

Alberni, V.I., B.C., May 5 1930

M. J. D. S. & Co. B.E. Fr. Co.

Tools & nails for Septic Tank work
Alberni Residential School

To Thomson's General Store Dr

PHONE 41

TERMS 30 DAYS

8 PER CENT INTEREST CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

1930

Apr 3	2 Shovels	300	2 Propane diggers	770	10 70
	12 Hrs 5' mud walls				78
	5 1/2 2'				35
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Letter No. 25.C.30

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Office of the West Coast Indian Agency,
Port Alberni.B.C.
May 7th 1930

Albert

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 28,
amounting to \$ 11.83 in favour
of Thomson, a General Store, Alberni.B.C.
for tools and nails supplied for septic tank work at
Alberni Indian Residential School, April, 1930
This expenditure was authorized by Departmental
Letter No 20/15/17499 dated Victoria April 28th, 1930,

Your obedient servant,

E. C. Frost
Indian Agent.

Jay J. J.

ACCOUNTANTS
MAY 17 1930
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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Dept of Indian Affairs
 Port Alberni, B. C. June 30th 1930

Septic tank at Alberni Reg School

IN ACCOUNT WITH

A. S. HANNA
Plumbing and Heating

PHONE NO. 321

THIRD AVENUE

P. O. BOX 494

Apr 19	1	1 x 36 Galv pipe ✓	60
	1	1 x 10 1/2 " " ✓	20
		Cutting & threading	20
21	1	1 coppered joint Galv pipe 8 1/2" ✓	75
	1	6" x 42" long with 3" collar Galv pipe ✓	75
			3.50

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 Port Alberni, B.C.

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Letter No. 21.C.30,

Office of the.....West Coast.....Indian Agency,
Port Alberni.B.C.
May 5th,.....19.30

Sir,

*Account
checked*

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 24.
amounting to \$ 3.50. in favour
of A.S.Hanna, Port Alberni.B.C.

for plumbing fittings for septic tank supplied to Alberni
Indian Residential School, April, 1930,

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 30/15/17499 dated Victoria April, 28th, 1930

*Pay
order*

Your obedient servant,

E. E. Frost
Indian Agent.

ACCOUNTANTS
MAY 13 1930

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P. O. Box 132,

Port Alberni, B. C., May 1 1930 19

Department of Indian Affairs.

Indian Mission School, Alberni B.C.

Urgent Repairs

DR. TO Alberni Engineering Works

General Engineers and Machinists

MARINE RAILWAY

Terms: Cash, unless otherwise arranged.

Interest will be charged on all overdue accounts

March 25.	8 lbs phosphoreous bronze.	4.40 ✓
	Two rubber spring pads.	7.00 ✓
	One oil cup glass 40¢. 4- 1/2 brass screws, 20¢	60 ✓
	Disassembling extractor. Removing old pads from pedestal. Trueing vertical shaft. Counterboring, bushing, and reboring base bearing. and Assembling	22.00 ✓
April 15	Preparing. Welding & testing water jacket. Building in. and fitting. new side on door.	18.15
		<u>52.15 ✓</u>

G. K. Pitts
OK Ed St
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.
May 13th, 1930.

Sir;

I have the honour to call the attention of the Department to the attached account Voucher No, 44, amounting to \$52.15, in favour of the Alberni Engineering Works, Port Alberni, B.C.

The repairs therein charged for were urgent as the laundry work, in each case, had to be discontinued until the repairs had been completed, I therefore respectfully recommend the Department's favourable consideration of the same.

Your obedient servant.

Encs,

E. R. Frost

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

Indian Agent.

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Letter No. 33.C.30

Office of the West Coast Indian Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.



May 13th 1930

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 44

amounting to \$52.15 in favour

of Alberni Engineering works, Port Alberni, B.C.

for repairs to Washing Extractor and Jacket Heater at Alberni
Indian Residential School, March 25th and April, 15th, 1930

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. dated

Your obedient servant,

E. E. Frost

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CANADA
DOMINION WATER POWER AND RECLAMATION SERVICE

R E P O R T
on
PROPOSED REPAIRS
to
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM
PORT ALBERNI INDIAN SCHOOL

by
A. L. McNaughton.

C. E. Webb, Esq.,
District Chief Engineer,
Dom. Water Power & Reclamation Service,
739 Hastings Street, West,
Vancouver, B.C.

Vancouver, B.C.,
April 30, 1930.

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PORT ALBERNI INDIAN SCHOOL
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A. L. McNAUGHTON

Vancouver, B. C.,
April 30, 1930.

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Vancouver, B. C.,
April 30, 1930.

Sir:

Having received your instructions to make an examination of the septic tank at Alberni Indian school, this installation was first visited on March 31st and again on April 16th.

DESCRIPTION OF CONDITION OF TANK

On the former date the tank was found completely filled with sludge which was so compacted that it was difficult to force a pointed stake down through it to the bottom. Both the settling chamber and the syphon chamber were found to be in this condition. As it was, of course, impossible for the automatic syphon to function, all the liquid part of the sewage was flowing over the surface of the sludge and out through the emergency overflow pipe. At some time previous to my visit this pipe had been broken off and the sewage from the tank then flowed on the surface of the ground down the hillside to the lower flat.

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

As it was urgently necessary that steps be taken immediately to remedy the conditions described, a memorandum was given to Mr. Frost, Indian Agent, recommending that the tank be cleaned out, the sludge buried and while this was in progress that the sewage be diverted to a

C. E. Webb, Esq.,
District Chief Engineer,
Dominion Water Power & Reclamation Service,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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temporary cess pool. The cost of this work was estimated at \$200.00. While it was realized at this time that the filter beds below the tank were quite probably blocked with solid sludge no attempt was made to ascertain their condition, it being considered that this could best be done when the flow from the tank was again diverted to these beds.

SECOND EXAMINATION OF TANK

Notification having been received from Mr. Frost that the tank had been cleaned out and was ready for inspection, a second visit was made on April 16th. On my first visit it had been impossible to obtain the dimensions of the two chambers of the tank and this information was now obtained. It was found that the tank had been very thoroughly cleaned out at a cost approximately as estimated and was ready to be again put in use. On examination of the system below the tank outlet it was then found that alterations to this system would be necessary as hereafter described.

CONDITION OF FILTER BEDS

At the time of my first visit the only information available as to the filter beds was contained in a block plan of the school and grounds on file in Mr. Frost's office. On my second visit information became available that the filter beds as originally installed on a steep side hill functioned for only about one year. At the end of this time many of the pipes had washed out and were lying on the surface of the hillside. The filter bed was then abandoned and a pipe line laid leading directly from the syphon chamber to

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the Somass river without any intermediate filterage, as shown on attached plan (Appendix No. 2).

Unfortunately this pipe was laid with open joints and not to line or grade and with no manholes for cleaning purposes. On digging it up at various points it was found that it was completely blocked for at least 150 feet past the septic tank and probably is blocked for nearly its whole length and so is now useless as a tank outlet.

When this was discovered, arrangements were made to install a temporary drain from the tank to the cesspool and to put the tank again in operation. This disposal of the sewage will function satisfactorily for a few months pending the construction of a new outlet pipe to the Somass river which is hereinafter recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that a new outlet pipe be constructed leading directly from the syphon chamber of the septic tank to the Somass river as shown on plan (Appendix No. 1). Flanged vitrified pipe 6 inches in diameter should be used and should be laid with cemented joints to accurate line and grade. At two points where changes in line and grade occur manholes for cleaning purposes should be constructed. A third manhole should be constructed where the sewage inlet pipe enters the septic tank and in this manhole there should be provision for temporarily turning the flow of sewage into the cess pool during periodical tank cleanings. The cost of this construction is estimated at \$903.25 as itemized in Appendix No. 1 of this report.

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It is also recommended that during the next year the tank should be closely observed and the settling chamber be cleaned out when the solids on the bottom reach a depth of two feet or more. The period required for such accumulation will then be ascertained and the tank should thereafter be cleaned out at the regular interval thus determined. Ordinary good practice is to clean these tanks once a year but as this tank is smaller than the standard size, special precautions are necessary.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

(a) Capacity of Septic Tank

The settling chamber has dimensions as follows:- Length 12 feet, width 4.5 feet, height to overflow 4.5 feet. This gives a daily capacity of 15 gallons to each of the 125 occupants of the school as compared to a standard capacity for such installations of 40 gallons. Thus the tank is apparently much too small for the purpose it serves. However, the fact that the tank has been in use for ten years without cleaning and without giving serious trouble until the present time indicates that with proper attention it should in future function satisfactorily. The figure of 40 gallons sewage per capita daily has no doubt been obtained from observations under different conditions than those here existing and is quite probably an over estimate of the sewage from an institution such as an Indian school.

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As far as I could ascertain without digging up the drains there is no roof drainage admitted to the septic tank. Laundry water, bath water and kitchen waste pass through the tank but it is probable that these wastes will be satisfactorily eliminated as there are no filter beds in connection with the disposal system.

If, however, after the system is put into operation it should be found that these wastes are causing difficulties in the operation of the septic tank separate plumbing will then have to be provided and this water disposed of in some other way, possibly in surface irrigation of the school gardens.

(b) Filter Bed Not Necessary

As originally designed and installed the effluent from the septic tank passed through a filter bed situated on a hill side to the south of the tank. While no excavations were made at this point, the soil in the vicinity of the tank and in the flats through which the present outlet pipe passes is a fairly heavy clay and quite unsuitable for filtration purposes. From the time that this filter bed was abandoned to the present time the liquid tank effluent has been discharged directly into the Somass river. As the

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point of discharge is within the area of tidal influence the water in this vicinity is not used for drinking purposes. When the tank is working properly the effluent is a liquid and is unobjectionable in appearance or odor and does not create a nuisance along the banks of the river. Under these circumstances it was not considered necessary to make any alteration in the present system of disposal which has now gone on for several years without any local protest.

(c) Maintenance of System

It should be remembered by those who are in charge of the maintenance of such systems that a septic tank installation is far from an ideal system of sewage disposal and will only function properly when it is carefully watched and prompt action taken to remedy any irregularities in operation as they arise. The following are the conditions most likely to cause trouble:-

1. Excessive accumulation of solids in the settling chamber.
2. Failure of operation of the automatic syphon.
3. Clogging of the filter bed system (usually caused by condition No.1).

The latter condition will not need to be watched in this case as no filter beds have been provided.

Your obedient servant,

A.L. McNaughton

A.L. McNaughton
Asst. Power Development Engineer.

APPROVED:

C. S. G. York
District Chief Engineer

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APPENDIX NO. I.

Estimate of Cost,
Proposed Septic Tank Outlet
Alberni Indian School.

Excavation - 285 cu.yds. @ 70¢	\$ 199.50
Backfill and tamping, 285 cu.yds. @ 25¢	71.25
6" sewer pipe (vitrified) D.S. 525' @ 36¢	189.00
6" sewer pipe (vitrified) 4 - 45° bends	5.60
8" - 6" reducer	1.40
Freight - Vancouver-Alberni	32.50
Cartage - Alberni	30.00
Pipe laying including materials (6 sacks cement, jute, etc. \$10.00)	35.00
3 manholes each 1.8 cu.yds. concrete @ \$35.00 cu.yd.	<u>189.00</u>
	\$ 753.25
Tools, contingencies, supervision expenses	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL COST	<u>\$ 903.25</u>

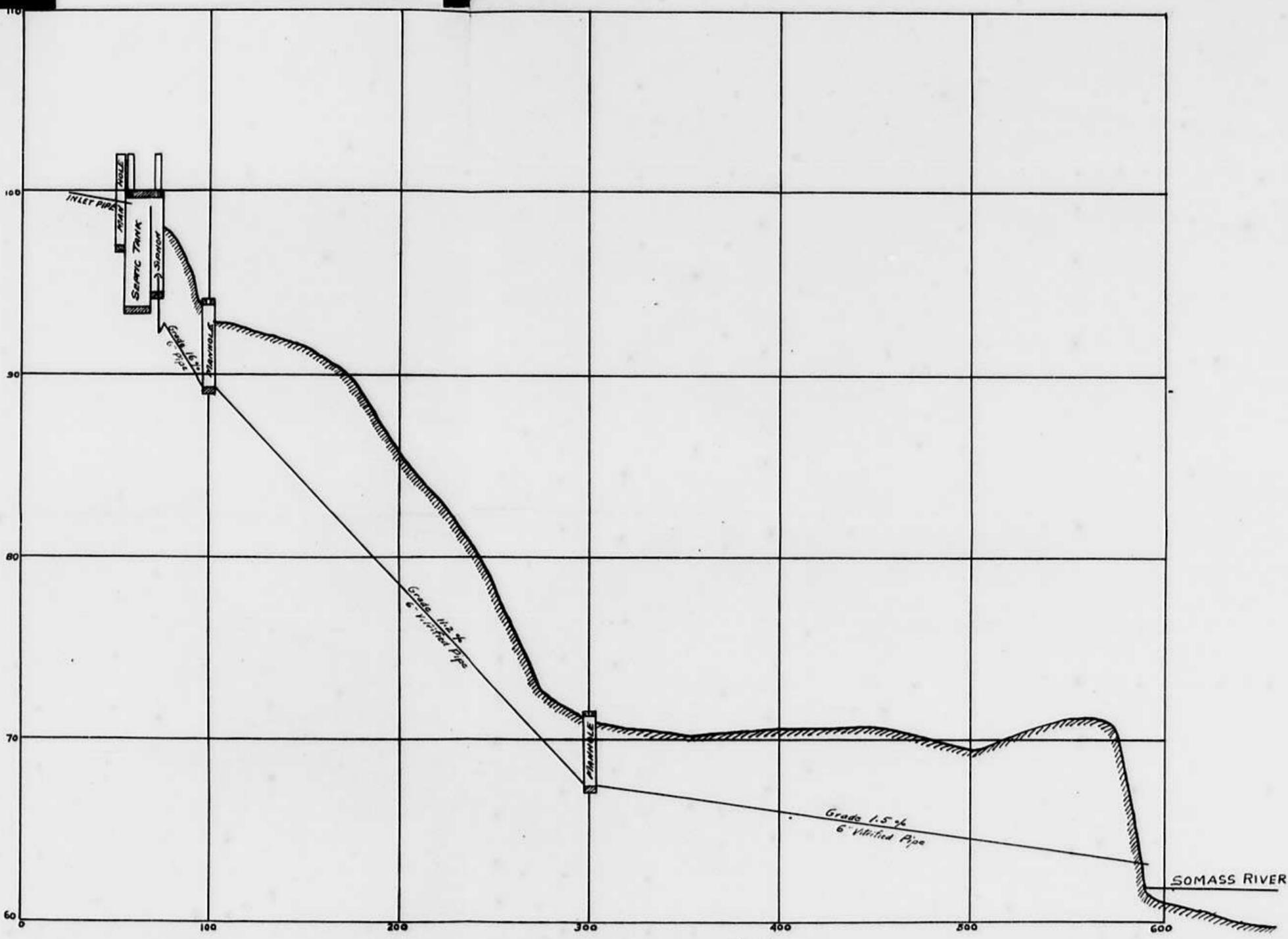
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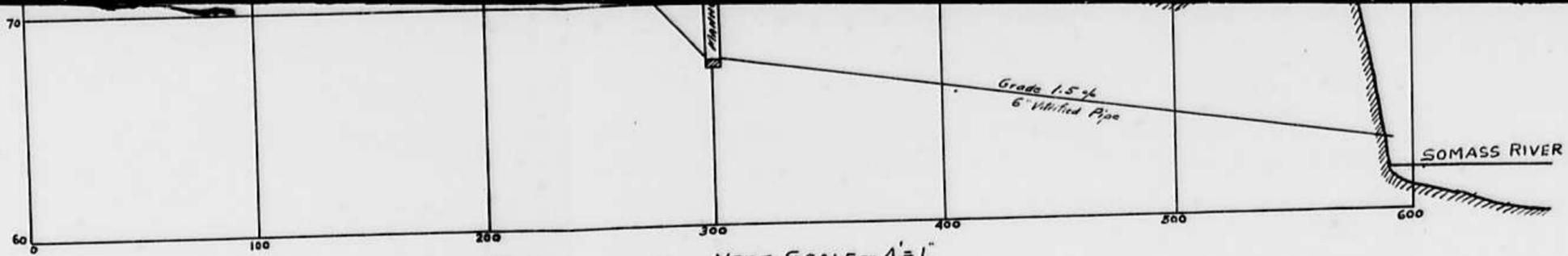
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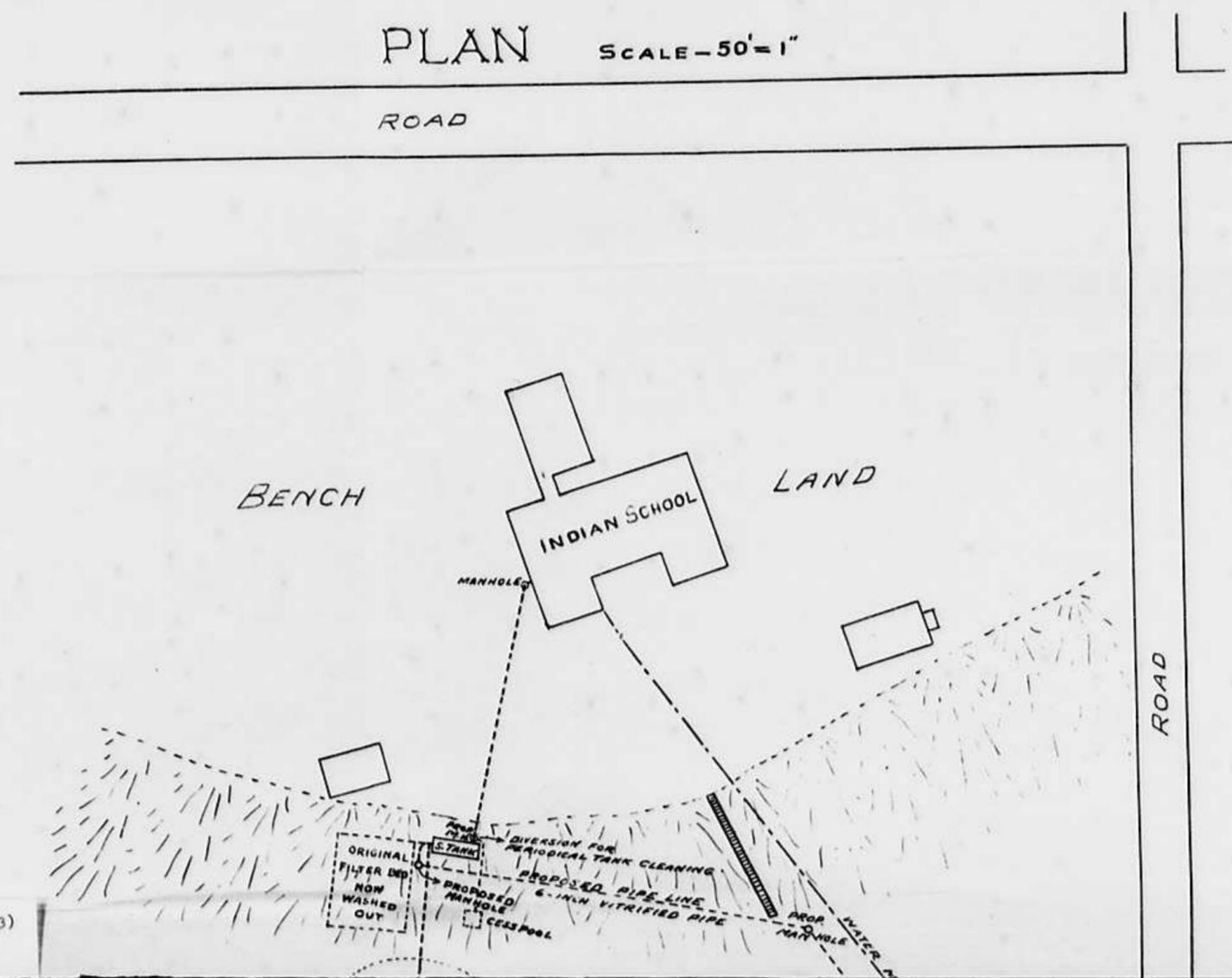




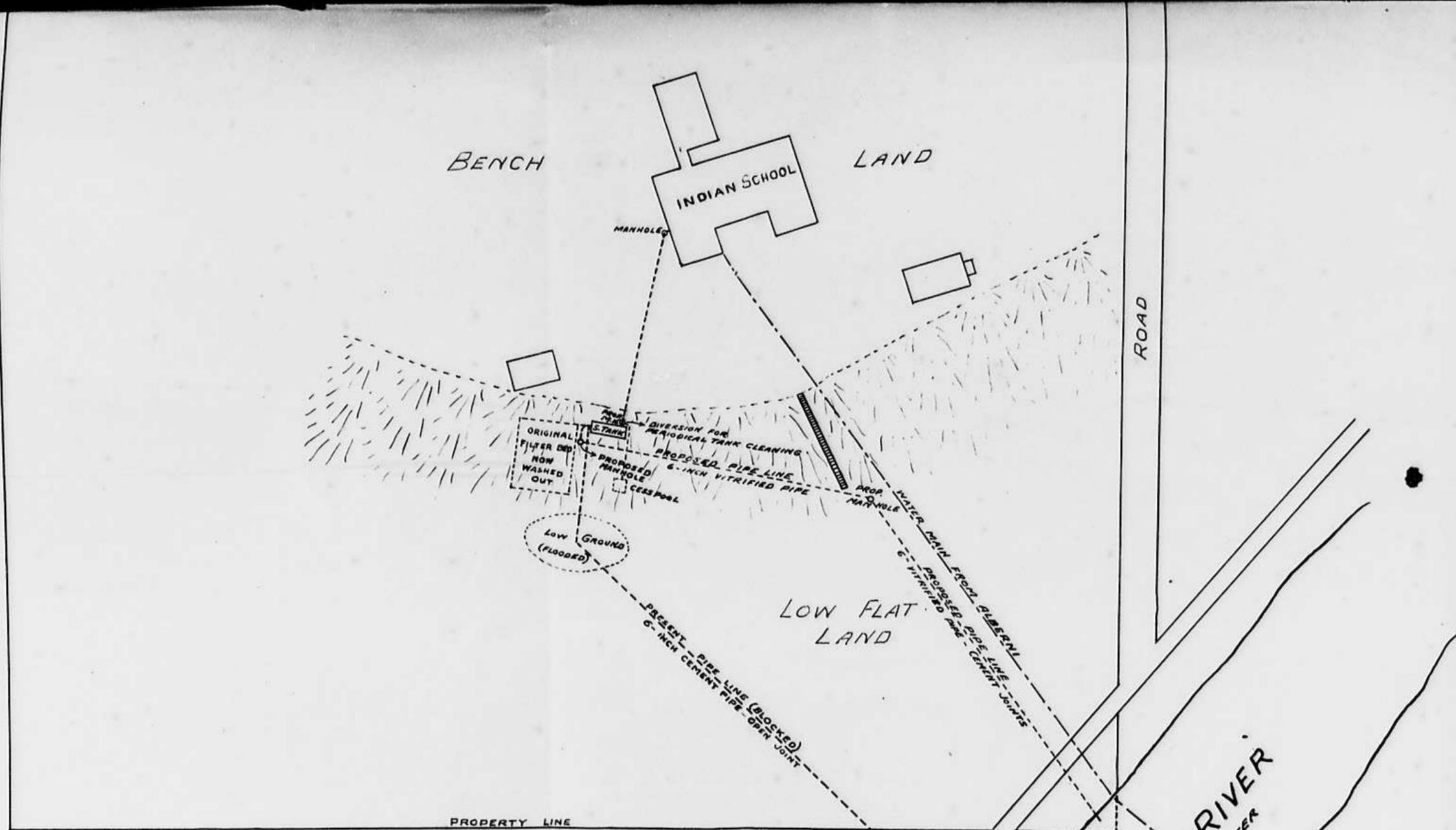
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PLAN SCALE - 50' = 1"



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PROPOSED OUTLET PIPE
 SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION
 ALBERNI INDIAN SCHOOL
 APPROVED - *C. S. West*
 DATE - *1/5/30.*

DOMINION WATER POWER
 AND
 RECLAMATION SERVICE

SURVEYS - *A. M. Hauglin*
 DRAWING - *A. M. Hauglin*
 CHECKING - *U.S.G.*

REPORT FILE NO. - 234
 CORRESPONDENCE FILE - 33615-1
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THE DIRECTOR OF
WATER POWER AND RECLAMATION
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

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DIRECTOR, J. T. JOHNSTON, C.E., M.E.I.C.
ASST. DIRECTOR, V. MEEK, B.Sc., M.E.I.C.

PLEASE REFER TO ONE SUBJECT IN A
LETTER, AND IN YOUR REPLY QUOTE
FILE NO. 2543-W"A".

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA
DOMINION WATER POWER AND RECLAMATION SERVICE

OTTAWA, ONT. May 15th, 1930.



R

Sir,

Re Port Alberni Indian School.

Encl.

I enclose herewith a report received from Mr. Webb dealing with proposed repairs to the sewage disposal system at the Port Alberni school, prepared at Mr. Ditchburn's request.

The estimated cost of the repairs necessary to put the system into a satisfactory condition amounts to \$903.00 and Mr. Webb recommends that if the work is undertaken it should be carried out under the supervision of this service.

Your obedient servant,

J. T. Johnston,
Director.

Per *A.F.C.*

Handwritten notes and signatures:
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2-3-4-5
A. F. Mackenzie

A. F. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Acting Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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May 27, 1930.

Sir,-

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, with reference to the repairs required to the sewage disposal system at the Port Alberni School, I would ask you to please authorize Mr. Webb to proceed with this work as outlined and recommended in his report.

It is noted that the cost will be approximately \$900.00.

Your obedient servant,

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A. F. MacKensie.
Acting, Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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DOMINION WATER POWER BRANCH,
OTTAWA.

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OTTAWA, CANADA

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DIRECTOR, J. T. JOHNSTON, C.E., M.E.I.C.
ASST. DIRECTOR, V. MEEK, B.Sc., M.E.I.C.

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DOMINION WATER POWER AND RECLAMATION SERVICE

OTTAWA, ONT.

May 30th, 1930.

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Sir,

Your file number: 159-1-5.

I have received your letter of
the 27th instant with reference to the repairs
required to the sewage disposal system at the
Port Alberni school and in accordance with
your instructions have asked Mr. Webb to proceed
with this work as outlined and recommended in
his report of April 30th, 1930, and at an
approximate cost of \$900.00.

Your obedient servant,

J. T. Johnston,
Director.

Per

A.F.C.

A. F. Mackenzie, Esq.,
Acting Assistant Deputy and Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

*\$900 Advance
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sent 18-6-30*

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RETURN OF LABOUR on the *Septic tank* at *Alberta Industrial School* Reserve

for week ending *April 19th 1930*

NAMES	Nature of employment or trade. No. of Horses	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	TOTAL	PRICE PER HOUR	AMOUNT OF WAGES	RECEIVED PAYMENT	WITNESS	
<i>B.T. Randall</i>	<i>Ironman. sewage</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>47 1/2</i>	<i>2286 00</i>	<i>B.T. Randall</i>		
<i>M. Blawson</i>	<i>works</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>56 1/4</i>	<i>27 00</i>	<i>M. Blawson</i>		
<i>paid all money</i>													
<i>forwarded to Ottawa April 23rd 1930 letter no 50/30</i>													
										<i>963 00</i>			

Cheque No.

Balance

Recommended for payment

I hereby certify that the services have been performed and prices are fair and just.

FOREMAN

E. J. Hart

AGENT

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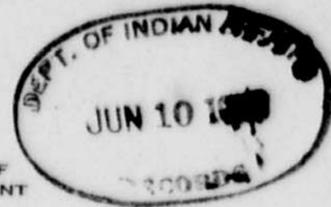
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.
June 4th, 1930,

Sir;-

I have the honour to refer to my letter No, 50/30 dated Port Alberni, B.C, April 22nd, 1930, covering, Labour Return for week ended April 19th, 1930, work on septic tank at Alberni Indian Residential School, amounting to \$ 63.00. compiled as under

C.T. Randall \$ 36.00. these men have called this office enquiring for their pay.
M. Clauson 27.00.

Their address is, Papermill Road, Alberni, B.C.

Copy of original return herewith for your reference.

Enc.

Your obedient servant,

E. R. Frost

Indian Agent.

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

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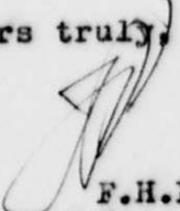
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Ottawa, June 12, 1930.

Dear Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant and the payroll (marked "Copy") therewith submitted relative to work on the septic tank at Alberni Indian Residential School, I beg to say that on the 31st May the Department sent forward cheque No. 1112 for \$63.00, the amount of payroll, originally sent in. It covered services rendered by C.T. Randall and M. Clauson, respectively, the payment in the first case being \$36.00 and in the latter \$27.00. The cheque was drawn in favour of the Principal of the Alberni School and was sent to him. Delay in payment was due to the fact that the Department had to wait for the money until the same was voted by Parliament.

Yours truly,


F.H. Paget
Chief Accountant.


Ed. E. Frost, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B.C.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
JUN 12 1930
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.
June 6th, 1930.

Sir;-

I have the honour to refer to this office letter No, 140/30 of 4th instant, re payment of labour on septic tank work at Alberni Indian Residential School for April, 1930.

I beg to advise the Department that Official cheque No, 1112, A 20, dated Ottawa June 4th, 1930, amounting to \$ 78.09, was handed to me by the Rev, F.E. Pitts on 5th instant and was cashed this a m and payments made as under.

C.T. Randall,	for week ended April	19th,	\$ 36.00		
" " "	" " "	26th,	8.62	\$ 44.62	
M. Clauson	" " "	19th,	27.00		
" " "	" " "	26th,	6.47	" 33.47	
				Total	<u>78.09</u>

This completes the payments for labour on septic tank work at Alberni Residential School, to date.

Your obedient servant,

Ed. E. Frost

Indian Agent.

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

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