



- R. C. 177 -

Received on April 26, 1943 from the East Kootenay  
Indian Residential School \$3.00 (three dollars) for 28# of  
galvanized shingle nails.

*M. Dumont*  
B.R.

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August - 7<sup>th</sup> 1943

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Date	DESCRIPTION	Folio	Credits	Debits	Total
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Apr. 20	80# 1 1-8 Galv. Nails @ .15	3008		12.00	
	44# 1 1/2 Galv. nails @ .15	154		6.60	
					\$18.60

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PAY TO

*Dootenay Indian*

ADDRESS

*Residential School  
Cranbrook  
B.C.*

THIS SPACE FOR  
TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE NO.

DATE

VOTE

AGENCY

ALLOT.

E. R.

AMOUNT

TOTAL

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT

DATE

DATE

SERVICE

AMOUNT

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
<i>April 20</i>	<i>To 124 1/2 # shingle nails @ 15¢</i>	<i>18.60</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>To 28 # shingle nails @ 10 3/4¢</i>	<i>3.00</i>
<i>May 6</i>	<i>To 100 # shingle nails @ 10 1/2¢</i>	<i>10.50</i>

*Purchased for shingling  
the barn at the Dootenay  
Indian Residential  
School as per attached*

*32 10*

*Authority  
File # 215-5-5-708  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1943*

TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE  
248.45  
Voucher in duplicate detached  
for Accountant to pay

RECOMMENDED

*James Colman*  
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

TOTAL

*32.10*

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.

*76-10-691*

FORM No. I.A. 506

R. 8420

VOUCHER No. *127*

*Quinn Linn*  
Agent

DATE *August 9th 1943*

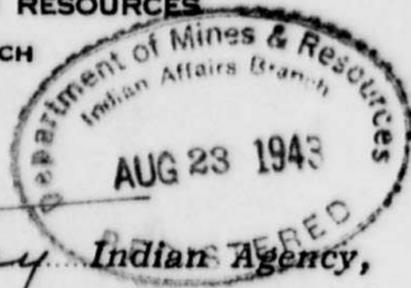
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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH



Letter No. *155-0-5*

Office of the *Dootenay* Indian Agency,

*Amnabook B.C. Aug 9th 1943*

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. *1270* **EX'D**

amounting to \$ *32.<sup>10</sup>* in favour

of *Dootenay Indian Residential School*  
for *Nails for Shingling School barn*

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. *76-10-691* dated.....

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent

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

Form No. I.A. 518  
Reqn. 8420

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PATMORE BROS.,  
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Cranbrook, B.C.,  
July 28/43.

Mr. A. Irwin,  
Dept. Indian Affairs,  
Cranbrook, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We hereby submit quotations on the  
necessary repairs to the roof and gutters on the  
Kootenay Industrial School at the St. Eugene Mission.

#1	Flat roof over Boiler Room	260.00
#2	Chapel Roof	98.00
#3	Flat Deck on main roof, flashing and painting	98.00
#4	2 #1 and 4 #2 Valleys	655.00
	Total	<u>\$1,111.00</u>

Yours respectfully

Patmore Bros.  
per G.W.P.

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ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

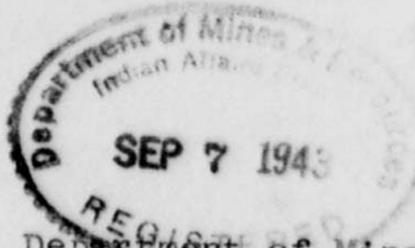
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INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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155-0-5



P.O. BOX 70  
VANCOUVER, B.C. September 3, 1943

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

*[Handwritten mark]*

I am informed that the various roofs of Cranbrook Indian Residential School are in urgent need of repair as leaks have developed that are damaging the interior of the building. The flat roof over the boiler room is about 30 feet below the overhanging eave of the main roof on which icicles form in the winter and fall on to the boiler room roof with considerable force. An attempt has been made to overcome this by roofing this portion of the roof with metal but it has not been entirely successful as the pounding has broken the joints of the metal. Also, the felt on the rest of this roof has buckled pretty badly and needs attention. The cost of this particular job would amount to \$260.00. It is also proposed to lay a wooden walk on the portion bombarded by icicles but this could be carried out by the school staff.

Various repairs to the chapel roof would amount to \$98.00 and a similar amount for the repairs to the flat deck on the main roof, including flashing and painting. The main roof was constructed with deep valleys at both ends of the building and these accumulate snow that causes water to back up above the flashings and penetrate the building with considerable damage to the plaster, and will, no doubt, in time rot the roof rafters and trusses. Various attempts have been made to correct this trouble without success and apparently the only remedy is to reduce the angle of the valleys by making a false bottom. The cost of this work would amount to \$655.00, or a total of \$1,111.00 for the entire job which would be carried out by Messrs.

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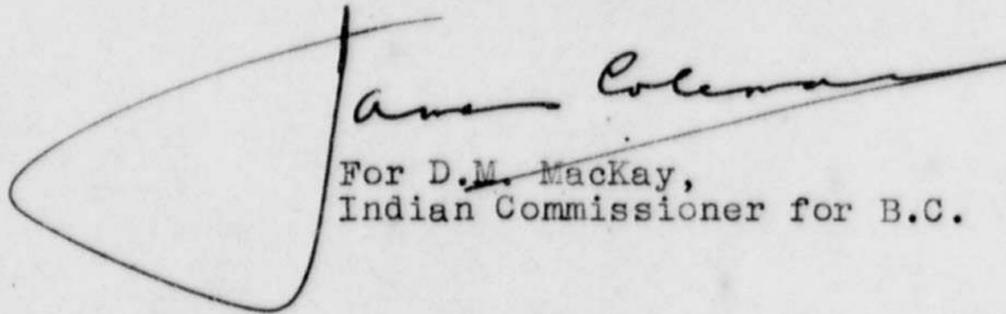
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Patmore Brothers of Cranbrook under the supervision of Messrs. Fred. M. Beatty (Tremco Western) Limited, who are experts on roofing problems. I enclose herewith Messrs. Patmore Brothers' quotation and would request advice as to whether funds are likely to become available during the coming year for these repairs in whole or in part.

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

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Enc.

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Ottawa, September 10, 1943.

Memorandum:EXD.  
A.DEPUTY MINISTER.

Re: Kootenay Indian Residential School,  
Cranbrook, B.C., Kootenay Indian Agency,  
Electoral District of Kootenay East, B.C.

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Director.

Encl.

*Sept 13/43*

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*Dr. McNeil*

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES & RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH  
SEP 18 1943  
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Encl.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Director.

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Ottawa,  
September 22, 1943.

AIR MAIL

EX'D.  
A

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P.O. Box  
70, Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Repairs, Kootenay Residential School

I have for acknowledgment your letter of  
September 3 and also copy of a tender for repairs  
at the above-noted school, received by the Indian  
Agent from Patmore Bros. of Cranbrook, sent  
forward therewith.

We have today received the approval of the  
Minister for the acceptance of this tender. It  
is noted that the cost of these repairs will  
amount to \$1,111.00. It is our hope that you  
can make arrangements to have this work undertaken  
at the earliest possible date. I am returning  
herewith the original tender.

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

MMH

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Sept. 7th, 1943

KOOTENAY INDIAN SCHOOL  
CRANBROOK, B. C.

Mr. Andrew Irwin,  
Indian Agent,  
Cranbrook, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Although you know all the facts, I believe that the Department will appreciate it if I repeat the whole story.

1-The barn (Government-owned). When I came here, over two years ago, I noted that the barn needed re-shingling, that the large doors in the loft were missing, that the window frames and panes were in bad shape and that the whole barn needed ~~repairing~~ <sup>repainting</sup>. The Commissioner, the Inspector, Mr. Doucet and you agreed with me, unless I am greatly mistaken, that these things needed as immediate attention as could be given them.

The roof has been reshingled and painted and the doors for the loft have been made here. New window panes have been put in but I have not had the money to attend to the window frames.

Father Anthony, a competent carpenter, did the above work with the help of some older boys as part of their manual training. He finds that the walls need to be renailed.

As the next item is of major importance, I think that we can do the rest of the work on the barn without financial assistance from the Department except perhaps for the paint which will cost about \$200.00. It is quite possible that no assistance will be required in purchasing the paint (for the walls; the roof has been painted at no cost to the Department) but I am not absolutely sure of this. There is no charge for Father Anthony's work.

2-The School building.

A/The furnace, boiler and engine room. This is an addition to the original x building, - a deep basement behind the school with a roof about 8' above the ground. It is no exaggeration to say that this roof leaked like a sieve, last year, so that, during a rain storm, water poured on the engines, etc. At my request, the Department had this roof repaired a little over a year ago at a cost of a little over \$200.00. By Spring (1943) that roof was practically in as bad condition as it was before Mr. Lundy repaired it.

I showed the roof to Mr. Inspector Coleman and he suggested that I get in touch with the Tremco Co as they are experts in roofs and as they examine roofs and offer their suggestions free of charge, - although, of course, they appreciate being given the work. I mentioned the roof of the main building to Mr. Coleman but, evidently, I did not speak clearly and he appears to have been and to be under the impression that I was speaking only of the boiler room roof.

B/While in Ottawa, in the Spring, I called upon some of the members of the Indian Department and, in reply to a question about the condition of the School building, I mentioned -

The roof of the main building. I drew such a picture of this leaky roof and of the damage being done to the plaster in the dormitories (and likely to the rafters, etc) that, if I understood the gentleman to whom I was talking, he said that this was a matter to which immediate attention should be given. As we could not ~~plaster~~ <sup>plaster</sup> the dormitories while the pupils are here and

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as the roof is steep enough to shed rain, I decided to do nothing until the holidays.

A local man looked at the roof but was not interested. He said that the roof was constructed for the Coast and that, although he could put sheet metal in the valleys, he could not guarantee that this would stop the leaks.

The trouble is this. - There are two main and four secondary valleys in which the snow lodges because they are deep. When the heat under the roof melts this snow, the water runs to the edge of the roof where the first of it freezes and forms a wall of ice from one to two feet thick over the edge of the roof. This is because the roof projects for two or three beyond the walls and the cold air under this projection freezes the melted snow. When another thaw occurs, the water runs towards the edge of the roof but cannot run off because it is blocked by the wall of ice. It, therefore, backs up under the metal shingles and runs down into the dormitories, wetting the plaster ceiling and walls and, also, I presume, rotting the rafters, etc.

As stated, Mr Coleman appears not to have understood me when I mentioned this matter and believed that I was talking only about the boiler-room roof. However, thanks to him, the Tremco people sent two really good men who, with myself, went up to the roof where they spent between one and two hours examining the whole roof. They appeared to know their business because they suggested a solution: The cause of the trouble is that the valleys are too deep; the solution is to build these valleys up. To put sheet metal in the valleys would do no good because it would not prevent the wall of ice at the edge of the roof.

Called flat roofs in  
Quotation

They found that the metal sheeting, used in place of metal shingles on two raised parts of the roof, had almost rusted through and needed renewing. They said that this was not extraordinary and was due to the age of the sheeting. They said that these new sheets should be painted with a special paint. (IN fact, they said that the whole roof should be painted with this paint but added that this could be put off for a year and go into next year's estimates).

They found that the leak over the Junior girls' dormitory could easily be repaired but I forget the details. I believe that it is just a case of the wearing-away of shingles around one of the ventilators.

I saw nothing concerning this matter in the short itemized bill but they said that they would drive in the nails which have worked up (as nails do in such roofs) on the roof and that a new ridge board, on the top of the roof should be put in. (I forget who it was but someone told me that part of the trouble was that the nails originally used were too short. There may be some truth in that if we judge by the way in which the builders skimped on material in other parts of the building. However, I have seen nails drawn out of such roofs by the weather as, for instance, in the Cariboo School.)

And, now, the same building but another roof. Ice ~~was~~ formed on the chapel roof, this Spring, (that is along the edges), forced the melted snow back under the metal shingles and this melted snow ran down inside the walls. We have not opened the walls to see what damage was done to the wood inside the walls but part of this water escaped through the window casings into the chapel.

Either the Commissioner or the Inspector asked me to state which of these repair jobs I considered the most urgent and I replied that, if

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we wish to save the wooden frame work or, rather the rafters, beams, wood inside the walls, every item is urgent in so far as the roof on the main building is concerned. It is evident that it is urgent to keep a real, steady shower of rain off the furnaces, Lister and Otto engines, etc. (As stated, the main roof does not leak from rain, as the rain runs off, but the practically flat boiler-room does leak in the rain).

These two roofs need attention before the snow falls. The engines should be protected (boiler-room roof) and the children should be protected from a piece of plaster, a big piece of plaster, which may fall on them in their beds if more melted snow gets in and loosens these pieces more than they are loosened now. For the protection of the pupils and the engines, these two jobs are very urgent.

The chapel roof is urgent only in the sense that the wood work is being damaged. There is no danger to the children as the leaks are along or inside the walls. However, as this forms only a slight part of the bill, it might pay to have it done when the men are here.

The quotation given me:-

1-Roof over engine room-----	\$260.00	
2-Roof of main building-		
Two # I (large) valleys and four #2		
(lesser) valleys-----	\$665.00	
Sheeting and painting flat decks (i.e.		
raised parts of this roof-----	\$ 98.00	- no error - These amounts
3-Chapel roof-----	\$ 98.00	are the same.

When the Tremco people figured out the cost, while they were here, I said that, if the work were done, as I asked, during the holidays, I would furnish board and room for two or three men. That would help cut down costs. As the pupils are now back, it may be impossible to furnish rooms but I might be able to let these men sleep in a recreation hall, - all in the one hall. This may not be necessary as the Tremco people appear to have arranged with a local firm to do the work under the control of the Tremco Co.

Why was this not done sooner? I do not know. During my first winter here, there was little cold or snow and no leakage reported to me. A certain amount of leakage seems to have been expected. Last winter, my second, I noticed the considerable leakage and began asking for advice and costs.

I think that that is all except that it is not only the water from the snow in the valleys on the main roof which causes trouble but also the melted snow from other parts of the roof which drains into these valleys.

Yours truly, G. Forke -

*P.S. - I have not asked for a quotation on plastering parts of the dormitories (3). This should not be very expensive and it should be done during the holidays. If the department wanted it done immediately, I could move one dormitory at a time into a recreation hall*  
G.F.

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PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 5-10

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155-0-5  
Cranbrook  
September 14, 1943  
EX'D. A

Mr. R. A. Hoey, Superintendent of Welfare & Training,  
Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Re: File 155-0-5.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 10th with reference to the need of more repair work being done at the Kootenay Indian Residential School.

The delay of this reply is deeply regretted. First as a result of the Principal's absence for some time, and then in the rush of concerted effort to keep the Indians on the Reserves to complete their haying operations instead of working for others at Five and Six dollars a day, your letter did not receive immediate attention. A few did leave the Reserves to take jobs with Cattle Ranchers in Montana, when this happened you will understand the difficulty of trying to hold a sufficient number at home to put up their own hay, and the hay belonging to those who had gone away.

The letter enclosed from the Rev. Principal Forbes is self explanatory, covering in detail the information that you require.

Andrew Irwin,  
Indian Agent.

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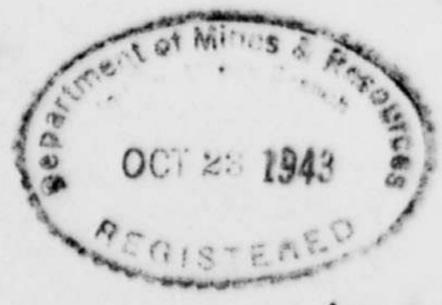
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KOOTENAY INDIAN SCHOOL  
CRANBROOK, B. C.

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Oct. 18/43

*Self*  
Mr Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division,  
Ottawa, Ont.



Dear Mr Phelan,

If the per capita grant is not here by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, would you please have an advance of about \$1000<sup>00</sup> sent to reach here by that date as I prefer not to overdraw at the Bank?

They are working on the roof. Mr Leach came from Vancouver and intended to spend only a couple of days but has remained longer than that. He wants to have a real job done. He intends to submit recommendations for next year -

In so far as I know, I have not yet been reimbursed <sup>for</sup> the approximately \$500<sup>00</sup> I spent on plumb lines for the barn roof. Several months ago, you advised me that a cheque was being issued - It may have gone astray.

I believe that I mentioned Mr Indian Agent Faunt's being most helpful in getting our run-away girls back. He & Fr. Crepeau (both of Brocket) were real

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friends in need -

— Recently, I came across a 1939 letter from the Company, represented by Mr Lee, arguing that certain repairs be made - So far, nothing has been done to repair ~~the~~ the damage to the walls caused by an earthquake. The matter will, I think, be brought up in Mr Leigh's letter to the Commissioner -

— It is just possible that I may see you within the next few months -  
Yours very truly,  
G. Fisher Jones

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Ottawa,  
October 25, 1943.

Dear Father Forbes:

Your letter of the 18th reached this office on the morning of Saturday, the 23rd, and it was impossible to obtain the cheque for the September quarter grant that morning. However, I have arranged with the Treasury Office that the cheque for the September quarter earnings will go forward to you today by air mail.

I trust the work being done on the school roof will be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

Rev. G. Forbes, O.M.I.,  
Principal,  
Kootenay Indian Residential School,  
Cranbrook, B.C.

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Ottawa,  
October 25, 1943.

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Reverend Sir:

In a letter dated September 3 Indian Commissioner MacKay submitted to us a quotation from Patmore Bros., Cranbrook, B.C., estimating the cost of repairs to the roof at \$1,111.00. Approval was given for this expenditure. I do not understand the reference in your letter to Mr. Leigh of Vancouver. Possibly Indian Commissioner MacKay has found it necessary to employ some other firm than Patmore Bros.

With regard to the shingles, the account was submitted from the Indian Commissioner's office in favour of the Cranbrook Sash & Door Company and cheque 7135 for \$499.40 was forwarded to the company on August 9. It was deposited to the credit of the company in the Royal Bank of Canada, Cranbrook, B.C., on August 16.

Yours truly,

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

Rev. G. Forbes, O.M.I.,  
Principal,  
Kootenay Indian Residential School,  
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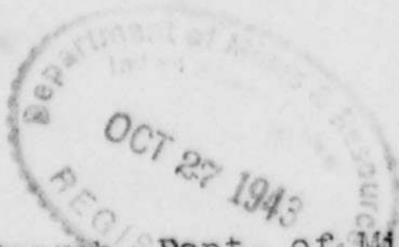
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO 215-5-7581.  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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P. O. BOX 70. October 23, 1943.  
VANCOUVER, B.C.



Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

With reference to the 16 H.P. Lister Engine at Cranbrook Indian Residential School, which has been giving the institution considerable trouble and has been out of action for nearly a year with a cracked Cylinder Head, which could not be replaced, I am now informed by the B. C. Equipment Company Ltd., of Vancouver, that for some two years the parts question relating to British engines has been a very difficult one, but Ottawa recently issued certificates covering the importation of a considerable shipment of these parts, and while they cannot give any definite delivery date, they hope that they will arrive in Vancouver within the next few weeks. The price on a new head for this engine would be \$90.00 f.o.b. Vancouver.

*Handwritten initials*

It would be appreciated if you would kindly authorize the purchase of a new head, and if it is found possible to weld the old Cylinder Head this be done and kept as a spare part.

:M

*Handwritten signature*  
For: D. M. Mackay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Ottawa,  
October 28, 1943.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P.O.  
Box 70, Vancouver, B.C.

With reference to your letter of the 23rd  
instant, the Department approves an expenditure  
of \$90.00 for purchasing new parts for the 16  
H.P. Lister engine at the Kootenay Residential  
School.

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

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Ottawa,  
November 8, 1943.

EX'D.  
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Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P.O. Box  
70, Vancouver, B.C.

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I desire to refer to your voucher No. 1257, dated July 9, for \$499.40, covering the cost of shingles purchased from the Cranbrook Sash & Door Company for the barn at the Kootenay Residential School. You will recall that on receipt of this voucher we wrote to you on July 20 for a copy of your purchase order, which you forwarded to us under cover of your letter of July 28. As the voucher was issued in favour of the company just mentioned, cheque 7135 for \$499.40 was sent to them on August 9. It was deposited to the credit of the company in the Royal Bank of Canada, Cranbrook, B.C., on August 16. I am now advised by the Principal of the Kootenay Residential School that this payment should have been made to him, as he had previously paid the company for these shingles. It is rather difficult to understand why the company did not refund the amount to the Principal when our payment was received. It would be appreciated if you would take up this matter with the company and arrange for a refund to Father Forbes.

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

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KOOTENAY INDIAN SCHOOL  
CRANBROOK, B. C.

Mr Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Mr Phelan:

Thanks to your letting me know that the Department had paid the Cash & Labor Co for the Shingles for which the School had paid (that was the only way we could get the Shingles), I drew the matter to the Indian Agent's attention and, yesterday, the Cash & Labor Co refunded the money to the School.

Some time ago, I pointed out to the Indian Agent that we had been waiting for a part for the heater engine since last November and that we had been using the old discarded engine after having it patched up. As it will be necessary to keep this old engine for emergencies, even should we get the part for the heater, and perhaps to use it as our main engine, I have, after advising the Indian Agent, ordered what appears essential and sufficient to put the old engine in good condition. The Cost will be almost \$400.00 but we cannot depend on the "new" engine

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especially as it appears impossible to get parts for it. Shortly before I came here, a diesel agent advised against my getting a diesel engine for a boat at Kakawis. He told me, as I have found out here, that it is impossible to get repair parts. Had we not patched up the old Otto engine, we would have had no water, power or light here for the last year.

This Otto engine is at present very expensive to operate as new parts are needed. I put off ordering these in the hope that the Commissioner's real efforts would get us better parts.

All are well at present. While examining the pupils, Dr Green found your tonslectomies to be urgently needed. The operations have been successfully performed -  
Yours very truly,  
G. Jones D.M.D.

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November 16th, 1943.

Rev. G. Forbes, Principal,  
Kootenay Industrial School,  
Cranbrook, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We enclose our cheque for \$543.50 in  
refund of the amount paid by you last April, which amount  
has subsequently been paid by the Department.

We have been expecting you to write  
about the above sum, as we informed you at the time  
of your payment that your money would be returned  
if the Department settled the account.

Yours very truly,

CRANBROOK SASH & DOOR COMPANY LIMITED.

Per V. C. Brown.

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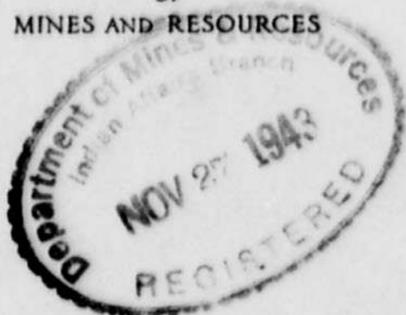
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO **215-5-8275.**  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signature]*



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P.O. BOX 70  
VANCOUVER, B.C. **November 20, 1943.**

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re Your File 155-0-5.

As requested in your letter of November 8th, I have arranged with the Cranbrook Sash & Door Company Limited, for a refund of the amount of \$499.40 paid by Father Forbes for shingles for the barn of the Kootenay Indian Residential School, and enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Company to Father Forbes advising him of the refund.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
D. M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Encl.

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PLEASE QUOTE  
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Kootenay Indian School  
Cranbrook, B. C.

Mr. Andrew Irwin,  
Indian Agent,  
Cranbrook, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Leigh insisted upon the necessity of a "Cat-Walk" on the roof over the furnace room and as I was ill, and as he wanted to see the walk started before he left, I had Mr. Barre telephone to you. Barre cut up a good deal of lumber I had bought for flumes, but his lumber proved useless. I have nothing else on hand, and have no funds to buy more.

The lumber required is:-

2000 ft 1 x 4 -16 No. 1 Com.	⊙ \$34.00
400 ft 2 x 4 -14	⊙ 37.00

I believe that that means 2000 ft at \$34.00 per 1000, etc. The quotation is from the Sash & Door.

The object of the Catwalk is to save the roof in case we have to walk on it and shovel snow and also I believe, to save it from the blocks of ice falling onto it from the main roof. It seems to me that, as some of these blocks of ice weigh several hundred tons, the 1 inch boards hit would be broken. The roof, however, would be spared from a direct hit. The catwalk would extend over the entire roof (of the furnace room) and only those boards lying within about 10 ft of the wall would be hit by falling ice.

Mr. Leigh will recommend several repair jobs being urgently needed. He took pictures of some of them and will show the pictures to the Commissioner.

Would you please ask the Commissioner for authority to purchase the lumber for the Cat-Walk?

Yours truly,

Signed G. Forbes

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Cranbrook, B.C. Nov 19/42.

Major J.M. Mackay, Indian Comms. for B.C.  
P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, B.C.

Attached hereto please find copy  
of letter received from the Rev.  
Principal Forbes concerning material  
required to build a "cat-walk" to protect  
the roof over the engine room  
from damage caused by heavy  
blocks of ice falling from the  
main roof in the spring.

When Mr. Barrie spoke  
about Mr. Leigh advising the  
laying of boards on the roof to absorb  
the shock of falling weights of ice  
nothing was said about supplying  
lumber for the job, it was assumed  
that the School would use its own.

If it is possible for you  
to contact Mr. Leigh by phone it  
might be well to ascertain if it is  
his idea that the cost of this  
material if supplied is to be absorbed  
in the contract price of \$1111.00  
as an addition thereto.

Kindly advise what  
is to be done in the matter  
and oblige.

Yours faithfully  
R. A. [Signature]

(INDIAN AGENT)

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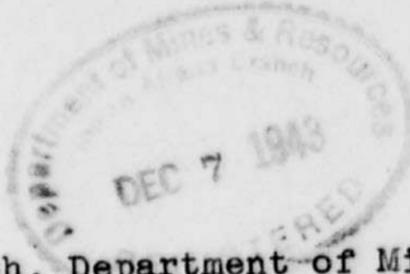
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P.O. BOX 70  
VANCOUVER, B.C. Dec. 1, 1943.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

I enclose herewith Mr. Indian Agent Irwin's letter of the 19th instant, together with that of the Reverend Principal of the Kootenay Indian Residential School, requesting authority to purchase lumber at a cost of \$71.00 for the purpose or providing a Catwalk over the roof of the school boilerhouse to take up the impact of falling icicles from the eaves about 30 feet above the roof which, in the past, have been causing serious damage. This roof has now been put in shape and if funds can be provided for the material it would be economical to have the work carried out by the school. It will be noted that there is no provision for labour. Consequently, it is understood that this will be provided by the school staff.

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

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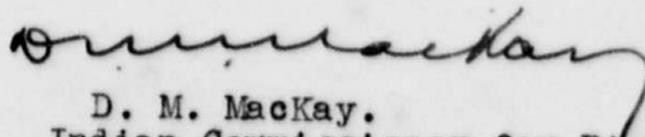
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VANCOUVER, B.C. 1st Dec., 1943.

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

There has recently been considerable correspondence regarding the power plant at the Kootenay Indian Residential School and as matters now stand the Lister engine has been out of order for some time awaiting repair parts from England. The Petter engine does not appear to give satisfactory service, and the load is being carried entirely by the old Otto engine which is very sturdy and has stood a lot of abuse from inexperienced engineers.

However this Otto engine is urgently in need of repairs at the present time and Father Forbes has secured a quotation from the J. Schneider Engineering Works, of Philadelphia, Pa., who are the sole manufacturers and distributors of Otto engine parts. The total cost of the repair parts required, including duty, sales tax and freight, will amount to approximately \$375.00, and Mr. Indian Agent Irwin and Father Forbes have requested authority to make this expenditure.

As it does not appear likely that repair parts for the Lister engine can be secured in the near future and, in view of the fact that complete breakdown of the Otto engine would mean the closing down of the School, I would recommend that favourable consideration be given to this expenditure if funds are available.

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

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