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Ottawa, August 17, 1948.

Memorandum:

MR. T. S. Mills,
Chief Engineer,
Engineering & Construction Division,
LANDS and DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BRANCH.

Reference your I A 1750 of August 19, 1948.

Transfer of Funds

The necessary Encumbrance Certificates have been raised to cover the amounts required at the Brandon and Elkhorn Schools, as requested in your above letter.

Director.

BVN/EM

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**EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM ARTHUR H. HARGREAVES,
of the Lands and Development Services Branch,
dated Punnichy, Sask., August 22, 1948.**

Original on 121-1-5

The work at Brandon and Elkhorn has been carried out excellently by the contractor and I have no hesitation in recommending that final payment be made. I expect to spend several days here as there is a lot of checking up to do before I can be sure that all items of the contract have been carried out.

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332 LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

WINNIPEG, MAN. August 25, 1948.

Department of Indian Affairs,

Indian School, Brandon,

Manitoba.

IN ACCOUNT WITH DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- Indian School -

Aug 5	1948	To Boiler Inspection Report # 400	\$ 5 00
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WARNING

BY the terms of the Act, no boiler may be operated without a current certificate

RENEWAL certificate cannot be issued until fee is paid.

PLEASE RETURN WITH REMITTANCE

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House of Commons
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F.B.N.
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I am writing this letter less in a critical vein than in a desire to assist. Will you please forward it to the party directly clothed with the responsibility.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

J. Matthews

JEM/L.

P.S. I should make reference here to the loss by fire last winter of a large barn. I am not aware that any real steps have yet been taken toward the erection of a new barn. The cold weather in Manitoba will soon be upon us.

Kindest personal regards

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September 2nd, 1948.

J.E. Matthews, Esq., M.P.,
Brandon, Manitoba.

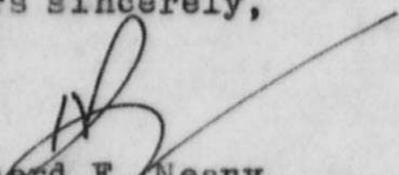
Dear Mr. Matthews:

I have just received your letter of August 26th, with reference to the principal's residence at the Brandon Residential School.

The Lands and Development Services Branch advised us early in July that the situation that had arisen in connection with the construction of this building was being carefully considered by their official in Winnipeg. We were under the impression that this official had made a recommendation and that the work was proceeding.

In view of the contents of your letter we are taking up the matter with them today, requesting them to give immediate attention to it. I am glad you brought this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,


Bernard F. Neary
Superintendent of Education.

PP/MGD

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September 2nd, 1948.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, LANDS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BRANCH

Re: Principal's Residence - Brandon, Manitoba.

I desire to refer to your memorandum of July 2nd, file I.A.1480-4, and our reply of July 20th. We do not appear to have received any further report from you and we would like to know what action has been taken.

Today we received a letter from Mr. J.E. Matthews, M.P., intimating that the construction of this building is at a standstill.

I would appreciate any action that you can take to have the difficulty that arose in connection with the construction of this building settled and the building completed.

Director.

PP/MGD

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Veillez expedier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes
Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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Ottawa September 10 1948

J E MATTHEWS M P
Brandon Manitoba

RETEL BRANDON SCHOOL -stop- ADVISED ENGINEERS REPORT
RECEIVED AND DECISION DUE ON WHICH OF THREE ALTERNATIVES TO BE
FOLLOWED -

Charge Indian Affairs
Mines and Resources

[Signature]
Bernard F Neary
Superintendent of Education

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:NO FURTHER RESPONSE OF ANY KIND RE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING=

J E MATTHEWS.

*re Brandon school STOP advised
engineers report received and
decision due on which
of three alternatives to be followed*



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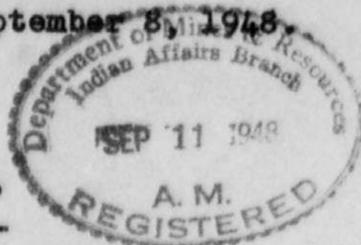
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Lands & Development Services Branch

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NOTE FILE IA 1480-4

OTTAWA September 8, 1948



Re: Principal's Residence -
Brandon Residential School,
Brandon, Manitoba.

Reference your marginal note of September 2nd on memorandum from Mr. Hoey of the same date in which the Director of Indian Affairs requests the Engineering and Construction Division to provide some solution of the construction difficulties encountered in the erection of the Principal's Residence.

This Division did not provide plans, selection of site nor supervision and when called upon for an inspection of the structure, the construction was so far advanced that Mr. Storsater of Mr. Gow's staff, could only measure up the visible settlement and deterioration in concrete foundation walls, and make assumptions on verbal reports from the Contractor. Later Mr. Gow had interviews with Mr. R.W. Davis, Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies and Mr. Strapp, the Principal of the School, under whose supervision the work was supposedly carried out.

It is reported that no work has been done on the building since May last further than plastering, and as settlement of the foundations is reported to be progressing, it is unlikely that this building can be rehabilitated without the expenditure of a considerable sum of money.

Mr. Gow wrote on June 26th that he proposed to visit the site personally and report. We so advised you but this report has not materialized. The only communication received from Mr. Gow since that date has been a letter dated August 19th enclosing six photographs of the structure and stating that his office has not taken any action in connection with this residence.

On the information available we are not in a position to make a definite recommendation. We would suggest, however, three alternatives for the Indian Affairs Branch to consider:

First - Select a new site and build new concrete foundations upon which the frame portion of the structure could be erected.

Mr. Hoey - For your information and consideration.

G.E.B. Sinclair, Esq.,
A/Director,
Lands & Development Services Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
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G.E.B. Sinclair
A/Director.
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Second - The existing foundation walls could be underpinned and piers built to support same carried to firm ground. The obvious difficulty here is that no information as to the depth of firm ground is available without excavations on the site.

Third - Excavate and place adequate sized open joint tile along the northwest and west walls of the building. By this means the water seepage causing the trouble should be intercepted and the soil on which the footings bear be stabilized.

The third alternative seems the least costly and might be accomplished before winter sets in.

As previously stated, we can do little more than make the foregoing suggestions for the consideration of the Indian Affairs Branch.

Upon receiving instructions on any of the foregoing methods of retrieving the situation we shall immediately contact Mr. Gow for an investigation of the possibilities of the suggested undertaking and prepare a report with estimate of cost.

Methods two and three would also require filling of cracks in foundation wall, making good settlement between footings and walls and applying membrane waterproofing to the exterior face of the foundation walls.

J. Mills
Chief Engineer.

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AIR MAIL

September 16, 1948.

Rev. O.B. Strapp,
Principal,
Brandon Indian Res. School,
Brandon, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Strapp:

Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum which we are forwarding today to the Lands and Development Services Branch.

You will note that we are requesting that Branch to have Mr. Gow supervise the work that should be done to meet the difficulty that has occurred in connection with the erection of the principal's residence.

We feel certain that the contractor and yourself will co-operate with him in every possible way.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard F. Neary
Superintendent of Education.

PP/MGD

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Ottawa, September 16th, 1948.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, LANDS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Re: Principal's Residence - Brandon Residential School, Brandon, Manitoba. Your file I.A.1480-4

We have your memorandum of September 8th with reference to the above. We agree with you that alternative No. 3 appears the least costly and could probably be done in the shortest possible time.

We are quite prepared to accept any direction that Mr. Gow cares to give to the contractor and we would appreciate it if you would authorize him to proceed immediately without delaying the matter further by preparing a report regarding the cost. I feel satisfied that under Mr. Gow's direction, the work will be done at as reasonable a cost as possible.

It is noted in the last paragraph of your letter that by adopting method three, the cracks in the foundation wall will be filled in and that a membrane waterproofing will be applied to the exterior face of the foundation walls.

Acting Director.

PP/MGD

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QUOTE FILE IA-1480-4

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~~SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING BRANCH~~
Lands & Development Services Branch

OTTAWA September 21, 1948.



Re: Principal's Residence,
Brandon Residential School,
Brandon, Manitoba.

In accordance with your marginal note dated September 18th on a memorandum from the Indian Affairs Branch of September 16th, we have prepared a set of instructions for work to be undertaken for the purpose of correcting the settlement of the foundations of the above building and repairs consequent to such settlement.

The instructions have been sent to Mr. Gow and he has been requested to instruct the Contractor to proceed immediately with the work and under the direct supervision of his office.

It is understood that the Contractor's accounts for the cost of this work shall be certified by Mr. Gow and sent direct to the Indian Affairs Branch for payment.

J. A. Mills
Chief Engineer.

Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,

R.A. Gibson, Esq.,
Director,
Lands and Development Services Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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For your information

W.M.
Director,
23/9/48.

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Director, Indian Affairs



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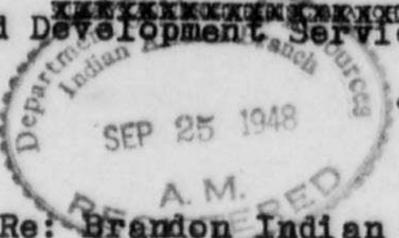
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Director,
23/9/48.

QUOTE FILE I.A.1480-4

Lands and Development Services Branch

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OTTAWA September 22, 1948.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Brandon Indian Residential School.
Brandon, Manitoba.

You are advised that our heating engineer visited the above on his recent trip to the West, and inspected the work being carried out in the boiler room.

Messrs Neale, Stothard and Chapman, of Brandon, are the contractors, and it can be stated that they have carried out their work in a very satisfactory manner, and in full compliance with the requirements set forth on the plans and specifications prepared by this Division.

At the time the inspection was carried out, all that remained to be done was to complete the covering of various items of equipment and some piping. It was arranged with Mr. Gow, that an officer from his staff would make a final inspection, when advised that everything was completed, in order that a recommendation for final payment could be made.

The new boiler was under steam and all auxiliary items of equipment were functioning as intended and in accordance with the design of the system.

When Mr. Gow reports that the contractors are finished, and that the final inspection has been made, you will be further advised.



Chief Engineer.

R.A. Gibson, Esq.,
Director,
Lands and Development Services Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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QUOTE FILE IA 1480-4
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Lands & Development Services Branch

OTTAWA October 16, 1948.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Domestic Water Supply - Brandon Indian Residential School, Manitoba.

Referring to the memorandum from Indian Affairs dated July 20, 1948, we have received the following from Mr. Gow's office in Winnipeg under date of October 14, 1948:

"The attached memorandum prepared by Mr. O.J. Storsater, follows his recent inspection to the above mentioned institution and to report on the suggestions outlined in your letter of July 22nd last in connection with the water supply at the above school. Mr. Storsater's inspection was made at the time he visited the school in connection with work on the Principal's residence.

Following Mr. Gow's last visit to the school, on September 29, he advised that a cost estimate be made and that you should be requested to authorize expenditure of the necessary funds as the work will be of an emergency nature.



Exceptional low precipitation has held over Manitoba during the month of September and also into October which has quickly reversed the more favourable moisture and ground water conditions that had prevailed. For this reason it seems necessary to have the spring collection system improved this fall and the work should be done if possible while Mr. Storsater is at Brandon engaged at the school on the residence drainage and the building repair work and before severe weather sets in."

Duplicate copies of the report by Mr. Storsater are attached herewith. You will note the cost to increase the supply of water at the upper spring is estimated at about \$400.00.

Would you kindly arrange to transfer \$400.00 to this Division so that work recommended may be undertaken during the remaining suitable weather this Fall and while Mr. Storsater is engaged in other projects at the school. The matter of the transfer of funds is therefore urgent.

T. S. Mills
Chief Engineer.

Encl.

R. A. Gibson, Esq.,
Director,
Lands & Development Services Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
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Director, *gm*
Indian Affairs Branch

For your information. If you concur in this recommendation will you be able to make this \$400 available at an early date?

R. Gibson
Director
RM 18/10/48

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Mines, Forests and Scientific
Services Branch

532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
WINNIPEG, October 14, 1948.

Memorandum

Mr. D. B. Gow

Re:- Brandon Indian Residential School,
Domestic Water Supply

The domestic water supply from the "high spring" was examined on the occasion of a visit to the school on October 8 last.

A pipe line, as shown on a plan of work performed in 1941, connects the wooden well structure at the main spring and the double concrete cistern at the dam. The water level in the upper well is 9.3 feet above the inlet to the concrete cistern 180' away, yet the yield to the cistern was estimated at one gallon per minute on the date of the visit. It is believed that this pipe line should be repaired and put back in operation as soon as possible to assist in maintaining all available yield from the spring for the coming winter. There is a possibility that a critically low water supply may be experienced due to dry conditions and lack of precipitation this fall.

The wooden well at the main spring, although very small, appears to be in a fair state of repair. The sheet piling cutoff near the cistern is broken at ground level in places and while not effective in retaining surface water, it is believed that it retards subsurface flow.

The outline of work proposed is briefly as follows:

Excavate to the level of the present 4" field tile line, beginning at the lower end.

Relay the 4" tile on prepared continuous cradles of 2" material as excavating progresses.

Backfill with 6" of gravel, then earth as the tile are laid.

It is felt that the excavation costs will be relatively high on this undertaking due to the possible necessity for pumping and for shoring of the trench. However, should there be any unspent funds, it is felt that they should be used to increase the flow into the wooden well at the main spring by the laying of a field drain underneath the present ditch leading to the well.

Following is an estimate of the probable cost of repairing the feed line from the sump to the concrete cistern:

MATERIALS:

500 FBM of 2" material (for tile cradle and shoring) at \$90.00 per M.	\$45.00
Estimate 10% new 4" tile - 18' at 15¢ per ft.	2.70
15 cubic yds. gravel (local) at \$2.00 per cubic yd...	30.00
Rental of sump pump	50.00
Nails and incidentals	3.00

LABOR:

Excavation of trench, 100 cubic yards, at \$1.25 per cubic yard	125.00
Shoring and building of tile cradle	50.00
Cleaning and relaying tile	25.00
Backfill - 100 cubic yards @ .50¢ per cubic yard.....	50.00
	<u>\$ 380.70</u>

Mr D. B. Gow, Winnipeg.

O. J. Storsater,
Engineer.

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Oct. 20, 1948

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Improvements to the domestic water supply at the
Brandon Indian Residential School.... \$400.00

(This work being done under the supervision
of the Lands & Development Services Branch)

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Ottawa, October 20, 1948.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, LANDS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BRANCH

Re: Domestic Water Supply - Brandon Indian
Residential School - Your File I.A.1480-4.

We are in receipt of your memorandum of October 16th with reference to the above.

Arrangements are being made to transfer to your Division an amount of \$400.00.

It is understood that the work recommended will be undertaken during the remaining suitable weather this Fall.

Acting Director.

PP/MGD

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Ind. Bldg.

W. H. Hunter

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File IA 1480-4

Ottawa, October 18, 1948.

Re: Brandon Indian Residential School,
Messrs. Neale, Stothard & Chapman,
Contractors - Security Deposit.

In January, 1948, an amount of \$1,879.39 was forwarded for deposit in the Contractor's Securities Account for Messrs. Neale, Stothard and Chapman of Brandon, Manitoba, in connection with their contract for revisions to domestic hot water services and boiler equipment at the Brandon Indian Residential School. The Engineering and Construction Division have now advised that the work has been completed.

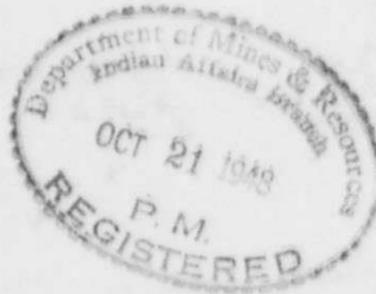
Will you kindly issue cheque in favour of the Imperial Bank of Canada, Brandon, Manitoba, on their Power of Attorney with Messrs. Neale, Stothard and Chapman for the amount of the Contractor's deposit plus interest, and forward cheque to this office for transmission.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Keenleyside

H. L. Keenleyside,
Deputy Minister.

W. H. Hunter, Esq.,
Chief Accountant,
Department of Finance,
Ottawa, Ontario.



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White-Bear Farm

DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF Sept-30th 1948

- 1 Spred. Reserve measured haying, checked haying and binders.
- 2 " Reserve re harvest and haying.
- 3 " Issued ration to destitutes. Reserve and haying with Mr Kerley.
- 4 " A.M. Office with Mr Kerley. P.M. haying trouble with Indian fighting.
- 5 " At home.
- 6 " Out to binders, afternoon with my daughter back to Regina.
- 7 " Reserve re binders and haying. To haying for binder repair, etc.
- 8 " Reserve re binders, haying and haying for repairs. In AM sent for haying in haying.
- 9 " Reserve re binders. Parkin and Corak re cattle for sale.
- 10 " haying re shipping of Indian cattle. P.M. haying binder repairs.
- 11 " Reserve with Mr Fudi and others re cutting hay near John's Lake.
- 12 " At home. James in haying for harvest help.
- 13 " Reserve re binders and haying with little thing children for haying.
- 14 " Reserve re binders, and with re machine for haying.
- 15 " Attended to Indian at office. Reserve and haying binder repairs.
- 16 " Reserve, hay school, haying school supplies, and cattle returns.
- 17 " Issued ration to destitutes, etc. Reserve re crops and haying.
- 18 " A.M. haying binder part welded. Reserve with Dr Amis p.m.
- 19 " At home. Dr Amis here.
- 20 " Reserve re haying and haying of hay.
- 21 " Reserve re haying and haying. To haying re haying of Indian cattle; the train for haying with 3 p.m. school.
- 22 " Reserve and haying mail & supplies. Mr Warden here.
- 23 " Mr Warden left for Regina at 4 P.M. Reserve and with re haying machine.
- 24 " Attended to Indian at office. Out west re cattle from outside in destination crop. Was around haying about his cattle. Out to haying about 11:30.
- 25 " Attended to Indian at office. haying of around p.m.
- 26 " At home.
- 27 " Reserve re haying, repairing houses, and called at homes.
- 28 " Reserve re garden stuff. haying for haying for old people from Ottawa.
- 29 " Reserve re houses. Machine will not be here until Friday. Many Indian women from Regina from haying these haying.
- 30 " Reserve re houses and haying for winter. Attended to Indian at office p.m.
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FORM No. I.A. 1015
(Req. 2648)

J.P. Morrison
Agent, Assistant

W.J. Kerley AGENT

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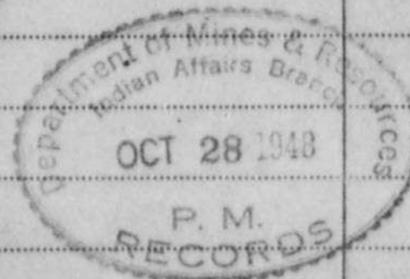
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DATE

Pay to **J.R. Morrison, Agency Assistant,**

Address **Carlyle, Sask.**

1948 DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Sept. 13	Paid fare for pupil going to Brandon Residential School as per attached receipt	2 70
	Vote # 516-03-311	
	Two ----- 70/100 Dollars	2 70



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. dated

VOUCHER No. **569**

DATE **Oct. 4th, 1948.** *W.J. Kerley* Agent

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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CHEQUE No.....

DATE.....

Pay to..... Wilson Stationery.

Address..... Brandon.

Manitoba.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Oct. 25, 1948.	To supplies as per invoice	
	#6152	\$2--60
	#5718	\$12--60
	Grade X texts.	
	Authority for purchase: B.F. Heary. Supt. of Education.	
		\$15--20

Training Division
 OCT 30 1948
 Indian Affairs Br.

Department of Mines & Resources
 Indian Affairs Branch
 OCT 28 1948
 P.M. RECORDS

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Letter, File No..... dated..... by wire. BRANDON INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

FORM No. I.A. 506

Req. 3524

O. Blisapp
Principal Agent

VOUCHER No..... 29.....

DATE..... October 25, 1948.....

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COST INSPECTION AND AUDIT DIVISION

Office of the
Comptroller of the Treasury

375 Wellington Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
December 10, 1948.

Mr. W. Lauchlan,
Chief Treasury Officer,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Booth Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:- re: Demolition of Old Residence & Construction
of New Residence for Principal at Residential
School, Brandon, Manitoba, E.C. Higgens,
Contractor.

A report has been received from our Resident Cost
Auditor in Winnipeg in connection with the above construction
project, as follows:-

"In discussion with the Winnipeg office of the Department
of Indian Affairs, I was advised that the last claim of
the Contractor was submitted in the month of July, but that
from recent inquiry from the Contractor had not been paid due
possibly to overrun of authorized expenditure.

In respect of the actual building construction, I was
given to understand by the office of the Dominion water and
Power Bureau that their office was directed by Indian Affairs
Office, Ottawa, to supervise the re-construction of the foundation
of the building. That portion of the work has almost been
completed, and, when finished, the supervision of the balance
of construction will be turned over to the Principal of the
Residential School.

Mr. Gow, District Chief Engineer of the Dominion water
and Power Bureau advised that total completion of the work was
estimated to be reached sometime in January, 1949.

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As regards the audit responsibilities of this Division I might say that in view of the lengthy period and unexpected costs of the contract, it would be advisable for someone from this office to make audit of the claims that have already been submitted, in ample time prior to the completion of the work.

Up to the present time an audit has not been made of the claims which have already been submitted. Would it be possible to have the copies of the claims which have already been submitted by the Contractor returned to this office so that the audit can be brought up to date."

Yours truly,

Signed: F.T. Shearns,
for Director.

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Ottawa, December 16, 1948.

Director,
Cost Inspection and Audit Division,
No. 1 Temporary Building,
375 Wellington Street,
OTTAWA.

Re: Demolition of Old Residence
and Construction of New Residence
for Principal at Residential
School, Brandon, Manitoba
E.C. Higgins - Contractor

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of the 10th instant with reference to the above.

As requested by the Resident Cost Auditor in
Winnipeg, enclosed are copies of the four progress pay-
ments made by this office to date. There has been no
holdup in connection with payments due to lack of funds
but I am given to understand that the project could not
be completed by the contractor due to building difficulties
encountered as a result of a spring which had opened
up under the foundation. If such has now been corrected,
it is quite likely that the contractor, Mr. Higgins, will
be in the position to complete his work.

You will note from Payment No. 4 that the last
payment made by this office was on August 12th last
and that the total payments to date amount to \$13,823.45.

W. Lauchlan
Chief Treasury Officer

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538 Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
December 7, 1948.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

The attached copy of letter,
received from the District Chief Engineer, is self-explanatory.

Will you please advise if the weekly inspection of the house is to be made by this office or by Mr. Strapp, School Principal. I would recommend that a weekly inspection be made from this office.

R. S. Davis

R. S. Davis,
Regional Supervisor of
Indian Agencies.



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532 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
November 27, 1948.

Dear Mr. Davis:

We wish to advise you that by the end of next week, December 4, it is expected we will have completed the repairs to the foundation and other repairs necessary due to the settlement of the foundation in connection with the residence for the Principal at the Brandon Indian Residential School.

Our instructions from our department at Ottawa are to the effect that as soon as this phase of the work is completed, our responsibility ends. It will, therefore, be the responsibility of the Indian Affairs Branch to supervise the remainder of the work required to complete the structure under the original specifications and conditions.

This office will arrange to check the costs of the work which has been done under our supervision and to forward the necessary accounts to Ottawa for payment.

Yours very truly,

(signed) D. B. Gow,
District Chief Engineer.

Mr. R. S. Davis,
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,
Department of Indian Affairs,
538 Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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