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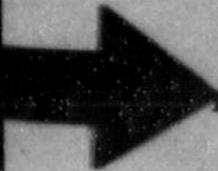
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OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT
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RECORDS

December 11th 1935

File No. 39

JW/R

Portage la Prairie
Manitoba

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*Note -
and new found
used in future*

Sir,

I beg to enclose a report received from the Principal of the Pine Creek Indian Residential School on the death of Theodore Cook, a pupil in his School.

My report in connection with this death will be forwarded to the Department in a few days.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

Indian Agent.

Encl.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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PINE CREEK SCHOOL,

December 2nd. 35.
1900.

Sir,

I have to report the death on the 2nd. inst.

of THEODORE COOK

Pupil No. 186 of Shoal River Band,

Annuity Pay-Ticket No. 92, Manitowapah Agency,

Cause of death Acute nephritis with idema of lungs.

Sickness lasted only one day and one night.

Dr. Medd, of Winnipegosis, attended, and went to get a special Nurse.

J. Brachet
Principal.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Agent's Report to Lacombe

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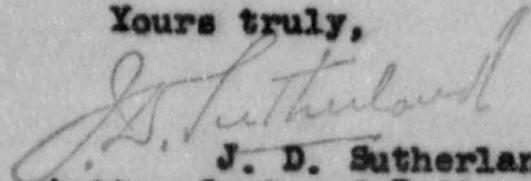
Ottawa, December 18, 1935.

Dear Sir:

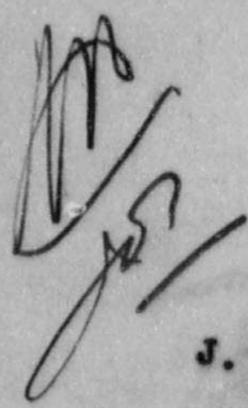
The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing report of the Principal of the Pine Creek Indian Residential School regarding the death of Theodore Cook.

It is noted from the last paragraph of your letter that your report will be forwarded in the near future. It is presumed that you will use the new form for this purpose. If Father Brachet has not any of these forms, you should give him some. They should be used instead of the form which Father Brachet sent.

Yours truly,



J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

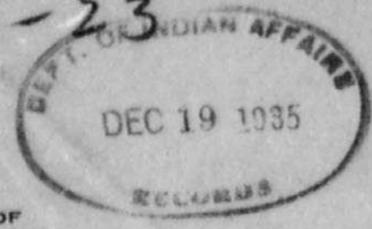


J. Waite, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Portage la Prairie,
Man.

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December 16th. 1935

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

File No. 25.
W.

Portage la Prairie,
Manitoba.

[Handwritten signature]
R

Sir;-

I beg to enclose herewith forms No. 414, being an inquiry into the death of Theodore Cook a pupil of the Pine Creek Indian Residential School. The inquiry was held on the 13th instant. The parent of the boy was duly notified, but was not in attendance. The doctor could not attend as he was called to a confinement case which was urgent. However, the Doctor prepared a report in addition to the one submitted on the form, and it is attached herewith.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of

Theodore Cook....., Pupil No. *186*.....
of the *Pine Creek* Indian Residential School at *Camperville*,
who died at *Camperville* (place) on *December 2nd* 19*35*

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL

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1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *December 1st, 1935*
2. At what time of day? *6:15 a. m.*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *The sister in charge noticed the child felt as though he wanted to vomit; he had gotten up at 6:15 a. m. with the other boys but sister put him*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *He was not suffering. Taken back to bed*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Sister gave the boy two tablespoonfuls of milk of magnesia which he vomited at 8 a. m.*
6. When was the doctor called? *8:30 a. m. December 1st, 1935*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *Doctor Medd would not remove him - he was too ill*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *Doctor Medd brought a nurse to help sister Superior take care of child.*
9. Add any other useful information here.

At 8 a. m. when the child vomited we noticed his eyes and face swelling - he seemed very sleepy. We immediately called the Doctor.

J. Bracher O. M. S.
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Theodore Cook from Dec 1st
to Dec. 2nd The immediate cause of death was
Acute Diphtheria

The contributory cause of death was slightly later
developed signs of Acute Pneumonia

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express
your carefully considered views as follows:

No fault of school staff.

A. J. Mead M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....

Theodore Cook, Pine Creek Residential School

have been recorded? *Yes* If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

Nothing to add. Doctor Mead's complete report attached.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

None.

Hait

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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Winnipegosis Dec. th. 9/35.

The Department Of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



Respected Sirs:-.

On Sunday December 1st I was called to Pine Creek Indian School to treat *Theodore* Cook. I went at once and found this boy in coma . His face and eyes were puffed and swollen. Features pale, pulse irregular and little slow, respirations normal per minute but with a rattle in throat. The urine was loaded with albumen. There was some twitching of muscles. I made diagnosis of an acute nephritis . The chest appeared negative . There was no sign of rigidity of neck or back. The ears were negative. There was vomiting when I arrived and I was able to elicit that this boy had a headache.

I irrigated bowels with good results, placed boy in hot pack between woolen blankets in warm room isolated and gave sips of soda water. I secured Nurse Whale from Winnipegosis and continued treatment remaining at Pine Creek till boy died Monday morning. Monday morning I found signs of a pneumonia with pulse, temperature and respirations much increased. I believe the two conditions had developed at about the same time and as result this little boy died.

The Superintendent of the school and staff had done everything possible . They assisted in every way. I had been called as early as anyone would expect. The condition was acute rapid , with a sudden termination which was expected and which

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was unavoidable.

Mr. Cook at Shoal River reserve was notified Monday by wire to effect that his little boy had died. It was impossible to notify him sooner or before death took place. A married sister of this boy, who was living at Pine Creek was called and I brought her to the school to be present also a sister in the school.

On Saturday this boy was skating and appeared well. I know this Cook family and this boy and can report that he appeared well to me. The ailment was acute and the termination sudden. I believe everything was well done that could be done to help this little boy. Every attention was given. The School Staff under the direction of a wonderful Sister Superior, had done everything that was possible under the circumstances.

I have the honor to be,

Sirs,

Your obedient servant.

A. E. Medd
A. E. Medd

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Winnipegosis Sept/9th38.

Mr. J. Waitr,
Indian Agent,
Portage La Prairie.

Dear Mr. Waite,

Re. Alexander Cook- Sheal River Reserve.

This boy took sick with temperature and cough at Pine Creek School May 1st. he was isolated and seen by me and was detained at the school - given nursing care and medicine - This boy was thoroughly checked and I realized that I could keep him at the school for further observation which was necessary and then have him checked by The T.B. clinic at Dauphin and further disposed of. There was no improvement - his parents were notified of his condition on three separate conditions. He was too sick to be taken to Dauphin to the T.B. Clinic. I had him removed to the Grerar Hospital Winnipegosis June 9th.

His condition did not improve- The cardinal findings as shown by the chart were- cough- expectoration- irregular temperature- sweating- haemorrhage from lungs- loss of appetite- and weight.

The haemorrhages were the late findings. There was no t.b found in first specimens of sputum later I had definite T.B. bacilli in sputum.

The chest was explored for fluid or pus but none found. The findings in the chest were \ddot{r} espirations in first two weeks of May 20 to 26 per minute Pulse 100 to 110 and temperature 100 to 101 .

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The last Part of May respirations were 20 to 28 per minute. temperature 101 to 102 and half with pulse increase.

During June the respirations remained at thirty per minute and the temperature varied but remained rather higher and the pulse increased this was due to haemorrhages and involvement of the lungs.

This condition carried through till time of death, The lungs showed a progressive involvement with spread of area involving whole of left lung and upper part of right lung.

The general medicines used were stimulating expectorants in the first instance- rest- and good nursing care. with isolation. Later the complications were dealt with as thought necessary. For haemorrhages he had Calcium lactate- ice bag- sedative.

The condition was steadily progressive to fatal termination.

The Summary-

----- I believe that there will be detention at the larger Indian schools of such cases where isolation can be maintained. The reasons for this is that we will have breakdowns at school of Indian children who mostly have been contacts as in this case. The second reason for this detention is for diagnostic purposes and I believe that any child with expectoration should be isolated and sputum test made.

If all chest cases are sent out on temperature and cough there would be no end of the number sent away when it would not be necessary and when we would not know if we had tuberculosis or not to deal with.

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Where the parent is at a distance it is not pleasant to have the responsibility of a little child that is not progressing well.

Repeated check ups will not avoid the breakdowns we will still have first diagnosis of T.B. made at the schools - There will still be detention at the school and good care given each child and disposal of such child and in reasonable time where we feel that something can be done to save that life it will be sent to Sanatorium. This case was discussed with Staff Of T.B. clinic at Dauphin and I made the case known and the boys condition discussed along with his brother who was at the clinic.

In my opinion everything was done and good attention given to Alexander Cook while at the Pine Creek School and I have given him the best of attention. I realized that his progress was not good- I reported same to parents and School Principal.

I expect that we will have others that will have their break downs at school and as I review this case I can visualize that any other case will be handled in much the same way.

Yours Truly

A. E. Medd
A. E. Medd

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of

Alexander COOK Pupil No. **170**

of the **Pine Creek** Indian Residential School at **Camperville, Man.**,

who died at **Creer Hospital,** (place) on *July 25 2:30 PM* 19*35*
Winnipegosis, Man.

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

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The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

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This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *April 24/1988*
2. At what time of day? *Afternoon*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *To Sister Superior.*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Child put to bed. isolated.*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? - *Ordinary nursing care.*
6. When was the doctor called? *Had supervision of care from beginning.*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *June 9th. School Van.*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *Part time of school. isolated and under medical care. with nursing care.*
9. Add any other useful information here.

*The Two Cook children were under Normal physical fitness - Richard - (both) Having temperatures on admission. This boy was isolated and cared for. Alexander Cook seemed in better condition on admission. I was anxious about both these children and done every thing to build them up with doctor's advice - C. Buest, o.m.c.
Principal.*

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Alexander Cook from April 24/38.
to Time of death. The immediate cause of death was
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The contributory cause of death was

This boy was tubercular contact from home.

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

School staff used exceptional care, in checking up on this child when he entered school last year and gave first class cure to this pupil while he was at school.

A. S. Medd M.D.

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OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT
Portage la Prairie,
Man.

Mr. [unclear]
[unclear]



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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 39-10
Sept. 22nd,
1938.



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Sir:

I enclose herewith a report concerning the death of Alexander Cook, pupil No. 170, Pine Creek Indian Residential School, which occurred at the Crerar Hospital, July 28th. The report is complete and the clinical report is also attached by Dr. Medd, Medical Adviser.

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Indian Agent.

Encl.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Therese Thomas, Pupil No. 0270 of the Pine Creek Indian Residential School at Camperville, Man. who died at Pine Creek School (place) on May 24th 1942

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

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The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

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This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *November 20, 1941*

2. At what time of day? *6. P.M.*

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?.....

Sister Superior, R.N.

4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Patient put to bed, Dr. notified*

5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?.....

6. When was the doctor called? *At date of sickness*

7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?

8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *Complete isolation and medical attendance*

9. Add any other useful information here.

*Patient admitted that she had three hemorrhages at home during
Holidays - not coughing, no temperature when readmitted at school
but weak and pale, she put her under restricted routine, till a first
hemorrhage took place on Nov. 20th. During sickness all
means were taken for the benefit of the patient*

C. Rieest D.M.S.

Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Theresa Thomas from November 1941
to May 1943. The immediate cause of death was.....

Pulmonary Tuberculosis
The contributory cause of death was Pulmonary haemorrhage

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

C. F. Medd M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....

Theresa Thomas

have been recorded? YES..... If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

Nil

J. R. [Signature]
Chairman Indian Agent

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Ottawa,
June 15, 1942.

Reverend Sir:

I am in receipt of memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Therese Thomas, No. 0270 of the Pine Creek Residential School.

Yours truly,

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



Rev. C. Ruest, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Pine Creek Indian Residential School,
Camperville, Man.

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(Winnipegosis Detachment report dated 8-6-42)

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Re: Therese THOMAS - Treaty Indian, Pine Creek Indian Residential School, Camperville, Man. DEATH OF:

The Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Winnipeg, Man.

Forwarded for your information, 11-6-42.

P.H. Tucker, Supt.
i/c C.I.B.

H:H

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.P. OTTAWA.

Forwarded for your information, 11-6-42.

CONCLUDED - HANDED OVER

P.H. Tucker, Supt.
i/c C.I.B.

H:H
Winnipeg

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "D" SUB-DIVISION DAWPHIN. DETACHMENT WINNIPEGOSIS.
 PROVINCE MANITOBA. DATE JUNE 8th, 1942.

FILE REFERENCES

RE: **Therese THOMAS - Treaty Indian, Pine Creek Indian Residential School, Camperville, Man. DEATH OF:**

(ASSISTANCE TO DEPT. INDIAN AFFAIRS)

5-6-42.

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DETACHMENT

P. C. R.

Winnipegosis
First.

A. R. V. No.

1. Referring to the above I have to report that on the above date Dr. A.E. WOOD, Winnipegosis, Man. called at this detachment office and stated that the above named girl had died at Pine Creek residential school on May 24th, 1942 and that it was necessary to hold an enquiry into the cause of death, further that he had received a letter from the office of the Indian Agent, Portage La Prairie, Man. and that it was impossible for Indian Agent J. Waite to attend the enquiry and that he had requested that someone act for him as chairman on the board of enquiry. Dr. WOOD therefore requested that the writer accompany him to Camperville for the purpose of sitting as chairman on the board of enquiry.

2. As the writer had several other files in this district it was decided to accompany the Doctor. I therefore left Winnipegosis at 2.00 p.m. per car (gratis) and proceeded to Camperville, Man. where the enquiry was conducted into the death of the captionally noted and it was learned that she had died from advanced tuberculosis, the immediate cause of death being a hemorrhage. The writer acted as chairman of the board.

3. Other files in this district were attended and the writer returned to Winnipegosis at 9.40 p.m. the same date.

4. Extra copy of this report attached hereto for the information of J. Waite, Indian Agent, Portage La Prairie, Man.

K.R.I.

CONCLUDED - H.O.T.D.C.

J. Waite, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Portage la Prairie, Man.

[Signature]
Reg. No. 10284 (J. D. Lee) Cpl.
i-c., Winnipegosis Detachment.

Forwarded 9-6-42. For your information and record copy of report submitted by Cpl. Lee i/c Winnipegosis Det. in connection with the above.

(G. WILLIAMS) Sgt. Rm
O.C. Dauphin S/Div. A.O.I.

DIARY DATE

The O.C. - "D" Division,
R.C.M.P., WINNIPEG, Man.

SET FOR

Sir: Forwarded 9-6-42. Extra copy for information of Department concerned.

CONCLUDED.
H.O.T.D.C.

[Signature]
(G. WILLIAMS) Sgt. Rm
O.C. Dauphin S/Div. A.O.I.

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OUR FILE NO. 42 D 1074-3-F-11

OTTAWA, June 18, 1942.

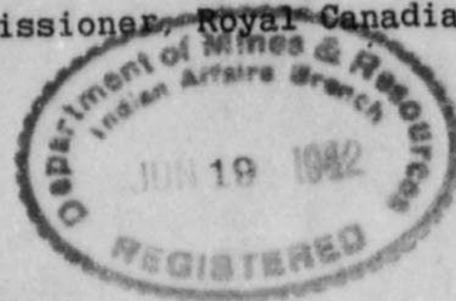
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Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
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TO:

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Camperville Man

10 th April 1951

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

I declare that I dont'consider the Pine Creek Indian Residential School staff responsible in any way for the death of my son Albert that occurred on Sunday 8 th and wish to exonerate it from any blame .

Joseph Arsene Nejeunak

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of
 Albert NEPINAK, #196 Pine Creek Band, Pupil No. 324
 of the Pine Creek Indian Residential School at Camperville, Man.,
 who died at PINE CREEK (INDIAN RESERVE) on APRIL 8th 1951.

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury?..... 8th April 1951
2. At what time of day?..... 2 p.m. (body found)
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident?..... n.a.
4. What means were taken to afford relief?..... search
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?..... n.a.
6. When was the doctor called?..... 2:15 p.m. 8th April 1951
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?..... n.a.
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?..... n.a.
9. Add any other useful information here.

Boy had left school to home
without permission

J. de Bretagne
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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