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have all been before you from
time to time, as received.

I observe that the Anglican
Bishop of Saskatchewan and
Calgary and the Roman Catho-
lic Bishop of Saskatchewan
have applied for no less than
three Industrial Schools within
their dioceses, and all of them
at points near one to the other,
namely, at Prince Albert,
Carlton and Duck Lake. I
should say that if any of these
applications were entertained
an Industrial School at Prince
Albert would be quite suf-
ficient for all Indian pupils
of the Eastern part of the Sas-
katchewan district.

I wish regard to the addition
 of per capita allowance to
 the D. C. Benicase Industrial
 School, or rather that the
 present per capita allowance
 of \$100.00 should be extended
 to 80 instead of limited to 60
 pupils, as it is at present,
 at La Raine N.Y. spoke to me
 about this during the present
 season. I think that, provided
 they have 80 pupils and suf-
 ficient cooking capacity for
 them, that the Department
 might properly extend the
 per capita principle to the 80
 pupils.

The application for aid to

the Roman Catholic Boarding
 school at Lac la Piche is, as
 you are aware, an old matter;
 and, as you also know we can
 tribute already \$300.00 per an-
 num towards the present
 school at that point.

4. As respects the aid asked
 for towards the establishment
 of a Roman Catholic Boarding
 school on Lac, I consider
 that the Department might
 properly grant the application
 with regard to the appli-
 cation for the enlargement of
 the High River Industrial School
 so as to accommodate 100
 pupils, the Commissioner

need strongly supports this
 application. The Blackwell
 and Blooms have at last de-
 cided to send their children
 to the institution, and there is,
 therefore, now no difficulty
 in obtaining pupils. I think
 that it would be advisable to
 provide for the enlargement
 of the building. The present
 number of pupils in residence
 is 42, but the accommodation
 is even now very cramped,
 the hospital having had to
 be converted into dormitories.
 I should think that if the
 sum of \$10,000⁰⁰ were included

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 in the estimates to cover the suggested enlargement, and the increased cost of maintenance of the additional 28 pupils, it would be sufficient: say \$4000⁰⁰ for building, and \$3000⁰⁰ for maintenance.

With regard to Mr Wilson's application for the establishment of an institution at Medicine Hat, you have already declined to entertain the same, and Mr Wilson has been so informed.

The application of Bishop Bourque for the establishment of an Industrial School at

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 The Kenge River was refused
 by you last year, but the
 figures are placed in the
 statement herewith.

8 With regard to the ap-
 plication of the Bishop of
 Quappelle for a Boarding
 School to be established at
 Anchorage Hills, at a cost
 of \$5000⁰⁰, and for main-
 tenance of 50 pupils at \$42⁰⁰
 each, \$3600⁰⁰, you will re-
 member that the Church of
 England has already, on
 Gordon's Reserve, a school of
 the semi-Boarding type. The
 Indian Commissioner in

forwarding the Bishop's application does not recommend that the same be granted.

9. As respects the application from the Principal of the St. Paul's Industrial School for additional accommodation for the three Industrial Instructors, to consist of 3 small dwellings to cost \$800 ⁰⁰ each, or \$2,400 ⁰⁰ in all, I am doubtful whether it would not be better to add to the building so as to afford sufficient accommodation for these employees therein, and at the same time

increasing the loading ca-
 pacity for pupils, instead of
 erecting separate buildings
 for the Instructors. A mis-
 take was made, in the first
 place, by the Public Works
 Department, who were asked
 to erect a building to accom-
 modate 80 pupils. The build-
 ing which was erected, how-
 ever, only accommodates
 about 60 pupils; and con-
 sequently the Church authori-
 ties have been scrambling
 ever since on account of
 their not having been
 allowed accommodation

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for the maximum number which the Department promised to allow them to take into residence.

An application has also been made for a Boarding School at Lesser Slave Lake. The Government were asked to contribute \$400 00 towards the building and a per capita grant of \$72 00 per annum for 20 pupils, equal to \$1440 00. The whole amount asked for being \$1840 00. The Department has not contributed towards the establishment of Boarding or Industrial Schools outside

of Treaty limits, though it
 has assisted both Roman
 Catholic and Protestant
 schools that had been pre-
 viously in existence in
 those regions. For my own
 part, I believe that it would
 be good policy to establish
 Industrial and Boarding
 Schools to be conducted by
 reliable and competent per-
 sons for the instruction
 and enlightenment of man-
 Treaty Indian youths. The
 amount asked for is certainly
 not an extravagant one.
 As regards British Columbia,

¹²
 the Presbyterian Church has
 applied for a school, you
 will observe, on the West
 coast of Vancouver Island;
 and Superintendent Powell
 has been requested to report
 on the number of pupils
 that would be available if
 such a school were established
 there. This application, I think,
 might very well be held
 over until next year, more
 especially as we have no
 figures to guide us in re-
 spect of the cost of the build-
 ing or maintenance of the
 pupils or number of the latter.

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 The question of enlarging the
 Industrial Reformatory
 on Ruper Island to double
 its present capacity, has to
 be considered. You will
 perhaps remember that the
 Roman Catholic authorities
 object to our limiting them,
 as proposed, to the per capita
 allowance of \$1.30 ⁰⁰ for 25
 pupils, though they have
 intimated that if we will
 give them accommodation
 for 50 pupils at \$1.30 ⁰⁰
 each they think they can carry
 on the institution on the per
capita principle. There is a

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 good deal of ^{and I think} force in their
 contention, ^{that}, both for the
 sake of furthering the education
 of the Indian children and
 from an economical stand-
 point, it would be well to
 provide for the enlargement
 of the building to the extent
 asked for, and then to limit
 the authorities to the per capita
 allowance: \$700 would be ^{needed}
 for this enlargement, and \$3250 for the ^{25 pupils}
 13. As respects the Industrial
 School on Cormorant Island,
 this has been authorized, and
 the work of construction is
 to proceed as soon as possible

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with the money voted last
Session towards that school.

An item to provide main-
tenance for 25 pupils at \$130
per capita, equal to \$3250⁰⁰,
has to be inserted in the
supplementary estimates.

The salaries of the instructors
have already been provided
for in the main estimates.
14. With regard to the Wil-
kesburg Industrial School,
for an increase to the number
of pupils at which insti-
tution application was re-
cently made, the Superintendent
General approved of the

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 Present grant of \$1800.⁰⁰
 being increased to \$2700.⁰⁰
 Consequently provision will
 have to be made for \$900.⁰⁰
 additional for this institu-
 tion.

Yours Sincerely,

Wm. H. Dwyer

Gen. E. Dwyer
 Chief & General of
 Indian Affairs

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Enc.

23 Feb. 2

Dear Mr. Dewdney,

In compliance with your request recently made of me to have a memorandum made of any additional schools and additional aid per capita applied for, I forward herewith a list of the applications received by the Department and not yet acted upon. These embrace applications for Industrial and Boarding schools in Manitoba, in the North West, in British Columbia, and in Ontario. They