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Ottawa, March 21, 1912.

Madam,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, and in reply I beg to say that the Department is making inquiry into the matter of the ill-treatment of pupils of the Moose Fort Indian Boarding School.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Miss Mary A. Johnson,
Matron,
Moose Fort Indian Boarding School,
Moose Fort,
James Bay, Ont.

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RIGHT REV. JOHN G. ANDERSON
BISHOP

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went home. Inside a week another boy and girl had been sent home, and I was summoned in to see a third child die - Malcolm Cowboy. I was kept in ignorance of this boy's state until five minutes before his death. You must know, Bishop, that it is hard enough to keep the school full without this kind of thing - sending home or allowing children to go without my knowledge." "While Miss Johnson is old enough to form her own opinion, she is generally led by Miss Bennett, who is the instigator of nearly all these pranks."

The above extracts from Mr. Haythornthwaite's letter, and Miss Johnson's charges, are sufficient to show that matters between the Principal & the matron have been very unpleasant. In fact the Principal is now preced to keep out of the school for the sake of peace, as Miss Johnson claims that she was given entire control of the school when Archdeacon Renison the former Principal, did not return last autumn. I might explain that I sent Mr. Haythornthwaite to take charge while Archdeacon Renison was taking the Albany River Census and came in to attend the General Synod. While up here, as perhaps you know, he accepted a Church in Hamilton, & resigned his position at Moose. This happened in December last when, of course, no change cd. be made, & I instructed Mr. Hay^te to continue in charge.

My own opinion is that the Miss Bennett referred to, who is a live suffragette, whose services in the day school at Moose we had to dispense with last autumn, is at the bottom of most of the trouble. She seems to be acting in revenge, & from her residence at the H.B.Co. Post frequents the Boarding School scenes in her warfare.

This appears from a letter of Miss Barker, also mentioned in above extracts. She says: "I only hope Miss Bennett will go out at first open water..... being a friend of Miss Johnson she spends the greater part of her time at the Boarding School; no doubt this is the cause of the peculiar behaviour. I wish you were coming down by first open water as it is far from pleasant here."

I may say that I have planned to visit James Bay this summer, leaving as early as I can (likely about May 20th) and going via Grand Lake, Waswanipy & Rupert's House. I should reach Moose by the end of June. I will then hold a full investigation, and send you a report on my return.

Yours Sincerely,
John G. Moosonee

The Secretary, Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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CHAPLEAU, ONT. March 25 1912

Re 306950/1

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of March 21st, I may say that I have received a letter from Miss Johnson containing the same charges against the Rev. W. Haythornthwaite. But I have also received a letter from Mrs Haythornthwaite containing counter charges of insubordination against the Matron & denying the alleged cruel treatment of the girls. According to his story, the punishing of these girls was the climax of a long process of provocation. He says: "One evening as I was working at my desk, I saw the girls come out in the moonlight & hammer one of the big sayes in a way enough to break it. I went out & they ran into the house, where I followed them, but could not find them. I went home disgusted. I had not been set down half a minute before the girls were out again. I followed them into the house, and asked Miss Johnson to punish them which she refused to do. I therefore sent them over to the house and asked Miss Barber (teacher of the day-school) to punish them which she did. The next day saw Miss Johnson in Mr McLeod's office (H. B. Co. Inspector). She began with the following words "That brute has been making trouble again." She told them that I had been into the girls' bedroom & run them out with a stick – that with the same stick I had cruelly beaten one girl so that she had to have a bandage put on. As Mr McLeod would not do anything, she went to McLeod, & demanded of him as he was the Policeman to put me off the Mission premises. He replied that he had nothing to do with the Mission."

"The day following I heard from one of the boys that the girl who had been punished had gone home. Finding the girl had run away, I went out to bring her back. It was only when I got there that I found that Miss Johnson had asked her people to take her away because I had punished her. I got her relations to let her come back with me. She came crying to me later on saying that Miss Johnson had sent her home again. I boarded her out for a week, but her brother naturally did not care for that, so she

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Ottawa, April 2, 1912.

Right Reverend Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's communication of the 25th ultimo in reference to the alleged ill-treatment of pupils at the Moose Factory Boarding School and friction between the Principal and matron of this institution.

Your Lordship remarks that it is your intention to visit this school at an early date and I have to ask you to look carefully into the matters complained of and take such action as you deem necessary to secure harmony at the school.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Right Rev. John G. Anderson, D.D.,
Bishop of Moosonee,
Chapâeau, Ont.

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when Miss Bennett and Miss Taylor were temporarily left in charge. These ladies continued to get Mr. Haberly to reside in the Hospital against the better judgment of Mr. Haythornthwaite. Miss Bennett and Miss Taylor were incensed against the Principal because he asked Mr. Haberly to discontinue his practice of visiting the ladies in the school so much - as he was taking nearly all his meals there & staying till very late at night. I may say that the reports of the things done at the school at this time reached all parts of James Bay. Miss Johnson, who is an old & great friend of Miss Bennett's, evidently soon after her arrival caught her spirit of revenge against the Principal, & began finding fault with him & setting the pupils of the school against him in every way possible. The "plugging outside our own door" which let the girls being punished, was only one form of provocation employed by Miss Johnson. The girls were deliberately hammering a large wood saw & blunting its edge under the guise of "playing saw". Mr. Haythornthwaite went over from his house several times to desist, Miss Johnson being present. When they repeated the provocation, Mr. Haythornthwaite took the girls over to his study, & asked their teacher, Miss Barber, to punish them, which she did with the ordinary school leather strap. All these facts will give you an idea of how things have been carried on in the school. Miss Johnson & Miss Taylor have resigned, and I have placed Mrs. Haythornthwaite in charge as matron, Miss Barber as teacher & Hospital superintendent.

Yours sincerely in His Service John G. Moosonee

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that he practically relinquished his duties at the school left Miss Johnson & Miss Taylor to themselves.

I found also from other sources that far from Mrs. Haythornthwaite being the cause of the withdrawal of Clara Sutherland & other pupils, that Mrs Haythornthwaite had actually got the girls back after they were dismissed by Miss Johnson, but that they were not allowed to remain. I was also told by a family of Indians at Albany - Sutherland - that one of their boys had his feet frozen at the school purely through the neglect of Miss Johnson, who with Miss Taylor, often visited among the people, leaving the pupils to themselves. I myself found, when at Moose, that Miss Johnson had placed a girl that I brought from Ft. George two years ago in the Hudson's Bay Residence (Mrs Mowat) to work as a maid without consulting me or the Department except that she declares that Mrs McLean, your Agent, told her that non-treaty Indian children could not receive the per capita grant. My opinion is that this is only an excuse, because she had under various pretexts dismissed the pupils. In fact she seems to have done her best to kill the school & all because she hated Mrs Haythornthwaite & tried to ~~[illegible]~~ kill him, that is, have him disqualified & discharged.

The whole trouble began in the summer of 1911 when Mrs Haythornthwaite protested against a certain Mrs Flaherty visiting the school till midnight or nearly so very frequently. This was during the interval between Miss Quartermaine's departure & making the arrival of Miss Johnson,

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CHAPLEAU, ONT., Oct. 3rd 1912

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The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Re 306950/1

Dear Sir,

Regarding your communication of March 21st last, I beg to report that during my summer visitation of the missions & schools on James Bay, I made as thorough an investigation as possible into the charges made by Miss Mary Johnson against the Principal, Rev. W. Haythornthwaite. The opinion I expressed in answer to your letter above referred to was confirmed by the inquiries made at Moose. I ascertained from two leading men of the Hudson's Bay Co. amongst others, whose names I can mention, if need be, that Rev. W. Haythornthwaite called a public meeting at Moose last winter, when these charges with others were fully discussed. Nothing was found against the Principal except that he had not been able to supply the school with all the dry wood required. When this charge was not proved, as on the other hand Miss Johnson was said to have burned dry wood in all the stoves instead of confining it chiefly to the kitchen, thus causing the shortage. The decision of that meeting was that all the charges & reports against Mr. Haythornthwaite should be dropped, and all begin work afresh. Miss Johnson & her assistant, Miss Taylor along with Miss Bennett, a former teacher, were present at that meeting. Instead of carrying out the decision of the meeting, Miss Johnson and the other two ladies continued their attacks on the Principal, so much so

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Ottawa, October 11, 1912.

Right Reverend Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's letter of the 3rd instant giving the result of your investigation into the claim of Miss Johnson regarding the alleged ill-treatment of pupils by the Principal of the Moose Fort Indian Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that the same is satisfactory and exonerates the Principal. The Department is glad that Miss Johnson and Miss Baker, who were evidently the chief cause of the trouble, have sent in their resignations and trusts that under the new order of things no unpleasantness will occur.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

for Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Right Rev. John G. Anderson, D.D.,
Bishop of Moosonee,
Chapleau, Ont.

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BISHOP:
RIGHT REV. JOHN G. ANDERSON

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CHAPLEAU, ONT.

Jany. 24th 1913

Dear Sir.

I have been informed by our Missionary in charge at Moose Factory that the Indian Department have forwarded papers on Agriculture to the teacher, Miss Barker. She has taken up the subject in the school. Miss Barker, as perhaps you are aware, took a course last year at the Agricultural College at Guelph, & is qualified for this work.

I understand that a grant of $50 per annum is allowed by the Government for this special band and also assistance toward the purchase of wire fencing &c. We are making a great effort in the direction of improving our farm and garden, and increase of live stock at Moose. More land is being cleared of bush & prepared for use. Notwithstanding the severe frost in August, which practically destroyed all potatoes near the bush, a good harvest has been gathered in, sufficient for the needs of the school and some $50 worth to sell. 75 large bags of turnips have also been harvested with some oats. I mention these things to show the need of extra expenditure for enlargement & improvement, and because we would like to share & thereby do apply for the grant & assistance referred to above.

With best wishes - Sincerely yours - John G. Moosonee

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Ottawa, February 7th, 1913.

Right Rev. Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's communication of the 4th instant, in which you ask for a grant to enable the Moose Factory Boarding School to extend their farming operations, and in reply, I beg to say that the Department does not make any grant to Boarding Schools for this purpose, and any expenditure incurred must be met from the per capita grant paid by the Department. As a recognition of Miss Barker's services in connection with the Day School, the Department has decided to increase her salary by $50.00, making it $350.00 from the 1st of the current quarter, and Miss Barker is being informed accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Right Rev. John G. Anderson, D.D.,
Bishop of Moosonee,
Chapleau, Ont.

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VIA COCHRANE, ONT.

MOOSE FORT, JAMES BAY JAN.5.1914.

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TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS

We wish to respectfully bring before the Department the need of land at Moose in connection with the Boarding--School.

At present we occupy only a few acres of the Hudsons Bay Co's land, and it is very desirable that we should have enough land to farm. We should very much like to have a quarter section on "Hazey Island" This Island is the only land near enough to our present buildings to be useful for that purpose.

We have now three boys able to plow and it highly desirable that they should have some land to practice on. It is all bush land and would be too expensive to clear unless the school had some claim on it afterwards.

At present the Indians know practical--ly nothing about farming, and as they may be required to go onto their Reserve at anytime it is very important that the Department should prepare them for the change.

During the last two years we have been in touch with the Officials at Guelph and have made a number of satisfact--ory experiments on a small scale and we are anxious now to prove them on a larger.

We also think that it would be very benificial to the Indians generally if the Department gave us some special help for this pur--pose. We are held back at Moose by prohibitive freight rates, and altho we have spent every cent we could get, we seem to get so little for it. Many of the tools we have got out during the past two years have cost us fifty per cent more than the first cost by the time we got themhere

Then just as we are getting a few machines together the horse fails and any sort of a horse will cost us $500 by the time we get it.

We think it would be good policy on the part of the Department to secure some land for the School, lend us a team and a Stumping machine, and let us show the Indians now what can be done on their reserve. If we wait for the Indians to move, it will be a long time to wait, and of course it is not the policy of the trading Company--s to move in this direction. If the School does not teach them now it will cost the Department a great deal more in the future.

Trusting that this may have just consideration

I remain

YOURS SINCERELY:-

(Rev) J. Hay Morrell Principal

(PRINCIPAL)

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Ottawa, January 28, 1914.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant asking for a grant to enable the Moose Factory Boarding School to extend their farming operations and also for land for this purpose.

In reply I beg to say that this matter was dealt with in a communication to His Lordship the Bishop of Moosonee last winter.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. W. Haythornthwaite,
Principal,
Moose Factory Boarding Sch ool,
Moose Fort,
Via Cochrane, Ont.

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JOHN G. ANDERSON
BISHOP

Bishopthorpe
COCHRANE, ONT., March 16th 1917

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAR 20 1917

Duncan C. Scott Esq.
Deputy Supt. Genl of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Canada.

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My dear Mr Scott
I thought that the enclosed photographs of school scenes at the Moose Boarding School might be interesting to you and the Indian Department as giving some idea of the children and the work that is being done in the James in that northern region. They were sent to me recently by Mr Griffin who is Acting-Principal during Mr Haythornthwaite's furlough in England.
With best wishes

Sincerely Yours
John G. Moosonee

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March 19th, 1917.

Dear Bishop Anderson :-

I have to thank you for your letter of the 16th instant, covering some very interesting photographs of the children and some of the products of the farm at the Moose Fort School. I presume that other roots and vegetables as well were grown. These must be of considerable value to the school authorities from an economic standpoint at the same time providing the children with a much needed variety in their diet.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Right Rev. J. G. Anderson,
Bishop of Moosonee,
Cochrane, Ont.

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RECORDS

Ottawa, 25th August, 1919.

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

Dear Sir,-

I beg to submit the following report on the work performed by me during the past summer in making the payment of Treaty 9 annuities to Indians residing in James Bay District.

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I visited the Hospitals and Schools and have no adverse criticisms to offer. I am very sorry, however, to have to report the said accident which happened at Moose. On the evening of the 29th June, twelve of the boys from the Moose Factory Boarding School were crossing the Moose River to Hazey Island, when the canoe was accidentally upturned, and in spite of prompt assistance, seven of the boys were drowned, viz., Alfred Loutitt, Thomas Loutitt, Arthur Sutherland, James Sutherland, Harry Wesley, John Sailors and Sinclair Nepaneshkum. John Carpenter, a boy of fourteen years son of Jimmy Carpenter of Fort Hope Band, supported a small boy of eight years of age until assistance arrived. I feel that this boy should receive some recognition for his gallant services and I trust the Department will take up the question with the proper authorities and have the matter brought before the Humane Society for recognition.

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H.M. Awrey.

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Ottawa, September 6, 1919.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that it has been broughtto the attention of this Department by Mr. H. N. Awrey, Paying Officer for Treaty No. 9, that a very sad drowning accident happened at Moose Factory on the evening of the 29th of June, last. Twelve boys, pupils of the Moose Factory Boarding School, were crossing the Moose River to Hazey Island, when the canoe they were in was accidently upset and seven of the boys were drowned.

A gallant rescue of one of the party, a small boy eight years of age, was made by John Carpenter, who was also in the party. John Carpenter is an Indian boy, fourteen years of age, the son of an Indian named Jimmy Carpenter of the Fort Hope Band. He was in the canoe with the other boys at the time of the accident and through his efforts he supported one of the smaller boys and held him up in the water until assistance arrived.

It is felt that some recognition should be granted John Carpenter for his bravery, and it has been suggested to the Department that his case be laid before your society for recognition. Among the persons who witnessed the accident and saw the brave effort made by John Carpenter was the Rev. W. Haythornethwaite, Principal of the school, and his wife. It is considered that recognition by your society of the bravery of John Carpenter would be an incentive to the Indians of that northern country and a reminder that such acts do not go unnoticed or unrewarded.

The Department will be glad if your society can see its way to a favourable consideration of the case and will be pleased to assist in obtaining all particulars or any affidavits which you may require.

The Department will be pleased to hear from you regarding this matter.

Your obedient servant,

Syd A. J. MacKenzie

For Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

The Secretary,
Royal Canadian Humane Association,
Hamilton, Ont.

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Ottawa, September 6, 1919.

Rev. Sir,-

Mr. H. N. Awrey, Paying Officer for Treaty No. 9, who has recently returned to the Department, reports a very sad drowning accident which occurred on the evening of the 29th of June, last, whereby seven boys, pupils of the Moos e Factory Boarding School, lost their lives by the upsetting of the canoe in which they were crossing Moose River.

Their death is regretted and the Department sympathizes with the parents and the school in their loss.

Mr. Awrey reports that no blame can be attached to yourself or the other members of the staff, but it is considered that to allow such a large number of boys in a canoe should not have been permitted. It is hoped that this accident will not result detrimentally to the future recruiting of pupils for the school.

The bravery of John Carpenter, one of the boys who supported a small boy of eight years of age until assistance arrived, is being brought to the attention of the Royal Canadian Humane Association, as it is considered that it is worthy of some recognition.

Your obedient servant,

Sgd A J Macken[illegible]

For Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. W. Haythornethwaite,
Principal,
Moose Factory Boarding School,
Moose Fort,
Via Cochrane, Ont.

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Hamilton, Sept. 11, 1919. 190

Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,-

With reference to the act of heroism which you have reported. I have pleasure in enclosing you declaration forms to be completed and attested before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public. Detailed narratives are expected when possible from the rescued, the rescuer and an eye-witness.

On the return to me of these duly completed forms, I will place the case before the Investigating Governors.

Thanking you for bringing the case to the attention of the Association.

Yours truly.

C. A. Powis

Secretary.

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Ottawa, September 16, 1919

Reverend Sir,-

With reference to the act of heroism referred to in official letter to you of the 6th instant, I beg to say that the Royal Canadian Humane Association have forwarded the enclosed declaration forms to be completed and attested before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public.

They require x detailed narratives, if possible from the rescued, rescuer and an eye-witness. As the rescued boy is stated to be only eight years of age it may not be possible to have him give a detailed narrative of the occurence and you may use the form enclosed for him for one of the eye-witnesses to the accident. The narrative in each case should be brief and contain a concise account of the accident from the stand point of the party making the affidavit.

If there is no Justice of the Peace at Moose Factory, the affidavit in each case should be taken before the Factor in charge of the Hudson Bay Company or Revellion Bros.Post.

Kindly give this your prompt attention and return the affidavits when completed, to the Department to be placed before the investigating goverhors of the Royal Canadian Humane Association.

Your obedient servant

J. D. McLEAN

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. W. Haythornthwaite,
Principal,
Moose Factory Boarding School,
Moose Fort,
Via Cochrane, Ont.

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Ottawa, September 16, 1919

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing declaration forms which you require to be completed and attested regarding the act of heroism reported in official letter to you of the 6th instant

These forms have been sent to the principal of the school with instructions to have them completed as requested by you. Upon the return of these forms they will be forwarded to be placed before the investigating governors of the Royal Canadian Humane Association.

Your obedient servant

J. D. McLEAN

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

C. A. Powis, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Canadian Humane Association,
Hamilton, Ont.

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ST THOMAS' MOOSE.

13th. Oct.1919.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 27 1919
RECORDS

The Secretary ,Indian Dept:-

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of the Department's kind letter of sympathy touching our great loss on the 29th of July last .Also respecting the Department's effort to get some recognition from the Canadian Humane Association. for John Carpenter

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In reply I beg to state that we have now received the declaration forms which will ~~rece~~ receive our prompt attention,tho' owing to the depart-ure of the last canoe in the morning early it will be impossible to complete them in time for this packet and it may be some weeks before another opportunity .

While we cannot concur in Mr Awrey's most charitable opinion regarding our responsibility,we do sincerely thank both him and the Department for their kindness and sympathy.

Yours very truely,

W. Hay Thornthwaite

Principal of the

Moose Factory Boarding

School.

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A translation of the attached Cree letter, which was intended for

Duncan Campbell Scott Esq
Deputy Superintendant General
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

A report from Moose Factory, Ontario.

I, Chief Woomastoogish, and George Hardisty, Andrew Butterfly, and John Dick.

We want to give the Government a true report of the drowning of the children.

There were twelve children in the canoe and the children were alone, and the canoe which they were using was very bad. A canoe which was not fit for anyone to use. The canvas of the canoe was half ripped.

Now these children were allowed to go crossing the river every day in it and very often twice one evening. The canoe was that far gone that the thwarts were just nailed on top of the gunwale.

There was not one boy big enough to have any sense.

I don't know if this report was sent in yet or not, but this which I say is exactly what happened, and this is the weight which I am carrying.

Now you know just the same as I do, about that which I am speaking of.

I, Thomas C. Moore, of Moose Factory do hereby swear that I have a thorough knowledge of the Cree and English languages, and that I have at various times acted as interpreter, for officials of The Department of Indian Affairs, and that the above letter is a true translation of the Cree letter attached, which was written by the Chief of the Moose Band of Indians

T. C. Moore.

Witness J. L. Sandet.

Sworn to before me this 13th day of October 1919
at Moose Factory, in the Province of Ontario.

Wm C Rackham

Commissioner for taking Affidavits
District of Temiskaming

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JAMES BAY DISTRICT OFFICE

File and return to WM

WM 531655

Moose Factory Oct 13th 1919

Refer to No 542

Subject Drowning accident at Moose Factory

Duncan Campbell Scott Esq
Deputy Superintendent General
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OCT 27 1919
RECORDS

Dear Sir :-

I recently received a visit from the Chief of the Moose Band of Indians in connection with a very sad drowning accident, which occurred during the summer at Moose Factory.

He asked my advice as to what steps he should take to bring the matter to the notice of the Department and I replied that perhaps it would be well to write to you in his own language and have a translation of the letter forwarded.

He decided to do this and the attached letter is the result. It is somewhat incoherent so I beg to supplement it with a copy of the report I sent to The Fur Trade Commissioner of The Hudson's Bay Company on the subject.

It reads as follows :-

Sep 19th 1919

" I regret to have to report a very serious drowning accident in this District. It occurred on July 29th at Moose Factory. It appears that twelve of the school children from the Church of England Mission of which The Rev Haythornthwaite is in charge, were allowed to crowd into an old canoe, for the purpose of crossing to an Island to pick berries. It was high tide with quite a big sea running. When about in mid channel the canoe capsized and seven out of the twelve children were drowned. The remaining five were saved by an Indian named Archie Sailor who in a small canoe managed to pick them up. Mr Gaudet sent out his entire staff of Servants with all canoes available, to search for the bodies, and by 1 a. m. on the 30th the seven bodies were recovered. Two of the boys drowned were sons of one of our Servants, Samuel Louttit who is employed at Fort George. "

Yours faithfully

Wm Rae Ham

District Manager

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J.D.McLean, Esq.

Assistant Deputy

Dept.Indian Affairs.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose here-with the affidavits forwarded with your letter No 306950-1, under date Sept.16.1919.

Though there are a number of mistakes in John Carpenter's composition where the Indian idiom peeps thro', I thought that as the sense was fairly obvious it would be preferable to leave it as it is.

I have taken it upon myself to fill one and have requested the Manager of Revillon Frere's Moose River Post to complete the other. Most of the other wit--nesses could not give a clear account of the accident and rescue in English.

Trusting that these affidavits will be found correctly filled and sufficient, I have the honour to remain,

Yours very truly,

H Hay Thornthwait

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Ottawa, January 23, 1920.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 11th of September, last, enclosing declaration forms to be completed and attested before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public regarding an act of heroism, which was brought to your attention by official letter of September 6th, last, I now beg to enclose these affidavits, which were received under cover of a communication from the Rev. W. Haythornthwaite, Principal of the Moose Fort Indian Boarding School.

It is noted that these affidavits are not signed by the parties making them. As there is no Justice of the Peace or Notary Public at Moose Fort, these affidavits are taken before the District Inspector for Revillon Freres Trading Co., Limited. Owing to the mail facilities from Moose Fort being so uncertain it would cause great delay in having these affidavits returned, and it is hoped that the Investigating Governors of the Royal Canadian Humane Association will be satisfied with the statements contained in these affidavits and that they will be able to grant some recognition to John Carpenter for his bravery in rescuing Roderic Wascowin from drowning, under the circumstances as set forth in letter above mentioned of the 6th of September.

I shall be pleased to hear the decision of your association at your early convenience.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

C. A. P. Powis, Esq.,
Secretary,
Royal Canadian Humane Association,
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Hamilton, February 27th, 1920 *191*

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of Jan. 23rd but, owing to the absence of the Secretary, have no report for you. On return of the Secretary in about a week's time, he will give the matter his attention.

Yours very truly
H. E. McLaren
for Secty.

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Mr MacKenzie

Hamilton, July 24th 1920 *191*

Assistant Deputy Minister

Dept of Indian Affairs

Ottawa.

Dear Sirs; Your No.306950/1

I have pleasure in sending you under separate cover, medal awarded to John Carpenter which kindly have presented in a suitable manner, sending newspaper clippings of the presentation for our records.

Yours very truly

C.A.P. Powis

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See Mr Powell re Medal re my dict.

July 30th. 1920.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th. instant and the medal awarded to John Carpenter, an Indian of Moose Fort. I shall take the first opportunity of forwarding the medal to this outlying post, and shall advise you again when the action has been taken.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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