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April 18, 1949.

Estimate re renovation of Barn for Gymnasium.

Material and Labour involved:-

- 2 x 6 Ceiling joists.
- 2 x 6 Rafter Studs.
- 1 x 6 Tongue and Grooved for walls, ceiling and ends.
- 2 - 2' x 2' Ceiling ventilators with trap doors.
- Remove Loft Floor.
- 4 - 4' x 6' end windows.
- Remove left entrance projection. Frame and sheet opening
- Remove loft ceiling (base of loft floor joists.)
- Remove and level concrete feed troughs...15" high.
- Make concrete dwarf walk for floor joist support.
- x Make concrete footings 18" x 24" x 24" for buttresses.
- Lay floor joists, 2 x 12".
- Remove existing partitions and beams.
- Lay hot and cold air passages.
- Lay sub-floor, using sheathing removed from loft floor.
- Lay finished floor. 1 x 4" Edge Grain.
- Build Furnace room.
- Remove ramp.
- Remove old silo.
- Re-shingle roof over cedar shingles, using standard 105 lb. Duroid Shingles.
- Repair roof in preparation for shingling.
- x 12 Buttresses anchored with 3/4" by 6" dowels.

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New Material.....	\$1000.15
Labour on New Material.....	275.00
Labour on old work.....	1100.00
Labour and material on Roof.....	<u>775.00</u>

4510.15.

Estimate does not include material (tin) for Hot Air passage under floor, nor furnace. Light wiring is not included.

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# Alberni Indian Residential School

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Principal  
A. E. CALDWELL

ALBERNI, B. C.

Oct. 22nd 1949.

Mr. W. S. Arneil,  
Commissioner for Indian Affairs,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Re. Gymnasium.

Dear Mr. Arneil,

I have yours of the 20th Inst re the manner in which the work of renovation of the barn for the purpose of providing a gymnasium can be carried out.

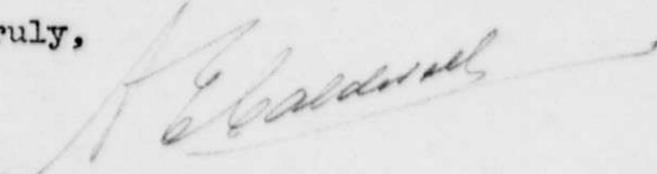
I have discussed this matter with Mr. John Loewen, who, I may say, is a first class man and takes a great interest in the school, and he says that, in our own interest, it would be better to have the work done by contract as he estimated, as that would ensure the work being done as quickly as possible.

I went over his figures with him when he made the estimate (which you have with the plans) and, in my own opinion, his estimate of the cost of labour was a bare minimum of the time necessary to do both the breaking down of the floors, etc, and the rebuilding.

However, if you think it is preferable to have the work done by day labour, with the materials supplied, it should not make much difference, except that there is the prospect that the estimate made may not cover the job.

You will recall that the extra \$500.00 placed in the estimates is for a furnace and lighting, not included in Mr. Loewen's estimate.

Yours very truly,

  
Principal..

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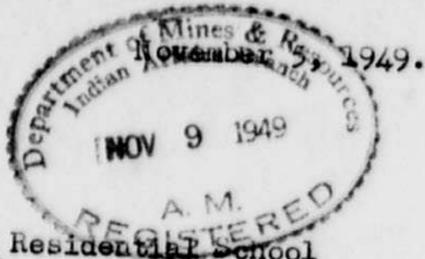
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P. O. BOX 70,  
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Dept. of Mines and Resources,  
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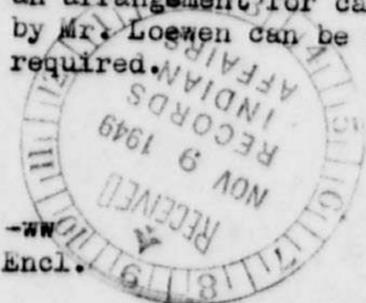


Re: Gymnasium - Alberni Residential School  
Your File 877-5 (E1)

Following receipt of Mr. Phelan's Army Signals Message of October 13th, I discussed at some length with Mr. Caldwell his proposal for converting the Alberni School barn into a gymnasium. In his letter of April 18th, a copy of which was forwarded to you, he outlines the proposal in some detail and has now provided a plan which is being forwarded to you under separate cover which indicates further the amount of work necessary.

Mr. Caldwell has available to do the work a Mr. John Loewen, formerly an employee of the School, and although we consider that it might be easier to secure approval of the proposal if the work was done on a day labour basis, he is of the opinion that this would increase the cost over \$5,000.00, with which opinion I concur. Mr. Loewen is prepared to complete the conversion on a firm contract basis for \$4,516.15, which amount includes both labour and material, apart from the necessary heating and wiring installations. Mr. Caldwell is of the opinion that these facilities can be installed separately for less than \$500.00 which will keep the total cost below the \$5,000.00 approved.

Mr. Caldwell's letter of October 22nd and another copy of Mr. Loewen's estimate are enclosed and I would ask you to please advise if an arrangement for carrying out of the work on a firm contract basis by Mr. Loewen can be approved and if any additional information is required.



*W.S. Arneil*

W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Encl.

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November 10th, 1949.

Memorandum:DEPUTY MINISTER

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School,  
West Coast Indian Agency, Province  
of British Columbia, Electoral  
District of Comox-Alberni

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*PP*  
*ST*  
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PP/ST

Director.

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November 10th, 1949

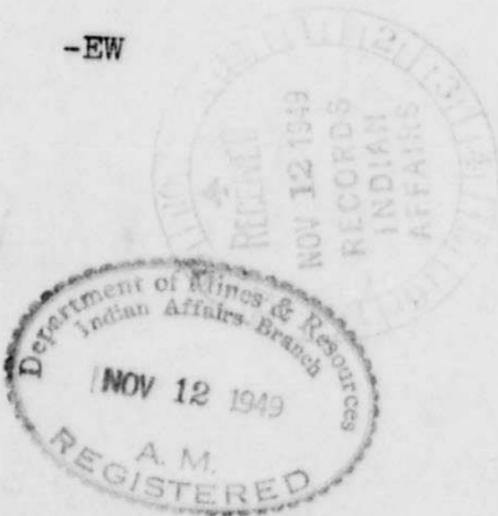
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Dept. Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Re: Voucher No. 861 in favour of  
Western Chemical Industries, Ltd.  
Your file 877-5 (E.1)

With reference to Mr. Phelan's letter of  
November 7th, the above-mentioned voucher has been  
returned to Supt. Garrard and I would request that  
Purchase Order No. 26331-C be cancelled. The account  
of Western Chemical Industries Ltd., is being referred  
to the Indian Health Services.

-EW

*W. S. Arneil*  
W. S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.



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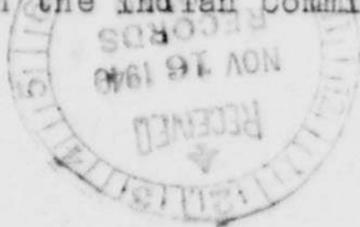
West Coast Indian Agency,  
Port Alberni, B.C.

November 14, 1949

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Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa, Ontario

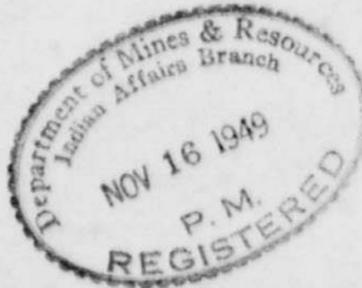
Re: Your file 877-5(E.4)  
Purchase Order 47636

In reply to your letter dated November 9th. relative the a/m order, I wish to advise that all material listed on P.O. were received by the Alberni Residential School. This was vouchered for payment on October 20th, Voucher No. 895 forwarded through the Indian Commissioner's Office.



*J. Muncheon*  
J. W. Garrard  
Superintendent  
Indian Agency

JM



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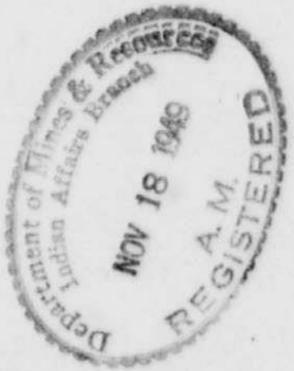
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PRINCIPAL CALDWELL OF ALBERNI SCHOOL ANXIOUS TO START IMMEDIATELY ON CONVERSION OF SCHOOL BARN INTO GYMNASIUM STOP PLEASE ADVISE IF PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN MY LETTER OF NOV. 5 APPROVED OR IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NECESSARY.

W.S. ARNEIL.

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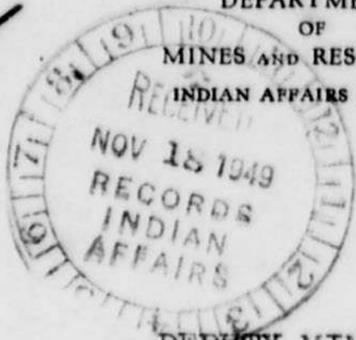
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PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 877-5 (E1)



OTTAWA

November 10th, 1949.

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APPROVED

*[Signature]*  
MINISTER

*[Signature]*  
Director.



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# ARMY MESSAGE

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FILE: 877-5 (E1)

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DATE

Ottawa, Ont.

Nov. 18, 1949.

W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, B.C.

MINISTER HAS APPROVED ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTATION  
OF JOHN LOEWEN ALBERNI B.C. IN AN AMOUNT OF  
\$4516.15 FOR MATERIAL AND LABOUR FOR CONVERTING  
THE BARN AT THE ALBERNI RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL -stop-

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division

PP/ST

CONFIRMATION:

PHONED TO: WE

PHONED BY: ST

TIME: 3.55 PM

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

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CONFIRMATION TO OTTAWA

*gd.*

Vancouver, B.C.,  
November 17, 1949.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept. of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.

PRINCIPAL CALDWELL ALBERNI SCHOOL ANXIOUS TO START IMMEDIATELY  
ON CONVERSION SCHOOL BARN INTO GYMNASIUM STOP PLEASE ADVISE IF  
PROPOSAL OUTLINED MY LETTER NOVEMBER FIFTH APPROVED OR IF ANY  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NECESSARY.

W.S. Arneil,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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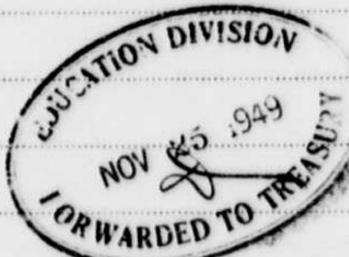
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**DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES** **Form No. I.A. 506A**  
**INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH**

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....  
 DATE .....

Pay to..... **Canadian Sumner Iron Works Ltd,**  
 Address..... **3550 East Broadway,**  
**Vancouver, B.C.**

Vote No: 516.09.622

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1949		
July 26	Material supplied for repairs to Stoker at Alberni Residential School	
	Comm. letter date July 4/49 File No: 16-11-4	
		
	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <p><i>W. Stewart</i>                      Indian Commissioner for B.C.</p>	62 54 <del>644. 54</del>

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..... **618**..... DATE..... **July 26th, 1949**.....  
*Welfarson*  
Agent

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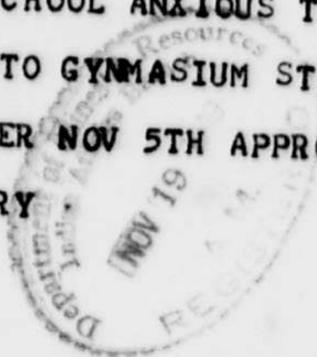
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West Coast Indian Agency,  
Port Alberni, B.C.

December 9, 1949

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

Account - Canadian Sumner Iron Works Ltd  
Our Voucher No.'s 618 and 619  
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Vr 618 stamped  
in records Nov 21  
stamped "Sent to  
Treasury" Nov  
25th sent on  
cheque last Dec 15th  
  
Vr 619 stamped  
in Records Oct 28th  
stamped "Sent to  
Treasury" Oct 29th  
paid by Cheque #73376  
Nov 18th

Mines & Resources  
Indian Affairs Branch  
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*J. Mendon*  
N.W. Garrard  
Supt. Indian Agency

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West Coast Indian Agency,  
 Port Alberni, B.C.

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Department of Mines and Resources,  
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 V 618 stamped  
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 V 619 stamped in Records  
 Nov 18  
 paid cheque # 73376  
 Dec 15  
 cheque for V 619 sent out

Department of Mines & Resources  
 Indian Affairs Branch  
 DEC 12 1949  
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*Signature:* J. Muncheon  
 N.W. Garrard  
 Supt. Indian Agency

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December 19th, 1949.

Mr. N.W. Garrard,  
Superintendent, Indian Agency,  
Port Alberni, B.C.

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School

The Treasury Branch advises that Cheque  
73376 was forwarded to the Canadian Sumner Iron  
Works, Ltd., on November 18th in payment of your  
Voucher No. 619.

On December 15th a cheque was sent in  
payment of the amount shown on your Voucher No. 618.

*PP*

PP/ST

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division

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FILE NUMBER 877 - 5      VOLUME **10**

SUBJECT ALBERNI  
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
BUILDINGS, ACCOUNTS, ETC.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM NOV. 1947  
TO Dec / 49

**NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE**  
**TO BE PLACED ON THIS FILE**

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