

EX'D.

Ottawa, May 31st, 1937.

Reverend Sir:

A20 Cheque No. 41654 - \$40.00
 Dated Feb. 4, 1937.
Alberni Indian Residential School

Your letter of the 24th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of Welfare and Training has been referred to this Branch.

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Apparently you did not receive it and I am inclosing a Form of Undertaking in duplicate. When it is completed and returned to this office the question of issuing a duplicate cheque will be given consideration.

Yours truly,

W
B
 Incl.

L. W. McCutcheon
 L. W. McCutcheon.
 Chief Treasury Officer.

Rev. F.E. Pitts,
 Principal,
 Indian Residential School,
 Alberni, B.C.

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FORM OF UNDERTAKING

To
THE RECEIVER GENERAL OF CANADA,

Department of Mines and Resources
Indian Affairs Branch

This is to certify that I Alberni Indian Residential School
o/o The Principal, Alberni, B.C.
have not received cheque number 41684 dated Feb. 4/37 or any cheque
for Forty 00/100 covering payment of allowance towards
salary of night watchman during the month of January, 1937.

In the event of the Comptroller of the Treasury issuing a duplicate cheque in my
favour, should the original cheque ever come into my possession, I hereby undertake
not to cash same but to cancel and immediately return it to the Representative of
the Treasury, Department of Mines and Resources, Indian Affairs Branch.

Signed.....

Address

Witnessed.....

Date

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M. J. [unclear]



TREASURY OFFICE



FILE No. 159-1-5

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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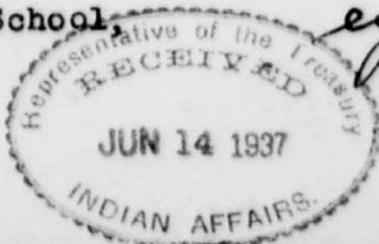


L. W. McCutcheon

L. W. McCutcheon.
Chief Treasury Officer.

Rev. F.E. Pitts,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C.

R.B. Papers completed



F. E. Pitts

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Copy of exchange of correspondence for the information of Dr. McGill. Ottawa, 11th June, 1937.

[Handwritten mark]

Dear Mr. Runnalls,-

In the absence at the Imperial Conference of the Honourable T.A. Crerar I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo transmitting a resolution adopted at the British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada with regard to the rebuilding of the Indian school at Alberni.

The Department is investigating this matter carefully at the present time so that full particulars will be available for the Minister's information on his return. The representations of your Conference have been carefully noted.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature: W.J.F. Pratt]
W.J.F. Pratt,
Secretary.

Rev. F.E. Runnalls, B.A., B.D.,
Secretary,
Conference of British Columbia
of the United Church of Canada,
2096 East 23rd Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Secretary
Rev. F.E. Runnalls, B.A., B.D.
2096 East 23rd Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

CONFERENCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
The United Church of Canada

2096 East 23rd Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C.
May 31st, 1937.

Hon. T.A. Crerar,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada to send you the following resolution which was duly passed at the recent meeting of the Conference in Victoria, B.C. -

"Whereas the Indian Residential School at Alberni, owned by the Dominion Government, and operated under the auspices and direction of the W.M.S. Board of the United Church of Canada, was recently destroyed by fire;

"And whereas for many years the School has been carried on with eminent success;

"And whereas the site is particularly suited for the carrying on of the work of such a Residential School;

"And whereas it is rumored that there is a proposal that this site be abandoned, and the School built at a point on Barclay Sound:

"Therefore, be it resolved that this British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada place on record its firm conviction that the School should be rebuilt on the former site; and that this be communicated to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, with the urgent request that the building be replaced with as little delay as possible."

Hoping that your Department will grant the desire of the British Columbia Conference in this matter,

I am

Yours faithfully,

'sgd' F.E. Runnalls,

Secretary of Conference.

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Ottawa, June 17, 1937.

Dear Sir,-

A20 cheque #41684, February 4/37 - \$40.00
Alberni Indian Residential School.

The above-noted cheque is reported to have been lost. Kindly note on the duplicate of this letter whether the cheque is outstanding and return the duplicate to this office.

W

Yours truly,

L.W. McCutcheon

L.W. McCutcheon
Chief Treasury Officer

Cheque reported
Date
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T. Lewson, Esq.,
Cheque Adjustment Branch,
Department of Finance,
OTTAWA.

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Copy for the information of
Dr. McGill.

Ottawa, 14th June, 1937.

Dear Mr. Neill,-

I have your letter of the 2nd instant asking for a copy of a report submitted by Inspector Barry in regard to the Indian school situation at Alberni.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, Mr. Barry has not submitted any official report in regard to this matter. I believe that while Major MacKay was in Ottawa attending the conference of Indian inspectors, he received a more or less personal communication from Mr. Barry, but this report was not considered to be an official document. You will appreciate I am sure that if the Department made a practice of handing out Departmental memoranda that consisted simply of the views of Departmental officials as individuals but which did not express the views of the Department, it would lead to endless trouble.

A letter dated the 31st ultimo was received from Major MacKay reading -

"With reference to your 159-1-5 of the 20th instant, Mr. A.W. Neill, M.P., for Comox-Alberni, has asked me to await receipt of his views on the school situation on the West Coast of Vancouver Island before submitting my report and recommendations to the Department. I felt the Department would wish me to extend this courtesy to Mr. Neill and I am therefore delaying the preparation of my report until the information Mr. Neill wishes to submit is received and considered. I have asked Mr. Neill to let me have this information as soon as possible."

A.W. Neill, Esq., M.P.,
Alberni,
British Columbia.

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If you will convey to Major MacKay
the views you hold in regard to this matter he will cover
them in his official report.

Yours very truly,

W.J.F. Pratt,
Secretary.

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*M. Pheasant
For Miss Sif.*

159-1-5

July 30th, 1937.

EXD

Dear Sir,-

Mr. P. B. Ashbridge, Indian Agent, Port Alberni, B. C., has written this Department, as follows:-

"I have the honour to advise the Department that there is at the site of the Alberni Residential School a quantity of scrap iron of all descriptions, as a result of the fire at that school in February, last.

"Should it be the wish of the Department that this be sold, I can get offers for it and have it removed, as there is a good market for scrap iron at the present time.

"As it is all badly burned, it would be of no value for rebuilding, and would have to be removed if the site should be used again."

The Alberni Indian Residential School, which is situated about two miles from the town of Alberni, B. C., was destroyed by fire on February 22nd, last. It would be advisable to have the scrap iron sold in order to assist in clearing the site and I would appreciate it if you would make the necessary arrangements.

*APD
RA*

Yours truly,

TRLM
T. R. L. MacInnes.
Secretary.

Lt. Col. L. H. Beer,
Salvage Officer,
Government Contracts Supervision Committee,
Trafalgar Building,
79 Bank St.,
O t t a w a.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA



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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

15/15/49777

School

P.O. Box 666,
Victoria, B. C.,
July 22, 1937.

R

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding herewith a letter received from Agent Ashbridge of the West Coast Agency, in which he requests authority to sell the scrap iron left as a result of the Alberni Residential School fire.



I would recommend that this iron be disposed of to the highest bidder as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

D.M. MacKay

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

July 20/37

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

AVH/LT

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CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

2024/37/C.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
July 19, 1937.

Sir:

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As it is all badly burned, it would be of no value for rebuilding, and would have to be removed if the site should be used again.

Your obedient servant,

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM.

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Victoria, B.C.



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Amount retained from acct payable to

Allyson Residential School for
BANK RECEIPT, No. 15941-5 potatoes for Indians

Am't. \$50.00 Dept. Ch. 15402

Recovery of overpayment
re salary of watchman.

Date JUL 7 1919



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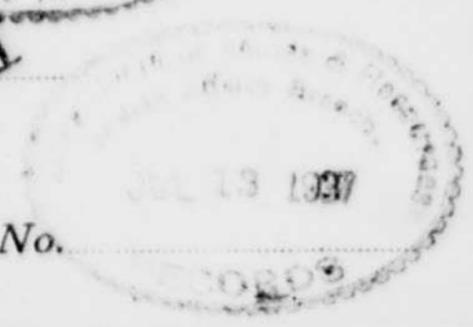
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Mr. Lee

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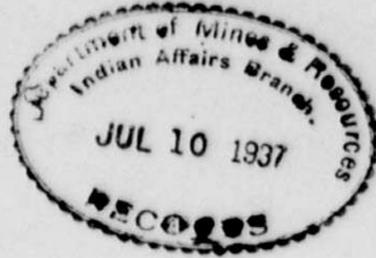
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF POSTAL SERVICE

OFFICE OF
THE CHIEF INSPECTOR

Ottawa, July 8th, 1937.

Mr. [Signature]

R



Dear Sir,-

I beg to refer to previous correspondence regarding the reported non-receipt by the Rev. Mr. Pitts, in charge of the Indian Industrial School at Alberni, B. C., of a letter containing a cheque for \$40.00.

The further investigation made in this case has not disclosed that the article in question suffered any mistreatment during course of Post.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
H. Fortier,
Chief Inspector.

L. M. McCutcheon, Esq.,
The Chief Treasury Officer,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.



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Ottawa, June 25th, 1937.

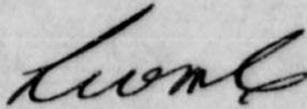
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Alberni Indian Residential School

Reference your letter of recent date and previous correspondence, I inclose a duplicate of the above noted cheque, which was lost or destroyed.

Yours truly,

Incl.



L. W. McCutcheon.
Chief Treasury Officer.

Rev. F.E. Pitts,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B.C.

HMQ/J

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EXD.

Ottawa, June 22nd, 1937.

J.O. Hodgkin, Esq.,
Main Treasury Office,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
Royal Bank Building,
OTTAWA.

A20 cheque No. 41684 dated Feb. 4/37.
Alberni Indian Residential School.

I inclose a Form of Undertaking covering
the above noted cheque, which has been lost or destroyed.
It is reported outstanding.

Kindly issue a duplicate and forward cheque
to this office.

Incl.

h a b
Chief Treasury Officer.

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MINES AND RESOURCES



CANADA

FILE No. 159-1-5

TREASURY OFFICE

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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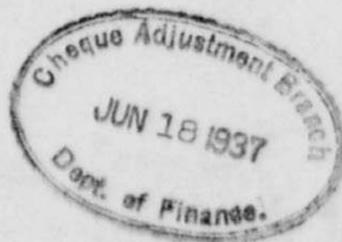
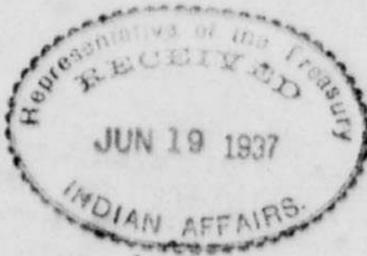
Yours truly,

[Signature]
L.W. McCutcheon
Chief Treasury Officer

Cheque reported *outstanding*
Date *June 16/37*
W.D.

T. Lawson, Esq.,
Cheque Adjustment Branch,
Department of Finance,
OTTAWA.

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Signed Alberni Indian Res. School
F.E. Pitto Principal
Address Alberni B.C.

Witnessed M. J. Pitto

Date June 7, 1937

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Articles of Public Property lost in fire
at Alberni Residential School.

			Value.
Desks	School	75	500.00
"	Teachers	2	35.00
Extinguisher	Fire	9	60.00
Flags		2	15.00
Hose, Fire		500 ft.	250.00
Laundry Equipment			600.00
Sewing Machines		1	30.00
Stoves, Kitchen		1	40.00
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			\$ 1530.00
Main Building			70000.00
Recreation Hall			2000.00
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			Total: 73530.00
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Recreation Hall

2000.00

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

2169/37/D.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
September 27, 1937.

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R

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to your letter of September 2, 1937, in regard to fire loss at the Alberni Residential School, and to enclose list in duplicate of public property lost, as instructed.

As the inventories of schools are not filed in the Agent's Office, it is difficult to arrive at a very complete inventory of losses. I would therefore respectfully request that a copy of the last inventory submitted by the Reverend Principal be forwarded, in order that I may verify my check against articles saved.

Your obedient servant,

P. B. Ashbridge

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

*To Mr. Murray J. ...
See memo
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in file 600339*

PBA:AM.

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

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Letter No. 548.C.38.

Office of the West Coast Indian Agency,

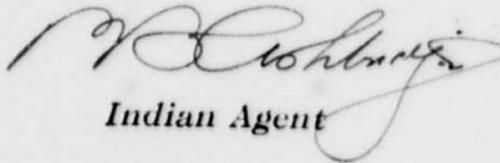
January 21 1938

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 639,
amounting to \$ 30.00 in favour
of The Corporation of the City of Alberni, Alberni,
B.C.
for Rent for water meter installed at Alberni Indian
Residential School, for months January to December 1937.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental
Letter No. dated

Your obedient servant,


Indian Agent

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

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

2545/38/D.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
January 21, 1938.

R

[Handwritten signature]



EX'D.

Sir:

I have the honour to enclose voucher covering Rent of Water Meter which was installed at the Indian Residential School, Alberni in 1935, when the new water line was laid.

I am given to understand that this meter was specially purchased by the City at the request of the Dominion Water Power and Hydrometric Bureau, when the new line was installed.

Since the loss of the school by fire, this has not been in use except for some water supplied for use of the church farm, but the City claim that the meter was purchased specially for this line, and that the meter still remains.

In the event of a new school being built it would be advisable to leave this line intact as it is very necessary, but I would respectfully request the Department's wishes in the matter.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature: P. B. Ashbridge]

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM.

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

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