

H.Q. File No. Div. File No. 422 149-81. F. 264 B.
P.O.R. Balcarres ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
12-4-42. (BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)
Sub-Division Regina S.Div. Ref. R342-54-2. R.C.M.P. Seizure Number
Detachment Balcarres. Det. Ref. 1-238-42. A.R.V. No. Sask.
Defendant Samson PECHANIS (Juv. Treaty Ind.) Address File Hills Indian School, (NAME IN FULL)
Occupation Student. Status in Canada British subject.
Nationality British subject. Colour Cree Indian Date of Birth Jan. 24, 1929.
Place of Offence File Hills Indian School, Sask. Date 8-4-42.
Offence Burning schoolhouse, Criminal Code of Can. 511. (DESCRIPTION) (NAME OF ACT) (SECTION)
Information S.S. Jones, Ind. Agt. 17-4-42, G.C. Ludlow, J.P. Balcarres, Sk. (BY WHOM LAID) (DATE) (BEFORE) (PLACE)
Arrest or Summons Arrest. Date 18-4-42 Place Balcarres, Sask. Date 16-4-42 (Judge Juv. Court) Trial
Tried By J.A. Fraser, Pol/Mag. Regina, Sask. Plea Guilty.
Prosecutor or Pros'g Counsel L.T. McKim, Agt. of Att. Gen. Defence Counsel Nil.
Disposition of Charge or Sentence imposed & date sentenced to 3 months in Boy's Industrial School, Regina, sentence to date from date of arrest, 18-4-42, and thereafter to report to his Indian Agent for a period of six months, semi-monthly.
Fine paid or Jail term taken.
Costs Collected (Police) Authority for Search Nil.
Serving Summons \$ Nil. Complainant: S.S. Jones, Ind. Agt.
Arrest \$ Nil. Fingerprint to H.Q. (DATE)
Attending Court \$ Nil. Photograph to H.Q. (DATE)
Witness Fees \$ Nil. Last previous conviction (quote F.P.S. Number if known) None known.
Mileage Miles @ c.p.m. \$ Nil.
Costs other than R.C.M.P.: Nil.

REMARKS:—
1. As per your instructions received dated 28-4-42, the wording of the charge was duly amended in compliance with the requirements of Par. 6, Page 1, JUV., "F" Div. Instructions, by adding - Did commit a delinquency by unlawfully. Father of accused was present in Court.
2. Mr. Christiansen, Supt. of Indian Agencies, was present and made representation on behalf of the Dept. of Indian Affairs.
3. Accused was this same date escorted via Greyhound Bus Lines to Regina by Csts. Caldwell & Loree of Regina Town Station, together with Warrant of Commitment duly completed.
CONVICTED - NIL
EXPENSES - NIL
2/Cst.
(A. Zimmerman) Reg. No. 13791.

Diary Date Investigated by Cpl. Macare, Csts. Zimmerman & Caldwell
Fw'd on 18-5-42. to O.C.S-Div. Fw'd on (DATE) to O.C. Div. Fw'd Comm'r (DATE)
Opl. (A. Macare) DETACHMENT NO. 8510. i/c SUB-DIVISION COMMANDING DIVISION

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 42 D 149-G-23

OTTAWA, June 2, 1942.

YOUR FILE NO. _____

Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.

TO:

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

GAV:LC



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C.R. 20-4-42.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)

Sub-Division Regina. S.Div. Ref. R.C.M.P. Seizure Number.....

Detachment Balcarres Det. Ref. 1-240-42. A.R.V. No. Sask.

Defendant Jimmy KEMPNESS (Juvenile Treaty Indian) File Hills Indian School.
(NAME IN FULL) Address.....

Occupation Student. Status in Canada British subject.

Nationality British subject. Colour Cree Indian Date of Birth 27-11-27.

Place of Offence File Hills Indian School, Sask. Date 8-4-42.

Offence Burning schoolhouse. Criminal Code of Canada. 511.
(DESCRIPTION) (NAME OF ACT) (SECTION)

Information E.S. Jones, Ind. Agt. 17-4-42. O.C. Ludlow, J.P. Balcarres, Sk.
(BY WHOM LAID) (DATE) (BEFORE) (PLACE)

Arrest or Summons Arrest. Date 18-4-42. Place Balcarres, Sask. Date 16-5-42.
(Judge Juv. Court) of Trial

Tried By J.A. Fraser, Pol/Mag. Regina, Sask. Plea Guilty.

Prosecutor or Pros'g Counsel L.F. McKim, Agt. of Att. Gen. Defence Counsel M.L. Robinson, Regina.

Disposition of Charge or Sentence imposed & date Sentenced to the Boy's Industrial School, Regina, for a period ending Sept. 1st., 1943, from date of arrest, 18-4-42, and thereafter to the Indian Residential School, Brandon, Man., for a period ending June 30th., 1943.

Fine paid or gaol term taken.....

Costs Collected (Police)

Serving Summons \$ Nil.

Arrest \$ Nil.

Attending Court \$ Nil.

Witness Fees \$ Nil.

mileage Miles c.p.m. \$ Nil.

Costs other than R.C.M.P.:

Authority for Search Nil.Complainant E.S. Jones, Ind. Agt.Fingerprints to H.Q.
(DATE)Photograph to H.Q.
(DATE)Last previous conviction (quote F.P.S. Number if known) None known.Nil.

REMARKS:—

1. As per your instructions received dated 28-4-42, the wording of the charge was duly amended in compliance with the requirements of Par. 1, Page 1, JUV., "F" Div., instructions by adding - 'Did commit a delinquency by unlawfully'. The father of this accused was present in Court.

2. Mr. Christiansen, Supt. of Indian Agencies, was present and made representation on behalf of the Dept. of Indian Affairs.

3. Accused was this same date escorted via Greyhound Bus lines to Regina by Csts. Caldwell and Loree of Regina Town Station, together with Warrants of Commitment duly completed.

CONVICTED - CONCLUDED.
EXPENSES - NIL.

2/Cat.
(A. Zimmerman) Reg. No. 13791.

Diary Date..... Investigated by Op1. Macera, Csts. Zimmerman & CaldwellFw'd on 16-5-42. to O.C.S-Div. Fw'd on to O.C. Div. Fw'd Comm'r.....
(DATE) (DATE)

Op1.
(A. Macera) Reg. No. 6310.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 42 D 149-G-21

OTTAWA, June 2, 1942.

YOUR FILE NO.

Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.

TO:

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The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.



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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Sub-Division Regina S.Div. Ref. _____ R.C.M.P. Seizure Number _____
Detachment Balcarres. Det. Ref. 1-239-42. A.R.V. No. _____
Defendant Benny PASQUA (Juvenile, Treaty Indian) Address Pile Hills Indian School, Sask.
(NAME IN FULL)
Occupation Student. Status in Canada British subject.
Nationality British subject. Colour Cree Indian Date of Birth Dec. 21, 1927.
Place of Offence Pile Hills Indian School, Sask. Date 8-4-42.
Offence Burned Schoolhouse. Criminal Code of Canada. 511.
(DESCRIPTION) (NAME OF ACT) (SECTION)
Information R.S. Jones, Ind. Agt. 17-4-42. G.C. Ludlow, J.P. Balcarres, Sk.
(BY WHOM LAID) (DATE) (BEFORE) (PLACE)
Arrest or Summons Arrest. Date 18-4-42. Place of Trial Balcarres, Sask. Date 16-5-42.
(Judge Juv. Court)
Tried By J.A. Fraser, Pol/Mag. Regina, Sask. Plea Guilty.
Prosecutor or Pros'g Counsel L.T. McKim, Asst. for Att. Gen. Defence Counsel M.L. Robinson, Regina.
Disposition of Charge or Sentence imposed & date Sentenced to Boy's Industrial School for a period ending Sept. 1st., 1942, from date of arrest, 18-4-42, and thereafter to the Indian Residential School, Brandon, Man., for a period ending June 30th., 1943.
Fine paid or gail term taken _____

Costs Collected (Police)

Serving Summons \$ NIL.
Arrest \$ NIL.
Attending Court \$ NIL.
Witness fees \$ NIL.
Mileage \$ NIL.
Miles c.p.m. \$ NIL.

Authority for Search

Complainant: R.S. Jones, Ind. Agt.
Fingerprints to H.Q. _____ (DATE)
Photograph to H.Q. _____ (DATE)
Last previous conviction (quote F.P.S. Number if known) None known.

Costs other than R.C.M.P.: _____

REMARKS:—

- As per your instructions received dated 23-4-42, the wording of the charge was duly amended in compliance with requirements of Par. 6, Page 1, JUV., "F" Div. Instructions, by adding -'Did commit a delinquency by unlawfully.' Father of this accused was present in Court.
 - Mr. Christiansen, Supt. of Indian Agencies, was present and made representation on behalf of the Dept. of Indian Affairs.
 - Accused was this same date escorted via Greyhound Bus lines to Regina by Csts. Caldwell and Lorie of Regina Town Station, together with warrant of Commitment, duly completed.
- CONVICTED - CONCLUDED.
EXPENSES - NIL.

(A. Zimmerman) Reg. No. 13791. 2/Oct.

Diary Date _____ Investigated by Cpl. Macara, Csts. Zimmerman & Caldwell
Fw'd on 18-5-42. to O.C.S-Div. Fw'd on _____ to O.C. Div. Fw'd Comm'r _____
(DATE) (DATE)

Cpl. (M. Macara) No. 8310.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 42 D 149-G-22

OTTAWA, June 2, 1942.

YOUR FILE NO. 10

Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.

TO:

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

GAV:LC



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H.Q. File No. 42 D 149-G-40
P. Balcarres
28/4/42

Div. File No. 42 R 149-80

F. 264 B.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)

Sub-Division.....Regina.....S.Div. Ref.....R.C.M.P. Seizure Number.....
Detachment.....Balcarres.....Det. Ref.....1-239-42.....A.R.V. No.....
Defendant.....Benny PASQUA (Juvenile Treaty Indian) Address.....File Hills Indian School, Sask.
(NAME IN FULL)
Occupation.....Student.....Status in Canada.....British Subject.....
Nationality.....British Subject.....Colour.....Cree Indian.....Date of Birth.....Dec. 21, 1927.....
Place of Offence.....File Hills Indian School, Sask.....Date.....8/4/42.....
Offence.....Burning School House.....Criminal Code of Canada.....511
(DESCRIPTION) (NAME OF ACT) (SECTION)
Information.....E.S. JONES, Ind. Agt. 17/4/42.....G.C. Ludlow, J.P. Balcarres, Sask.
(BY WHOM LAID) (DATE) (BEFORE) (PLACE)
Arrest or Summons.....Arrest.....Date 18/4/42 Place Balcarres, Sask Date 16/5/42
Judge of Trial Juv. Court
Tried By J.A. Fraser, Pol. Mag., Regina, Sask. Plea Guilty
Prosecutor or Pros'g Counsel L.T. McKim, Agt. for Att. Gen. Defence Counsel M.L. Robinson, Regina.
Disposition of Charge or Sentence imposed & date Sentenced to Boys Industrial School for a period ending Sept. 1st, 1942, from date of arrest 18/4/42, and thereafter to the Indian Residential School, Brandon, Man., for a period ending June 30th, 1943.
Fine paid or gaol term taken.....

Costs Collected (Police)

Authority for Search.....Nil

Serving Summons.....\$Nil.....Complainant: E.S. Jones, Indian Agent

Arrest.....\$Nil.....Fingerprints to H.Q.
(DATE)

Attending Court.....\$Nil.....Photograph to H.Q.
(DATE)

Witness Fees.....\$Nil.....Last previous conviction (quote F.P.S. Number if known) none known

Mileage.....Miles @.....c.p.m. \$Nil

Costs other than R.C.M.P.:

Nil

REMARKS:—

1. As per instructions received dated 28/4/42 the wording of the charge was duly amended in compliance with requirements of Para. 6 Page 1 JUV., "F" Division Instructions, by adding "did commit a delinquency by unlawfully". Father of the accused was present in the Court.
2. Mr. Christianson, Supt. of Indian Agencies was present and made representation on behalf of the Dept. of Indian Affairs.
3. Accused was same date escorted via Greyhound Bus lines to Regina by Csts. Caldwell and Loree of Regina Town Station, together with Warrants of Commitments, duly completed.

CONVICTED*CONCLUDED
EXPENSES * NIL

(SGD) 2/Cst.,
(A. Zimmerman) Reg.No. 13791.

Diary Date.....Investigated by.....Cpl. Macara, Csts. Zimmerman and Caldwell.

Fw'd on.....18/5/42.....to O.C.S-Div. Fw'd on.....to O.C. Div. Fw'd Comm'r.....
(DATE) (DATE) (DATE)

Cpl.
(R. Macara) Reg. No. 8310

BALCARRES DETACHMENT

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COMMANDING DIVISION

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE NO. 42 D 149-G 40

OTTAWA, June 9, 1942.

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See
YOUR FILE NO. _____

Referred by direction of The Commissioner, Royal Canadian
Mounted Police, Ottawa.

TO:

GAV*ACH.

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.



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EXTRACT
ORIGINAL ON

File Hills, Agency
Balcarres, Sask.
June 2nd, 1942.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my monthly report covering the File Hills Agency for the month of May 1942;

CRIME:

The five boys implicated with the burning of the class-room at the File Hills Residential School, were charged under Sec. 511 of the Criminal Code and were brought before Magistrate Fraser on May 16th. and were sentenced as follows:

Arnold Pechawis of the Carlton Agency and Wilfred Hawawie of the Qu'Appelle Agency were each sentenced to One Year in the Moosomin Goal.

Benny Pasqua and Jimmy Keepness both of the Qu'Appelle Agency were sentenced to remain at the Regina Industrial School until the Fall term opens at the Brandon Indian Residential School where they will remain for one year.

Sampson Pechawis, age 12 years, of the Carlton Agency will return to his home the end of June.

E.S. Jones,
Acting Indian Agent.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED TO:
THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. MOUNTED POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. 42 D 149-G-23

OTTAWA, June 9, 1942.
CANADA



EX'D.
A

Sir,-

Re: Samson PECHAWIS - Juvenile
Delinquents Act - File Hills
Residential School, Sask.

With reference to the above noted case, we are now in receipt of advice from the Officer Commanding this Force in Regina that this subject was convicted on May 16th, 1942, and not on April 16th as shown on Form 264B forwarded to you on the 30th ultimo.

Yours truly,

R. Armitage
R. Armitage, S/Insp.,
for Director, Criminal Investigation.

The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

GAV:LC

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**EXTRACT
ORIGINAL ON**
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Balcarres, Sask., July 2, 1942.

AGENT'S REPORT ON FILE HILLS AGENCY FOR MONTH OF JUNE.
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Mr. Dobbin arrived at the File Hills Indian Residential school to take over the duties of Principal on June 1st. The last of the pupils left for summer vacation on Saturday, June 27th.

X X X
E.S. Jones.
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa,
July 14, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Mr. L.L. Dobbin has now been Principal of the File Hills Residential School for a period of six weeks. The Department is anxious to know if he appears to be obtaining control of the situation at this school. I should, therefore, appreciate receiving from you a very frank report on his work as well as the work of the other members of the staff. Is it your opinion that there should be additional changes in the staff at this school? An early reply would be appreciated. When replying you should let me know the number of times you have found it possible to visit the school since Mr. Dobbin took charge.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Mr. E.S. Jones,
Indian Agent,
Balcarres, Sask.

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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
OF INDIAN AGENCIES



CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

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INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

File #306-11A

Self
Regina, Saskatchewan,
July 21st, 1942.



Dear Sir:

With reference to the classroom at the File Hills Indian Residential School which was burned down, I believe that our Branch has given thought as to what is going to be done.

H3-44
I would like to know what steps are being taken in this regard.

Yours truly

M. Christianson,
General Superintendent of Indian Agencies.

MC/ed

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA - Ont.

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Ottawa,
July 27, 1942.

EX'D.
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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant, with reference to the erection of the classroom building at the File Hills Indian Residential School.

No definite decision has yet been made regarding this matter but it will no doubt receive consideration when preparing our estimates for the fiscal year 1943-44.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Mr. M. Christianson,
Gen. Supt. of Indian Agencies,
Dominion Public Bldg.,
Searth & Victoria,
Regina, Sask.

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Orig. on 159-1-1

EXD.
A

Ottawa, January 4, 1943.

Re: Replacement of classroom buildings at
Alberni, B.C., and File Hills, Sask.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 29, in which you express the hope that provision will be made in the 1943-44 estimates for the construction of the marginally-noted buildings.

I regret to state that for reasons that will readily occur to you I have not found it possible to make provision for the construction of these buildings in the regular estimates. It has occurred to me, however, that this is a matter that might be discussed immediately following the conference to be held at my office on January 12.

Yours sincerely,

Reverend George Dorey, D.D.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
United Church of Canada,
222 Queen Street West,
Toronto 2, Ont.

RAH

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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen St. West, Toronto 2, Ontario

April 14th, 1943.

Attention of Mr. C. W. Jackson

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In connection with the estimates for this year, I wonder whether anything has been put in for rebuilding the File Hills School building, which was burnt down. The situation there is rather bad, as the accommodation which is used for school-room is not only inadequate, but is such that the children suffer from having to spend much time there.

I gathered from the conversation I had with you that there was a possibility of getting an amount put in the estimates to rebuild this school-room. I shall be glad to know whether it has been found possible to have this item included. The Women's Missionary Society, under whom this school is conducted, are inclined to make life a little less than pleasant for me. I wonder whether I can get some assurance from you that it is likely that something will be done in connection with this school this year.

We appreciate the extra grant that came from the Department the other day to assist in carrying on the Indian Residential Schools.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) G. W. Dorey.

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Department of Mines and Resources

Memorandum to *[Signature]* Dr. McGill



I am sending herewith a communication dated
April 14 from Rev. Geo. Dorey, Board of Home
Mission, 299 Queen St. West, Toronto.

Subject: File Hills School.

Kindly prepare a draft reply.

If the information desired is not available within
the next days, will you be good enough to
advise me when it may be expected.

April 16 1943

Charles Camsell
DEPUTY MINISTER

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6307, file 653-1, part 2)

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EXD.
A
Ottawa, April 19, 1943.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of April 14, in which you seek information with respect to the provision made in the 1943-44 estimates for the erection of a classroom building at the File Hills Indian Residential School.

I may state that no provision has been made in these estimates for the construction of Indian day or residential schools anywhere in the Dominion, with the exception of two Indian day schools in Nova Scotia, which schools were urgently needed in that province, in view of the centralization of the Indian population at Shubenacadie and Eskasoni.

The claims of certain Indian reserves for additional school buildings have been carefully reviewed during the last two years. There has been, and still is, however, a feeling that an attempt should be made to carry on with the buildings now available, in the hope that huge supplies of lumber and other building equipment will be available for a worthwhile building program immediately following the close of the war. In addition to the acute shortage of certain building materials, there is, as you know, an acute shortage of skilled labour in the Dominion. These have been the main considerations that have resulted in our present policy. However, if the war continues, it is just possible that this policy may have to be modified to meet conditions such as the conditions now existing at File Hills. It is scarcely necessary to add that I would be glad to discuss this matter with you more fully during one of your periodical visits to Ottawa.

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Yours very truly,

Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,

Deputy Minister

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6307, file 653-1, part 2)

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Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions.

(p.t.o.)

Deputy Minister

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6307, file 653-1, part 2)

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REV. A. LLOYD SMITH, D.D.
CHAIRMAN

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The United Church of Canada

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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Department of Mines & Resources
OTTAWA
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DEPARTMENT OF MINES & RESOURCES
MAY 4 1943
REGISTERED
Charles Camsell, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

April 30th,
1 9 4 3.

Dear Mr. Camsell: Re - File Hills Indian Residential School

I have your letter of April 19th and note that no provision has yet been made to meet the situation at this School. I agree that an attempt should be made to carry on with the buildings available at the present time, so far as this is possible; but the situation at File Hills is such that it is imposing a very great hardship both on the Church's missionary effort and on the Indians themselves to try to carry on.

May I ask if the Department would consider paying for the moving of a building, if such could be found not too far away. I have an idea that in that district there might be some building or buildings which could be drawn in and used as a school, temporarily, if we knew that the Department would pay the cost of such an undertaking. I have not yet written to representatives of the Church in that area, asking them to make enquiries along this line, as I did not know what your attitude would be. I should be glad to know what you think of this.

I have written to the Department about certain other matters and am waiting to get word from someone in the Department as to the date on which Mr. Crerar is likely to be back in Ottawa, so that I may make an appointment to see him. I could take this matter up at the same time.

Yours sincerely,

GD.MLT

[Signature: Geo. Dorey]

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Ottawa, May 5, 1943.

Re: File Hills Residential School.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

Your letter of April 30, addressed to Dr. Camsell, has been passed on to me for consideration and reply. Dr. Camsell is absent from his office and is not likely to return for several weeks.

I feel confident that the amount necessary to move and repair a temporary building could be secured from this year's appropriations. It would be appreciated if you secured from the Principal information with respect to the buildings that might be available for the purpose we have in mind.

I have this morning been in touch with Mr. Jackson. He informs me that the Minister is now back and would be glad to see you, should you decide to visit Ottawa next week. The Minister attends a meeting of the War Cabinet on Wednesday and a meeting of Treasury Board on Thursday of each week. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you could visit Ottawa on either the 10th, 11th or 14th of this month.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Reverend George Dorey, D.D.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St. West,
Toronto 2, Ont.

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Attention of:
Mr. R. A. Hoey

May 10th,
1943.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

I have your letter of recent date and am writing to say that I shall be in Ottawa next Friday, the 14th, and should be glad if you would call up Mr. Crerar's office and let him know that I can see him at whatever time suits his convenience.

Yours sincerely,

ED.MLT

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Regina, October 13th, 1944.

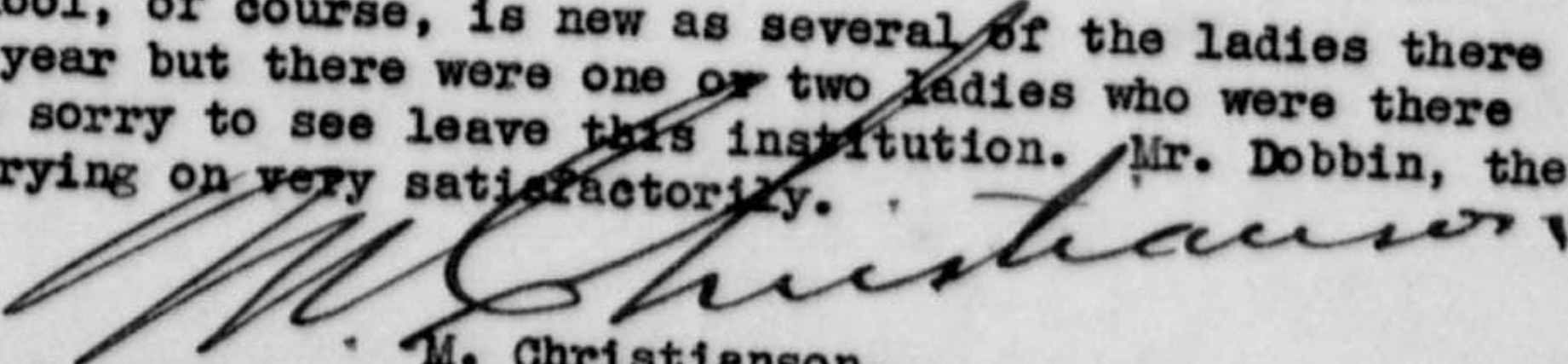
Report on File Hills Indian Residential School

I might say while at the Agency I visited the File Hills Indian Residential School and everything there seemed to be going along fairly satisfactory.

The staff there were glad to know that the classrooms are being rebuilt. I was in the new classrooms talking to the man in charge, Mr. Dick Hasty, whom I have known for the past thirty years. He is getting up in years but he is a first class carpenter and we can depend on anything Mr. Hasty does therefore I know he will make a good job of rebuilding these classrooms. Mr. Hasty told me that they probably would be finished at the end of this month but on account of the shortage of labour he thought it might take him a couple of weeks longer so in all probability it will be on in November some time before the building is completed. However, it is closed in and there should be no trouble in finishing even if the weather does get cold.

The Principal again brought to my attention the boiler at the school. When Mr. Mayhew, Provincial Boiler Inspector, was down there last he reported to me when the new boiler was being installed that we should make arrangements to purchase another new boiler to replace the other one, and I brought this to the attention of our Branch. I again brought this to the attention of our Branch on July 17th last since no action had been taken stating that the boiler was not satisfactory but again no attention was paid to this by our Branch. To quote Mr. Dobbin's remarks it does not matter how much you fire this boiler it is so badly caked that very little results are obtained from the fuel burned in this heating plant therefore they are depending mostly on the boiler that was installed a year ago last Fall at the school and in real cold weather this is not sufficient. The matter of having a new boiler installed should be given consideration.

The staff at the school, of course, is new as several of the ladies there are beginning their first year but there were one or two ladies who were there before I certainly was not sorry to see leave this institution. Mr. Dobbin, the Principal, seems to be carrying on very satisfactorily.


M. Christianson,
General Superintendent of Indian Agencies.

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QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1945, ON FILE HILLS AGENCY

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Education

There are no day schools in this Agency as the children attend the Qu'Appelle Residential school at Lebret and the File Hills Residential School near Agency Headquarters. Both these schools are filled to capacity. All children coming of age this year were admitted into either of these schools. Two ex-pupils of the File Hills School are attending Brandon Residential School for advanced education.

The construction of a dug out has been completed at the File Hills School to supplement the inadequate water supply there.

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S.H. Simpson,
Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCESPlease Quote
File 535-S1.File Hills,
Balcarres, Sask.
Mar. 5, 1946.J.P.B. Ostrander, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated March 2nd from Mr. L.L. Dobbin, Principal of the File Hills Indian Residential School, pertaining to the misconduct of a number of senior boy and girl pupils.

I visited this school yesterday, and found that five of the senior girls and six of the senior boys were implicated in this matter, and that the entrance through the wall separating the girls balcony from the store room had been effected on Jan. 30th. last and was not discovered until 2.30 A.M. Feb. 24th. The entrance was cleverly hidden as described in the Principal's report. It was also found that at the times the girls were visiting the boys dormitory, one or more of them were acting as sentinels at a window from which they could observe anyone approaching the boys dormitory. There was no evidence to indicate that any of the members of the school staff had been negligent in the supervision of the pupils. I also found that the Principal of the school had had the partition repaired, a new yale lock placed on the store room door, and had arranged the store room so that there is now a clear view of the walls separating the two dormitories on the balcony.

I have arranged to have the R.C.M. Police at Balcarres visit the school this Thursday and go over the evidence procured against ex-pupil George Stonechild, 16 years old, discharged Feb. 3rd. 1946, in connection with effecting entrance into the store room by means of a key he had made to open the lock on the door leading therein.

To date none of the parents of the pupils indicated in this matter have approached me regarding it and as this is the first case of this kind I have had to deal with I deemed it advisable to report it to you.

Sgd. S.H. Simpson,
Indian Agent.

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Balcarres, Sask.
March 2nd, 1946.

S.H. Simpson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
File Hills Agency.

I wish to submit the following report concerning recent occurrences at File Hills School: On Sunday morning, February 24th, about 2.30 noises were heard in the senior boy's balcony and upon investigation by the Boys Supervisor five Senior girls were discovered there.

An immediate investigation by Principal and Staff revealed the following facts. One of the Senior boys had opened the lock on the balcony store room door by means of a key which he had fashioned from another key with the aid of a small file. Having thus gained access to this store-room which is separated from the girls balcony by a thin partition of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. V-joint, the boys managed to get possession of a brace and bit with which they bored holes in the wall and removed several short boards from the bottom panel of the partition. The opening thus formed was in a corner near the floor and behind a cupboard which was put back in its usual position afterwards. On the girl's side of the partition a large packing box covered the opening. About 2 A.M. one of the senior boys unlocked the storeroom door and sent a smaller boy through the opening into the girls dormitory to waken a number of the girls who followed him back to the senior boys dormitory, after which they spent some time in bed with the boys. In two cases attempted sexual intercourse was admitted. At first the visits were made with utmost stealth but later the girls became careless and the noise attracted the attention of the night watchman and boys Supervisor who made the discovery, actually catching five girls in the boys balcony. The visits were planned to take place shortly after the night watchman had made his hourly inspection of the dormitory. The offenders have been summarily dealt with and punishment administered fitting the seriousness of the offences. Parents of pupils implicated were informed at once and allowed to visit the balconies.

I would appreciate very much if you would give this matter your immediate attention, conducting a further investigation to ascertain whether or not legal action may be taken against the boy who made the key and opened the storeroom.

Yours very truly,

Sgd. Leonard L. Dobbin.

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INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES



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File #383-306-11

Regina, March 15th, 1946.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources, OTTAWA.

I am enclosing herewith copies of letters of Mr. L.L. Dobbin, Principal of the File Hills School, and Mr. S.H. Simpson, Indian Agent, File Hills Agency, in connection with the misconduct of some of the pupils.

I have since discussed this quite thoroughly with Mr. Dobbin and I am satisfied that he has the matter well in hand and it is not likely there will be a recurrence.

The R.C.M. Police have investigated and Mr. Dobbin informs me that there has not been sufficient evidence brought to light to warrant charges being laid against anyone. I shall have the Police Report shortly and if anything interesting results therefrom I shall take appropriate action.

J.P.B. Ostrander,
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Ottawa, March 19, 1946.

Mr. J.P.B. Ostrander, Inspector of Indian Agencies,
414 Federal Building, Regina, Sask.

I have your letter of the 15th instant,
enclosing correspondence with reference to the action of
certain pupils at the File Hills Residential School.
I trust that the action taken by the Principal and staff
will avoid a recurrence of this conduct in the future.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Balcarres, Sask. June 18, /46.

Hq. Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.



Sirs:

Allow me to bring to your notice a situation which we feel is worthy of consideration.

I am the engineer of Fife Hills Residential Indian Institute. We were engaged and moved here from Winnipeg July /45. Had our furniture and piano shipped and trucked.

We live in a separate cottage provided by the school for the engineer. As far as I know I have been satisfactory and we have tried to cooperate with the needs and interests of the school, beginning the day at 6 a.m. and quite often working till 10 p.m. at the school. I sleep and eat at the cottage. We were hired for \$75 per month with maintenance, but we buy considerable food, garden seeds, and have the garden. We made improvements at the cottage including building and installing attachments to a cistern, yard work, built a good garage. Mrs. Tocock, my wife voluntarily, without remuneration takes timely interest in Indians - teaches botany and music twice a week and likes to help in any special events. It is good for her as she is fond of Indian children. We rejected a more remunerative employment for this job to find a mingling with children (our home was deprived and bereft of our boy).

Now we are told through our Principal, Mr. Dobbin, word has come from you, that we must be discharged because the engineer must live in the residence. This seems very unfair towards us, and

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and (by the way) a young single man such as you seek, who can do the job I do here, is not going to "stay put" inside four high walls 12 miles from the nearest P.O. and work in grease and muck.

No doubt fire hazard is your reason. There are two men besides the night-watchman in the residence. A phone can be installed for a comparatively small sum.

Besides the maintenance of engines and sickly tractor, I've been steadily employed in repair work, and some supervising - putting in long days. We feel this discharge is very unfair, and though it may be of little "bread and butter" to us we should appreciate a few words from you. It takes work and some money to move and damages goods.

I am

Respectfully yours,
E. Reock.

Balcarres, Sask.