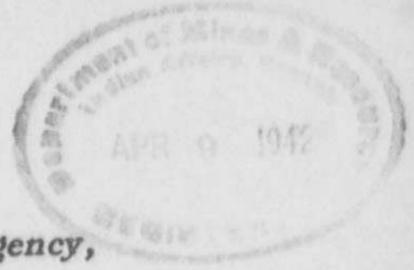


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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH



Letter No.....

EX.D.
A

Official of the..... *Saradoc*..... Indian Agency,

H. Prie 7. 1942

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos..... *18*.....,

amounting to \$..... *49.00*.....in favour

of..... *Res. O. B. Whiff*.....

for..... *Night Watchman Service*.....

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No..... *7-C-1*.....dated..... *Oct 17/41*.....

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa

Form No. I.A. 518

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Letter No.....

Handwritten initials

Office of the *Canada*..... Indian Agency,

April 20.....19*42*

EXD
A

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. *52*.....,

amounting to \$ *40.00*.....in favour

of *O. B. Straff Esq.*.....

for *Services of Night Watchman
at Elgin Institute*

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. *7-0-1*.....dated *Oct 17/1941*

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature

Indian Agent

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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Ottawa,
June 18, 1942.

EX'D.
A.

Dear Sir:

We have provided in the current year's appropriation an amount of \$550.00 for repairs and improvements at the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School. Please consult the Principal immediately and advise me regarding the best manner in which to expend this amount, if necessary. In the event of materials being required, detailed information should be supplied, as this is required by our Purchasing Branch.

Due to present conditions it is most important that we hear from you at the earliest possible date. As you are aware, it is extremely difficult to obtain deliveries on many items and, therefore, the sooner the order is placed the better for all parties concerned.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mr. Geo. W. Down,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 125-4

7-0-5
Muncey, Ontario,
July 8, 1942.

Attention Mr. Hoey.

Dear Sir,-

Your File 7-0-5.



Replying to your letter of June 18th re;
improvements at the Mount Elgin Institute.

After a careful inspection, in company with Mr. Strapp, it was decided that the amount available for improvements, in the present fiscal year, namely \$550.00, could be used to better advantage in a general way. That is, rather than any elaborate undertaking, a number of very necessary repairs. For instance, the boys' playroom is in a very dilapidated condition; the drainage in the girls' wash room; the roof needs patching in several places; some painting to be done and other little jobs.

It would be almost impossible to submit an intelligent report as to materials required, as the work to be done, is more or less a series of local contracts and would have to be let, in some cases, with the contractor supplying his own materials. For instance, it is a slate roof and we cannot decide the number of slates required and the other jobs are somewhat of the same nature and the material would have to be purchased as required.

Owing to the difficulty in securing help, I would suggest that I receive prices on the different jobs, purchase whatever materials are necessary, as we go along. It will then be a simple matter to keep within the allotted amount.

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T. R. L. MacInnes, Esq.,
Secretary,
Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

GWD/HH.

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Should these suggestions meet with your approval, you will please advise me as soon as possible. I can then proceed with the work. If, however, you have other suggestions that would suit the condition, I shall be pleased to co-operate.

Your obedient servant,

G. W. Down

G. W. Down,
Indian Agent.

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7-0-5

Ottawa, July 13, 1942.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant, with reference to repairs and improvements at the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School.

This request has been carefully reviewed, but I regret that favourable consideration cannot be given to your recommendation. As you are aware, we have purchasing regulations which require that when expenditures for material amount to more than \$50.00 purchase has to be made through the Purchasing Branch. Under these circumstances there is no alternative except to forward to us detailed information regarding materials necessary, and we will endeavour to secure them at the earliest possible date. You realize, of course, that it is difficult to obtain many articles, due to present conditions, and when securing materials that are available, delay is unavoidable. However, as stated above, we will endeavour to secure them as soon as possible. You should let me know, also, how much will be required for labour, and an accountable cheque will be sent forward to you.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Mr. G. W. Down,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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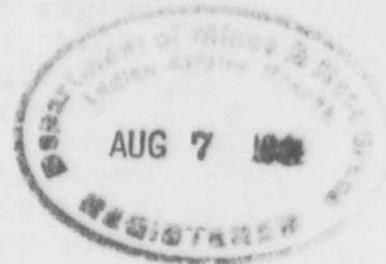
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FILE 125-4

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Muncey, Ontario,
August 5, 1942.

Attention Mr. Phelan.

Dear Sir,-



Repairs to Mt. Elgin Institute
Your File 7-0-5

Your letter of July 13th, has been giving Mr. Strapp and me much thought and planning and we find it almost impossible to submit a list of materials that could be intelligently submitted to the Purchasing Agent.

As I pointed out in my previous letter, we had decided to use the \$500.00 for general repair jobs, rather than concentrate on any one particular improvement. For instance, one job would be to repair the roof which is not only in a bad state of repair and causing damage to the ceilings in the dormitories, but is very high and laid with slate. This type of work, owing to the smooth surface is very dangerous to the inexperienced. In this connection, I have made inquiries and my information is, that the men who repair these types of roofs, usually supply their own slates and make a charge per slate laid. Apparently, it is the only way this job could be done. Then we decided to repair the boys playroom. This has been a half wainscoted room with a plaster top, but owing to the continual repairing of the wainscoting it was thought, it would be wise to tear it out and replace it with a cement plaster wall. There are also several repair jobs to ceilings, caused through rain leaking down through the roof. The wash rooms also need minor repairs, etc, etc.

In all these repairs, you will of course understand, owing to our isolated position, how difficult it is to get a workman to drive in for the sole purpose

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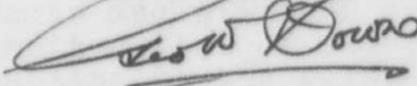
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of submitting an estimate on any one of these jobs, especially under gasoline rationing and the rubber situation.

The quantities of any one material needed for the several repair jobs would be small and could be purchased on a basis of requirements as needed.

However, I would suggest that this explanation be submitted to the Purchasing Agent's Office, with a view to granting permission to proceed with the work through local purchases of material as required, otherwise, I am afraid I cannot submit intelligent estimates unless I am prepared to provide transportation for the different tradesmen, to come in for the sole purpose of submitting estimates. Even then, I think it would be more or less on work than material.

Your obedient servant,



G. W. Down,
Indian Agent.

T. R. L. MacInnes, Esq.,
Secretary,
Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

GWD/HH.

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7-0-5

Ottawa,
August 10, 1942.

E.A.D.
A

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th instant, with reference to an amount required for repairs to the Mount Elgin Residential School. Careful consideration has been given to the contents of your letter and, as I am under the impression that the greater part of the expenditure will be for labour, you may proceed with the necessary repairs and employ those on the approved list. I presume that the materials will be purchased in comparatively small quantities and from different firms.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mr. G.W. Down,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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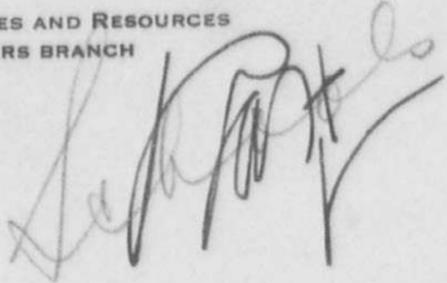
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THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

MUNCEY - ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
REV. O. B. STRAPP, PRINCIPAL



Mr. R.A. Heey.
Supt. of Welfare & Training.
Indian Affairs Branch.
Ottawa.
Ont.

August 18th. 1942.

Dear Mr. Heey;

We are having difficulty in obtaining certain repairs for the equipment of this school, also replacements in the line of large metal cooking utensils. Just a few days ago I needed a small Motor Starting Switch for one of the meters in the Manual Training Shop and on going to the branch of the General Electric Company in London was informed that they were unable to supply us without a Priority Order Number. The same thing happened when I went to the London office of The Canadian Liquid Air Coy. to obtain materials for brazing and welding in connection with repairs to our farm implements. We are unable even to buy a keg of nails from our wholesale hardware dealer for general repair work around the school.

I would appreciate it very much if you would take the matter up with the Priority Board and obtain for us a rating so that we can obtain these very necessary materials. The added expense and less of time if we have to take all our repairs to London will be serious for us and will mean in many cases the scrapping of equipment which otherwise could be repaired and returned to service in the school.

I remain,

Yours truly,

O. B. Strapp
Principal.



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E.A.D.
A

Ottawa, August 21, 1942.

Memorandum:

DEPARTMENTAL PURCHASING AGENT.

I am sending forward herewith copy of a letter received by this Branch from the Reverend O. B. Strapp, Principal of the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, Nuncney, Ont.

I am anxious to know if it would be possible to secure for Mr. Strapp the priority rating to which he refers. I should explain that, in addition to the repairs paid for by this Branch at residential schools, the principals themselves undertake, annually, a number of minor repairs, for the completion of which certain supplies are necessary. These are the repairs Mr. Strapp has in mind when he refers to the inconvenience of having to take machinery to London for the repairs that may be necessary from time to time.

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

RAH
Encl.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 125-4.

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Muncey, Ontario,
Sept. 17, 1942.

Dear Sir,-

The Rev. O. B. Strapp, of the Mt. Elgin Residential School is making application through this Office, for the services of a night watchman and bellerman. This, I understand is a service required at the Institute for the 6 months from November 1st. till April 30th.

The Indian who usually fills this position (Norman Seneca), is asking for an increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per month. I have already informed the Rev. Strapp, that I cannot recommend the increase, but would recommend he be hired for the 6 months at last year's terms, \$ 40.00 per month. Please advise.

*last year
Oct-1-16 Apr-30
7mons @ 40.00*

Your obedient servant,

G. W. Down

G. W. Down,
Indian Agent.

T. R. L. MacInnes, Esq.,
Secretary,
Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

GWD/HH.

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Ottawa, September 21, 1942.

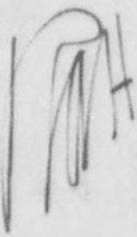
Re: Night Watchman,
Mt. Elgin Residential School.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant and to state that the Department is prepared to make the same allowance as last year for a night watchman at the Mount Elgin School. It is noted from the records that the school was authorized to employ a night watchman last year for 6 months at the rate of \$40.00 per month.

Yours truly,

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

 Mr. G. W. Down,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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Schools
Attention of Mr. R. A. Hoey

September 26th,
1 9 4 2.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.



Dear Mr. Hoey:

Rev. O. B. Strapp, Principal of the Muncey School, was in yesterday and brought with him a letter which he had received from the Tire Controller. Mr. Strapp had applied for three retreads and one new tire for his car. The Controller writes:

"It is regretted that existing tire regulations do not provide for the supplying of replacement tires for the vehicle which is described in your application and, therefore, it will be impossible for us to grant the permit which is requested." (Sgd.: "Ross D. Borrett, Room 2111, #3 Building - File C.S. 4M)

I hope you will find it possible in some way to take this up and have these regulations amended. Otherwise, I am afraid we shall be under the painful necessity of closing the Muncey School. You may say that this is an extreme view to take; but the fact is that this School is twenty miles from London, which is the nearest town, and you will realize that it is quite impossible to carry on work at the School without having a car to go into London on business and take the teachers and other members of the staff for week-end leave. If Mr. Strapp were a minister on a small rural field with three appointments, he would, without any question, get the tire ration which he requests, and I have no hesitation in saying that this School is far more important than a small pastoral charge. It is true that Mr. Strapp has a truck, but he cannot take any passengers in the truck and it is far more expensive to operate.

I do not think that the Church or the Department would be making an unreasonable request in asking for reconsideration of this ruling. I should be glad if you would take the matter up through the proper officials and let us know as soon as possible whether Mr. Strapp can get this necessary permit.

Mr. Strapp has also asked me to write about the possibility of getting some priority ratings for the Muncey School - I presume this will apply to other Schools as well. He finds it impossible to carry on his work unless he gets something like that. For example, he has a welding outfit which enables him to do many repairs which are necessary. He cannot get supplies for this unless he gets some priority rating.

Priority rating I.P. - see the attached
p.t.o.

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Again, when he goes to buy shoes for the children, he is very much embarrassed because manufacturers cannot give him reasonably prompt delivery.

This cannot be helped.
I know that you will agree that this type of institution is very necessary, and that in some way or other it should be possible for them to be treated in a way different from the ordinary private individual.

Yours sincerely,

L. D. Dony

GD.MLT

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Local Rubber Controller

J. C. Martin

Munitions Supply

Wellington St

Ottawa

[Handwritten initials]

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As
[Handwritten signature]

Ottawa, October 5, 1942.

Re: Operation of Car,
Mount Elgin Institute

XIV

Dear Doctor Dorey:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 26, in which you discuss the above noted subject.

I may state that immediately following receipt of your communication an officer of this Branch discussed your request with the official in the Purchasing Division who, it would appear, is responsible for the operation of cars in our own Department. This official is of the opinion that there is not even a remote possibility of securing adjustments along the lines suggested. In this connection you may be interested to learn that the Department has abandoned the operation of its own cars and that the regulations governing the operation of cars are steadily becoming more restrictive. In any event, if adjustments or modifications are likely to take place, they will not take place until someone with greater influence and authority than the officials of this Branch presses for such adjustments. It has occurred to me that this is a matter you might take up with the Munitions and Supply Board when you visit Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

R. A. Hoey,
 Supt. of Welfare and Training.

[Handwritten initials]

Reverend George Dorey, D.D.,
 Associate Secretary,
 Board of Home Missions,
 United Church of Canada,
 299 Queen Street West,
 Toronto 2, Ont.

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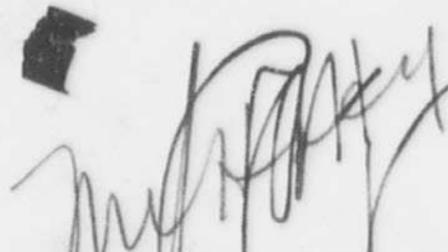
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Attention of Mr. R. A. Hoey

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.



October 7th,
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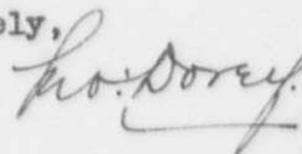
Dear Mr. Hoey:

Re - Operation of Car, Mount Elgin School
Your File 7-0-5

Thanks for your letter of October 5th. It is regrettable to note that the Department of Indian Affairs has no greater influence or authority than you seem to think you have! However, we shall see whether the United Church will fare any better.

GD.MLT

Yours sincerely,



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EX'D.

Ottawa, November 25, 1942.

Reverend O. B. Strapp, Mt. Elgin Indian Residential
School, Muncey, Ontario.

Re: Priority Ratings

May I refer to your letter of August 18, 1942, in which you seek information in respect to the steps that should be taken by you to secure a priority rating that would enable you to purchase certain supplies necessary from time to time at your school.

The records indicate that your letter was referred to the Departmental Purchasing Agent on August 21, 1942, but that no reply to the communication was received. This morning I sent an official of this Branch over to interview the Purchasing Agent in respect to the matter. The Purchasing Agent now informs us that it is not possible to secure a rating for your school or a rating that would enable you to purchase the supplies you have in mind. His suggestion is that the supplies necessary at the school be purchased by the Purchasing Division of this Department and that a financial settlement be worked out immediately following each transaction. I must say that I am not at all satisfied with this ruling. If the officials responsible for issuing priority ratings from time to time refuse to give ratings to our schools, I find it difficult to see how we can keep these schools open and in operation. However, I feel rather helpless in regard to the whole matter. I appreciate very fully, after my visit to your school, the urgent need at the institution for certain supplies and certain repairs. I have intimated to the officials here that they would not tolerate the conditions at your school 24 hours if they were coming in contact with them, as you are, from day to day. In view of the fact that it is the intention of the Churches to interview the Government at an early date, would it be possible for you to bring this matter to the attention of the Secretary of the Home Mission Board? I make this suggestion because it seems to me that the securing of supplies for our schools - always a difficult matter - has reached a stage when it is almost impossible to secure supplies at all.

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare and Training.

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Attention of Mr. R. A. Hoey



December 3rd,
1942

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hoey: Re - Mount Elgin Residential School

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Strapp, in which he says that the repairs authorized at the School have not been carried out. From my personal knowledge, I am aware that some of these repairs are absolutely essential if the School is to be carried on at all. The unsanitary condition of the playroom and washroom is beyond description. If the condition were due to neglect on the part of the principal or the staff, we could assume responsibility, but it is obvious to anybody with average intelligence that this is due to the fact that the building and everything about it is old and needs repair.

Personally, we should not feel so strongly about the matter if the money had not been voted, but the money is available, and we want to know why the work has not been done. We should be glad to know that instructions have been issued to have this carried out immediately.

Yours sincerely,

GD.MLT

G. Dorey

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Ottawa,
December 9, 1942.

Mr. G.W. Down, Indian Agent, Muncey, Ont.

I have just been advised by the Board of Home Missions of the United Church of Canada that essential repairs at the Mount Elgin Residential School have not yet been carried out. In this connection I would refer you to my letter of August 10. This referred to previous correspondence with regard to repairs and authorized you to proceed to the extent of the amount provided in the current year's appropriation. I should appreciate receiving an immediate reply from you stating that you have taken up the matter with the Reverend Principal of the Mount Elgin School and that the repairs will receive early attention.

R.A.H.

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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7-0-5

Ottawa,
December 9, 1948.

EXD.
A

Dear Doctor Dorey:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, with reference to the repairs required at the Mount Elgin Residential School. For your information I enclose copy of a letter which is being forwarded to Indian Agent Down. I cannot understand why there has been such delay in having this work done, but I trust that the letter now being sent to the Agent will receive immediate attention.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

 Rev. Geo. Dorey, D.D.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
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299 Queen St. West,
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Pay to Charles Steer, Esq.,

Address Mt. Brydges,

Ontario.

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Dec. 10	To payment of material for repairing Mt. Elgin Residential School, as per attached accounts.	\$ 3. 98
	1½ barrels of cement at \$2.65 per bbl.	
	= \$3.98	

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12.12.42
Voucher in [unclear]
for Account to [unclear]

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. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter, File No. 7-0-5 dated Aug. 10, 1942.

FORM No. I.A. 506

Req. 1265

[Signature]

Agent

VOUCHER No. 419

DATE Dec. 10, 1942.

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PLEASE QUOTE
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Muncey, Ontario,
December 12, 1942.

T. R. L. MacInnes, Secretary, Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

I have for acknowledgment your letter of Dec. 9, re repairs at the Mt. Elgin Institute. In this connection I am wondering whether or not the Home Missions' Board of the United Church were also advised as to the difficulties we are experiencing in securing responsible labour of any kind, especially in our isolated position.

On learning of the current year's appropriation no time was lost in discussing with the Rev. Mr. O. B. Strapp, Principal of the Mt. Elgin Institute, the most important necessary repairs. Previous correspondence will bear this out and every endeavour was made to get estimates on the various repairs, without avail. This can be attributed to one or several reasons, - shortage of responsible labour, gasoline rationing, tire conservation or perhaps an indifference to working on and in such a building. Whatever the cause, I have to date been unable to locate a responsible man capable of doing the work. Mr. Strapp, on his own initiative, hired an Indian to tear up some drains. The necessary pipes were ordered and after delivery, which was within a few days of ordering, his Indian disappeared. He has recently returned to finish his job but I think the stench got the better of him as he is now on sick leave. What is badly needed at this Institution is a little more co-operation and less criticising.

However, as far as the Mt. Elgin Institute is concerned, and it is not my intention to enter into any lengthy controversy, I am at a standstill. Tire, gasoline and wear and tear will not permit the unrestricted use of

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