

# Ron Clark

CONTRACTOR  
Excavating : Bulldozing : Trucking

BRANDON, MAN.  
October 27, 1949.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs;-

Re; Dairy Barn at Indian Residential School,  
Brandon, Man.

I hereby submit Estimate for Bulldozing  
off side of hill to make a level lot for the above Bldg.,  
approximately about 500 yards - - -  
for the sum of - - - - - \$250.00.

Owing to the season of the year and danger of severe frost  
freezing the ground, this tender is submitted for immediate  
acceptance only.

Yours truly,

*Ron Clark*

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**R. E. TURNER***General Contractor*

BRANDON, MANITOBA Oct. 28 19 49

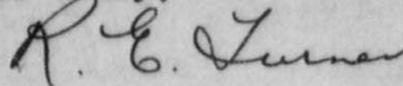
Mr. A. G. Hamilton,  
Portage la Prairie, Man.

Dear Sir:

After looking over the material on site, I feel that without proper specifications from the Department, I would not be able to give a definite price on this work.

The roof rafters are of 2 x 6, at 7 ft. c.c. with horizontal 2 x 4 cut in every 4 feet - over this is 3/8 Rough Plywood. This construction would not take shingles without considerable changes being made. The material now on the site could be used but a quantity of new dimension and lumber will be required.

Yours truly,



R. E. TURNER.

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2029 McDonald Ave.,  
Brandon, Man.  
Oct. 27th, 1949.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs:                    Re:    Concrete Wall & Floor  
   Proposed Dairy Barn  
   Indian Residential Farm,  
   Brandon.

On examining site of above, I find that owing to the grade on the side of hill, the South front wall and the West End Wall, will require a wall much deeper than shown on the Plan, which I have estimated on.

My estimated cost for building under winter conditions, concrete walls and laying concrete floor, using Bird's Hill concrete aggregate; also erecting only Beatty fixtures which will be supplied by others, as per Plans & Specifications, including fill and reinforcing steel,

is- - - - - \$4475.00

Yours truly,

*Joe Holloway*

JOE HOLLOWAY

Contractor.

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FILE 127/6-6-576



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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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538 Dominion Public Bldg.,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
October 31, 1949.



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

Re: Barn - Brandon Indian Residential School

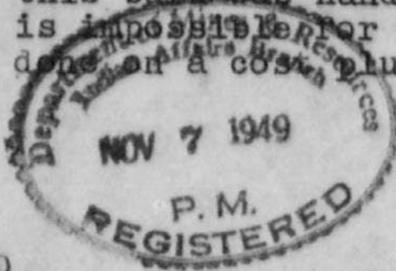
I am enclosing herewith a plan in connection with the erection of the barn at the Brandon Indian Residential School. I have endeavoured to obtain prices in Brandon regarding the completing of this barn but with the exception of the cement work I have only been able to secure prices on a cost plus basis.

From the enclosed quotations you will note Ron Clark, Contractor, has given us a quotation on bulldozing about 500 yards at \$250.00. In my opinion it will be necessary to remove 1,000 yards of earth as it is on the side of a hill. It would be better to have this barn located on the hill as the valley is generally damp in the spring. You will find enclosed quotations on the cement work for the foundation received from the following:

H. D. Spratling, Brandon, Manitoba - \$4300.00  
Joe Holloway, Brandon, Man. - \$4475.00

Bulldozing only - Ron Clark, Brandon, Man., \$250.00

I believe it would be more satisfactory if the putting up of this barn was handed over to the Engineering Branch as it is impossible for us to look after the work if it has to be done on a cost plus basis or day labour.



*[Signature]*  
R. S. Davis,  
Regional Supervisor of  
Indian Agencies.

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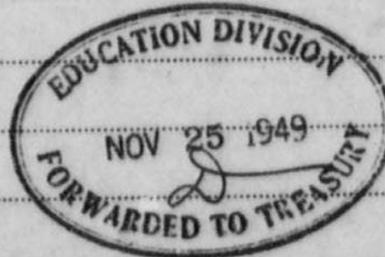
TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....

DATE .....

Pay to..... Mr. R. S. Davis,  
Address..... Regional Supervisor of Ind. Agencies,  
538 Dominion Public Bldg.,

| 1949. | DATE | SERVICE Winnipeg, Manitoba.   | AMOUNT |
|-------|------|---|--------|
| Oct.  | 24   | To Cost of blueprints of the proposed barn<br>to be constructed at the Brandon Indian<br>Residential School, as per receipt attached. | \$1.10 |
|       |      | Code 516-   |        |



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.....

*Al Samson*  
Agent

VOUCHER No..... T. 1201..

DATE..... November 2nd, 1949..

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538 Dominion Public Bldg.,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
November 12, 1949.

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

Re: Fire Inspection Report - Brandon Indian Residential School

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of the Fire Inspection Report on the above mentioned school. A copy of this report has been forwarded to Superintendent Hamilton, who will investigate the recommendations made by the Fire Commissioner. A further report will be forwarded to your office in due course.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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



JR/MO  
Enc.

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Province of Manitoba  
**FIRE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**  
 DEPT. OF LABOUR

### FIRE INSPECTION REPORT

Brandon Indian Residential School,

Address ..... Brandon, Man. ....

Report No. ....

Date October, 1949.

Date of Last Inspection .....

Owner or Manager ..... Rev. O.B. Strapp .....

Have all previous orders been completed? Yes or No

Inspected by ..... S. Moodie .....

| No. | FIRE HAZARDS OBSERVED   | FIRE PREVENTION ORDERS ISSUED   |
|-----|---|---|
| 1.  | There are 173 pupils and 12 of a staff living in the building. The two sleeping dormitories are situated on the top floor, one at east end of the building and one at the west end of the building. The dormitories are locked at night. There are two fire escapes in the building, but they do not connect with the sleeping dormitories. | It is herewith recommended that the fire escapes be changed so as to provide an exit from the two dormitories, one to be placed at the north west end of the building, and one to be placed at the north east end of the building, with door exits from the two dormitories to the fire escapes. The fire escapes to extend from the top floor to ground level. |
|     |   | 2. The electric hand pressing iron to be equipped with a red pilot light.   |
|     |   | 3. It is recommended that night watchman's service be maintained in the building.   |
|     |   | 4. It is recommended that dormitories be not locked at night unless under the supervision of an attendant on duty.  |
|     |   | Fire Commissioner. <i>H.E. Putter</i>   |

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Personal & Confidential

Dear Mr Neary -

I wonder if by writing this note I could help you to know more fully a local situation which has given me many hours of worry and indeed much concern.

As long as I have known Brandon school it has been the dumping ground for truancy pupils from other schools, not only Manitoba schools, but schools in Saskatchewan. This type of pupil has left its mark. This year encouraged by reports some 24 pupils have run away. I recall a similar instance some 25 years ago.

Just prior to Mr Doyle leaving discipline was slipping and the boys attacked Mr Doyle one evening striking him once. Fortunately members of the staff was near and so prevented further trouble.

Mr Chapin took charge of this but only retained the position 2 years. The children ran wild and staff members were even afraid to go into certain dormitories alone. When Mr Chapin left panels of doors were missing, hinges were off others and over 400 panes of glass had to be removed, replaced. This was the heritage handed to Mr Shapp. The condition today is changed but not without severe measures so the Principal naturally is not too popular. I

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think it is not hard to understand the reason.  
I reported on the recent truancy but I do not  
know if you received a copy. It is my personal  
belief that not one pupil had a just reason  
for leaving - except perhaps the little chap away  
from home for the first time and he was  
lonely for his baby Brother. There was the food  
complaint - but there must come a limit  
to this unless we expect to operate a Fort  
Yany at Prince Edward, dining-room. When one  
knows what these same children set down to at  
home & then see them in the school dining-room  
well its as different as day is from night. I believe  
there is plenty of food for all and I find it well  
served.

One other real worry is the new barn -  
there is no authorized plan & specifications  
and at best it looks like a patched-up  
job. The Principal has ideas - some good & yet I  
am told he has nothing to do with the building  
program - I am to get the work done under very  
indignant instructions & so I face that all  
mistakes - all possible errors and all unforeseen  
problems will be laid at my feet & there is  
nothing I can do - no one to explain to and  
get the careful considered help one in the  
field so urgently needs. I think tonight I may  
secure one quotation on the cement work -  
but for erecting the walls & completing the  
building I doubt if anyone will touch it  
except on a cost-plus basis. One man said he  
firmly believed he could build the 4 walls

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in a proper manner with new lumber  
for the money it will take to cut down  
and piece together the old building. The  
windows are wrongly located, also the  
doors, & the 12 ft height will need to be  
cut down to from  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ft. Labor expense  
will be high & the present walls will need  
insulation as well as inside sheathing. A  
joint will occur every 8 ft all around the  
building.

I am sorry to bother you - sorry if I  
have done wrong in writing this personal  
letter but I have been worried sick and  
if this makes any clearer the whole situation  
and by chance helps you in an decision  
then it has been well worth while.

Please consider this strictly personal  
and Confidential.

Kindest regards from Mrs Hamilton -  
Jay and myself.

Sincerely Yours  
A G Hamilton

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Air Mail

, November 24, 1949.

Mr. R.S. Davis,  
Regional Supervisor  
of Indian Agencies,  
538 Dominion Public Bldg.,  
Winnipeg, Man.,

Re: Barn Brandon Residential School

Your file 127/6-6-576

We have your letter of October 31 and it is felt that if we turn the matter over to the Lands and Development Services they would be unable to carry out the work for some time and we understand they have considerable work ahead.

With the above in mind, do you approve the acceptance of the lower tender namely the one received from H.D. Spratling in amount of \$4,300.00?

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Education Division.

PP/HM

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WINNIPEG  
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November 15, 1949.



Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury,  
Central Pay Office - Accounts Payable Division,  
414 Sussex Street,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs,-

I am to-day in receipt of your two cheques, Nos. 64336 and 64338 covering boiler inspections, report Nos. 155 and 156.

Upon checking our records I note that these inspections have been paid. Your cheque No. 7934 was received in this office on October 7th, 1949, and official receipt No. 9753 was issued as well as certificate Nos. 1184 and 1185.

As this apparently is a duplicate payment, I am returning the two cheques herewith.

Yours truly,

*R. Charlifson*  
CHIEF CLERK

*Mr. Noonan to note*  
*Mr. Morgan*  
*Cheques cancelled*  
*duplicate of #13*  
*Paid by cheque #7934 Oct 5/49*



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ENCLOSED OFFICIAL CHEQUE NO. B 22 - **64338** IS IN PAYMENT OF YOUR CLAIM AS DETAILED HEREUNDER

|   | INVOICE NO. | DATE OF INVOICE | PARTICULARS   |
|---|-------------|-----------------|---|
| MINES & RESOURCES<br><input type="checkbox"/> MINES FORESTS & SCIENTIFIC SERVICES BR.<br><input type="checkbox"/> LANDS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BR.<br><input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL PROJECTS BR.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH<br><input type="checkbox"/> NAT. RESEARCH COUNCIL<br><input type="checkbox"/> R.C.M.P. | STMT        | SEPT 15         | BOILER INSPECTION REPORT NO 155<br>RE IND SCH BRANDON |

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WINNIPEG MAN

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY  
**CENTRAL PAY OFFICE - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DIVISION**  
414 SUSSEX STREET - OTTAWA

C.T. 279A  
NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS NECESSARY  
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PLEASE QUOTE CHEQUE NUMBER WHEN REFERRING TO THIS REMITTANCE

ENCLOSED OFFICIAL CHEQUE NO. B 22 - **64336** IS IN PAYMENT OF YOUR CLAIM AS DETAILED HEREUNDER

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332 LEGISLATIVE BLDG  
WINNIPEG MAN

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY  
**CENTRAL PAY OFFICE - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DIVISION**  
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, November 25, 1949.

Mr. A.G. Hamilton,  
Supt. Indian Agency,  
Portage la Prairie, Man.,

Re: Voucher T 1191

The above-mentioned voucher is being paid at \$137.70 and we are returning the freight bills which were attached.

Purchase Order 46751 which covers the articles purchased is f.o.b. Brandon.

*SD*

Bernard F. Neary,  
Supt. of Indian Education.

Encl:

SD/HM

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, November 30, 1949.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. A.G. Hamilton,  
Supt. of Indian Agency,  
Portage la Prairie, Man.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

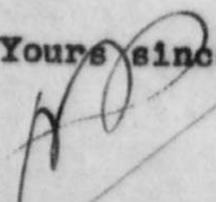
I wish to thank you for the trouble which you took in writing to me under confidential cover concerning the barn at Brandon.

As you have probably noted, we have acted accordingly and feel that a firm tender should be obtained from a contractor to do this work. We do not feel it should be done on a day labour basis.

We are now awaiting a reply to a recent letter sent to Mr. Davis in this regard.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
Bernard F. Neary,  
Supt. of Indian Education.

BFN/MMCN

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538 Dominion Public Bldg.,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
November 26, 1949.

ATTENTION: Mr. B. F. Neary.

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

Re: Barn Brandon Residential School.

With reference to your letter of November 24th, file 576-5 (EL) I would recommend that the lowest tender for the cement work on this school, in the amount of \$4,300.00, submitted by Mr. H. D. Spratling of Brandon, be accepted.

Also, that authority be granted to have the bull-dozing done, in order that this wiring can be located on the hill.

*note -  
if minister  
approves -  
we will  
authorize  
dogging at  
cost of  
\$2500 -  
see post  
check*

*[Signature]*  
R. S. Davis,  
Regional Supervisor of  
Indian Agencies.



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December 5th, 1949.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Re: Brandon Indian Residential School,  
Portage la Prairie Indian Agency,  
Electoral District of Brandon,  
Province of Manitoba.

The main barn at the above residential school was destroyed by fire during the winter of 1948.

In a memorandum dated October 3rd, 1949, the Acting Minister approved purchase of a building, 96' x 31', which was owned by North American Buildings Limited and located at Shilo Military Camp. This barn has now been delivered to the school.

Regional Supervisor Davis has secured the undermentioned tenders for excavating for footings, supplying and placing the necessary fill, supplying crib work, and supplying and placing concrete, supplying all necessary reinforcing, and supplying and placing four steel rods in the walls. The persons tendering are also prepared to supply and place mesh reinforcing for the concrete floor, do all the necessary forming for aisles, stalls and mangers, and pour the concrete floor.

- (1) H.D. Spratling, General Contractors,  
1217 - 13th Street, Brandon, Manitoba.....\$4,300.00
- (2) Joe Holloway, Contractor,  
2029 McDonald Avenue, Brandon, Manitoba....\$4,475.00

Regional Supervisor Davis recommends the acceptance of the lower tender, and I concur in this recommendation.

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It would, therefore, be appreciated if  
the Minister would approve the tender of H.D. Spratling,  
in an amount of \$4,300.00.

PP/ST

Director.

*PP*

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Major MacKay 576-5  
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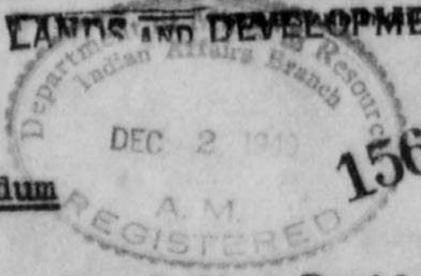


*R.A. Gibson*  
Director  
1/12/49  
QUOTE FILE I.A.1480-4

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION  
Division

DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
LANDS AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BRANCH

*[Handwritten initials]*



OTTAWA, 30th November, 1949.

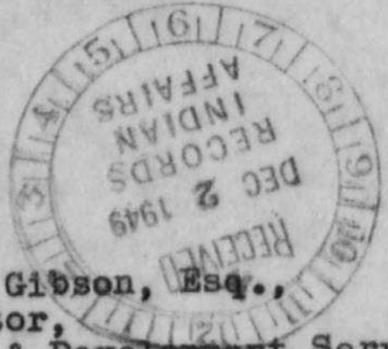
Memorandum

Re Indian Residential School,  
Brandon, Manitoba

Attached are two (2) copies of a report just received referring to repairs to this school, for information of Indian Affairs Branch.

The paint to which Mr. Perrie refers was ordered by the Departmental Purchasing Agent by Order No. 50684, November 21st, from Canadian Industries Ltd., Winnipeg, Mr. Perrie has been so informed, and action is being taken to expedite delivery.

Encl.



*W. F. W...*  
Chief, Engineering and  
Construction Division.

R. A. Gibson, Esq.,  
Director,  
Lands & Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
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Major MacKay  
for your information

Director I.A.1480-4  
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Division

, 30th November, 1949.

Memorandum

Re Indian Residential School,  
Brandon, Manitoba

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*Walter F. Weir*  
Chief, Engineering and  
Construction Division.

Encl.

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

416 Post Office Building,  
Regina, Sask.  
November 25th, 1949.

Re: Indian Residential School,  
Brandon.

For your information I am attaching hereto copy of a letter received from Engineer W. J. Kerr, who visited the above school on November 22nd in company with Contractor H. D. Spratling, and from Mr. Kerr's letter you will note that the work that Mr. Spratling has been requested to do at this school is now well under way and it will be possible for Messrs. Crane Brothers to undertake the work covered by their painting contract as soon as the paint ordered for this purpose has been delivered at the school.

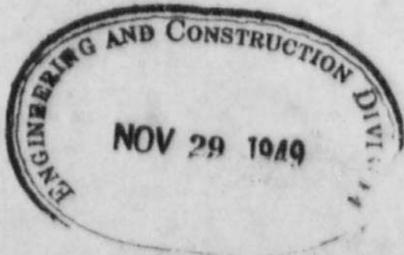
In your letter of October 20th you advised me that the required paint was being ordered and it will be appreciated if the delivery of same can now be rushed in order that the painting contract can be proceeded with.



Supervising Engineer.

WJP:MD  
Att.

Mr. C.V. F. Weir, Chief,  
Engineering & Construction Division,  
Lands & Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
Norlite Building,  
Ottawa, Canada.



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Brandon, Man.  
Nov. 23rd, 1949.

Re: Work at Brandon Indian  
School.

On Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, I visited the above school with Mr. H. Spratling. I found that he had practically completed all plaster repairs required on the ground and first floors. It would be possible for the painting contractors to commence work on these two floors, but as yet no paint has arrived. Rev. S. Strapp, Principal, to whom paint is consigned, will notify Crane Bros. as soon as paint is received.

Mr. Spratling has also completed the following: 2 toilet bowls have been replaced in boy's section (the soil stack joining these two toilets to main sewer below is in very poor shape and must be replaced), ventilators atop building have been bricked in, chimney tops have been repaired (the upper 6 feet on the north chimney was rebuilt and about the upper 2 feet on south one), and the brick facing at the north-east corner of the building has been repaired but it did not appear that the concrete wall had been shortened.

The cement and plaster work in the basement remains to be done and Mr. Spratling has not yet received the material that he intended to use on the lower four feet of basement walls.

The contractor had arranged to have the roofing repairs begin on Monday last, but due to the snowfall this work was postponed. Up until last Monday, he had been unable to obtain a man to do this work.

The repairs to the stone copings remains to be done.

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416 P.O. Bldg.,  
Regina, Sask.

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AIRMAIL

416 Post Office Building,  
Regina, Sask.  
November 25th, 1949.

Re: Indian Residential School,  
Brandon.

For your information I am attaching hereto copy of a letter received from Engineer W. J. Kerr, who visited the above school on November 22nd in company with Contractor H. D. Spratling, and from Mr. Kerr's letter you will note that the work that Mr. Spratling has been requested to do at this school is now well under way and it will be possible for Messrs. Crane Brothers to undertake the work covered by their painting contract as soon as the paint ordered for this purpose has been delivered at the school.

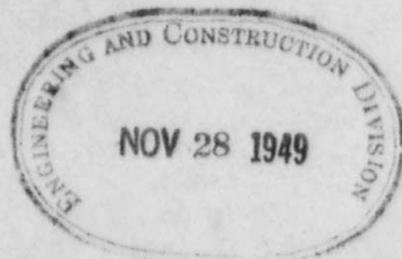
In your letter of October 20th you advised me that the required paint was being ordered and it will be appreciated if the delivery of same can now be rushed in order that the painting contract can be proceeded with.



WJP:ND  
Att.

Supervising Engineer.

Mr. C.V. F. Weir, Chief,  
Engineering & Construction Division,  
Lands & Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
Norlite Building,  
Ottawa, Canada.



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Brandon, Man.  
Nov. 23rd, 1949.

Re: Work at Brandon Indian  
School.

On Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, I visited the above school with Mr. H. Spratling. I found that he had practically completed all plaster repairs required on the ground and first floors. It would be possible for the painting contractors to commence work on these two floors, but as yet no paint has arrived. Rev. S. Strapp, Principal, to whom paint is consigned, will notify Crane Bros. as soon as paint is received.

Mr. Spratling has also completed the following: 2 toilet bowls have been replaced in boy's section (the soil stack joining these two toilets to main sewer below is in very poor shape and must be replaced), ventilators atop building have been bricked in, chimney tops have been repaired (the upper 6 feet on the north chimney was rebuilt and about the upper 2 feet on south one), and the brick facing at the north-east corner of the building has been repaired but it did not appear that the concrete wall had been shortened.

The cement and plaster work in the basement remains to be done and Mr. Spratling has not yet received the material that he intended to use on the lower four feet of basement walls.

The contractor had arranged to have the roofing repairs begin on Monday last, but due to the snowfall this work was postponed. Up until last Monday, he had been unable to obtain a man to do this work.

The repairs to the stone copings remains to be done.

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# ARMY MESSAGE

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(OUTGOING)

FILE: 576-5 (E)

PLACE

DATE

Ottawa 10 December 1949

**R S DAVIS**  
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies  
536 Dominion Public Building  
Winnipeg Manitoba

APPROVAL JUST OBTAINED TENDER H SPATLING ERECTION BARN  
BRANDON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL IN AMOUNT FORTY THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS -  
CONTRACT FOLLOWS -

*B. F. Henry*  
Bernard F Henry  
Superintendent of Education

CONFIRMATION

Telephoned to: *A.S.*

" by: *G.M.*

Time: *12:40 P.M.*

BWH/YM

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS

| SIGNATURE    | DEGREE OF PRIORITY | TIME OF ORIGIN |
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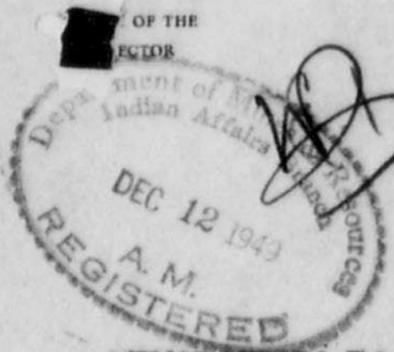
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*Mr. Mackay*



DEPT. QUOTE  
FILE 576-5 (E1)



DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH



OTTAWA 1776  
December 5th, 1949.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Re: Brandon Indian Residential School,  
Portage la Prairie Indian Agency,  
Electoral District of Brandon,  
Province of Manitoba.

The main barn at the above residential school was destroyed by fire during the winter of 1948.

In a memorandum dated October 3rd, 1949, the Acting Minister approved purchase of a building, 96' x 31', which was owned by North American Buildings Limited and located at Shilo Military Camp. This barn has now been delivered to the school.

Regional Supervisor Davis has secured the undermentioned tenders for excavating for footings, supplying and placing the necessary fill, supplying crib work, and supplying and placing concrete, supplying all necessary reinforcing, and supplying and placing four steel rods in the walls. The persons tendering are also prepared to supply and place mesh reinforcing for the concrete floor, do all the necessary forming for aisles, stalls and mangers, and pour the concrete floor.

- (1) H.D. Spratling, General Contractors,  
1217 - 13th Street, Brandon, Manitoba.....\$4,300.00
- (2) Joe Holloway, Contractor,  
2029 McDonald Avenue, Brandon, Manitoba....\$4,475.00

Regional Supervisor Davis recommends the acceptance of the lower tender, and I concur in this recommendation.

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It would, therefore, be appreciated if the Minister would approve the tender of H.D. Spratling, in an amount of \$4,300.00.

*[Handwritten mark]*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Director.

APPROVED *[Handwritten signature]*  
MINISTER

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