


Ottawa,
April 21, 1942.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

With further reference to my letter of the 9th instant, to which no reply has yet been received, I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter which was received yesterday from Mr. Christiansen.

Yours truly,

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



Rev. Geo. Dorey, D.D.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St. West,
Toronto 2, Ont.

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Ottawa,
April 23, 1942.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

In my letter of the 21st instant I forwarded copy of a letter received from Mr. Christianson. Today I am in receipt of another letter, copy of which I enclose.

Instructions are being issued granting the discharge from the school of the three boys mentioned in Mr. Christianson's letter.

Apparently they desire to keep the fireman for the month of May in order to have another man at the school. Under the circumstances, we are approving this action.

Yours truly,

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Your File 111-1-1

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

April 24th,
1942

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.



Dear Mr. Hoey: Re - File Hills School

I have your letters of April 21st and 23rd, with enclosures. On receipt of your previous letter, I asked Mrs. Loveys to send you the information about the School which you requested, as this is an institution under the care of The Woman's Missionary Society. We have all been so busy with Board meetings and Committee meetings, no doubt this has not been attended to. I am sorry that, in the meantime, all this trouble should have arisen. I am passing on the information to Mrs. Loveys. No doubt a suitable Principal will be nominated shortly.

Yours sincerely,

GD.MLT

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Ottawa,
April 29, 1942.

EX'D.
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Dear Doctor Dorey:

I have your letter of the 24th instant, in which you advise that the new Principal for the File Hills Residential School will be nominated shortly.

I thought you would appreciate receiving the attached letter which is supplementary to the letters forwarded in my previous communications.

Yours truly,

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

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OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT
File Hills Agency

CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 38-S1

Balcarres, Sask.,
April 21st, 1942.



Dear Sir,

I am now able to submit a further report on the burning of the classrooms at the File Hills Indian Residential School.

In conjunction with Corporal McCarro of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Balcarres Detachment, an investigation lasting two days was carried out, and it has definitely been established that the classrooms were deliberately set on fire by the students. To date three boys, Sampson Pechawis, age 12 years of the Mistawisis Reserve, Carlton Agency; Benny Pasqua age 15 years, of the Pasqua Reserve, Qu'Appelle Agency; and Jimmie Keepness, age 15 years, of Muscowpetung Reserve, also of the Qu'Appelle Agency; have each admitted his guilt and the part each played in this affair.

The investigation was carried out on April 15th and 16th. I laid an Information and Complaint on Friday, April 17th and the boys were removed to the Regina Industrial School on Saturday, April 18th. They will remain there pending further instruction from the Department. It is understood Mr. Christianson, General Superintendent of Indian Agencies has contacted the Department requesting the Department's wishes and instructions.

As stated above, to date three boys have admitted their guilt, but there is no doubt in my mind that all of the senior boys in the School were aware of what was going to take place and had a hand in the careful and deliberate plans that were laid. It is my intention to have the investigation continued.

I understand the police are submitting a detailed report to the Department. Therefore I did not see the necessity of my doing so and have confined my report to the findings to date and the action taken.

Yours truly,

E. S. JONES
Indian Agent.

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

ESJ.

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"F" Division

42R 149-81

Regina, Sask., April 25, 1942.

The Deputy Attorney General,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

Sir:

Re: Samson PECHAWIS (Juvenile) Treaty
Indian - Arson (511) C.C.C. - File
Hills Indian Residential School,
Saskatchewan.

1. I have the honour to attach hereto a copy of Balcarres Detachment report on Form 264B concerning the activities of the above named and certain of his schoolmates in burning down the File Hills Indian Residential School. The result of our investigation was discussed with your Mr. Salterio on the 23rd instant, at which time he was made acquainted with the present standing of the case.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

The Commissioner,
Bureau of Child Protection,
REGINA, Sask.

In Charge, C.I.B.
(H. Darling)

Supt.

Forwarded in duplicate for your information, together with copies of Form 264B submitted by Balcarres Detachment. Before these boys were apprehended this file was discussed with you by myself.

Regina, Sask.
25-4-42.

In Charge, C.I.B.
(H. Darling)

Supt.

The Gen. Supt. in Charge,
Indian Agencies,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
REGINA, Sask.

Forwarded for your information, together with copy of report on Form 264B referred to above.

Regina, Sask.
25-4-42.

In Charge, C.I.B.
(H. Darling)

Supt.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Forwarded in duplicate for your information, together with copy of Form 264B and Form 264C in this connection.

Regina, Sask.
25-4-42.

In Charge, C.I.B.
(H. Darling)

Supt.

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9-4-42

1. With reference to the above. This early a.m. phone call was received from E.S. Jones, Indian Agent of the File Hills Agency, reporting that during the evening previous April 7th, the school house at the File Hills Indian Residential School had burned to the ground with the total loss of the school equipment contained therein. This building was 100' X 28', one storey with full sized basement, and contained two class rooms known as the senior and junior. The building was heated by a pipeless furnace located in the basement. The fire was first noticed at approx. 7.50 p.m. and as enquiries from the staff revealed no fire to have been put in the furnace since 2.30 p.m. and very little at this time, all the circumstances indicated the fire to have been set and for this reason Mr. Jones requested a police investigation.

2. In company with Cst. Zimmerman and Caldwell, patrol was immediately made to the File Hills Agency, but other than being fairly well convinced that the fire had been set by some of the children, no definite information to that effect could be obtained this date and on Mr. Jones suggestion it was deemed advisable to let the matter rest for a few days during which time with the aid of the staff every effort would be made to obtain some lead which would assist the investigation.

15-4-42

3. This date Mr. Jones stated that he had information which he considered would be worthy of checking, with the following results.

STATEMENT OF Mrs. Agnes Alexander, Kitchen Supervisor.

BEGINS: "Yesterday morning April 14th, I was talking to Edith RIDER, age 14 yrs, and in conversation she said that Samson PECHAWIS told Elsie Anderson on Wednesday morning April 8th that the boys were going to burn the class room that night. I asked which boys, she said Benny and Stanley Pasqua, Jimmy Keepness & Samson Pechawis. Elsie Anderson is employed in the dairy and it was on Wednesday morning when Samson took the milk in that he told Elsie about the class room going to be burned. that night. Edith Rider said that from what she understood it was Stanley Pasqua who actually set the fire. ENDS:

Witness: R. Macara.

(Sgd) Agnes Alexander.

4. Following up the contents of the above statement the following statement was taken from Edith Rider, age 14 yrs.

BEGINS: "Fern Goforth told me that Elsie Anderson told her, as a secret that she (Elsie) while in the dairy on Wednesday morning April 8th, Samson Pechawis came into the dairy with the milk and at that time told Elsie that he and Benny and Stanley Pasqua and Jimmy Keepness were going to set fire to the class room that night. Fern told me this when the class room was burning. ENDS:

Witness: R. Macara.

(Sgd) Edith Rider.

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5. Fern Goforth interviewed furnished the following statement.

BEGINS: "Between supper time and when the class room caught fire on Wednesday evening April 8th I was talking to Elsie Anderson and she told me as a secret that Samson Pechawis had told her that not to study in the class room as he and Benny Pasqua and Jimmy Keepness were going to burn the class room down. Elsie did not tell me when Samson told her this! ENDS:
Witness: R. Macara. (Sgd) Fern Goforth.

6. From the contents of the foregoing statements it was evident that Samson PECHAWIS and Jimmy Keepness were flagrantly implicated in the burning of the school and after considerable questioning and cross examination they furnished the following statements:

Statement of Samson PECHAWIS - Age 12 yrs.

BEGINS: "On Sunday evening April 5th, 1942, I was at the senior play ground. Benny Pasqua, Andrew Rider, Jimmy Keepness and Willie Hilkit were there. We were all lying on the grass. These boys told me to burn down the class room, I said no. They said why dont you do it there is too much trouble. I told them I did not know how to burn down the class room. They said there is lots of paper in the waste paper basket in the basement and I was to take this paper and put it in the corner near the chimney and set fire to it. I said no I would not do it. No time was mentioned when the fire was to be set. On Tuesday morning April 7th, I told Elsie Anderson at the dairy that we were going to set the school on fire. She said do it right away, that would be nice. After supper that day Benny Pasqua, Andrew Rider, Jimmy Keepness and Willie Hilkit and I went behind the class room. The boys asked Andrew Rider to go in the north east class room window, he said no I am too big it would not fit me. They then said to me you are the smallest and told me to go in this class room window and go down and open the coal shute door in the basement. I said no you always make me do everything. They said go and do it if you dont the big boys will hang you. I had trouble before with Andrew Rider and Terrance Bear over some money I lost and they gave me a licking. I am afraid of the big boys. I crawled up the north east class room window the storm window had a slide in it and I went into the junior room through this slide. I went to the basement and opened the coal shute door. This door was fastened with a bolt about a foot long with a stick on the end about two feet long which was turned between two uprights. I unturned this stick so as the door could be opened from the outside. I was going to set the fire at this time but the bell rang and I came out the basement through the coal shute. It was the 7.30 p.m. bell that rang. After lining up in the main building all the senior boys went out to the play ground to play foot ball. Soon after Mr. Andres and Mr. Huston came with the truck and Stanley Pasqua and my brother Arnold who had run away a few days previous. We all then came into the play ~~gymnasium~~ room and soon after Jimmy Keepness said to me, lets go and do it again, meaning start the fire. I said no they might think we are running away.

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STATEMENT OF Samson PECHAWIS - age 12 yrs. Con't.

Wednesday after supper we boys were out playing and Willie Hilkit said to me Arnold, Wilfred Haywahi, Stanley Pasqua and Jimmy Keepness wants you to come and see them. These boys were at the toilet, I went with Willie to the toilet, these boys were there. I asked them what they wanted. Jimmy said we want you to put the school on fire. Arnold, Stanley, Willie, Jimmy and Wilfred and I went to the north side of the school. Jimmy Keepness and I went into the basement through the coal chute. Jimmy started gathering paper and he asked me for a match. I gave him a match, he said no you start it and I will put on the paper. There was a narrow place beside the chimney and Jimmy put a lot of paper at this place to the ceiling. I lit the match to it, the fire flamed right up to the ceiling. We got out the coal chute right away. Only Willie Hilkit was spying around the corner when Jimmy and I came out the basement. We then went to the senior playground. After that there were some little boys passing near the school house and Willie Hilkit went and told them to get away from there. Jimmy and I went back and went into the basement and we seen the fire had started to burn the ceiling and then we came out again. We went back to the playground. One of the big boys mentioned about the smoke coming out, after that the bell rang and we all went into the main building. It was soon after that the fire was noticed and the alarm given. ENDS:
Witness: R. Macara. (Sgd) Samson Pechawis.

STATEMENT OF Jimmy KEEPNESS - Age 15 yrs.

BEGINS: "On Saturday March 28th 1942, Benny Pasqua, Samson Pechawis and I ran away and were brought back on Tuesday March 31st. The following day April 1st just after dinner I was at the toilet and Benny Pasqua, Leslie Sanderson, Lloyd Stonechild, Samson Pechawis and a few other little boys were there. Lloyd said do you know what to do, we said no, he told us to set the class room on fire. We all said yes. On Wednesday April 8th just after supper Wilfred Haywahi, Arnold Pechawis, Leslie Sanderson and I were at the toilet and I met Samson Pechawis at the corner of the school house. Then Benny Pasqua came. Sammy asked me to help him climb in the class room, and Benny and I helped him to get up to the window. Benny went away and the next time I seen Samson he came out the coal chute. Samson called me and asked me to come down with him, I said no. Then Wilfred and Arnold came and Arnold told me to go down. I went down into the basement with Samson and I gathered paper and he put it close by the chimney and then he set fire to it. As soon as I seen the flames going up I got through the coal chute and Samson came soon after. Wilfred and Arnold were outside when I came out. I went to Arnold and Wilfred and we went around to the front steps and Samson came and found us there. We all then went back to the school house and looked through the basement window, we seen the fire dying off, we thought it was going to go out so left. I dont know anything more until the alarm went up that the school was on fire. ENDS
Witness: R. Macara. (SGD) Jimmy Keepness.

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STATEMENT OF BENNY PASQUA - Age 15 yrs.

BEGINS: "On Wednesday Evening April 8th, I was out behind the school house. This was after supper. Jimmy Keepness and Samson Pechawis were there to. Jimmy and I helped Samson through the window in the class room, I knew he was going in the class room to set it on fire. After that I left and went to the play ground and I did not return to the class room until the fire broke out. I did not notify any of the staff about Samson setting the school on fire. ENDS:
Witness: R. Macara: (Sgd) Benny Pasqua.

STATEMENT OF Wilfred HAYWAHI - Age 16 yrs.

BEGINS: "Between 6.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Wednesday April 8th, Arnold Pechawis and I went to the toilet we seen Samson Pechawis and Jimmy Keepness standing at the north west corner of the class room near the coal chute. We went over to where Samson and Jimmy were, Arnold asked them what they were doing, they said they had set the class room on fire. We looked through one of the basement windows and we seen the fire, it was blazing and smoking. The fire was close by the furnace. After we went over to the north side of the class room Bruce Bear came, he also looked in through the window and seen the fire. We all went to the football field after that. I did not tell any of the staff about seeing the fire in the basement and it was not long after that the smoke was seen coming out the roof and the alarm was given. On Tuesday morning April 7th Jimmy Keepness told me that he was going to set the class room on fire and on Wednesday morning Jimmy and Samson told me again they were going to set the class room on fire. that night. All the senior boys knew that the class room was going to be set on fire. ENDS:
Witness: R. Macara. (Sgd) Wilfred Haywahi.

STATEMENT OF Arnold PECHAWIS - Age 16 yrs.

BEGINS: "Between 6.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. of Wednesday April 8th Wilfred Haywahi and I went to the toilet on returning we seen my brother Samson and Jimmy Keepness standing close by the wood chute. on the north side of the class room. We went over to where they were and asked them what they were doing. They said they had set a fire in the class room. We all went and looked in one of the basement windows, we seen the smoke, after this Jimmy and Samson went into the basement through the wood chute and when they came out they said the fire was going good. We all then went to the Senior play ground and played football. After that I seen the smoke coming out the class room roof and then the alarm was given. I did not tell any of the staff that Samson and Jimmy had set the fire or that I was present and seen the fire after they had started it. ENDS:
Witness: R. Macara. (Sgd) Arnold Pechawis.

STATEMENT OF Elsie ANDERSON - Age 14 yrs.

BEGINS: "On Tuesday morning April 7th, I was in the dairy and Samson Pechawis came there for milk for the chickens. He laughingly said to me, I am going to burn the class room down and before he went out he said April fool. I have not been talking to Samson since. ENDS:
Witness: R. Macara. (Sgd) Elsie Anderson.

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7. It will be noted that the contents of the foregoing statements are somewhat at variance with regard to persons present etc, but that Jimmy KEEPNES, Benny PASQUA and the above named admit their active participation in the setting of the fire, while the others, particularly, Arnold PECHAWIS, Wilfred HAYWAHI and Lloyd Stonechild, who are considered the chief counsellors of the offence have no hesitation in implicating PASQUA, KEEPNES and Samson PECHAWIS, but they are cleverly endeavouring to keep themselves from being involved. It is also fairly well established that the anticipated burning of the school was common knowledge particularly among the senior boys of which there are some 16, and while several others are mentioned in the statements as being present, investigation has so far failed to confirm same and the parties giving the statements on being further questioned state they may have been mistaken in the identity of certain ones, however, as already stated there would appear considerable to hand implicating Arnold PECHAWIS, Wilfred HAYWAHI and Lloyd STONECHILD, and this is further borne out by the contents of the following note which was handed to me by Mr. Jones on the morning of the 18th when I went for the above named and his companions to take them to Regina, and at which time I was given to understand the note had been found and turned over to Mr. Jones. Contents of the note follow and there is very little doubt but that it was written by Arnold PECHAWIS.

BEGINS: "To Samson: Hello there, well here goes an answer which I got this afternoon. Well Sammy its longest you dont blame me and W.H. for that gas we got, dont say anything about that please, tell him you them R.C.M.P. Lloyd told you to set it the time I and S.P. ran away so you get the idea from him. Thats what we going to say too they just want to find out you got that idea first so just tell them he say that the time you got strapping after you run away, if they know Lloyd rerrly got that idea first so they'll let us go. Jimmy said hes going to tell them that to. tell them mounties my brother Arnold got after me after we did that he sure gave me hill for doing that but he did'nt want to tell anybody first. say that to them, so I wont be in trouble and tell them i was'nt hear that time he tell you and Jimmy to set the fire in the school. tell them thats time I was away I and S.P. tell them that so long from your brother A.P. if you answer give it to me" ENDS:

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8. Samson PECHAWIS on being questioned about the above letter furnished the following information in the form of a statement.

BEGINS. "During the afternoon of April 17th., I wrote a note to my brother Arnold PECHAWIS told him to tell the truth about the big boys and the fire and maybe they would let us off. I gave this note to Terrance BEAR to give to Arnold. Later Terrance gave me the note that Cpl. Macara has shown me and said that Arnold sent it. I read it about half then put it in my side pants pocket. I lost this note and Jimmy KEEPNES has told me that George STONECHILD seen the note sticking out of my pocket while I was eating and he took it out of my pocket and gave it to Lloyd STONECHILD. Lloyd STONECHILD told me that the best way to set the fire was with gas. He told me to ask Walter STONECHILD for some gas. I didnt ask Walter. Walter helps Mr. Lane in the engine room. " ENDS. Sgd. Samson Pechawis

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9. In corroboration of the foregoing statement obtained from Samson PECHAWIS, the following statement was obtained from Jimmy KEEPNESS.

BEGINS: "Yesterday April 17th, George Stonechild told me that he had seen Terrance Bear give Samson Pechawis a note and that he (George) had taken the note out of Samson's pocket and gave it to Lloyd Stonechild. Before I helped to burn the school I was going to try and get some gas but I did not get any. I know there was a small can of gas put in one of the toilets, I put this gas there after I got it from Walter Stonechild. I was going to use this gas to light the fire but it got spilled by some of the kids. Walter knew when he gave me the gas what I was going to use it for, I asked Walter to get it for me! ENDS;

(Sgd) Jimmy Keepness.

10. As yet no further investigation has been made regarding the note herein alleged to have been written by Arnold PECHAWIS, but same is receiving the required attention immediately and further report will follow as to the result.

11. The cases of the captionally noted and his companions Jimmy KEEPNESS and Benny PASQUA, have been adjourned for an indefinite period, this for the purpose of continuing the investigation with view to obtaining definite implication of the others suspected to be involved, and before the cases against PECHAWIS, KEEPNESS & PASQUA are proceeded with the necessary steps will be taken to have the parents of these children notified as required by Sec. 10, of the Juv. Del. Act.

12. Extra copies of this report submitted for the information of the Commissioner Dept. of Indian Affairs, also the Commissioner Bureau of Child Protection.

PROSECUTION ENTERED;
CARRIED FORWARD: D.D.
EXPENSES SUBMITTED.
21-4-42.

A/Cpl.
R. Macara. Reg. No. 8310,
I/C Balcarres Detachment.

C.C. Regina Sub-Div.
H.C. REGINA, Sask.,
"F" Division,
REGINA, Sask.

1. Forwarded for your information. Files re Benny PASQUA & Jimmy KEEPNESS, are going forward on even date.

2. Extra copies are attached for the information of the Dept. mentioned in para. 12, and further reports will be forthcoming. It will be noted that others are implicated herein namely Arnold PECHAWIS, Wilfred HAYWAMI, and Lloyd STONECHILD, regard to whom, further investigation is being made.

22-4-42
CHH:EM

C.H. Harvey, Sgt. for
C.C., Regina Sub-Division, A.O.D.

REPORT

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE REPORT ON PRELIMINARY HEARING

(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE) Regina Sub-Div.
 Division....."F".....Div. Fyle No.....Detachment.....Balcarres.....
 Defendant.....Samson PECHAWIS (Juv.) Treaty Ind. Resid.....File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask.
 Alias.....None known.....Occupation.....Student.
 Nationality and Colour.....Canadian. Indian.
 Status in Country.....British Subject.
 Offence and Section of Act.....Section 511 C.C.S.
 Date and Place of Offence.....April 8th 1942. File Hills Indian Residential School Sask.
 Authority for Search.....
 Arrest or Summons. Date.....18-4-42.
 Date and Place of Hearing.....18-4-42. Regina, Sask.
 Heard by.....J.A. FRASER, Judge Juv. Court. of.....Regina, Sask.
 Prosecutor or Defence
 Pros'g Counsel.....None.....Counsel.....Nil.
 Witnesses.....

Finger Prints and Photo forwarded to Headquarters.....

Result of Hearing.....Proceeded under Juvenile Delinquents Act.
 Adjourned for an indefinite period (Sec. 80) accused to be detained pending disposition of the case in the Provincial Industrial School, Regina, Sask.
 Bail.....

Bondsmen.....

COMPLAINANT: E.B. Jones, Indian Agent, File Hills Agency.
 1. Remarks.....Hearing of the 'Charge'. Samson PECHAWIS, Juvenile, Treaty Indian, File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., on the 8th April 1942, at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., did wilfully, without legal justification or excuse, and without colour of right, did set fire to a certain building, to wit: a school house belonging to the Government of Canada and situated at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., contrary to Section 511 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

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Submitted by.....A/Spl. J. MacRae.

Fwd'd O.C.....Sub-Dist. Fwd'd O.C.....Division Fwd'd to Commissioner

In Charge Detachment In Charge Sub-District Commanding Division

Date.....Date.....Date.....

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 42 D 149-G-23

OTTAWA, April 29, 1942.

Senior Schools
YOUR FILE NO. _____

Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.

TO:

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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FIRST REPORT

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
REPORT ON PRELIMINARY HEARING
 (BASICALLY A DETACHMENT CASE)

Division.....**"T"**.....Div. Fyle No.....**Bal carres**.....Detachment.....**File Hill Indian**
Jimmy KEMPNESS (Juv.).....Treaty Ind. **Residential School. Sk.**
 Defendant.....**None known.**.....Residence.....**Student**
 Alias.....**Canadian. Indian.**.....Occupation.....
 Nationality and Colour.....**British Subject.**
 Status in Country.....**Arson 511 C.C.C.**
 Offence.....**Arson 511 C.C.C.**.....**File Hills Residential School, Sask.**
 Date and Place of Offence.....
 Authority for Search.....
 Arrest or Summons.....**18-4-42.**
18-4-42. Regina, Sask.
 Date and Place of Hearing.....
J.A. Fraser, Judge Juv. Court......**Regina, Sask.**
 Heard by.....of.....
 Prosecutor or **RCMP.**.....Defence **Nil.**
 Pros'g Counsel.....Counsel.....
 Witnesses.....

Finger Prints and Photo forwarded to Headquarters.....

Result of Hearing.....**Proceeded under Juveniles Delinquents Act.**
~~Reported for an indefinite period (Sec. 20) accused to~~
be detained pending disposition of the case in the Provincial
Industrial School, Regina, Sask.

Bail.....

Bondsmen.....

COMPLAINANT: **E.S. Jones, Indian Agent, File Hills Agency.**

1. **Wording of the 'Charge' "Jimmy KEMPNESS, Juvenile, Treaty Indian, File Hills Indian Residential School, on the 8th April 1942, at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., did wilfully, without legal justification or excuse, and without colour of right, did set fire to a certain building, to wit, a school house belonging to the Government of Canada and situated at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask. contrary to Section 511 of the Criminal Code of Canada.**
2. **Charge herein is interlocked with similar charge against one Samson PECKAWIS, Juvenile, Treaty Indian, which report covers the investigation to date and it is requested that same be referred to in conjunction with this file.**

Submitted by **A/Cpl. R. Macara.**

PROSECUTION ENTERED:
 EXPENSES SUBMITTED:
 CARRIED FORWARD:

Fwd'd O.C. **REGINA**

Sub-Dist.

Fwd'd O.C.

Division

Fwd'd to Commissioner

A/Cpl.
R. Macara. Reg. No. 8310.

In Charge Detachment

In Charge Sub-District

Commanding Division

Date

Date

Date

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 42 D 149-C-21

OTTAWA. April 29, 1942.

*Heir
Schulz*
YOUR FILE NO. _____

Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.

TO:

GAV*ACH.

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.



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FIRE REPORT**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****REPORT ON PRELIMINARY HEARING****(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)** Regina sub-Div.
BalcarresDivision **"F"** Div. Fyle No. Detachment **File Hills Indian Residential School, Sk.**Defendant **Benny PASQUA (Juv.) Treaty Ind.** Residence **Student.**Alias **None known.** Occupation **Student.**Nationality and Colour **Canadian. Indian.**Status in Country **British Subject.**Offence and Section of Act **Arson 511 C.C.C.**Date and Place of Offence **April 8th 1942. File Hills Residential School, Sk.**

Authority for Search

Arrest ~~on~~ Date **18-4-42.**Date and Place of Hearing **18-4-42. Regina, Sask.**Heard by **J.A. Fraser, Judge Juv. Court.** of **Regina, Sask.**Prosecutor or Defence **NIL**
Pros'g Counsel **RCLP.** Counsel

Witnesses

Finger Prints and Photo forwarded to Headquarters

Result of Hearing **Proceed under Juvenile Delinquents Act.**
Adjourned for an indefinite period (Sec. 20) accused to
be detained pending disposition of the case in the Provincial
Industrial School, Regina, Sask.

Bail

Bondsmen

COMPLAINANT: E.S. Jones, Indian Agent, File Hills Agency.

1. Remarks **Wording of the Charge: "Benny PASQUA, Juvenile, Treaty Indian, File Hills Indian Residential School, on the 8th April 1942, at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., did wilfully, without legal justification or excuse, and without colour of right, did set fire to a certain building, to wit, a school house belonging to the Government of Canada and situated at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask. Contrary to Section 511 of the Criminal Code of Canada"**

2. Charge herein is interlocked with similar charge against one Samson PECHAWIS, Juvenile, Treaty Indian, which report covers the investigation to date and it is requested that same be referred to in conjunction with this file.

PROSECUTION ENTERED:Submitted by **A/Cpl. R. Macara.****EXPENSES SUBMITTED:**
CARRIED FORWARD:Fwd'd O.C. **REGINA** Sub-Dist. Fwd'd O.C. Division Fwd'd to Commissioner**A/Cpl. R. Macara, Reg. No. 6320.**

In Charge Sub-District

Commanding Division

Date **April 20, 1942.**

Date

Date

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 42 D 149-G-22

OTTAWA, April 29, 1942.

YOUR FILE NO. _____

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Fuller
Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.

TO:

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

GAV*ACH.



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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

File #306-11B

Regina, Saskatchewan,
April 23rd 1942



Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 111-1-0 of the 23rd instant authorizing the discharge of Arnold Pechawisis, Wilfred Haywanhi, and Stanley Pasqua.

In reply Arnold Pechawisis and Wilfred Haywanhi are both in jail at the present time. They were placed in the Regina Jail on Saturday afternoon by His Honour, Police Magistrate Fraser, of this city, in connection with the fire and the burning down of the File Hills School classrooms. This now makes a total of five boys who have been apprehended and where it will end I do not know. I was talking to Cpl. Macara, who is still investigating this and he informed me personally he was afraid every one of the older boys at the school were implicated one way or another. Evidently the plan was to burn down the main building as well.

I received a copy of Cpl. Macara's report today on the investigation so I suppose by the time you receive this letter our Branch will have also received a copy.

Yours truly,

M. Christianson,
General Superintendent of Indian Agencies.

MC/ed

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, - Ont.

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111-1-1

Ottawa,
May 1, 1942.

*Mr. Hoey P.C.M.S.
Please note report
CH*

Dear Doctor Dorey:

With reference to my previous communications, in connection with the File Hills Residential School, I enclose, for your information, another letter received from Mr. Christianson dated April 27.

Yours truly,

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

CH

Rev. Geo. Dorey, D.D.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St. West,
Toronto 2, Ont.

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Re : Samson BISHABIA (Juvenile) Treaty Indian.
Arson 511 080. File Hills Residential
School, Sask. (BALGARRETT DET. CASE)

PARA 4 CON'T.

- (a) Location of the offence:
Sectional west of Sec. 33-22-11-22nd.
- (b) Judicial District in which offence was
committed: Melville.
- (c) L.T. McKim, E.C. Agent of the Attorney General
for the Judicial District of Melville.

5. At time of the trial it is anticipated that
arrangements will be made for the presence of appropriate
representatives of the Bureau of Child Protection and
Dept. of Indian Affairs, and the parents of the Juveniles
will receive due notice of the hearing by order of the
presiding magistrate as required by the Act.

PROSECUTION ENTERED:
CARRIED FORWARD:
EXPENSES NIL:
27-4-42.

A/Cpl.
H. Macrae, Reg. No. 8310.
I/O Balcarres Detachment.

C.C. Regina Sub-Div.
RCMP, REGINA, Sask.

The C.C., R.C.M.P.,
"F" Division,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

1. Forwarded for your information. In view of the
serious nature of this offence, it is requested that the
services of the Agent of the Attorney General be authorized
to appear and conduct the prosecution against the above
named and the other parties who are also charged with this
offence.

28-4-42
FV:HS

G.H. Harvey, Sgt. for
C.C., Regina Sub-Division A.C.D.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION **7** SUB-DIVISION **Regina** DETACHMENT **Balcarres**

PROVINCE **Sask.** DATE **April 27, 1942.**

FILE REFERENCES

Re: **Samson POCHAMIN (Juvenile) Treaty Indian.**
Arson Oil Co. File Hills Indian Residential
School, Sask. (BALCARRES D.P. CASE)

HEADQUARTERS

1. With reference to the above and further to Balcarres C. 264 submitted in this connection dated the 21-4-42, as a result of continued investigation into this offense the following persons have been arrested and detained for trial.

SUB-DIVISION

Samson POCHAMIN (Juvenile) Age 15 yrs.
Jimmy KAMMERS (Juvenile) Age 15 yrs.
Benny PASQUA (Juvenile) Age 15 yrs.

DETACHMENT

1-238-42.

2. The above three Juveniles are at present confined at the Industrial School, Regina, for an indefinite period awaiting disposition of the charges against them.

Arnold POCHAMIN - Age 15 yrs 7 mos.
Wilfred HAYMAN - Age 15 yrs 4 mos.

P. C. R.

Balcarres
21-4-42.

3. The above subjects being over the age of sixteen years are at present remanded to Regina Common Jail to await disposition of the charges against them.

Lloyd STONCHILL (Juvenile) Age 15 yrs.

A. R. V. No.

4. This subject is still at the File Hills Indian Residential School, report has been submitted and instructions are being awaited as to whether it is considered sufficient evidence is available to prosecute.

5. The investigation has disclosed that the contemplated burning of the Glass Room was common knowledge among all of the older children of the school including some of the girls, but the above mentioned parties are the ones who apparently took the most prominent part in the commission of the offense. At the commencement of the investigation several others were mentioned as being present and taking an active part, but as the investigation proceeded no definite evidence could be obtained against these parties and they were therefore eliminated as being involved.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR.....

6. Although the parties so far charged are definitely implicated in the commission of the offense and it is expected in view of the statements given will admit their implication, in consideration of the serious of the offense the writer is of the opinion that the services of the Agent of the Attorney General should be obtained to conduct the prosecutions and the following information is being submitted with this end in view.

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FILE NUMBERS, HEADING AND MARGINAL REFERENCE ARE TO BE PROPERLY FILLED IN.

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(C.I.B.)
"F" Division,

42 R 149-81

REGINA, Saskatchewan,
April 29th, 1942

The Deputy Attorney-general,
REGINA, Sask.

Sir:-

Re: SAMSON PECHANIS (Juvenile) Treaty Indian
Arson (S11) C.C.C., Pine Hills Indian
Residential School, Saskatchewan

1. With reference to previous correspondence in connection with this file, I have the honour to attach hereto copy of Balcarres detachment report dated April 27th, 1942, wherein it will be noted that a number of informations have been laid against the persons referred to in paras. (2) and (3).

2. In view of the seriousness of the offences, authority is requested for the services of Mr. L.T. McKim, Agent of the Attorney-general, Melville, to appear and prosecute all the prosecutions arising from this offence. Would you kindly advise me by telephone of your decision in this regard?

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Supt.
In Charge, C.I.B.,
(H. Darling)

Superintendent General,
In Charge Indian Agencies,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Federal Building, Regina, Sask.

Forwarded for your information, with copy of Balcarres detachment report dated April 27th, 1942 attached.

29-4-42.

In Charge, C.I.B.,
(H. Darling)

Supt.

The Commissioner,
Bureau of Child Protection,
REGINA, Sask.

Forwarded in duplicate for your information, with two copies of above mentioned report attached.

29-4-42.

In Charge, C.I.B.,
(H. Darling)

Supt.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police, OTTAWA, Ontario

Forwarded in duplicate for your information, with two copies of above mentioned report attached.

29-4-42.

In Charge, C.I.B.,
(H. Darling)

Supt.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

May 4, 1942.

OUR FILE NO. 42 D 149-G-23.

OTTAWA.

YOUR FILE NO. _____

Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.



TO:

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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1st. REPORT.

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
REPORT ON PRELIMINARY HEARING
(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)**

Division "F" Div. Fyle No. Detachment **Balcarres**
 Defendant **Wilfred HAYWARI (Treaty Indian)** File Hills Indian
 (Over age of 16 years) Residence **Residential School.**
 Alias **Nil.** Occupation **Student.**
 Nationality and Colour **Canadian (Indian)**
 Status in Country **British Subject.**
 Offence and Section of Act **Arson (511) C.C.C.**
 Date and Place of Offence **8-4-42. File Hills Indian Residential School**
Sask.
 Authority for Search **-----**
 Arrest **24-4-42.** Date **24-4-42.**
 Date and Place of Hearing **25-4-42. Regina, Saskatchewan.**
 Heard by **J.A. Fraser, Pol. Mag.** of **Regina, Sask.**
 Prosecutor or Defence
 Pros'g Counsel **R.S.M.P.** Counsel **None.**
 Witnesses **None.**

Finger Prints and Photo forwarded to Headquarters **Not yet taken.**

Result of Hearing **Remanded in Custody to appear at 10.00 A.M. 2-5-42.**
at R.C.M.P. Court Room, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Bondsmen **-----**

COMPLAINANT **E.S. Jones, Indian Agent, File Hills Agency.**

1.

Remarks **Wording of the 'Charge': Wilfred HAYWARI, Treaty Indian, File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask. did wilfully without legal justification or excuse, and without colour of right, did set fire to a certain building, to wit, a school house belonging to the Government of Canada and situated at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., contrary to Section 511 of the Criminal Code of Canada.**

In the above connection please refer to Balcarres F.264, Captioned **Re: Samson PECHAWIS - Arson (511) C.C.C., dated 21-4-42,** which covers the full investigation into the burning of the School in question and in which report it will be noted the accused herein was implicated in the burning of the School House with the result of further interrogation of the accused the following statement was obtained.

Fwd'd O.C. Sub-Dist. Fwd'd O.C. Division Fwd'd to Commissioner

In Charge Detachment

In Charge Sub-District

Commanding Division

Date

Date

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THE STATEMENT OF Wilfred HAYWAMI - Age 16 Years Past.

Having been warned by Corporal Macara, I need not say anything, I have nothing to hope from any promise or favour and nothing to fear from any threat whether or not I say anything, anything I do say may be used as evidence at my trial. Understanding the above I make the following statement voluntarily.

I first learned of the Classroom going to be burned from Jimmy KEEPNES, this was before Jimmy ran away. After supper time on Wednesday, April 8th., 1943, I went to the toilet with Arnold PECHAWIS. Joe CAPLE came and told us that Benny PASQUA, Samson PECHAWIS and Jimmy KEEPNES were putting the Classroom on fire. Arnold and I went over to where these boys were at the Classroom and learned from them that they had set the Classroom on fire. Arnold and I looked through the basement window and seen the fire. It was close by the furnace. Jimmy then said about getting some gasoline. I did not want to do it but Arnold, Jimmy, Samson and myself went to the Sawing Outfit. Jimmy got a Jam Can and we got the Jam Can half full of gasoline from the sawing engine and we all returned to the Classroom. Jimmy and Samson went down the basement and threw the gas on the ceiling. Jimmy and Samson came out of the cellar and Jimmy said the fire is going good.

Jimmy KEEPNES told me that Lloyd STONECHILD was the first to get the idea of burning the Classroom, he said to Jimmy you boys dont like the school burn it down.

WITNESS
Corporal R. Macara.

SIGNED
Wilfred HAYWAMI.

3. In view of the contents of the foregoing statement and the admitted actions of the accused which definitely involves him in the commission of the offence, charge was laid as outlined herein and the accused remanded without plea to await definite date of trial, and further report will be submitted as soon as same has been arranged. It is expected that a further remand will be necessary and the matter of same will be taken up with the M.C.C. I/C, Regina Town Station. Information and Complaint is held by J.A. Fraser Police Magistrate, who is seized with the case.

4. The investigation and escorting of the accused to Regina was made on the 24th. and 25th. instants, Via Ford Code 8220.

PROSECUTION ENTERED
CARRIED FORWARD
EXPENSES SUBMITTED (APPORT.)
27-4-42.

RM/OMC

A/Cpl.
(R. Macara) Reg. No. 8310
I/C Balcarres Detachment.

The C.G., R.C.M.P.,
Regina Sub-Division,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

Sir: FORWARDED.

The C.G., R.C.M.P.,
"F" Division, REGINA, Sask.

1. Forwarded for your information. Please refer to file re: Samson Pechawis (Juvenile) Treaty Indian - Arson (511 C.G.C.) File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., for full particulars concerning this offence.
2. Further report will be submitted herein in due course.

28-4-42
FU:HS

C.H. Harvey, Sgt. for
C.G., Regina Sub-Division A.C.D.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 42 B - 692-3G-1.

OTTAWA, May 7, 1942.

YOUR FILE NO. _____

Schroder
Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.

TO:

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

GAV/GB.



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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
REPORT ON PRELIMINARY HEARING**

FIRST REPORT**(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)**

Division **"F"** Div. Fyle No. _____ Detachment **Regina Sub/Div. Balcarres.**
 Defendant **Arnold PECHAWIS, Treaty Indian, (Over 16 yrs. of age)** Residence **File Hills Indian Residential School.**
 Alias **None Known.** Occupation **Student.**
 Nationality and Colour **Canadian, Indian.**
 Status in Country **British Subject.**
 Offence and Section of Act **Arson, (511) C.C.C.**
 Date and Place of Offence **April 8th., 1942, File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask.**
 Authority for Search _____
 Arrest or ~~Summons~~ Date **24-4-42.**
 Date and Place of Hearing **25-4-42. Regina, Sask.**
 Heard by **J.A. Fraser, Pol/Magistrate.** of **Regina, Sask.**
 Prosecutor or Pros'g Counsel **R.C.M.P.** Defence Counsel **NIL.**
 Witnesses _____

Finger Prints and Photo forwarded to Headquarters. **Not taken as yet.**

Result of Hearing **Remanded without Plea until 10.00 A.M. 2-5-42.**
at R.C.M. Police Court Room, Regina, Sask.
(Remanded in custody to Regina Jail.)

Bail _____

Bondsman _____

COMPLAINANT, **E.S. Jones, Indian Agent, File Hills Agency, Sk.**

Remarks
 1. Wording of 'Charge' **Arnold PECHAWIS, Treaty Indian, File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., on the 8th, April, 1942, at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., did wilfully without legal justification or excuse, and without colour of right, did set fire to a certain building, to wit: a School house belonging to the Government of Canada and situated at the File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., Contrary to Section 511 of the Criminal Code of Canada.**

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Submitted by ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Fwd'd O.C. _____ Sub-Dist. _____ Fwd'd O.C. _____ Division _____ Fwd'd to Commissioner _____

In Charge Detachment

In Charge Sub-District

Commanding Division

Date _____

Date _____

Date _____

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Re: Arnold PECHAWIS - (Treaty Indian) - Arson (511) C.C.O.,
File Hills Indian Residential School, Saskatchewan.
(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)

2. In connection with the above please refer to Balcarres Form 266, submitted under date of 21-4-42 and captioned re: Samson PECHAWIS - Arson (511) C.C.O., which covers full investigation into the burning of the above school and in which report is contained the contents of a letter suspected to have been written by the above named and which fraglently implicated him in the commission of this offence. The letter in question is again being embodied in this report -

BEGIN "To Samson: Hello there. Well here goes an answer which I got this afternoon. Well Sammy its longest you dont blame me and W.H. for that gas we got. dont say any thing about that please. tell him you then R.C.M.P. Lloyd told you to set it the time I and S.P. ran away so you get the idea from him. Thats what we going to say too they just want to find out if you got that idea first so just tell them he say that the time you got strapping after you run away, if they know Lloyd really got that idea first so they'll let us go. Jimmy said hes going to tell them that to. tell them mounties my brother Arnold got after me after we did that he sure gave me hill for doing that but he did'nt want to tell anybody first. say that to them, so I wont be in trouble and tell them I wasnt hear that time he tell you and Jimmy to set the fire in the school. tell them thats time I was away I and S.P. tell them that so long from your brother A.P. If you answer give it to me. "ENDS".

3. The above named on being interviewed and confronted with the foregoing letter admitted being the author of same and after considerable questioning in explanation of the contents he submitted the following statement -

STATEMENT OF Arnold PECHAWIS, age 16 yrs., 7 months.

BEGIN "Having been warned by Cpl. Macara, I need not say anything. I have nothing to hope from any promise or favour and nothing to fear from any threat whether or not I say anything, anything I do say may be used in evidence at my trial. Understanding the above, I make the following statement voluntarily.

On Monday, March 30th., 1942, I in company with Stanley PASQUA run away from the File Hills Indian Residential School. We were brought back to the school on Tuesday evening, April 7th., and receiving a talking and strapping from Mr. Huston, Principal. After receiving the strapping I went upstairs and Jimmy KNEPPERS who had also run away before I did said, "I was trying to burn the school while you were gone" and that he still intended to do it. On Wednesday evening, April 8th., just after supper, Wilfred HAYWAMI and I went to the toilet. At this time I seen Benny PASQUA and Willie HILKST standing by the school, and I also seen Jimmy KNEPPERS and Samson PECHAWIS go down the coal chute into the basement. We knew these boys were setting fire to the school and Wilfred and I went over. Benny went away with HILKST and Jimmy and Samson came out the basement. There was only Wilfred, Jimmy, Samson and I left. We looked in the basement windows and seen the fire had kind of died down. Jimmy had a jam can and said lets go and get some gasoline from the sawing outfit. All four of us went to the sawing outfit, Jimmy loosened the gas pipe ~~ffff~~ and we all took turns sucking gas out and spitting it into the can. Jimmy then took the pipe right off and was able to fill the can with gas. We then took the gasolene back to the class room.

Page 3.
Re: Arnold PECHAWIS (Treaty Indian) - Arson (511) C.C.O.,
File Hills Indian Residential School, Saskatchewan.
(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)

STATEMENT OF Arnold PECHAWIS, age 16 yrs., 7 mo's. Cont'd.

TO THE CLASS ROOM. Jimmy and Samson went into the basement through the basement window and we seen them throw the gasoline over the basement ceiling and then light it. The flames went right up and Jimmy and Samson came out the basement and we all went to the play ground. It was not long afterwards when the class room was noticed on fire. All the senior and intermediate boys knew that we intended to burn the class room. Jimmy KEEFNESS told me that it was Lloyd STONECHILD that first said to him that he should burn down the class room. It was Lloyd that coaxed me to run away and gave me .10/ and he gave Stanley .10/ also." ENDS.

Witness. R. Macara. Sgt. Arnold Pechawis.

4. In view of the contents of the foregoing statement and the admitted action of the accused which definitely involves him in the commission of this offense, charge was laid as outlined herein and the accused remanded without plea to await definite date and place of trial and further report will be submitted as soon as same has been arranged. It is expected that a further remand will be necessary and the matter of same will be taken up with the N.C.O., I/C., Regina Town Station. Information and Complaint is held by J.A. Fraser, Police Magistrate, who is seized with the case.

5. The investigation and escorting of the accused to Regina was made on the 24th., and 25th., insts., via Ford code #8220.

PROSECUTION ENTERED - CARRIED FORWARD
EXPENSES SUBMITTED. (AFFORT'D)

R/Cst.
(A. Zimmerman) Reg. No. 13791.

The O.C., R.C.M.P.,
Regina Sub-Division,
REGINA, Sask.

Sir: FORWARDED.

27-4-42.
The O.C., R.C.M.P.,
"F" Division,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

A/Cpl.
(R. Macara) Reg. No. 8310.
I/C., Balcarres Detachment.

1. Forwarded for your information. Please refer to file re: Samson Pechawis (Juvenile) Treaty Indian - Arson (511 C.C.O.) File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask., for full particulars concerning this offence.

2. Further report will be submitted herein in due course.

28-4-42
PU:HS

C.H. Harvey, Sgt. for
O.C., Regina Sub-Division A.C.D.

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