

Children's Menu

Sunday	Breakfast	-	Rolled Oats, bread & syrup, milk.
	Dinner	-	Meat, raisin pie, potatoes, gravy.
	Supper	-	Jelly, cake, cheese, bread, shortening, cocoa.
Monday	Breakfast	-	Rolled Oats, bread, peanut butter, milk.
	Dinner	-	Stew, potatoes, rice pudding, bread.
	Supper	-	Barley, prunes, cocoa, bread.
Tuesday	Breakfast	-	Rolled Oats, bread & syrup, milk.
	Dinner	-	Meat, potatoes, gravy, cornstarch pudding.
	Supper	-	Beans, apricots, cocoa, bread.
Wednesday	Breakfast	-	Rolled Oats, bread & jam, milk.
	Dinner	-	Split pea soup, potatoes, cocoanut pudding.
	Supper	-	Meat pie, prunes, cocoa, bread.
Thursday	Breakfast	-	Rolled Oats, bread & shortening, milk.
	Dinner	-	Stew & dumplings, sago pudding, bread.
	Supper	-	Potatoes, apricots, bran cake, bread & shortening, cocoa.
Friday	Breakfast	-	Rolled Oats, bread & syrup, milk.
	Dinner	-	Meat pie, tapioca pudding, bread.
	Supper	-	Barley, prunes, cocoa, bread.
Saturday	Breakfast	-	Rolled Oats, bread, peanut butter, milk.
	Dinner	-	Stew, potatoes, rice pudding, bread.
	Supper	-	Pea soup, apricots, cocoa, bread.

Raw fruit & raw vegetables periodically.

Fish twice each week when obtainable.

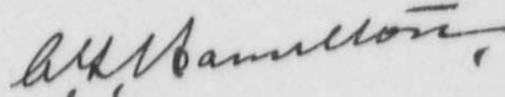
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The stock consist of 40 head of cattle. At present 15 are milking and all the milk is used for the children. They also have 6 horses, 40 sheep, and 50 hens. The country is rough and unsuitable for grain production. The stock should be limited as it is difficult to grow sufficient feed.

The school is nicely located and I believe fairly well managed. Mrs. Byers is Matron, an arrangement never very satisfactory. I am of the opinion the school, like the Agency, has been left altogether too much alone. They have come to feel that theirs is a small world, all their own, and that even Department officials are more or less interfering. I will endeavour, in the future, to visit this point twice a year, which contact I think will be good for all concerned.

Your obedient servant,



A. G. Hamilton
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Manitoba.

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at least four days a week. The oven is an electric one, but most unsuitable. I understand Mr. Byers has carried out certain suggestions, entailing considerable expense, all to no avail. No one should be expected to carry on under present conditions and, if necessary, a new oven should be installed. A wood burner would no doubt be more suitable.

The laundry is supervised by Miss Frankine. Clothes are washed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and the ironing carried out on other days of the week. The work appeared well done and the girls were quietly carrying out instructions.

X The dormitories were all well aired and tidy. The beds were neatly made and the bedding clean. There are 150 pupils in residence and there is a shortage of beds. Three pupils are sleeping on the floor and one on a broken bed. Four beds are urgently needed; in fact, I think six should be supplied as two others in use are in poor condition, having been taken from the old school. The other beds are the hospital type and supplied by the Globe Bedding Co. I would recommend that the new ones be the same.

X The playrooms were tidy and the plumbing all in good condition. The shower baths are not used. These rooms are located, one next to the children's dining room and one next to the staff dining room. The cement floor has not been properly laid and the water seeps through into the two dining rooms. The showers are certainly more satisfactory and the floors should be made water tight. The drains and fixtures are all in good condition.

The stock

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Mr. Smith is in charge of the music and holds classes from 9 to 12 and 1.30 till 5 p.m. I understand practically all the pupils take instructions. The advanced pupils make up the members of the band, in which there are 37 children. The children receive a wonderful musical training, but apparently it is made little use of by graduates who have left school. The band is a credit to the school and their teacher, and I am sure would be enjoyed by the most critical audience.

The sewing room is in charge of Miss Mary Beggs, a pupil of the school. This girl does very good work, but hardly fills the position of a staff member. She eats with the senior pupils and really lives their life. As a helper, she would be excellent, but I question the wisdom of her being consider the "Sewing Matron" and in charge of a department. The work seen was good and I understand discipline is easily maintained.

Miss Reichart supervises the kitchen work and appears to thoroughly understand her department. Attached is a copy of the children's menu, which I am led to believe is followed closely. I received no complaints and the children give every appearance of receiving plenty of food and good care. The bread is made at the school, but the oven does not operate properly. When the bread is baking, a gas is given off which makes it impossible to stay in the room. This gas strikes one when 20 ft. from the door and, before reaching the room, one is blinded by tears. It also affects the throat, making it almost impossible to speak. The children are unable to do any of this work and Miss Reichart is practically overcome at the close of each baking day. I understand the oven is operated 3 hrs. for

at least

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A. G. HAMILTON
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES
MANITOBA

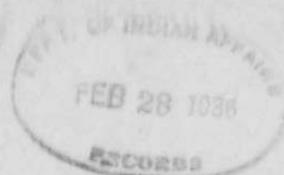


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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO. 211-11
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

INSPECTOR'S OFFICE



ED WINNIPEG, MAN., February 26th, 1936.

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School,
Kenora Agency (Presbyterian)

Dear Sir:-

I beg to submit the following report on the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, inspected Wednesday, February 19th, 1936.

The junior room is in charge of Miss Wood who, I understand, is a qualified teacher. She is very energetic and I would judge is doing good work. There were 41 pupils enrolled and all are in the beginner's grade, except eight who are in Grade I.

The intermediate grades are in charge of Miss McLeod. They are arranged as follows:

Grade II	-	12
" III	-	19
" IV	-	18
		<u>49</u>

The children were neat in appearance and clean. I examined some of the work and believe fair progress is being made.

Mrs. Douglas supervises the senior room and the grades are as follows:

Grade IV	-	24
" V	-	22
" VIII	-	4
" IX	-	2
		<u>52</u>

There are two students taking Art and one attending High School. Mrs. Douglas is doing good work and the pupils appear well along in their respective grades.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

Mr. Smith

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Ottawa, March 3, 1936.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Inspector Hamilton, who recently visited the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, has drawn attention to the condition of the bake oven. He states as follows:-

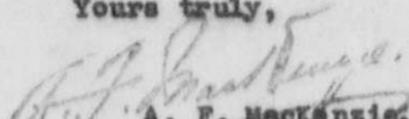
"When the bread is baking a gas is given off, which makes it impossible to stay in the room. This gas strikes one when 20 ft. from the door and before reaching the room one is blinded by tears. It also affects the throat, making it almost impossible to speak. The children are unable to do any of this work and Miss Reichart is practically overcome at the close of each baking day. The oven is an electric one but most unsuitable."

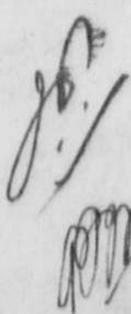
The Department is surprised to learn that there is an escape of gas from this oven and would like to be informed as to what occasions this condition. The oven supplied in September, 1929, was a Model "C" Economy Electric Bake Oven and was obtained from A. T. Fife & Company, Kenora. As far as we are aware, there is no gas used in the operation of the oven. A full report is requested regarding the condition of this oven. You should state if it would not be possible, by making some alterations, to overcome the present difficulty. An oven of the type supplied should give service for a considerably more lengthy period than the one now in use at your school. Any suggestions or recommendations you care to make, regarding the oven, will be appreciated.

The Inspector states, further that, while the dormitories are all well aired and tidy, there is a shortage of beds and that three pupils were sleeping on the floor and one on a broken bed. He states that 4 to 6 beds should be supplied. There may be funds available at the beginning of the new fiscal year for the purchase of beds, and I shall be pleased if you will state the size - length and breadth - and the type of new beds required. They should be similar in type to those at present in the dormitories.

The Inspector reports, also, that the shower baths are not used. These rooms are located, one next to the children's dining room and one next to the staff dining room. The cement floor has not been properly laid and the water seeps through into the two dining rooms. You might report regarding the floors, stating what you would recommend be done to improve conditions. If possible, please give an estimate of the cost.

Yours truly,


A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.


E. W. Byers, Esq.,
Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School,
Kenora, Ont.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, March 3, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I have your 211-11 of the 26th ultimo, reporting on your recent inspection of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

The Department is pleased to note that satisfactory work is being performed in the classrooms and that the children are making fair progress. It is noted, also, that the interior of the school is kept in a satisfactory, cleanly condition.

Regarding the condition of the bake oven, the need of more beds and the condition of the cement floor of the shower baths, I have to say that the Principal is being written and requested to furnish a report. The oven was supplied in September, 1929, and, as far as we are aware, there is no gas used in its operation. We are therefore unable to understand the source of the gas which you report is escaping from this oven. Consideration will be given to authorizing the supplying of a few extra beds and also repairing the cement floor.

It is noted that you will endeavour, in the future, to visit this school twice each year. It is considered that this would be advantageous to both the school and the Department.

Yours truly,

A. F. MacKenzie over

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

A. G. Hamilton

A. G. Hamilton, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, Man.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OF CANADA

Cecilia Jeffrey School
PRESBYTERIAN

E. W. BYERS
PRINCIPAL

KENORA, ONT. March 10th 1936.

Mr. A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Sir,-

Re 129-3-5. Letter March 3rd, 1936.
Re Bake Oven.

I reported the condition of this oven to the Manufacturers and they sent an inspector to investigate.

This gentleman advised putting a canopy over the oven with a pipe leading into the chimney thinking this might take care of the gas. I had this done but it did not help the situation.

I have had the baking-chemist from both the Maple Leaf Milling Co. and from the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. investigate the trouble and I have also had the advice of some of the bakers.

Their opinion is that the gas does not come from the oven because of the nature of its construction but that the gas is a by-product of the baking and that this particular oven has no provision for circulation and the gas given off in the baking is stored up within the oven and when the door is opened there is a rush of gas from the oven. This gas has the odor of Formaldehyde and is almost unbearable.

I called the Indian Agent's attention to this also Dr. Ferguson's attention but as there seemed to be no money available I let the matter drop and for two years we bought our bread and so did not use the oven.

This past Autumn the price of bread was raised on us and we tried out the baking again but our cook's health became alarming to me and we quit baking and are buying our bread and will continue to do so until other arrangements are made.

I have made a lot of enquiries re ovens and I have been strongly advised to install a coke oven manufactured by a firm in Winnipeg, Man., W. Roberts & Son, Bakers & Confectioners' Supplies. There are some installed in Kenora and they are giving excellent satisfaction.

In addition to the trouble with the gas the power rates in Kenora make it impracticable to bake with electricity. The Electric Bakery of Kenora has dispensed with his electric oven and has installed a coke oven.

I hope to be in Winnipeg soon and will try to secure further information on different types of ovens.

I remain,

Your obedient servant

E. W. Byers
Principal.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OF CANADA

Cecilia Jeffrey School
PRESBYTERIAN

E. W. BYERS
PRINCIPAL

KENORA, ONT. March 13th, 1936.

Mr. A.F. MacKenzie,
Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 16 1936

Dear Sir,-

Re. 129-3-5, Letter March 3, 1936.
Extra Beds.

I wish to state for your information that the bed supplied
the school is the Globe Institution Bed, 30 inches wide, with
1 1/2 round posts, Walnut finish.

Donners of Kenora have supplied us with some of the above
beds.

We will require 6 beds complete with springs and mattresses.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

E. W. Byers
Principal.

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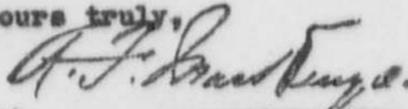
Ottawa, March 19, 1936.

Dear Sir:

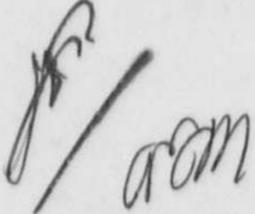
Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, I have to inform you that an order is being placed here to supply six institution beds, with springs and mattresses, for use at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. When the order is placed, Mr. Agent Edwards will be notified, as it is necessary that the account covering the cost be certified by him. It is hoped to have the beds delivered at an early date.

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant, regarding the bake oven, it is considered that the difficulty in its operation through escaping gas is owing to want of proper circulation to carry off the gas that becomes stored up within the oven during its operation. It is noted that you are obtaining further information in the matter and that, in the meantime, owing to the cost of power in operating the oven, you find it impracticable to use same and you are buying the bread required for use at the school. I may say that the Department will have no funds during the present fiscal year to provide for the cost of supplying a new oven.

Yours truly,



A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.



E. W. Myers, Esq.,
Principal,
Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School,
K e n e r a, O n t.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ottawa, March 18th, 1936.

This space not to be used by office issuing requisition.

SHIP TO E. W. BYERS, Principal, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, KENORA, Ont.

Req'n No. 934 Order No. 1939

PURPOSE FOR WHICH REQUIRED

NOTE-Req'n for Non-consumable Equipment. State if new issue or replacement. Consumable equipment and supplies use columns 1 and 2.

Table with columns: QUANTITY, MATERIAL, Quantity on Hand in Stores, Quantity used per Month, Quantity supplied, Price per unit, VALUE (\$ c.).

6 Institution Beds, 6 ft. x 2 1/2 ft. with 1 1/2" round posts, walnut finish, complete with springs.

6 Mattresses for above Beds

If possible, purchase should be made previous to March 31st, next, or the account covering the cost should be dated previous to that time, in order that payment can be made from our Appropriation for the current fiscal year.

The account, in triplicate, covering the cost, should be forwarded to

Frank Edwards, Indian Agent, Kenora, Ont.

NOTE: The beds at present in use in the dormitories were obtained from Donners, Kenora, Ont. If they are on the list, Agent Edwards could, no doubt, arrange the purchase before the end of the current month.

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APPROVED

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Form No. 55

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COPY OF PURCHASE ORDER ISSUED FOR HEAD OFFICE DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, FOR YOUR FILES.

ORDER No.
REQ'N No. 93¹⁹³⁹ 129-3-5

March 20th 56.

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Mrs. Simmons Limited,
Montreal, Que.

E.V. Dyess,
Principal,
Dessie Jeffrey Indian Res. School,
Kenora, Ont.

Frank Edwards, Indian Agent, Kenora, Ont.

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Institution Beds, 6 ft. x 2½ ft.
with 1½" round posts, walnut finish,
complete with springs.

Mattresses for above Beds

N.B. Goods to be shipped and invoices
dated prior to March 31st.

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PREPAY CHARGES AND
ATTACH RECEIPT
TRANSPORTATION BILL
TO INVOICE

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EX'D.

Ottawa, March 20, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I have to inform you that, acting on a report of Mr. Inspector Hamilton as to the need of the equipment, an order has been placed with Simmons Limited, Montreal, for the supplying of six institution beds, complete with springs, and six mattresses for same, for use at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. These are being shipped, addressed to the Principal.

The account, covering the cost, with receipts for transportation charges, will be sent to you. On receipt of the shipment, I would request that you attach the account to proper voucher forms, certify in the usual manner and forward for payment. As it is intended that payment be made from the current year's Appropriation, it is necessary that this account reach the Department at the earliest possible date. The Principal has been advised of the order placed for the supplying of the above equipment.

Yours truly,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

F. Edwards

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora,
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Vote No.

Treaty No. 3

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Simmons Ltd.

Montreal,

P. Q.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1936		
March, 31	To account rendered per Vouchers attached Institution al bads for Cecilia Jeffrey School	90 89
	Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School allotment #1 sub allot. #208	
	Authority 129-3-5 March, 20th. 1936	
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#7887	<i>2 copies sent</i>	
	<i>meant</i>	
	<i>[Signature]</i>	
	TOTAL,	

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

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Agent

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FORM 4



SIMMONS LIMITED

MONTREAL

DATE **APRIL 2/36**

INVOICE

SOLD TO

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA
ONT

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CONVEYANCE

B/L No
DEL. SLIP

OUR ORDER

YOUR ORDER

TO AMOUNT OF C P R FRT CHARGES ON PREPAID
SHIPMENT MARCH 24TH TO E W BYERS, PRINCIPAL
CECELIA JEFFERY INDIAN SCHOOL KESORA ONT

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1936 REG 954 E. 129-2-5

INTEREST CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 8% PER ANNUM

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SIMMONS LIMITED

MONTREAL

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MAR 24/36
DATE

INVOICE

SOLD TO DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA
ONTARIO

S.D. DIST 49-C

FOR FRY PPD TO E W BYERS, PRINCIPAL CECILIA JEFFERY
INDIAN SCHOOL KENDRA OYEL No 7611
DEL. SLIP

NET 50

OUR ORDER 5886

YOUR ORDER 1839 REG 954 F 129-3-8

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6	246X61	SPEC MATTS 25 FELT 4 1/2 BAND S H TICK ROLL EDGE	5 75	34 50
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*Above beds received but not at all
like the beds previously supplied*

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*E. W. Byers
Principal*

BILL FOR FRY CHARGES
TO FOLLOW

INTEREST CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 6% PER ANNUM

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Letter No. 110

Office of the Kenora, Ontario Indian Agency,

March, 31st. 1936

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 7887, amounting to \$ 90.89 in favour of Simmons Ltd. Montreal P.Q. for Institutional beds for the Cecilia Jeffray Residential School

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter No. 129-3-5 dated March, 20th. 1936

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

The Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kenora, Ontario.
April, 6th. 1935

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Dear Sir:

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The request for these beds was sent in by Inspector Hamilton. He is not by us.

Inclosed please find Voucher in favour of Simmons Ltd. Montreal for 6 Beds & Mattresses supplied to the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School, as recommended by Inspector Hamilton.

We have certified the Voucher, although the Principal would like to have the beds changed as he claims they are quite different from the others supplied some time ago, and do not match.

He informs us that he wrote Ottawa giving a description of the beds in the school, but that Simmons have not sent similar beds.

The beds he has are Institutional Hospital Beds and have 1 1/2" Posts and the height of the spring from the floor is 2 feet and the head of the bed is 14" higher than the foot. The beds he has received have only 1" posts and the spring is only 1 foot from the floor and the head and foot of the beds are the same height.

The tops and foots of the beds would only have to be changed, as we presume the springs would fit.

Awaiting your instructions,

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Kenora, Ontario.
April, 11th. 1936

Dear Sir:

Inclosed please find account in quadruplicate in favour of James G. Brown Kenora for work done at the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School some time ago..

The Principal has handed us this account with the request for payment, but we do not seem to have authority for the work.

If this account can be paid, we will be obliged if you will return the account to us when Vouchers will be made out in the usual way

Your obedient servant,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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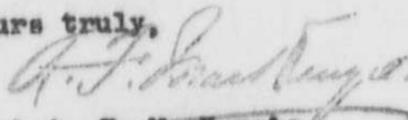
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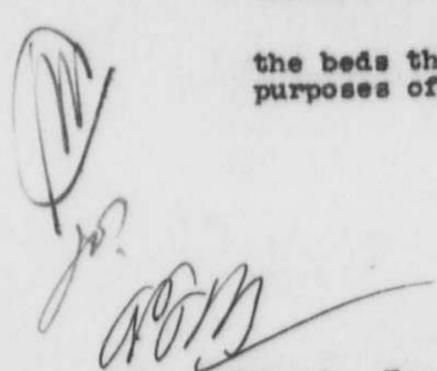
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, the beds supplied to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School are the regular institutional beds which are supplied to all schools. The information contained in the Principal's letter of March 13th was not sufficiently definite to indicate that hospital beds were required.

The Department sees no reason why the beds that were shipped should not meet the purposes of the school.

Yours truly,


A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.


Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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Ottawa, April 20, 1936.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, I am returning the account in favour of James G. Brown in connection with work done at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School last December.

The Department is not prepared to consider payment of this account, and you should so inform the Principal. The Principal should be again informed that, as our funds are so limited, no expenditure for which the Department is expected to pay should be incurred without first securing our authority.

Yours truly,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

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