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Joseph's School.

Burg, Alta.,

Alberta Inspectorate,

Red Deer, July 8, 1915.

(Sergeant)

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Sir, -



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In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 13th. of January last I spent a few days at the St. Joseph's Industrial School and while I was there decayed joists and sills under this school, girls home, were replaced with new material. The stable and a number of outbuildings have had walls repainted and paint has been applied to most of the stable roof. The roof paint apparently was of inferior quality for the frequent rains washed off a good deal of it. This paint was purchased in a ready made state. It would have been better to have purchased good material and mixed it on the ground.

The remainder of the improvements authorized will be carried out during this month. The boy pupils, or those of advanced age, and a portion of the male staff, were absent in the Foot Hills on a 10 days vacation.

A fuel room was excavated near to the heating boiler under the girls home and now with the decayed timbers replaced and air circulations under this building the foundation timbers are not likely to cause further trouble.

Your obedient servant,

J. Amable
Insp.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Ottawa, January 3, 1916.

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You are hereby authorized to purchase the material required for these repairs and the total cost should not exceed \$65.00.

Your obedient servant,

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF INSPECTOR MARKLE ON THE ST
JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL.....

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19.....~~*****~~ About the only pressing repair that is required is the rebuilding of the fire escape from the building occupied by the boys and the male members of the staff. The new material required to do this work would cost between \$50.00 and \$60.00. The work can be done without cost to the Department.

Report dated, November 14th, 1916.



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Ottawa, November 29, 1916.

Sir,-

In your report on the St. Joseph's Industrial School, under date of November 14, it is noted that repairs are urgently required to the fire-escape of the building occupied by the boys and male members of the Staff, the estimated cost of the material being \$50 to \$60, and the work of erection to be done by the Staff at the cost of the school.

As it is necessary that the fire-escape should be maintained in a satisfactory condition, you are hereby authorized to purchase the required materials and have them delivered at the school and the work completed by the Staff.

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The accounts for the material should be sent in for payment as soon as possible certified by you.

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Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. A. Markle, Esq.,

Inspector of Indian Agencies,

Red Deer, Alberta.

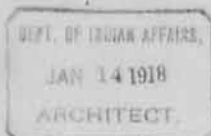
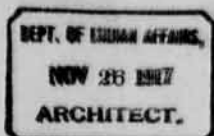


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Mr. O'Brien
Lester*

Extract from report of Inspector Markle dated
October 27, 1917, on the St. Joseph's Industrial School.
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There are two main buildings, one of frame
and in it the male pupils and staff are housed. The
boys class room is in this building, too. The other
building is of brick and the female staff and female
pupils reside therein. The chapel and the refectory
kitchen are located therein. The stairways will soon re-
quire new treads and the eave troughs now require over-
hauling and portions renewing. About \$100.00 should
meet the cost of both these items. If this school is
maintained it will be necessary to expend a thousand,
or more, dollars within a year or two on various
renewals and repairs.

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Ottawa, June 21, 1918.

Sir,-

In your report on the St. Joseph's Industrial school, dated October 27th last, you state with reference to the buildings that stairways will soon require new treads and the eavestroughs now require overhauling and portions renewing. As these repairs are considered necessary at this time, I have to request that you will make the necessary arrangements for completing the work as economically as possible.

Mr. D.
The accounts for this work to be sent to this Department for payment certified by you in the usual manner.

J. A. Markle
It is noted that your estimate for this work is \$100.00.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. A. Markle, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Red Deer, Alberta.

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St. Joseph's School.

G.P. Farm E, Blackfoot Reserve,

June 29, 1918.



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Sir,-

The Rev. Principal of the St. Joseph's School has informed me that the treads on the stairs in the boy's building have already been repaired and paid for by the school and the necessary repairs to the eave-troughs will also be undertaken by the school.

Corrected
Alfred
Yours obediently,

J. A. MacKee
Insp.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.



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QUOTATION

Nº 3710

Gorman, Clancey & Grindley, Limited

When ordering please refer to this Number to insure proper delivery of goods and at prices quoted below.

Monton and Calgary, Alta., and Nelson, B. C.

SUBJECT Laundry Equipment. Calgary, Alta., Jan. 29, 1919. 19

M. Rev. Father A. Naessens, O.M.I.,
Acting Principal,
St. Joseph's Industrial School, Dewinton, Alta.

DEAR SIR:—

We will furnish material as specified and described below for the price stated, and trust you will find our quotation satisfactory. This refers to

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	PER	TOTAL
	Laundry material for St. Joseph's Industrial School, Davisburg, as follows:—			
2 -only	36" X 43" Troy standard frame Washer with #2 Reverse Movement			
1 -only	26" Toronto Improved Extractor with Counter shaft attached			
1 -only	60" standard Institutional type Mangle, with one main roll and three operating rolls			
1 -only	#0 Universal Steam Trap for Mangle			
1 set	of Temperature Control apparatus for heating water tank			
	In addition to the above all of the necessary Shafting, Hangers with Chapman Double Ball Bearings; All Dodge Wood Split Pulleys, Couplings, Collars, together with necessary Leather and Condor Belting for Main and intermediate Drives, together with the necessary fastenings. All hot and cold water and steam piping from existing boiler in plant to the different machines, together with all Alberta Improved Fittings.			
	All of the above to be completely installed as per blue print attached,			

This quotation is made subject to any changes in freight or other charges that may be known at the time of delivery of goods.

Prices quoted are F. O. B. Terms
Trusting that we may be favored with your order, which will have our careful and prompt attention,
We remain, yours respectfully,

Gorman, Clancey & Grindley, Limited

Estimate No.

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COPLAND-CHATTERSON-CRAIN SYSTEMS TORONTO AND OTTAWA

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Edmonton and Calgary, Alta., and Nelson, B. C.

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	PER	TOTAL
	we to furnish the necessary stiffening beams to carry Mangle and Extractor with "U" Bolts for fastening Extractor to beams.			
	For the net sum of	\$1390.00		
	Terms 50% on delivery of machinery and equipment at Davisburg, and the balance when equipment is completely installed.			
	N.B.- Our price does not include the moving or changing of position of equipment already installed, such as stoves, boiling kettles, extra wash tubs, and etc., but does include the connecting of the Transmission Line and pipe lines with your existing power plant and boiler.			
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We remain, yours respectfully,
Gorman, Glander & Grindley, Limited

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COPELAND-CHATTENSON-CHAIN SYSTEMS TORONTO AND OTTAWA

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SUBJECT Laundry Equipment.

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 29, 1919. 19

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This quotation is made subject to the changes in prices as they occur and is not valid for more than 30 days after date of issue.

Prices quoted are F. O. B.

Terms

Trusting that we may be favored with your order, which will have our careful and prompt attention, We remain, yours respectfully,

Gorman, Clancey & Grindley, Limited

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COPLAND-CHATTERSON-CRAIN SYSTEMS TORONTO AND OTTAWA

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This quotation is made subject to our charges in transit or for a return order. Your acceptance of this quotation is taken as evidence of the necessity for the material and equipment required.

Prices quoted are F. O. B. Terms

Trusting that we may be favored with your order, which will have our careful and prompt attention, We remain, yours respectfully,

Gorman, Clancey & Grindley, Limited

Estimate No.

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COPPLAND-CHATTERSON-CHAM SYSTEMS TORONTO AND OTTAWA

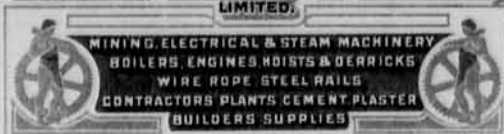
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Calgary,
ALBERTA.

Jan. 29, 1919.

PLEASE REFER TO
THIS FILE NUMBER
AND SUBJECT.

G-Jo.

Rev. Father A. Naessens, O.M.I.,
Acting Principal,
St. Joseph's Industrial School,
DeWinton, Alta.

Dear Father Naessens:-

RE: Laundry Equipment

Referring to the writer's visit with our Engineer to your school at Davisburg, we have made measurements of the present Laundry building and after figuring the proposition out carefully are giving you, as per our quotation attached, proposition covering what we consider would be the minimum amount of machinery for taking care of the laundry requirements for this school, and we are also enclosing herewith Blue Print showing the installation as suggested by us, as well as the Pulleys, Shafting, Hangers, Belting, and the relative position of the different machines.

We have all of this equipment in stock, and the proposition which we offer you is figured very close, and is subject to prior sale, as we cannot replace a good deal of the machinery from the factory today at prices that would compare with the price we have offered you in our proposition attached hereto.

You will note that the price includes the delivery of all of this material to Davisburg, the installing and putting in running condition of same, and leaving the whole plant complete in running order.

Trusting to receive your valued order, we are

Yours very truly,

GORMAN, CLANCEY & GRINDLEY LTD.

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Secretary.

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St. Joseph's Industrial School,

DeWinton, Alta.

Jan. 29th., 1919.

The Secretary,

Dep't of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear sir,

I beg to submit to your consideration the enclosed blue-print, and estimate for some improvements in the laundry of the above institution.

This laundry has never been improved in any way whatever since I had it built over twenty years ago when I was in charge of the school. The tubs are still the same and the washing - machines which have been repaired over and over again are almost out of commission. The work in this laundry has to be done in a most deplorable condition. Especially during the winter months this work causes a very great deal of hardship to the pupils and even endangers their health.

During my temporary stay here at the school, as acting-principal, I was more than struck with the pitiable state of this laundry and this induced me to ask Messrs. Gorman, Glancey, and Grindley for an estimate.

There is here already installed, near the laundry, a 6 H.P. gasoline engine, used for pumping, and which is powerful enough for driving the proposed laundry machinery.

I may also bring to your attention the fact that for several years hardly any grants have been applied for or made to this school for repairs or improvements.



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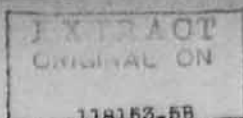
I hope therefore that you will deign to consider favorably our application for this most needed improvement and that you will see your way clear to obtain this grant from the Department it being the only item that is asked for this current year.

Owing to the great number of orphans now on the different reserves, we expect in the near future to largely increase the attendance in our school, and thus put this institution on a better footing than it has been.

Trusting that you will give this matter your careful and favorable consideration, I remain, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. Naemans. J.M.S.
Acting-principal.

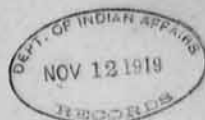


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Commissioner's Office,
Regina, Sask., Nov. 5, 1919.

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Dear Mr. Scott,-



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I visited the Dunbow School in company with the Rt. Rev. Bishop McCall, and my private opinion is that he is not in favour of allowing the school to remain open, as he realises that it is badly situated and the buildings in poor shape and beyond repair.

Are you aware that out of 38 children attending this school, only eight come from the Blood and Peigan Reserves, the balance being crees who are brought in from the extreme north around Edmonton. Does not this seem absurd and shows that the school is poorly situated.

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W.M. Graham,
Commissioner.

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EXTRACT
ORIGINAL ON
118153-5B.

Regina, Sask. Nov. 5, 1919.

Dear Mr. Meighen, -

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I am under the impression that the industrial school at Dunbow, which is conducted under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church should be closed, as the buildings are unsanitary and beyond repair and unfit for school purposes. I visited this school the other day and am satisfied that it should be closed. I think Mr. Scott has been of the same opinion also for some time past. I understand there are some 1200 acres of land in connection with the School, owned by the Government. Could not the Government therefore persuade the Church authorities that it is not necessary to build a new boarding school on the Blood Reserve, but erect a small one on the Reigan Reserve and close up the Dunbow industrial school. The church is entitled to a school situated at a point on the railroad between the Blood and Reigan Reserves. This building should be of the industrial school class and be attended by the two smaller schools on the Blood and Reigan Reserves. A higher standard of training is required in the schools at the present time and this can be furnished at the industrial school by graduating the pupils after they are, say twelve years of age. If this scheme as outlined is adopted, I doubt very much if the cost to the Department will be as great as if we undertook to erect two large sized boarding schools on each of the reserves. mentioned and continue to carry on the industrial school at Dunbow. I am positive the results will be more effective and I am almost sure that Bishop McCall would readily accept such an arrangement. The existing Dunbow property would readily sell and the proceeds would go in a long way towards building a new industrial school

The matter in question is an important one and I hope in the near future to have an opportunity of discussing it with yourself and Mr. Scott.

Yours very truly,

W.M. Graham,
Commissioner.

117657-5.

February 4, 1919.

Rev. Sir,-

Recd
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in reference to laundry equipment at High River school, with blue print plans enclosed, and in reply to say that it is regretted that the laundry machinery now in use is not as satisfactory as you desire. It is impossible, however, to provide the equipment requested, as there are no funds available for this purpose.

Your obedient servant,

ED MCKEAN
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

[Signature]
Rev. A. Naessens, O.M.I.,
Acting Principal,
St. Joseph's Industrial School,
De Winton, Alberta.

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Extract from Report of Rev. J. A. Demers, O.M.I., Principal
St. Joseph's Industrial School for the year ended March 31,
1920. Original on 10070-26A.

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BUILDINGS.

The washhouse is hardly deserving of its name, being so old and delapidated, making it most unhealthy to be used for such a purpose. We do not, by any means, wish for a modern laundry, as the old fashioned method of washing is more suitable for our children, but, we would ask for the erection of a new building with wash tubs, a few hand washing machines and wringers. Part of the building could be partitioned off for a drying and ironing room.

As stated above the pig-pen was partly destroyed last summer. Would the Department consider rebuilding it?

The condition of the floors in the boys' recreation rooms and dormitory, as well as the girls' playroom, are in a very poor condition.

Water tanks, three in number, have been in use for over twenty years; they would require extensive repairs or renewal.

I would greatly appreciate the assistance of the officials of the Department for these much needed repairs.

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ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
Dewinton, Alta.,
November 15, 1920.

Handwritten: Direct with me
7th 55-996-7
[Signature]
The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Your circular, No. 55996-7, of the 5th inst.,
at hand and contents carefully noted.

We shall endeavour to comply with your in-
structions as closely as possible, but our two fire escapes
are quite unsafe and would require extensive repairs.

The hose and connections were installed about
twenty years ago, and when tested, the interior of the
hose was found to be greatly deteriorated. We also lack
a sufficient number of pails.

Fire axes and chemical extinguishers are in
good condition, two extra Security Fire extinguishers
were procured by the late principal.

Should you deem it advisable to have the above
repairs attended to, I shall gratefully await your commands

Yours respectfully

(Sgd.) J. A. Demers, O.M.I

Principal.



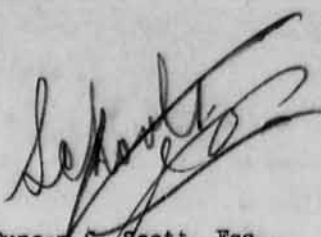
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St. Joseph's Industrial School,
De Winton, Alta.,
July 30th., 1921.


Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Dept. Supt. General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Sir,-

We have asked your department at different times for assistance in connection with repairs badly needed on some of the buildings here, and I am sorry to say that, up to the present moment, no recognition has been shown in respect to our claims.

It is not known to us just what your intentions are with regards to this institution but, if your department proposes to keep it in existence help, in the matter of items mentioned below, is absolutely essential.

Firstly, the entire roof of the girl's building needs renewing, same was put up in 1884.

Secondly, fire-escapes on both boy's and girl's buildings are urgently required, as present ones are condemned and are about to collapse.

Thirdly, the floors in the boy's and girl's recreation rooms are in a very bad state and should be replaced. The same also applies to both dormitories.

Fourthly, our laundry is in an awful shape and should be reconstructed throughout.

The above are the most urgently needed,

and I would respectfully urge that the matter
be considered at the earliest possible date, as to
continue under present circumstances is, I am sure,
not in keeping with the standard set by your
department.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Demers
Principal.

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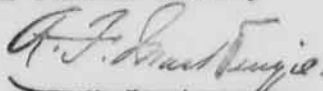
OTTAWA, August 5th, 1921.

Reverend Sir, -


I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th instant with reference to the repairs enumerated by you which are required to the buildings at the St. Joseph's Industrial School.

In reply, I beg to say it is regretted that the Department is unable to comply with your request, as there are no funds available from which to make these repairs.

Your obedient servant,



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



Rev. J. A. Demers, O.M.I.,
Principal, St. Joseph's Industrial School,
De Winton, Alta.

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Schools
St. Joseph's Industrial School,

De Winton, Alta.,

August 15th. 1921.

Applied
Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
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Dear Sir,-

Your letter No. 117657 - 5 dated August 5th. in connection with repairs requested in our letter of July 30th. to hand, and in reply beg leave to say that, we are sorry the Department finds itself with no funds available for such purposes but, we would like to further impress upon you that, the matter is of more urgency than you appear to have gathered from our remarks. These repairs, especially the roof of the girl's building and both fire-escapes, are of imperative necessity, the others are badly needed and, we would respectfully request that something be done before the coming winter sets in.

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Yours sincerely,

J. A. D. Jones
Principal.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

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ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Sir,

I understand that the fire escapes on the boys' building at the St. Joseph's Industrial School are in bad shape. These escapes are wooden structures attached to the building, and the material has rotted away making it impossible to repair them without using new material. There is no Carpenter at the School, nor is there one at De Winton, the nearest man being at High River. I am not able at the present time to state what the cost of the repairs would amount to, but it would be mainly for wages as not much material would be required. As to how many days it would take to put these fire escapes into good shape I cannot say, but I would be glad if you would give me authority to expend the sum of \$80.00.

Personally I am aware that the Department contemplates building a new Industrial School in this section of the country, but in the meantime defective fire escapes are things that we cannot close our eyes to as we must at all times furnish proper protection to our pupils who are confined to the School.

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham.
Indian Commissioner.



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

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