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Ottawa, March 9, 1918.

Very Reverend Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of a report on the Old Sunn Boarding School, in which it is stated that radical changes are necessary there.

It is stated that, if a fairly practical farmer were employed and retained for reasonable periods, considerable farm products could be grown and that such products would be of considerable importance with regard to the financial aspect of the school. However, an efficient man for this position can hardly be secured now for \$40.00 per month and board.

It is hoped that there will be an improvement this year in the farming operations at this school and that better reports will be received in future.

I may inform you that unless some changes are made there the Department will have to take into consideration the question of closing this school, as the expenditure incurred for it is not justified by the results obtained.

Your obedient servant,  
J. D. McLEAM,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.  
Ven. Archdeacon J. W. Tims,  
Calgary, Alta.

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## CALGARY INDIAN MISSIONS

Ven. Archdeacon Jims  
Secretary-Treasurer

Sarcee Reserve,

Calgary, Alta.,

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in the fields. The cultivation of the smaller seeds in the Vegetable Garden takes up a lot of the energy of the boys. Then there is the feeding and milking of the Cows, and the feeding of the Pigs to be attended to, as well as the cleaning up of the Stables & Piggeries regularly. All this takes time and the Farmer has to oversee all this work regularly in order to get the boys in the habit of doing things as they should be done.

We would be glad if the Inspector would state specifically in what way the School fails to satisfy him. We would then endeavour to so arrange matters to meet the wishes of the Department.

I am, Sir,  
Yours

faithfully,

J. W. Jims

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CALGARY INDIAN MISSIONS

Ven. Archdeacon Sims  
Secretary-Treasurer

Barren Reserve.

Calgary, Alta., 29 Mch 1918

The Secretary,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of  
9<sup>th</sup> inst. re Old Sun Boarding School.

The farmer employed there for the  
past year was a practical farmer of some  
years experience and in thought ourselves for-  
tunate in securing his services.

The School had about 30 acres  
under cultivation last season, and  
grew a variety of things such as  
alfalfa, wheat, oats, barley and  
Roots as well as Vegetables.

The School has not been  
able to go largely into farming because  
of the initial cost of breaking up  
the ground as well as the small  
number of boys capable of assisting

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Ottawa, April 13, 1918.

Sir,-

On the receipt of your report of the 12th of February, last, on the Old Sun Boarding School the Venerable Archdeacon Tims was written to and informed that the Department has been advised that some radical changes are necessary at this school. He was also informed of your remarks in connection with the farming operations there and that, unless some changes are made at the school, the Department will have to take into consideration the question of closing it, as the expenditure incurred for it is not justified by the results obtained.

The Department is now in receipt of a communication from Archdeacon Tims, in which he says that he would be glad ~~to~~ if you would state specifically in what way the school fails to satisfy you and they would then endeavour to so arrange matters to meet the wishes of the Department.

Kindly let the Department know what changes you consider should be made at this institution.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. A. Markle, Esq.,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Red Deer, Alta.

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*2 letters*

Ottawa, April 13, 1918.

Very Reverend Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo in regard to the farming operations in connection with the Old Guns Boarding School and stating that you would be glad if the Inspector would state specifically in what way the school fails to satisfy him and that you would then endeavour to so arrange matters to meet the wishes of the Department.

In reply I beg to say that the Inspector is being written to and asked to let the Department know what changes he considers should be made at this institution. Upon receipt of a reply from him you will be further advised.

Your obedient servant,

*J. D. McLEAM*  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

*AMS*  
*J. W. Tims*  
Ven. Archdeacon J. W. Tims,  
Sarcee Reserve,  
Calgary, Alta.

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Old Sun's School.

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Alberta Inspectorate,

Red Deer, May 3, 1918.



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Sir,-

Answering your letter of the 13th. ultimo I have the honour to state that when I wrote my report of the 12th. of February, on the inspection of the Old Sun's school, I wondered why it was that as good results had not been obtained from the garden at the Old Sun's, since it has been operated at the present site, as has been obtained, only on a larger scale, of late years at the Sarcee school and which I think the Venerable Arch-deacon will admit was a great help to the institution under his direct charge. I have already stated in my reports on the Sarcee school that the garden was a credit to the institution. Moreover, the stock were better cared for of late years at the Sarcee school-so I thought, anyway.

My impression is that there never has been anyone in charge of the farm, the stock or the garden at the Old Sun's school with the capacity for such work as the Mr. A.R. Holt who was employed, and glad if still there, as farmer at the Sarcee institution. If Mr. Holt, or some one of equal capacity, can be secured to take charge of the farm, the stock and the garden work at the Old Sun's I'm confident that better results will be attained than were attained in the past. The example to both the Indian children and their parents when stock, farm and garden work thoroughly done cannot be estimated.

Yours obediently,

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

*J. Markle*  
Insp.



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Ottawa, May 15, 1918.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in regard to the farming and gardening operations at the Old Guns Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that Archdeacon Tims is informed that you are of the opinion that, if a good man can be secured to look after this work at this school better results will be obtained than in the past.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J. A. Markle, Esq.,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Red Deer, Alta.

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*2 letters*

Ottawa, May 15, 1918.

Very Reverend Sir,-

In further reference to your letter of the 29th of March, last, in regard to farming operations at the Old Sun's Boarding School I beg to say that the Department is in receipt of a communication from Mr. Inspector Markle, in which he states that it is his impression that there has never been anyone in charge of the farm, the stock, or the garden at the Old Sun's school with the capacity for such work as the Mr. A. R. Holt, who was employed at the Sarcee school. Mr. Markle also states that, if Mr. Holt, or someone of equal capacity, can be secured to take charge of the farm, the stock and the garden work at the Old Sun's school, that better results will be obtained than were obtained in the past.

Your obedient servant,

*J. D. McLean*  
J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

*J. W. Tims*  
Ven. Archdeacon J. W. Tims,  
Sarcee Reserve,  
Calgary, Alta.

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Old Sun's Boarding School  
Blackfoot Reserve

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1918  
512589

J. H. Gooderham Esq.  
Indian Agent, Blackfoot Reserve -

Dear Mr. Gooderham,

I have carefully considered the question of a team of brood mares for the use of the school - the purchase of which the Department sanctioned, on the agreement to repay by instalments - and I am now anxious to put a different proposition before you.

I have satisfied myself that even with a good big team, I shall never be able to break & disc even 40 acres at this time of the year. I have tried for the last 2 years and again this year to get 60 acres broken for us - I have tried to secure both white men & Indians, & have had promises from both - but both have failed me. Only a week or two ago I offered a man with a tractor \$6<sup>00</sup> an acre to break 60 acres for me & he wanted me to provide the gasoline as well, which seemed to me utterly unreasonable, & I am still struggling to get the work done.

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2nd Sheet.

My proposition is this - I can buy a Tractor (the "Akeley Boy") and can see my way to finance the same inside 18 months, if the Department will allow the cost of a team to be transferred to the Tractor, as the first cash payment - This amount (about \$500.00) would be repaid to the Department inside five years - I think I can promise it in 2½ years, without relying upon Crops.

Our pigs will bring us in between \$800.00 + \$1000.00 within the next six or seven months - six of them will be fit for market about September.

We have two young beef cattle coming on, and prospect of more.

The potatoes crop appears healthy & promises well, & should yield several tons more than will be required for our own use.

I am not building on any crop of wheat or oats - though they are not yet in a hopeless condition. Our rape is good.

The cost of having to buy oats & hay for a big team promises to be very high. If we can avoid this expense by securing a Tractor at once we shall really save a considerable sum.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sheet.

With the Tractor we could not only do our breaking & but all our summer fallowing - we could use it with the cutting & binding. We could also use it for hauling our Coal from the Station - bringing large loads, & save the cost of paying the Brown Transfer people to haul it for us, when purchased by the Carload.

We have examined the "Waterloo Boy" Tractor carefully & have watched it breaking some of the hardest land round here, & are satisfied that it is a good reliable affair. It is very highly spoken of by men who have handled Tractors for years.

I may add that if we get the Machine we shall endeavour, as soon as our own breaking is finished, to break land for anyone else so as to bring in Cash towards its Cost.

Mr. Armstrong, who will have the handling of the Outfit, is a man of considerable experience & will teach our senior boy to use it successfully.

I shall be glad if the Department will sanction the Transfer of the amount named from the Team to the Tractor.

Yours very truly  
H. W. Gibbon Stocken Principal

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE  
BLACKFOOT AGENCY  
GLEICHEN, Alta.



25th June 1918

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
No. B 5  
ALSO  
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

512589

*Immediate School*

Sir,-

I am enclosing a letter from Rev. Cannon Stocken, which is self explanatory, and may add, that I consider the proposition a very good one.

I saw this tractor demonstrating on the School farm, and it did good work.

As the breaking season is well advanced, will you please wire if this exchange is allowed.

Your obedient servant,

*W. Gordonham*  
Indian Agent

The Asst. Deputy and Secty.  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

*Purchase of team authorized by letter dated May 27/18 to Agent Gordonham see file 427018/4*

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Ottawa, July 3, 1918.

Sir,-

In May, last, Mr. Agent Gooderham forwarded an application from the Rev. Canon Gibbon Stocken, Acting Principal of the Oad guns Boarding School, for assistance in obtaining a team of horses for carrying on farming operations at the school. Mr. Gooderham was authorized to purchase a suitable team for this work, the purchase price of which was to be repaid in five annual instalments, the first instalment to be deducted from the per capita grant due the school after the first crop is taken off.

A letter has just been received from Mr. Gooderham enclosing another communication from Canon Stocken, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, in which he states that he wishes to substitute a tractor in place of the team which was authorized.

I have to request that you will be good enough to deal with this application as you consider in the best interests of the school. It is just a question whether the Indians on the reserve, who have a number of horses, could not do the necessary breaking. As it is urgent that something should be done at once, I should be pleased if you would take this matter up with Mr. Agent Gooderham as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

Asst Deputy and Secretary.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,  
Commissioner,  
Regina, Sask.

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*2 letters*

Ottawa, July 3, 1918.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo enclosing a communication from the Rev. Canon Gibbon Stocken, Acting Principal of the Old Guns Boarding School, in which he asks if the Department will sanction the transfer of the amount authorized for the purchase of a team of horses for this school to the purchase of a tractor.

In reply I beg to say that a copy of Canon Stocken's letter is being sent to Mr. Commissioner Graham, who has been instructed to deal with this application as he considers in the best interests of the school. He has also been asked to take this matter up with you as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

*J.D. McLEAM*

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

*J.H.G.*  
J. H. Gooderham, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Gleichen, Alta.

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*117084-12*

Ottawa, August 20, 1919.

NOTE:-

P. H. Gentleman, late teacher of the John Smith's Indian Day School, has been appointed Principal of the Old Guns Boarding School, to take charge on or about the first of September, 1919. For all correspondence regarding this transfer see file 117084-12 (John Smith's Day School).

*J.H.G.*

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Old Sun School.  
Gleichen. Alta.  
November 8.  
1919.



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Sir;

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 511895 of the 4th inst stating that Bonus cheques for the month of July will be paid as soon as possible. These will be acceptable, but to learn that we are only entitled to the month of July more than astonishes me. +

I am fully aware that under the arrangements for the care of Boarding schools my name would not appear on the pay list of the Department, but the fact remains that I am still teaching Indian children coupled with greater responsibilities than at John Smith's reserve, and in addition to this I have your letter before me in which you agreed to pay the transfer from John Smith's reserve to the Blackfoot reserve, as it would be considered a transfer within the Department; and to my mind a transfer within the Department carries with it such benefits that we have previously enjoyed unless otherwise stated. I did not think for one minute that my giving up John Smith's school at a rather unjust desire of the Department that it went giving up the Bonus cheques, and your letter of June 23rd, does not dismiss me from the Department's employ, as under the arrangement for Indian Education with the Churches the practise is for you to state to, in John Smith's case, that His Lordship the Bishop of Saskatchewan that my services in the school was not satisfactory, give him the reason and request a new teacher to be nominated. X You failed to do this for the simple reason that there was nothing that justified your so doing. His Lordship wished me to remain going so far as saying that he would take the responsibility of my doing so, and take such action with the authorities of the Church that would cause a reason to be forthcoming for our removal.



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There are in addition to the Bishops support, after enquiry Mr Kney also saw fit to support my claims as, as he says in his letter to me, that he had heard good reports of my work at John Smiths, and on the face of this it appears that you contend that the reports of these gentlemen are not truthful ones.

So far, you have given no reasons for your statement that my services at John Smiths were unsatisfactory, although you have had the opportunity of doing so to the Bishop of Saskatchewan and also myself, and while I greatly desire to know what these charges might be, it is only reasonable that I compare the work of the Indian Agents at the Peigans, and here, as well as the schools themselves, with our late home, and Mr J.P. Schmidt whom appears to have received directly opposite instructions on school matters to those issued to Messrs Graham & Gooderham. The class room work of neither of these schools can touch my work. You have seen fit to issue a Diploma to a late pupil of this school and the writing book that is forwarded with this letter is the best of a pile I have found here. My school work was acknowledged by Provincial Inspectors at Prince Albert fair as creditable, and I will submit the John Smiths childrens books with these before me if you wish. As a sample of what you might look for I also enclose work of the girls here that I would rather not comment upon. Before I could start the work of the classroom I had to go to Mr Gooderham for slates and pencils for there was just nothing in the schoolroom other than a pile of dirty writing books and a few readers with most of the pages torn out; the blackboards are scratched, the walls are filthy and the floors and windows have not been cleaned in the schoolroom to the knowledge of the kitchen matron for the past four years.

In addition to this one of the boys is serving a term of imprisonment in Lethbridge jail, and the condition of three or

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St. Gentlemen

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*Scholes*  
510581

Ottawa, November 28, 1919.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant relative to the continuing of the bonus to you as Principal of the Old Suns Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that, as you were advised by official letter of the 4th instant, you and Mrs. Gentleman are entitled to the bonus for the month of July, the last month for which you received salary from this Department. As Principal of the Old Suns School your salary is not paid by the Department, but by the Church authorities. It is hoped that the balance of bonus due to you and Mrs. Gentleman will be paid at an early date, as soon as the pay list has been approved by the Civil Service Commission.

*P.H.G.*  
*H.G.M.*  
Your obedient servant,

*sd A. J. MacKenzie*

for Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

P. H. Gentleman, Esq.,  
Principal,  
Old Suns Boarding School,  
Gleichen, Alta.

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December 5, 1919.

Dear Mr. Gentleman,-

In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo,  
I may say that I am glad to observe that you have so earnest a  
desire to bring about progress at the Old Sun's school, and I  
certainly agree with you that there is much room for improvement  
there.

Your request with regard to school material that  
is required should be embodied in the form of a requisition  
and forwarded to the Department through the Indian Agent in  
the usual manner.

I trust that you will be successful in your  
work, and I shall be glad to hear from you further in connection  
therewith.

Yours truly,

*Duncan Scott*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

*del*  
P. H. Gentleman, Esq.,  
Old Sun's School,  
Blackfoot Reserve,  
Gleichen, Alberta.

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OLD SUN SCHOOL  
BLACKFOOT RESERVE  
GLEICHEN  
ALTA.



November, 19.1919.

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Dear Mr Scott,

The M.S.J.C. Commission in Calgary could not undertake my appointment to either here or the Peigans in July last saying that it would be necessary to await a meeting of the Council of the Society in Toronto to be held during the first week in September.. I was then told that the Secretary would visit these schools in November, and would come to some kind of agreement. Canon Gould reached Calgary last week, and Canon Stocken went up to see him, and although Canon Gould wrote me in October saying that he would certainly visit the school, Canon Stocken has returned from Calgary telling me that Canon Gould will not be able to visit the place as he thought, and that meanwhile Canon Gould approved of our being moved here, but for the time being it was considered best that Canon Stocken had better remain in charge of the school owing to the number of accounts that he would have to present to the Department for work done around the place.

As I expected to meet Canon Gould I intended to have a good understanding with him, and for the time being I have refrained from writing you in connection with the rentals, and I am now placing before the Commission an objection to working under Canon Stocken, as it is a point to which they agreed upon before we came to the province.

Meanwhile this correspondence takes time, and in your letter written in July you wished us success in our new undertaking and to be quite frank I would entirely agree

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with your remarks that there is scope for work at this point, and I trust you will support me in our new work. Neither my wife nor I myself wish to be antagonistic to the Department in any way and would like to have some expression of your support.

I have refused the admission of a child three years old, as I find on file a letter of yours saying that no child under the proper age should be admitted unless in the case of orphans when special application should be made. Canon Stocken sent the child with its father over to the school but I refused its admission on the ground of age. Is this correct? Somewhat against the wish of Canon Stocken I have also sent home a girl, Maggie Spotted Eagle who was allowed out at the beginning of the year and who was married to an Indian, and who is about to be confined. I fear that there are other girls in the same condition, and they tell me that their discharge was promised as far back as last February. Canon Stocken maintains that if these girls are let go, the parents of the other children who are to be brought in will not bring them. There appears to be plenty of children out of school. The town of Gleichen seems to be full of Indian children all ages and sexes, ragged, strong and otherwise; every afternoon, some of whom should be in school.

I have had a great deal of cleaning done around the place; it seemed to need it. I would like you to have the walls of the schoolroom kalsomined. It is dull rough plaster, never been painted and is just covered with with pencil and chalk writings; no amount of scrubbing would improve it; it is the only thing around the place that I cannot clean.

I would like a good supply of Kinsmen's material, half a dozen new desks in order that each child can have a place in school.

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 file  
 December 5, 1919.

Dear Canon Gould,-

I have received your letter of the 25th ultimo, and I am glad to observe that you are dealing with the matter of conditions at the Sarcee Boarding school, and that you anticipate an improvement in connection therewith.

I have recently received a letter from Mr. P. H. Gentleman of the Old Sun's school on the Blackfoot reserve, of which I am sending you a copy, in confidence, as I thought you should see it. Mr. Gentleman seems to regret the fact that he was unable to see you upon the occasion of your recent visit to the west and it appears from his statements that the supervision of the school by Rev. Canon Stocken is not working out satisfactorily.

My memory of our discussions from time to time is that we agreed that the missionaries should not interfere

Rev. Canon S. Gould, M. T.,  
 131 Confederation Life Building,  
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 Toronto, Ont.

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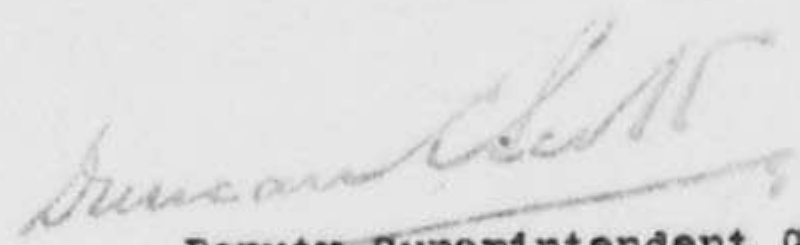


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with the school work, and to come nearer the heart of this question, I am confident that you will as soon as you can arrange for a single control of these residential schools.

In my reply to Mr. Gentleman I am not laying much stress on the matter, as his abilities in conducting Indian educational work are yet to be demonstrated.

Yours truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.

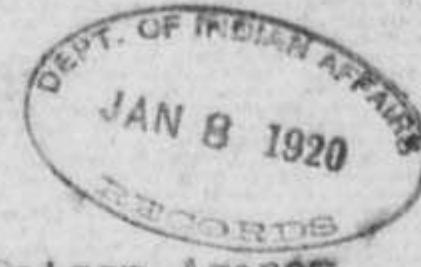
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Hobbema, Dec. 1st, 1919.



Sir,-

I enclose a statement taken at the Peigan Agency office by Constable Wright of the R.M.W.M.P. from George Baptiste, a pupil of the Victoria Home School, of which the Rev. W.R. Haynes is Principal. It appears that this boy along with two or three other older boys ran away from the Victoria Home with the team and rig. On being returned to the school this George Baptiste, although the youngest boy, was most brutally and unmercifully beaten with a horse quirt until his back was bleeding and bruised. This man Mr. Gentleman who administered the thrashing to George Baptiste is now teaching Indian children at the Blackfoot reserve. I feel it my duty to lay this case before you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) Thos. Graham,

Indian Agent.

W.M. Graham, Esq.,

Indian Commissioner,

Regina.

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(COPY)

To Mr. Graham,-

Dear Sir,-

I am writing to you into Mr. Gentleman give me a good licking just because I'm running away from the school. He whipp me and hit my head all over, also my hand is awf<sup>ul</sup> sore. I was starting to go back to School. I didn't mean to do it. I was sorry afterward. You can see all the mark on my back. The blood just running where he hit me with the whip. Also he didn't whip the other three boys, all but it. Thank you. Much oblige

From George Baptiste.

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(COPY)

At Peigan Agency,

Nov. 27th, 1919.

We came back 2 days later and was sent down to the school. Mr. Gentleman put him up-stairs to bed and shackled my feet, tied my hands and whipped me with a quirt. Sam Yellow Face said he gave me 75 lashes; he gave me another whipping in the morning, but no quite so hard; he took off my clothes before giving me the whipping; my back was all sore from cuts which were bleeding. He did not whip any of the other boys; they were all larger than me; he then turned me loose but worked me very hard. Willie Knowlton suggested taking the horses away.

Statement taken by Const. Wright, R.C.M.P.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,


B.

REGINA, SASK. Dec. 23, 1919.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO. 22-66  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Dear Mr. Scott,-

I am enclosing herewith  a copy of a letter  
I received from Mr. Agent Graham, together with copies  
of statements made by certain parties before Constable  
Wright.

It appears to me that the Department have  
made a serious mistake in having anything to do with this  
man Gentleman. His record before he went West was such as to  
not warrant giving him further responsibilities. In my  
opinion Gentleman should be relieved of his duties at once.

Yours very truly,

*Wm. Graham*  
Commissioner.

Enc.  
D.C. Scott, Esq.,  
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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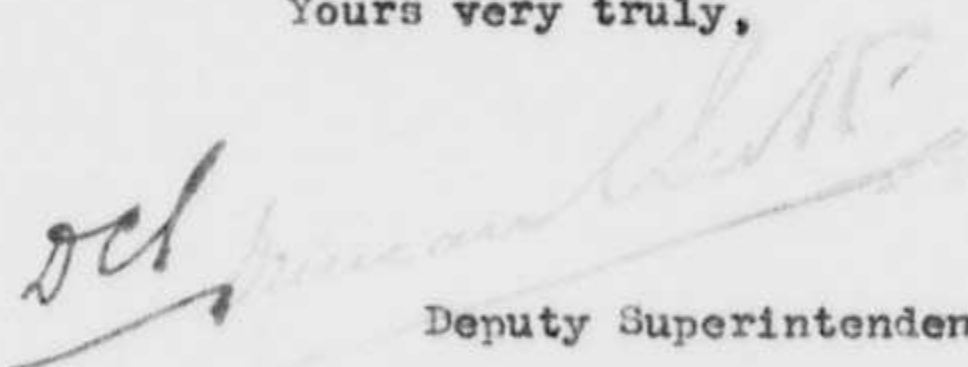


January 5, 1920.

Dear Mr. Graham,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of December 28, last, and inclosed copies of letters, with reference to Mr. Gentlemen. I am taking up the question of the charges against him with Rev. Canon Gould.

Yours very truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,  
Commissioner,  
Regina, Sask.

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January 5, 1920.

Dear Canon Gould,-

Incls.

I am sending herewith copies of some communications which I have received, with reference to Mr. Gentleman. Under the circumstances, I feel that we must take some serious notice of these charges, and, unless there is some evidence of rebuttal or pretty strong defence by Mr. Gentleman, I do not think that we can consider him fit to administer an Indian boarding school. Before taking any action, however, I would like your advice.

Yours sincerely,

*scf*

*W. A. G. M.*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. Canon S. Gould,  
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