

it dry - only two slices for each child being  
 loaded. This was the first day that the staff had  
 been allowed to give the children as much food  
 as they needed. Since the new school opened  
 sometime in September. 85 Children

The staff say that it was only the quantity of  
 cod liver oil which nurse gave the children,  
 that kept them fit at all. Anyone knows that  
 no one could feed children that amount of food  
 in one day, if they were not hungry and needed it.  
 Further anyone who has been connected with  
 Indian work in one of the schools, can tell you,  
 that 60% of the Indian children are not strong,  
 they need good food and plenty of it.

A Principal who is contemptible enough to  
 stare poor helpless little children should  
 be flogged. Surely a school getting a large per-  
 centage grant such as to be as getting can afford  
 to give the children enough to eat. We do not  
 ask for expensive fancy things, just good  
 plain food in sufficient quantities.

This is a disgraceful state of affairs, and was  
 reported to the Indian Agent at Kenora some  
 time ago - both by Indians and children, evidently  
 he has not forwarded the report to the Dept. I cannot  
 believe that the Dept. knowing these things,  
 would want a Principal kept at the school



How perpetrates such injustice.  
 There is a "Children's Warlike Menu" which  
 hangs in the pantry, purporting to be the menu  
 used for the children. Why it is there no  
 one knows, unless it is for show. Because  
 it has never been put into effect - even  
 if that menu was used, it would not  
 be adequate, because they are allowed no  
 food on their treat for some meals -  
 Surely the children should not be required  
 to eat dry bread. They need the fat - especially  
 in winter when they get so little milk.  
 People in Kenora know what the situation  
 at the new school is - the Prin. accuses the  
 staff of telling - but they did not. The children  
 told it themselves.

Up until Christmas and after the staff were  
 not supplied with lalchi keys, and when  
 out for the evening, were obliged on returning  
 to the school either to find or make the  
 engineer (if they could) or make an ignominious  
 entrance by way of the fire escape and a window,  
 which they had left open for the purpose -  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rogers are very rude - ill-mannered -  
 commonplace people - and it is very humbling  
 for those of the staff, who are superior to them in  
 every way to have to take indignities such as  
 this from them. There is no reason why the

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Staff should be treated as servants surely.  
 My servants of today would put up with the things  
 the staff do. but they carry on for the sake of the  
 children. what would happen to the children  
 otherwise one doesn't like to think.

There was a very fine Indian girl (a pupil of the old  
 school) working at the new school, a kindly pure  
 minded, dependable, good character in every way, and  
 understanding the Indian language as she did. - was  
 an invaluable help, but she was bullied and  
 treated so meanly by the Prin & Ma'am that  
 she could not stand it, and left, and it looks  
 very much as though they were trying by their  
 treatment of the old staff from the old school to  
 force them out. It is my earnest hope that the  
 Prin. will be dismissed before this happens. He is  
 not the man for the work, by his untruthfulness,  
 and general mean, disagreeable <sup>behaviour</sup> has lost the  
 confidence and respect of both staff and children,  
 and will never regain it. Many things have gone  
 too far to hope for that. - Even the children say to  
 each other "Mr. Beger tells lies" they can't under-  
 stand this in their Principal, he is so different  
 from Mr. Menzies who was the soul of honour  
 in all his dealings with staff, children and  
 Indian, and whom they all liked and respected.  
 I have no hesitation in saying that Mr. & Mrs.  
 Beger create a very bad atmosphere in the school

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Their unkindness, shirking of duties and responsibilities, are all bad - and is engendering a spirit of intense dislike for them with the children -

~~The children~~ They are not doing the work which the church sent them there to do, the children would be better out of the school than being under the influence of such people -

There is nothing in this report, that cannot be substantiated upon investigation. Much more could be said, but one has to stop some time. I have tried to be comprehensive without being tiring. But the best report written can not convey the state of things really. One has to live with it from day to day to realize how bad things are.

Surely between Church and State something can be done. The right sort of people found who are capable and worthy of the work.

This is more than a report it is a prayer for action, and that speedily -

One who is interested

V.S. The Indians held an indignation meeting at the school re - the food question. Before the staff took things in hand.

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OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT Kenora, Ont.

March 10th, 1930

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Assistant Deputy & Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter No. 129-3-1 of the 4th instant, enclosing an anonymous letter referring to the food for the children of the Cecelia Jeffrey School and also the general suitability of the Principal and Matron, I thought it advisable to go over the matter with the Principal himself which I did, and he immediately requested me to read the letter to the staff and get their opinion on it. I thought this was the best thing to do so went to the school on Saturday the 8th, and had a meeting of the Principal and all the staff, and went into the different matters complained of.

(1) As regards the food supplied to the children, the staff all informed me that they considered the children were getting plenty at the present time. One or two of them had an idea that they were not getting enough at one time. This was mentioned to the Principal and the matter was immediately rectified. I enclose a copy of the menu mentioned in the letter. The staff inform me this menu is adhered to pretty well, but on one occasion some time ago there was not enough pudding to go around. This was no fault of the Principal and it only happened on one occasion. The menu is taken from that used at the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School and got up by the Church of England authorities. The Principal has made additions to that given at Sioux Lookout and I think there should be no complaints.

As regards the statement made in the letter that the matter had been reported to the Indian Agent by the Indians and children, a few weeks ago Chief Kejick of the Shoal Lake Band informed me he had heard the children were not getting enough to eat. I asked him to go to the school and be there at meal time, and not to inform the Principal or staff what he was there for, and to report back to me what he thought. He came in a few days afterwards and informed me he thought they had plenty to eat. His boy who was a pupil at the school also informed me they had plenty to eat so no further action was taken in the matter.

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(2) As regards latch keys for the staff, the Principal informed me he had given three out but there was only one to be found at the present time. He told the staff if anybody desired a key they could always have one. All the staff informed me that both Mr. and Mrs. Byers were reasonable and not rude, <sup>not</sup> ill-mannered, and there did not seem to be any ill feeling between any of them.

(3) As regards the Indian ex-pupil from the school. This girl was working there and Mr. Byers had been compelled to speak to her about several things she had done. His treatment of her according to what I heard, appeared reasonable. Mr. Byers informs me that he believes this anonymous letter came from or through one of the members of the staff he had to discharge some time ago, but of course, is not sure. This person, he informs me, persuaded the Indian ex-pupil to leave her position. The girl is not here now and I will not be able to see her for some time, but if I do I will try and find out ~~why~~ she left.

I asked all the staff if they had any complaints against the Principal and they told me "No." I told them the Principal and staff were all engaged by the Church but the Principal had to be approved by the Department and that we did not like interfering with any internal matters at the school but if there was any dissatisfaction or trouble, I would be only too glad to see what I could do on behalf of the Department. ~~None~~ had any complaints of any kind and I do not think any particular notice need be taken of this communication. Mr. Byers mentioned that one had also been sent to the Church authorities in Toronto, which they had taken no notice of and destroyed.

As regards the letter, I made a full investigation and could not substantiate anything that was said in it. The staff inform me they have no knowledge of an indignation meeting having been held at the school by the Indians.

Your obedient servant,

*Frank Edwards*

Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA

March 13, 1930.

MEMORANDUM:

Mr. [Signature]  
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From correspondence on file you will notice that the Principal has been complaining about the difficulty in operating the mechanical plant at the new Cecilia Jeffrey School.

I have today received a letter giving in detail the result of an investigation of the water supply system, especially the Chlorinator. The following is an extract from this report,-

"During the course of my inspection with Captain Edwards we noticed that the pumps required repacking, the air compressor motor in the tank room was in a very dirty condition, there were fire hazards in the boiler room, and the interior of the building was not receiving proper attention. Your Department has gone to great expense in equipping this school with modern conveniences. The installations made for providing these conveniences have in every instance been made as simple as possible, but for efficient and continuous service proper attention is essential. In my opinion the services supplied at the Cecilia Jeffrey school are not fully appreciated by the Principal, the operation of the chlorinating water supply and heating systems instead of being entrusted to a competent and qualified operator are being inadequately looked after by the chief farm hand. Under these circumstances full advantage cannot be taken of the conveniences supplied, damage to equipment will result, and complaints will be frequent."

From the above it would appear that the mechanical plant at this school is not receiving the proper attention and is not being operated as it should. Mechanical equipment such as installed in a modern residential school requires the services of a competent, qualified operator and unless the school authorities employ a man with the necessary qualifications sooner or later there will be trouble in the operating of the systems and the Department will be called upon to pay for repairs which are due to improper operating.

[Signature]  
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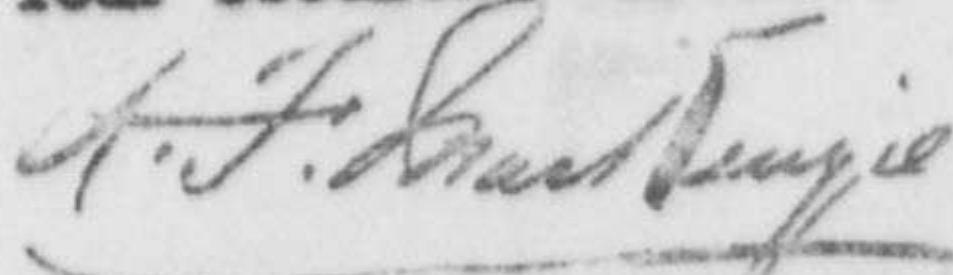
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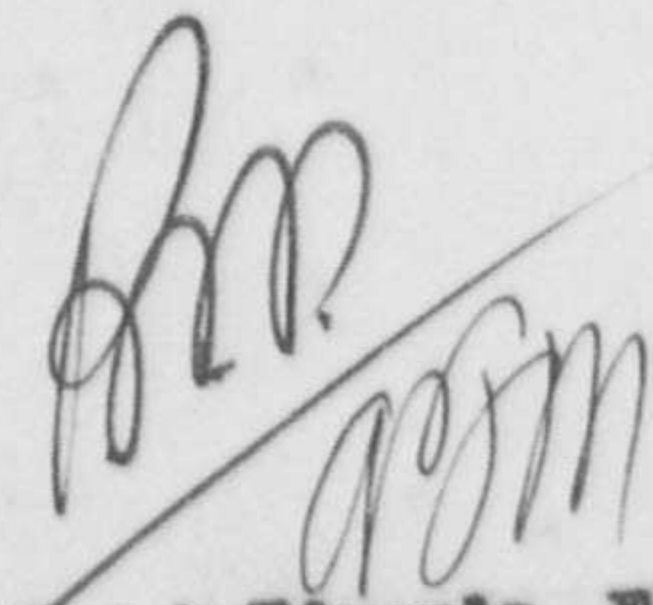
Sir:

I have to inform you that the Department is today writing Mr. Byers, Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, asking him to take immediate steps to secure a properly qualified engineer. A recent report indicates that the mechanical plant is not receiving proper care and expert handling. Mr. Byers has been requested to inform you what steps he is taking. You will please report to the Department.

Your obedient servant,



A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.



Frank Edwards, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, March 17, 1930.

Sir:

I have your 108-13 of the 10th instant, returning the anonymous letter concerning conditions at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I note that you made careful investigation and I have to state that the Department concurs in your recommendation that no further action be taken.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie* over

A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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Frank Edwards, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, March 17, 1930.

Sir:

A recent report from the engineer, who was requested to visit the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, indicates that your engineer is hardly competent to look after the mechanical plant. It is stated that the pumps required repacking, the air compressor motor in the tankroom was in a very dirty condition, that there were fire hazards in the boiler room and that the equipment for chlorinating the water was not properly used. I have to ask you to make immediate arrangements for a new school engineer - one who is qualified and competent to look after expensive machinery.

Please inform Mr. Indian Agent Edwards concerning the steps you take. He is being informed that a change in the engineer is necessary.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie* over  
A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

*W. B. M.*  
E. W. Byers, Esq.,  
Principal,  
Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School,  
Kenora, Ont.

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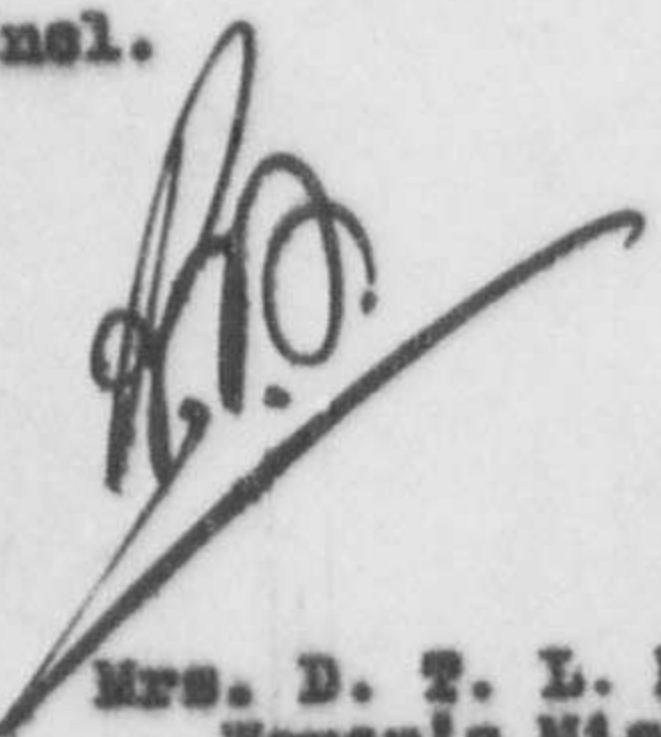
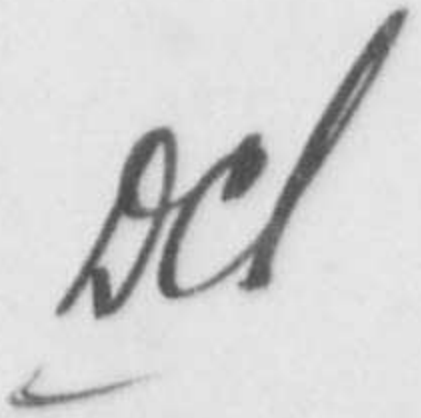
March 17, 1930.

Dear Mrs. McKerrell:

I regret that it has been necessary to write to Mr. Byers, insisting on a change in the school engineer at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. I am enclosing a copy of the official letter to him. Would you be good enough to write to him also, informing him that he must give this important matter immediate consideration.

Yours very truly,

Encl.

  Duncan C. Scott

Mrs. D. T. L. McKerrell,  
Women's Missionary Society of the  
Presbyterian Church in Canada,  
19 Laws St.,  
Toronto 9, Ont.

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Cecilia Jeffrey School ,

Kenora , Ont. March 21st , 1930.

The Secretary ,

Dept. of Indian Affairs ,

Ottawa , Ont.

Dear Sir ,-

Re report from Engineer who visited the school recently and who reported unfavorably upon our Engineer as being not competent to look after the mechanical plant.

I wish to state that it was a rather unfortunate inspection . It was a condition which existed that day only. The Furnace room was untidy owing to the fact that it was the day on which the furnaces were being cleaned out . I have three of the older boys appointed to clean out the ashes and sweep the furnace room immediately after Breakfast. This is attended to daily without fail . This particular day the cleaning was left until the furnace was cleaned .

Re the pumps requiring packing it was our engineer who called the Inspector's attention to it. Our check valves were not holding and we had to order new ones. As we could not secure them locally we were obliged to send away for them and we were waiting for the valves before doing the packing. In fact it was not so much the need for packing as for new valves .

Re the chlorinating plant not being properly used - This was no fault of our engineer. Wallace and Tiernan will corroborate this statement that our engineer knows the Chlorinator plant in every detail. We did have the plant ready to operate when the pumps shut down in the Fall. Then when every thing was ready again the safety plug in the cylinder corroded through allowing the liquid gas to escape. This accident was entirely beyond our control and as Wallace and Tiernan stated might have occurred in any plant. The escaping gas certainly did a lot of damage and there is no telling just how far it will effect the plant. This was no neglect on our part , the gas could not be shut off , the only thing we could do was to disconnect the cylinder and carry it outside.

As regards fire hazards in the boiler room , we had a box containing the sweepings which are regularly burned. I do not consider there was any fire hazard however I have had the box removed.

Our engineer's work was very favorably commented on by such engineers as Campbell, of Campbell Heating Co.

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Robertson of Spencer Heating Co. and others.

He is a very trustworthy man and I would appreciate your giving him a further trial and see what a later inspection will prove regarding his suitability as an engineer.

I was away the day the engineer made his inspection and I feel that the conditions met with that day were very unusual and not a just basis upon which to judge our engineer. He spent two years as engineer in the old school at Shoal Lake.

I wish to lay this information before you and shall await your further ruling in the matter.

I remain ,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant ,

*E. W. Byers*

Principal.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA



OFFICE OF Kenora, Ont.  
INDIAN AGENT

March 22nd, 1930



Assistant Deputy Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter No.129-3-1 of the 17th instant informing me that the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey School had been asked to take immediate steps to secure a properly qualified Engineer, and that a recent report indicated that the chemical plant is not receiving proper care, and expert handling. I enclose a letter received yesterday from Mr. Byers, in reply to your letter to him. Mr. Byers is very averse to changing the Engineer who came to the Cecilia Jeffrey School at Shoal Lake some time ago and has been well spoken of by the previous staff and also by Mr. Byers. This young fellow was a student, and is wonderfully well liked as far as the school is concerned. Mr. Kelly, Boiler Inspector of Port Arthur, also spoke well of him and Mr. H.C.Lindsten of Wallace and Tiernan who installed the chlorinator, informed me the other day that he knew as much about the chlorinator as any man could know, and was a most efficient man. Mr. Byers does not wish to lose this Engineer as if he did he would probably also have to get rid of the Indian who is working with him, and he asks the Department if they will not reconsider their decision and keep him on. To have a proper qualified Engineer at the school the authorities would have to pay large wages, and they say this is impossible in view of the grant they get.

Mr. Gow of the Dominion Water Power Branch, who put in the report only visited the school once and his report is based on that visit. I personally think that the present Engineer will be alright but he has been working under a handicap. We have arranged, as advised by Mr. Orr, for the man in charge of the Town chlorinator plant to visit the school occasionally and inspect the plant. I would, therefore, recommend that for the present at least the Engineer be kept on.

Your obedient servant,

*Handwritten signature: R. A. Edwards*

Indian Agent

Eng.

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139-3-1.

Ottawa, March 29, 1930.

Madam:

I wish to refer to the Deputy Superintendent General's letter of the 17th instant, concerning the engineer at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. The Department is in receipt of a full report from Principal Byers and from Indian Agent Edwards, and it has been decided to give the present employee a further trial.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie*

A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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*gjm*  
Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll,  
Women's Miss. Society,  
Presbyterian Church,  
19 Laws St.,  
Toronto 9.  
Ont.

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, March 29, 1930.

Sir:

I have your 108-13 of the 22nd instant, with enclosure, concerning the qualifications of the engineer at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. In view of Mr. Byers' report and your recommendation, the Department has decided to give the present arrangement a further trial. Please inform Mr. Byers that the present engineer may remain for the time being but that he must bend every energy towards an intelligent handling of the mechanical plant.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie*  
A. F. MacKenzie,  
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

*Frank Edwards*  
Frank Edwards, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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MARGARET REID  
87 FEMBRIDGE ST.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
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SECRETARY  
MISS BESSIE MACMURCHY  
171 SOUTH DRIVE

19 Laws Street,  
TORONTO 9,

April 8th, 1930.

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Dr. Duncan C. Scott,  
Deputy Superintendent General,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Doctor Scott,-

Your letter in regard to the engineer at Cecilia Jeffrey School was received, and later your second letter authorizing me to give him another chance. I hope that he may measure up fully to this opportunity for improvement. He seems to be a very fine young man and to have a good influence over the boys, but if his other work is not satisfactory, we of course could not keep him for that alone. I do hope that he may be able to do his work in such a way as to satisfy both the Principal and the Department.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mary C. McTerroll  
Secretary, Indian Department.

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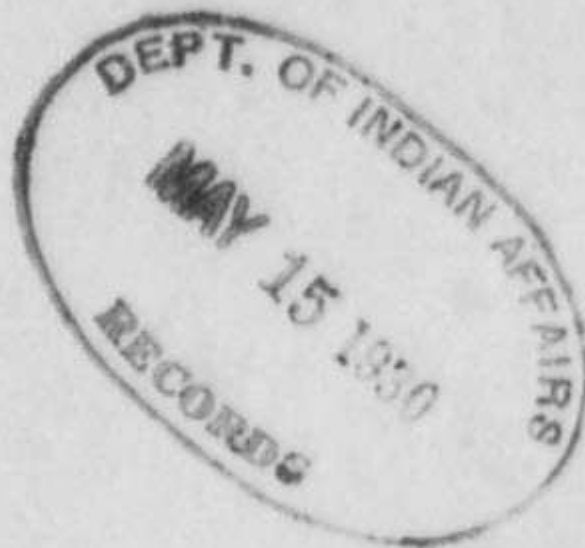
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SECRETARY  
ANDREW S. GRANT

ROOMS 708-9

TORONTO 2. May 14th, 1930.

Dr. Duncan P. Scott,  
Deputy Superintendent General,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.



Dear Dr. Scott:-

The following is an Extract Minute of the  
General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church  
in Canada, expressing their appreciation of the opening  
of the Indian School at Kenora:

"The General Board of Missions of The  
Presbyterian Church in Canada, having  
received the reports of the opening  
of the new Indian Residential School  
at Kenora, desire to place on record  
its gratitude and sincere appreciation  
to the Department of Indian Affairs  
for their making possible the splendid  
accommodation which the Church now has for  
its work in this School. We also desire  
to record our appreciation of the courtesy  
and spirit of co-operation shown by the  
Department in their undertaking. And  
further, we order that a copy of this  
resolution be forwarded to the Deputy  
Minister of the Department of Indian  
Affairs".

Yours sincerely,

*A. S. Grant*

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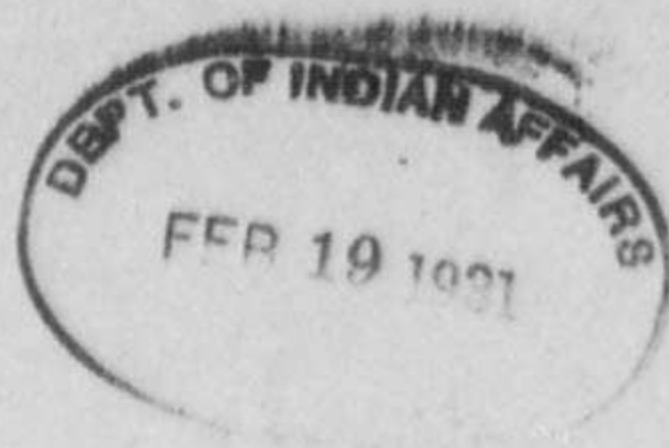
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February 19th, 1931.



MEMO FOR FILE:-

Re:- Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School.

In memo dated February 17th, 1931, on File 1-1-5, Mr. Orr states that there is air space for 136 pupils in this school. It should be noted that approximately 140 pupils could be accommodated.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OF CANADA

**Cecilia Jeffrey School**  
PRESBYTERIAN

W. BYERS  
PRINCIPAL

KENORA, ONT. March 5th. 1931.

Captain Frank Edwards,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

On several occasions Indians have asked me to buy from them Deer meat and also Moose meat. I was not certain just how this would be viewed by the Game Warden or other game authorities, and so have refused to take any.

They are always very sore when I do not buy and state that other schools always take it from them.

It would be very nice if we could give the children some Deer meat periodically as they have a longing for the wild meat.

I wish you would secure for me a ruling on this and ascertain if arrangements could be made to have Deer meat periodically for the Indian Children. They have always been accustomed to having the meat and I understand that the law allows Indians to have Deer meat for their own use, and as these are Indian children would it not be considered within the rights of the law to have meat occasionally for their use.

Awaiting to hear your instructions in regard to this matter,

I remain,

Sir,  
your obedient servant,

*W. Byers*  
Principal.

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CANADA

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OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT



Kenora, Ontario.  
March, 6th. 1931.



Dear Sir,

Inclosed please find a letter we have received from the Principal, of the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School, re. purchasing Deer and Moose meat from the Indians for the use of the Indian children at the School.

We understand that some years ago the Indian Schools here had authority to purchase meat for the Indian children, and we shall be glad if you will take this matter up, so we can reply to the Principal.

Your obedient servant,

*Kauk Edwards*

Indian Agent.

Assistant Deputy & Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa. Ontario.

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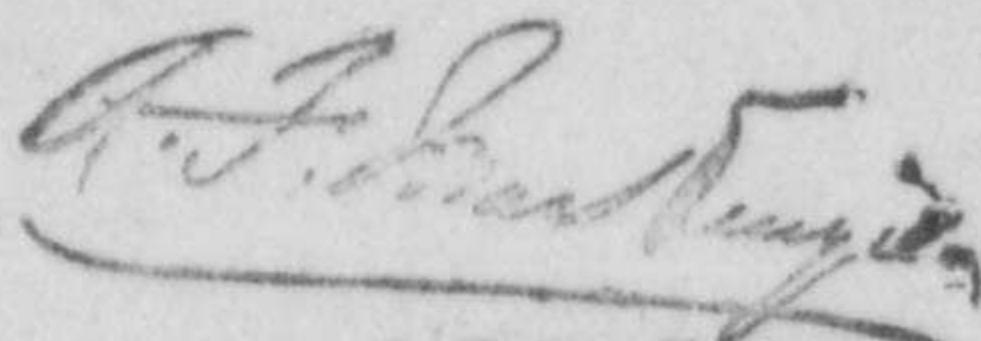
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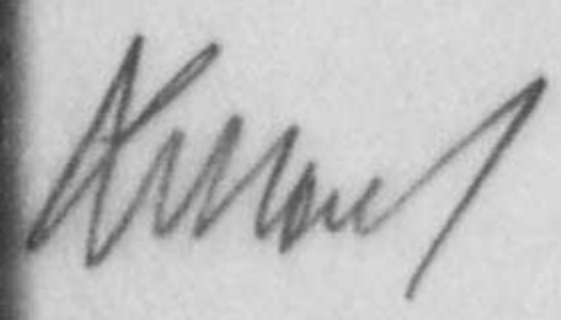
March 10, 1931.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith for your consideration copy of a letter that has been received from the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Kenora, Ontario, with reference to the desirability of obtaining a supply of deer and moose meat for the use of the Indian children at the school.

Your obedient servant,

  
A.F. MacKenzie,  
Secretary.

  
McDonald, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Game and Fisheries,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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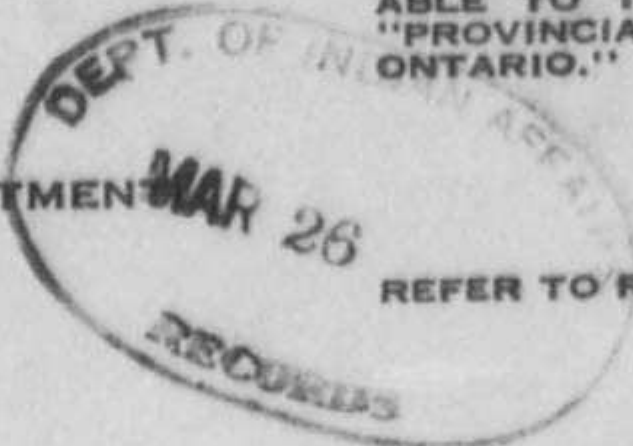
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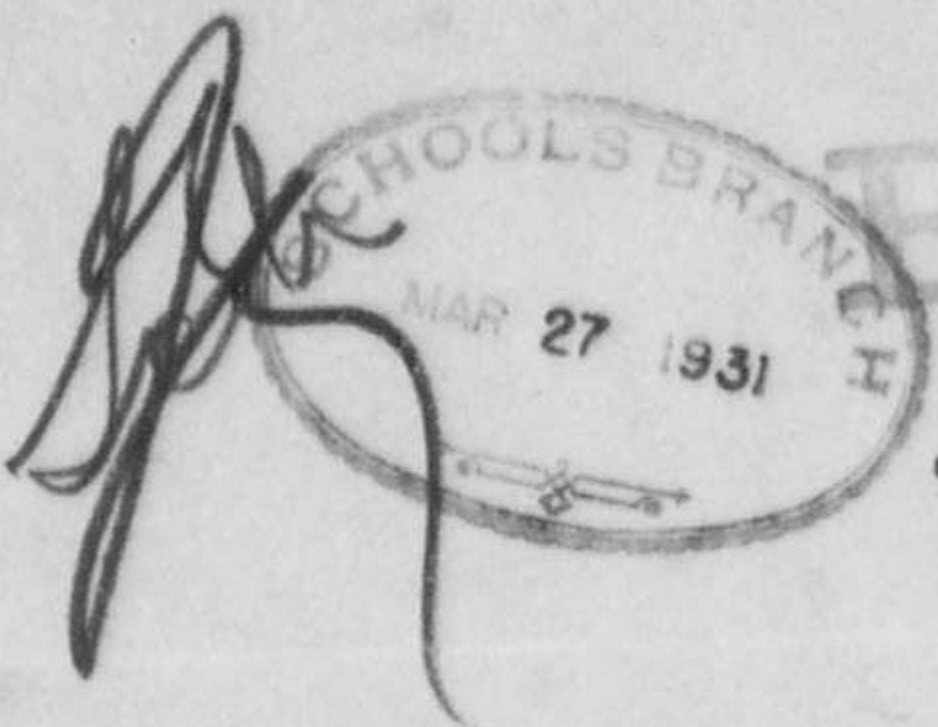
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GAME AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

ALL CHEQUES AND MONEY  
ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE PAY-  
ABLE TO THE ORDER OF THE  
"PROVINCIAL TREASURER OF  
ONTARIO."



REFER TO R. 143



Toronto 2, March 25, 1931.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, file #129-3-1, enclosing copy of letter received from Mr. E. W. Byers, Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School at Kenora. The present provisions of the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act contain no authority under which venison or moose meat could be purchased for the purpose of serving the Indian children attending this school.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Assistant to Deputy Minister.

A. F. MacKenzie, Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.,

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129-3-1.

Ottawa, March 27, 1931.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing a communication from the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School with reference to the purchase of deer and moose meat from the Indians for the use of the pupils at his school.

In reply I have to say that this matter was referred to the Ontario Game and Fisheries Department, Toronto, and the Assistant to the Deputy Minister states, in reply, that the present provisions of the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act contain no authority under which venison or moose meat could be purchased for the purpose of serving the Indian children attending this school.

Your obedient servant,

*A. F. MacKenzie*  
A. F. MacKenzie,  
Secretary.

*Frank Edwards*  
Frank Edwards, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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CECILIA JEFFREY RES. SCHOOL:-

Pupilage of 135 from April 1st, 1931.  
Agent Edwards advised regarding this by letter  
of July 14th, 1931, on File 129-3-3.

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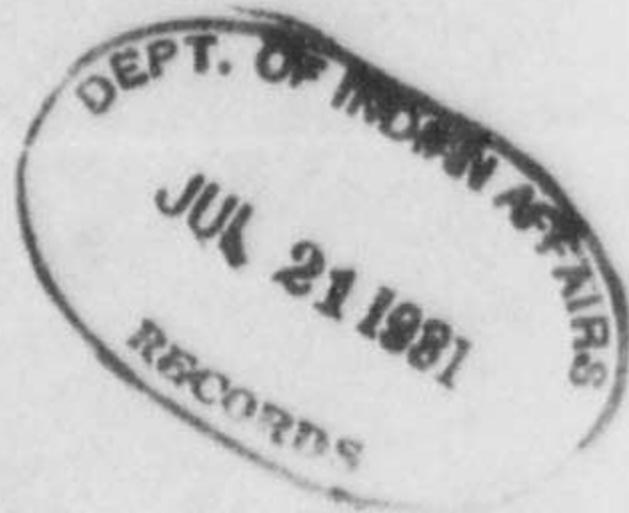
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Kenora, Ontario.  
July, 17th. 1931.



Dear Sir:

Some of the Indians have been objecting to their children at some of the Schools being baptized Christians, and mention was made particularly of the Cecilia Jeffrey School, where the Principal had some baptized Presbyterian, lately.

The Principal informs us that the children were asked to see their Parents and get permission, but apparently this was not done.

He also informs us that no pressure was brought to bear on the children, but they were baptized at their own request.

We would like to have a ruling re this, for future guidance.

Your obedient servant,

*Rank Edwards*

Indian Agent.

Assistant Deputy & Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

the Father and Mother of these girls belong to the Church of England and all the children baptized C.of E. and now baptized Presbyterian on June 19th.

*Baptisms of children should be approved by parents*

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Ottawa, July 23, 1931.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant, relative to the baptism by the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School of certain of the pupils who are in the school.

In reply I have to say that any baptisms of minor children should not be undertaken until the approval of the parents has first been obtained, and you will be good enough to inform the Principal accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

*A. P. Mackenzie*  
A. P. Mackenzie,  
Secretary.

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Kenora, Ontario.  
September, 21st. 1932.

Mrs. D. T. L. Mc.Kerroll,  
19 Laws Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Mc.Kerroll:

We wired you today, asking when Mr. Byers, would be back, as George Vaugh the Farm Instructor at the School was unfortunately drowned in Round Lake on Wednesday 14th. inst. The night before, he had married Miss Jamieson one of the Teachers. In the absence of Mr. Byers, and in conjunction with Mr. Davidson, I took charge.

It appears that Vaugh called the boys as usual to get in the cows at 5:30 A.M. and was last seen that morning, going towards the Barn. His Cap was found in the Lake that day, and dragging operations commenced, the body being recovered the next day. An enquiry was held by the Coroner and a Post-Mortum made, and death was caused by drowning. There is no evidence to show how he got in the Lake. Mrs. Vaugh, (Miss Jamieson)s Brother came here also the closest relative Mr. Charles Stewart, and Vaugh was buried in the soldier's plot in the Lake of the Woods cemetery, under the auspices of the Canadian Legion. Mr. Davidson and I were two of the Pall Bearers.

Mrs. Vaugh, naturally does not wish to stay at the School any longer, and is going to her home in B.C. but would like to see Mr. Byers before she goes. Mr. Byers will write you re this, on his return.

We are sorry for the unfortunate accident, and would like you to know of the splendid work and great kindnesses shown by Mr. Davidson and Miss Woods at the School. If Mr. Byers had been in charge, he could not have

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done any more than what was done and we think a letter of thanks to these members of the Staff, would show them that what they have done in this case, is appreciated by the Church.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

Indian Agent.

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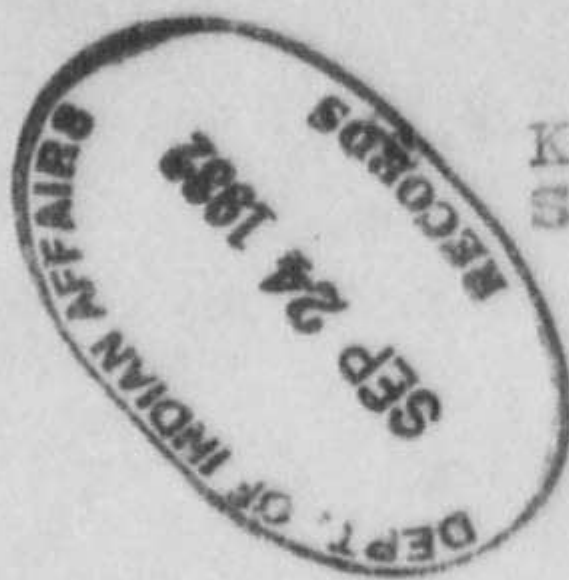
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OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT



Kenora, Ontario.  
September, 21st. 1932.

Dear Sir,

Inclosed please find copy of a  
letter we have sent to Mrs. Mc.Kerroll,  
of Toronto, in connection with an unfor-  
tunate accident at the Cecilia Jeffrey  
Residential School.

Your obedient servant,

*Frank Edwards*

Indian Agent.

*J. M.*

Assistant Deputy & Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

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