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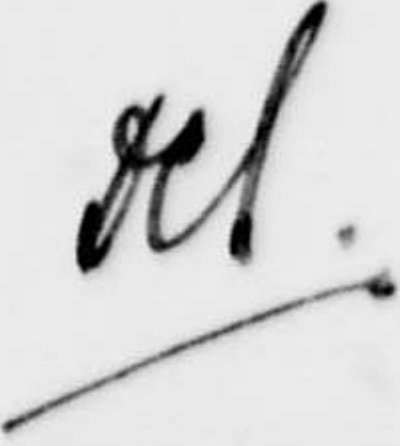
Right Reverend Monsignor:

I have your letter of the 12st instant, nominating the Reverend J. P. Mackey for the principalship of the proposed Shubenacadie Indian Residential School. This appointment is approved, and, as I have already been favourably impressed with this Reverend Gentleman, I am hopeful that there will be a career of much usefulness in his case.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

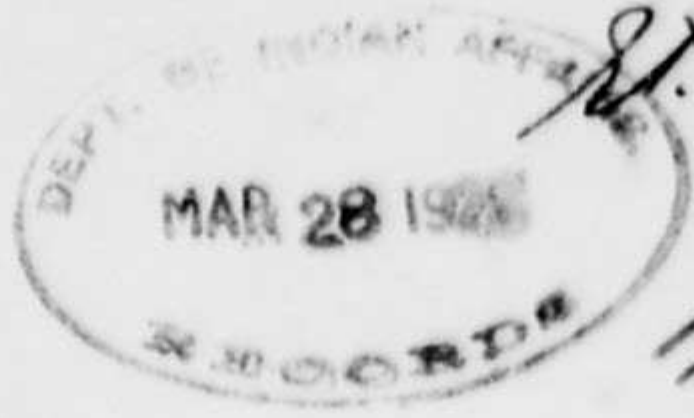
 
Rt. Rev. Gerald Murphy, V. G.,
Archbishop's House,
Halifax, N. S.

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St. Mary's Lake,
Halifax
March 24th /28

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Dear Sir: *[Handwritten signature]*



I am leaving on Monday next
to relieve the priest at Kentville.
Will you please have any commun-
-ications from the Department of Indian
Affairs to me, addressed Kentville, N.S.

Yours Very Truly
J. P. Mackey.

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Kentville, April 26th. 1928.

Dear Sir:

In a note from Mr. Wallace Gay, he informs me that they have vacated the property at Shubenacadie, and will not be responsible for any damage to buildings etc.

Yours very truly,

Mr. D.F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Sec'y,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Kentville, May 1st. 1928.

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Dear Sir:

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Beg to let you know that I will be leaving Kentville on Thursday May 3rd. for Halifax. Will you please address any communications to St. Mary's Glebe, Barrington Street, Halifax.

Yours very truly,

Mr. A.F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. & Deputy Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

[Handwritten signature: J. P. Mackey]



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Ottawa, May 28th. 1928.

Reverend and dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 22nd. in which you apply for the position of Superintendent, Indian Residential school at Shubenacadie.

There are only nine Protestant Indians in a population of 1827, all the others are Roman Catholics, and it is thought necessary and desirable that the personnel of the staff should be of that faith. I have to thank you for your interest in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

CILAS. STEWART

Reverend Theodore Ross,
Port Elgin,
N. B.

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Ottawa, May 29th. 1928.

My dear Colleague,

With reference to your letter of May 25th. I have to say that I have received a letter from Rev. Theodore Ross, of Port Elgin, N. B., making application for the position of Superintendent, Indian Residential school at Shubenacadie.

I have replied informing him that there are only nine Protestant Indians in a population of 1827, all the others being Roman Catholics, and that it is thought necessary and desirable that the personnel of the staff should be of that faith.

Yours faithfully,

CS
CHAS. STEWART

Honorable P. J. Veniot,
Postmaster General,
Ottawa.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE

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Sackville N.B.
July 14th 1928

Wm Lhas Stewart
Min of Interior
Ottawa

Dear Mr Stewart: I have been asked how the teachers
in the Indian Schools are engaged or appointed. I
have particular reference to the new Indian School
that is being constructed at Shubenacke N.S.
Will you kindly let me have this information
Thanking you in advance

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A.B. Cofp

Referred to the Deputy
Minister of Indian Affairs
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July 19, 1928.

Dear Mr. Copp:

I have been directed, in the absence of the Honourable the Minister of the Interior, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant referring to the appointment of teachers in Indian schools, with particular reference to the new Indian residential school now in course of construction at Shubenacadie, N.S.

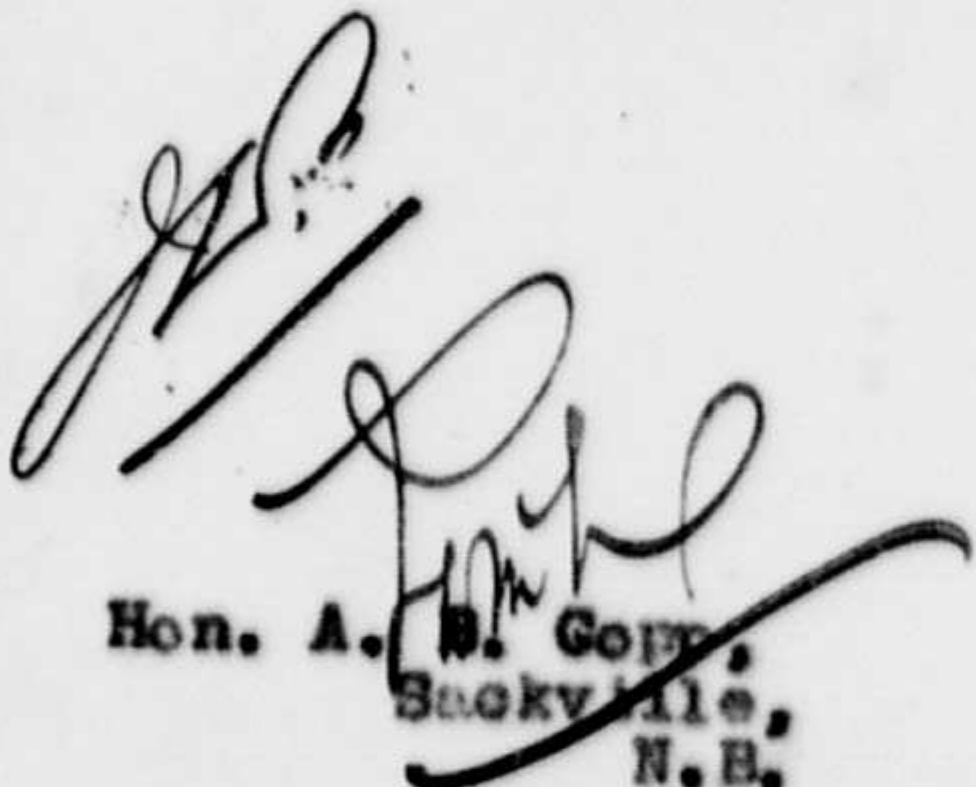
When a teacher is required for an Indian day school, the Department instructs the Indian Agent to secure applications, endorsed, in most cases, by the school inspector. When these applications are received here, the Department selects the teacher who appears to have the best qualifications.

It is the policy of the Department to place residential schools under the auspices of one of the religious denominations interested in Indian work. As the new residential school at Shubenacadie is for the education of Roman Catholic Indian children, the Department consulted His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax, who nominated the principal and staff, including the teachers required.

Yours very truly,

J. D. McLEAN

Acting Deputy Superintendent General.


Hon. A. D. Copp,
Buckville,
N.B.

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#13 Linltham Bldg,
Calgary, Alberta
August 24, 1928.

Doctor D. B. Scott,
Superintendent Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.



Dear Sir:-

I notice by a Nova Scotian daily that an Indian school is under construction at Shubenacadie. It is my desire to obtain a position on the staff if the vacancies have not all been filled.

I taught at the Stony Indian Reserve, first as classroom teacher and later as farm instructor. I hold a second rank teacher's license and a manual training instructor's certificate for the Province of Nova Scotia. It is possible that you remember me personally when we met at Wexley on your trip through the West last August. We discussed for a short period my efforts as a short-story writer.

Kindly let me know who has charge of engaging the staff for the Shubenacadie school.
Yours respectfully
Robert B. Powell.

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September 5, 1928.

Dear Mr. Powell:

I have your letter of the 24th ultimo, concerning a position on the staff of the new Indian residential school at Shubenacadie. This institution will be managed by a resident priest as principal and the Sisters of Charity. Practically all Indians in Nova Scotia are adherents of the Roman Catholic Church. The principal's name is Rev. Father J. P. Mackey and his present address is Shubenacadie.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott



Robert B. Powell, Esq.,
13 Lineham Block,
Calgary, Alta.

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Charlottetown,
Prince Edward Island,
September 14, 1928.

Mr. A. F. McKenzie,
Secretary Dept. Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I understand that your Department has now under construction, at Shubenacadie, an Industrial School open to Mic Mac children of the Maritime Provinces; no doubt there will be considerable work on the part of an agent or agents appointed by your Department to instruct our people in the good this school will do and, if it is your intention to have a travelling agent for the Maritimes, to look after the interests of our children, I would like to place my name before you as an applicant for the position, as I have time at my disposal to visit the different places of our people in the Maritimes and explain the object of building such a school in their interests; should you need my services in any way I would be glad to hear from you.

Respectfully yours,

Isaac Pulis

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Ottawa, September 19, 1928.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, offering your services as recruiting officer for the new Shubenacadie Indian Residential School. I may say the Department believes there is a sufficient number of orphans and neglected Indian children to fill this institution. However, if it is necessary to engage a special officer for recruiting purposes, your application will receive consideration.

Your obedient servant,



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



Chief Isaac Peters,
Charlottetown,
P. E. I.

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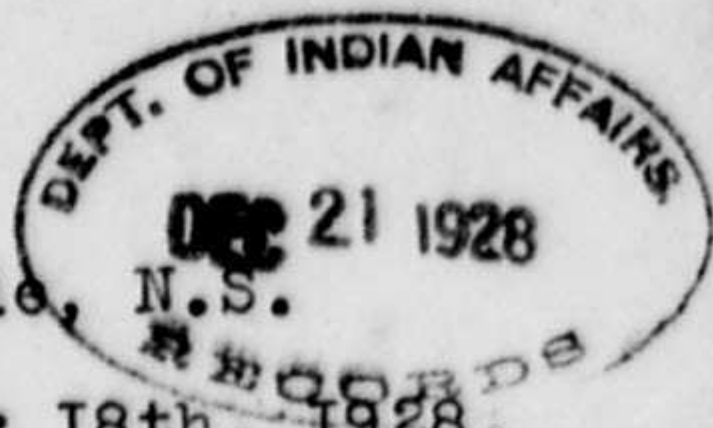
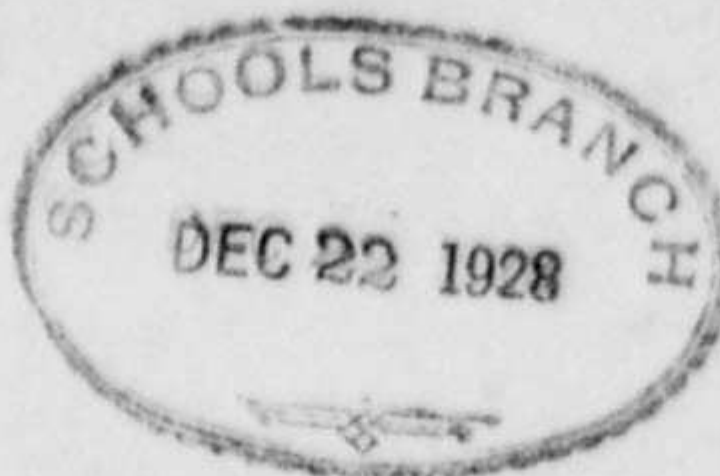
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Shubenacadie Indian Residential School

Shubenacadie, N.S.

December 18th. 1928.



Dear Sir:

Beg to inform you that the work of Mr. James McCormick has not been satisfactory, and that I have given him thirty days notice today. The matter of thirty days was agreed upon between us when he came here. I hope to have your approval in this matter, and trust that you will have a man appointed to take his place by the middle of January. It may be that McCormick may not wish to work out the thirty days, if so may I take it upon myself to hire a man to fill in until such time as you have appointed a man to the position?

Yours very truly ,

Mr. J. D. McLean
Asst. Deputy & Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

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January 3, 1929.

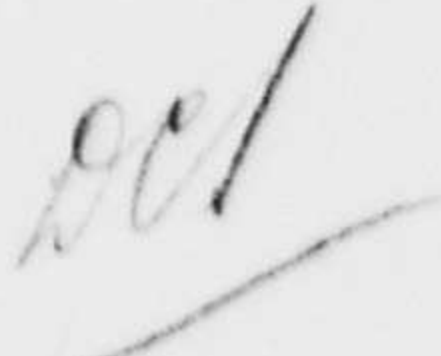
Rev. Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th ultimo, I have to inform you that Mr. J. L. Ilsley, M.P., is being communicated with and requested, after consulting you, to recommend the services of a competent man as farmer at the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School to succeed James McCormick, who is terminating his services about the middle of the present month. You should inform Mr. Ilsley of the salary allowed. It is hoped that the services of a competent man can be secured in due time.

I shall be pleased to have, later, full particulars as to the name and qualifications of the man who has been recommended for the position.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Rev. J. P. Mackey,
Indian Residential School,
Shubenacadie, N.S.

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January 3, 1929.

Dear Mr. Isley:

Rev. Father Mackey, Principal of the Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, informs the Department that the farmer employed at the school has given notice that he intends to discontinue his services on or about the 18th instant. I should be pleased if you would, after consultation with Rev. Father Mackey, recommend the services of a competent man to look after the farm work at this School. Father Mackey will inform you as to the salary that would be paid.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

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J. L. Isley, Esq., M.P.,
Kentville,
N.S.

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Night Letter	N L

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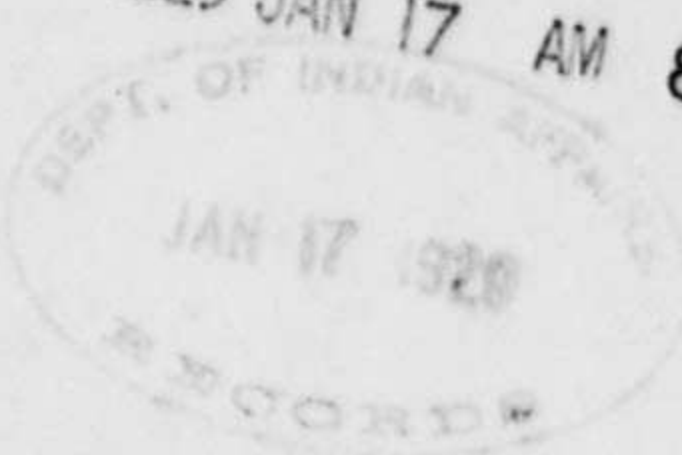
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Saw Dr. Scott -
He has telegram from
Mr. J. J. [unclear] of [unclear]
appointment of Cooper.*

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OTTAWA, January 17, 1929.

Rev. J. P. Mackey,
 Shubenacadie,
 N.S.

Appointment Stewart Cooper as farmer Shubenacadie
 Residential School approved.

J. D. McLean.

DEPT. I.A.

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Shubenacadie, N.S.

January 29th. 1929.



Dear Sir:

With regards to the name and qualifications of the man recommended for the position of farmer at the Indian Residential School here, I beg to say.

Stewart Michael Cooper, age thirty years, has had farming experience for a period of sixteen years. During those years he worked on a small farm of about thirty acres. He is honest, sober, he and the family enjoy a good name in this district.

Yours very truly,

Mr. J. D. MacLean
Asst. Deputy & Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

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Shubenacadie, N.S.

February 7th ~~January 10th~~ 1989

Dear Sir:

In connection with the appointment of a carpenter-engineer for the school here, I beg leave to recommend Edward McLeod.

Even before the contract for the school was let I had this fellow in mind for that position. With that intention I approached Rhodes Curry Co. and McLeod started work as a carpenter early in July. When the pipe-fitters and plumbers started their work I figured that he could get valuable experience there, with the result that he went with them sometime in September. He is working with them at the present time, in spite of the fact that on account of getting too far advanced with that end of the work, they have left some of their men go. His work in that line has been entirely satisfactory. Besides his ability as a carpenter and plumber, I can vouch for his ability as a painter, some years experience as a black-smith and wheel-wright. Add to that his honesty, sobriety and industry, I firmly believe that he would make the most satisfactory carpenter-engineer that could be found in these parts. (That is saying a lot, but it is true)

For verification, I wish you would refer to Mr. J.M. Dunne, Supt. for Rhodes Curry CO., Mr. Ira Heckman, foreman of the pipe-fitters, and Mr. Wm. Crowell, inspector for the school.

Should this recommendation be accepted by the Dept. I feel certain I could make satisfactory arrangements so far as wages are concerned.

Mr. J. D. Maclean
Asst. Secretary & Deputy
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Yours very truly

H. J. P. Mackay

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Ottawa, February 9, 1929.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant, with reference to a carpenter-engineer for the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School. As this position will not be filled until the school is about ready to be placed on the per capita grant basis, the Department will rely on you to secure a properly qualified man. Edward McLeod, whom you recommend and who has been employed on the building, appears to be quite suitable for this position.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEOD

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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J.P.M.
Rev. J. P. Mackey,
Shubenacadie,
N. S.

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House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, February 13, 1929.

Mr. Ferguson

Duncan Campbell Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent,
Indian Affairs,
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Dear Dr. Scott:

As the Indian Training School
at Shubenacadie, N. S. nears completion,
more and more people are asking me about
its functions.

I am very poorly informed
about the functions, objects, and history
of these training schools, and I would like
it very much if you could direct me to any
available information about Indian education
in Canada - especially with reference to
training schools of this type.

Yours very truly,

J. L. Ilsley

J. L. Ilsley.

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Mr. J. L. Ilsey
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Letter under to enter
R.T.F.

Ottawa, March 1, 1929.

Reverend Sir:

I am enclosing, for your information, copy of letter that is being directed today to Mr. J. L. Ilsey, M. P. You may be interested in the brief review of Indian education in Canada and the place in the Department's programme of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School.

Encl.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier,
 Supt. of Indian Education.

R.T.F.

Rev. J. P. Mackey,
 Shubenacadie,
 N. S.

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March 1st, 1929.

Dear Mr. Ilsley:

I have your letter of the 18th instant, with reference to the purpose of the new Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, N. S. You may be interested in a very brief review of Indian education in Canada, which will suggest the Department's general programme and will indicate the purposes and aims of the boarding school for Indian children in the East.

Prior to Confederation, Indian schools were supported, for the most part, by missionary societies, religious orders and the Indian bands, themselves - little financial assistance being given by the legislatures. Low salaries were paid and the attendance was irregular, and, as a consequence, the schools were not very effective. The British North America Act placed the responsibility for the Indians of Canada with the Federal Government, and this Department began to support existing schools and to establish others. By 1885, in eastern Canada, where the Indian was no longer living largely by the chase, day schools were conducted on reserves wherever it was possible to secure a worthwhile attendance. The Roman Catholic, Church of England, Methodist and Presbyterian Missionary Orders and Societies were associated with the Department in the conduct of most of these schools. The major portion of the expense was borne by Parliamentary Appropriation.

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The problem of educating the children of the nomadic Indian groups of northwestern Ontario and of western Canada, generally, was largely unsolved, and the missionary societies and orders interested commenced the establishment of boarding schools to supplement the day schools on the reserves. The churches are rather keen on institutional activity, which has the advantage of placing a child under Christian influence and supervision for 24 hours of the day. The Department of Indian Affairs soon recognized the socio-economic advantage of the residential school. Ordered habits, domestic arts for girls, farming, gardening, care of live stock, carpentry and other trades for boys were of much interest to the State. The Department supported these residential schools and established others, placing emphasis on vocational as well as academic training, and today they

J. L. Ilsley, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

- are the chief

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are the chief factor in our Indian educational programme west of the Great Lakes.

To return to the problem in eastern Canada, where the day school has, and will have, the more important part, there remains the provision for orphans, illegitimates and neglected children. Further, many Indian children live too distant from Indian or public day schools to attend regularly. To care for all these under-privileged children, the residential school has been found the most satisfactory solution. There are 6 such schools in the vicinity of the Great Lakes.

It is for the under-privileged Indian child of Nova Scotia and the other Maritime Provinces that the Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie is being established.

The Department conducts 22 Indian day schools on the reserves in the Maritimes - 11 in Nova Scotia, 10 in New Brunswick and one on Prince Edward Island. These institutions solve the ordinary problem. There remain the under-privileged children. Over 50 of the most urgent cases are in convents and orphanages in Halifax and other centres. There are now 30 additional children needing maintenance as well as education. These will form the nucleus for the pupilage of the Shubenacadie School. Accommodation for 125 is being provided. The 45 children required to fill the school will be recruited from among those who are of or with families in a semi-destitute condition. The cost of maintaining pupils in our own school will be less than the fees paid to private institutions. Further, at Shubenacadie, the physical equipment and the courses of instruction are especially designed to meet the particular needs of our wards.

The educational activity at Shubenacadie will be academic and vocational. Classroom work will be comparable to that in the public schools of Nova Scotia and will be inspected, at our request, by officers of the Provincial Department of Education. Girls will be trained in the domestic arts; and boys, in farming, gardening and the care of stock. Later, it may be possible to give a thorough course in manual training. It is the object and desire of the Department that graduates of this school will become self-supporting and will not return to their old environment.

Practically 100% of the Indians in the Maritimes are Roman Catholic and the Department has secured the services of the Reverend Father Mackey for principal and the Sisters of Charity for the inside

- staff.

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staff. These church workers will be responsible for the school activity, generally, and will see that the pupils receive a training in religious education.

At these residential schools, the Department provides the buildings, farm and stock and whatever furnishings and equipment are necessary at the outset for their satisfactory conduct. There is allowed a per capita grant, based on the average attendance. This grant and the farm or other school earnings care for all current expenses, except classroom equipment, medical services and drugs, and are used for replacing worn out equipment. Major repairs to buildings and mechanical plant are made by the Department and are not a charge on school grant or other earnings. The management is expected to look after minor repairs and to keep all property in good condition.

It is necessary for me to be in British Columbia this month and I leave Ottawa on Tuesday morning. Some time in April, I shall be glad to enlarge on this subject whenever an interview is convenient. In the meantime, I have instructed Mr. Ferrier to make an appointment with you to discuss any phase of the activity in which you are especially interested.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

March 28/29

Duncan Campbell Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We are planning on publishing in the Halifax Chronicle and Daily Star in the very near future, a special section dealing with the construction of the new Indian College now being completed at Shubenacadie, N.S. We would like very much to elaborate on the establishment of this school and to tell just what the Federal Government at Ottawa are doing in this regard, and with your co-operation we can accomplish this purpose. What we would like you to do is to give us a page or even a half page advertisement. We have already been in touch with the various contractors who have volunteered to take advertising space in this edition, and now with some advertising co-operation from your Department, we can put over a nice section. We thought possibly your Department would be willing to authorize a page but if not, a three-quarter page or even a half page space would enable us to put over the story.

It is planned to publish this section on Saturday April 6th or not later than the following Saturday, April 13th. Therefore we shall appreciate it very much if you will let us have copy and necessary instructions at your very earliest convenience. You can also if you will, send us a story dealing with your Department and its connection with the establishment of this school. We are sure your Department will appreciate the excellent opportunity this edition will afford you in telling the people of the Maritimes what real good your Department is doing.

The charge for a full page space would \$285.00. A three-quarter page space would cost \$214.00 and a half page space would cost \$145.00. The section of course will be published in both the Chronicle and Star and will have a circulation in excess of 33,000 copies.

Thanking you in anticipation of your favorable consideration, we are,

Yours very truly,

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The Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, which will be opened in the near future, has been erected by the Department of Indian Affairs for the academic instruction and vocational training of those Indian children in the Maritimes whose needs are not being satisfied by the day schools which are conducted on the Indian reserves. Accommodation has been provided for 125 children and the necessary staff of instructors.

The Department of Indian Affairs conducts 22 day schools on the Indian reserves of the Maritimes - 11 in Nova Scotia, 10 in New Brunswick and one on Prince Edward Island. These schools solve the ordinary problem. There remains the necessity of providing for orphans, neglected children and those who live too distant from day schools to attend regularly. It is for these underprivileged children that the residential school has been erected at Shubenacadie. There are 6 such institutions in the vicinity of the Great Lakes in Ontario and many in Western Canada, but the one lately constructed in Nova Scotia is the first residential school for Indian children in the East. For some time it has been known at Ottawa that a school of this kind was needed in the Maritimes. The present Superintendent General of the Department, the Honourable Charles Stewart, satisfied that the time had come when something should be done, secured an appropriation from Parliament. In a few months, the school will be equipped and ready for the reception of pupils.

Following the well-established policy, this school will be conducted under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church, as the Indians for whom it is to provide education are all adherents of that faith. From the establishment of the first industrial school, nearly one hundred years ago, there has been cooperation between the Government and the various denominations interested in missionary work among the Indians. The benefit arising from this system is that the Department obtains the zealous assistance of those interested in the evangelisation of the Indians, and the general education and civilization go hand in hand with Christianization. Very marked success has followed the association of these two forces working towards one and the same end.

Rev. Father J. P. Mackey has been appointed principal and under the Department's direction he will have general charge of the school. The Sisters of Charity will conduct the domestic and classroom activities: teachers and all other instructors will be fully qualified for their respective duties. The managers of the school will be expected to conduct the institution upon the revenue derived from a per capita grant without further assistance from Parliamentary Appropriation. It is found that this method insures economical management.

Only Indian children, wards of the Dominion Government, are eligible for admission, and, before being placed on the roll,

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will undergo a careful physical examination by a competent physician.

The educational activity at Shubenacadie will be academic and vocational. The classroom work will be comparable to that in the public schools of Nova Scotia and will be inspected, at the Department's request, by officers of the Provincial Department of Education. Girls will be trained in the domestic arts; and boys, in farming, gardening and the care of stock. Later, it may be possible to give a thorough course in manual training. The physical equipment and the courses of instruction are especially designed to meet the particular needs of Indian children. It is the object and desire of the Department that graduates of this school will become self-supporting and will not return to their old environment and habits.

The Dominion Government has provided the farm and main building. This building will house the pupils and instructors and provides all the accommodation necessary for classroom and domestic instruction. In due course, there will be erected barns, work shops and the other outbuildings that are necessary for this type of school. Furnishings, equipment and live stock will be purchased in the near future. The capital expenditure was provided in the appropriation for Indian education and there will be a yearly grant for current expenses.

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April 4, 1929.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo, with reference to the special section in the Halifax Chronicle and the Daily Star dealing with the new Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie. I regret that it is not the practice of the Department to advertise, but I am enclosing a short article concerning the establishment of the school, which may be of some interest to your readers.

Yours very truly,

Encl.

Duncan C. Scott

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Charlottetown, P.E.I.,
April 30th, 1929.

A. E. MacLean, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
O T T A W A.

Dear Sir:

Received your very encouraging letter about the wharf at Lennox Island. Now, what progress since then? I also understand that Shubenacadie Indian school of N. S. nearly completed and understand its intended for orphans throughout the Maritimes.

I would like to know the qualifications of children who are entitled. If you could see Mr. Sutherland - he is an Island man. You may also ask if any job opening in his Department about that new school.

Hope to hear from you soon, and bolige.

Yours.

(Sgd.) I. Peters.

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