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Mr. Inspector Markle, in his report on the St. Joseph's Industrial School made in October, last, gives the area of land under cultivation and the approximate yield as follows,-

|             |            |       |      |         |
|-------------|------------|-------|------|---------|
| 70 acres in | Wheat,     | yield | 1400 | bushels |
| 50 "        | " Barley,  | "     | 750  | "       |
| 125 acres   | " Oats     | "     | 4375 | "       |
| 3 "         | " Potatoes | "     | 400  | "       |
| 2 "         | " Garden   |       |      |         |

In addition to the above crop they had 175 tons of hay and 25 tons of green fodder. This would leave them a surplus crop, over and above the needs of the school and after providing for seed for next spring, of the value of about \$4,500.00.

In addition to the land under crop 70 acres was summer fallowed and about 60 acres of new land broken.

They have live stock consisting of,- 20 head of work, 2 driving, 1 saddle, 1 stallion and 22 other horses. Total 46. Cows 50, bulls 2, other cattle 1 year old and over, 77, and 40 calves. Total head of cattle 169. Besides these there are 120 pigs and about 200 fowl. The total value of the live stock is fully \$20,000.00.

The following land was set apart by the Dept of Interior for the use of the school,-

South half of S.E. quarter of Sec. 27 Tp. 21 R. 28 W. 4 M.  
" " of S.W. " of Sec. 26 Tp. 21 R. 28 W. 4 M.  
N.E. " of " 22 Tp. 21 R. 28 W. 4 M.  
North Half of S.E. " Of " 22 Tp. 21 R. 28 W. 4 M.,

comprising in all.....400 acres.

The Department has title to the following parcels of land,-

East Half of Sec. 26 Tp. 20 R. 27 W 4 M.....320 acres  
(purchased from H.E.Co for \$1600.00)

Northeast quarter of Sec. 36 Tp. 20 R. 27 W 4 M.....160 "  
(purchased from E.A. Wyndham for \$200.00)

The north half; the S.W. quarter; and the North  
half of the S.E. Quarter Sec 27 Tp 21 R. 28.....553 "  
(purchased from C.P.Ry for \$2448.50)

Total acreage to which title is held....1033 acres.

The Department of the Interior has granted to the school for hay purposes the following lands,-

W. half of Sec 36 Tp. 20 Rge 27 W. 4 M.....320 acres  
S " of S.E. quarter Sec 22 Tp. 21 Rge 28.....80 "  
Total,...400 acres.

( over ).

Checked and found correct list of  
lands held by High River Industrial School  
see Plan 1889 <sup>Treaty 7</sup> Survey Branch.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1920

Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1918

Schools Branch, -

Will you kindly state, for the purpose of an O.C. to authorize the discontinuance of this institution, how many acres of land are connected therewith; and, having in view the future disposal of the buildings and lands connected with the school, what is the tenure of the lands (how many acres are owned or otherwise held or in use by the Dept for the school).

Can you state what is being produced on the 375 acres under cultivation, and whether only enough is being produced for the needs of the institution?

*Ed*



Ottawa, January 12, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Scott,-

As directed by you I beg to submit the following report on the St. Joseph's Industrial School.

This school is conducted under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church and is at present in receipt of a per capita grant of \$140.00.

They have always had difficulty in securing pupils. Although there is accommodation for about (140) <sup>1870</sup> <sup>125</sup> <sup>8000</sup> children, the highest enrolment ever reached was 120 in 1895 and it has fallen off yearly, the return for the December quarter, last, only showing an enrolment of 37, 16 of whom are half-breeds, miscalled non-treaty in the return.

The school is unpopular with the Indians, who claim that their children are worked too hard and taught too little, and our inspector's reports bear out this contention. They have 960 acres of land, about half of which is in the immediate vicinity of the school and the remainder twelve miles distant. About 375 acres are under cultivation. They carry a large stock of horses, cattle and

●d pigs, the care of which falls to a great extent on the boys, as well as much of the farm work, which, it is claimed, has tendency to give them a distaste for agriculture and stock raising.

It is stated that the half-breeds have a bad influence on the other pupils, who, it is claimed, receive their education from the half-breeds rather than from the school authorities.

A three year record is given of the boys discharged from this school within the past four years, as follows,-

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| James Rainy Chief   | Good boy  |
| Emil Small Face     | Harmless and useless  |
| Ed Hairy Bull       | Fair worker, talks little English                               |
| Harry Undermouse    | Useless talks little English                                    |
| Remi Undermouse     | Good boy  |
| Sam Wolf Sitting    | Served three jail terms, sneak thief                            |
| Mike White Man Runs |   |
| Around              | Served term for horse stealing                                  |
| Chas. Weasel Head   | Useless, talks little English                                   |
| Percy Plain Woman   | Served three terms in jail, bad boy                             |
| Peter Black Rabbit  | Served two terms in jail, sneak thief                           |
| Peter Bruised Head  | Served two terms in jail, warrant now issued for horse stealing |
| Frank Daly          | Served three terms in jail, bad rascal                          |
| Joe Crazy Crow      | Arrested twice  |
| Bob Plaited Hair    | Four terms in jail, in jail at present                          |
| Jno. Red Crane      | Four terms in jail, in jail at present                          |

This may be accounted for by the fact that the only pupils who are transferred from the boarding schools to this school are

are incorrigibles and the half-breeds who have been taken in are even worse.

Mr. Agent Dilworth, in a report on this school received in August, last, stated that he discussed the situation there with Father Riou, the Principal of the Blood (R.C.) Boarding School, who held the same opinion as himself about the results and stated he considered that the time <sup>and</sup> for the Dunbow School is past, that it has outlived its usefulness.

For all the apparent benefit this school is to the Indians it might be closed and, if this were done, there would still be room in the surroundings Roman Catholic boarding schools for the Indian children now at St. Joseph's and any overplus could be sent, if necessary, to Qu'Appelle.

Mr. Inspector Markle, in a late report, showed the financial standing of the school as sound, as they had an approximate surplus of about \$18,000.00, taking into consideration the stock, which he valued at \$17,500.00.

Attached is a list showing the agencies and reserves from which the pupils at present enrolled at this school have been recruited, and also a statement showing the expenditure for the last five years.

*Gratien Duvon*

List of Agencies and Reserves from which the pupils at present enrolled at the St. Joseph's Industrial School have been recruited.

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Carlton Agency          |          |
| Wm Charles              | 1        |
| Blood Agency            | 3        |
| Hobbema Agency          |          |
| Ermineskins             | 3        |
| Samsons                 | 3        |
| Saddle Lake Agency      |          |
| Blue Quills             | 6        |
| Saddle Lake             | 1        |
| Peigan Agency           | 1        |
| Sarcee Agency           | 2        |
| Non-treaty              | 16       |
| Orphan (band not given) | <u>1</u> |
|                         | 37       |

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Statement showing expenditure and attendance at St.  
Joseph's Industrial School for the last five years.

|         | Enrolment | Average<br>Attendance | Total<br>Expenditure      | Expenditure for<br>Buildings, repairs |
|---------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1913-14 | 55        | 54.3                  | \$7492.84                 | \$249.35                              |
| 1914-15 | 56.3      | 55                    | 8574.26                   | 595.00                                |
| 1915-16 | 47        | 47                    | 7147.40                   | 1127.74                               |
| 1916-17 | 39.2      | 38.3                  | 5225.32                   | 118.05                                |
| 1917-18 | 40        | 40                    | 4120.00 to December 31st. |                                       |

Per Capita Cost.

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| 1913-14 | \$138.75 |
| 1914-15 | 155.89   |
| 1915-16 | 152.07   |
| 1916-17 | 137.50   |
| 1917-18 | 103.00   |

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Ottawa, February 5, 1918.

His Excellency

The Governor General in Council.

The undersigned begs to bring to the attention of Your Excellency in Council the advisability of closing the St. Joseph's Indian Industrial School at Davisburg, on High river, in the province of Alberta.

Under the educational system at present in operation, the various Indian schools are conducted by the religious denominations, this institution being under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church. The buildings and 1033 acres connected with the institution are owned by the Department of Indian Affairs, which allows the Church authorities a per capita grant of \$140.00 per annum.

Notwithstanding the best efforts of the officers of the Department and of the Church, it has been found impossible to obtain a sufficient attendance of pupils to warrant the continuance of the institution. There is accommodation for about 125 children. The return for December quarter, 1917, showed an enrolment of only 37, sixteen of whom were halfbreeds. Such pupils as are now attending the school could be accommodated at other Roman Catholic Indian schools.

The undersigned would accordingly recommend that, in the interests of economy, the Department of Indian Affairs be authorized to close the said St. Joseph's Indian Industrial School at such time after the 1st of May, 1918, as may be convenient.

Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs.

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J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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SEVEN CASES SMALLPOX DUNBOW INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL HAVE TAKEN ALL  
PRECAUTIONS AND VACCINATED REMAINDER OF SCHOOL PLEASE FORWARD  
INSTRUCTIONS IF ANY

DR A E ARDIA



*nothing further seems necessary*

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December 16, 1918.

Sir,-

In reply to your telegram of the 12th ultimo, I beg to say that the Department regrets to learn of the outbreak of small-pox in the St. Joseph's Industrial School.

It is noted that all precautions have been taken and that the remainder of the pupils have been vaccinated. It is hoped that the epidemic will not spread amongst any of the other pupils or members of the staff and that through isolation of those affected and proper quarantine, that no further cases will develop.

You will be good enough to see that all precautions are continued and every care taken for the nursing of the pupils afflicted.

You should furnish a full report on this matter stating how the disease originated in the school, also giving the names of the pupils who have the disease and the progress they are making towards recovery.

Your obedient servant

*[Signature]*  
Dr. A. E. Ardiel,  
Okotoks, Alta.

*[Signature]*  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary

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December 16, 1918.

Reverend Sir,-

The Department is advised by Dr. Ardial of an outbreak of small-pox amongst the pupils of the St. Joseph's Industrial School.

It is regretted that an epidemic of this nature has visited your school. The doctor states that all precautions have been taken and that the remainder of those in the school have been vaccinated.

Every care should be given to those afflicted and strict isolation and quarantine during their illness should be carried out. The doctor will, no doubt, give full instructions for the care and nursing required and it is hoped that the disease will not spread and that those afflicted will recover.

Your obedient servant

*[Signature]*  
Rev. G. Nordmann,  
Principal,  
St. Joseph's Industrial School,  
Dawinton, Alta.

*[Signature]*  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary

*over*

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J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

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TWO NURSES FROM CALGARY HAVE GONE TO STJOSEPHS SCHOOL

WM GRAHAM



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MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OTTAWA ONT

I AM AT PRESENT UNABLE TO ATTEND DUTIES AT INDIAN SCHOOL  
ACCOUNT INFLUENZA ABOUT THIRTY CASES INFLUENZA FOUR PNEUMONIA  
SISTERS DOWN SICK AND PRINCIPAL DYING FROM PNEUMONIA IS IT  
POSSIBLE TO HAVE ONE DOCTOR AND TWO NURSES SENT FROM  
EAST AS WE CANNOT OBTAIN HELP. IN THE WEST WIRE REPLY

DR A E ARDIEL.

PHONED

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Send the following Message, sub'ect to the terms printed on the back hereof which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, 30th December, 1918.

W. V. Graham,  
Commissioner,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Regina, Sask.

Dr. Ardiel wires from Okotoks that at present he is unable to attend duties at St. Joseph's School on account influenza. About thrity cases influenza four pneumonia, Sisters down sick and Principal dying and asks is it possible to have one doctor and two nurses sent from East as cannot obtain help in west. Will you endeavour to obtain doctor and nurses and advise Dr. Ardiel. Advise Department of the action you take.

Chg. Dept. I.A.

J. D. McLean.



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Send the following Message, sub'ect to the terms printed on the back hereof which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa, 30th December, 1918.

Dr. Ardiel,  
Okotoks, Alta.

Have wired Commissioner Graham at Regina asking him to endeavour to send a doctor and two nurses. He will advise you what he is doing.

Chg. Dept. I.A.

J. D. McLean.

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Note

For Correspondence  
relating to The Soldiers'  
Settlement Board  
acquiring St. Joseph  
Industrial School lands  
See File 452124-22  
(Oct-1918)



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St. Joseph's Industrial School,  
DeWinton, Alta.

Jan. 7th., 1919.

The Secretary,

Dep't of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear sir,

I presume that you have been informed of the death of Rev. G. Nordmann, principal of this institution, and which occurred on the 29th. of December 1918.

Having been sent here by Rev. Fr. Grandin, provincial of the Oblate Fathers, Edmonton, I arrived at the school on the 26th. of December. I found Rev. Fr. Nordmann seriously ill with the Flu, which he had contracted by attending the sick pupils.

All the children, both boys and girls, were in bed and many of them in a very critical condition. Then some of the staff, through overwork, were forced to retire. I had brought one nurse from Calgary, but as this was completely insufficient, I succeeded in securing two other graduate nurses. The school doctor, Dr. Ardiel, of Okotoks, being sick himself, I secured the services of Calgary doctors, viz. Dr. Madden and Dr. Coleman, who paid us each a visit. Dr. Ardiel was able to come and see us for a while on January 2nd.

Moreover I had to get extra help, for the members of the staff, who did not spare themselves, were unable to cope with all the required and urgent work.

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Though I regret to confirm the report, sent to your office, of the death of three boys, I may say that the situation has now greatly improved. All the pupils, except a couple of the boys, are up and out of danger, but very weak and <sup>need</sup> ~~sired~~ looking after.

Two of the nurses have been released. I have kept the third one for a few days longer, especially for the purpose of overseeing the thorough fumigation of all dormitories, beddings, clothes, etc.

Although I was laid up myself for a few days, I have managed to conduct all the business so far, having been in charge of this institution, some years ago. I have tried to do my best under the circumstances, and I trust that the Department will approve of my actions in these very trying conditions of sickness.

Yours obediently,

*A. Naessens. o.m.s.*  
*pro Principal.*

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Ottawa, January 15, 1919.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant informing the Department of the death of the Rev. G. Nordmann, Principal of the St. Joseph's Industrial School, on the 29th ultimo.

In reply I beg to say that the Department is very sorry to learn of the death of Father Nordmann and also of the serious illness of some of the pupils at this school and the staff.

The Department approves of your action in securing two graduate nurses and the services of Dr. Madden and Dr. Coleman and extra help.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. A. Naessens, O.M.I.,  
St. Joseph's Industrial School,  
DeWinton, Alta.



## OBLATE FATHERS

### PROVINCIAL HOUSE

10188 - 107th Street



518462

L. J. C.  
et  
M. I.

EDMONTON, Alberta...January...9th.....1919...

The Deputy Superintendent general  
of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to have to announce to you the death of the Rev. Father G. Nordmann, principal of the St. Joseph's Industrial School, Dunbow. I delayed this information because I hoped to be able to present another principal to you, but the absence of his Lordship the Bishop of Calgary will retard this presentation, and in the mean time, I have appointed the Rev. Father Naessens, acting principal.

Yours respectfully

*H. Grandin*

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Appelle*

January 14, 1919.

Dear Father Grandin,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th instant, and to say that I regret very much to hear of the death of Rev. Father Nordmann, Principal of the St. Joseph's Indian industrial school. This is the second principal we have lost during the dread epidemic of influenza, Rev. Father Dugas, at the Qu'Appelle school, also died.

Yours very truly,

*del*

*Duncan C. M.*

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. H. Grandin, O.M.I.,  
Oblate Fathers,  
Provincial House,  
Edmonton, Alta.

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DeWinton, Alta.  
Nov. 9th., 1918.

Rev. Nerdmann,  
Industrial School

Dear sir,

Enclosed herewith please find statement of wages  
( Crane & MacDonald ) also cheque in your favor for \$47.00  
being wages due Hy Crane.

MacDonald left here on the morning of Oct. 23 in a fit  
of temper and wilfully mutilated a half set of harness with  
a large clasp knife, formerly the property of some discharge  
soldier, which he was in the habit of carrying with him.

You will notice my claim for damages. I will call and talk  
the matter over with you on the first opportunity.

Yours truly

(Signed ):- F.G. CASEY

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MacDonald

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|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| Aug.  | 30             | 3 hrs | .50            |
| "     | 31             |       |                |
| Sept. | 2              |       |                |
|       | 3              |       |                |
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|       | 22             |       |                |
|       | 32 days @ 1.50 |       | 48.00          |
|       |                |       | <u>\$48.50</u> |

By willful mutilation half set of harness \$37.50

Damages loss of time with six horse teams \$100.00

\$137.50

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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St. Joseph's Industrial School,  
DeWinton, Alta.  
Feb. 14th., 1919.

The secretary,  
Dep't of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.



Dear sir,

Last fall a pupil of the school, Joe Vaney-McDonald, #349, was let out to work according to the instructions given out by the Department on account of the shortage of farm labor.

He and Henry Crane #343, went to work for a neighbor, Mr. F.G. Casey, and on October 23rd. 1918, the boy and Mr. Casey had a dispute and so the former left that morning.

Sometime after we received a letter in explanation from Mr. Casey. We are sending you a copy and you will notice the amount of wages due the boy and also the amount of damages demanded by Mr. Casey over a half set of harness which he claims the boy wilfully cut with a large clasp-knife the morning he left.

Now the boy absolutely denies that he cut the harness and the boy who was working with him told us the same when he came back from working there. Moreover we have proof that the boy did not have the knife which Mr. Casey insists as being the one the harness was cut with and he claims that no other knife could cut his harness.

Mr. Casey admits that no one seen the harness being cut, but he says that he is sure that the harness was cut by the boy because the boy left in a temper that morning. The boy says that he did get angry that morning, but he claims that he simply

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simply left the house and did not go near the stables at all, and that he was ready to swear that he never cut the harness, the cutting up of the harness having been done that morning.

Now the supposed damage done to the harness was only a tug which Mr. Casey claims was wilfully cut, and on this account he claims the full value (\$37.50) of the half set of harness, and moreover claims \$100.00 for the time he lost on that account. These two claims alone show Mr. Casey's attitude towards the boy. Sometime ago he told one of the neighbors that he was running a bluff on the school, and this the neighbor reported to us, and by the looks of things it seems to be pretty true.

After having waited for his coming as he had promised on his letter, we asked him to come and settle this matter. When he came we seen that nothing could be done, and so we told him that all we could do was to refer the matter to the Department of Indian Affairs which we were going to do.

By the above you will see that the boy should get some protection and in a case like this not only he but all the boys are being protected for whenever they will work for the neighbors.

So would you kindly take this up with Mr. Casey and push it through should you think it advisable to go through with the matter, or let us know what we are to do about it?

Thanking you in advance for the trouble you are taking in the matter, we remain,

Yours obediently,

*J. T. Dumas*  
Principal



February 27, 1919.

Right Reverend Sir,-

I beg to inform you that I have received a letter, dated January 9, from the Rev. Father Grandin, announcing the death of Father Nordmann, principal of the St. Joseph's industrial school, and that Rev. Father Naessens is now acting principal.

I think it wise at the present juncture to ask Your Lordship's special consideration of the present position of this school. As you are aware, the attendance has greatly fallen off; the management of the school has never been popular with the Indians or I may say satisfactory to the Department and it has become a question whether in the interests of economy the school should not be closed, particularly as it has not been for years a potent factor in Indian education. One of our chief difficulties at these large schools is to prevent the pupils from being exploited as mere wage earners, and to ensure that they should be taught English by persons who have a thorough command of the language. In connection with another large institution I was constrained to write the other day to this effect,-

"The Department is of the opinion that the extensive farming operations carried on there entail too much work on the pupils, which causes dissatisfaction among the parents, who complain that the children are over-worked and their studies neglected."

"The same rule should apply to the stock raising carried on at the school."

"The Department is not in favour of more cattle being kept than are absolutely required for school purposes. In the past this industry has taken up much of the pupils' time at the expense of their education."

"The Department must insist upon the employment of teachers

Re. Rev. J. T. McHally, D.D.,  
Bishop of Calgary,  
Calgary, Alta.



Ottawa, March 1, 1919.

*Mr. Scott*  
MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Scott.-

The Principal of the St. Joseph Industrial School reports that two boys from that institution were engaged by Mr. Casey, a farmer in the neighbourhood of the school, at \$1.50 a day and worked for him from the 30th of August to the 22nd of October, 32 days, (\$48.00) when the boys left. On the 9th of November Casey sent a cheque for \$47.00 for the wages of one of the boys, Henry Crane, and has paid nothing for the services of the other boy, J. V. McDonald, claiming that before he left, in a fit of temper, he wilfully mutilated a half set of harness with a large clasp knife, which he was in the habit of carrying with him and Mr. Casey claims \$137.50 for the damage and loss of time caused by McDonald.

From the statement of the Principal regarding the case it would appear that Casey is making this counter claim with the object of getting out of paying the wages he owes the boy. Casey has no proof that the harness was cut by McDonald who did not have such a knife as the one described by Casey. McDonald absolutely denies having cut the harness and was not near the stables the morning he left. The claim is preposterous as a cut trace or tug could be easily mended without causing any delay.

The Principal states that Casey told one of the neighbours that he was making a bluff on the school and his action would give one that impression.

*OK*  
So far as I am aware, Casey is the only man who employed pupils to work last summer who has failed to pay the wages agreed on and I consider that legal steps should be taken to compel him to pay McDonald the wages due him, and I would recommend that the law clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to make Casey ~~to~~ carry out his agreement.

*Arthur Meeker*

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March 4, 1919.


Sir,-

The attention of the Department has been called to the fact that you have refused to pay the wages of Joe Vaney-McDonald, an Indian boy from St. Joseph's Industrial School, who worked for you during the months of August, September and October of 1918, the apparent grounds of such refusal being the allegations made in your letter of the 9th November last to Rev. Nordmann of the Industrial School, a copy of which letter is before the Department.

The statements set forth in your letter are denied by the boy and the Department has been asked to intervene on his behalf. I have, therefore, to request you to pay the wages due to this boy to Principal Demers of St. Joseph's Industrial School, within thirty days, otherwise the matter will be placed in the hands of the Department's solicitors for such action as may be advised.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

*asw.*  
  
F.G. Casey, Esq.,  
Dewinton, Alta.

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March 4, 1919.

Reverend Sir. -

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 14th ultimo with reference to Mr. F.G. Casey who has refused to pay Joe Vaney-McDonald for his services while in his employ last fall, and note your observations with respect to this matter.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter which is being sent by concurrent mail to Mr. Casey which speaks for itself. At the expiration of the time stated kindly advise the Department as to whether you have received this payment or not.

Your obedient servant,

W.D. McLean  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. J.A. Demers, O.M.I.  
Principal of St. Joseph's Industrial School.  
DeWinton, Alta.

*memo. If proceedings are taken,  
J.W. McDonald should be notified  
may be employed by authority of  
Dept of Justice - as per.*

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### PROVINCIAL HOUSE

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L. J. G.  
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M. I.

EDMONTON, Alberta February 28th. 1919.

I. Scott Superintendent general  
of Indian Affairs

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Dear Sir,

As the St. Joseph's industrial school, Dunbow, has not been prosperous in the last few years, I have thought more than once, that it might be just as well to come to some agreement with the Indian Dept. about the purchase of same. As you know, the buildings are old and need repairs that would cost quite a sum, part of the land is of no use on account of the canions and gullies running through part of it. If there is a number of cattle belonging to the school, you may remember that this increase is mostly due to the labors of our own men, and their industry. If the Department would consider the selling of this school, would you kindly let me know of the conditions they would regard as just and fair. I have hopes that the new Principal, Father Demers, will succeed in getting more children in the school, but even in that case, I believe it would be better if we bought the school, as we did the one in Duck Lake.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant

*H. Legault*

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March 7th, 1919.

Dear Bishop McNally -

Encl. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a communication which I have received from Rev. Father Grandin, of Edmonton, in reference to the sale of the St. Joseph's Industrial School.

I am replying to Father Grandin informing him that I am not able at present to state whether the Department will consider the sale of the building or not, but that I am referring the communication to Your Lordship for consideration.

I shall be glad to hear from Your Lordship in due course.

Yours very truly,

*ARM*  
*del*  
Right Rev. J. T. McNally, D.D., Deputy Superintendent General.  
Bishop of Calgary,  
Calgary, Alta.

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