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IN REPLY REFER TO  
7-11-4 (165)  
DATE OF THIS LETTER

CANADA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES

P. O. BOX 70,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

October 11th, 1949

Airmail

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept. Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.



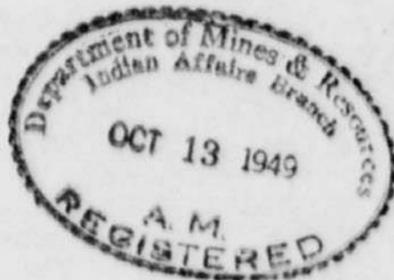
Re: Kitchen Equipment -  
St. George's Residential School

I am enclosing requisition in triplicate and quotation from Butt and Bowes, covering the supply of a food chopper and a slicer for the above-mentioned school.

You will note that the chopper is a new machine and the slicer is a reconditioned Hobart. Canon Hives chose this equipment personally and as it is considered to be essential for the efficient operation of the school I would ask that the Purchasing Agent be requested to order the two items at the earliest possible date. It is not expected that Butt and Bowes will hold the reconditioned slicer for any great length of time.

-EW  
Encl.

*W. J. McQueen*  
W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.



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AIR MAIL

October 15th, 1949.

Mr. W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: St. George's Indian Residential  
School. Your File 7-11-4 (165)

We have your letter of the 11th instant  
enclosing a requisition for certain kitchen  
equipment for the above school.

We feel that the purchase of this equipment  
is a fair charge against the amount provided by  
the New England Company, and consequently, we are  
not advising the Departmental Purchasing Agent  
to take any action. We will forward a payment  
from the New England Company funds to the Principal,  
and he can purchase the equipment he requires.

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division

PP/ST

*1000 sent  
Principal  
See 888/3  
AP*

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AIR MAIL

October 24th, 1949.

Mr. W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: St. George's Indian Residential  
School.

Attached is an account received from  
the Principal of the St. George's Residential  
School. We do not appear to have given authority  
for the purchase of the gladirons, but there are  
funds still available in the New England Company  
Account.

Please issue Purchase Order and return  
the account to us and payment will be made from  
the fund just mentioned.

AP-

PP/ST  
Attach.

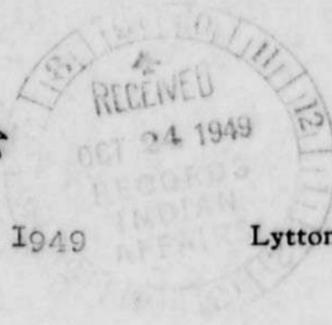
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Rev. Canon C. F. Hives  
Principal

Oct. 20, 1949

Lytton, B. C.

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Dear Colonel Neary:

I have just received a letter from Commissioner Arneil, saying that a food chopper and Slicer, which we are very much in need of in our kitchen, be purchased from the New England Company funds. I am sorry you have made this decision, as I was hoping that the New England Company funds would accumulate sufficiently to enable us to buy a very much needed farm truck. The one we have has been on the go for twelve years, and is now just a bil of expense trying to keep it in repair. We cannot do without it, for all our fuel has to be hauled from the station three miles away, or from the bush twelve miles away.

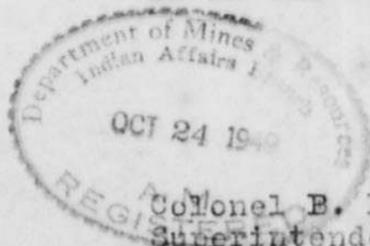
We also need the kitchen equipment, which, according to the list sent out by the Department, is equipment which the Department should buy. So far, I have tried in everyway to use the New England Company funds for extra ordinary expenses. We receive financial help from no other source other than the per capita grant allowance, which, comparing it with that of other schools is no larger than those. We simply cannot run this school much longer on this grant, and keep up repairs and a decent appearance.

I do hope you will reconsider this matter of Kitchen equipment, and allow the New England Company fund to remain intact for the Farm truck.

Will you kindly tell me how much there is in the New England Company fund now.

Yours faithfully.

*Chas. F. Hives*  
Principal.



Colonel B. F. Neary,  
Superintendent, Indian Education,  
Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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**DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES** Form No. I.A. 506A  
**INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH**

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....

DATE .....

Pay to..... **(Tremlett "eastern) Ltd.,**

Address..... **1575 "east 5th Ave.,  
 Vancouver, B.C.**

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1949	<b>LYTTON AGENCY:</b>	
	To supply of paint and turpentine to	
	St. George's Indian Residential School,	
	as per attached accounts, \$197.50	\$299.50
	<u>102.00</u>	
	P.O. #26306-C	
	Oct. 13/49.	



I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just, also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter, File No. **888-5(E1)** dated **July 8/49.**

VOUCHER No. **148.** **VOTE 516-10-691.**

*S. Arnell*  
**S. Arnell,**  
 DATE **Indian Commissioner for B.C.**  
**Oct. 26/49.**

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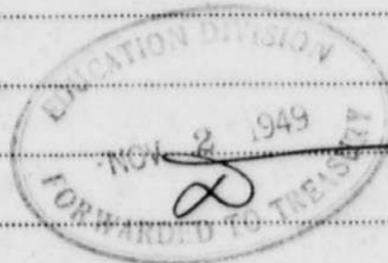
TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....

DATE .....

Pay to..... **Marshall-Hells B.C. Ltd.,**  
**373 Carrall St.,**  
Address..... **Vancouver, B.C.**.....

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
	<b>LYTTON AGENCY:</b>	
	For materials for fencing playground, etc.	
	at St. George's Indian Residential	
	School, as per attached account,	<u>\$206.34</u>
	P.O. #26315-C	
	Oct. 13/49.	



I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just, also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter, File No. **888-5(E1)** dated **July 8/49.** *S. Arneil*

VOUCHER No. **147.** **VOTE 516-10-691.** DATE **Indian Commissioner for B.C.**

**Oct. 26/49.**

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Phone N. West. 3565

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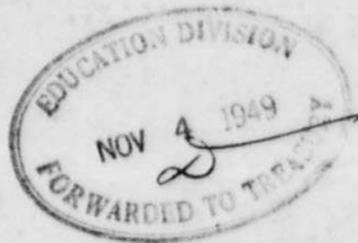
RADIOS, REFRIGERATORS, WASHERS  
HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

Mail Address:  
615 Twelfth Street, New Westminster, B. C.

Oct. 11-49

The Principal,  
St. Georges Residential School,  
Lytton, B.C.

2 THOR GLADIRONS      \$110.00 each      \$220.00



FOR WASMUTH ELECTRIC

*A. E. Wasmuth*

*The above received in good order*

*Chas. F. Howes  
Principal*

*P.O. 47922*

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
PURCHASE ORDER

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TO Wasmuth Electric Co.,  
96 Kingsway,  
Vancouver, B.C.

FILE NUMBER 95994-4/16

OTTAWA September 7, 1949

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS AND CHARGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES.

SHIP TO The Principal, St. George's Residential School,  
Lytton, B.C.

VIA

INVOICE TO RENDER A SEPARATE INVOICE FOR EACH ORDER AND SEND 4 COPIES AFTER SHIPMENT.

"Consignee"

F.O.B. Lytton, B.C.

QUOTATION OF 10 Aug. 1949

DELIVERY REQUIRED BY three days

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL
2	Thor gladirons <u>For St. George's Indian Residential School</u>		\$110.00 \$220.00

EDUCATION DIVISION  
NOV 4 1949  
FORWARDED TO TREASURY

RECEIVED  
SEP 19 1949  
RECORDS  
INDIAN  
AFFAIRS

Department of Mines & Resources  
Indian Affairs Branch  
SEP 10 1949  
P.M.  
REGISTERED

*Yellow copy to  
Principal  
15/9/49*

GVS/TC

VOTE	PRIMARY	OBJECT	ENCUMBRANCE NUMBER
516	12-415		1362

CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 23 OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND AUDIT ACT 1931.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
J. H. FEE

FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY

W. M. VINCENT

DEPARTMENTAL PURCHASING AGENT

COPY FOR RECEIVING OFFICER

NO. 47922  
THIS ORDER NO. TO APPEAR ON ALL PACKAGES AND INVOICES.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO. **7-11-4**  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signature]*



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P. O. BOX 70,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL

October 31, 1949.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept. of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Canada.

8733

Re: St. George's Indian Residential School.

With reference to the attached account received under cover of Mr. Phelan's letter of October 24th, Canon Hives mentioned to me some time ago that when he was in Ottawa, the Department had authorized the purchase of two Thor Gladirons for the school and, as a matter of fact, he showed me a copy of the Departmental Purchase Order.

The account is returned herewith and I presume that if the purchase is already covered by Departmental Purchase Order, you will not wish us to issue an order in this office.

-gd



*[Handwritten signature]*

W. S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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ST. GEORGE'S IND. RES. SCHOOL  
LYTTON, B. C.

Oct. 29, 1949

Secretary,  
Power Commission,  
Victoria.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you to express our deep concern over the light and power situation here at St. George's School. The light is very poor indeed, especially when it is most needed. This is the first time that I have made any complaint about it, but I really think something should be done to improve the situation.

It seems to me that the plant which supplies the light and power is entirely inadequate and over loaded. We are at the beginning of the dark season of the year. We have to depend so much on it. We have two hundred children in school, and several times we have been thrown in darkness, at very inconvenient times, when we have to take to coal oil lamps and candles. Some years ago the power was off for forty eight hours, when the temperature at that time happened to be 23 degrees below zero. We have power stokers on the heating plant; you can therefore well imagine our position at that time.

Unless the Power Commission takes the matter in hand, I see no reason why we shall not be subject to the same condition of inconvenience, fire hazard and all that again this Winter.

I would respectfully and urgently ask that this matter be treated as paramount importance by your Commission.

Yours faithfully

Principal.

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Rev. Canon C. F. Hives  
Principal

Oct. 29, 1949

Lytton, B. C.



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Dear Major MacKay:

We had a very enjoyable visit from the Primate, the Most Rev. Archbishop Kingston and his wife. It was really a very delightful visit, and I feel sure that he enjoyed seeing our school and our work amongst the Indian children. We also had a visit a few days ago from General Turner of the Residential School Administration. He also was very much surprised and pleased with what he saw.

I felt very embarrassed when, during the service, the lights were so poor, we could hardly see to read, and we had to sing without the organ, which being electric, went quite flat.

But that is not my worst fears. Winter is coming on, and we have some dark, cold nights; and as our heating depends on the electric power to drive the stokers, it would be terrible to have to go through what we experienced the first Winter I was here, when the Spencer's plant failed, and we were without light or power for forty eight hours, and the temperature was 23 below zero. The plant is over-loaded now, and when these new stores are completed, the load will be increased.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I am sending to the Power Commission. I believe a letter from you might add a great deal of weight, so that they would take action.

Yours faithfully.

*Chas. F. Hives*

Principal.

Major D.M. MacKay,  
Director of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.



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AIR MAIL

November 8th, 1949.

Mr. W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: St. George's Indian Residential  
School.

Attached is a copy of a letter which  
Canon Hives, Principal of the above school, has  
forwarded to the Power Commission at Victoria.  
Possibly you could assist him.



PP/ST  
Attach.

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division

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*Indian Affairs Branch  
Education Service  
In your attention pls  
J.S.*

# WASMUTH ELECTRIC

RADIOS, REFRIGERATORS, WASHERS  
HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

Mail Address:  
615 Twelfth Street, New Westminster, B. C.  
96 Kingsway, Vancouver, B.C.

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W.M. Vincent,  
Purchasing Dept.,  
Dept. Of Mines and Resources;

Dear Sir:

In the first week of Oct. we shipped two Thor Gladirons at your request to the Principal of St. Georges Indian Residential School at Lytton, B.C.

If you have not already authorized a cheque in our favor, I would appreciate it very much if you would do so.

We need this money for Xmas. stock purchasing, which is the reason that I am writing this letter.

Amount owing is \$220.00.

Yours Very Truly

*W. M. Wasmuth*

*W.M. Vincent  
Purchasing Dept.  
Dept. of Mines & Resources*



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November 25th, 1949.

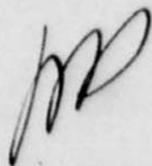
Memorandum:

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER

(Attention:Mr. Noonan)

Our file shows that on November 4th we forwarded to you a Voucher received from the Principal of the St. George's Indian Residential School, in favour of Wasmuth Electric in an amount of \$220.00.

We have just received a letter from the firm mentioned, stating that the cheque has not yet reached them. If this cheque has not been sent, it would be appreciated if you would arrange to have it sent by airmail immediately.



Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division

PP/ST

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PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 888-5 (E1)

OTTAWA

November 25th, 1949.

**TREASURY**

Memorandum:

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER

(Attention: Mr. Noonan)

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me'd in  
Treasury  
Nov. 11/49  
& paid by ch #73263  
18/11/49.  
It apparently took a week  
to come from your office  
to us. Even the  
Ottawa Electric isn't  
that had*

*[Signature]*  
Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division

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IN YOUR REFER TO  
NO. 7-11-4 (165)  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

P. O. BOX 70,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Airmail

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Nov. 29, 1949

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept. Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.

I am enclosing a letter dated November 1st from the Reverend Principal of the St. George's Indian Residential School, wherein he details a number of plumbing replacement parts required. We have made enquiries with regard to the cost of these replacement parts and find that the total cost amounts to approximately \$900.00.

I have no doubt that the supply of these parts is necessary, but before proceeding further with the matter should appreciate being advised if funds can be made available in this fiscal year.

*W. S. Arneil*

W. S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

-EW  
Encl.



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Rev. Canon C. F. Hives  
Principal

Nov. 1, 1949

Lytton, B. C.

Dear Mr Arneil:

There are certain parts of our plumbing that are very much in need of replacement. To my knowledge, we have not asked for anything of that nature during the past eight years. But some of the fixtures are in such poor shape, we waste a great deal of water, especially through the hot water taps, something must be done.

The following is a list of what we most urgently require:-

*Arneil*

Bath tub combination taps.		14	
Basin spring taps, insert seats		48	hot
.. .. ..		48	cold
Plain faucets $\frac{1}{2}$ inch		12	
Threaded .. ..		12	
Plain faucets $\frac{3}{4}$ inch		6	
Toilet closet tank sets		6	
Brass globe valves $\frac{1}{2}$ inch		6	
.. .. ..		6	
.. .. ..	1	9	
Stop & waste valves $\frac{1}{2}$ inch		6	
Compression stop cocks (stright)		6	
Calvanized pipe fittings			
Tees, unions, couplings $\frac{1}{2}$ inch		12	each
Nipples $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4" & $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 2"		12	each
Tees, unions, couplings $\frac{3}{4}$ inch		12	each
.. .. ..	1	12	each
.. .. ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	12	each
Bushings $\frac{1}{2}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ "		12	
.. .. ..	1	12	
.. .. ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	12	
.. .. ..	$1\frac{1}{2}$	12	
Pipe $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 16 ft.		4	lengths
.. .. ..	16	4	..
.. .. ..	16	4	..

The water here is very hard on tap seats, on account of a very small grit in the water. Wherever possible we should have the insert seats in the taps.

Yours faithfully.

*Chas. F. Hives*

Mr. W.S. Arneil, Principal.  
Commissioner of Indians for B.C.  
Vancouver.

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cc Canon Hives

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December 5th, 1949.

Wasmuth Electric,  
96 Kingsway,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter regarding payment of \$220.00 for two Thor Gladirons shipped to the St. George's Indian Residential School, our records show that Cheque No. 73263 was forwarded to you on November 18th, 1949.

It is presumed that you have received the cheque before this time.

Yours sincerely,

PP/ST

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division

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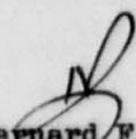
5 December, 1949.

Mr. W. S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C.

ST. GEORGE'S RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

Please advise Canon Hives that we will endeavour to obtain the plumbing replacements which he requires during the next month. Have him prepare a requisition form to be forwarded through your office, covering the items which he needs.

He must be very specific in describing the taps, faucets, etc., which he requires. I would suggest that he quote a Crane catalogue number opposite each item so that the Departmental Purchasing Agent will be absolutely clear as to what is required.

  
Bernard F. Neary,  
Superintendent of Education.

BFN/TM

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OFFICE OF THE  
INDIAN AGENT



CANADA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE \_\_\_\_\_

Lytton, B.C.  
October 28, 1949

Dear Sir;

With reference to your letter of Oct. 18, your file 7-11-3 regarding an increase in enrolment at St. George's School.

I have now inspected the existing dormitories and the rooms which could be used to increase the enrolment. There are at present two large dormitories for the boys, one of these having a partition through the center. The measurements of these two dormitories are 61 X 28 X 10 feet each and there are 49 boys in each.

The girl's dormitories are the same size as the boys' one with a partition and one without. They are the same size and have a 100 girls in ~~each~~ them, 48 in one and 52 in the other. The 28 foot walls on each end of the dormitories have windows built close together for the full width of the room.

With the proposed alterations, the two new rooms which are now sewing rooms would be 17 1/2 x 27 x 10 feet. A short wall would have to be built to change these rooms so they could be used as dormitories and the rest of the material would be used for building shelves and cupboards so smaller rooms could be used for sewing rooms.

I enclose quotations on materials required, having been advised by Canon Hives that the work could be done by employees and pupils of the school. Canon Hives also advises that he will also require 20 beds, 5 foot size with mattresses.

*Existing Space 68,320 cf. 137 papers*  
*Add. 9450 19*  
*156*

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Although the air space is not 500 feet per pupil, it is no doubt far more than we find in the average Indian home, and with so much window space in each dormitory I do not think the pupils will suffer from the shortage of space.

Yours truly,

*D. M. Hett*

D.M. Hett,  
A/Superintendent,  
Lytton Indian Agency.

W.S. Arneil, Esq.,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,  
Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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P. O. BOX 70,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

NO. 7-11-3 (165)

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Airmail

Nov. 12, 1949

Indian Affairs Branch  
Dept. Mines and Resources  
Ottawa, Ont.



Re: Your file 888-10 (E.1)

With reference to Mr. Pratt's letter of October 26th (file a/n) in connection with the admission and discharge of pupils, St. George's Residential School, in order to avoid overcrowding as a result of the attendance of Babine Agency pupils Canon Hives agreed to the conversion for dormitory use of space presently occupied by the sewing classes and Acting Superintendent Hett, reference his letter of October 28th and enclosure attached, secured details with regard to the materials required to effect these changes.

We had hoped this additional dormitory space would provide a minimum of 500 cubic feet per pupil but on checking the information given by Mr. Hett with regard to the size of the existing dormitories and the proposed new dormitory we find that the space is inadequate for even the authorized enrolment at the school. This, of course, makes the provision of additional dormitory space even more imperative and I would ask that the Department endeavour to make funds to the extent of approximately \$400 available and that the Purchasing Agent be requested to secure twenty beds and mattresses, requisition for which is attached hereto.

-EW  
Encl.

*W. S. Arneil*  
W. S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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AIR MAIL

December 12th, 1949.

Mr. W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: St. George's Indian Residential  
School. Your File 7-11-3 (165)

With reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo regarding the dimensions of the dormitories at the above school, it is noted that you recommend provision of extra dormitory space. We approve the suggestion contained in your letter and will allow an amount not exceeding \$400.00 for the purchase of the material.

It is noted that Acting Superintendent Hett states that the school management will provide the labour without cost to the Department.

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The present authorized enrolment at this school is 190, and in authorizing extra space it is to be understood by all parties concerned that this is not to be an excuse for enrolling additional pupils. We are simply authorizing this to provide increased accommodation for the number of pupils presently in the school.

We do not understand the Principal's request for 20 additional beds and mattresses as he has had 190 children in the school for some time, and presumably each of them has had a bed.

PP/ST

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division

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December 10, 1949.

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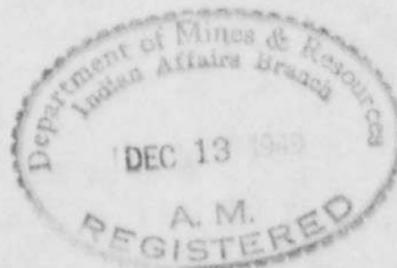
Re: Your file 888-10 (E1)

Further to my letter of November 12th in which I requested that the Department endeavour to make available funds to the extent of approximately \$400.00 in order to provide additional dormitory accommodation at the St. George's Residential School, I shall appreciate receiving the Department's decision with regard to this request as we are hoping to have the majority of this work completed during the Christmas holidays.

*W.S. Arneil*

W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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744 W. Hastings St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.,  
December 5, 1949.

Memorandum to Mr. Webb:

Re: Domestic Water Supply System  
St. Georges Indian Residential School  
Lytton, B.C.

During my visit of November 2 to the above mentioned school in connection with an electrical survey, I also made a brief inspection of the domestic water supply system. This system appears to be in an unhealthy sanitary condition, and in need of repairs, since the six inch wood stave supply line running from the reservoir to the school is over twenty years old, is leaking badly in several places, and has had to be repaired frequently during the past two years.

Mr. Unsworth's Report of September 11, 1946 regarding the subject

In general, the whole question of the present water supply system is dealt with in Mr. Unsworth's report on this subject.

#### Sanitary Conditions

An Indian family holds several acres of land which drain into the creek conveying the water from the present supply spring to the reservoir intake. This makes for unsanitary conditions for the following reasons:

- (1) Cattle and horses graze over this land causing possible contamination during the rainy season and irrigation periods.
- (2) The ground which is cleared close to the spring from which the water supply is taken, appears to be still used by the Indian family resident on the property above for a laundering and bathing area. As stated in Mr. Unsworth's report, water is heated over a small grate beside the stream. The used water is turned out, to run into the stream feeding the school water supply system.
- (3) During the irrigation periods when the ground above is flooded, considerable sediment is washed into the stream, causing the domestic water to become discoloured.

A collecting box connected to a pipe line to feed the present reservoir should improve the unsanitary conditions mentioned above. If, however, it was found that there were still signs of contamination due to percolation through the soil during the rainy seasons or irrigation periods, a chlorinator could then be procured for use during these intervals.

#### Recommendations

To put the above mentioned system in order, I would suggest that the following work be done without delay:

- (1) A water collecting box at the supply spring be installed as outlined in Mr. Unsworth's report.

-----To cost about \$600.00

- (2) A 4" No. 12 gauge spiral welded steel pipe asphalt dipped, asbestos felt wrapped, be laid from the collecting

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box to the present reservoir.

-----To cost about \$2,500.00

(3) A 6" No. 12 gauge spiral welded steel pipe, asphalt dipped, asbestos felt wrapped, be laid from the reservoir to the school.

----- To cost about \$3,850.00

(4) A 6" No. 12 gauge spiral welded steel pipe, asphalt dipped, asbestos felt wrapped, be laid to connect the fire hydrants to the main supply.

----- To cost about \$1,250.00

Total cost is about \$8,200.00

The protected steel pipe which has an expected life of 40 years, against 20 to 25 years for wood stave pipe, has been recommended since the school is a permanent structure and, as stated by the Indian Commissioner for this Province, is expected to be used for a long period. An approximate breakdown of the costs for items 2, 3 and 4 is attached.

Thomas A.G. Beeching

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