

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

FORM No. I.A. 506A

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....

DATE .....

Pay to Watson Smith & Sons,

Address Shubenacadie, N.S.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
November 22-44	To: Hardware required for Indian Day School Shubenacadie Reserve.....	4 00

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

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25-November-44.

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REPORT ON SHUBENACADIE INDIAN AGENCY FOR THE MONTH SEPTEMBER, 1944

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EXD.

During the month some progress was made on the new Day School being built here. The foundation walls are up and the cellar floor began. Our present day school is badly overcrowded with 36 now on the roll and a few more who should be attending. Beginning in November I think it will be necessary to divided the pupils into two groups, one attending in the A.M. while the other will report in the P.M.

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H.C. Rice,  
Indian Agent.

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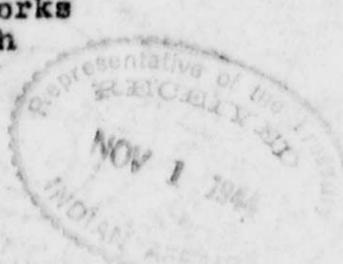
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# TRANSFER BETWEEN ALLOTMENTS

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE TO THE SECRETARY, TREASURY BOARD, FOR THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WITHIN:

VOTE: 165 Indian Education

NAME OF PRIMARY	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	PROPOSED DECREASE	PROPOSED INCREASE
Construction of Buildings & Works Indian Affairs Branch	71,000.00	1,800.00	
Construction of Buildings & Works Surveys & Engineering Branch			1,800.00



### DEPARTMENTAL EXPLANATION

An additional amount required by Surveys & Engineering Branch for the erection of the new school on the Shubenacadie Reserve.

RECOMMENDED

*Harold W. Hill*

BRANCH HEAD

APPROVED

*[Signature]*

DEPUTY HEAD

APPROVED

MINISTER

NOTE: APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER IS REQUIRED ONLY WHERE A QUESTION OF POLICY IS INVOLVED.

### TREASURY COMMENTS

ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS, THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THESE TRANSFERS BEING MADE AND THE APPLICATION IS THEREFORE SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF TREASURY BOARD, AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND AUDIT ACT.

*[Signature]*

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
E. T. LANGDON

FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY

272471

B. DATED November 9, 1944

APPROVED BY THE TREASURY BOARD

*[Signature]*

FOR SECRETARY

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Address reply  
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Construction Service

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
Surveys and Engineering Branch

Quote File  
IA-1156-4

Ottawa, December 18, 1944.

Memorandum

Re: Indian Day School,  
Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia

As you are aware delays which occurred after the award of a contract to D.A. Macdonald, General Contractor of Moncton, New Brunswick, for erection of the above, prevented the start of operations until late in July last.

Further difficulties of which you have been advised regarding trouble experienced by the contractor in obtaining carpenters and other skilled labour, has delayed the completion of the contract within the time limit set out in the contract agreement namely, August 31st, 1944.

This Service has endeavoured to obtain from Macdonald through Mr. Sparks an approximation of the date by which the building would be ready for acceptance, and under date of the 10th instant, Mr. Sparks has advised that with the exception of outside painting the contractor considers all work should be completed by February 1st, 1945.

It is our opinion however, in view of progress to date and factors contributing thereto, that such a date has very little significance.

We recommend therefore that authority be obtained from the Department to extend the date for completion to March 31st, 1945. Under the most favourable circumstances it will likely be necessary to provide an amount of approximately \$500.00 in 1945-46 estimates to cover painting work which will not be completed until next spring.

(Sgd.) T.S. Mills

Chief Engineer.

J.M. Wardle, Esq.,  
Director, Surveys & Engineering Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa.

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Indian Affairs Branch.

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ENGINEERING BRANCH

December 22nd, 1944.

The Deputy Minister **DEC 23 1944**  
REGISTERED

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum received from Mr. Mills, Chief Engineer, in regard to the date of completion by contract of the Indian Day School at Shubenacadie. Delay in the construction of this building has been due to labour shortage. The contractor, Major Macdonald, has interviewed Selective Service officers at Halifax on many occasions but gets no assistance as that Service apparently takes the position that this project is non-essential and has no priority in the labour market. Another disadvantage in securing men is that the wage rates authorized by the Department of Labour are not attractive when compared with wages paid for similar work in Halifax. The work is also located too far away from any large centre to obtain the benefit of the services of soldiers or sailors when on leave.

You will recall that on November 17th a letter was sent to the Associate Director of National Selective Service (Mobilization) forwarding a formal application from the contractor for ten enlisted men. This request was refused.

Under the circumstances the recommendation of Mr. Mills that the date of completion for the contract be forwarded to March 31st, 1945, is concurred in.

A copy of this memorandum and Mr. Mills' memorandum is being forwarded to the Acting Director of the Indian Affairs Branch for his information.

Director.

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Ottawa,  
December 26, 1944.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

I am in receipt of your memorandum of December 22, with reference to the construction of the Shubenacadie Day School. It is noted that due to circumstances beyond the contractor's control it has been decided to extend the date for completion of the contract to March 31, 1945.

I note from Mr. Mills' memorandum to you that under the most favourable circumstances it will likely be necessary to provide an amount of \$500 in the 1945-46 estimates. We have already submitted our estimates for the next fiscal year to the Minister's office and no provision was made for an outstanding amount on the Shubenacadie Day School, due to the fact that we were under the impression that the building would be completed before the end of the current fiscal year. However, if there is a small balance necessary no doubt we will be able to find the funds, but it is hoped that your officers will keep this amount to the minimum.

  
Acting Director.

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STATEMENT

SHUBENACADIE, N. S. Jan 2 1945

M Dept of Mines & Resources  
School Indian Affairs

IN ACCOUNT WITH

WATSON SMITH & SONS

HARDWARE, SPORTING GOODS, KODAKS, FILMS, BICYCLES AND ACCESSORIES  
PAINTS, VARNISHES, CROCKERY, CHINA

STOVES, FURNACES, PLUMBING, SHEET METAL WORK AND DAIRY TINWARE

Nov	27	2 Qt	Sea Green Paint	2	90
		2	Cream	2	70
		1/2 lb	Sizing		50
		1/2	Shimble 3 pieces		75
Dec	12	2 - 1/2	Pt Floor Enamel		70
		2 - 1/2	Cream Int. Gloss		70
			Total	\$	8 65

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CHEQUE No.....

DATE.....

Pay to Watson Smith & Sons,

Address Shubenacadie, N.S.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Jan 2-45	Hardware for <del>the</del> Day School and Teacher's dwelling as per invoice attached....	8 65

*13-1-45*

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

*[Signature]*

Agent

VOUCHER No. **2172**

DATE **10-Jan-45.**

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TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No.....

DATE.....

Pay to Thompson & Lawlor,

Address Shubenacadie, N.S.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Dec 30-44	Supplies for Day School of this reserve delivered to Janitor	1 70

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*[Signature]*

Agent

VOUCHER No. 2246

DATE 30-January-45.

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SPORTING GOODS, PAINTS, VARNISHES, CROCKERY, BICYCLES AND ACCESSORIES,  
STOVES, FURNACES, PLUMBING, SHEET METAL WORK AND DAIRY TINWARE

SHUBENACADIE, N. S. *Feb 1* ..... 194*5*

SOLD TO *Department of Mines & Resources.*  
*1945 School.* *Sh. Senacadie N.S.*

<i>Apr</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3 lb. Putty.</i>	<i>24</i>
		<i>1 pkg. Glaziers Points</i>	<i>5-</i>
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<i>1945</i>			
<i>June</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1 Map</i>	<i>60</i>
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MEMORANDUM

February 8, 1945

Re: Indian Day School, Shubenacadie Indian Agency  
Nova Scotia

Your attention is directed to our memorandum of December 18th last in connection with an extension of time for completion of the contract by D.A. Macdonald, General Contractor. It was pointed out at that time, that while an opinion had been given that work, with the exception of outside painting, might be completed by February 1st, 1945, existing circumstances indicated that the opinion had very little significance. An extension of time to March 31st, 1945 was approved by the Department.

A letter dated the 1st instant from Indian Agent Rice, confirmed by a letter from Macdonald dated February 5th 1945, informs us that due to heavy snowfall and cold weather it has become impossible for the small working force obtainable to make progress on the building, and operations have been closed down. Macdonald advises that he considers work can be resumed by approximately April 1st next, and that by present indications labour conditions will have improved by that time.

Under the circumstances there appears no alternative to our concurrence in this action, which will necessitate a further advance of the date for completion of the contract. While the building is only about 50% completed, we believe that if operations are resumed on or about April 1st next, an extension of time to June 15th 1945 would be satisfactory.

With reference to the financial status of the project when operations terminated, the following tabulation is furnished for your information.

Accepted tender \$ 17,000.00

Authorized Extra Work Orders

No.1 - Additional foundations	\$325.10	
No.2 - " drain work	135.00	
No.3 - Revisions to Heating Plant	423.22	883.32

Total value of work to Jan. 31st, 1945 \$ 17,883.32

Payments to Contractor

Progress Estimate No.1, July 1944	\$ 675.00
" " No.2, Aug. "	391.50
" " No.3, Sept "	1618.74
" " No.4, Oct. "	1534.05
" " No.5, Nov. "	1891.80
" " No.6, Dec. "	695.00
" " No.7, Jan. 1945	819.00 <u>7,623.09</u>

Unpaid balance \$ 10,260.23

J.M. Wardle,  
Director,  
Surveys & Engineering Branch,  
Dept. of Mines & Resources.



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Under the Order in Council, an expenditure of 10% of the contract price was authorized for contingencies and approved extra work. Of the \$1700. thus authorized, expenditures to an amount of \$883.32 have been approved. For operations during the 1945-46 fiscal year, amounts as follows should be made available by the Indian Affairs Branch.

For completion of contract and extra work authorized to January 31st, 1945	\$ 10,260.23
Balance of authorized expenditure for contingencies and approved extra work	816.68
Engineer's expenses	<u>423.09</u>
Total	\$ 11,500.00

*J. J. Mills*  
Chief Engineer

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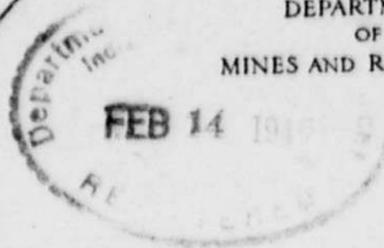
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February 13th, 1945.

Mr. R.A. Hoey

Re: Indian Day School, Shubenacadie Indian Agency,  
Nova Scotia.

Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Mills dated February 8th, from which you will note that the contractor was forced to close down work on the building and it will not be resumed until April next.

The total amount estimated for the building, including contingencies and extra work orders, was \$17,883.32. The contractor has been paid to date on Progress Estimates \$7,623.09, leaving an unpaid balance of the estimated cost of \$10,260.23. Approximately 50% of the work is completed.

Mr. Mills advises that \$10,600 could be released from the Shubenacadie Vote if the purchase of water pipe for the water supply system is not made in this fiscal year. This pipe will not be required if the water from the well can be satisfactorily processed, and this point has not yet been decided.

As the pipe will cost approximately \$6,000 it is proposed to release \$4,600 at the present time, retaining the balance until the water supply system is finally decided upon.

*J. W. Wardle*  
Director.

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Ottawa, February 15, 1945.Memorandum:DIRECTOR,  
SURVEYS and ENGINEERING BRANCH.

I have your memorandum of February 13, with reference to the construction of the Indian day school in the Shubenacadie Agency.

It is noted that work has temporarily stopped on the erection of this building and, as a result, it will not be completed until the fiscal year 1945-46. When we prepared our estimates for the coming fiscal year, we were under the impression that this building would be finished before the end of March, 1945, and consequently did not make any special provision for this school. However, it is possible that the money provided for Shubenacadie Agency will be sufficient to cover the balance due on this building and, if not, we will have to secure a supplementary appropriation.

If the water supply system is finally decided, it is noted that you intend to purchase, from the current year's appropriation, pipe at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00.

  
Acting Director.

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REPORT ON SHUBENACADIE INDIAN AGENCY FOR THE MONTH OCTOBER, 1944

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Some progress was made this month on the Day School being built here but, if any mistakes are made in this building, they can never be attributed to haste.

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H.C. Rice,  
Indian Agent.

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April 13th, 1945.

The Acting Director,  
Indian Affairs Branch

Re: Indian Day School at Shubenacadie

I think you have a copy of Mr. Mills's memorandum of February 8th last giving details of the financial status of the above project and showing that for 1945-46 \$11,500 should be available for the completion of this school.

Advice has recently been received from the contractor that he plans to begin work around the middle of this month. In his letter he requests an increase in wage rates for carpenters and labourers over those authorized by the Department of Labour. In order to facilitate the completion of the project this question will be taken up with the Department of Labour who set the wage rates at present in force. If higher wage rates are authorized the Department would have to bear the difference in wage payments between the original rates and the new rates, since the work is being done under a lump sum contract. This sum might be in the neighbourhood of \$500. However, you will be advised later of any arrangements made in this connection.

*J. M. Macleod*  
Director.

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*Return  
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June 4, 1945.

The Chief Treasury Officer,-

Will you kindly arrange for the transfer of \$5,000 to the Surveys and Engineering Branch in order that the construction of the school at Shubenacadie, N.S. may be proceeded with. I understand that the balance owing on the contract price is \$11,500, which sum will eventually have to be transferred, but in the meantime \$5,000 will be sufficient for the branch to go on with the work.

Will you also arrange to transfer to the aforesaid branch approximately \$10,000 - (5/12 of \$25,000) in order that the Surveys and Engineering Branch may commence the work of providing a water supply for the buildings on the Eskasoni Reserve.

Funds are available in the Vote for Indian Education.

*M.W.*

*[Signature]*  
Acting Director.

M.W.

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Ottawa, June 5, 1945.

Memorandum:**DIRECTOR,  
SURVEYS and ENGINEERING BRANCH.**

With reference to the completion of the Shubenacadie Day School, the Department is forwarding you an amount of \$5,000.00. I understand from your memorandum of April 13 that the total amount required to complete the building will be between \$11,500.00 and \$12,000.00. The balance of this amount will be forwarded to you when requested.

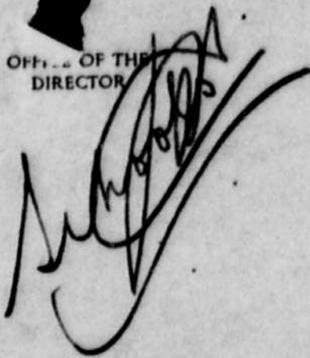
We are also transferring to your Branch the amount of \$10,000.00, in order that you may commence the work of providing a water supply for the buildings at the Eskasoni Reserve.

Acting Director.

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June 13th, 1945.

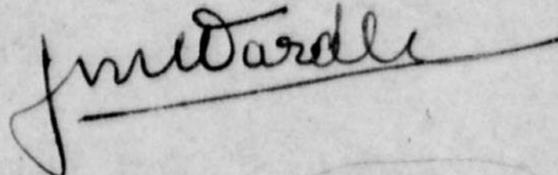
Mr. R. A. Hoey,  
Acting Director,  
Indian Affairs Branch.



Re: Indian Residential School,  
Shubenacadie, N.S.

In order to get the situation in regard to necessary repairs clarified, and to obtain a definite price, the Engineering and Construction Service is communicating direct with James Donohue Limited.

We will advise you as soon as satisfactory arrangements can be made for the work that is to be done.



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2 - Sparks

EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF H. C. RICE, INDIAN AGENT,  
SHUBENACADIE, N.S., for quarter ended June 30, 1945.

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Regarding the school, which has been over-crowded, it was necessary for me to advise the teacher to take part in the morning and the other part in the afternoon. The old school requires quite a lot of repairs but have kept clear of this because of the erection of the new one. The building of the new school is progressing very slowly because of the scarcity of carpenters. Mr. DesRoche, the foreman, claims it is impossible to obtain these through the Selective Service, although several times he has been promised help but as yet none has arrived. Therefore, most of the work is being done with Indian help, which has not been too satisfactory. As Mr. Sparks, the Engineer, left for Ottawa the latter part of 1944, it has fallen on me to superintend the work and to keep the Construction and Engineering Branch advised each week. I feel that if the work there keeps going at the present rate, it will take another two months to complete the job.

Desroche

Thought  
Sparks &  
he stated  
they was  
proceeding  
satisfactorily  
H.C.R.  
July 12/45

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

This space for use of Head Office only

16th August 19 45.

Requisition No. ....

Order No. ....

To The Departmental Purchasing Agent, Ottawa,

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES FOR USE OF Eskasoni Indian Day School

VOTE 76 ALLOTMENT ALLOCATION SYMBOLS SHIP TO Mr. H.C. Rice, Indian Agent, Christmas Island, N.S.

Purpose for which required

Table with columns: QUANTITY, Description, UNIT PRICE, TOTAL. Items include Chair Desks Small, Medium, Large, Teacher's Desks, and Teacher's Chairs. Includes handwritten notes: P.O. 5233, Aug 27/45, Vilas Puri, Cowanville, Del.

NOTE: The above are required for the new school which is being completed on the Shubensadie Reserve. It is expected to open this school early in September.

I hereby certify that I have personal knowledge that all the above articles are required in the Department and for Departmental purposes only. The expenditure required by this requisition is strictly unavoidable and the public interest will suffer if it is not made.

SIGNED—

APPROVED—

Director

- NOTE: 1. In ordering stationery and printed matter use separate sheets. 2. Order numbered forms by number or send sample. 3. Orders for unnumbered forms should be accompanied by samples. 4. Orders for books should be accompanied by sample pages or folios. 5. Orders for which purchase orders will issue should give as full details as possible for each item. 6. All Requisitions should be submitted in duplicate. One copy will be returned as acknowledgment.

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Ottawa, August 24, 1945.

Memorandum:REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY.

Please arrange for the transfer of \$7,000.00 to the Surveys and Engineering Branch, to complete the construction of the Indian Day School at Shubenacadie, N.S. I wish to refer you to my memorandum of June 4, 1945, in which you were requested to transfer \$5,000.00 for this purpose. I am informed by the Surveys and Engineering Branch that \$7,000.00 will be required to complete the building.

Funds are available in the Vote for Indian Education.

*E.M.*  
Director.

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Customers Order No. 5233

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as possible

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30		# 3 " " " "		
40		# 1 " " " "		
2		# 24 Teachers' Desks - less top rail- with locking device		
4		# 39 Chairs		
Fed. sales tax included prepaid				
4 copies invoice to H.C.Rice, above address				
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Ottawa, September 21, 1945.

Mr. H. C. Rice, Indian Agent,  
Shubenacadie, N.S.

I am interested in knowing if  
you are using the new Shubenacadie Day School.  
I phoned the Architect, Mr. Buck, but he is  
out of town and no one else in the Surveys and  
Engineering Branch seemed to know much about  
the matter.

An early reply would be  
appreciated.

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

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Shubenacadie, N.S., September 25th, 1945.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.



Re: Departmental Letter dated September 21, 1945, File 51-1-5.

With reference to the above letter regarding new Shubenacadie Indian Day School. I am sorry to say we are not using the new school as it is not completed. Stairs and casings have not arrived as yet, floors are not varnished and toilets are not yet stained. The contractor will not varnish the floors until the remainder of the building is finished, as he has to bring the painters from Halifax. I might also state that seats, desks and chairs have not arrived yet.

I have opened the old school with one teacher holding classes in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Just as soon as building is completed and seats arrive, I plan to move them into the new school.

I regret to have to report this condition regarding progress on the new building. However it is the only possible account I am able to give under the present circumstances.

*P.O. 5223*  
*Asks*  
*Shuffled*  
*Sept 4/45*  
*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten signature: H. C. Rice]*  
H. C. Rice,  
Indian Agent.

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Shubenacadie, N.S., October 12th, 1945.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.



Re: Shubenacadie Indian Day School.

This is to advise you that the contractor finished the School yesterday, excepting the registers which have not yet arrived and have yet to be installed. I can open this School without these, just as soon as desks, seats and chairs arrive. I have had no word of these so far. Will you kindly have them rushed as soon as possible.

*H. C. Rice*

H. C. Rice,  
Indian Agent.

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