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Ottawa, August 30, 1946.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

I am sending forward herewith copy of an air mail letter dated August 28, 1946, received by me from Inspector Gooderham.

It is unnecessary to state that the reports recently received by this branch from Inspector Gooderham and Doctor Stone with respect to conditions at the Edmonton school have been to me and to the officials here rather disturbing. The general impression in the department up until now was that the Edmonton school was one of our most up-to-date buildings and one of the most efficiently operated institutions of its kind in the Dominion. It is just possible that Doctor Woodsworth's health in recent years has not enabled him to keep a close grip on the administration of the school. He also may have experienced difficulty in securing clothing and in securing capable help. Other school principals have found it necessary to appeal to us from time to time for discarded military clothing and have had this clothing remodelled for distribution to the pupils.

May I direct your attention particularly to Mr. Gooderham's reference to the sum of \$14,700.00, which appeared as a surplus at the time of the last audit report in 1945. Would it be possible to proceed with certain repairs at the school on the understanding that these repairs would be paid in part from the surplus fund and from departmental appropriations? In view of the fact that Mr. Gooderham considers it inadvisable to open the school until October 1st, I am personally of the opinion that we should proceed with substantial repairs and the redecorating that seems necessary, at once. It is not my intention to reply to Mr. Gooderham until I hear from you.

Reverend George Dorey, D.D.,
 Acting Secretary,
 Board of Home Missions,
 The United Church of Canada,
 299 Queen Street, West,
 TORONTO 2B, Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
 Director.

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Mr. Hoey 110-0-5

For your information and attention, please.

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IA 1656-12



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J.A.P.

Ottawa, August 28th, 1946.

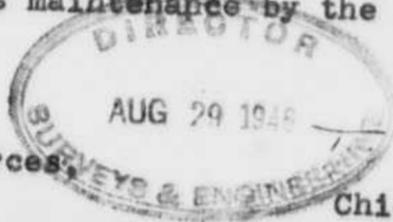
Memorandum

Re: Edmonton Indian Residential School

Mr. C.M. Walker of our Banff office, advises that during an inspection of the above school buildings, the school stationary engineer drew attention to the soil pipe branch connecting a water closet to the soil stock in the boys' dormitory on the second floor. It was found that this pipe was completely eaten through, had been patched with a lead sheet, but continues to leak, the leakage running down the wall of the classroom below. As the pipe branch is beyond repair, it is felt that it should be replaced without delay.

It is recommended that the Indian Affairs Branch authorize this item to be carried out as maintenance by the Indian Agent.

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa.



S. Mills
Chief Engineer.

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Ottawa, September 4, 1946.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, SURVEYS and ENGINEERING BRANCH

Edmonton Indian Residential School -

Reference your memorandum I A 1656-12
of August 28.

Mr. Indian Agent Faunt has already been
instructed to replace the soil pipe. Its condition was
previously brought to our attention in a report from
Dr. E. L. Stone, M.B., Medical Superintendent, Indian
Health Services for Alberta.

[Signature]
Director.

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OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT

Edmonton Agency

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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

110-0-5
Winterburn, Alta,
August 30th, 1946.

PLEASE QUOTE
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Your file 110-0-5 WT

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

Edmonton Indian Residential School.

Referring to your letter of Aug. 21st, 1946, in
regard to replacing a sewer pipe at the school.

I have secured an estimate of \$75.00 to cover
a new toilet, new flush box and new sewer pipe installed
along route suggested by Colonel Stone. I am advised
that six new toilets were authorized some time ago, three
of which were purchased at the time and this one can be
included in the three remaining. The school were able to
locate a new toilet and owing to the scarcity of all plumbing
material, they considered it advisable to go ahead with
the work. See Mr. Gooderman's letter of Aug. 28th in this
connection.

E. A. Robertson

E. A. Robertson,
Clerk in charge



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AIR MAIL.

Ottawa, September 6, 1946.

Mr. E.A. Robertson, Clerk in Charge, Winterburn, Alberta.

With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, the Department approves the expenditure of \$75.00 to cover the cost of new toilets, new flush box and new sewer pipe at the Edmonton Residential School.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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W. D. NEIL, GÉNÉRAL DES COMMUNICATIONS, MONTREAL

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HEURE D'EXPEDITION

Neuilles expédier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso, que j'accepte par les présentes.

Mr. G.H. Gooderham,
Acting Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Calgary, Alberta.

Ottawa, September 6, 1946.

REFERENCE YOUR LETTER AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHT REGARDING EDMONTON SCHOOL OUR APPROPRIATION WILL NOT PERMIT EXPENDITURE OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AT PRESENT STOP IT IS CONSIDERED THAT BUILDING COULD BE OCCUPIED BY BUPILS IF PLASTER PLUMBING AND HEATING PLANT WAS REPAIRED APPROVE EXPENDITURE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR REPAIR WORK MENTIONED AND OTHER REPAIRS THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY STOP ACTING AGENT ROBERISON ADVISED YESTERDAY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE OF SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO COVER REPAIRS TO TOILETS AND SEWER PIPE STOP IF PRINCIPAL ADVISES NUMBER AND SIZE OF MATTRESSES REQUIRED WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN SAME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Phillip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Charge: Indian Affairs.

Adresse et numéro de téléphone de l'expéditeur pour référence.

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Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
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299 Queen St. West,
Toronto, Ontario.

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(5) It is also provided that the Superintendent General and any person or persons named by him shall have the right to inspect the School.

The Superintendent General, on the other hand, covenants:

(1) To pay to the Church at a certain rate per annum for every pupil, and so on.

(2) To provide the pupils with medicines, school books, etc.

(3) To maintain the buildings at the School, when they are the property of the Government, in good condition and repair, and to provide proper sanitation and sanitary appliances.

That, in general, is my understanding of the contract, and from that I come to the conclusion that if the Church cannot do these things on the amount which is paid it, we have to foot the bill. If, on the other hand, by reason of circumstances, there is some slight profit, that belongs to the Church and to no one else. You can understand that if we enter into a contract with the Department to educate children for a certain sum and lose money, and then if the Government says that if we have a slight surplus it belongs to them, the whole business will have to be revised; and I for one would most cheerfully hand over to the Government the financial responsibility for running these Schools.

I hope that the Church will present to the Committee its views on the responsibility of the Government for Indian Education. I am only mentioning the conditions as they are in the contract in so far as they refer to the Edmonton School.

From Inspector Gooderham's report, it would appear that the children have not received the care which the Agent at Hobbema and the parents of the Saddle Lake Agency think should be theirs. I can only say in answer to this that, if there are any complaints about any School, I think they should be handled through the proper channels, namely, the Agent, the Inspector and the Church; and until we have a report that the conditions in a School are not satisfactory, we must assume that neither the Agent nor the Inspector has any complaint.

† May I say that I think it is very unfortunate that these complains concerning the general administration of the School at Edmonton were not made sooner; but there is not much point in discussing the past, except in so far as it may lead to a better state of affairs in the future. I sincerely hope that some Inspector will visit the Schools from time to time and, if there is any complaint about the education, clothing, or

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In connection with this balance, it must be remembered that a good deal of it is due to the fact that Dr. Woodsworth has disposed of considerable farm equipment and that this represents a considerable part of the accumulated surplus; but there was a surplus ten years ago, which had come about by the fact that farming operations had been more than usually successful.

I have advised Mr. Staley that he is free to spend the \$6,000 which he needs in the purchase of clothing and, generally, in replenishing the stocks of the School; and, further, that if he needs to purchase farming equipment, we shall be glad to agree to this being bought out of the surplus. I have done this, not only because of the local situation, but by reason of a resolution of the Board, passed this year, which says that when a considerable expenditure is contemplated by the School Principal, it shall be authorized by the Board. We passed this resolution because it will be obvious to you that it might happen that a Principal would incur a very large expenditure which could not be met out of current revenues, and, consequently, we would find ourselves, as has sometimes been the case, responsible for considerable expenditures which had not been authorized.

Finally, it is expected that out of this surplus - which will not be very large due to the necessity of replenishing the stocks, etc. - we shall continue to pay Dr. Woodsworth's salary until the 30th

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June next. We think that, after many years of service, this is not an unreasonable thing to do; and, further, that we have ample precedent in the case of Mount Elgin, where similar action was taken some years ago when Mr. McVitty retired as Principal.

Apart altogether from the fact that I think it is a wrong principle for the Church to spend money on repairs to buildings belonging to the Government - other than minor repairs which are done yearly, - I think it is obvious that the amount of money which is counted as a surplus at the School will very largely be used up in replenishing the stocks and making repairs to mattresses, etc., which will obviate any further complaints.

I have only to add that we want to co-operate with you; but, at the same time, we think that if there are complaints, they should be made at the proper time. I am well aware of the fact that Inspector Gooderham cannot be held accountable in any way for the situation, but I am informed that these criticisms of the Indians have been going on for some time, and surely the Agent or Agents should have advised the then Inspector, who would then have passed on the information to you and then you would have passed it on to us.

May I ask if I have your permission to send a copy of Inspector Gooderham's report to Dr. Thomas Hart, our Superintendent of Missions, on whom we are laying more responsibility in regard to Indian Schools. I hesitate to send a departmental report to anyone without your permission.

Yours sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
PURCHASE ORDER

NO. **7799**
 THIS ORDER NO. TO APPEAR ON
 ALL PACKAGES AND INVOICES.

OTTAWA **Jan. 23, 1946** FILE NO. **15-16**

TO **Adams Radio,**
10418 Jasper Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS AND CHARGE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES.

SHIP TO **Red.**

F.O.B. QUOTATION OF

RENDER A SEPARATE INVOICE FOR EACH ORDER AND SEND COPIES AFTER SHIPMENT

TO **Red.**

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL
	New compressor and parts for repairing the refrigeration plant at the Edmonton Indian Residential School Invoice 12/12/45		670.35

*Passed
28/1/46*

W.H.V.

VOTE	PRIMARY	OBJECT	ENCUMB. NO.	DELIVERY REQUIRED BY
76	09	622	1560	Red.

CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29 OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND AUDIT ACT 1921.

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FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY.

PURCHASING AGENT

TO BE RETURNED TO HEAD OF BRANCH

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ADAMS' RADIO

10418 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton

Authorized
GENERAL ELECTRIC
HOME APPLIANCE DEALER

Branches at
Calgary & Banff

Date December 18, 1945.

M Indian School,
Edmonton, Alberta.

*See Dept. letter - no. 110-0-5 - Dec 14/45
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To Mdsr: TRIPPLICATE FORM		
21/1/46 number in duplicate detached PO- 7799 KR 15-60 for Accountant to Gov.		
Nov. 14	1-C21A1GG Compressor	52.25
	Refrigerant Oil	1.00
	1 A13594 Dryer	4.40
	2 H4-4 Flare Nuts	.50
	Freon Gas	7.50
	\$2.50 an hour, for labor & mileage.	15.50
	Total	79.15
	Less allowance on old compressor	8.80
	Balance	\$70.35
<i>Edmonton Indian Residential School</i> <i>R. Woodworth</i> PRINCIPAL		Certified correct supplies furnished, charges fair and just.

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110-0-5

Ottawa, June 20, 1946.

Memorandum:

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Edmonton Indian Residential School

Please arrange for the transfer of \$1,600.00 from Vote 76, Indian Education, 1946-47, to the Surveys and Engineering Branch. This amount is required in connection with uncompleted work, contractor's holdback, and contingencies and supervision at the above-noted school.



[Signature]
Director.

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SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

110-0-5

June 22nd, 1946



Mr. Hoey

Re: Edmonton Indian Residential School

As you are aware, the contractor, J.C. Haddow, was not able to complete the repairs under his contract last year, because of bad weather, and the work will be undertaken shortly.

In the meantime, further deterioration has occurred to the kitchen roof, and additional work required will involve an added expenditure of \$195. We are advising the contractor to undertake this work, and it is expected it can be paid for out of the amount of \$1600 that we asked you to provide in your 1946-47 estimates.

It has also been found that in addition to the window screens that were replaced, repaired, and painted by the contractor last year, forty others have been found to be in too bad a condition for repairs, and twenty other screens now require new wire cloth. The total additional cost for work on the screens is estimated at \$134.00.

It is not expected that this latter sum can be taken from the \$1600 referred to, and as the work is of a maintenance nature it is suggested that you authorize your Indian Agent to have it done as a maintenance charge apart from the Haddow contract. Your Agent could either have it done by the contractor for the sum mentioned, or bring in some local carpenter to undertake it.

[Handwritten signature: J. W. Wardle]
Director.

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June 28, 1946.

Mr. J. T. Faunt, Indian Agent,
Winterburn, Alberta.

As you are aware, certain repairs are being made at the Edmonton Indian Residential School, under the direction of the Surveys and Engineering Branch. I am now informed that in addition to the window screens that were replaced, repaired and painted by the contractor last year, there are 40 others that are now found to be in too bad a condition for repairs and 20 others that require new wire cloth. The Surveys and Engineering Branch advise that the contractor who is working at the school at the present time is willing to repair these screens for \$134.00. You may arrange to have it done by the contractor for the sum mentioned and you can employ some local carpenter.


Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Ottawa, June 28, 1946.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR,
SURVEYS & ENGINEERING BRANCH

Re: Edmonton Indian Residential School

I am in receipt of your memorandum of June 22 and I wish to advise you that the Treasury Branch was requested, on June 20, to transfer \$1,600.00 to your Branch.

We are communicating with the Indian Agent regarding the additional window screens that require repairs.


Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF
NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

110-0-5
Indian Health Services Hospital,
Jesuit College, Edmonton, Alta.,
August 14, 1946.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

Edmonton 4

Superintendent, Indian Health Services,
Ottawa, Ont.



Edmonton Indian Residential School

At the request of Mr. Indian Agent Faunt I went with him yesterday to help survey the Edmonton School. You are aware that the present Principal is retiring, to be replaced by Rev. E.J. Staley.

Plastering and some other repairs have apparently been authorized and are being done.

The whole building, with the exception of the Chapel, needs re-decorating but this is not a health matter except perhaps on the basis of morale of the pupils and staff.

The following repair will have to be made at once and before the school re-opens:

Replacement of a length of sewer pipe leading from a toilet on the second floor, west end, down through the floor and into a standing sewer which descends through the south-west class room. There is a place in this pipe about 1" X 6" corroded completely through. Mr. Lobb, the school Engineer, has repaired it with putty, etc., but it is now beyond repair. The operation will be difficult and possibly expensive as the connection leads over the top of a steel beam. I suggested that a new route be followed. Mr. Lobb knows the details.

In addition to the above I recommend strongly the installation of one bath tub and two shower heads in the boys' basement wash place. There is only one tub and one shower now, and the school population is likely to increase this year. Present facilities are inadequate.

I was told that the Principal or Indian Agent has authority for the purchase of about 12 new toilet bowls and tanks, but that they are hard to get. Every tank in the school is corroded past safe use and many of the toilet bowls are broken and patched. Anything that could be done to hasten

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the getting of these fixtures should be done.

The wash basins in the basement wash places are very badly chipped and eaten away by the sodium charged water available at the school. They are perhaps only moderately insanitary, but they are discreditable looking to say the least. It is suggested that replacement be deferred until they can be replaced by a stainless steel trough about 12 feet long with hot and cold taps above so that the pupils can wash in running water, directly from those taps and not in the trough or in wash basins. Taps of small calibre or small delivery could be installed to conserve water. Washing in basins is not a clean process at any time. The taps, of course, would have to be of the mixing kind.

Stainless steel is recommended as the only material I know of which will resist corrosion by the kind of water available at this and probably other western schools. The water at this school has attacked even the clay of which the present enamelled basins are made.

The drinking water installations are not very satisfactory in the basement play rooms. Drinking fountains of the gush type were originally installed but were unpopular and hard to keep in working order. Not one, in fact is working now. I am not sure that a common tap turned sidewise can be improved upon, but it should have some sort of guard to prevent contact with the mouth, and should be fed by a pipe which will not be heated by nearness to some warm object. This paragraph is of general application. Drinking facilities are important at any school. No new ones are immediately suggested at the school in question.

The whole institution shows the effect of lack of maintenance during the war. It is in fact badly run down. Considering this, it is clean from a soap and water point of view.

The immediate action recommended in this report is authority for repair of the sewer pipe, but it is intended to re-inforce other recommendations which will be submitted by the Indian Agent or Principal.

E. L. Stone M.B.,
Medical Superintendent,
Indian Health Services,
Alberta.

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in file 110-0-1

Ottawa, August 23, 1946.

Mr. G. H. Gooderham, Acting Inspector of Indian Agencies,
C a l g a r y, Alberta.

Edmonton Indian Residential School

Morley Indian Residential School

The Department has authorized the following
appointments and transfers in connection with the above schools:

1. The Department has accepted the resignation of the Reverend J. F. Woodsworth from the position of Principal of the Edmonton Indian Residential School, effective August 31, 1946.
2. The Department has authorized the transfer of the Reverend E. J. Staley from Principal of the Morley Indian Residential School to be Principal of the Edmonton Indian Residential School, effective September 1, 1946.
3. The Department has authorized the appointment of the Reverend G. Roy Inglis as Principal of the Morley Indian Residential School, effective September 1, 1946.

Would you please notify all those concerned
of these changes.


Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Ottawa, August 21, 1946.

AIRMAIL

Mr. J. T. Faunt, Indian Agent,
Winterburn, Alberta.

Edmonton Indian Residential School

It is understood that on August 13 you visited the above school with Colonel Stone of the Edmonton Indian Health Services Hospital. I have received a copy of his report and have read his recommendation about the sewer pipe. Could we have an estimate of the cost involved in putting in the new pipe along the route suggested by Colonel Stone.

I will expect to hear from you further about his other recommendations.


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Mr. Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

August 17th,
1946.

Dear Mr. Phelan,-

Re: Edmonton Residential School

Yesterday afternoon we had a long distance call from Mr. Staley, saying that he had been to Edmonton, I presume at the time mentioned in your letter. He reported that the condition of the building, sanitary arrangements, etc., were so bad that extensive repairs were necessary and that the School could not open until October 1st.

We shall be glad to have some word from you about this, including any report which may have been made by the Officers of your Branch, as we have had no word from Dr. Woodsworth concerning this.

We shall be glad to know if you have any suggestion to make about the attendance of pupils who might need some school before October 1st.

Yours sincerely,



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Ottawa, August 23, 1946.

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MR. HOEY

Edmonton Indian Residential School

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Unfortunately I have been unable to find any trace of a letter authorizing such a delay in opening. I would like to discuss this matter with you.


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Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Ottawa, August 23, 1946.

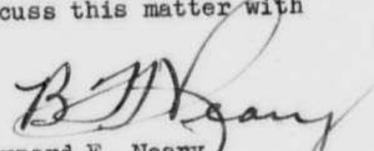
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Copy of this letter has been sent to -

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Reverend George Dorey, D.D., and
Reverend E. J. Staley -

W.T. [unclear] AS

Ottawa, August 24, 1946.

Dear Mr. Gooderham:

Re: Edmonton Indian Residential School *E.I.S.*

Your report on the above school has just been brought to my attention.

It is unnecessary to state that the condition of the school is to me somewhat disturbing. It was my impression that the Principal at Edmonton had ample funds at all times to keep the Institution in a good state of repair. Why he did not do so is exceedingly difficult to understand. The condition of this school, now brought to our attention, emphasizes again the urgent need for proper and thorough inspection of Indian residential schools by our Indian Agents and by our Provincial Inspectors. In making this statement, I have not in mind the academic work carried on in such schools, but rather the condition of the buildings, including the fern buildings, and particularly the sanitary condition of the dormitories and lavatories. Unless we can make up our minds to do this in the future, the whole residential school system is apt to become completely discredited in the minds of the public.

I have been in touch with the Reverend Doctor Dorey by long distance telephone this morning and we are convinced that it would be a mistake to postpone the opening of the school until October 1st. Such a postponement would involve family allowance payments and a number of other such matters that should be avoided, unless the obstacles confronting the Principal are simply insurmountable. Would it be possible for the Principal to open early in September, even though the enrolment might be comparatively low? Should

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Acting Inspector of Indian Agencies,
CALGARY,
Alberta.

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