church authorities and to look into building materials and sources of supply. The final selection of a site was postponed until Friday, the 22nd. On that date the Etter and Gay farms were examined with considerable care. While the first named property appeared to possess more possibilities as a productive farm - a much wider choice of acreage being available for purchase - from every other angle the Gay property was more suitable.

The Gay property is situate one-half mile from the station at Shubenacadie - immediately on the outskirts of the village. The site is reached by a good road leading directly from the village - a distinct advantage over the other properties, in that it is not necessary to cross the railroad when travelling to and from Shubenacadie. When it is pointed out that this railroad is the main line of the C. N. R., over which there is heavy traffic, the importance of this to the staff and children will be understood. The farm consists of approximately 65 acres of cultivated upland, 50 acres of woodland - 10 of which have already been cleared sufficiently for pasture, and 17 acres of marshland, which produces hay perennially without attention. The properties surrounding it appear to be clean and well cultivated. We consider this Gay farm, which consists of 130 acres, more or less, large enough for the needs of the proposed institution for some time to come. The land appears to be clean and productive and is in one block. It should be mentioned that a fresh water lake, suitable for bathing, boating and fishing, just touches the northern boundary of the Gay farm.

On this property is an ideal building site. It commands a view of the countryside in all directions and the building will be seen from the railroad and from all of the

five roads running in and out of Shubenacadie. The site selected also provides ample opportunity for excellent drainage and water supply, the Shubenacadie river being less than 100 yards from the spot for the building. Electric current and telephone connection are available.

We wish to point out that it was impossible to locate a building site on the Etter property which was at all close to the railroad or main highway, and the drainage facilities were not at all comparable with those of the Gay property. This also applies with more force to the Dewis property, but, in addition, the Dewis property's only possible site for the building was immediately over disfiguring gravel pits and generally rough ground. It was represented to us that a siding which was close to the Dewis property would be a big advantage. However, this feature was not worthy of serious thought as all materials would have to be unloaded from the cars into a vehicle and hauled up a difficult grade to the building. The Gay property, without railroad to cross and only a few hundred yards farther from a railroad station, had the distinct advantage of being near a post office and business community. We were warned by certain interested parties that the road leading to the Gay property, which happens to be the main road to Maitland, was flooded at certain seasons of the year. We made several enquiries from independent sources in this connection and we learned that the road was flooded for an hour or two a day in the spring of certain years only, but that it was not impassable even when flooded.

Mr. S. J. Etter wanted \$13,500 for his farm, which consists of 270 acres. A lot of the value of this property is tied up in the buildings, the most important of which would have to be removed in the event of an Indian residential school being erected there. Mr. George Gay, in his written offer to Mr. Indian Agent Lawlor, asked \$9,000 for his 130 acres, but we were able to secure from him an option on the property at \$7,000, provided he be allowed to harvest this year's crop. He promised to do the fall ploughing and otherwise prepare the fields for next year's farming operations. *Shubenacadie*

*Surveyed
Please* We wish to recommend that the farm of George Gay be surveyed at an early date, with a view to determining not only the exact size of the property but also the best building site. If everything is found as has been represented to us and the title is satisfactory, we believe it advisable to arrange the purchase. In our opinion it is easily the best property near Shubenacadie for an Indian residential school. When title is being searched, it should be ascertained what privileges the owners have in connection with the lake that touches the property and if there is a right of way around its southern extremity.

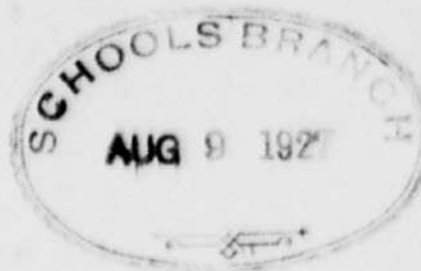
Some time ago, approximately one-eighth of an acre of this farm was sold for the site of a residence. Three

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or four years ago, the purchaser, Mr. Allan S. Etter, erected a residence, which would make a very suitable home for the farm instructor and other male members of the staff of the proposed school. This residence and lot, which is situate on the entrance road to the property, can be purchased for \$4,000, which sum is less than would be required to erect a suitable farmer's residence. We strongly recommend that this property, also, be purchased.

Approved
[Signature]

Russell H. Herrier
Supt. of Indian Education.

[Signature]
Department Architect.



Ottawa, 6th August 1927

Sir:

A survey is required of the farm now owned by George Gay, including that portion sold to Bertha and Allan Etter, situate approximately half a mile north-west of the village of Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. You are requested to post all the limits of the lots which are said to contain about 130 acres, and to show on your plan the limits of the Etter Lot, also the hay marsh, and the location of an elevation decided upon as a school site, and to submit a plan of that portion of the farm which will be pointed out by Indian Agent Lawlor as the site for the school, showing contours in elevation of 5 feet vertically. You should consult the Indian Agent Mr. D. B. Lawlor at Shubenacadie who has been requested to render you such assistance as he is able. The work should be economically but carefully performed. For this service you will be paid \$10.00 per day and reasonable expenses, provided receipts in duplicate for all expenditures accompany your account. Your returns will consist of plans, diary, and report. You are requested to undertake this work at your earliest convenience.

Your obedient servant,

(A. F. Mackenzie)

Acting Assistant Deputy and Secretary

R. W. McKenzie, Esq.,
Deputy Surveyor,
12 & 13 Queen Bldg.,
Halifax, N. S.

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Mr. W. H. ...
Secretary

Ottawa, August 10, 1927.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mr. R. W. McKenzie, 12 Queen Bldg., Halifax, has been requested to survey the George Gay farm, the small lot of Allan S. Etter and the proposed building site for the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School. Please give him every possible assistance.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie

A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

D. B. Lawlor
Indian Agent

D. B. Lawlor, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie,
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TIMBER LIMITS CRUISED & ESTIMATED
BOUNDARY LINES

SURVEYS & PLANS
SEWERAGE
WATER SUPPLY
SUBDIVISIONS

R. W. MCKENZIE, C. E.
SURVEYOR CROWN LANDS

12 AND 13 QUEEN BLDG.

HALIFAX, N. S., CANADA

Aug. 8, 1927.

Scholar
[Signature]
Reference to No. 600070.
Dated Aug. 6, 1927.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Assistant and Secretary,

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of Aug. 6,
and note requirements and instructions as to
the Survey of Properties situate at Shubenacadie,
Hants County, N. S.

I will attend to the work
in the very near future immediately I am able
to get the most pressing of my present engagements
off my hands.

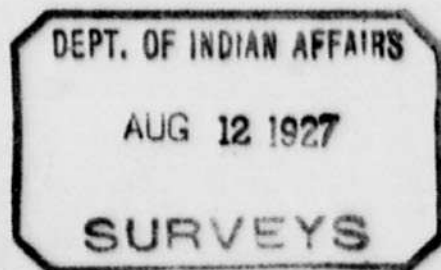
It would facilitate matters
and save me time and consequent expense if you
would forward me copies of descriptions and
abstract of title.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

RWMCK/DK

R. W. McKenzie



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Ottawa, 13th August 1927

Sir:

Instructions have been issued to Mr. R. W. McKenzie, 12 & 13 Queen Bldg., Halifax, N. S. to survey the George Gay farm, including that portion sold to Allan and Bertha Etter. He says it will facilitate the survey and save cost if he is provided with copies of the descriptions and abstracts of title.

You are requested to procure the copies from the owners or from the registry office.

A. F. Mackenzie
Your obedient servant,

(A. F. Mackenzie)
Acting Assistant Deputy and Secretary

D. B. Lawlor, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N. S.

WRW/KB

WRW *ABM*

600070



Ottawa, 13th August 1927

Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and note you are prepared to undertake the surveys of the Gay farm including the portion sold to Etter. Mr. Lawlor, Indian Agent, Shubenacadie has been requested to supply copies of the descriptions and abstracts of title.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. Mackenzie
(A. F. Mackenzie)
Acting Assistant Deputy and Secretary

R. W. McKenzie, Esq.,
Deputy Surveyor,
12 & 13 Queen Bldg.,
Halifax, N. S.

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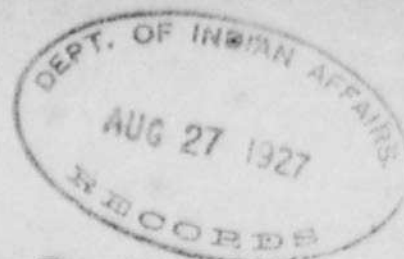
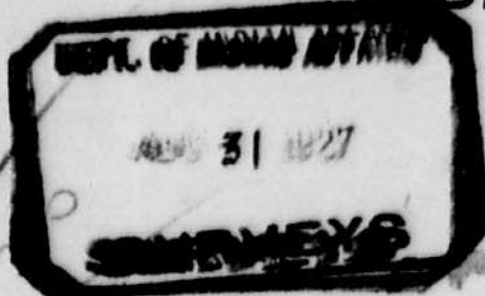
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INDIAN OFFICE



At...Shubenacadie, N. S.

August 24, 19 27

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of August 13th No. 60070., would say that I have procured the copies of the deeds from George Gay, and Allen and Bertha Etter, and can show same to Mr. R. W. McKenzie at any time now.

Your obedient servant.

D. B. Howler
Agent.

The Secretary
Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Canada

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Ottawa, 31st August 1927

Sir,-

Referring to our letter of the 13th instant, I may say that Mr. D. C. Lawlor, Indian Agent, Shubenacadie, N.S., informs us that he has procured the copies of the deeds from George Gay and Allen and Bertha Etter and can show them to you at any time.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie

(A. F. MacKenzie)
For Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

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Kentville, N. S., Sept. 19, 1927.

*Submitted
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Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent, *General Indian Affairs,*
~~General Indian Affairs,~~
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Mr. A. S. Etter, on whose house Messrs.
Ferrier and Orr obtained an option of purchase for
\$4,000.00, would like to find out if possible whether
the Department will require his house so that he can take
advantage of another bargain in a house that is now
offering in Shubenacadie. Is the Department in
a position to advise whether his property will be
required? If not in such position now, how soon
will it be Before Mr. Etter will know?

J. H. Shiley

Yours truly,

J. H. Shiley

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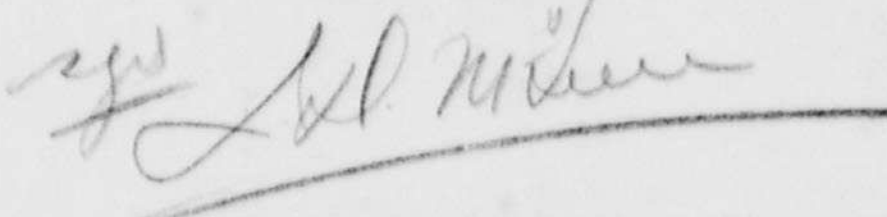
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Sept. 22, 1927.

Dear Mr. Ilsley,-

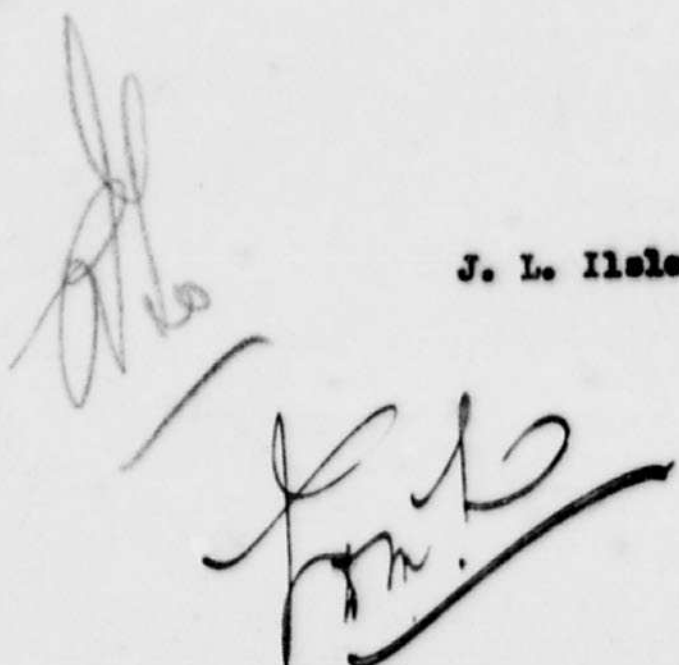
Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, with reference to the purchasing of the property owned by Mr. A. S. Etter, in connection with the establishing of a Residential School at Shubenacadie, I may say that it is the intention of the Department to purchase this house. We are at present awaiting the survey which is being made, and on receipt of this steps will be taken to acquire the property.

Yours very truly,



Acting Deputy Superintendent General.

J. L. Ilsley, Esq., M. P.,
Kentville, N. S.



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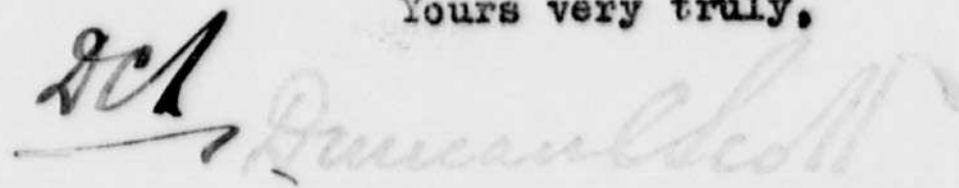
November 4th. 1927.

Dear Sir,

Having reference to the purchase of property for the purpose of a residential school at Shubenacadie, I have not heard from the surveyor since August 8th. when he stated that he would attend to the work in the near future, and asked to be supplied with copies of the description of the property and abstract of title. These copies were obtained for him in due course.

I am writing him today as I should like very much to have this work completed as soon as possible so that payment may be made during the current fiscal year. I should be grateful if you could do something to expedite the matter.

Yours very truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.
J. L. Ilsley, Esq., M.P.,
Kentville, N.S.

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November 4th. 1927.

Dear Sir,

Having reference to your letter of August 8th. last regarding the survey of the property acquired by the Department at Shubenacadie, I should be glad to know by return mail what progress has been made. It is essential that the survey required should be completed this fall so that the property may be taken over by the Department and payment made out of funds now available which will expire at the end of the fiscal year.

OCJ Yours very truly, *[Signature]*

Deputy Superintendent General.

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