

Indian School

April 28th 12



Co. D. C. Scott

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Deputy Superintendent Gen

Ottawa

Dear Mr Scott

I received your esteemed favor of the 23rd ult. relating to Mr. Couvel.

I thank you for having informed me for I find nothing in my predecessor's papers, concerning the policy of the Department regarding employees of industrial schools selling in opposition to others engaged in that business. I shall at once prevent this from happening in the future.

This obliges me to make a double report, for Mr. Couvel is not the only employee who keeps store. I have written to

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the Provincial to send me Brother Gauthier to replace
the Engineer. In future he will see to the fire, and by him

As for Mr. Clout the teacher, it will be
more difficult to replace him, however, I trust you
will have no objection to my keeping him for a
few weeks: until I find some one to take his
place, if he does not choose to give up his store.

I beg to remain

Your obedient servant

E. Lecog a.m.i.

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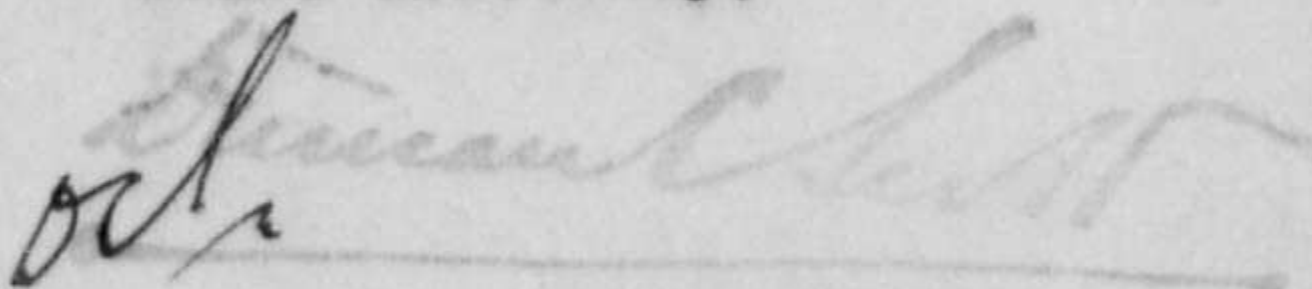
Dear Father Lecoq.

I was surprised to learn from your letter of April 28th. that employees of the school had been engaging in business pursuits. In the first place I do not see how it is possible for these men to look after their school duties properly if they have other concerns, and I will count upon you to put a stop to it. Mr. Clouvel must at once give up his store or his position in the school. My correspondence with the late principal was almost entirely on the practice of the school itself selling produce and manufactured articles, to which great objection was taken by the trades people of the vicinity. I trust that you will see that no more trade of this kind is carried on.

Hoping you will make a success of the school,

I am,

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. E. Lecoq, O.M.I.,

Lebret, Sask.

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The nearest agencies are
 Qu'Appelle, Assiniboine, Touchwood,
 Pelly, Battle, Crooked Lake, Moose Mtn,
 Fish Hills.

Qu'Appelle	=	80	X	_____
Crooked Lake	=	14	X	✓
Fish Hills	=	38	X	_____
Touchwood	=	20	X	✓
Guswold	=	13	X	_____
Pelly	=	10	X	✓
Duck Lake				1
Claudebaze	=	2		✓
Sudell Lake	=	1		✓
Battle		3		✓
Moose Mtn	=	4	X	✓
Wood Mtn	=	4		_____

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May 14th. 1917.

Dear Father LeCoq.

I am given to understand that Indians who have children in residence at the Qu'Appelle Industrial school are accustomed to go to the school and expect to be given free lodgings and food. As this practice is contrary to the wishes of the Department, I am instructing the Indian Agents to advise the Indians that they cannot go to the Qu'Appelle school without a permit from their Agent, and that they must provide their own food and lodging for the visit; also that they must not be allowed to remain longer than one day, or at the most two.

It would be impossible for you to conduct the school economically if there was such a drain as you have stated on your resources, for feeding Indian

Rev. J. LeCoq.

Principal, Qu'Appelle Industrial School.

Lebret, Sask.

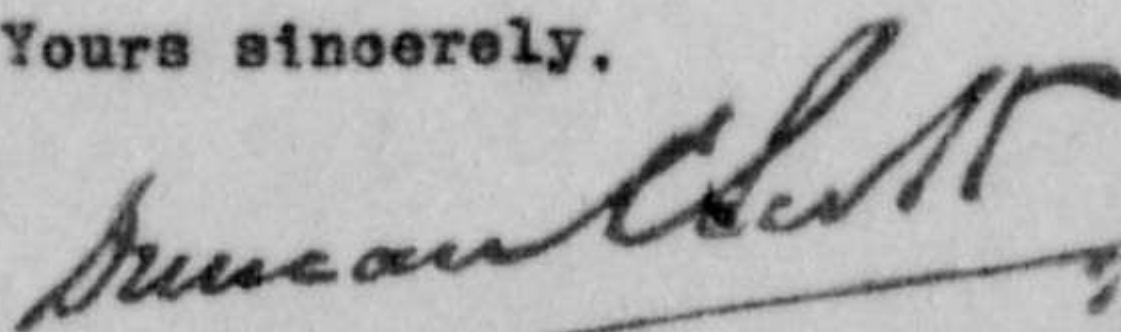
*Father LeCoq. Says Mrs
in business this spring
they gave 2300 free meals to
Indians*

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parents. This practice has likely grown up, as the former principal wished to popularize the school with the Indians, but this must be accomplished in a way that will not be such a tax on your resources.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Superintendent General.

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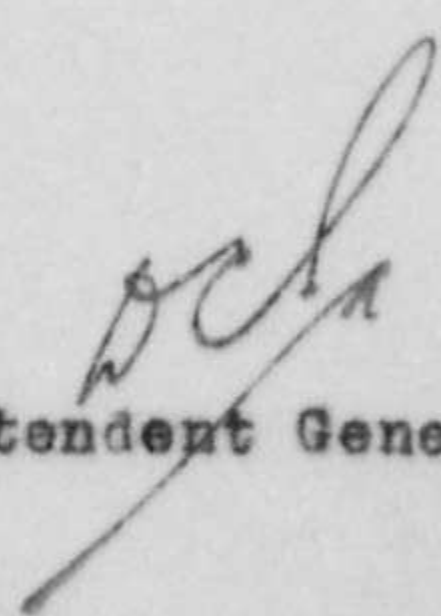
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May 14th. 1917.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I am informed that the Indians who have children in residence at the Qu'Appelle Industrial school are accustomed to visit the school for days at a time and expect to be given free lodgings and food during this time. This practice is against the wishes of the Department and a great drain on the resources of the school, and I am today writing to the Indian Agents instructing them to inform the Indians that they cannot go to the school without permits, and that they must provide their own food and lodging for the visit, which must not last longer than one, or at most two days.

Yours sincerely,


Deputy Superintendent General.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,

Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Balcarres, Sask.

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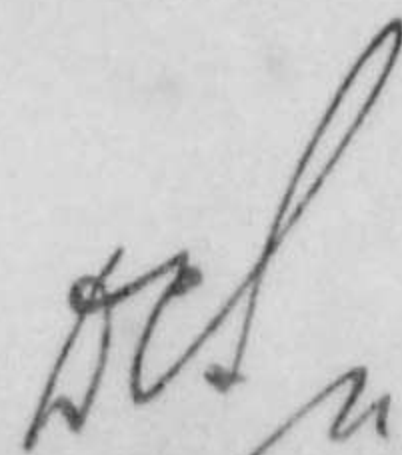
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May 14th. 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am informed that the Indians who have children in residence at the Qu'Appelle Industrial school are accustomed to visit the school for days at a time and expect to be given free lodgings and food during this time. This practice is against the wishes of the Department and a great drain on the resources of the school, and I desire you to inform the Indians that they cannot go to the school without a permit from you. They must provide their own food and lodging for the visit, which must not last longer than one, or at most two days.

Yours very truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.

R. D. Wilson, Esq.,

Clerk in Charge, Indian Office,

Edgely, Sask.

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Copy of this letter sent to -

C. E. Hughes

E. Taylor,

T. E. Donnelly

S. Milligan

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Ottawa, May 19, 1917.

Sir,-

I wish to call your attention to the following matters in connection with the management of the Qu'Appelle Industrial School,-

1st - The extensive farming operations carried on at this school have entailed too much work for the pupils, which has caused dissatisfaction among the parents, who complain that the children are overworked and their studies neglected.

While the Department is aware that there is considerable work on the farm which can be attended to by some of the older boys, it does not wish boys under fourteen years of age to take part in the farming work, as they should be in the class-room all the time. In regard to boys over fourteen, the half day system should apply to them, but only when their services are actually required. The farming operations in connection with this school should be a paying proposition and the school should pay for the necessary labour out of the profits derived from the farm.

2nd - The same also applies to the stock raising carried on at the school. The Department is not in favour of more cattle being kept than are actually required for school purposes, as in the past this industry has taken up much of the pupils' time at the expense of their education.

Rev. E. Lecoq,
Principal,
Qu'Appelle Industrial School,
Lebret, Sask.

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3rd - A return of all the live stock should be sent to the Department through the office of Mr. Inspector Graham at least once a quarter, so that it will be known what stock belongs to the Government and what to the Roman Catholic Mission which adjoins the school and whose trading operations should be kept separate and distinct from the Government stock.

4th - It is the wish of the Department that the teachers employed at this school should be fully qualified to teach English, so that the pupils may have an opportunity of obtaining a thorough English education and learn to speak this language fluently.

5th - As you have already been informed, the Department wishes the practice of feeding visiting Indians to cease and the Agents of the reserves from which pupils are recruited for your school have been informed that this practice is against the wish of the Department and a great drain on the resources of the school and that Indian parents cannot go to the school without a permit and that they must provide their own food and lodging during their visit, which must not last longer than one, or at most two days.

6th - I beg to notify you that in future no Government property of any kind must be sold without permission from the Department, ~~or Mr. Inspector Graham.~~

7th - The practice of allowing children to go home, except during the regular vacation, must be stopped, unless valid reasons are given which meet with the approval of the Department.

The Department trusts that you will see that these suggestions are carried out.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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[Handwritten signature]

Ottawa, May 21, 1917.

Dear Sir,-

Incl.

I beg to inclose herewith for your information copy of a letter which has been written to-day to Rev. Father Lecoq, Principal of the Qu'Appelle industrial school, with reference to management there.

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature]

(sd) J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,

Inspector of Indian Agencies,

Balcarres, Sask.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

TOUCHWOOD AGENCY



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Handwritten signature: John W. Morrison

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th instant with reference to the visits of Indians to the Qu'Appelle Industrial School. I have already had the opportunity of telling some of the parents and will tell the others when first I see them.

I do not think that my Indians have imposed on that school very much as their visits are not very frequent owing to the distance they have to travel and they almost invariably get a pass when they go to visit their children.

The openhanded hospitality extended to the Indians in the past at the Qu'Appelle Industrial school has been one of its great attractions for them and they have come to look on it as a matter of course. They no longer make a convenience of the Boarding schools here in this respect as we stopped the practice some years ago.

Yours Respectfully

Handwritten signature: W. Morrison

Indian Agent

Duncan. C. Scott, Esq.,

Deputy Sup't General of Indian Affairs

Ottawa.



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is hereby permitted to visit the Qu'Appelle Industrial School for the
purpose of seeing, for a period
not exceeding day ..., andto provideown
food and lodging during this visit.

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Indian Agent.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Qu'Appelle Agency. Edgeley. Sask.



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 3140/28

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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

May 23rd. 1917

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Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 14th instant, No. 116575-10, with regard to Indian parents visiting their children at the Qu'Appelle Industrial School.

In reply I beg to say the subject has been a great problem in the past, endeavouring to dissuade the Indians from these unnecessary and long-drawn out visits, and in connection with the welcome instructions contained in your letter, I herewith enclose for your consideration, form of pass which would be issued to Indians; which, if satisfactory to the Department, I would ask to have a supply printed, and forwarded to me.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. D. Wilson

Clerk in Charge.

Duncan. C. Scott Esq.

Deputy Superintendent General

Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa. Ont.

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3140/28.

May 31st, 1917.

Dear Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, in reference to parents visiting the Qu'Appelle Industrial School.

With regard to the pass, as there will not be a great many of these used, I would suggest that you have them run off on your typewriter and thus avoid the expense of printing.

Yours very truly,

Wm. A. G. Smith
Deputy Superintendent General.

R. D. Wilson, Esqr.,
Clerk in Charge Qu'Appelle Agency,
Edgeley, Sask.



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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN INSPECTORATE



BALCARRES, P.O. July 17th 1917
SASK.

502600

Dear Mr. Scott,-

I have just completed an inspection of the Qu'Appelle School and my report goes forward to-day. I would particularly draw your attention to the part dealing with Father Kalmes, who, in my opinion, should be removed. If he is not, there will be trouble sooner or later. The Church may want to keep him as he is a money maker.

I have just returned from Crooked Lakes Agency, where I spent a week. Things are in splendid shape at that point. I shall write report in a few days.

I am leaving for Qu'Appelle Agency this afternoon, to pay Treaty.

Yours sincerely,

Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

D.C. Scott, Esq.,

Dep. Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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July 23rd, 1917.

Dear Father LeCoq -

I have just received Mr. Inspector Graham's report on the Qu'Appelle Industrial School.

In connection with the management of the school Mr. Graham draws attention to the short-comings of the Assistant Principal, the Rev. Father Kalmes. It has been very difficult to recruit for this school lately, due to its unpopularity with the Indians. Father Kalmes is reported to be a man with a violent and uncontrollable temper. The parents complain that he abuses the children, and in face of the complaints as to the treatment, our officers find it impossible to ask Indians to send their children to the institution.

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In the interests of the school, therefore, I think that Father Kalmes should be removed to some other field of labour, and I would ask you to see that the necessary steps are taken to carry out this arrangement.

Rev. G. LeCoq, O.M.I.,
Principal, Qu'Appelle Industrial School,
LeBret, Sask.

Yours very truly,

W. A. G. H.
Deputy Superintendent General.

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REPORT OF INSPECTOR GRAHAM ON THE QU'APPELE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

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LL. While on the subject of classrooms I would call the attention of the Department to the poor attendance of some of the senior boys during the year, also to the number of days taught in the classroom. It appears to me that we should expect the classrooms to be open at least two hundred teaching days in the twelve ~~###~~ months, instead of which, we are falling far short of that number.

See no. 10

I found the junior girls' classroom crowded, there being no less than fifty small children in a room that should not contain more than twenty five at the most. The other two rooms were not so crowded.

The only remedy for this is to divide the children into a morning and afternoon class. Even if the classroom were large enough to accomodate fifty children, it seems to me that the class should be divided, as the children are mere infants and a full day in the class-teen is too much. I would particularly recommend that you insist on this class being divided.

Date of report, - July 10th, 1917.

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Sgt. G. H. S.
REPORT OF INSPECTOR GRAHAM ON THE QU'APPELLE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

502559

In the line of sewing the girls receive good training. They are also taught cooking and housework, but I regret to inform you that they are not being taught to milk a branch of the training which is so essential for girls going back to the reserve, to be farmers' wives. You will perhaps be given excuses why this branch of the work is being neglected but to my mind there is no reason for it and I hope that the Department will insist that attention be given to this part of the girls' education. A number of years ago, I drew your attention to the fact that this work was being neglected. Instructions were received from you that it was to be taken up and a fresh start was made. However it did not last long and I hope you will make your further instructions emphatic, also have the Principal mention in his monthly reports what is being done in this direction.

In regard to the Boys Inspector Graham considers that they are not being given proper instructions in agriculture. For some time past farming has been carried out on a large scale and the boys have been worked very hard. This defect has now been remedied by employing outsiders to do the farming and neglecting any agricultural teaching for the boys almost completely.

The Inspector considers that half of the present land properly farmed by the boys under competent direction would give these boys a great deal better training for their future life

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[Handwritten signature]
Ottawa, July 31, 1917.

Rev. Sir, -

I beg to advise you that Mr. Inspector Graham, in a recent report on the Qu'Appelle Industrial School, states as follows, -

"I found the junior girls' classroom crowded, there being no less than fifty small children in a room that should not contain more than twenty-five at the most. The other two rooms were not so crowded.

"The only remedy for this is to divide the children into a morning and afternoon class. Even if the classroom were large enough to accommodate fifty children, it seems to me that the class should be divided, as the children are mere infants and a full day in the classroom is too much. I would particularly recommend that you insist on this class being divided."

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The Department considers that it would be well to give Mr. Graham's suggestion to divide the class referred to a trial.

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Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]
J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. E. Lecoq, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Qu'Appelle Industrial School,
Lebret, Sask.

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Industrial School,

Lebret, June 20, 1917.

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Wm
Duncan Scott, Secretary for Indians Affairs.

Ottawa.



Sir.

As to the first complaint I must say: That the extensive farming operations carried on at this school have not entailed too much work for the pupils.

Last year we had four horsemen working at our farm and sometimes not a single boy until the month of August when some of the boys helped stooking. When we used the boys at the ploughing, seeding or harrowing it was only by hires, changing them every week and only one, two or three at a time.

If the Department believes all what the Indians write, we can leave the boys remain idle. We can hire men very easily to do the work and the boys will do all the work of the old Indians.

Many times I heard visitors coming to the School making the following remarks: "What are all these big boys doing in the yard? Playing foot-ball?" when during the war all school children in white settlements are working, helping to put in the crop. The answer was easy to give.

2. The same also applies to the stock-raising, as in the past this industry has taken up much of the pupils time at the expense of their education. I must say this.

For the last four years never any boy of this school puts his feet in the stable during winter or summer the time they should be in the class-room.

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We have over thirty-five horses and over one hundred head of cattle to look after. Here is how we look after the cattle: "In the morning the vice-Principal himself, right after breakfast goes to the stable with about seventy boys. About twenty boys the oldest ones, feed, comb and water the horses. Two other boys milk the cows, eight others clean them and about twelve feed them. About six others feed the hogs. All this work can be done in half an hour.

I have a lot of other boys for any emergency. At four o'clock we repeat the same thing after class. Where is the overwork of the boys?

All the rest of the time they are free and can play.

As for raising cattle the school has to buy every year at least thirty heads.

A few years ago the School had rented from the Oblate Fathers a piece of land but it has all been for the interest of the School since not a cent was given to the Oblates.

3. In the beginning, very likely Rev. Father Hugonard obliged to tend to the interests of the Mission together with those of the School necessarily was compelled to put everything in common but for many years this community of goods was put to an end. So be assured that what we are in possession of belongs to the School only., and that those who wrongfully give you false informations are positive of the contrary.

To lessen the School in the eyes of the Department outrageous lies were told.

Mr. Clouvel left and the teacher who will replace him has a First class certificate from Nova Scotia and a 2nd. from Regina. He is a young man, single, english speaking by the name of Mr. Mc. Lennan. I am quite aware that some will have something to criticise over but very soon I intend to write to you concerning this matter.

Who has ever heard of a man that gives you a friendly advice and behind your back does his utmost to backbite you and tries to draw away the Indian from your School?

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By this article I sincerely hope that you do not intend to tie up the
I do not wish to sell an inch of land belonging to the School but when I shall
need cattle for table-use or farm-implements I hope that I shall not be forced
go to Ottawa to obtain permission to buy them.

I have nothing to say concerning the 7th article and will have it observed
the best I can, notwithstanding that no one will say to me, "Send this one or that
one" in order to be friendly...

Yours very truly,

E. Leacock
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Ottawa, August 6, 1917.

Rev. Sir,-

The attention of the Department has again been called to the fact that none of the girls in your school are being taught to milk and, as it is necessary for them to know how to do this work when they return to the reserve and have homes of their own to look after, the Department would like you to arrange to have a certain number of the older girls given instruction in this branch. It will not be necessary for them to do all the milking.

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Reference has also been made to the lack of proper instruction in agriculture to the boy pupils. The Department considers it essential that the older boys should be given practical lessons in agriculture under a competent instructor and that a certain portion of the land under cultivation should be set apart for this purpose. Hitherto these boys, while doing hard manual labour, have not been receiving the lessons in agriculture that would fit them to successfully farm their own land when they leave the school.

Your obedient servant,

Rev. E. Lecoq, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Qu'Appelle Industrial School,
Lebret, Sask.

W. D. McLEAM

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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OFFICE OF
THE INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN INSPECTORATE

BALCARRES, SASK..

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Ref. your letter No..116,575-6.....of July 25th.,1917

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter above quoted regarding my report on the Qu'Appelle Industrial School and observe that the different sections of the report will be carefully noted and will receive consideration. I hope that when action is taken, you will send me a copy of the instructions for my future guidance.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. P. Puhar

Inspr. of Indian Agencies.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



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Ottawa, August 8, 1917.

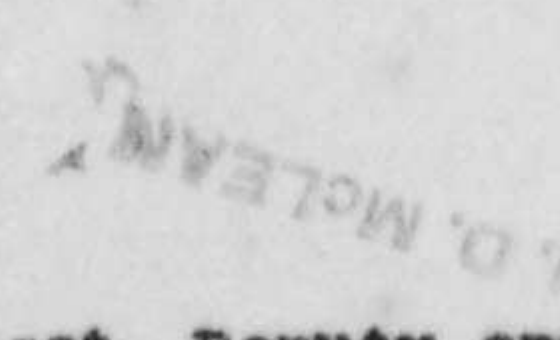
Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant stating that you hope when action is taken on your report on the Qu'Appelle Industrial School that the Department will send you a copy of the instructions for your future guidance.

In reply I beg to say that Rev. Father Lecoq, the Principal, has been informed that the Department considers it would be well to give your suggestion to divide the junior girls' class a trial. He has been instructed to have the doctor examine the children with tubercular glands and submit a report in regard to them to the Department.

The Principal has also been informed that the Department would like him to arrange to have a certain number of the older girls given instruction in milking and that it is considered essential that the older boys should be given practical lessons in agriculture under a competent instructor.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

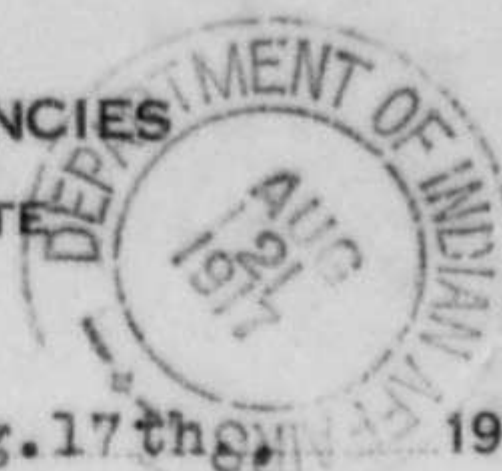
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SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN INSPECTORATE



BALCARRES, SASK. Aug. 17th 1917

Ref. your letter No. 116575-6.....of Aug. 8th., 1917

503243

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter above quoted, dealing with only some of the matters referred to in my report on the Qu'Appelle Industrial School. I am sorry that you did not see fit to give definite instructions regarding the dividing of the over-crowded class-room of the small girls. Knowing how your instructions in almost all matters have been ignored by the authorities at the School, I asked that emphatic instructions be given on this point. I see you have seen fit to merely write-'it would be well to give my suggestion a trial.-'It remains to be seen if your request is carried out. In the meantime, I wish to repeat that it is entirely wrong to tolerate existing conditions. I can get outside medical authority to endorse all I have said on the subject and I feel it is too important a matter to let pass without further comment.

I have pointed out to you that Dr. Hall is not a Surgeon and as a result there appears to be neglect. If you would authorize Dr. Gorrell of Regina to make a report on the pupils, you would have some information that would be of real value to the Department.

With regard to the large girls doing the milking,

I regret

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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I regret that your instructions were not emphatic. I fear merely saying that you would like to arrange to have a certain number of girls given instruction in this branch will not suffice. Apparently nothing was said about your previous instructions on this important point.

You are aware that instructions have recently been given to the Principal not to overwork the boys on the farm; also to give more attention to the classroom. These instructions were the outcome of complaints from the parents. I hope that the Principal will not interpret your remarks as cancelling recent instructions on the matter.

I note that nothing at all has been said regarding the hiring of outside labor and the carrying on of farming operations on a large scale--to the extent of renting land from outsiders. I may have been wrong in criticizing these conditions; if so, will you be good enough to advise me as it is no pleasure for me to do so.

I may also add that the new Principal is very seldom at home. At present he is away and has been for three weeks and no one appears to be in authority, or to know where he is. The mail is left unopened, by his order, and, generally speaking, things are going from bad to worse.

I undertook to build the laundry at this School in order to save money. I have had little or no assistance from the School, except from a lay brother and I am sorry I undertook the work.

There is little use in trying to improve conditions here unless the Department follow up matters; it only makes trouble for me referring to these things and not having them acted upon. In fact I think it unwise to do so, under existing conditions.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Wm. J. Graham
Insp. of Indian Agencies

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Letter No 8504.

In reply to your letter No 116575/1 of July 31st I beg to state that the suggestion of Mr Inspector Graham re the dividing of the Junior girls' classroom will be given a trial as it is the wish of the Department to do so.

Your obedient servant

S. Leecog

Principal

The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs

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