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No. ~~120 9 23~~

Department of Indian Affairs

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SANDY BAY R.C. RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

DEATH OF INDIAN PUPILS.

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126-9-23.

Ottawa, January 20, 1937.

Dear Sir:

The returns received from the Sandy Bay Indian Residential School for the December quarter show that pupil No. 0148, M. Bella Whitford, died on December 16th, last. The Department has not yet received the memorandum of enquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of this pupil.

You were instructed some time ago to inform the Principal that, when a pupil of a residential school dies, he should notify you at once. A supply of forms for this purpose was sent you, containing full instructions regarding the action that should be taken when a pupil dies. In future, when a pupil dies at a residential school in your agency, you should see that the instructions, as stated on the form, are immediately complied with.

JW

Please have the Principal of the Sandy Bay Residential School complete the form in the case of pupil No. 0148 and forward same to the Department, giving all the information requested. If you have not a supply of these forms on hand, you should requisition for same.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan
Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

J. Waite, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Portage la Prairie,
Man.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Died Dec. 16-36
0148 M. Bella Whitford
Shown on Dec. 16-36

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Maie Bella Whifford, Pupil No. 0148 of the Laney Bay Indian Residential School at Quarantuh, who died at her grandmother's (place) on December 16th 1936

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

FORM No. 414.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 6279, file 584-23, part 1)

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or ~~suffer injury~~? *end of June 1935*
2. At what time of day? *✓*
3. When and to whom did ~~he~~ or she report this illness or accident? *reported sick to
Rev. O. Chagnon at the end of June 1935*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *she was sent home to her grandmother's*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *cod liver oil
three times per day*
6. When was the doctor called? *Doctor Lewis saw the girl on many
occasions*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *not removed to hospital*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *she was sent home to recuperate*
9. Add any other useful information here.
*Was examined by Doctor Stewart of Kineth
Sanatorium August 2nd 1935 Report attached
herewith.*

O. Chagnon. O.B.S.
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Marie Bella Whitford from June 1935
to December 1936 or time of death. The immediate cause of death was.....

Broncho pneumonia

The contributory cause of death was..... Pulmonary

Tuberculosis

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil?..... yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions?..... yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

Instructions were carried out even to having child transported to medical clinic at Amaranth, Man. where X-ray plates were taken.

A. K. Lerner M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....

Marie Bella Whetford

have been recorded? *Yes* If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

✓

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

✓

No recommendations.

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Chairman—Indian Agent.

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WHELFORD Mary - Age 11; Grandmother Mrs. Mary Richard.

Cont. Father died of tuberculosis.
Hist. Has had cough and yellow sputum. Pain in left chest.
Exam. Physical signs and crepitations in left chest.
X-ray Patient breathed and it was difficult to read plate but there are definite shadows in upper 1/3 of the right lung and out from left root, the appearance suggesting active disease.
Diag. Far advanced active tuberculosis.
Concl. Should be in bed and take precautions with cough and expectoration to prevent spread of infection to others. Preferably she should be isolated. Replate in 6 months if possible.

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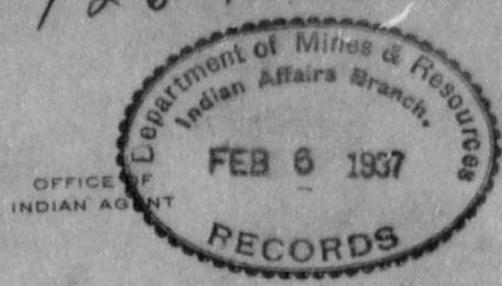
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

February 3,
1937.



File No. 40-10

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Portage la Prairie,
Manitoba.

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Sir, 126-9-23.

Reference your letter of the 20th ultimo, file above noted, I beg to enclose herewith report completed by the Principal and Doctor Lerner at a board held in the Sandy Bay Indian Residential School on Friday, January 29th 1937.

As this child died at home, I was not advised by the Reverend Principal.

The form is complete, and the board had no recommendations to make.

The Grandparents of the child were invited to attend, but did not do so.

I also enclose findings of Doctor Stewart at a clinic held at Amaranth August 2nd. 1935.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

Encls.

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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126-9-23.

Ottawa, February 8, 1937.

Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, enclosing memorandum of enquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of M. Bella Whitford, No. 0148, of the Sandy Bay Indian Residential School, who died on the 29th ultimo. The information contained in the report has been noted.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

 J. Waite, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Portage la Prairie,
Man.

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R. Arthur Mousseau.

Sandy Bay

Reserve.

Jan 30/37 3 a.m.

Patient was brought to hospital by Dr. A. R. Turner.

Operation of appendectomy performed,
lasting about 1/2 hour.

Findings: - appendix acutely inflamed
with some fluid in the abdomen.

During operation patient became quite
blue with some difficulty in respiration.
Patient recovered from anaesthetic
normally.

About 12 hours after the operation
child began to have great difficulty
with breathing & a weak pulse.

Patient became progressively worse
& died about 22 hours after his operation.
Examination of the chest was not indicative
of any particular disease. Cough was present
suggesting a complicating bronchitis.

W. A. Howden M.D.

1245 AM
Jan 31/37

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Arthur Mousseau, Pupil No. 166 of the Sandy Bay Indian Residential School at Sandy Bay Reserve who died at Nepeawa Hospital (place) on January 31st 1937

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *With Flu 22nd Jan 1937.*
2. At what time of day? *8 am. Friday morning 29th.*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *nurse*
in charge reported to Father & Doctor.
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Removed to hospital.*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *—*
6. When was the doctor called? *Immediately*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *By every means available*
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *—*
9. Add any other useful information here.

Olehaquon. O. W. L.
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Arthur Monseau from Jan. 29th /37
to Jan 30 /37 The immediate cause of death was.....

Acute Appendicitis
The contributory cause of death was..... Bronchitis

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil?..... Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions?..... Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

The above child complained of severe abdominal pain on the morning of the 29th of January and I was notified by the Principal, Father Chagnon that same morning which was as soon as one could be notified

A. Lerner M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....

Arthur Mousseau

have been recorded? *Yes*..... If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

*Yes on the revenue at the time the boy was ill.
A registered nurse was on duty at the time.
The boy was rushed to hospital by the most rapid conveyance possible, under the care of Doctor Levesque who accompanied him.*

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

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Chairman—Indian Agent.

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February 20,
1937.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
FEB 23 1937
RECORDS

File No. 40-10

Portage la Prairie,
Manitoba.

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Sir,

I enclose herewith form No.414 being an inquiry into the death of George Mousseau pupil No.166 Sandy Bay Indian Residential School.

This child died in the Neepawa Hospital on January 31st., and report by the operating physician is also attached.

I was at the school with Doctor Lerner at the time the boy was ill and authorized his immediate admission to hospital. No delay was incurred, rapid transportation was hired from the Reserve to the C.P.R. line at Westbourne.

A special board of inquiry was not called, as the facts of the case were known to all parties. The boy was illegitimate, and the mother was not on the Reserve at the time of illness.

Your obedient servant,

Encls.

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Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA.

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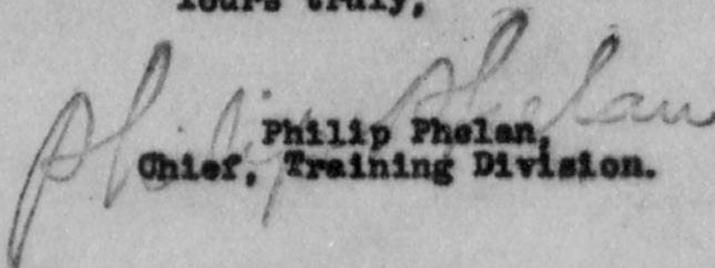
Ottawa, February 24, 1937.

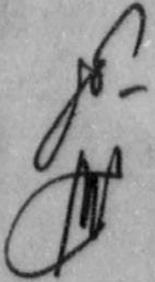
Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing memorandum of enquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of pupil No. 166, George Mousseau, of the Sandy Bay Indian Residential School.

It is noted that this boy died in the Neepawa Hospital and that every care and attention was given him during his illness.

Yours truly,


Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.



J. Waite, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Portage la Prairie,
Man.

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Ottawa, July 15, 1944.

Rev. J. Lemire, O.M.I. Principal, Sandy Bay Indian
Residential School, Marius, Man.

With reference to the June Quarterly
Return of the Sandy Bay Residential School,
we note that No. 0226 Philomene Melvor is
shown as having died in School. Kindly complete
the inclosed forms and return to this office.

The Department approves the discharge
of the following children:

gld

No. 0175	M. Flora Beaulieu
0185	Elizabeth McKay
216	Adam Beaulieu
217	Harry W. Houle

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of
Philomene McSor Pupil No. *0226*
of the *Sandy Bay* Indian Residential School at SANDY BAY INDIAN SCHOOL
MARIUS P.O. MANITOBA,
who died at (place) on *May 3rd* 19*44*

INSTRUCTIONS

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If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *May 3*
2. At what time of day? *3.15 hrs*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *Unconscious*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Call of nurse*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Could not take any medicine*
6. When was the doctor called? *Impossible to have doctor*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport?
8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *Transferred in infirmary under special care of graduated nurse*
9. Add any other useful information here.

J. Lennison
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended *Philomine McLean* from *3.15 P.M.*
to *10.20 P.M.* The immediate cause of death was *Epilepsy*
with complications of meningitis
The contributory cause of death was *Epilepsy*

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? *Yes*

Did they follow out your professional instructions? *Yes*

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express
your carefully considered views as follows:

St Madeline du Calvaire, J.M. M.D.

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L. P. P. P.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT



1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....

Philomene McIver,

have been recorded?..... If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

~~Board was held at Sandy Bay School June 27th. Guardian present. Child suffered from occasional epileptic fits of short and long duration. Suffered fit on May 3rd. in the afternoon, guardian called. The child fell into a coma and never recovered. Guardian wished to make no statement in the matter, felt that everything possible had been done.~~

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

~~Child admitted to school Sept. 1942. There is nothing on the admission form to show the child suffered epileptic fits. The child was examined by Doctor Kettlewell on Oct. 5/42 and the medical examination shows the child as normal. Very little can be done at the present time in having the doctor visit the school periodically, but I would suggest, that when times became again normal that a doctor visit the school twice a month.~~

R. P. P.

Chairman—Indian Agent.

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136-9-23

Ottawa,
August 1, 1944.

Mr. J. Waite, Indian Agent, Portage la Prairie, Man.

I am in receipt of memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Philomene McIvor, pupil No. 0226, Sandy Bay Residential School.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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