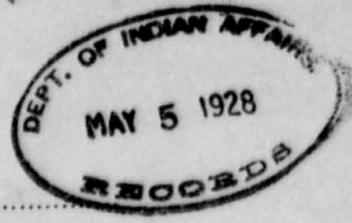


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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Cranbrook, B. C.

April 30th. 1928

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

*[Large scribbled signature]*

**R**

Re Fire escapes Kootenay Residential School.

Sir, -

(Enclosure)

I beg to enclose a Letter I have just received from Fire Chief P. Adams, although dated April 10th. I am not sure that his report is what you require, but he tells me that he agrees with the Rev Principal that the escapes should be from the Center rooms between the dormitories

And that it would be impossible to control the children if they were erected as per blue print furnished by the Department and leading from the dormitories. You have the Rev Principals letter of January 11th which explains the matter thoroughly,

Your Obedient Servant.

*[Handwritten signature: E.H. Small]*

E.H. Small.  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary.  
Department Of Indian Affairs.  
Ottawa. Ont.

*Iron link ladders  
349 frames W*

*60 feet  
1/100 for 485 ft.*

*18 for ladder mounting  
height cent Center  
14 each  
MP*

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Ottawa, May 28, 1928.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo, with enclosure, concerning fire escapes for the Kootenay Indian Residential School. The proposal involves considerable expenditure and I should like to know if the present escapes, supplemented by iron link ladders, would be adequate. These ladders have proven satisfactory at other schools. They are fastened on the inside of windows leading from dormitories, by eye bolts, and, when not needed, are rolled up on the inside. They can be thrown out when required. Please see the Rev. Principal and Fire Chief Adams regarding this last scheme and let me know if they could give their approval. If they do, you should inform me of the number of ladders required and the lengths necessary. Your early attention is requested.

Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature]*

T. R. L. MacInnes,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

*[Handwritten signature]*

E. H. Small, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Cranbrook, B. C.

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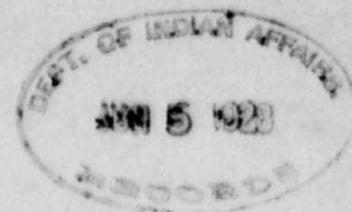
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Cranbrook, B. C.

# Beattie-Noble Ltd.

The Retail Drug Store

Druggists and Stationers



R

Cranbrook B.C.

May. 28. 1928.

Department of Indian Affairs.  
Ottawa Ont.

Gentlemen:-

We have a long outstanding account against the local department amounting to forty-five dollars, we have tried repeatedly to get some action from the local agent, but he keeps putting us off.

We need the money, and would appreciate your attention and consideration to this account.

Thanking you in advance, we are.

Yours very truly.

Beattie-Noble Ltd.

Per *C. M. Arque* mgr.

*Write up*

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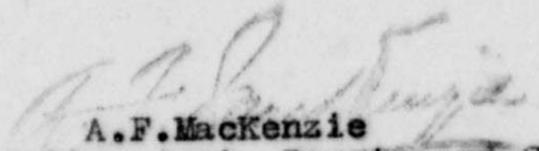
Ottawa, June 6, 1928.

Sirs,-

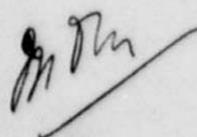
With reference to your letter of the 28th May, I may say the Department is writing to Mr. Small, Indian Agent, Cranbrook, regarding your statement that you have an outstanding account of \$45.00 which you desire to have given attention.

Your obedient servant,



  
A.F. MacKenzie  
Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Messrs. Beattie-Noble, Ltd.,  
Druggists and Stationers,  
Cranbrook, B.C.



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Ottawa, *June 5* 1914*8*

Mr. *Paynter*

Please report on attached letter  
and return it to the office of the  
Deputy Superintendent General.

~~De-*scrip*~~

*No record  
W.A.H.*

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*Recd to Keep*

Ottawa, June 6, 1928.

Sir,-

You will find inclosed copy of a letter of the 28th May which the Department received from Beattie-Noble, Ltd., of Cranbrook. They refer in this letter to an outstanding account of \$45.00, and it would appear that they have brought the matter to your attention but that you have not taken action thereon. Seemingly this is the first time report in the matter has been made to the Department. If there is an account due this firm by the Department, you should submit it without delay in proper form for payment.

Your full report in the matter is desired immediately.

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
A.F. MacKenzie  
Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

*[Signature]*  
E.H. Small, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Cranbrook, B.C.

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Voucher No. 302

Vote No. *Sch*

*vote*

GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Kootenay, B.C. AGENCY

To Beattie Noble Ltd., Cranbrook, B.C.

DATE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
Sept 30th. 1925	To 20 sheets special drawing paper  This is the first I have seen of this account and do not know who ordered it.	1.00
April 30th. 1926.	To pencils \$3160. Taaks .25¢  I did not order these.	3.85
May 4th. 1927.	To 2 dozen slates  I ordered these on Authority #155 - 0 - 4, dated April 7th. 1927. but this is the first invoice that I have received from them.	10.80
		15.65
	<i>Sent June 20/28</i> <b>1419</b>	
		\$15.65

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 all expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

EXAMINED and found correct.

*J. W. Shore*

*E. H. Mally*

Indian Agent

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Letter No.....

Office of the.....Kootenay, B.C.....Indian Agency,

.....June 12th.....1928

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos.....302.....,  
amounting to \$...15.65.....in favour  
of Beattie Noble Ltd.....Cranbrook, B.C.....  
for ...Supplies...for...Kootenay Residential School,...

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental  
For 2 dozen slates.

Letter No. 155-0-4.....dated.....April 7th, 1927.....

Your obedient servant,

E.H. Small.

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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CANADA



OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT



*After*  
B  
Cranbrook, B.C?

June 14th. 1928

Re your letter # 31-155  
June 6th. 1928.

Sir:-

When Mr. Instertor Pragnell was here this week he went into this account with Beattie Noble Ltd. and found as I have claimed that \$ 29.35 of this account was payable by Dr. Green being made up of perscriptions given to indians by him, he has now agreed to settle the account.

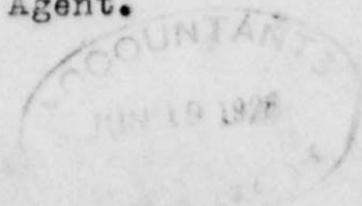
The items in Voucher # 302 have never been brought to my attention, but after Mr. Pragnell had gone into the accounts throughly and only by his efforts was I able to get the enclosed accounts.

I trust you will not hold me responsible for this for I can assure you that the firm did not give me the invoices.

Your Obedient Servant.

E.H. Small.  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary.  
Department Of Indian Affairs.  
Ottawa. Ont.



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Phone No. 84.  
P. O. Drawer 499.

CRANBROOK, B.C. May 28 28 192

M Dept. of Indian Affairs,

City

Bought  
of

**COLLIER & SINCLAIR, Limited**

**HARDWARE**

Sporting Goods, Tents, Furniture, Bedding  
Stoves, Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

Accounts Rendered and Payable Monthly

$\frac{1}{2}$  gallon Varnish

4 00

*JWS*

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# COLLIER & SINCLAIR LIMITED

SHELF AND HEAVY HARDWARE  
MARTIN SENOUR PAINTS - FAWCETT AND MONARCH RANGES  
OILS AND GLASS

Cranbrook, B. C., May 28 28 192

E H Small Esqr,  
Dept of Indian Affairs,  
City.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find statement of Varnish which G Higginson, Painter  
got for the Mission School, this was omitted on previous statement  
as it was a better quality Varnish he needed for one of the Floors,  
your attention will oblige, yours truly,

Collier & Sinclair Ltd,

per *H. Ballis*

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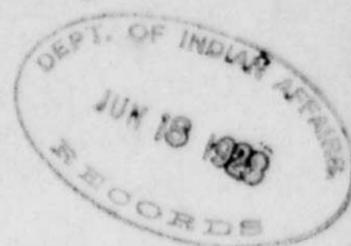
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Letter No. ....

*W. J. ...*

Office of the.....Kootenay...B.C.....Indian Agency,

.....June 12th.....1928

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos.....301.....,  
amounting to \$..4.00.....in favour  
of Collier & Sinclair, Ltd., Cranbrook, B.C.....  
for Varnish supplied Kootenay Residential School.

*Pay  
J.W.S.*

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental  
Letter No. .... dated.....

Your obedient servant,

*E. H. Small*

E. H. Small.

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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Cranbrook, B.C.,

March 31st.

192

M Dept. Indian Affairs Educational Board,

c/o F.G. Morris, CITY.



Bought of **F. PARKS & CO.**

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

**HARDWARE, IRON, STEEL, MILL and MINERS' SUPPLIES**

Sole Agents for  
MOFFATT'S STOVES  
STEPHEN'S PAINTS

TINSMITHING AND  
PLUMBING  
Builders' Material

Terms: Cash. Interest at 10 per cent. charged on all overdue accounts

Date	DESCRIPTION	Folio	Credits	Debits	Total
Mar. 30	1 gros. $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 iron screws (Indian school)	8499		30	30

*JWS*

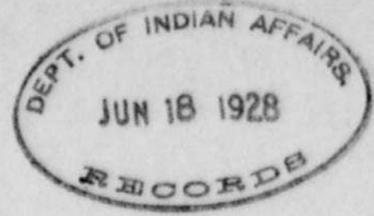
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Letter No.....

Office of the Kootenay, B.C. Indian Agency,

*act*

..... June 11th..... 1928.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos.....273.....  
amounting to \$ 30¢.....in favour  
of.....F. Parks & Co. Cranbrook.....B.C.....  
for Screws.....for Kootenay Res. School.....

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental  
Letter No.....dated.....

*[Handwritten signature]*

Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature: E. H. Small]*

E. H. Small.

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
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SAWMILL AT  
KITCHENER, B.C.

CRANBROOK, B.C., May 14th, 1928

M Department of Indian Affairs,  
c/o Mr. E. H. Small, Indian Agent,  
Cranbrook, B.C.

ACCOUNT NO. ....

IN ACCOUNT WITH

CRANBROOK SASH AND DOOR CO., LTD.

MANUFACTURERS OF . . .

SASH, DOORS, FRAMES, MOULDINGS, ETC.

ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER

PIECES	DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS	FEET B. M.	TOTAL FEET	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
3	Clear Pine S4S	2 x 2 - 12'	36				
1	"	10	10				
2	"	8	16	62	3.00	1.86	
1	"	1 x 10 - 16	16				
1	"	12	12				
2	"	10	20				
3	"	9	27				
2	"	7	14				
2	"	16	12	106	7.50	7.95	
2	"	5	5				
1	"	1 x 6 - 14	14				
1	"	13	13				
1	"	12	48				
4	"	11	11				
1	"	10	20	106	4.50	4.77	
2	"	10	20	64	.09	5.76	
4	"	1 1/2 x 8 - 16					
						20.34	20.34

No Sales Tax.

for St. Eugene Mission School.

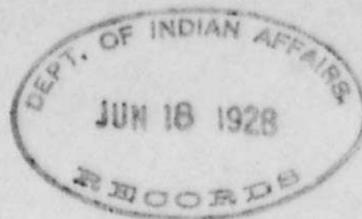
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Letter No.....

Office of the.....Kootenay, B.C.....Indian Agency,

*W. J. [unclear]*

.....June 11th.....1928

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos.....283.....,

amounting to \$.....20.34.....in favour

of Cranbrook Sash & Door Co., Cranbrook, B.C.....

for Lumber supplied Kootenay Residential School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No.....dated.....

*Pay [unclear]*

Your obedient servant,

*E. H. Small*

E. H. Small.

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA



OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT



*[Handwritten signature]*  
Cranbrook, B.C.

June 15th. 1928

Sir:-

Re your letter May 28th. 1928  
# 155 - 0 - 5

I have talked with the Rev. Principal, Fire Chief Adams and Mr. Inspector Pragnell re supplementing the fire escapes at the Kootenay Residential School by iron link ladders and none of them would agree that they would be adequate.

I understand that Mr. Inspector Pragnell is writing you re the advisability of moving the present escapes at the back of the building to the ends, as from their present location they would be of very little use in case of fire.

When you have Mr. Inspector Pragnell's report and if you consider his proposition I will try and obtain estimates as to the probable cost.

Your Obedient Servant.

E.H. Small.  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa. Ont.

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Letter No. ....

*[Handwritten scribble]*

Office of the ..... Kootenay B.C. .... Indian Agency,

..... June 12th. .... 1928.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. .... 292. ....  
amounting to \$ ..... 22.00. .... in favour  
of Western Distributing Co  
63 East Adams St Chicago Ill. U.S.A.  
for Book Kootenay Residential School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. .... dated .....  
The Sister Superior asked me to submit this to the  
Department for payment. she claims that the Book will  
be very valuable in the care of the Children.

Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
E. H. Smith.  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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Kamloops, June 21st, 1928.

Sir:

Inspection Report, Kootenay Agency.  
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Upon enquiry I found the matter of accounts owing or said to be owing by the Department, somewhat involved with considerable dissatisfaction and misunderstanding. I made it my business to enquire of the various tradesmen who had already complained, and of any whom I thought might have accounts. Some, I found, had apparently authorized accounts against the Department, others again were genuinely under the idea that they had. All complained of want of explanation on the Agent's part, so in order to clear up the matter of responsibility for payment, in each case I went as thoroughly as possible into the matter with them, and fixed the said responsibility as well as I could. I informed Mr. Small that it was really his duty to attend to this, and even if some of the accounts were not chargeable to the Department, it was not right to practically ignore the people, but to endeavor to make matters clear, and not let tradesmen and others labour under the misapprehension that the Department was to blame as it reflected seriously upon our good name. I have already reported upon the account with the Cranbrook Cartage and Transfer Company. See my letter K-G-30 of the 13th inst. The other accounts that I endeavoured to clear up, I am reporting upon separately and individually.

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x

x

Geo. S. Pragnell.

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

P.O. Box 752  
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

June 22nd., 1928.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
**B**  
K-G-39.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my Inspection report, and remarks re unpaid accounts for the two Drug Stores in Cranbrook, I have to say that I have been able to clear up the responsibility for payment for several of these accounts, but there are others in which it seems difficult to fix the responsibility other than upon Mr. Agent Small, who authorized these accounts, but whether or not with authority to do so I cannot find out. The first set of accounts with the Cranbrook Drug Company (Scott) I was able to clear up with the exception of one account for a foot ball and inner tube which had been supplied to the Indian Residential School. I handed this account to the Mother Superior, and informed her that she would have to pay it unless they could find authority given them by the Department for the purchase of same. If they do find such authority, I have instructed them forward the accounts to you through Mr. Indian Agent Small. I have a strong suspicion that such authority was given by the Department somewhere about the time Mr. Small took over the office.

With reference to the accounts with Messrs. Beattie Noble Ltd., the other druggist in Cranbrook, I have managed to clear up the responsibility for about \$35.00 worth of goods, but there are a few items that were undoubtedly ordered by Mr. Small. I am enclosing account slips dealing with these matters, and have marked a cross in pencil against the items. The first one, as you will see, is an item for \$1.00 for sheets of drawing paper supplied to the Mission School. The second one amounting to \$3.85 is for pencils and tacks ordered by Mr. Small, but the druggist is not sure whether they were delivered to Mr. Small or to the School. The third one amounting to \$10.80 is for two dozen slates ordered by Mr. Small and delivered to the School. Upon questioning Mr. Small upon the matter, it suddenly struck him, anyhow regarding the last item, that he had authority from Mr. Ferrier to purchase these. I asked him, for goodness' sake why he did not submit these account to you for payment, and he did not seem to know why. I ordered him to submit same at once, quoting authority. I also ordered him to look into the other accounts, and to try to find out whether he had authority for such orders, and if he had not, he must submit the accounts to you anyway, giving his reasons why he had made the purchase on emergency.

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA, Ont.

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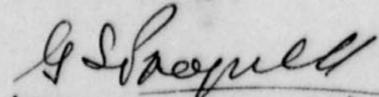
The Secretary.

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June 22nd., 1928.

I pointed out to him that these kind of accounts hanging around with apparently nobody willing to pay , was a hardship on the people who had supplied the goods in good faith, and that it was leading people to believe that the Department of Indian Affairs was very lax in paying its just debts.

Yours truly,



(Geo. S. Pragnell)  
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

GSP/S.

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Kamloops, B.C., June 21st, 1928.

Sir:

Inspection Report, Kootenay Agency.

St Eugene's Mission.

The matter of drinking water supply was again referred to. It seems that the present supply piped into the school from St Mary's River is seriously contaminated by the dumping operations of numerous mines higher up the river. At the present moment all drinking water has to be hauled from a spring some distance from the school. This is very inconvenient and in addition adds to the difficulty of preventing the children in the hot, dry weather, from drinking out of the sewerage contaminated St Joseph's Creek, which I have already referred to in both my previous reports. A possible solution would be placing a pump for drinking water in the building.

I then took up the matter of fire escapes with the School authorities, Mr. Small, and in the evening consulted Fire Chief Adams of Cranbrook. Separately I beg to submit my suggestion, which meets with the approval of the Reverend Principal, the Mother Superior and Fire Chief Adams. The latter have to thank for his keen interest in the school, and its safeguard against fire. He has offered me his services in the training of the children in fire drill, and I am writing the Principal in order to take advantage of his offer.

Fire Chief Adams also explained to me that the fire extinguishers in the school should be refilled. This should be done once a year. He offered, on behalf of the Cranbrook Fire Department to have them refilled at fifty cents per extinguisher, this being the cost price of filling all the City extinguishers in charge of the Fire Department, and they are not allowed to make any profit on refills. He states, and from past experience I do not doubt him, that probably no one at the school has much idea as to how these extinguishers are to be used, and would probably be trying to read the instructions amid the smoke and excitement of a fire. If his offer to re-fill these is agreeable to the Department, he will empty the present ones in the form of instructional drill, and see that certain chosen ones are told off to use them.

This school is still without a refrigerator. The bakehouse chimney gives a lot of trouble by smoking in certain winds, and this despite constant cleaning and attention. I think a wind cowl would eliminate this, and should suggest its installation.

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Geo. S. Pragnell.

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES  
BRITISH COLUMBIA



P.O. Box 752  
KAMLOOPS, B.C.

June 21st., 1928.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
K-G-36.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my remarks regarding the fire escapes at St. Eugene's School, and my report on the Kootenay Agency, I have to elaborate as follows:

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