

Ottawa, October 16, 1945.

Gentlemen:

Purchase Order No. 3803 was forwarded to you on August 29, last, ordering 100 desks, 4 chairs and 2 teacher's desks, to be shipped to H. C. Rice, Indian Agent, Shubenacadie, N.S. It was understood that these desks would be shipped early in September.

In a letter dated October 12 from Mr. Rice he states that the desks have not yet arrived, and as the new school is now ready for occupancy, the desks are urgently needed. I would appreciate your advising this Department if they have been shipped and, if not, when can we expect delivery?

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Vilas Furniture Co., Limited,
Cowansville, Que.

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Cowansville, October 19-1945.
Que.

Department of Mines And Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Ont.

Gentlemen;-

Attention Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division

We have for acknowledgment, your letter of October 16th. in connection with 100 Movable Chair Desks, four Chairs and two Teachers Desks, covered by Departmental Purchase Order #3803, to be shipped to H.C.Rice, Indian Agent, Shubenacadie, N. S.

We might say there was a short unavoidable delay with this order, but, on October 5th. we shipped the following;-

30	No.	3	Movable Chair Desks
30	"	5	" " "
4	"	31-1/2	Arm Chairs
2	"	24	Teachers Desks

This leaves a balance on our files of forty No. 1 Movable Chair Desks. We will not be able to ship the No. 1 Desks until approximately the end of the present month.

Yours very truly,

VILAS FURNITURE COMPANY LIMITED

[Signature]
Works Manager.



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Front Side facing West towards road.

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South-East Corner.

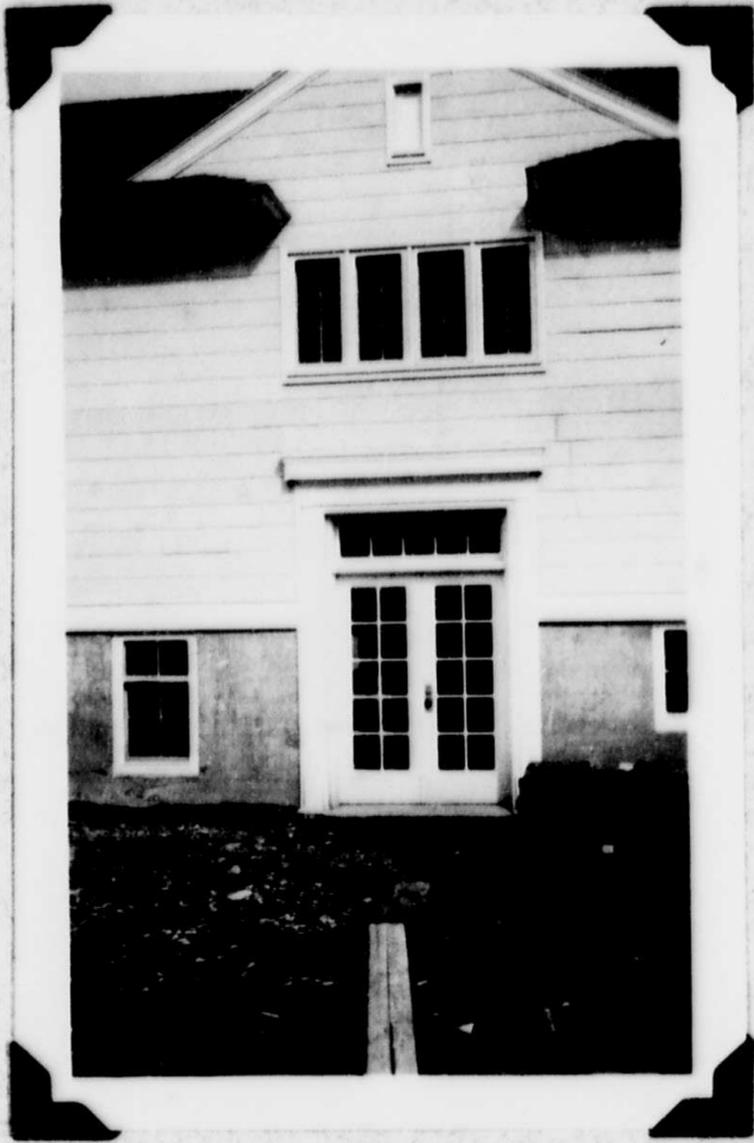


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Front Entrance



North End.

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Class Room with cupboard showing in Coat Room



Front Stairway.

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Class Room, Door to Coat Room showing.



Class Room - Entrance Door and hot air outlet showing

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Manual Training Room in Basement



Corner of Classroom

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INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

Shubenacadie, N.S.

October, 1945.

Photographs by R.R. Ross,
Assistant Engineer.

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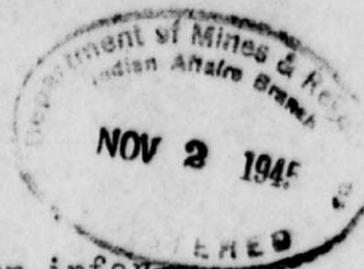
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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

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Ottawa, 2nd November, 1945.

Schroeder
Mr. Hoey

Re: Indian Day School,
Schubenacadie, Nova Scotia



I am forwarding herewith for your information, a set of twelve photographs (12) of the above school, showing both the exterior and the interior views that were taken by Mr. R.R. Ross of our Engineering Staff during October last.

As you know, this building has been under way for a long time, construction being delayed due to the lack of labour and the extreme difficulty of getting building materials.

+ It is now completed, with the exception that registers and grills for warm air supply ducts and cold air returns have not yet been delivered by the contractor.

+ The main contractor has also to rehang the entrance doors, so that they will swing out rather than swing in as he originally installed them.

It is expected that the total cost of the building when completed will be some \$18,000.00. As you know, the expenditure of \$18,700.00 was approved by Council.

The photographs can be kept for your records.

J. W. Davelle
Director.

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Ottawa, November 6, 1945.

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

I am in receipt of the following memorandum
from the Surveys and Engineering Branch:-

"Re: Indian Day School, Shubenacadie, N.S.

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"The photographs can be kept for your records."

You should let me know when the work mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 is completed.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Ottawa, November 6, 1945.

Memorandum:

**DIRECTOR,
SURVEYS and ENGINEERING BRANCH.**

I desire to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your memorandum of November 2, enclosing photographs of the new Indian day school on the Shubenacadie Reserve.

Director.

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Mr. Morris' report on the Shubenacadie Agency dated Oct.27-Nov..I

Handwritten signature



SCHOOL -

A new four-room day school has just been completed. Materials used in the construction are good and all the work appears to be well done. Only two rooms will be used as there are only about fifty children enrolled this year. Two lay teachers are in charge. At the time of my visit it was raining very heavily and had been raining for several days. As a result water was coming into the school under the front door. The front entrance is built almost flat on the ground. If there had been one or two cement steps up to the entrance then it would be impossible for the water to enter. There is an excellent well lighted basement. In my opinion it would have been much better had cloakroom space been made available in the basement rather than at the back end of each classroom.

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SOLD TO *Department of Mines & Resources.*
School. *Shubenacadie N.S.*

<i>Oct</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>1 Silver Polisher</i>	<i>1 75-</i>
		<i>1 Gray Mop.</i>	<i>1 00</i>
	<i>31</i>	<i>1 Box screws.</i>	<i>75-</i>
		<i>3 dy screws.</i>	<i>24</i>
		<i>3 " "</i>	<i>21</i>
		<i>1 Brown.</i>	<i>95-</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1 Silver Mop.</i>	<i>60</i>
		<i>1 " "</i>	<i>1 00</i>
		<i>1 Galv Paint.</i>	<i>1 50</i>
		<i>1 Galv Pan.</i>	<i>50</i>
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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

PURCHASE ORDER

NO. 5233
THIS ORDER NO. TO APPEAR ON
ALL PACKAGES AND INVOICES.

WNV/CPD

OTTAWA Aug. 29/45

FILE NO. 60139-15-30

TO Vilas Furniture Co., Ltd.,
Cowansville, P.Q.

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS AND CHARGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES.

SHIP TO H. C. Rice, Esq., Indian Agent, Shubenacadie, N.S.

F.O.B. Shubenacadie, N.S., ~~QUOTATION~~ on basis of your quotation of 25/8/45.

RENDER A SEPARATE INVOICE FOR EACH ORDER AND SEND 4 COPIES AFTER SHIPMENT

TO H. C. Rice, Esq., Indian Agent, Shubenacadie, N.S.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL
100 only	Single chair desks, Model W. or equal, including:- <i>VR 754</i> 30 small size NO 5 - 316.50 754 30 medium size NO 3 325.50 1007 40 large size. NO. 1. 443.00		
2 only	Teacher's desks, with locking device, Vilas #24 or equal, less top rail. \$57.30 <i>VR 754</i>		
4 "	Teacher's chairs, Globe #1562 or equal - your No. 39. \$20.60 <i>VR 754</i>		
			(Est. cost - \$1150.00)

Noted

VR 754 - 713.90 passed 16.11.45

VOTE	PRIMARY	OBJECT	ENCUMB. NO.	DELIVERY REQUIRED BY
76	12	415	824	Early in Sept. 1945.
CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29 OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND AUDIT ACT 1931.				PURCHASING AGENT
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Our Order No. B.O. 3803-

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Shipped Via Prt. Ppd.

40 No. 1 Model W Chair Desks

11.20

448.00

Fed. sales tax inc.

Prepaid

Shipped to:- H.C. Rice Esq., Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N.S.

NO CLAIM ALLOWED UNLESS MADE WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF GOODS

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM H. C. RICE, INDIAN AGENT,
SHUBENACADIE, N.S., dated August 3, 1945.

Original on 51-1-1

I have informed Mrs. Mary E. MacNeil that her services will not be required on this Reserve but have asked her to take over the Indian School at Millbrook.

With regard to desks for the new Day School, the following will be required:

- 30 small -
- 40 large -
- 30 medium -

Also 4 teacher's desks and 8 chairs.
I might say that I cannot seem to get a price on these locally at this late date.

*Note Chair
over desks
P.H.*

*30
40
30
2 teacher desks*

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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.


Director.

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Pumpkins
& Leathers
residence

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Ottawa, 5th February, 1946.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING BRANCH

Re: Shubenacadie Indian Residential School

With reference to the Principal's residence and teacher's residence to be erected this summer on the Shubenacadie Indian Reserve, I would appreciate it if you would provide for hot-water heating in both of these buildings instead of hot-air heating.

Director.

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SHUBENACADIE INDIAN AGENCY

AGENT'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1945.

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With regard to the new School, which is finally completed, ~~excepting installation of registers for the floors~~ and these have not arrived from the manufacturers as yet. This has been a long drawn out process-about fifteen months constructing the building. I feel however that MacDonald, the Contractor, has done a real good job and that nothing has been slighted in any way. We certainly have a nice building and it is a great credit to the Reserve. Throughout the job, most of the work was done by two men and Indians from the Reserve supplied the remainder of the help. This building will require a lot of attention, both inside and outside and I intend to burn wood in the furnace for this year, as there is plenty on hand, with only two classrooms to be heated. I have recommended Joseph Howe, the only competent Indian I have, for the job. He lives near the School and I have recommended his salary at the rate of \$50.00 per month. Although this might seem rather high, yet the building will require someone to look after it day and night and considering circumstances, I do not think this rate to be unreasonable. I am waiting Departmental instruction on this matter. As I had to hire two teachers at the beginning of the school term, expecting that the new building would be ready, it has been necessary to have two sessions each day in the old school, one in the morning for the higher grades and another in the afternoon for the lower grades. Because there was not room in the old school, this has been necessary. Immediately the seats, desks and chairs arrive, I intend to open two rooms of the new school as this will be sufficient for this year and will be easier to heat. Mr Ross of the Engineering Service was here for two weeks, surveying out the water line from the Spring Brook to the Reserve. He found abundance of water and an analysis showed it to be in first class condition. He also inspected the new School and found it to his entire satisfaction. While construction of the building since last Christmas, has taken up quite a lot of my time, due to the fact that there was no Engineer here, Mr Ross' favourable comments made me feel that time I had spent on it had been well worthwhile.

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H.C.Rice,
Indian Agent.

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SHUBENACADIE INDIAN AGENCY

EXTRACT
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QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1945.

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We finally managed to move into our new School the first of November. Two classrooms only are in use and these have been kept warm quite easily by burning wood. Because the remainder of the School has been closed off, it has been possible to heat the two rooms fairly easily. However I feel sure that when the time arrives and we have four teachers, we will have to use coal for a few months in place of wood. I had some gravel spread around on the School grounds, but there is still considerable work to be done in order to make the playgrounds attractive. In the Spring I will endeavour to get some crushed rock which will make it much drier and should show a much greater improvement. The children are all watched carefully regarding their school attendance and in case of absentees, the Constable is notified and a full explanation is required from the parents. We had Mr. Ross from the Survey and Engineering Branch, checking on the new School and surveying out the proposed waterline.

XX H.C. Rice, XX
Indian Agent.

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