

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

REQUISITION FOR SUPPLIES

File No.
51-1-5

September 24 1940

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Requisition No. 35604

Order No.

To The Departmental Purchasing Agent, Ottawa,

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES FOR USE OF **Shubenacadie Indian Day School**

VOTE **76** Allotment **12-415**

SHIP TO **Mr. J. S. Robb, Indian Agent, Shubenacadie, N. S.**

Purpose for which required **Desks for school**

NOTE:—Requisition for non-consumable equipment, state if New Issue or Replacement.
" consumable equipment and supplies use columns 1 and 2.

Quantity		Quantity on hand (1)	Quantity used per month (2)	Unit Price	TOTAL
4	Single school desks No. 5				
2	" " " No. 2				
<p>Note: The desks at present in the school were purchased from the Vilas Furniture Company. See Purchase Order No. 27971 of October 10, 1939.</p>					

I hereby certify that I have personal knowledge that all the above articles are required in the Department and for Departmental purposes only. The expenditure required by this requisition is strictly unavoidable and the public interest will suffer if it is not made.

SIGNED—
[Signature]

APPROVED—
[Signature]

Director

Form 37—Req. 67

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Order No 3890

RECEIPT FORM

This order number to appear on all packages and invoices

File No. 36004-10-30

..... Ottawa, September 20, 1940.

Supplies mentioned hereunder have been received and found satisfactory with exception of those listed under "Remarks".

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J.S. Robb,

Indian Agent, Shubenscadio, N.S.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL
4	The following required for the Shubenscadio Indian Day School. single school desks No. 5		
2	" " " " No. 3		
	Similar to those purchased on Order No. 27071. Oct. 10, 1939.		
			339.00

WELFARE DIVISION
 IN THE PRESENCE OF
 SEP 30 1940

Blue slip sent to agent
 Sept 30/40

On basis of your current list price & recent cost. Including years of 21/7/39

Prices F.O.B. Shubenscadio, N.S. as per your

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

J.S. Robb, Indian Agent, Shubenscadio, N.S.

Vote..... Primary 10-415 Date to be delivered:

Encumbrance No. 1084 Immediately.

Freight or Express charges paid.....

Remarks: (Report shortages, if any).....

Branch TO BE RETURNED TO HEAD OF BRANCH Date..... Signature of Receiving

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

R. A. Hoey Esq

Supt Welfare & Training
Ottawa Can

Shubunacadie
Oct 11/40

Dear Sir Miss Elsie Charles Teacher
Indian Day School was informed by some
of the Indian that more seats would be
required for the school this term. I did not
know of this order until notice of shipment
was made. Ben Brooks of Springhill, N.S.
wanted to come here with a large family but
wasnt able to get a house to live in he came
to see me and informed me he was getting \$8.⁰⁰
per month and \$10.⁰⁰ for a infant child
& told him he would be able to get work
here and wouldnt need the \$8.⁰⁰ as he was an
able bodied man he left mad and said he
would take the matter up with the Dept and
ask for a house to be built for him whether
he did or not & dont know. However the seats
were ordered to accommodate his family. The
desk is needed & placed a table in the school

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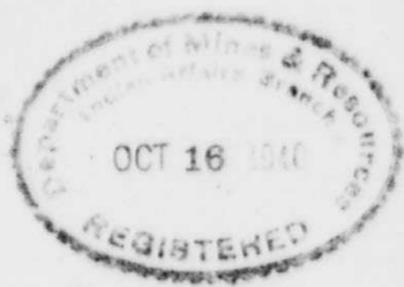


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last year at my own expense which
will not be audited now
what will I do with the new deals will
have to take them from the station until
I hear from you or they will charge storage
on them I have room to store them myself

Yours Truly
J. S. Robb
Agent



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Ottawa,
October 17, 1940.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant you should place the new desks that you have received in the Shubenacadie Indian Day School.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mr. J.S. Robb,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N.S.

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Ottawa,
October 17, 1940.

Dear Madam:

In view of the information contained in your letter of the 10th ultimo the Department ordered the 6 new school desks for the Shubenacadie Day School. It now appears from a letter received from Indian Agent Robb that these desks are not required as an Indian family whose children were expected to attend the school have now decided to reside elsewhere. There is not much advantage in returning these desks and consequently the Agent is being requested to have them placed in the school, but I would point out that in future you should be extremely careful that any article of equipment is required before requesting authority to purchase it. I may also add that all your requisitions in future must be forwarded through the office of the local Indian Agent or no attention will be paid to them.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Miss Elsie Charles,
Teacher,
Indian Day School,
Shubenacadie, N. S.

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**VILAS FURNITURE COMPANY,
LIMITED**

COWANSVILLE, ~~October 3,~~ 1940 19
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SOLD TO Department of Mines and Resources,

OTTAWA, Ont.

PRODUCTS

~
School Furniture
Household Furniture
Grey Iron Castings, etc.

~
TELEPHONES 49 AND 59

Terms ~~10 days net~~ Your Order No. 3290 Our Order No. 3520 Shipped Via Freight prepaid

4	No. 5	Single Desks	5.95	\$ 23.80
2	No. 2	" "	6.37	<u>12.74</u>
				\$ 36.54

Sales Tax included

Shipped to J. S. Robb, Indian Agent,
SHUBENACADIE, N. S.

Frt. incl. 3.78

(5 copies of invoice mailed to J.S. Robb, Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N. S.

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NO CLAIM ALLOWED UNLESS MADE WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF GOODS

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Ottawa,
February 5, 1941.

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Dear Sir:

The Department finds it necessary to return the attached account for further explanation. The expenditure covered by the first three items on the account was apparently incurred in the year 1939. Please let me know why there has been such delay in forwarding the account for payment.

It is impossible for us to decide whether the expenditure covered by the last item on the account was incurred on January 18, 1940, or January 18, 1941.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.



Mr. J.S. Robb,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N.S.

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SHUBENACADIE, N. S.,

Aug. 19 1940

M. Department of Indian Affairs
Shubenacadie, N.S.

TO L. R. ETTINGER, DR.

CARRIAGE BLACKSMITH

ACETYLENE WELDING ♦ ROOFING

AGENT FOR

EASTERN STEEL PRODUCTS LIMITED. DODD & STRUTHERS' LIGHTNING PROTECTION.

Sept. 1/39	2	Acet. welding pump	1.00
"	7	Trip to school with seats	1.00
		Acet. school seats	1.50
Jan. 18/41		Acet. & labour on 2 school seats	3.50
			<u>7.00</u>

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Ottawa,
February 26, 1941.

EXD.
A.

Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of a report regarding the inspection of the Shubenacadie Indian Day School by Mr. M.W. Campbell, Public School Inspector.

He states that the toilets are not cleaned at regular intervals and you should arrange to have this done in future.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.



Mr. J.S. Robb,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N.S.

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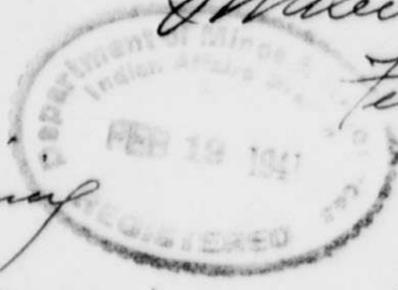
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P. A. Hoey Esq
Dept welfare & Training
Ottawa



Feb 17/41

Dear Sir Re Ettinger's acct

The first 3 items should be 1939
we found 1 deal broken in the crate
I think was broken in transportation by
rail did not notice it at the station
The other two deals were broken as
stated. This was the second lot of deals
sent Mr Ettinger out an acct sometime
after the work was done only one copy which
I returned asking that the other copies be
made out. I asked for them several times before
I received them

The last item should be 1941 deals laid
in their shop a long time before unprocessed

*J. J. Robb
Esq*

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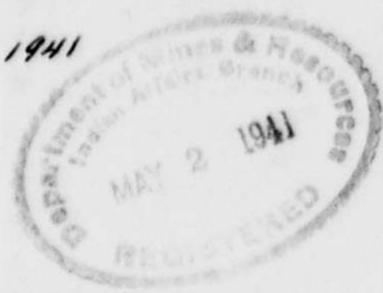
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[Handwritten signature]

Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia

Apr. 28, 1941



Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa

Dear Sirs,

As stated in a letter from your department, of about a year ago, mention was made that no provision was made by the department with regard to a Teacher's Residence. However, the family with whom I am now boarding ^(W. G. Duncan) intend selling their home and moving away as soon as this school term is finished. If this plan be carried out, that would leave the teacher without a Residence and without boarding accomodation, therefore I would suggest the Department make some provision for the coming term 1941-'42, and later years.

Mr. Duncan's home would be a likely or suitable purchase. It is new, (built in 1938) neatly finished and fairly comfortable, its size is about 18x24, and it is a convenient distance from the school.

Kindly let me know immediately, what provision can be made by the department with regard to a Teacher's Residence, as soon as possible.

I am,

Sincerely yours,
Elsie Charles

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Ottawa,
May 5, 1941.

EXD.

Dear Sir:

I attach copy of a letter which has just been received from Miss Elsie Charles, teacher of the Shubenacadie Indian Day School. No funds were provided in the current year's appropriation for the erection or purchase of a teacher's residence on this reserve.

Mr. Phelan, who visited the reserve in 1939, is under the impression that there is sufficient room in the building now used as a school to supply living quarters for a single teacher.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

J.S. Robb
Mr. J.S. Robb,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N.S.

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W. Paul
W. Paul

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Shubenacadie Reservation
Shubenacadie, N.S.
May 26, 1941.

Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

Dear Sirs,

MAY 28 1941
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I would also like to know why the milk supply
for our children has been cut off when no steps of this
sort have been taken by other Reserves. Our children
are all very young, and in need of milk.

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William Paul, Sr.
(Chief)

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Ottawa,
December 28, 1942.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

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Re: Proposed new day schools to be erected at Shubenacadie and Eskasoni in the Province of Nova Scotia during 1943.

Provision is included in our appropriation for the fiscal year 1943-44 for an amount of \$55,000.00 for the erection of a school, a principal's residence and a teachers' residence at each of the above two reserves.

The classroom buildings should be similar to that known as the St. Catherine's Indian Day School in the Cowichan Agency. The plans of this building should be followed with the following changes:

1. Double doors should be provided from the outside to the general workshop; entrance to the latter to be by ramp. A railing should be provided around the exterior entrance to the general workshop.
2. Double doors should be provided between the general workshop and the sewing room, also between the sewing room and the kitchen. This will involve enlarging the passageway.
3. Extra flues should be placed in the chimney to provide for two kitchen ranges.
4. The window in the fuel room is considered unnecessary and the fuel room should be enlarged to a size 13'3" x 11'.

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5. The following wash basins should be provided --
2 in general workshop, 1 in sewing room. A wash
basin equal to that shown in T. Eaton Company
fall and winter catalogue for 1942-43 and known
as A 15-609 will meet our purposes.
6. A kitchen sink should be provided in the kitchen.
A sink similar to that shown in T. Eaton Company
fall and winter catalogue for 1942-43 and known
as 15-623 will meet our purposes.
7. The sliding doors between the classrooms should
be replaced by a permanent partition.
8. The ceiling of the manual training room should be
insulated.

Acting Director.

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January 13th, 1943

Memorandum:

Re: Centralization of Indian Agencies and
Building Programme, Maritime Provinces

In accordance with the request from Dr. McGill in his memorandum to you of November 16th, and your notation thereon dated November 19th, 1942, regarding an inspection of suggested sites for Agency buildings in connection with the above, arrangements were made to have our Architect accompany Mr. W. S. Arneil, Acting Inspector of Indian Agencies in the Maritime Provinces, on an inspection trip which began on November 23rd, 1942, and occupied seventeen days. Mr. Cremarty, of the Lands, Parks and Forests Branch, had also been authorized by the Department to accompany Mr. Arneil and Mr. Buck.

Our Architect now reports as follows:

The Indian Affairs Branch has already begun action in centralizing the Indian population now occupying twenty-three separate reserves in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on three existing reserves, the areas of which have recently been considerably increased by the purchase and expropriation of adjacent territory.

Each of these enlarged reserves will constitute an Agency, and on completion of the scheme, approximately one thousand Indians, from six existing reserves in Cape Breton Island, will be settled on the Escasoni Reserve. The same number from twelve other existing reserves in Nova Scotia will be accommodated on the Shubenacadie Reserve. The Indians now occupying five reserves on Prince Edward Island will be centralized on Lennox Island Reserve, and will number approximately two hundred and seventy-five persons.

The Indian Affairs Branch proposes, during the fiscal year of 1943-44, to erect at Shubenacadie and Escasoni, a day school with four class-rooms, manual-training room and domestic-science room, as well as a residence for the Priest-Principal, a residence to accommodate at least five teachers, and a combined office and storehouse for the Indian Agent. To this group there may in the future be added a Medical Officer's residence, and a residence for the Indian Agent.

At Lennox Island, P.E.I., it is proposed to build during the 1943-44 fiscal year, an Indian Agent's residence only, and at a later date, as funds become available, a combined office and storehouse, a two-room day school, and other buildings.

Other installations common to all sites will be water supply systems, septic tanks and sewage disposal beds.

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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Housing accommodation, without water supply, lighting or plumbing, is being provided for the increased population by the Indian Affairs Branch. Heads of families are being provided with building materials without expense, and they, with other unemployed Indians, are being encouraged to undertake work on these buildings, for which services they will be paid 30¢ per hour.

In this connection a considerable number of window frames and sash, as well as other materials surplus to their own requirements, were being disposed of by the R. A. F. Works and Buildings Division at Moncton, N. B., and Mr. Buck, before leaving Ottawa, was authorized to stop off with Mr. Arneil, with a view to determining whether any of the materials could be utilized in the Indian housing programme. It was found that the frames and sash were suitable for Indian Affairs' use, and that other materials, including plaster board and building paper, which would also be of value, were available. It is understood that the Indian Affairs Branch are arranging to obtain quantities of the materials inspected, through Departmental channels.

The inspection of materials at Moncton was completed on November 25th, and the party proceeded to Truro that evening, and thence to Shubenacadie, where the Department maintains an Indian Residential School at present occupied by 14 pupils, under the administration of the Principal, Rev. Father Mackey.

The Indian Affairs Branch had authorized Mr. Arneil to engage local surveyors for the purpose of obtaining spot levels, contours and other topographical features of the sites, and before leaving Truro arrangements were completed to have Mr. Howard Murray, of Earlton, N. S., carry out this work at Shubenacadie. Mr. Murray, a Provincial Land Surveyor, was unable to visit the site with the Departmental officers. He stated that an uncompleted assignment from the Department of National Defence demanded his immediate attention. He was willing, however, to undertake and complete the work as described by Mr. Buck, beginning on November 30th, and completing his survey plan so that the data would be available for use by this Service upon the return of our Architect to Ottawa.

To this end, while carrying out the inspection of the site, detailed instructions regarding the area affected and the information required, were furnished to the Indian Agent, Mr. H. C. Rice, for Murray's guidance.

It was learned that on a previous visit to the reserve, which is approximately three miles from the Village of Shubenacadie, Indian Affairs officers had tentatively selected two alternative sites for an Agency building group, - one being in the neighbourhood of the existing church and one-room day school, the second being approximately one-half mile directly south of the first.

The area.....

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The area is served by one of a series of Indian gravelled roads on the reserve, and a road allowance has already been cleared for another which will connect up two of the most travelled of the existing roads and will pass through the centre of the site. At present the connection between the gravelled road referred to, and the allowance for the new road, is a wagon trail which will be improved to become part of the new road on completion.

After viewing the available sites, Mr. Buck chose the southerly as being the better location for the proposed group of buildings. This site, which consists of approximately 8½ acres of cleared land, is approached from the north over the wagon trail already mentioned, at a gentle incline which flattens out in the proposed building area. The ground falls rapidly away from the site on its south, east and west boundaries, providing good natural drainage and making available several suitable locations for sewage disposal beds.

The soil in the neighbourhood appears to consist of a top covering of sandy loam, over a subsoil of sand and gravel. No rocks or large boulders were observed.

While the location of buildings on the site cannot be definitely established until the topographical plan is received and studied, it is felt that the soil composition may be considered uniform, and not likely to produce structural difficulties.

It would be possible to provide a water supply from streams in the vicinity; but it is anticipated that when the increased Indian population is settled on the reserve, the danger of water contamination will always be present. It is felt that investigation should be carried out to determine the feasibility of furnishing a water supply from drilled wells.

The only power transmission line close to the reserve terminates at the Village limits of Shubenacadie. As it is hoped to provide current for lighting in all buildings except the day-school, and for the operation of mechanical services in the Agency group, it will be necessary to determine the most economical method of making electric current available.

The Shubenacadie Agent of the Avon River Power Company was contacted, but since the Company is a subsidiary of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company Limited of Halifax, this officer advised that any enquiries regarding extension of services must be directed to the Company's head office. It was understood from the Power Company's Agent, that an extension of the existing service to serve the proposed buildings on the reserve, under present conditions, would be difficult to obtain.

The inspection of Shubenacadie was completed on November 28th, and on that evening the party proceeded to Sydney, Cape Breton.

Mr. Cromarty had arranged with the Lands, Parks and Forests Branch to have Mr. MacMillan, Superintendent of the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, and a Departmental car available for the use of the inspecting party in travelling between Sydney and the Escasoni Reserve, which is situated on the north shore of East Bay, Bras D'Or Lake, approximately 33 miles south west of Sydney.

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The site which had been tentatively selected by Indian Affairs officers on a previous occasion, overlooks East Bay in all directions, and possesses great scenic beauty. Its position with regard to the Indian settlement scheme now under way, and to the Roman Catholic chapel and cemetery, both of which are within the area, appears to establish it as the logical location for the proposed building group.

The site is reached over a gravel road, which branches off Provincial Highway No. 4 at the eastern end of East Bay. It occupies about seven acres of cleared land on the top, as well as the southerly and westerly slopes of a hill rising rather sharply to a flat area approximately 50 ft. above the roadway. The northerly and easterly slopes of the hill fall steeply towards small ravines, and are uncleared.

In the vicinity of the suggested site, the existing 60 ft. road allowance consists of a side hill cut, approximately 500 yards long, which leaves the northerly edge of the cutting between 10 and 15 ft. above the roadway, while from the southerly limit of the road allowance a scrub covered slope descends rapidly to a large area of tidal flat.

At the time of the inspection, the ground was covered with snow from six to eight inches deep, with drifts to a greater depth in places. Consequently no test pits were dug to determine soil characteristics where the proposed buildings were likely to be placed. Existing excavation for an earth cellar within an unused concrete foundation on the site, however, indicated at that point a top soil of sandy loam overlying light clay and gravel to a depth of approximately five feet, the maximum depth observed. No rock outcroppings were visible anywhere on the site, and it could be assumed that the characteristics described are uniform. There should be no difficulty in locating septic tanks or sewage disposal beds.

It appeared possible that water might be supplied to the site from a stream at the toe of the westerly slope; but under the prevailing conditions it could not be determined that permanent volume was available. It is considered advisable to investigate whether water might be obtained from drilled wells before deciding to make use of the stream. However, attention to this point under more favourable weather conditions is suggested.

Power facilities do not exist at Escasoni, and to provide current for lighting and the operation of mechanical services, the necessary equipment must be provided by the Indian Affairs Branch.

Before work on the building programme can be started, it will be necessary to provide the site with a service road for the use of the Contractor during construction operations, and later to serve the various units of the building group, and from data obtained a site plan will be prepared from which it will be possible to determine the work involved on this feature, and to estimate its cost.

Owing to the lack of topographical data, no previous technical consideration of the site had been possible, and to obtain information for our use it was necessary, as at Shubenacadie, to engage a local Surveyor. Mr. Arneil, on the authority of his

Director,....

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Director, made necessary investigations to this end, and the services of Mr. M. McMullen, a Provincial Land Surveyor of Nova Scotia, were obtained. Mr. McMullen was taken over the site and our requirements were outlined in detail. Although he was to report in ten days for service in the army, Mr. McMullen was able to obtain spot levels on a 50 ft. by 50 ft. grid, establish contours at 5 ft. vertical intervals, complete his field notes and forward a plan to Ottawa, by the time our officers returned.

While it would be desirable to carry out building operations on a more level site, no alternative area sufficiently large for the purpose is available, unless purchase or expropriation of additional land is arranged, and it is understood that the Indian Affairs Branch are not likely to take such further action.

The inspection of Escasoni Reserve was completed on December 2nd, and the party left Sydney, N. S., for Borden, P. E. I., that evening.

Mr. Cromarty had arranged with the Lands, Parks and Forests Branch to have Mr. E. Smith, Superintendent of Prince Edward Island National Park, available with a Departmental car for the transportation of the party to and from Lennox Island. It had also been arranged that Mr. Smith would obtain any topographical data our Architect required on the site of the proposed agency. Mr. Smith met the party on the evening of December 3rd at Borden as arranged, and drove them to Summerside.

Lennox Island is approximately 30 miles by road from Summerside, and lies about one mile off shore in Malpeque Bay, between Hog Island and the mainland.

On the morning of December 4th the party began their trip from Summerside, but owing to snow blocked roads were forced to return, and later the same day proceeded to Indian Agent Daly's office in Charlottetown. It is understood, however, that the Lands, Parks and Forests Branch are agreeable to making the services of Mr. Smith available for the preparation of whatever topographical data this Service requires, when weather conditions are more favourable.

On the evening of December 4th, Indian Agent Rice contacted Mr. Buck at Charlottetown by long distance telephone from Shubenacadie, and advised that he had been notified by Mr. Murray, The Surveyor who had been engaged for work on the selected site there, that, anticipating a further assignment from the Department of National Defense, he was not disposed to carry out the duties he had arranged with Mr. Buck to undertake. Indian Agent Rice advised that he had attempted to locate a Surveyor, but had found none available. Our Architect considered it advisable to contact a definite source of information regarding the services of a qualified Surveyor, and instead of accompanying Mr. Arneil and Mr. Cromarty back to Ottawa, arranged to meet Mr. Rice, at the Provincial Department of Highways in Halifax, on the morning of December 7th. He was able to interview Mr. Belleveau, Chief Engineer of the Department, and his Senior Office Engineer, Mr. Kenneth MacKenzie, who very kindly provided a list of names of Surveyors they were prepared to recommend.

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Considerable difficulty was encountered in locating a Surveyor who was free to undertake our work; but contact was eventually made with one of the recommended parties, - Mr. R. W. McKenzie, D.L.S., of Enfield, N. S. Mr. McKenzie accompanied the Indian Agent and our Architect to Shubenacadie, was taken over the site, and agreed to begin work as required on December 10th. While more snow had fallen, and further frost penetration was evident, it should have been possible to obtain the information we required without too great difficulty.

After completing arrangements with Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Buck returned to Ottawa on December 10th. However, in a letter dated December 19th last, Indian Agent Rice advised us that Mr. McKenzie has been prevented by illness from commencing work, but that he anticipates the topographical data would be undertaken very shortly. It will be realized, however, that if severe weather conditions have set in, it is not unlikely the Surveyor's work will have to be postponed until the Spring.

While in the Maritimes Mr. Buck interviewed the following Contractors regarding the building situation there:

J. N. Kenney, General Contractor, Truro and Halifax, N.S.

The J. W. Stevens Co. Ltd., Sydney, Cape Breton, N.S.

H. J. Phillips, General Contractor, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Each of these firms has at different periods carried out work for this Service satisfactorily, and all are at present engaged on some type of construction work for the Dominion Government in connection with National Defence projects. These Contractors stated unanimously that they were experiencing great difficulty in obtaining materials and labour, and under existing circumstances can give no assurance that any work they undertake could be completed within a time limit, or that they would be able to adhere strictly to specified materials or equipment.

The experience of these firms confirms the opinion of this Service, that even if the Department is granted a licence by the Controller of Construction, authorizing building operations, we must be prepared for delays and possible substitutions in materials and equipment, with consequent increases in cost, none of which can be anticipated.

Further memoranda dealing with the building programme, funds provided, approval of sketches, working drawings and other related items, will be forwarded for your information as our work on these projects develops.

J. J. Mills

Chief Engineer.

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Ottawa, July 29, 1930.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing bill of lading for the teacher's desk which you shipped, freight charges prepaid, from the Shubenacadie Indian Day School to Charles Hudson, Indian Agent Richibucto, N. B. It is noted that you will include the charges in connection with this shipment in your Expense Account. The Department prefers that you forward a separate voucher, in duplicate, covering the freight, trucking and crating charges paid by you. This, you should certify in the usual manner, when a cheque to reimburse you for your outlay in the shipping of the teacher's desk will be directed to you. Please forward this voucher at an early date.

Your obedient servant,

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

D. B. Lawlor
D. B. Lawlor, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Shubenacadie, N. S.

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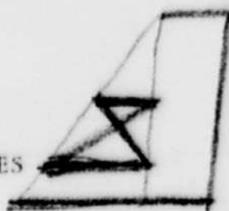
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January 19th, 1943.

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Dr. McGill

I am forwarding herewith, for your information, a copy of a report, dated January 13th, covering the inspection made by Mr. Buck, our Chief Architect, on the proposed building sites and other matters relating to the centralization of Indian Agencies in the Maritime Provinces. It will be noted that the inspecting officers went into the various features such as drainage, water supply, etcetera, and accessibility of the site to roads and power lines. Heavy snowfall prevented the party from reaching Lennox Island but everything possible was done under the circumstances.

Arrangements will be made later on when weather conditions are more favourable, for the obtaining of such topographical data as may be required by our Architectural Division at this point. I understand Mr. Buck is in close touch with your officers in regard to the various details of the building programme.

You are, of course, aware that the \$55,000 which I understand is in your 1943-44 estimates, will not complete the building programme at present contemplated for the two Reserves in Nova Scotia and this sum will have to be supplemented from other sources. Certain sections of road are required to reach the building site and serve the proposed buildings in the Escasoni Reserve and their cost will have to be met from the funds provided. I think your officers reached the decision that no electric wiring should be provided in either of the classroom buildings.

J. M. Wardle
Director.

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Ottawa,
January 25, 1943.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Proposed new day schools to be erected
at Shubenacadie and Eskasoni in the
Province of Nova Scotia during 1943.

I am in receipt of your memorandum of the 19th of January with reference to Mr. Buck's inspection of the proposed building sites and have carefully noted the information contained in this report.

On reviewing the plans for the proposed new day schools at the above-mentioned places, we find that the position of the cloak rooms necessitates anyone entering the classroom to first pass through the cloak room. Several reasons could be advanced against this arrangement. Consequently it is desired to have the cloak rooms placed at the rear of each classroom as verbally explained to Mr. Buck by Mr. Doucet.

As provision is being made in our 1943-44 appropriation for all Indian day schools to re-open on September 1, 1943, it is the hope of the officials of this Branch that these buildings will be completed by that date so that the required accommodation for the training of the children will be available.

Director.

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Ottawa,
March 29, 1943.

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Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Proposed new day schools to be erected at Shubenacadie and Eskasoni in the Province of Nova Scotia during 1943.

I desire to refer you to the last paragraph of my memorandum of January 25, in which you were advised that all Indian day schools would re-open on September 1, 1943.

I should appreciate your advising if the plans and specifications for the above-mentioned buildings are completed and when you expect to call for tenders.

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Director.

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Ottawa, July 5, 1943.

Memorandum:

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY.

Re: Proposed new Indian day schools
on the Eskasoni and Shubenacadie Reserves.

I am advised by the Surveys and Engineering Branch that they are ready to commence operations and the amount of \$18,000.00 should therefore be transferred to them from Appropriation No. 76.

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[Signature]
Director.

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