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says he does not quite see the drift of this suggestion as it is provided for in the Indian Act, and if not should the young Indian follow his trade in a town or any place off a reservation he thinks he can qualify as any other man by renting or owning a house & paying taxes. Mr Ashton states in conclusion that he shall be most happy to render any assistance in his power whenever he may be favored with further communication.

Rev. W. W. Shepherd's Views

His opinion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Recommendation is that the standard of Education suggested for admission to the Institutions would be a great advantage, that it would stimulate to more diligent study before coming; that it would create a wholesome

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wholesome competition among the Reserve Schools; that it would be much easier to classify the pupils when they enter the Institutions; and that more work could be accomplished in a shorter term, thus allowing a greater number to share the benefits of the Institutions.

2<sup>nd</sup> He is in favor of the 4 years for Boys but not any less for Girls

He states that those who learn trades at the Mt. Elgin Institution divide the time about equally between the shops & school during all of their term in the Institution. He thinks that this plan cannot be improved upon. He says that his experience has led him to the conclusion that it would be well to take the girls when about 13 years old & retain them for 4 years as so much depends on the culture

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culture and virtue of the Indian women.

3<sup>rd</sup> He is of the opinion that a primary school in connection with the Institutions would facilitate the work of the school, but would involve the employment of an additional teacher, and in the case of the Mt. Elgin Inst. an additional building. In his opinion the extra outlay would be a good investment for the Indians.

4<sup>th</sup> He is in favor of the Govt Certificate & enfranchisement as suggested & thinks they would induce the pupils to study & work.

The Revd D. Duronguet has not yet expressed his views on the subject.

Additional Changes

1<sup>st</sup> That all Institutions including Indian

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Indian Day Schools should be subject to regular Govt inspection, the same as common schools among the white population.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Govt Inspector should use his influence with the Indians on the various Reserves to make their children attend the Day Schools; see to the most promising ones being drafted off to the Institutions or High Schools, and after they get through their course see that they continue at the employment for which they have been trained.

Mr Ashton's Views.

He fully concurs in the additional changes in so far as they relate to Institutions & Day Schools receiving grants &c from Indian Funds which <sup>he says</sup> is not the case with

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with the Mohawk Institute. He states, however, that the Institution is open at all times to inspection & that he shall be pleased to afford every assistance in his power to facilitate the object of the Dept in promoting an improved system of Indian education and in the preparation of statistics relating thereto.

The Mrs W. W. Shepherd has not expressed any opinion on the additional suggestions offered, but as the Mrs D. V. Sutherland has given his views on the whole matter in his letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr last I shall state his opinion on the additional changes.

He says that as far as he is aware all schools conducted by the Missy. Society are now open to Government inspection

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inspection; and that the influence of the Govt inspector in inducing the Indians to send their children regularly to school would be of great value if constantly & wisely employed. Still, he says, it is of more importance to get the children away from home altogether where it can be done.

The Revd Mr Durongnet has as yet made no reply although in his letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last he stated that he would give his view on the subject as soon as he was fully prepared to do so.

John McFinn

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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.



I..... of .....

..... Ont., do hereby agree as follows:—  
That in consideration of the REV. E. F. WILSON,  
principal of the Indian Homes at Sault Ste. Marie,  
receiving my ....., ..... at the .....  
Home and educating ....., the said ..... shall  
remain at the ..... Home for a period of ....  
years from this date, ....., without  
any interference on my part, and I promise to send  
my ..... back punctually at the end of every  
Summer holidays.

SIGNED .....

### WITNESSES—

*E. F. Wilson* { Indian Agent  
At  
Chief  
Missionary

A child if taken sick at the Institution, may on the order of a medical man, or by permission of the Principal, be removed to its home, but must return to complete its course after its recovery. ~~An Indian parent taking or keeping a child away from the institution in violation of agreement is liable to be fined \$10.~~

PUPILS over 12 who can read the third book on entry must remain three years  
“ “ “ second “ “ four “  
“ “ “ have not yet commenced the 2nd book “ five “  
“ under 10 years of age “ six “  
“ over 14 “ “ who cannot yet read in 3rd book, cannot be taken.  
Children who belong to other Institutions, or who are affected with eye disease or scrofulous sores cannot be accepted.

E. F. WILSON, Principal.

*We approve of the above form of agreement and hereby instruct our agents to see that it is faithfully carried out on the part of those Indians who sign it.*

*Superior Ind. Affairs*

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43775 INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Shults & David  
June 11/83

The Supt General  
Indian Affairs  
Sir -

I trust I may be excused  
if I once more press upon the attention of the  
Department my request for a footnote to our new  
form of agreement for Indian parents to sign.

I did not venture to press the matter forward or  
run the risk of being considered too pertinacious - only  
that I feel the success of our Homes this season must  
depend on some such plan as I have proposed  
being put into operation. I have at  
present the names of between 30 or 40 children  
whose parents are willing to send them to us - & I  
am anxious to get the agreements signed at once  
but cannot do so until I hear whether the Department  
is willing to add a footnote instructing their agents to

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See that the Indians faithfully carry out their  
part of the agreement -

Enclose another proof sheet of the proposed  
agreement - with a few words as a further  
suggestion of what the Dept. might perhaps be  
pleased to add -

Remain Sir

Your obed<sup>t</sup> servant

Edward P. Wilson

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H. P. DWIGHT, General Manager.

ERASTUS WIMAN, President.

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Send the following message, subject to the above terms, which are hereby agreed to.

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authorizing something that  
clause may sign my name  
to approval  
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Send the following message, subject to the above terms, which are hereby agreed to.

To

Res. E. Nelson 18 June 1888  
Principal of the  
Shingwanth House  
Laurent St. Marie, Ont  
Memorandum of agreement  
for pupils all approved except  
fine  
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The Sup<sup>t</sup>. Gen.  
Indian Affairs, Ottawa  
Sir -

I have today  
received copy of Memo. of  
Agreement for Indian Parents to sign  
- with form attached.

I had already acted on yr. telegram  
& had the agreements printed &  
sent out to the different Indian  
Reserves.

If the Department require it I  
will call in the agreements and  
have new ones printed.

I am sorry for the mistake as  
I thought I was simply following the  
instructions contained in the telegram.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
J. L. Wilson

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Rev E. J. Wilson  
Principal of the  
Mission at Home  
Sault Ste Marie  
Ont

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1883

Rev Sir.

In reply to your letter of the  
9<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the  
corrections made to the first  
note of the <sup>form of</sup> agreement for Indian  
parents to sign, they to  
inform you that as you have  
sent out the <sup>forms of</sup> agreements to  
the different Indian Reserves,  
it will be unnecessary to  
recall them for the purpose  
of amending the same.  
But it would be desirable  
that in future issues of the  
same agreement ~~that~~ the  
amendment <sup>suggested</sup> should  
be made to the foot note.

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Shingwauk Home  
Sault Ste. Marie  
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Oct 2 1883

The Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs -

Sir -

I have had the honor of  
addressing several letters to the Department in reference  
to the difficulty we have had in securing a regular  
attendance of pupils at our Institutions and  
have also recently paid a visit to Ottawa in  
order to press the matter upon the attention of the  
Department.

From what I know personally of the condition  
of Indian Schools throughout the Province of  
Ontario & from what I hear from others employed  
like myself in the education and training of  
Indian children, it seems to me that there  
is most urgent need for some increased pressure

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being brought to bear upon the Indian parents —  
whether by compulsion or by milder means — so  
as to secure a <sup>more</sup> regular attendance at the schools,  
and a better return for the great expenditures  
incurred both by the Department and by  
Missionary Societies.

It surely is not a satisfactory state of things  
that in a district where there are 50 or 60 children  
of a schoolable age, the average attendance at  
school should be but from 10 to 15, — that  
at an institution such as ours with accommodation  
for 60 boys & upwards we should have only  
between 20 and 30, — that there should be such  
difficulty in inducing the Indians to allow their  
children to remain a period of five years, —  
and that agreements when signed should be  
continually broken. But I have said

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sufficient already on these points in my former  
Communications; - and I feel satisfied that  
the Heads of the Institutions will readily corroborate  
all that I have said.

It seems to me that the only way to bring about  
an improvement is for the Department to take  
the matter up, and I trust that I may not  
be thought presuming if I offer one or two  
further suggestions in addition to those which I  
have already ventured to put forward.

I would propose first (as I have already suggested)  
(1) A thorough Government Inspection of both day-  
-schools and Institutions, - such inspection  
being with a view to ascertaining that the schools  
are properly attended - the teachers efficient -  
scholars making good progress - and advancing  
in their knowledge of the English language.

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(2) That a system of finis be introduced for non-attendance at School -

These finis I would suggest might be imposed as follows: -

The inspection of the Schools should take place just before the half yearly payment of annuities.

The annuity money would be forfeited by pupils

(a) Between the ages of 11 and 13 who were unable to read & spell intelligently from the 2<sup>d</sup> Reader, write a fair hand &c -

(b) Between 13 and 15 who were unable to read & spell from the 3<sup>d</sup> book, do arithmetic up to a certain point, - answer questions in Geography, write a letter and speak intelligible English.

(c) By young men between 15 and 18 who failed to pass an examination in the

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foregoing subjects - and who had not learned or become apprenticed to a trade.

The annuity money so forfeited to be either

(a) divided among the members of the Band (those who forfeited it being excluded)

(b) or be used for the improvement of the School building, and the purchase of School supplies.

(c) or be expended in prizes, medals &c & be awarded to the most efficient pupils.

(Cases of sickness could of course be met by a doctor's certificate)

I venture to think that the effect of introducing some such system as this would be to induce a far more regular and satisfactory attendance both at the Day Schools & the Institutions. It would make the Indians on the Small Reserves more anxious to have day schools erected - & when erected to have them kept in constant operation, - it would

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also I believe be a means of infusing fresh life and spirit into the teachers.

I would also renew my former proposals that in addition to this - a system of rewards should be instituted in the way of medals or Government Certificates - which would lead on to enfranchisement.

The idea (as I have suggested in former letters) would be for the Indian children to attend the day schools till 10 or 11 years of age, and then under the direction of the Inspector, to be drafted off to the Institutions. Should the Institutions now in existence - viz Muncney, Mohawk, Wikwimikong, Shengwauk, and Mawadook be found insufficient to accommodate them I suppose easily be enlarged or others erected.

Another matter that I think requires to be remedied.

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is that the children who come to our Institution seldom know their own names and rarely if ever their ages. A child, whose name is David and whose father's name is John Keeghik - will call himself David John instead of David Keeghik; - not understanding the difference between Christian and Surname. We have occasionally had children who are known by as many as three different names in different localities. - This is both puzzling & tiresome. I should think the Indian agents might keep a correct list of the names of all children born on the Reserves and register the dates of births. Then the School teachers could procure the correct names and ages of their pupils from the Agent. If the Indian surname is not euphonious, the Christian name of the father might be converted

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into a surname, as John to Johnson, or trans-  
-lated - as Keeghik to Sky. For the proposed  
School reform to be carried out it would be  
necessary to know the correct names and ages  
of the pupils.

Trusting that the Department will shortly take the  
matter up & take the necessary steps towards  
making a very much needed improvement.

I am, Sir, remain Sir  
Your obedient servant -

Edward P. Wilson

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Rev. E. J. Wilson  
Shigwauk Home  
Sault Ste Marie,  
Ont.

Draft

6/11/83

Nov. 10/83.

Rev. Sir,

Wawanosh

Your letter of the 3rd Oct. in reference to previous correspondence about the irregular attendance of pupils at the Shigwauk and Wawanosh ~~Shigwauk~~ Homes at Sault Ste Marie has been brought before me since my return from the North West, and in reply I beg to state, first, that while it is apparent that every pressure ought to be brought to bear by the Dept. upon the Indian Parents, in order to secure a more regular attendance at the Schools and a better return for the expenditure incurred on account thereof; and the Dept. has already repeatedly impressed upon its Agents the

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the urgent necessity for  
their bringing their  
influence to bear  
upon the Indians  
in order to insure this  
much to be desired end;  
yet the proposition  
that the annuity money  
of the Indians should  
be levied on for fines  
to be imposed for  
non-attendance at  
School cannot properly  
be complied with inasmuch  
as our Treaties with the  
Indians, in virtue of which  
they receive the annuities,  
do not contain any  
stipulation that would  
warrant the Dept. in  
making such deductions;  
Truly With regard  
to a thorough Govt.  
inspection being made  
of both day schools  
and <sup>industrious</sup> institutions, I beg  
to inform you that  
the Govt. of Ontario  
has consented to undertake  
the inspection of all  
Indian Schools in the  
Province, and to forward  
to the Dept. from time  
to

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to time reports of their  
Inspectors relative to the  
same; and if there has  
been any failure on the  
part of the School  
Inspector for the Algoma  
District to visit and  
inspect the Indian  
Institutions of Sault  
St. Marie, I should  
be glad to be advised  
of the same in order  
that communication  
with the Ontario Govt.  
may be immediately opened  
up on the subject.

3rdly As regards  
the system of rewards  
which you think might  
tend to stimulate the  
pupils to increased exertions,  
I beg to inform you that,  
upon being furnished with  
a list of such articles  
as in your opinion might  
be offered as rewards  
to the pupils at the  
Institutions under your  
direction, the Dept. will  
take the matter into  
consideration. The articles  
should not, however, be of  
an expensive nature.

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4<sup>th</sup>ly With regard  
to the names of the children  
who are entered as pupils  
at your Institution, it  
appears to me that, by  
your communicating with  
the Agents for the  
Reserves from which  
the children come, their  
proper names could be  
very readily ascertained.  
The child should of  
course have its own Christian  
name and the ~~sur~~name  
of its father, whatever  
that may be; or another  
plan suggests itself to  
me; that before the  
children are sent to  
your Institution, it would  
be well for the intending  
pupil to obtain from  
the Indian Agent a note  
to you containing his  
name in full.

I shall shortly  
take up the suggestions  
made by you in a previous  
communication relative  
to the future manner  
of conducting <sup>Industrious</sup> ~~such~~ Indian  
Institutions as those  
of which you are the  
Principal

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Principal. Your suggestions  
have been forwarded to the  
Principals of other  
Institutions with a view  
to obtaining their opinions  
on the same, and until  
recently all the replies  
had not been received.  
They are now, however,  
in the hands of the  
Dept. and the matter  
will receive ~~early~~ consider-  
ation at an early date.

I am, &c.

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Department of Indian Affairs,

To *Deputy Minister*

Ottawa, *3 Apr* 188*4*

Please see synopsis of the Reports  
D. Dumoulin's views attached to,  
those of the Rev. W. W. Shepherd  
Mr. R. Ashton & the Rev. Dr. Sutherland  
*John McFinn*

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Mr. Ashton's views

Rev. Dr. Sutton's views  
for Mr. Shepherd

That all institutions he fully concurs in including Day Schools so far as it should be subject to relates to native irregular Govt institutions & Day Schools inspection, the same receiving grants as common schools &c from Indian among the white funds, which is population

not the case with the Mohawk Inst, which, however, he says, is always open to inspection

The Schools conducted by the Missy. Society are now open to Govt inspection

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That the Govt Inspector should use his influence with the Indians on the different Reserves to make their children attend the Day Schools, see to the most promising ones being drafted off to the Institutions or High Schools & after they finish their course, see that they continue at the employment for which they have been trained

Concurs

The influence of the Govt Inspector would be of great value in inducing the Indians to send their children regularly to School if constantly & wisely employed.

It is of still more importance to get the children away from home altogether where it can be done

Rev. D. Dawson's views

Does not approve of this recommendation, as the Indians live principally by farming, fishing & picking berries for the market, & take their families with them and any regulation that might interfere with these various engagements would affect materially the resources the Indians have to provide for the necessities of life.

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I have there should be thought this is  
 her primary schools but an exception  
 in connection with to be recommended  
 the institutions for specially admitted  
 the reception of such for the circumstance  
 children as might be stated.

we have an opportunity of attending a Day School

U<sup>2</sup> Shepherds men's

He concurs but  
says that in the case  
of the Mt. Selkirk Inst  
an extra teacher &  
a building would be  
required & thinks the  
Insta outlay would  
be a good investment  
for the Indians

Recd. D. Durang's Views

Good so far but my objection  
in admitting such as would  
sland themselves of the far  
greater advantage in the  
boarding school

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424. He has always required. He concurs & thinks that when a child certifies for in the Govt Certificate has passed 3 examinations. He does not & enfranchisement at the local Day quite understand the move induce the School & qualified enfranchisement, as <sup>suggested</sup> pupils to study & make him or her self first is already provided entering the High for in the India Act.

School, he or she Any young man  
should receive a by following his trade  
Govt Cert to that in a town or any place  
except, & that boys off a Resene can  
who have completed qualify as any other  
4 years at the inst. man by renting or  
& after leaving it, owning a house <sup>have</sup>  
~~one~~ remain steady & paying taxes  
at the trade learned  
thereas for one year  
they should receive  
a further Cert which  
would entitle them  
to enfranchisement  
& other privileges  
from the Govt

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A synopsis of the recommendations  
made by the Revd E. J. Wilson and  
of the views expressed by <sup>three</sup> ~~two~~ of the  
gentlemen to whom they were sub-  
mitted for opinion

Recommendation	M <sup>r</sup> Ashton
N <sup>o</sup> 1	The circum-
That the Standard	Surrounding the
of Education at these so different	
Industrial Schools it should not be ad-	
in Ontario should to have a uniform	
be raised, & that	rules. Stand
those wishing to	is too high, the
Enter should pass	if children could
a Matriculation	W <sup>h</sup> . They should be
& that none should	mitted with
be admitted who had	Examination
not at least comm-	
enced the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reader	
& the compound rules	
of Arithmetic.	
N <sup>o</sup> 2	The longer the
that the time for remains at school	
remaining at the better, that	
Institutions should not bad habits	
be 3 years for girls be eradicated	
& 4 years for boys; a hurry, neither	
that the last 2	the formation of
years of the boys act be accom-	
should be devoted to	that phy
entirely to the learning	Industrial
of trades; that the School should be can-	
should be attended only on simultaneous	
at night during the up to a certain	
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