

J. N. J.

Honorable Sir 217227

Some weeks ago we called your attention to the necessity of appointing a Physician to attend the inmates of our Orphanage, but our request was not sustained, and as there has been considerable sickness among the children we have had to bear the expense of their medical treatment. This we find a great hardship in fact an impossibility with our limited means, as we have great difficulty in meeting the current expenses of the house. We would therefore, humbly solicit, an increase of Two hundred dollars \$200. in your annual grant of five hundred dollars \$500. to our Institution. Hoping you may see your way to accede to our request. We have the honor to remain
Most respectfully Yours

Sisters of St. Joseph. in charge of the Indian Mission Home at Fort William.

To the Secretary of Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

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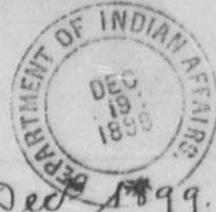
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Port Arthur 16th Dec 1899.



Sir.

Herewith find communication from the Sisters of St Joseph asking that the annual grant to the orphanage be increased from Five hundred to Seven hundred Dollars

I feel convinced that their statement regarding the difficulty of meeting current expenses is quite correct also that regarding the sickness among pupils.

The requisition for a physician spoken of was forwarded the Department on 25th Sept this year, and the reply handed to the Sisters

Your obedient servant

J. J. Hodder
Indian Agent

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About four years ago the Sisters of St Joseph put up a very commodious and well finished building with accommodation for 50 children to replace the old building which had been destroyed by fire. The cost of the new building was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$7000.00, to which the Fort William Indians contributed \$1000.00.

I see by the last published report of the Inspector of Public Charities for Ontario that this school received \$143.92 from the Ontario Government for the year of '98., although Mr Matthews states that there were then no white children at the school.

I know of my own knowledge that the white population of Port Arthur and Fort William think it a hardship that they have to contribute towards the support of Indian children at this school, which is conducted in connection with the Indian Mission at Fort William.

The sum contributed by the Government to this school amounts to only about \$20.00 per head while the Ontario rate is less than \$6.00, leaving \$40.00 or \$50.00 to be made up by outside contributions.

Markus Busch

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*For D. M. S.
Consideration
J. M. Shaw*

Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, 28th December, 1899

The Secretary:-

Memo. re further application for increased grant to the Fort William Orphanage.

Mr Agent Hodder submits an application from the Sisters of St Joseph who are in charge of this Institution for an increased grant of \$200.00 to the \$500.00 now paid.

There are 24 Indian children now being maintained and educated at the Orphanage and the Department is informed that there are no white children there.

In March '98 Mr Matthews of Port Arthur who presented a similar application for an increase or a per capita grant, was informed that no increase could be made and that the proposition for a per capita grant could not be entertained, the reasons given being that the present grant of \$500.00 was considered sufficient for the small number of children then in the school, which is also supported by the Ontario Government and by public charity.

The reason for not acceding to the request to put this school on a per capita basis was that as there were white children at the school, there would be a possibility of the claim being based on the total number of children and that the Department might not know whether it was paying for Indian children only.

*The grant of \$500 is
the best that we
can give at the present
time. It is necessary in
fact to pay for the
white children.*

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OTTAWA 4th January 1900

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ulto. forwarding a communication from the Sisters of St Joseph asking that the annual grant to the Orphanage at Port William, be increased from \$500 to \$700; and in reply I am directed to say that no increase in the grant can be made.

Handwritten signature/initials

Your obedient servant,

W.D. MC LEAN

Secretary,

J. P. Hodder, Esq.

Indian Agent,

Port Arthur, Ont.

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Ottawa, 5th Dec., 1900.

Mr. Benson

Memo:

Mr. Benson, -

The Bishop of Peterborough asked on behalf of the orphanage at Fort William that the grant be increased to \$40 a head on the average attendance - I think of 19.

Will you please let me have particulars as to this school, for the information of the Deputy.

J. M. Lean

Secretary.

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Recd. I think the Dept is doing just what this is for the Roman Catholic schools in the Province of Quebec. It is a success in addition to pupils in various schools.

Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA, 5th December, 1900.

The Secretary:-

Re application for increased grant to the Fort William Orphanage.

The present application for a grant of \$40 per capita on the average attendance is only another way of renewing the application which has been made annually for the past four years. Last year the application was for a net increase of \$200.00 over the \$500.00 given by the Department. Last year the average attendance was 25, and if he were allowed at the rate asked for it would entail an annual expense of \$800.00, which is \$300.00 more than at present provided.

The Department has not acceded to any of the previous applications for increase, chiefly on the ground that white children were admitted to the school which receives assistance from the Ontario as well as the Dominion Government.

I do not think that it will be necessary for me to go more fully into this matter as my previous memoranda on this subject are on this file, and are turned out in case you wish to look over them.

Martin B. Brown

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Port Arthur, 6th, October, 1902.

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Sir.

I beg to enclose herewith quarterly returns of the schools in this Agency, together with requisition for teachers salaries

I would like the Department to furnish me a list showing the authorized number of school days in each quarter, as there seems to be a difference of opinion amongst the teachers.

Your obedient servant.



J. J. Hodder

Indian Agent.

The Secretary.

Dept of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa.

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Ottawa, 20th October, 1902.

Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry as to the number of school days in each quarter, I beg to refer you to the instructions to teachers printed on the back of the school returns, about which there can be no difficulty in understanding how many days school is required to be kept open in each quarter. The trouble is that our teachers wish to apply the Ontario regulations, with which this Department has nothing to do. The teachers will have to be governed by the instructions on the back of the return.

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

Assistant Secretary.

J. E. Hodder, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Arthur, Ont.

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General History (concluded)

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of the 10th June 1895; as follows:-
"That instead of \$2000.⁰⁰ being
contributed by the Fort William Band
towards the Ojibwaage school that
\$1500.⁰⁰ be contributed thereto and
\$1000.⁰⁰ expended in re. constructing the
church." Thus meeting the wishes of
the band as expressed in their
resolution passed in their Council
meetings of the 2nd July and 27th
May 1895.

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On Oct 5th /95 the Bishop of Peterborough
wrote, stating that the Ojibwaage
Church were almost completed and
on the 12th Oct /95, the balance of
this grant (\$1000.⁰⁰) was paid over to
the Bishop.

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General History (continued)

See Letter of
April 26/95
of file no.
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The Hon Mr. Daly then Sup^t General of Indian affairs in his letter to the Bishop in reply said that he would recommend that his Excellency in Council authorize a contribution of \$2000.⁰⁰ from the Capital of the Fort William Band to assist in re-constructing the Orphanage School.

See Copy of this
resolution on
file no.
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The Band having at their credit at this time Capital amounting to \$4,354.77. The Indians of the Fort William Band met in Council on the 27th May 1895 and passed a resolution, asking that the Dept set aside from the Capital funds of the Band the sum of \$2500.⁰⁰ to be appropriated as follows, -

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- \$1000⁰⁰ towards re. building the Church
- 1500⁰⁰ " " " " " Orphanage

On the 10th June 1895, an Order in Council was passed authorizing the expenditure of \$2000.⁰⁰ from the capital at the credit of the Band to go towards the building of the new Orphanage as this O.C. did not meet the wishes of the Band as expressed in their Council meeting of the 27th May/95 viz: the granting of \$1000⁰⁰ to the Church and only \$1500⁰⁰ to the Orphanage. The Dept wrote the Bishop of Peterborough authorizing him to spend 500⁰⁰ of the amt. already approved by Council for the Orphanage - to be applied to the building of the Church.

See letter of
July 26/95 on
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On Aug 3rd/95, an Order in Council was passed amending the previous order of

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General History (continued)

File no 39,305 }
Letter of Oct 20/84 }
to agt. O'Donnally }

In the Estimates for the fiscal year 1884-85, \$300⁰⁰ per annum was granted the Orphanage. The first quarterly return received (Sept 9, 1884) from the Orphanage showed an attendance of 16 girls at the school at that time.

File no 39,305 }

On the 20th March/89 Mr. Dawson M.P. wrote the Dept asking that this grant of \$300⁰⁰ be increased and in the Estimates for 1889-90 an additional grant of \$200⁰⁰ was made to the Orphanage, raising the yearly grant to \$500⁰⁰, which amount the Orphanage has received each year, since the 1st July 1889.

See letter on }
File no 39,305 }
of May 21/89 }
to agt. O'Donnally }

See letter to Mr }
Dawson M.P. on }
File no 39,305 }
dated May 4/88 }

In the supplementary estimates for 1888-9, a grant of \$250⁰⁰ was provided towards the expense of removing and repairing an old school building which was added to the Orphanage for the purpose of increasing the accommodation.

See O.C. on }
File 39,305 }

On the 27th June/94, an Order in Council was passed granting the sum of \$1100⁰⁰ from the funds of the Fort William Band towards making necessary repairs to the Orphanage.

Destroyed By Fire

See clipping from }
7th West Journal }
also letter of Bishop }
of Peterborough to the }
Dept dated April }
22/95 on file }
no 153,815 }

On the 10th April 1895, the Orphanage, Convent church at Fort William were completely destroyed by fire. The Orphanage was valued at \$10,000⁰⁰ and was insured for \$5,000⁰⁰.

New Orphanage Buildings

See letter on }
File no 153,815 }

On the 22 April/95 the Bishop of Peterborough wrote the Dept asking that a grant be given towards building a new Orphanage to supply the place of the one destroyed by fire.

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Grant (concluded)

"considered, the Dep^t regrets that it cannot increase the present grant of \$500.⁰⁰ nor entertain the proposition to allow a per capita grant to the Fort William Orphanage."

General History

see Petition of Aug 15th /82 to Governor General on file no. 39.305

The Fort William Orphanage was first established in 1870, by ladies from France devoted to charitable work.

The first object of the institution was the Education of the young Indian girls on the Fort William Reserve and neighbouring places.

During the first years only Indian girls were instructed in the Orphanage. They were taught English and the various household duties. Later, in addition to the Indian girls the institution also received white children

The institution bore all the expenses in connection with the Education & support of the children at the Orphanage, most of its funds being received from a society in France. The first Govt grant being made towards its support in 1885.

The building at that time (85) consisted of a two storey frame 40 x 50 feet with accommodation for about 30 pupils.

The first Government support asked for in connection with the Orphanage was when on the 15 Aug /82, the Directresses forwarded a petition to the Governor General in which the above facts were set forth.

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Grant (continued)

see O.C. dated }
June 22/76 on }
File no/6588 }

of the September quarter 1875, when an order in Council was passed authorizing a grant of \$50⁰⁰ yearly to the Boys School. They now receive a grant of \$500⁰⁰ per annum from the Govt which amount is paid to the Sisters of St Joseph.

see file }
no 39,305, letter }
of Oct 20/84 to }
Agent Donnelly }

The Govt did not contribute anything towards the support of Orphanage Boarding School till 1885, when it was paid a yearly grant of \$300⁰⁰ which amount it continued to receive each year up to and including the year 1889.

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39,305, letter of }
May 21/89 to }
agt Donnelly }

In 1890, this grant to the Orphanage was increased to \$500⁰⁰ per annum which amount it has received from the Government, each year, since 1890.

The Orphanage is paid a straight yearly grant of \$500⁰⁰ and not by a per capita allowance

see correspondence }
on file no }
153,815 }

The authorities in connection with the Orphanage and more especially the Rev Mother Superioress have been urging the Dept for some years to have this grant to the Orphanage school increased or placed on a per capita basis.

see letter on }
file no 153,815 }

On the 18th March/98 Mr McLean, Secy of the Dept of Indian Affairs finally wrote Mr J. L. Matthews of Port Arthur in regard to the Department's decision in the matter as follows: - "I am directed to inform you that your application for increased assistance having been fully considered

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File no 153,815

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Fort William Orphanage

Situation.

The Fort William Orphanage Boarding School, or St Joseph's Home as it is also known is situated on the Kaministiquia River, on the Fort William Indian Reserve, near the town of Fort William, Algoma, Ont.

Land

see annual Report 1898 also file 139,409

There is one acre of land in connection with the school.

Religion.

It is a Roman Catholic institution, the work of teaching & being carried on under the auspices of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Buildings

see annual Report, 1898

The Home is a two story frame building 70 x 45 feet, with basement and rests on a stone foundation. The School is an old frame building 44 x 20 feet.

The buildings are heated by two furnaces in which wood is burned. They are supplied with water from the river by means of a force pump.

Grant

The Fort William Orphanage Boarding School was first opened in the year 1870. There is also a Boys and a Girls Day school run in connection with the Orphanage. These two day schools were opened in 1868, but the Govt did not contribute any grant till the beginning of

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St. Peter's Cathedral
Peterborough, Ont.

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However, this ¹⁹⁰entaneous assistance cannot be relied upon and the Sisters cannot be requested to constantly solicit aid from those who have been so generous in the past. In looking over the last annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs, I notice that the Indian Boarding Schools of the Dominion receive from the Government a per capita grant, & that the Fort William Boarding School receives by far the least of all the grants, although it has not the least number of children. If you will kindly refer to page 5 - part II of the Report, you will observe that Rat Portage Boarding School, which had present 30 children, received a grant of \$2155, and Birtle Boarding School, with 43 children, received \$2639, though the work done in the School at Fort William is similar to that of these schools.

I would respectfully request that the Boarding School at St. William be placed on a similar standing to that of the other Indian Boarding Schools throughout the Dominion, by granting an allowance of say \$72, per Caput for 40 boarders. If this is done the present building will be enlarged, so as to provide ample accommodation for about 60 children, and the Sisters will not be obliged to beg so frequently as in past years from their generous benefactors.

Believe me, Sir, yours truly
R. A. O'Connor
Bishop of Peterborough

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St. Peter's Cathedral
Peterborough, Ont.



Dec 27th 1902

Hon C. Lipton M. P.
Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Sir,

Permit me to place before you the financial condition of the Indian Boarding School conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, at Fort William. The annual Government grant is only \$500, though the Sisters board, lodge and instruct between 20 & 30 Indian children. You will readily perceive that this sum is barely sufficient to properly clothe the pupils, leaving aside their maintenance and that of the house. Hence the Sisters have to deprive themselves of many things that, if not strictly necessary, would tend to their comfort, and they leave undone much that they would desire to do, in order to suitably clothe and feed the children and support the house in the most economical manner. These Indian children come from the Reserves on Lake Superior, and during the past year the Sisters maintained 34 Indian children, 15 boys and 23 girls, in the Fort William Boarding School. At present there are applications for the admission of 7 or 8 more from Pic River and other Reserves. This school has, during past years, received considerable help from other sources, besides the Government grant, as may be noticed in the Annual Reports.

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The Fort William school furnishes a comfortable home and good education for young children and although it is most economically managed, they had a deficit last year of over \$200.00. The contributions from other sources than the Department amounted to \$1309.85. This is a large amount to raise by voluntary contribution in that neighborhood and must have caused the management a good deal of labor and anxiety to secure.

I can see no reason why this school should not be recognized by the usual per capita grant of \$60.00 for a limited number of pupils. The Indians along the North Shore of Lake Superior are of nomadic habits and most of them take their children with them on their hunts.

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~~I can see~~ no reason for enlarging the present building unless ^{Class room} ~~it be~~ to provide accommodation for all the children on the reserve, day pupils as well as boarders. A new schoolhouse is required, so the Agent and School Inspector state, but the cost of the proposed building would make too great an inroad upon the funds of the Band, although the Indians are quite willing to contribute to this purpose. If a separate school building were put up, the present Orphanage has accommodation for more than the Department would probably be willing to make a grant for, as none but orphans from the Reserve should be taken.

Wm. R. ...

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Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, 3rd January, 1903

The Deputy Superintendent General:-

Re application of His Lordship, the Bishop of
Peterborough for an increased grant to the
Orphanage on the Fort William Reserve.

This school is not on a per capita basis
and \$500.00 is all the Department contributes towards
its maintenance. The returns received show that there
were ^{children} 36 in residence *last year*

For the past six years the Church authori-
ties have been endeavoring to obtain a per capita
grant for this school but so far, unsuccessfully. The
last application was refused on the ground that in-
creased provision had been made for the Wikwemikong
Industrial school, where 20 additional pupils were
provided for in the estimates for 1901-2.

The census gives the Indian population of
Ontario as 20,763, about one-third of whom are Roman
Catholics. To meet the educational needs of these
Indians the Department contributes maintenance for
120 pupils at Wikwemikong Industrial school; 30 board-
ers at Rat Portage (New Ontario) at \$72 per capita
and a lump sum of \$500 for the Ft. William Orphanage.
The other Industrial schools in Ontario are each in
receipt of a per capita grant of \$60.00 for 100
pupils, the grant to the Rat Portage school being
higher owing to its being dealt with by the Manitoba
Superintendency.

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Mr. Sifton
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Ottawa, January 27th, 1903.

Memorandum,

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Mr. Sifton.

With reference to the application of his Lordship the Bishop of Peterboro, for an increased grant by this Department to the Boarding School conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph at Fort William, I beg leave to say that His Lordship asks that a per capita grant of \$72.00 for 40 pupils be given him, which would amount to about \$2,880.

The facts in connection with this school are set forth fully in the attached memorandum from Mr. Benson. I think the better solution of the matter for the present would be, if you are inclined to favour an increase at all, to make a grant of a lump sum, say, \$1,000.00.

Lea R. Kelly

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Exd.

Ottawa, 11th March, 1903.

My Lord :-

Referring to your Lordship's application of the 27th December last for a grant to the Fort William Orphanage, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that the same will receive due consideration when the estimates are being dealt with.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

FRANK PEDLEY
FRANK PEDLEY

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

His Lordship,

Bishop R. A. O'Connor,

Peterborough, Ont.

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of every kind have had to be resorted to. On account of the great increase of children within the past year without any increase of grant our difficulties have vastly increased.

We find ourselves obliged to make improvements which are very badly needed - and which will at the lowest estimate cost about \$3,500.

This additional expense - with our continual poverty, forces us to turn to you for help, and as Minister of the Interior, Honorable Sir, to beg you to give us a generous donation from the General Indian Fund. By doing so, you will lift a great weight of anxiety from my mind, and I am sure your charity and kindness will not fail to be rewarded.

I will anxiously await a letter from you and we will not cease to pray that you may, without delay, favorably hear and grant my petition. I remain, Honorable and dear Sir,

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,
Sister M. Sacred Heart,
Superioress.

Honorable Clifford Difton,
Minister of Interior
Ottawa, Ont.

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Mr. Kelly
[Signature]

St. Joseph's Orphanage,
Fort William Mission,
March 19, 1903.

Honorable and Dear Sir: —

I beg you to pardon my trespassing upon your valuable time, and intruding this matter upon you, which has, I believe, already been brought before your notice, but as Superiress of the House, I feel that it is my duty to do so, for it is upon me that the greatest weight of care and suffering falls, when I have not the means to provide for those under my care, and I feel sure too that you will not fail to kindly listen to my appeal for help.

Last November we were visited by Rt. Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of this diocese, and having seen our extreme need, he assured me that if the matter were properly represented to you — Honorable Sir, you could not fail to remedy it. The Bishop kindly offered to write to you, but as yet our condition has not been improved.

The Sisters in charge of this Institution have always experienced great difficulty in maintaining the house, and supporting the Indian children under their care, on the small amount of grant given. Collecting and other means

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OTTAWA, 26th. March, 1903.

Reverend Sister-

In reply to your letter of the 13th. instant, addressed to the Hon. the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, asking for a grant to the St. Joseph's Orphanage at Fort William, I beg to inform you that for some time, the needs of the Fort William Orphanage have been under consideration, and it is hoped that it may be possible to provide an additional amount in the Supplementary estimates.

Yours faithfully,

FRANK PEDLEY

Deputy Supt. General
of Indian Affairs.


Rt. Revd. Sister M. Sacred Heart,
Superiress, St. Joseph's Orphanage,
Fort William Mission,
Fort William, Ont.

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and new schools in both towns.

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I trust, dear Gentlemen, that you will kindly pardon my importunity, and I am sure that it must seem quite pardonable, for it is not on my own account that I again force this matter upon your attention, but on account of the children whose wants we are obliged now to supply as best we can with so much difficulty.

There are, this spring, many repairs and improvements required, and which cannot possibly be done without, and this when ordinary expenses for maintenance are never covered.

We are hoping and praying, therefore, that something may be done very soon to help us. I feel sure, dear Gentlemen, that since our necessity is so great, you will do all you possibly can to help us - without delay, and thus save us a great deal of hardship and anxiety.

Asking you again to pardon my importunity, and begging you to have the kindness to let me know if we may soon receive the much-needed aid we solicit, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
Sister M. Sacred Heart,
Superioress.

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St. Joseph's Dephanage,
Fort William Mission,
April 26, 1903.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 2 1903

The Gentlemen of The Indian Department,
Ottawa

Honorable and Dear Sirs:

Your favor of the 26th of March I received - containing the welcome news that we may hope soon to be given an additional amount of Grant. We have since received the quarterly cheque for only the ordinary amounts. We have now forty-two children, and I am sure you will readily understand how small a portion of our debts the usual grant will cover. I fear that necessity makes me seem importunate, but I am really very weary of asking alone, and trying to raise money in various ways, for the support of these poor children, and I am sure the people of Port Arthur and Fort William must be tired of it too, for they are now more than ever heavily taxed on account of new hospitals

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OTTAWA, 6th May, 1903

Madam,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultime in further reference to your application for an additional grant to the Ft. William Orphanage; and in reply I beg to say that until the estimates are passed by Parliament I am unable to state what additional assistance, ~~to be~~, will be made. In any case, however, the grant would not be available until the 1st July next.

Your obedient servant,

FRANK PEBLEY

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Rt. Rev. Sister M. Sacred Heart
Superiress, St Joseph's Orphanage,
Fort William,
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St. Joseph's Orphanage,
Fort William, Mission,
June 23, 1913.

Dear Sir :-

We were obliged to close our school for one week last winter on account of the prevalence of diphtheria, and on this account we will be five days short of the number of Teaching days required - 216. Would you kindly let me know by return mail if it will be necessary for us to keep school open to make the number - in the holidays. It was by the Doctor's order that the school was closed.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, I remain, dear Sir,

Sincerely yours,

Sister M. Sacred Heart,

To
The Secretary of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



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OTTAWA, 30th June, 1903

Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant; and in reply to the enquiry contained therein I beg to say that it will not be necessary for you to keep the day school in connection with the Fort William Orphanage open five days later than usual in order to make up the time lost during the winter on a count of the prevalence of diphtheria.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary

Rev Sister M. Sacred Heart,
Superioress,
St Joseph's Orphanage,
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the immediate attention of the Minister, in order that
action may be taken during this session of Parliament.

Yours truly,

James Coumbe

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