

DEPARTMENT Indian Affairs

LOCAL PURCHASE—ABSTRACT OF TENDERS

Tenders called 6 Dec 1924 by letter Due 8 Dec 1924 Opened 8 Dec 1924 by J.R. Brown

ARTICLES	FIRMS ASKED TO QUOTE	REMARKS
<u>and where for</u>	<u>Stanley</u>	
<u>Concessions</u>	<u>Beaver</u>	
<u>L.B. School</u>	<u>Laundry</u>	
<u>1 Washg Mach Power</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>235.00</u>
<u>30" x 36"</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>460.00</u>
<u>1 Extractor 26" Solid</u>		
<u>Curb</u>		
<u>4 Grand Jugs</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>99.00</u>
<u>2 Sets of 2 each</u>		
<u>1 Edge Hand Wrought</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>14.50</u>
<u>14" x 2 1/4"</u>		
<u>Tele. Mills</u>		
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<u>Curb</u>		

UNDERLINE TENDER ACCEPTED AND SHOW TOTAL VALUE OF ORDER GIVEN EACH FIRM

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

I recommend that lowest tenders, as underlined, which have been accepted, be approved—
tenders marked with circle not satisfactory, for reasons given in remarks column.

Signed: J.R. Brown
Dept. of Indian Affairs

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WINNIPEG

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145 MARKET ST EAST
WINNIPEG, CANADA.
(HEAD OFFICE)

Jan. 12 19 25

To **STANLEY BROCK LIMITED.** DR.

SOLD TO Dominion Government of Canada,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Lake Winnipeg Inspectorate
Vch
JAN 30 1925
3186
WINNIPEG, MAN.

TERMS

QUANTITY	YOUR ORDER NO	YOUR REQ'N NO	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	To prepaid freight on Laundry Machinery shipped to the Indian agent, Cowessess Reserve. Carload rate Toronto to winnipeg 2200 # @ cwt. \$1.01 Less than C.L. Winnipeg to Grayson 2200#			22.22 <u>30.20</u>	
	----Fifty two and 42/100 dollars only. Copies Expense Bill attached.				\$52.42
	----Authority. Order of Commissioner W.M. Graham				

Material supplied, work performed prices fair and just.

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EXAMINED
found correct.
CERTIFIED CORRECT
Inspector of Indian Agencies

W. G. FRASER: PRESIDENT

MAKERS OF FINE LAUNDRY FLAKE SOAPS

THE BEAVER SOAP CO. LTD.

SOAP AND CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS
LAUNDRY SUPPLIES

WINNIPEG - MAN. Jan. 3, 1925.

AGENTS- THE BEAVER LAUNDRY MACHINERY CO., LTD., TORONTO, ONT.

TELEPHONES: N-6321
N-6325

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SOLD TO The Dept. of Indian Affairs,
City.

Lake Winnipeg Inspectorate
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JAN 30 1925
3187
WINNIPEG, MAN.

CUSTOMER'S ORDER NO. EG

TERMS: 30 DAYS NET, 2% TEN DAYS FROM DATE OF INVOICE

2	only sets of 2 enamelled laundry tubs with 4 1/2" back	49.50	99 00 ✓	
1	only large size wringer, 14" roll		14 50 ✓	
	----One hundred and thirteen and 50/100 dollars only.			113 50 ✓
	----Authority. Order of Commissioner W.M. Graham Shipped freight prepaid via C.P.R. to Indian Agent, Cowessess Reserve, Grayson Station, Sask.			

COMMISSIONER
FEB 17 1925
1309

Material supplied, work performed prices fair and just.

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(HEAD OFFICE)

Dec. 24,

19 24

TO **STANLEY BROCK LIMITED.** DR.

SOLD TO **The Dominion Government of Canada,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.**



12045

TERMS **Indian Agent, Indian School, Cowessess Reserve.**

QUANTITY	YOUR ORDER NO.	YOUR REQ'N NO.	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
1					
	30" x 36" Globe Wood Washer, one door in cylinder, 1 door in tub, single geared, Belt End Driven - - - - -			200.00	
1					
	26" Solid Curb Extractor, Angle Attached, C.S. - - - - -			450.00	
----Six hundred and fifty dollars only					650.00
----Authority.					
Order Commissioner W.M. Graham					
F.O.B. Toronto, Ont.					

Material supplied, work performed prices fair and just.

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 23 1925
RECORDS

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 304-11A
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

W. M.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

REGINA, SASK., Feb. 20th, 1925

Sir:

I beg to forward herewith, together with abstract of tenders, and recommend for payment Winnipeg Inspectorate vouchers as undermentioned representing the cost of the power washing equipment purchased for the Cowessess Boarding School under Department authority #108-2-5 dated the 18th November last, namely;

#3185	Stanley Brock Ltd., Equipment	\$650.00
#3186	Stanley Brock Ltd., Freight	52.42
#3187	The Beaver Soap Co. Equipment	113.50

Your obedient servant,

Self

W. M. Graham
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W. M. Graham
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

ACCOUNTANTS
FEB 15 1925
BRANCH

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WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR GOODS LOST IN THE MAILS

ALL CHEQUES MUST BE MADE PAYABLE AT PAR IN REGINA OR EXCHANGE ADDED.



1402 ROSE STREET
REGINA, SASK.
CANADA.

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May 9, 1925.

Dept. Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, ONT.

Vote #7.
Treaty #4.

BOUGHT OF

WESTERN SCHOOL SUPPLY, LIMITED

SCHOOL EQUIPPERS

AGENTS FOR
THE PRESTON BALL BEARING DESKS, ALSO HYLOPLATE BLACKBOARD
GLOBES, MAPS AND KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES

Express Prepaid

3270

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Slates #102 8x12

3.75

15.00 ✓

Express Charges prepaid

1.35 ✓

\$ 16.35

**EXAMINED. and
found correct.**
R. E. Osborne

Shipped to: Rev. J. Carriere,
Grayson, Sask.

Ordered by R.E. Osborne,
Indian Agent,
Crooked Lake,
Broadview, Sask.

Voucher #3532

915 23 5 2
Certified correct, service
rendered charges fair and just.

R. E. Osborne
Indian Agent.

Price as per Catalogue

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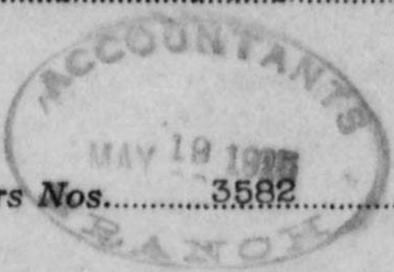
Order No.....

Office of the Crooked Lake Indian Agency,

Out

Broadview, Sask. May 14th 1925

Sir,



I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 3582

amounting to \$ 16.35 in favour

of Western School Supply Ltd., Regina, Sask.

for Slates for Cowessess School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 108-2-4 dated April 15th, 1925.

Schools

Your obedient servant,

R. Osborn

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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(Copy)

INDIAN OFFICE

Crooked Lake Indian Agency
Sept. 12th, 1925

Dear Sir:-

I beg to state that while visiting the Cowessess Boarding School, the condition of the front steps was brought to my attention, and I would advise that these are in need of repair and painting, and I would ask if authority would be given to purchase the material and paint necessary at a cost of about \$75.00, in order that the work may be done this fall. This item was not in the Estimates.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) John E. Pugh
Indian Agent.

W.M.Graham, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 304-11A

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

D REGINA, SASK., Sept. 18th, 1925

R

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter that I received from our Indian Agent at Crooked Lake which speaks for itself.

It seems to me that repairs of this kind should be done by the school authorities themselves, but my own impression is that they do not intend from now on to do any minor work around the schools, and the Department have themselves to blame for this situation. I do not think you have made it quite clear to the school authorities what they are expected to do, and requests of this kind are going to come in by the hundred as time goes on.

Repairs of this kind should be done by the sch management without cost to the Dept.

W.M.G.

Kindly let me know what you wish done in the matter.

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham

W. M. Graham,
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, September 22, 1925.

304-11-A

SIR,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Agent Pugh, regarding certain repairs required to the front steps of the Cowessess Indian Residential School.

In reply I beg to say that the Department considers repairs of this kind should be done by the school management without cost to the Department.

Please inform the agent accordingly in order that he may notify the principal.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Act. Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

W. M. Graham
W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Regina, SASK.

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(Original on 55996-9.)

Ottawa, February 3rd, 1926.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing a request from the Principal of the Cowessess Indian Residential School to be supplied with a number of fire extinguishers. In making this request, it is noted that the Principal states as follows: -

"I would advise that when we had the fire at this school on the 13th of November, 1925, we used up our number 12 small ones, and this we found was not enough to cope with the fire and had to resort to water, but I am satisfied that the extinguishers are very good."

This is the first intimation the Department received that a fire occurred at this school. I have to request that you will furnish a report stating fully the cause of the fire, the location of same and the damage caused, if any. It is considered that a matter of this nature should have been promptly reported to the Department, giving full particulars. If you reported the fire to Mr. Commissioner Graham, I shall be pleased to have a copy of your letter.

The Principal states that 12 small fire extinguishers were used up during the fire. Does this mean that the chemical in these extinguishers only was used, and, if so, would it not be satisfactory if a new supply of chemical is furnished? Please state the number, size and type of the extinguishers at present in the school, and whether you could arrange to obtain any chemical refills that may be required. When we have full information as to the condition and number of the extinguishers at present on hand, consideration will then be given to authorizing the supplying of a further number of new extinguishers.

Please give the information asked for regarding the fire, and the number and condition of the extinguishers on hand, as early as possible.

Your obedient servant,

J. E. Pugh, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Broadview, Sask.

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



Crooked Lake

Broadview, Sask., Feby 12th 1926

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO No. 41/ ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

[Handwritten signature]

R

Sir,—

COPY Placed on File 55996-9

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter #55996-9 dated Feby 3rd, 1926 in reference to a fire which occurred at the Cowessess Indian Residential School on the 13th November, 1925, and in reply I beg to state I have not officially reported this fire to the Department or the Indian Commissioner, I only reported the fire in my December report.

I would state that I was not notified by the Principal and I received my information of the fire one week after its occurrence from the Commissioner's office in Regina. I saw the Principal at this time and he advised me that he notified his Head Quarters and they were to notify the Department, and I therefore let matters stand at that and only made mention of the fire in my report for December.

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In regard to the fire I would advise that the source of it was brought to light yesterday the 11th Feby, when after receiving the Department's letter, I made it my business with R.C.M.P. to pick up an Ex-pupil, Jimmy Kesecapew, 17 years of age, of whom I had had reports of behavior around reserves, and also from information obtained from the school, and after a considerable time the boy was brought in to the office here, and the R.C.M.P. Sgt. Richardson took an admission of guilt that he set the fire in the Electric Shop, using gasoline out of a pail and pouring it in between the walls, and firing paper. One other boy was with him, Sampson Peltier, age 15 years.

John K - no. 70
Arch Jan 1/26

The location of the fire was in the wall of the Electric Shop, Laundry and Boiler room, the damage consisted of the wall only, to the ceiling, and some belting. No other damage was done.

Arch of 1/17
showing been away from school

The fire was got under control by chemicals and water. All the children were gotten out safely by the fire escapes in a few minutes. The whole building was enveloped in smoke, but fortunately did not flame as all doors were kept shut. The Electric Shop, Laundry and boiler room are in a lean to on to the proper building.

Admitted for 1/17
in school 8 1/2 yrs

I understand that insurance has been paid for the damage caused, and I note that the partition burnt out has been rebuilt in concrete.

In regard to the extinguishers I would advise that they have 12 small hand Pyrene extinguishers. There have been eight refilled and chemical is being supplied for the other four, but the number is thought to be inadequate, hence the request for a further supply. The condition of those on hand is good.

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In regard to the boy apprehended for this fire I beg to advise that Sgt. Richardson has this boy in custody and is taking the matter up through his Head quarters in Regina and Indian Commissioner Graham. It is however my recommendation that the boy be sent to a Reformatory as I consider he is a dangerous boy to be at large.

I trust this is the information desired and regret that I was neglectful in not reporting the matter properly, but I have no doubt that the Department will understand the position I was in, through not having the co-operation of the Principal in the matter of reporting.

Your obedient servant,

T. S. Tugh

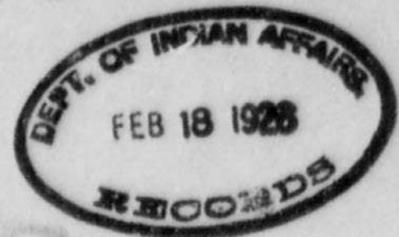
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Dept. Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 304-11A
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

D REGINA, SASK., Feb. 15th, 1926

Sir:-

I have before me a copy of Agent Pugh's letter of the 12th instant addressed to the Department, regarding a fire at the Cowesses R.C. Indian Residential School in December last.

I may say I read in the paper that a fire had taken place at this institution, but have never had any report from the Principal of the school, which I think should have been sent here. Whether the building is the property of the Department or the Church it seems to me that a matter of this kind should be brought to the attention of the Department's officers in the field at once.

My reason for writing is that the Police Department have the boy, Jimmy Kesecopew, apprehended, and on my instructions he is being examined as to his sanity, as it is thought that he might be mentally deficient, and after this examination takes place it will be decided whether he should be sent to an asylum or a home for incorrigible boys. Do you not think that the Principal made a serious mistake in letting this boy leave the school, when he knew the kind of lad he was.

I am not writing to the Principal asking him to report the matter again, but I would request that the Department do so, as we must keep in touch with what is going on.

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



W.M. Graham,
Indian Commissioner.

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Ottawa, February 19, 1926.

Sir:

I have your 41 of the 12th instant, with reference to the fire at the Cowessess Indian Residential School. I note that the Rev. Principal did not officially notify you. I have to inform you that this institution was recently acquired by the Crown, and, in future, anything of interest to the Department should be the subject for an early inspection, if necessary, and a report. I am writing to the Rev. Principal, concerning his failure to direct to you a report in connection with the fire.

I note your recommendation that action be taken concerning Jimmy Kesecoapew. Mr. Commissioner Graham reports that he is already apprehended and is being examined with a view to sending him to a suitable institution. I shall be pleased if you will inform me when this boy, who is an ex-pupil of the Cowessess School, was allowed to go home and indicate if the Rev. Principal knew he was incorrigible or dangerous. Is this lad the one who is shown on the quarterly returns as John Kesecoapew, No. 70?

You will receive another communication with reference to the fire extinguishers.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. E. Pugh
J. E. Pugh, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Broadview, Sask.

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Ottawa, February 19, 1926.

Sir:

I have your 304-11A of the 15th instant, stating that the Rev. Principal of the Cowessess Indian Residential School did not report to you a recent fire. I am writing the Rev. Principal, informing him that such matters should be reported to the Indian agent at once. I wish to inform you that the Department has now just completed the transfer of this institution to the Crown.

I note that you are taking steps to have Jimmy Kesecopew placed in a suitable Institution or Home. I am corresponding with the Indian Agent concerning the circumstances surrounding the discharge of this boy.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean
J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

over

W. M. Graham
W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

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Ottawa, February 20, 1926.

Reverend Sir:

It has been drawn to my attention that you did not officially report a fire at the Cowessess Indian Residential School during the month of November, last. I wish to inform you that this is a matter of interest to the Department and should have been reported, without delay, to the Indian Agent.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN *over*

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. Carriere
J. D. McLean
Rev. J. Carriere, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Cowessess Indian Residential School,
Marieval, via Grayson,
Sask.

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The Commissioner,
Dept., of Indian Affairs,
REGINA, Sask..

FORWARDED for your information.
Please advise me what action you
wish taken against this boy; he
is apparently bent on burning
down the school, and is dangerous
to be at large. It is possible
that he is mentally deficient. I
am having him held until I hear
from you.

supt..

M/L. A.B. Allard,
O.C. southern Sask. District.
Regina, Sask., 13-2-26.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ont..

FORWARDED for your information.
I have instructed sergt. Richardson
to lay a charge of Arson against
this Indian, so as to enable him
to hold him legally for further
investigation.

M/L. *A.B. Allard* Supt..
A.B. Allard,
O.C. Southern Sask. District.
Regina, Sask., 13-2-26.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Southern Saskatchewan District.

Broadview Detachment.
February 12th 1926.

Crime Report

Re - JIMMY KESECOPEW, Sakimay Indian Reserve,
Crooked Lakes Agency, Broadview, Sask.

Case File.

District.

78-490

On the 26th January 1926 I was on patrol in company with Mr. J. S. Pugh, Indian Agency, Crooked Lakes Agency, and on talking to Father Carriere, the Principal of the Roman Catholic Indian Residential ~~xxxx~~ School at Crooked Lake, learned that a fire had occurred at the school on the morning of the 13th ~~xxxx~~ November 1925, under very suspicious circumstances, and that damage to the extent of about \$600.00 was done, before it was put under control. It was thought by Father Carriere that Jimmy Kesecopew, a pupil of the school, had started the fire. This youth who is about 17 years of age, was discharged from the School by Father Carriere, just before Christmas, on account of thieving, breaking out of school, could not be trusted and was setting a very bad example to the other children attending. Mr. Pugh and myself interviewed some of the elder boys at the school, with a view of finding out who started the fire. The only thing we were able to get, was that the boys thought Jimmy had started the fire, and that on several occasions he had broken out of school at night, and stolen ~~xxxx~~ certain small articles. We learned that Jimmy was away from the Reserve, visiting his sisters on The Little Bones Reserve at Crescent Lake, South of Yorkton, Sask. so we decided to await his return to the Sakimay Reserve & then interview him. On the 11th February I was informed by Mr. Pugh that this boy had called at his office, and had detained him, so that I could interview him. Mr. Pugh drove me to the Agency per private auto, and I obtained the following statement, of Jimmy Kesecopew :-
I am an ex-pupil of the R.C. School at Crooked Lake, ~~xxxx~~ Indian Reserve, and am seventeen and a half years old. I was discharged from the School about ~~xxxx~~ months ago. I have got up in the middle of the night on several occasions, whilst at the school, and was caught by Father Carriere once, coming down the stairs. I stole ~~xxxx~~ leggings belonging to the school, by breaking a ~~xxxx~~ on the cupboard door. Joe Williams was with me the ~~xxxx~~ when Father Carriere caught us on the stairs. ~~xxxx~~ 24 prior to the summer holidays, I tried to set ~~xxxx~~ to the school by lighting a roll of toilet paper in the dormitory. The paper burnt out before it had ~~xxxx~~ fire to the building. One night in November 1925 I ~~xxxx~~ with Samson Pelletier (another pupil) and we ~~xxxx~~ stairs, when I set fire to the school. We went ~~xxxx~~ stairs, into the dining room, through the kitchen ~~xxxx~~ boiler room. I went up on the roof of the ~~xxxx~~, which is a lean-to, against the school proper, ~~xxxx~~ and matches. I could not find a place to ~~xxxx~~, so got down and went back to the boiler ~~xxxx~~ Samson was. I got a can of coal oil or gaso- ~~xxxx~~ sprinkled it on the board partition between the ~~xxxx~~ shop and the boiler room. I climbed up on the

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bricks atop of the boiler, and pushed some paper into the corner of the boards, and then set a light to the paper. I waited to see if it had got a good start and after about 15 minutes returned to the dormitory. A little smoke was coming into the dormitory. Samson was with me all the time. We were in stocking feet. Gabriel Accosse was awake and then the children were all filed out. We were away about an hour from the dormitory. The reason I set light to the school was on account of Brother McDonald struck me on the nose and knocked me over, because I swore at him. This made me sore. Father Carriere also strapped me and it also made me sore. I made up my mind that on account of the whippings, that I would set fire to the School."

(Signed) Jimmy Kesecapew.

On learning the above, Mr. Pugh, the Interpreter, Jimmy & myself proceeded to the R.C. School at Crooked Lake, where I obtained the following statement from Samson Pelletier, who stated as follows :-

"I am a pupil of the Roman Catholic Residential School at Crooked Lake. I am an Indian boy and am 15 years of age. I know Jimmy Kesecapew, he used to be a pupil at the school. I remember the night of the fire it was before Christmas. I woke Jimmy up this night on his suggestion, about 2 o'clock. I came downstairs with Jimmy, he was in stocking feet and I was barefoot. We went down to the electric room. I was with him all the time. He had a pail of something in his hand, and then poured some between the laths & walls and then set light to it with a match. It had started to blazz, and after a few minutes we returned to the dormitory. There was a little smoke in the boys dormitory when we got there. We went to bed. I saw Jimmy wake up the boys. I think he spoke to Gabriel Accosse. I have not spoken to anybody about the fire until today."

(Signed) Samson Pelletier.

I then obtained a statement from Father Carriere as follows :- I am the Principal of the Roman Catholic Residential School at Crooked Lake, Sask. About 3.34 p.m. of the 13th November 1925 I was notified by Brother Faford, that there was a fire at the school. I went to the dormitories, and in the boy's dormitory there was a little smoke. There was no smoke in the boys girls dormitory. On my instructions the girls were got out of the building by the fire escape. The boys at this time were out. I then went to the electrical shop where the fire was, where I saw some of the staff and some of the elder boys, hauling water to put out the fire. All the fire extinguishers were used. Damage was done to petitions, ceilings and some of the machinery etc. to the amount of about \$600.00. The insurance was \$525.00. The fire was very quickly put out, and it was a wonder the whole school did not burn. I phoned the head office at Winnipeg about the fire. I did not suspect anybody at the time of the fire. Since the fire a guard has been placed around the building at night. The doors as far as I know were locked on the night of the fire. Jimmy Kesecapew, an ex-pupil was discharged from the School on account of not being able to trust him. He was a dangerous example to the other pupils. (Signed) J. Carriere. Principal

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I then learned from Father [redacted] guard who was on night duty, about a [redacted] the fire had heard someone run across the roof of the leanto, and on looking around outside, saw some person in the distance, but could not get near him. This guard was armed ~~with~~ but he did not shoot at the object. In order to clear up this point to find who would be around at this time of night, I again interviewed Jimmy Kesecoapew, and he stated that about a week after the fire he again came down and went outside on the roof of the building, climbed on to the roof with some paper saturated with gasoline to start a fire, but did not do same on account I had no matches. The paper was thrown away. I also learned from Father Carriere that the wood pile which at that time was against the end of the leanto had been either sprinkled with gasoline or coal oil. I then interviewed Joseph William, another pupil of the school who stated that Jimmy and he had broke out of the school one night, and wandered over the Reserve and returned before the other boys had arose. On another occasion they had gone down to steal leggings from the cupboard. Mr. Pugh informs that Jimmy admits the theft of two sets of harness from Indian farmers, one of which he cut up to make whips with. This boy's mother is a widow, and lives on the Sakimay Reserve, and apparently has no control over him. He wanders from place to place, and gets a meal where he can. Last fall he was brought back by Mr. Pugh & myself from Crescent Lake for running away from the School. It appeared to both myself and Mr. Pugh that this boy is dangerous to be at large, so I detained him and brought him to Broadview, where he is now still in my charge.

As will be seen by the above this is the third attempt to burn down this School by this boy Jimmy Kesecoapew. In the second attempt it was very lucky it was got under control, as if it gone very quick, there is no doubt there would have been some loss of life. He was also very lucky that the guard did not shoot, ~~xxxx~~ when he was around the building about a week after the fire. All the doors were locked and the only way he could have got out of the building was by the fire escape, and there is no doubt this is the way he returned.

The other boy Sam Pelletier had nothing to do with the fire, outside of accompanying Jimmy. He has a very good reputation in the school and ~~xxxx~~ He thought Jimmy was on one of his escapades, and after he saw what Jimmy had done he was scared he would be implicated, and did not say a word about ~~xxxx~~ what he knew. Mr. Pugh gave him a good lecture about this, which had a good effect.

I will detain this boy [redacted] by telephone, and await instructions.

The Officer Commanding,
R.C. Mounted Police,
Southern Sask. District.
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THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
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Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Office of the Commissioner,

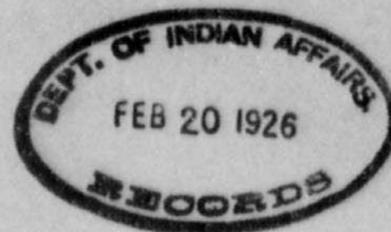
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Ref. No. 25 D 511-1 G 1

Ottawa, February 18th, 1926.

Sir:—

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Re- Jimmy Kesecoapew, Arson at Roman Catholic
Indian Residential School, Crooked
Lake, Sask.

I beg to enclose herewith,
for your information, copy of a report dated the
12th instant as received from the Officer Command-
ing, Southern Saskatchewan District, in connection
with the above.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Cortlandt Starnes,
Commissioner.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, February 20, 1926.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, your 25 D 511-1 G 1 of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of a report concerning the apprehension of Jimmy Kesecoapew, who is charged with arson at the Cowessess Indian Residential School, Marieval, Sask.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Handwritten signature: Cortlandt Starpes
Cortlandt Starpes, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
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S P E C I F I C A T I O N S .

of

C O L D S T O R A G E

for

THE COWESSES INDIAN BOARDING
SCHOOL, MARIEVAL, VIA
GRAYSON - SASKATCHEWAN.

June 1922.

Plan 481.

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SPECIFICATIONS OF LABOUR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED IN
THE ERECTION AND COMPLETION OF A COLD STORAGE FOR
THE COWESSES INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL, MARIEVAL, VIA
GRAYSON, SASK., ACCORDING TO PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
PREPARED FOR SAME BY THE ARCHITECT OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

CHARACTER OF WORK.

All of the various works to be executed in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and of the best materials and workmanship of their several kinds, in accordance with the drawings, specifications and instructions given from time to time; and all of the said works are to be carried out and completed to the full and entire satisfaction of the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, through the intermediary of his Architect or authorized Supervisor.

CERTIFICATES.

Certificates will be issued and payment made on the contract at the rate of 90% of the value of the work done, balance to be paid 30 days after the full and satisfactory completion of the work.

SITE.

All parties tendering must examine the site on which the building is to stand, prior to sending in their tenders, and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the same, and obtain for themselves any and all information respecting any work required, before building

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building operations can be started, as no after-claim will be allowed or entertained for any work necessary to remove obstructions in order to commence operations.

All parties tendering before sending in their tenders must ascertain for themselves the nature of the materials to be excavated and the amount of grading and nature thereof in accordance with specifications. The Department does not guarantee any information furnished the Contractor regarding the nature of the material to be excavated.

SUPERVISION.-

The Contractor is to give his personal supervision to the work, to set out the work to the correct dimensions and position on the site and to proper level, and to furnish all necessary materials, labour, apparatus, scaffolding, and utensils required in or used for performing the work in the best and most satisfactory manner according to the drawings and these particulars prepared for same.

There should be a competent foreman on the work continually during working hours, who shall be fully empowered to act for the Contractor during his absence.

MATERIAL AND WORKMANSHIP.-

All materials used in the work to be Canadian (that is if they can be obtained in Canada) and to be new and of the best quality of the several kinds.

Should the Contractor introduce any material different from the sort and quality herein described, it shall, on notice, be immediately removed at the Contractor's expense at any time during the progress of the works.

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WAGES,-

Intending for the work herein contemplated, the tenderers when called upon to enter into a contract, will be bound to pay the workmen engaged in said work, wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is being carried out, and the said tenderers after having signed the contract will be held and bound to conform themselves to the wording and spirit of this clause. All workmen employed upon the work comprehended in and to be executed pursuant to the said contract, shall be residents of Canada, unless the Superintendent General is of the opinion that Canadian labour is not available, or that emergencies or other special circumstances exist which render it contrary to public interest to enforce the foregoing conditions in respect to the employment of resident Canadian workmen. The Contractors shall not assign or sublet this contract without the written consent of the Superintendent General first obtained, providing, however, that the Contractors may sublet such portions of the work herein contracted for as is customary and usual in the construction of such works, but the Department will not in any way be held liable for the payment of any moneys due to any sub-contractors, and the Contractors shall be held responsible for the proper performance of every portion of the work herein contracted for.

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INTERPRETATION,-

The work to be executed in the best and most satisfactory manner according to the true intent and meaning of the plans and specifications, which are intended to include everything requisite and necessary for the full and entire completion of the works without exception, notwithstanding that every item necessarily involved in the works is not particularly mentioned, and work shown and not specified or vice versa, is to be done as if both shown and specified.

Any work or material obviously necessary for the proper completion of the work, although not specified herein, is to be done or supplied by the Contractor without additional charge, it being understood that the amount of the tender covers everything necessary for a complete and first-class job.

ADDITIONS OR DEDUCTIONS,-

No deviations from the plans or specifications will be permitted without the direct consent of the Department in writing, and no extras will be considered unless authorized by the Department in writing, and the prices agreed on before the work is commenced. Extra work, and deductions, if any, to be at the rate paid for the original contract.

Should the Department at any time during the progress of the works desire any alterations, additions, or omissions, from the work as provided for in the plans and specifications, the Architect, with the approval of the Deputy Superintendent General, shall have the right to issue orders and directions in the matter, and the same

same shall in no way affect or make void the contract. No such alterations, additions or omissions shall be instituted, without authority in writing.

RESPONSIBILITY,-

The Contractor shall be held liable for all violation of laws caused by obstruction of roads, etc., and must give the proper authorities all requisite notice and pay any fees or expenses in connection therewith, and shall be responsible for all accidents to workmen engaged about the building during construction, and hold the Department harmless from any damage or expense arising therefrom. The work during its performance to be properly protected by the Contractor who will be held responsible for all accidents that may happen to individuals or animals in the consequence of the non-fulfilment of this condition.

The Contractor at completion to remove all waste material and debris from the premises and shall leave all clean and in a proper condition and given up in a complete and undamaged state without exception.

Should any question arise as to the meaning of any portion of the plans or specifications, the same shall be referred to the determination of the Architect of this Department, and his decision shall be final without exception.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

MASONRY.

EXCAVATION

Excavate to the depth, form and size as shown on plan for all walls and drains. Excavation to be made one foot larger than walls, etc., to allow for footings and the building up of walls.

GRADING -

The excavated earth will be stacked on the lot and levelled at completion to the grade directed and required, firmly tamping the earth solid around all walls.

FOOTINGS,-

The concrete foundation walls to have a footing course of concrete 8" thick and projecting at least 6" on each side of wall above.

FORMS,-

Build forms of the dimensions of footing courses and wall where shown. The forms to be erected straight, level and perpendicular, and to be strongly supported and braced.

WALLS,-

Build walls of the height and thickness shown formed of grout, composed of 1 part of Canada Cement Company's Portland cement, 2 parts of clean sharp sand, and 4 parts of clean washed screened gravel or broken stone to a size that will pass through a 2½" ring and a sufficient quantity of clean water to make the mass of the consistency of mortar.