

Letter No. 103899

Reference No. 319470.

Address your reply as follows:
To the Secretary of the
Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

Do not write about more than one
subject in the same letter.

Write legibly your full name and
address.

Department of the Interior,

Ottawa, 11th July, 1893.



Sir,

Encl:

I enclose for your information a copy of an
Order in Council dated the 13th ultimo authorizing the
grant to the Presbyterian Church of the Fractional S. $\frac{1}{2}$
of Section 19, Township 29, Range 31 West of the 1st
Meridian, reserving thereout a parcel of 10 acres to be
transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs upon the
receipt of a surveyor's description of the said parcel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lynwood Pereira

Assistant Secretary.

L. Vankoughnet, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General of

Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

*Comme par tel with thanks
11/13/93
The passage & purport of the enclosed*

July 13/93

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OTTAWA 14th July, 1893

Sir,

the honor

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant enclosing a copy of an Order-in-Council dated the 13th Ultimo, authorizing the grant to the Presbyterian Church of the Fractional S. 1/2 of Section 19, Township 29, Range 31, West of the 1st Meridian, reserving thereout a parcel of 10 acres to be transferred to this Department upon the receipt of a surveyor's description of the said parcel.

Your obedient servant

Deputy of the Sup: Gen:
of Indian Affairs

J.R. Hall, Esq.

Acting Deputy Minister of the Interior
OTTAWA.

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OTTAWA 14th July, 1888

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th May last reporting on the application of the Rev. A.B. Baird of Winnipeg on behalf of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church for a grant of land in connection with the Crowstand Indian Mission Boarding School, ~~and in reply~~ I beg to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General in Council has been pleased by Order-in-Council of the 13th ultimo to grant the Fractional S. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 20, Range 31 West of the 1st Meridian, adjoining the Reserve of Chief Gabriel Cote to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church for mission purposes; reserving thereout, however, a parcel of 10 acres surrounding and including the site of the School building on such ^{of ten acres aforesaid} $\frac{1}{4}$ Section, of which parcel a Surveyor's description shall in due time be filed in the Department of the Interior by this Department. The Order-in-Council also direct that on such description being filed the 10 acres affected thereby shall be transferred to this Department. In this connection I have to call your

The Indian Commissioner

attention

for Man. and the N.W.T.

Regina, N.W.T.

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For approval
H.M.

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attention to my letter of the 11th April last, and to request that the survey which you were therein directed to have made may now be proceeded with and the necessary description forwarded to the Department with the least possible delay.

Your obedient servant

Deputy Supt. Genl.
of Indian Affairs

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*Description of the boundaries of
a certain Parcel of land surveyed
for "Crow Stand" Presbyterian Board-
ing School adjacent to the Reserve
of Chief Gabriel Côté.*

*Beginning at a Post in Mound on the southerly
boundary of Côté's Reserve (No. 64) one hundred
and sixty-nine chains more or less westerly
from its south-easterly corner, which said corner
was established by Mr. William Wagner, Dominion
Land Surveyor in 1847, thence south nine -
chains and sixty-eight links to a Post in
Mound, thence west ten chains to a Post
in Mound, thence north ten chains to a Post
in Mound, and thence easterly, along the
said boundary, ten chains to the point of
beginning, containing an area of nine
acres and sixty-eight hundredths.*

John B. Nelson, D. L. S.

Surveyed in Oct. 1893

Original Description Office Copy.

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MEMORANDUM.

To The Deputy Minister

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, 7. Feb 1895

I beg to state that I have examined the Plan showing the Southern Boundary of Chief Côté's reserve & the Presbyterian Boarding School lot adjoining it, being about 10 acres of the fractional south part of sec. 19, Township 29, Range 31 West of the 1st Meridian, and find the plan to be correct,

And would respectfully recommend that a copy of the Original description by Mr. Nelson on file be forwarded to the Interior for action in this matter as also the tracing of the Plan hereto attached to be.

W. A. D. Smith

To Mr. D. M. *Smith*

To write letter and enclose copy of description & Plan tracing & the Dept. of the Interior in re, the above & in accord D. in C. 13 June 1893.

Deputy Minister

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THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

Ottawa 8th February 1895

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Sir,

In accordance with Order in Council of the 13th June 1893, I enclose herewith copy of description and Plan showing the Southern Boundary of Chief Cote's Reserve and the Presbyterian Boarding School lot adjoining it, being about 10 acres of the fractional South 1/2 of Section 19, Township 29, Range 31, West of the 1st Meridian.

Your obedient servant

Deputy Superintendent General,
of Indian Affairs.

A.M. Burgess Esq.,

Deputy Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa.

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Department of the Interior,

Ottawa, 18th February, 1895.



Sir,

I have the honour by direction to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, No. 52549,
and to say that the plan and description referred to
therein were not enclosed as stated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Ludlow Percy

Assistant Secretary.

Hayter Reed, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General,
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Description of the Boundaries of a Certain
Parcel of Land surveyed for "Crow Stand"
Presbyterian Boarding School a djacent
to the Reserve of Chief Gabriel Cote.
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Beginning at a Post in Mound on the southerly
boundary of Cote's Reserve (No. 64) one hundred
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ten chains to a Post in Mound, thence north ten
chains to a Post in Mound, and thence easterly
along the said boundary, ten chains to the point
of beginning, containing an area of nine acres
and sixty-eight hundredths.

Hohn C. Nelson, D.L.S.

Surveyed in October, 1893.

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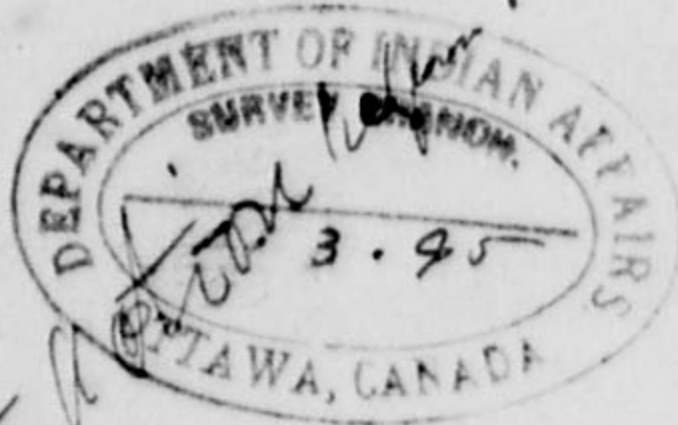
Ottawa 20th February 1895

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th Instant, I have to inform you that the Plan and description referred to therein ^{were} sent under separate cover by special messenger the next day, and would reach you as soon as the letter itself.

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Superintendent General,
of Indian Affairs.



A.M. Burgess Esq.,

Deputy Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa.

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Department of the Interior

Ottawa, 6th March, 1895.



Your Ref. 52549.

*To Mr. H. H. Hall
Please see description referred to
to turn d down. It appears not to
have been received.
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Referring to the proposed transfer to your Department of the Presbyterian Boarding School lot adjoining the South boundary of Chief Cote's Reserve, and within the South half of Section 19, Township 29, Range 31 West of the 1st Meridian, I am directed to say that, on examination of the plan furnished by you, it is found that it does not sufficiently define the position of the lot, and I am therefore to request that you will be good enough to have this Department furnished with a surveyor's description by metes and bounds.



It is inferred from your letter of the 8th ultimo that it was your intention to furnish this Department with such a description as well as with a plan, but the plan only has been received.

Upon receipt of this information the necessary steps will be taken to have the lot transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs.

I have the honour to be,

Hayter Reed, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent
General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. W. Pereira
Assistant Secretary.

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RETURN TO
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

Ottawa, March 11th, 1895.

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Sir,

319,470
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 6th instant ; and in compliance
with the request contained therein I enclose a copy
of the Surveyor's description of the boundaries of
the parcel of land surveyed for the Crow Stand
Presbyterian Boarding School adjacent to the Reserve
of Chief Gabriel Cote.

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

A. M. Burgess, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Interior,
Ottawa.

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Ref: 376894 on 319470.

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Extract from a Report of the Committee of the
Honourable the Privy Council, approved by
His Excellency on the 16th April, 1895.

P.C.No:965.

On a report, dated 27th March, 1895, from the
Minister of the Interior submitting that it is pro-
vided by the Order-in-Council of the 15th of June,
1893, that, upon a Surveyor's description being filed
in the Department of the Interior of a certain par-
cel of land, situated within the fractional south
half of Section 19, Township 29, Range 31 West of
the 1st Meridian, and adjoining the Indian Reserve
of Chief Gabriel Côté, which said parcel comprises
the site of the Presbyterian Mission Boarding and
Industrial School for Indian Children, the said
parcel ^{of land} should be transferred to the Department of
Indian Affairs; and that a surveyor's description
of the parcel in question has been filed in the De-
partment of the Interior.

The Minister accordingly recommends that, in
accordance with the provisions of the said Order-in-
Council of the 15th of June, 1893, the said parcel

(Continued on next page)

The Honourable

The Minister of the Interior.

The original of this Document has been
removed for retention in the Records of
the Indian Land Registry.

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(Continued O.C. No. 965. 16th April, 1895.)

of land, situated within the fractional south half of Section 19, Township 29, Range 31 West of the 1st Meridian, comprising the site of the Presbyterian Mission Boarding and Industrial School for Indian children, be hereby transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs, the said parcel being more particularly described as follows :- Beginning at a post in mound on the southerly boundary of Cote's Reserve (No. 64) one hundred and sixty-nine chains, more or less, westerly from its south-easterly corner which said corner was established by Mr. William Wagner, Dominion Land Surveyor in 1877, thence south nine chains and sixty-eight links to a post in mound ; thence west ten chains to a post in mound ; thence North ten chains to a post in mound, and thence easterly, along the said boundary, ten chains to the point of beginning, containing an area of nine acres and sixty-eight hundredths.

The Committee submit the foregoing for Your Excellency's approval.

(Signed) John J. McGee,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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Letter No. 127016

File No. 319470.

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Department of the Interior

5-25-49
Ottawa, 30th April, 1895.



Address your reply as follows:
To the Secretary of the
Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

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Write legibly your full name and
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its reference number.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th ultimo, Ref. 52549, I have the honour by direction to enclose herewith a copy of an Order in Council, P.C.No. 985, passed on the 16th instant, in the matter of the site for the Crow Stand Presbyterian Boarding School adjacent to the Reserve of Chief Gabriel Cote.

I am to add that copies of this Order in Council have been sent to the Commissioner and local Agent of Dominion Lands for their information and instruction.

Encl.
I am to point out that this Order in Council will not become operative until it has been published four times in the Canada Gazette, of which action you will receive due notice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lynwood Pereira
Assistant Secretary.

Hayter Reed, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ref. 378,894 on 319,470.

**EXTRACT from a Report of the Committee of the
Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His
Excellency on the 16th April, 1895.**

P. C. No. 985

On a Report, dated 27th March, 1895, from the Minister of the Interior, submitting that it is provided by the Order in Council of the 13th of June, 1893, that, upon a Surveyor's description being filed in the Department of the Interior of a certain parcel of land situated within the fractional South-half of Section 19, Township 29, Range 31 West of the 1st Meridian, and adjoining the Indian Reserve of Chief Gabriel Côté, which said parcel comprises the site of the Presbyterian Mission Boarding and Industrial School for Indian Children, the said parcel of land should be transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs; and that a Surveyor's description of the parcel in question has been filed in the Department of the Interior.

The Minister accordingly recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the said Order in Council of the 13th of June, 1893, the said parcel of land, situated within the fractional South-half of Section 19, Township 29, Range 31 West of the 1st Meridian, comprising the site of the Presbyterian Mission Boarding and Industrial School for Indian Children, be hereby transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs, the said parcel being more particularly described as follows, that is to say:—Beginning at a post in mound on the southerly boundary of Côté's Reserve (No. 64) one hundred and sixty-nine chains, more or less, westerly from its south-easterly corner which said corner was established by Mr. William Wagner, Dominion Land Surveyor in 1877; thence South nine chains and sixty-eight links to a post in mound; thence West ten chains to a post in mound; thence North ten chains to a post in mound, and thence easterly, along the said boundary, ten chains to the point of beginning, containing an area of nine acres and sixty-eight hundredths.

The Committee submit the foregoing for Your Excellency's approval.

(Signed) JOHN J. McGEE,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

To the Honourable
The Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Published in Canada Gazette of May 18th, 1895, Vol. 28, No. 46, for the fourth consecutive week.

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Department of the Interior,

LETTER
FILE 31847695



School



2nd July, 1895.

Sir,

With further reference to your
letter of the 11th March last, Ref. 52549,
and to my letter of the 30th April last,
I have the honour by direction to enclose
you herewith a printed copy of the Order in
Council of the 16th April, P.C. 965, in
regard to the site for a Presbyterian
Boarding and Industrial School for Indian
Children, and to say that you will observe
that this Order was published for the fourth
time on the 18th ^{last} ~~time~~.

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Enc.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lynwood Perkins

Assistant Secretary.

Hayter Reed, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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SCHOOL BRANCH.

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

OTTAWA 6th July 1895

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence in regard to a site for the Presbyterian Boarding School, ~~at the~~ the Crowstand Mission I beg to say that an Order-in-Council of the 16th April last, setting apart the fractional S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, Twp. 29; Range 31, West of the 1st Meridian, adjoining the Reserve of Chief Gabriel Cote, for the purposes of this school has become operative, being published for the fourth time in the Canada Gazette of 18th May last.

Hel.
This Department has been advised that a copy of the Order-in-Council above referred to has been forwarded for your information and instruction

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Supt: Genl:
of Indian Affairs.

The Assistant Indian Commissioner,
Regina, N.W.T.

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Crowstand, Assa.

March 22nd. 1899.

The Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir,

I write to make application to your Department for 1600 lbs. of barbed fence wire for the Crowstand Indian Boarding School. The grounds on which I make the application are as follows,-

We are very much isolated, being 45 miles from Yorkton, our nearest Railway Station.

In consequence of this, the expense of running the mission is much increased, and it becomes necessary for us to grow as much as we can at home. We have to keep sheep and cattle for milk, butter and meat. We have a half section of land, but unfortunately there is no hay on it.

Heretofore we have been buying our hay from the Indians, but now owing to increase in herds and the decrease in available hay, they require it all for themselves. My desire is to break up a quantity of our land and when it is ready seed it with brome-grass.

And it is for this purpose I am asking your department for enough wire to fence a quarter section of land.

I think from the facts stated, you will see the reasonableness of my request, and I trust your Department will feel disposed to grant it.

I am, Sir,
Yours obediently,
Neil Gilmour.
Principal.

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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North West Territories,

In your reply refer to
No. 122/55
and date of this letter and
address
Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Winnipeg, 29 Mch. 1899.

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SCHOOLS.
APR 6 1899.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to the favourable
consideration of the Department the enclosed application
of Rev. Mr. Neil Gilmour for 1300 lbs. of barb wire to
fence in the Crowstand School grounds for the reasons
given.

Your obedient servant,

D. Laird

Indian Commissioner.



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The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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OTTAWA, 25th April, 1899

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo submitting an application from the Rev. Neil Gilmour for 1600 lbs. barbed wire to fence the Crowstand school grounds; and in reply I beg to say that the Department cannot entertain this application.

Your obedient servant

J. D. MC LEAN

Secretary

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Sam. L. Laird

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Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, 2nd May, 1901.

The Secretary:-

Mr Agent McKenzie, under date the 22nd ulto, forwards an application from the Principal of the Crowstand boarding school for a grant for fencing the unenclosed land connected with the school the cost of which he places at \$150.00 for wire and posts. He also asks for assistance to enable him to improve the water supply of the school, both for fire protection and domestic purposes, for which he has given no estimate.

Two years ago the Presbyterian Church expended the sum of \$6000.00 in the erection of a new building and Mr Gilmour, the Principal, claims that they have no money now available for the improvements asked for.

This school was started in '89 and the Government made a grant of \$1000.00 to assist in erecting the old building.

An application was made two years ago for wire for fencing, which was not allowed. See memo. turned out.

Mr McKenzie, in his covering letter, states that he considers that they should have a good artesian well and that it is very necessary to have the land enclosed. Mr Gilmour claims, in support of his request that they never asked the Department for

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assistance in paying off deficits and that they do not wish to do so.

I may say that there is no money specially appropriated for this purpose, and if the Department feels disposed to accede to the Principal's request a special appropriation would have to be made or the General School Vote be drawn upon.

Arthur O'Brien

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Ad.

OTTAWA, 4th May, 1901.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that Mr Agent McKenzie has forwarded an application from the Principal of the Crowstand boarding school for a grant for fencing the unenclosed land and assistance to enable him to improve the water supply of the school.

A copy of the Principal's letter is enclosed herewith for your report.

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

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary

The Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,

Man.

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Dear Sir,
Kindly see this of me
consideration. Yours &c
G. H. Douglas

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ATTERIAN INDIAN MISSION.

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SCHOOLS,
MAY 6 1901



Crowstand, Assn. April 24th 1901

Mrs. J. M. Douglas, M.P.

House of Commons, Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Douglas,

A year ago, you assisted us very much, in getting an increase in the number of grant-earners, at the Crowstand School, and we are grateful. There is another matter that I would like very much to have you bring to the notice of the Department.

When our new building was completed, at a cost to the church of upwards of \$6000⁰⁰, with no assistance at all from the Department.

I tried very hard to get them to give a grant to furnish iron beds for the school. But I was informed, that the Department did not pay to Boarding Schools, anything beyond the per capita grant, and therefore my request could not be granted.

On two or three occasions I made earnest appeal for assistance in purchasing something very much needed for the better equipment of the school, but have always been refused upon the same grounds. Now Mr. Douglas, I know positively, from figures given from the books

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of the Auditor General, that this had not been the policy of the Department in the past, as the books showed large special grants to both Church of England, and Roman Catholic Boarding Schools.

And now I enclose, a copy of some entries found in Part 2, and on the page indicated, of Departmental Bluebook, for last year, to show that it is not yet the policy which the Department is putting into practice.

Now Mr. Douglas, it is a fact, that all along the Presbyterian Church, has not received fair treatment and if we do not get at least a proportion of the assistance that is being regularly given to other denominations engaged in similar work there is going to be a strong protest made.

We claim that we are serving the country, equally as well as either of the other denominations, and are prepared at any time to compare the thoroughness of the work, being done, with that of either the P. Ch. or C. Ch. We ask, no favor, only fair treatment.

Now I am not going to ask for \$2,000 as a Roman Catholic principal, would ask, for, and receive. - But there are two things, of which

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Crowstand, Assn. 191

we are very much in need, and for which there are no funds available. Owing to our isolation, we are compelled to keep cattle to furnish fresh milk and butter for the school.

We have some 300 acres of land connected with the school, but it is not enclosed and we are constantly having trouble, because of our cattle getting down into the hay meadows of the Indians, and wandering off sometimes to great distances so that we lose the milk and it is bad for the cattle. A grant of \$150⁰⁰ would enable us to purchase the wire and posts necessary to fence in our land, and it would be a great thing for us.

The other matter is this. Our mission is situated on the top of the table land overlooking the Assiniboine River. We tried twice for water, but for 40 or 50 feet down the moisture in the soil is so charged with alkali as to be quite unfit for use. The consequence is we have no water at the mission at all either for use in the school or for fire protection. But have to draw all our

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water in barrels. up the hills from the river.
You can hardly realize, what this means.
When it rains and the face of these clay hills
is wet, it is almost impossible for a team to
get up, with a load, and yet water is much
had, and a great deal of it for all purposes.

And then for this reason too, we have no
adequate fire protection. It is true we have some
hand-grenades and a couple of Babcock extinguishers,
and if a fire were discovered just in the
incipient stage, they would no doubt, be found
good, if they could always be relied upon to work
when you want them to, - which is not the case -

But if a fire had gained any head way, which
in a frame building such as ours, it would
in a very few minutes, these little things
would have no effect, and we would be
wholly at the mercy of the fire.

There is nothing, that we could have here,
that would give us protection, except having
a constant, and sufficient supply of water
always available. There is just one feasible
way that I know of by which we may have this

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supply of water. at Duck Lake Boarding school the conditions were somewhat similar the surface water, too alkaline for use.

The Indian Department gave a grant for the purpose, and the Government Well auger was hired, and a six inch hole put down something like 200 feet. when an excellent vein of water was struck, which rose almost to the surface.

A tight fitting iron pipe, which was put down in this hole, as it was sunk, so keeping out all the bad surface water. Then a force pump was put in, and hose connection made, so that by manning the pump, at any time, they have the means of throwing a stream of water on any part of the building. If we had such a well here it would serve the double purpose of giving us a supply of water for the use of the mission and also giving us this fire protection, which we so much need. I do not know what the cost of this well and pump would be, but the department will know, because of having made a similar expenditure at Duck Lake.

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