

File 285,250.

Ottawa, April 5, 1911.

Sir,-

I beg to say that application has been made by the Rev. Father Calmes for an addition of twenty acres to school site, being the portion lying east of the addition to the Industrial School Reserve, as shown on the plan herewith inclosed and I have to request that you will be good enough to bring the matter before the Indians. and if they are agreeable, have a resolution passed consenting to the Department allowing the Industrial School to use the piece of land in question for school purposes.

Your obedient Servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. P. Wright, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Fort Frances, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

PORT FRANCES AGENCY,

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 3000

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Sir,—

Referring to your letter of 5th instant

No. 285,250, relative to the application from the Rev. Father Kalmes for an addition of twenty acres to the Fort Frances Boarding School site, as shewn on the plan enclosed in your said letter, I beg to state that it will be very inconvenient to bring this matter before the Indians interested, until the annuity payments in June next, and I have not the least doubt but what they will consent to the Department allowing the School to use the piece of land in question for school purposes.

Referring to the original 43 acres set aside for this school and the additional 21 acres assigned for the use of it, the Indians were not asked or consulted in the matter.

In your letters of the 28th November, 1907, No. 95721, and 9th December, 1907, No. 285250-I, you state that the Lake front is reserved, as it may be hereafter decided to subdivide it into suburban lots, and that the school does not require more frontage on the lake, as this frontage will probably be valuable if laid out in lots.

In my opinion the school has sufficient land, and if the Indians are to derive any benefit from this reserve, the balance should be subdivided in suburban lots and sold for their benefit.

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

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. W. Wright
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa, May 4th., 1911.

MEMORANDUM:

Deputy Superintendent General.

See as report of 1911
I would recommend that the school be allowed to use the additional twenty acres mentioned in the attached correspondence. Our new school Agreement makes it obligatory to have sufficient land for farms and gardens, and as this is our own property and is going to be a useful school in the future, I think we should insure that it has sufficient area. Used in this way it will in the end be of much greater value to the Indians than if it was divided up and sold.

Dr. Minister.

In reply to your enquiry I beg to state that the twenty acres proposed as an addition to the school lands is about fourteen chains north of the land applied for by the Canadian Northern Ry. There is a block of land 21 x 17 chains between the said 20 acres and the North limit of the land leased to the town of Fort Frances and the tract applied for by the Ry. is almost entirely within the said leased tract.

[Signature]
Chief Accountant.

J. Brown 10 May 1911

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See how this file in part
is part of the land
applied for by the
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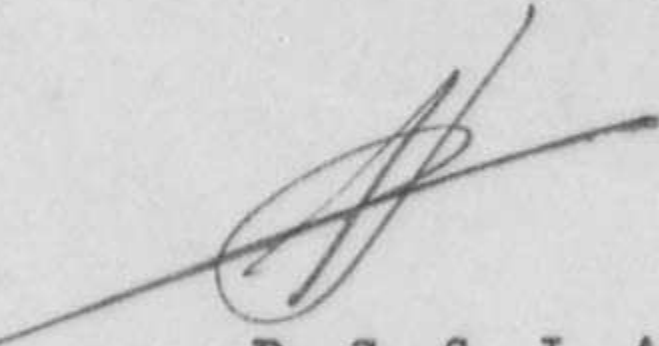


OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL.
OTTAWA.

May 22, 1911.

Mr. Scott,

Regarding the application of the Church for 20 acres of land at Fort Frances, please note that if the land is sold at all it should be as recommended by the Agent.


D. S. G. I. A.

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every visitor notice this fact.

Our sewers are also in danger; the pipes are breaking off, piece by piece. If the Department does not take an immediate step to the banking of the shores around the school, we are liable to make up one morning in the lake. Something has to be done, if the Department is unable to do it, we have to look after the affair.

Yours truly

W. Kalnes. v.
Fort. Frances
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Fort Frances 29/5-10.

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Sir

Co Mr. Tutley Esq.

Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

Sir:

The Fort Frances Indian School is losing every day of its value through the continual falling down of the banks around the Rainy Lake.

Mr. J. P. Wright, our Indian Agent at his last inspection, told me that he wrote many times about this matter to the Department.

The land as well as the school is all Government's property, is of great value; thirty acres of this land which has all been in bush four years ago, are now cleared and under high cultivation. The work done on this property is enormous, and after all we are now in great danger to lose a great part of this land through the falling of the banks of the R. Lake.

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P. 251
Ottawa, June 11, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo calling attention to the fact that the erosion of the banks around Rainy Lake is carrying away the land belonging to the Fort Frances Indian school and asking that steps be taken to stop any further loss.

In reply I beg to say that the whole question of protection from and compensation for damages caused by the raising of the water in Rainy Lake by the Minnesota Power Co. is receiving the attention of the Department.

Yours obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary.

Rev. M. Kalnes, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Fort Frances Boarding School,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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Ottawa, May 23, 1911.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 9th, last, in which you apply for twenty additional acres of land along the Fort Frances Reserve to be used in connection with the Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that the Department regrets that it cannot comply with your request.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. M. Kalnes,

Principal,

Fort Frances Boarding School,

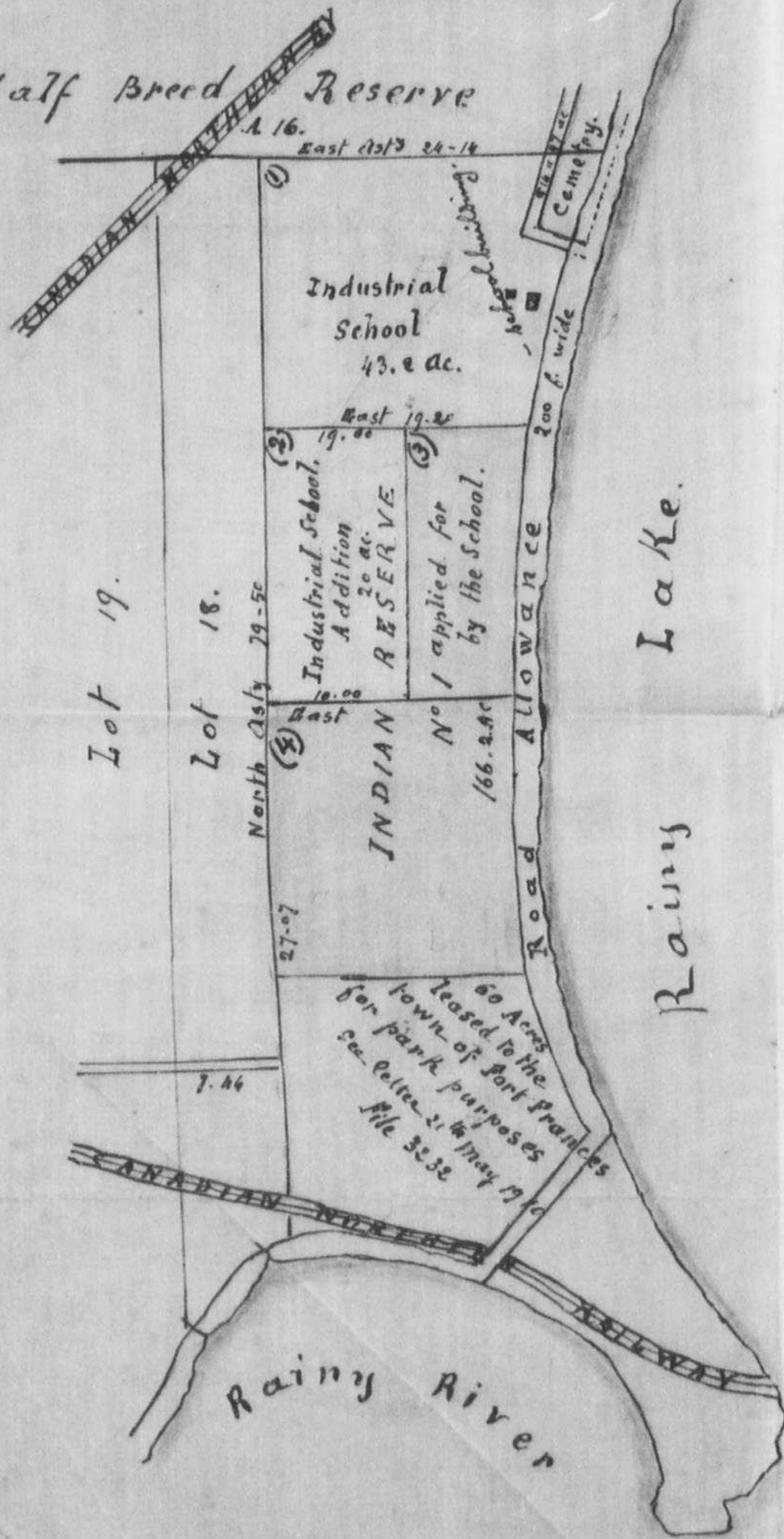
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Half Breed Reserve



- (1) Industrial School Property (43 acres)
- (2) " " (20 ")
- (3) Property applied for by the school (about 20 acres)
- (4) " " " " (about 40 ")

Plan of
Indian Reserve N° 1.
Rainy Lake Ont.
Surveyed by D.J. Gillon C.L.S. 1908.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT-GENERAL.

OTTAWA. February 5th. 1912.

MEMORANDUM

Schools Branch -

Will you please let me know how much land was granted as a site for the Fort Frances school in the first place, how much land has been given in addition and what applications have been made. Has an application for the two portions of land marked on the plan enclosed herewith, No. 3 about 20 acres, No. 4, 40 acres, in yellow colour, come before the Department. Please let me have this report as soon as possible.

D. S. G. I. A.

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Ottawa February 6, 1912.

Memorandum.

Mr Pedley

The original grant for the Fort Francis Indian Boarding School comprised 43.2 acres marked 1 on the tracing hereunder. A subsequent grant of 20 acres was made marked (2) on tracing and application was made by the principal of the school in March last for 20 acres more 3 on tracing. The portion marked (4) has now been applied for.

Parcels 3 and 4 are included in the surrender made October 1, 1908. "The land to be sold for the benefit of the Indians of Treaty 3 the Indians reserving the right to hold meetings on this land." Their consent would be necessary for further grant to school.

Maude Bensen

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Ottawa February 6, 1912.

Memorandum.

Mr. Pedley,

63.2 acres were set apart for the use of the Fort Frances Boarding school, the school to have the right of occupation but not the ownership. This land is on what is known as Pithers Point.

Afterwards 114 acres on the Point were surrendered on 1st October 1908 by the Couchiching, Stangecoming, Naicatchewenin and Nickickonsemenecaming in the Fort Frances Agency| Treaty 3, excluding the road allowance and the right of way of the Canadian Northern Railway and the lands set apart for the purposes of the school, with a view to the land being sold for the benefit of the bands concerned. (see O.C. Nov. 14, 1908 on File 3232.) The additional land applied for by the school authorities forms part of the tract embraced in this surrender.

Matthew Benson

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Frances, threatening to cancel the Order in Council granting permission to lease and declining to consent to the issue of this patent until the whole question of Indian Reserves is finally settled. *It is doubtful if the Province will go into the matter now*

Wm. Leach

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Memorandum

To the Deputy Superintendent General.

Ottawa, February 8, 1912.

With reference to disposal of part of surrendered portion of Agency Indian Reserve No.1, Fort Frances, an Order in Council was passed 26th July, 1907 by the Province of Ontario giving consent to the surrender of Indian Reserves Nos. 1, 16A, 18B, 10, 11, 12, 13, 37, 14, 15 and the Wild Lands Reserve, all in the Rainy River District on or near Rainy River on condition that they be sold to actual settlers.

Further Orders in Council are necessary for the disposal in any other manner, and when part of the Agency Reserve was leased for park purposes to the Town of Fort Frances a new one dated the 4th September 1908 was passed.

As this reserve was surrendered by the Indians with a view to the land being sold by this Department for the benefit of the Indians and the consent of the Province was given on condition that the land be sold to actual settlers, I am doubtful if additional land can be added to the school without compensation unless the consent of the Province be obtained.

In view of a letter from the Department of Lands, Mines and Forests, dated 31st July 1911, File 204,596-2 regarding consent of the Province to the issue of a patent to the Canadian Northern Railway, fault is found with the charging of a rental of one dollar per acre per year for that portion now leased for park purposes to the town of Fort

Frances

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Annual
Extract from Report of Rev. Ph. Valis, O.M.I., Principal of
the Boarding School, Fort Frances, Ont., for the year ended
March 31, 1912.

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I here renew my earnest request that the sixty
acres adjoining the school grounds, become our property
also, as the morals of our Indians would be endangered if
this land became public property.

During the course of this month a disastrous
fire (no doubt caused by the awkwardness of some poor
smoker, that must have spent the night there) destroyed
in a few minutes, our fine stable built by the generosity
of the Department in the latter part of 1910. Only the
horses and cows were saved, the hens, (there were about 175)
were all burned, as well as the hay about twelve tons.

We had just completed some very necessary amel-
iorations. This incident is a grievous loss, but we hope
that the Department will aid us to repair this.

Believe me, Honourable Sir

Yours very truly

Ph. Vales, O.M.I.

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Return to Principal
Extract from the Annual Report of the Fort Francis
Indian Boarding School, Rev. Ph. Vales, O.M.I., Prin-
cipal. Original on File 160370-19A



get
act
GENERAL REMARKS.)

I must not forget to mention the following
sad fact which is that the water of Rainy Lake injures
considerably our land. Only last summer we lost about
ten feet of ground in front of the school. This is caused
by the extraordinary rise of water the a private industry
of International Fall will maintain at any cost. At that
rate if no obstacles are placed in their way we will soon
be in the water. Our agent, Mr. J.P.Wright, has had some-
thing done to stop the evil, we hope he will not let matters
rest there, but will oblige the American Company (authors
of this disaster) to do more solid work.

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Yours respectfully

Ph. Vales, O.M.I.,

Principal.

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institution, and avoid a deficit.

If this land is to be sold for settlement. There can be no better settlement than utilize it for the school purposes.

The town of Fort Frances has already leased a large tract of land adjoining the school, for park purposes, and if the piece now desired for the school, is sold for summer resorts, you can imagine the injurious effects it will have on Indian pupils.

The school is established on sound basis, and is destined to be a permanent institution. It is therefore absolutely necessary that the Government should provide sufficient ground, especially when it is the expressed wish of the Indians interested, who own the land.

As regards the Government purchasing this land may I suggest that it would not be a precedent, for it was done in other instances. I have before me the last annual report of the Department of Indian Affairs, and I find on page 525 that the Rev. Principal of Brandon Industrial School is very grateful to the Dep't. for purchasing 640 acres of land, for that institution, when they had already 320 acres; see also page 432 of the report. I also find on page 464 of the Auditor General's report, that the Dep't. paid \$16,003.45 cash for the land. The land at Fort Frances could be purchased for the school, at a valuation which would satisfy the claims of the Indians.

By your cooperation, Honourable Sir, may these few observations obtain for us favorable results. It is with this hope, I have the honour to be

Yours very respectfully

Ch. Vales our
principal

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Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances Ont.

July 2nd 1913

Mr. Roche.
Minister of the Interior
Ottawa.

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Honourable Sir,

Permit me to remind you that the desire, manifested at different times, by different persons, to obtain the 60 acres of land, adjoining the School land on the south side, is more lively than ever.

It is because I consider, that the land asked for, is absolutely necessary for the proper management of our school, and I supplicate the Department, not for any price, to let it pass into other hands. The following observations will surely help us to obtain our request.

One of the objections to granting more land to the Fort Frances Boarding School out of the Agency Indian Reserve, that was surrendered by the Indians for sale, is, that the consent of the Ontario Government would have to be obtained.

Have any steps been taken by the Department to obtain this consent?

Another reason is that the land is to be sold for benefit of the Indians.

Could not the Indian Department purchase it? The school is a Government Institution and according to the new agreement, it is obligatory to have sufficient land for farm and garden purposes. This school is doing good work among the Indians, and as the Government grant is small, the authorities are endeavoring to supplement their earnings out of the farm and garden, to supply the needs of the

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Ottawa, August 6, 1915.

Reverend Sir,-

Referring to the request made by you some-
time ago that the sixty acre lot adjoining the Port Frances
School land be added to the school property, I beg to say
that it has been decided to give you permission to culti-
vate these sixty acres but no arrangement can be made to
have it form part of the school lands pending a settlement
of the reserve question with the Ontario Government. It
is to be clearly understood that right to cultivate is the
only concession hereby given.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Vales, O.M.I.,
Principal Port Frances Boarding School,
Port Frances, Man.

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Letter October 4th 1913 -
this file rescinds the cultivating privilege

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Reserve
16 A.

Industrial
School
43.2 ac.

Canada

Industrial
School
Additional
20 ac.

Agency Reserve

Game
Park

60 ac

Game
Park

Rainy Lake

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

286-253
FORT FRANCES AGENCY,

2nd September, 1913 190

YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 4165
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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Sir,-

Referring to your letter of 6th ultimo,

Lk
No. 285250, enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the
Rev. Ph. Vales, O.M.I., Principal, Fort Frances Boarding
School, I would ask what portion of the old Agency
Reserve this sixty acres referred to, belongs, as when
the school was first built there was 43 acres set aside
from this reserve for the school, and a few years ago,
an additional 20 acres on the back of the reserve was
given them for wood lands, this has all been cleared,
but not yet cultivated, now the Principal informs me
that the 60 acres referred to as an additional 60 acres
to what they now have, but that cannot be cultivated, as
it is all timbered land, and I do not see why they
should want so much land.

I enclose a rough sketch of the plan of the old
agency reserve, showing what the school now have, and
what was leased to the town of Fort Frances as a park,
the balance being still the agency reserve.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. R. Knight
Indian Agent.

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

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Minister
By
Reedy

Ottawa, Oct. 4, 1913.

Reverend Sir:-

Referring to letter to you of Aug. 6, last, in which you were given permission to cultivate the balance of sixty acres adjoining the Fort Frances School Lands I have to inform you that the said permission is hereby rescinded as only a part of the said lands will be allowed for school purposes. You will be hereafter advised of the lands that will be attached to the school. In the meantime I have to say that on no account is any timber to be cut on the lake front or for a distance of at least ten chains back from the front.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. Father Vales, O.M.I.,

Principal, Fort Frances Boarding School,

Fort Frances,

Ont.

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Indian Boarding School
Fort Frances Ont.

285-250 March 6th 1915

Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

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W. G. M.

Honourable Sir,

Last year, when Seaman & Pennington undertook to fix a part of the bank of Rainy Lake, they found that they were short of about 500 feet of track. To complete this, their foreman, Mr. Sandell believed himself authorized to cut all the timber needed, on the land conceded to the school, on the 4th of October, in the year 1913, letter No 285-250.

When I made a few observations about this, and I suppose to make me, more readily accept, a deed accomplished, he promised me, that when the work would be finished, he would let me have all the wood; but he did not keep his word, in fact he sold the wood to J. East Contractor at Fort Frances.

I would like to know what the Department thinks of such proceedings, and if we could exact a little compensation in return.

Hoping to receive from you a prompt and favorable reply.

I have the honour to be

Honourable Sir

Yours respectfully

J. H. Vats



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Ottawa, 9th March, 1915-

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 18 1915
SURVEYS

Reverend Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in regard to the wood alleged to have been taken by Messrs. Seaman & Penniman's Foreman, for track purposes, from the land which you state was conceded to the School, on the 4th October, 1913, and his refusal to let you have the wood, when the work was completed, and in reply to inform you that this matter should have been referred to the local Indian Agent.

On receipt of a report from him of the facts, the Department would be in a position to say how much, if any, compensation, should be given.

It is observed that the letter of 4th October, 1913, states that you were advised that on no account is any timber to be cut on the Lake front, or for at least a distance of ten chains back from the front, also that only a part of the 60 Acres would be allowed for School purposes.

You should interview the Indian Agent, Mr. Wright, and give him communication of this letter.

Your obedient servant,

Rev. Ph. Vales, O.M.I.
Principal,
Fort Frances Boarding School
Fort Frances,
Ont.

J. D. McLEAN
Asst. Deputy & Secretary-

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Report of Inspector Semmens on Fort Frances Agency, June 1915
Winnipeg, July 26th, 1915

EXTRACT.
ORIGINAL ON

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Duncan Campbell Scott Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa-Canada.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

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(3) When the "Rip-rap" work was done at Couchiching Reserve to guard the village front and to protect the School property it became evident to me that it should be extended for another half mile so that the property of the Department should be saved from the encroachments of the high water in the Rainy Lake. I prepared a report recommending but on consultation with Agent Wright it was found that his policy was to sell the water front still unprotected to private parties who were in search of building sites, and they could then protect their own property and thus save the Department from further expense in this direction. In view of this I withheld my report. It has since transpired that Mr. Wright's scheme has not materialized, and the erosion of the bank still goes on. I now recommend that this matter receive further attention from the Department, and that the Agent be instructed to investigate the matter and obtain figures showing the prospective cost of extending the "rip-rap" so as to prevent further damage.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant,

Not Signed

Inspector of Indian Agencies and Schools.

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Sept 1916

Extract from Inspector's Report on the Fort Frances Boarding School, dated March 20, 1916. Original on file 285250-6

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Land Cultivated.

The roiginal holdings were sixty three acres. From this 8 acres have been taken for public roads. Seven more are covered with buildings. Sixteen acres are unstumped. This leaves but 32 acres in actual cultivation. Six acres are borrowed from Indians. The school has no pasture land and in consequence the cattle must be herded on the highways or land for pasture must be rented. The land at command of the school seems to me to be inadequate and I recommend that this question receive the further attention of the Department.



Sgd. John Semmens,
Insp.

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Ottawa, March 29, 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to advise you that Mr. Inspector Semmens in a recent report on the Fort Frances Boarding School states as follows,- "The original holdings were sixty three acres. From this 8 acres have been taken for public roads. Seven more are covered with buildings. Sixteen acres are unstumped. This leaves but 32 acres in actual cultivation. Six acres are borrowed from Indians. The school has no pasture land and in consequence the cattle must be herded on the highways or land for pasture must be rented. The land at command of the school seems to me to be inadequate and I recommend that this question receive the further attention of the Department".

The Department would like to have a report from you in regard to this matter.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. P. Wright, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Frances, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

FORT FRANCES AGENCY,



5th April, 1916 191

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REPLY REFER TO
No. 4753
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

No. 285250/I

answered on file 490079 K1916
See file 490079 for action in this matter J.B.
See 282759
James

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to the land held by the Fort Frances Boarding School, and in reply beg to state that they have not sufficient pasture land, for the stock they have and would suggest that say 50 or 75 acres of the west end of reserve 16A be leased from the Indians for a term of years, at a small rental, would give them all the land they required, if the recommendations made by Mr Bray in the 3 clause of your letter of the 4th October, 1913, No. 282759, was carried out. The most of the land on the west end of reserve 16A, could be very easily cleared, as it was burnt off many years ago and there is good pasture on it, the Indians have never made any attempt to do anything with it, although I have often tried to get them to make it into hay land, it is low and flat land.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. P. Wright
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa,

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