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Ottawa, September 11, 1908.

Sir:-

Confirming a telegram sent you this morning requesting you to stop all work on sewage system for the Kenora boarding school, I beg to inform you that Dr. Bryce who lately inspected the Kenora boarding school reports that the Provincial Health Authorities would not allow the sewage from the school to enter the lake, owing to the danger of contaminating the water supply of the town of Kenora which is taken from the river about 1½ miles below the school.

To prevent any conflict with the P. H. Authorities and to ensure good drains for the school, plans for a septic tank system have been prepared, which will prevent the raw sewage entering the lake, as the drainage will percolate through the soil and enter the lake in a practically clear state and entirely free from vegetable or other organic matter deleterious to health. This will also make it unnecessary to go to such a distance in the lake for the water supply as provided for in the original plans, and it is hoped that the school will be under no additional expense by reason of these changes.

Rev. J. N. Poitras, O.M.I.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

You will therefore note that drainage plan No. 178, formerly authorized by this Department and sent you under date of September 3rd, is cancelled, and plans of septic tank system herewith enclosed will be used for the sewerage system for this school.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.