

28<sup>th</sup> Apr 29212

With reference to the report of the undersigned dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. respecting the proposed reconstruction or enlargement, as the Supt may decide, of the building occupied as an Industrial School at Mount Elgin, and by the Supt General's remarks thereon, the undersigned begs to report, in reply to the Minister's inquiry as to when we undertook to expend \$8,881.32 for the enlargement of the institution, that on the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. 88 the Supt General expressed approval of a report made Hon.

E. A. Kennedy  
Supt & Secy of Ind Affs.

to him by the undersigned, dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of that month, in which it was explained that the total cost of the enlargement was estimated at \$11,200, that it was proposed that all the work which could possibly be done by the pupils, the value of which it was calculated would be \$3700, should be done by them, and that the balance, viz. \$7500, should be provided by Parliament, of which sum \$2500 was then available, and therefore a further vote of \$5000 would be required.

Subsequently the architect submitted an estimate in detail of the work which could not be done by the pupils and of the materials required in the enlargement of the main building. This estimate was \$881.32.

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In the session of 1889-90  
 \$2500 was voted, and the  
 Dept has since at each  
 session obtained appropriations  
 from Parliament of the  
 amounts which it was  
 thought that <sup>the value of the</sup> work to be done  
 the ensuing year would amount to.

As regards the  
 Minister's further statement  
 that it would appear that  
 the money already voted  
 had not been spent for the  
 purpose for which it was  
 intended, the undersigned  
 begs to state that, with  
 the exception of the cost of a  
 laundry, dry house, play  
 house, and seats & desks for the  
 institution, the cost of which was  
 \$2,547.84, all of the money expended  
 was the enlargement  
 of the main building as  
 originally proposed. As regards  
 the laundry and dry house, the cost of  
 which was \$2,110.34, the Rev. Dr.  
 Eastman, on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1890, reported

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that the authorities of the institution could not assume the responsibility of proceeding with the enlargement of the main building with so small a vote as had been made, viz. \$2,500, and he asked that a laundry and dry house, which were considered a necessary part of the enlargement, might be proceeded with, inasmuch as during the enlargement of the main building the greater part of it would be untenable and the laundry and dry house could then be used temporarily to house the pupils. To this proposition the Dep't consented. As respect the item for the play house, the former building used for this purpose was burnt and the insurance upon the same would not cover the

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cost of constructing a new building, there being a balance required of \$400. This was voted as a special item in the supplementary estimates for 1890-91. The seats and desks were part of the necessary equipment of the institution, and they are still to the good for use by pupils.

As respects the Minister's enquiry in regard to the financial position in which we stand as regards the proposed enlargement, the following appears to have been the amount voted by Parliament towards the same: 1888-9 - \$2,500. This subsequently lapsed not having been used. For 1889-90 this sum was re-voted, but again lapsed. For 1890-1 a re-vote was taken for \$2,500,

and there was an overexpenditure during that season. For 1891-92 a similar amount was voted, viz, \$2500, and of this amount only a portion was expended, and there remains \$2282.34 at the credit of the vote.

The expenditure made upon the enlargement of the institution consists of

Laundry and Dry House	\$2110.34
Seats and Desks	87.50
Sewer pipe	83.40
Lumber to be used in enlargement of main building	227.66
Bricks " " "	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$3758.90

In order to complete the main building, according to our architect Owen's estimate, \$7232.76 would be required, and deducting the balance at the credit of the vote as above stated, viz, \$2282.34, the sum to be provided by

Parliament would be \$4950.42. and of this amount \$2440 are included in the estimate for 1892-3. Shewed, however, the proposition

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of the other architect,  
 Mr Long, as endorsed by  
 the Principal, Mr Shepherd,  
 to throw down the present  
 structure and reconstruct  
 the building, meet with  
 the approval of the  
 Supt General, there would  
 be an additional cost  
 entailed of \$9678.58,  
 the total estimated cost  
 of the new building being  
 \$18,000.

Wm Hough

Asst Supt Genl of Ind Affs.