

Suggestions regarding teaching methods. The methods used by Mrs. Ross (wife of the Principal of the school) are such that there is little to suggest by way of improvement. These boys and girls have been taught to be good writers, in which art they take great pride. They are slow readers and speak in a very low tone of voice; the teacher explained that she had tried every means to remedy this but the pupils were so reserved that it seemed impossible. No doubt they were especially timid during inspection. Splendid discipline was maintained in this room and the progress of the boys and the girls was good, for a school of its kind. Regarding the methods used in the junior room, I ^{am unable} to say what they were, but ^{judging} from the exercise books and examination made of the work ~~at least I suspect that there was little method about it.~~ I should at least suspect that there was little method about it.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE

In each room a teacher's desk, a sufficient number of seats, a book cupboard, and a chair; in senior room, in addition an organ and a cupboard for supplies.

Preservation and arrangement of furniture.

The preservation and care of the furniture was good and the arrangement quite consistent with the rules and regulations.

Care of Material. It would appear that the best of care had been taken of all material in the senior room; there was practically no material in the junior room.

If necessary, indicate what additional classroom material, books, etc., should be supplied. For the junior room a good supply of Primary material, such as plasticine, weaving mats, construction paper, sewing cards, a number-frame, number builders and drawing paper.

For the senior room the following text-books are required: Irea I reader, book V; 16 Grammars; 2 Atlases; 5 Geography text-books; 33 Hygienes; 7 British Histories; 14 Canadian Histories; a map of each of the continents, (except North America) and the British Empire.

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CLASSROOM

Condition of Classrooms (Ventilation, light, etc.) The classrooms were clean and heated by a hot-air furnace. ~~Everything~~ Everything was satisfactory in this respect, except the heating of the senior room. The temperature there was 35 degrees in the morning at 10 o'clock, and rose to 56 by 12 o'clock. The main reason for this was that there were no storm windows on the seven west windows of the room. There were no toilets, nor water supply in the school - these were in the residence building.

Classroom Register (Is a careful tally made morning and afternoon?)
In the senior room Mrs. Ross had definite knowledge of the attendance of every pupil each ^{day} but the register had not been marked for four days. In the junior, it had not been marked for two weeks; it was marked up to the day MR. Heron took ill and apparently had been marked regularly up to that time.

GENERAL

(Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the classroom activity generally and offer any suggestions for improvement)

The senior ^{room} was operated on a shift system. In the morning a part of the classes attended school while the other was engaged in husbandry and household duties. I was informed by the Principal that this was the plan of conducting the education. All subjects of the curriculum were included in the time-table but in some cases provision was made for subjects only once a week; under the system this was the only thing that could happen in the teaching of five classes. In this department there were four girls and three boys who attended all sessions morning and afternoon, the policy being to give every advantage to those who showed a liking for an education and who were making an exceptionally good showing in their studies.

The Junior room gave evidence of a lack of organized work; a large part of the classes were without exercise books and only a few of those who had them were showing any signs of advancement. This room is making very little progress under the present arrangement and is in my opinion, urgently in need of a fully qualified and experienced teacher.

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Ottawa, December 28th, 1927.

Reverend Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of Inspector Horning's report on his visit to the Round Lake Residential School on the first instant.

The Inspector reports very favourably on the work that is being done in the senior room but comments on the junior room, as follows:-

"Regarding the methods used in the junior room, I am unable to say what they were, but, judging from the exercise books and examination made of the work, I should at least suspect that there was little method. The junior room gave evidence of a lack of organized work; a large part of the classes were without exercise books and only a few of those who had them were showing any signs of advancement. This room is making very little progress under the present arrangement and is, in my opinion, urgently in need of a fully qualified and experienced teacher."

The Inspector states that the junior teacher is nineteen years of age, has a Second non-professional and no Normal training.

I feel that you will agree with me that it is most important that there should be a fully qualified teacher in the junior room and I trust that you will take the necessary steps to effect an improvement in this classroom.

The Inspector recommended a supply of primary material, also, certain books and maps. These are being ordered from the Government Stationery Office.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier

Russell T. Ferrier.
Supt. of Indian Education.

Rev. R.J. Ross,
Principal,
Round Lake Residential School,
Stockholm, Sask.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Round Lake

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Number of pupils in residence
82

Boys 35

Girls 47

Number of classrooms and number of desks in each 2 Classrooms; desks--48, 24.

Number of classes and number of pupils in each class 8 --31, 12, 8, 13, 11, 2, 1, 4.

THE STAFF

Principal's name Rev. Robert John Ross

Classroom Teachers (Name, age and qualifications of each should be separately stated)

Primary:-- Miss Eunice Helena Bennett, age 31, First Class Certificate
(Permanent), for Saskatchewan.

Senior:-- Mrs. Mary Belle Ross, age 39, Model Training for the
Province of Ontario, being trained at London, Ont.

Remarks relative to the methods employed by teachers

Both of the teachers, referred to above, are doing excellent
work with the classes in their charge. I am satisfied that the
methods of instruction used are good, and that the teachers are get-
ting good results from their endeavors.

May 28, 29, 1928
Date of Inspection

Geo. P. Anderson
Signature of Inspector

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Suggestions regarding teaching methods.....

The experience which Mrs. Ross has had in this work, and the qualifications and experience along various lines of teaching of Miss Bennett, leave but little opportunity for suggested improvements. I am very pleased with the work of both of these teachers.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE

Preservation and arrangement of furniture.....

Primary Room:- 1 teacher's desk, 48 pupils' desks, 1 bookcase, 1 table, 2 chairs.
Senior Room :- 1 teacher's desk, 24 pupils' desks, 2 bookcases, 2 chairs, 1 organ.
Care of Material

In general, the material is well cared for.

If necessary, indicate what additional classroom material, books, etc., should be supplied

I would recommend that the Library be improved by increasing the number of volumes available for the boys and girls to read, especially taking care to add books suitable for the lower grades. Good suggestions are made in this respect in the Program of Study for Public Schools, for Saskatchewan. Supplementary Readers, Books of Literature, Biography, History, Travel, Nature, etc., should be secured.

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CLASSROOM

Condition of Classrooms (Ventilation, light, etc.).....

The rooms are heated by a basement hot-air furnace.

The lighting is from the left in both rooms.

The ventilation is satisfactorily arranged.

Classroom Register (Is a careful tally made morning and afternoon?).....

The registers are carefully kept. Half-day attendance
is properly noted.

GENERAL

(Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the classroom activity generally and offer any suggestions for improvement)

Primary Room, Teacher, Miss Eunice Helena Bennett:--

Work in English, Word recognition, Sentence construction, Reading, Number work, Writing and Drawing, in Grades I, II, and III was observed during the inspection. The management was such that interest was maintained, and every pupil found profitable employment throughout the session.

Senior Room, Teacher, Mrs. Mary Belle Ross :--

The regular work was observed, and lessons in Composition, Spelling, Arithmetic, Reading, History Agriculture and Grammar were conducted during the inspection. The pupils appear to be satisfactorily graded. The general tone of the room compares favorably with corresponding classes that I have visited.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

W. REGINA, SASK., 8th June, 1928.

Sir:-

I enclose for your information the report by Provincial School Inspector, Mr. G. R. Anderson, of his visit in May to the Round Lake Indian Residential School. I note that the services of Mr. D. Heron have been dispensed with and a new teacher, Miss E. H. Bennett, engaged, of whom the Inspector speaks well.

Your obedient servant,

W. M. Graham

W. M. Graham,
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, June 15th, 1928.

Reverend Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of Inspector Anderson's report regarding his visit to the Round Lake Residential School on the 28th and 29th ultimo. The Inspector recommends that the library be improved by securing new books and, in choosing these, he suggests that special care be taken to have books suitable for the lower grades.

The Department is prepared to supply a reasonable quantity of books on receipt from you of a requisition stating the names of the books you consider necessary. In forwarding this requisition, the name of the publisher should also be stated. I believe that, in choosing the books, it would be well to be guided by the suggestions made in the programme of studies for public schools issued by the Provincial Department of Education in Saskatchewan.

I am pleased to note from the Inspector's report that a trained teacher has been secured for the junior room. The Inspector is of the opinion that both the teachers are getting good results from their work.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier
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Supt. of Indian Education.

R.J. Ross
Rev. R.J. Ross,
Principal,
Round Lake Residential School,
Stockholm, Sask.

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REGINA, SASK., 3rd. January, 1928

Report of Inspection on Round Lake Residential School.

Dear Mr. Graham:-

I visited this school on December 17th., last, and made a general inspection of buildings and premises. The school is under the auspices of the United Church, with the Rev. R. J. Ross in charge as Principal. His staff is comprised of Mrs. Heron, Matron, Mrs. Ross and Miss Murray, teachers, Miss Jury, cook, Miss Rowan, seamstress, Miss Ewen, laundress, and David Bushnell, farmer. There are 75 pupils enrolled, 35 boys and 40 girls, which is the limit for which accommodation is provided. I was present at the midday meal, and noted that an ample supply of wholesome food was provided. I visited both classrooms, and found the pupils comfortably clad and presenting a healthy appearance. Mrs. Ross continues to teach in the senior classroom and appears to be a competent teacher. Miss Murray, who has charge of the junior classroom, impresses me as being well qualified for the position, and is the most successful teacher they have had in this room for some time.

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

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Report of Inspection on Round Lake Residential School.

BUILDINGS.

The school building has already been reported on very fully, and there is no change in the main features. The laundry is very cramped for space, and a lack of convenience for drying the clothes still exists. The roots and vegetables are stored in the same place in this building, and although authority was granted to build an outside root house, and the Principal has been urged from time to time to proceed with the work, this root house has not yet been built. The Principal states that he could not get around to it, owing to pressure of work, and the illness of his assistant. During the past summer the facilities for fire protection have been greatly added to. The piping in the pole escapes has been replaced with a larger size, and the windows forming the exits have been equipped with hooks which can be easily opened. Four 5-gallon pump extinguishers have been supplied. A soft water tank in the basement is being utilized for water storage, and the water is pumped to this with a windmill, which appears to be giving excellent service. A 1000-gallon pressure tank has been twinned up with the 500-gallon tank which is part of the old equipment, and this makes it possible to utilize the water system through the standpipe which has also been installed. This equipment is new and in excellent condition. The new portion of the school building has been re-decorated, and the plaster is in good shape. In the old portion the plaster is broken and the floors are old and this part is very hard to heat. I found the school in a cleanly condition throughout. I was better satisfied in this connection than I have been on the occasion of former visits.

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The exteriors of both the class room and the main building require re-painting. Since my last visit a new barn, 32 x 70, has been built. This barn is not large enough for all their young stock, and 16 cattle were running outside. I would suggest that a lean-to shed would provide satisfactory accommodation for the young stock. The old stone stables are still standing, and are being used to accommodate the hogs. These old buildings do not add to the appearance of the place, which would be much improved if they were torn down and a suitable piggery provided. They have a small poultry house, 16 x 16, which provides accommodation for fifty hens. They should have at least three times this number of poultry at a school of this size.

FARM STOCK.

The farm stock consists of 12 horses, 51 cattle and 70 hogs, 13 of which are purebred. They were milking eight cows, only three of which were giving any quantity, and the milk supply is not adequate to provide the children with all they care to drink. The farm stock provides practically all the meat requirements of the institution.

FARM.

Their crop sown comprised 60 acres of wheat, which yielded 1500 bushels, 60 acres of oats, yielding 2500 bushels, 40 acres barley, yielding 1000 bushels, and 38 acres of rye, with a yield of 700 bushels. Their garden provided plenty of carrots and turnips, but the yield of potatoes was very unsatisfactory. They
-only got-

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They only get 250 bushels from four acres, which is not half enough for their requirements.

The school premises have been cleaned up and were in a more tidy condition than I have ever found them on previous occasions. It appears to me that an improvement has taken place in the staff, and conditions are more satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. Murison

W. Murison,
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
D REGINA, SASK., 10th. January, 1929.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

I beg to enclose herewith a report on the Round Lake Indian Residential School, in the Crooked Lake Agency, which was inspected on December 17th. last by Mr. Murison.

Conditions at this school seem to be a little bit improved since the last inspection. Some of the buildings here are old, and it is hard to make them look up-to-date. I do not feel like making a recommendation for the expenditure of any money on these buildings. Authority was granted some time early in the year to build a root house, but you will note that nothing has been done in regard to this and, of course, the result will be that the money voted will not be used. The Agent was in my office this week and I told him he should at least buy the material and have it on hand so that the money would be spent before March 31st. I would draw your attention to the Inspector's remarks regarding the barn. My opinion is that this barn is quite large enough for any school, and I am not in favour of putting up a lot of small buildings to accommodate additional cattle. 51 head of cattle is too many to have on hand at a school of this kind. I would judge from the crop yield that the farming is carried on in a satisfactory manner. The yield was much better than on the reserve, which shows that the land was well cultivated.

Yours very truly

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

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this 9.9.29
Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supr. General,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.*

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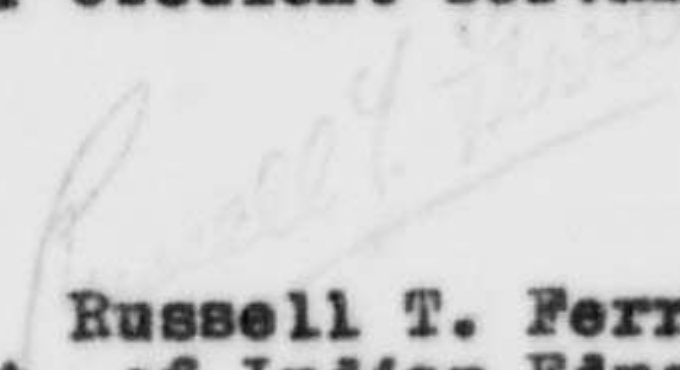
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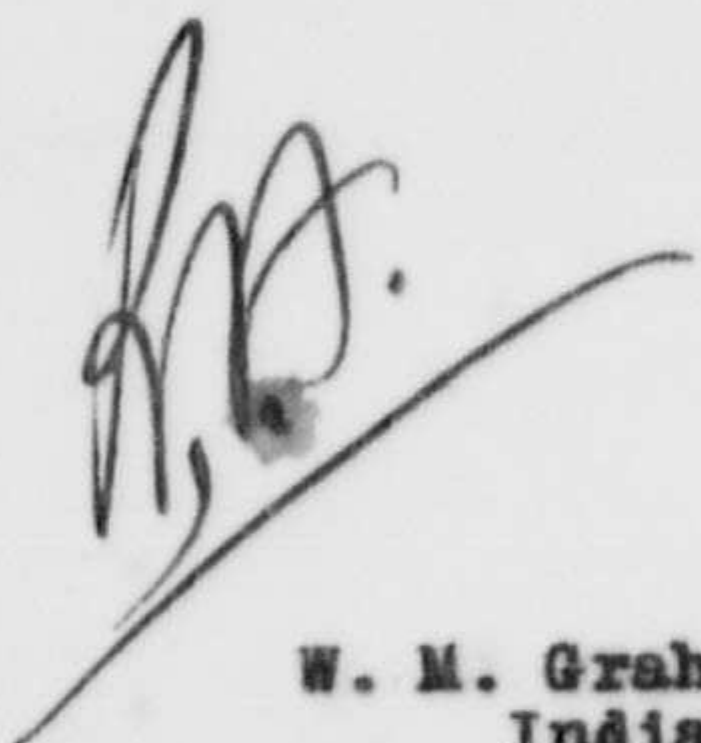
Ottawa, January 16, 1929.

Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge and thank you for your letters of the 9th and 10th instant, enclosing Mr. Murison's reports on the Round Lake and Cowessess Indian Residential Schools. Notes have been made in connection with the subject matter. The Department is writing the Rev. Mr. Ross concerning the milk supply at Round Lake.

Your obedient servant,


Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.


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

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Round Lake INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Number of pupils in residence { Boys 34
(2 away at time of inspection)
Girls 52

Number of classrooms and number of desks in each #1 (Jr.) 47; #2 (Sr.) 24

Number of classes and number of pupils in each class Grade I 32, II 16, III 9, IV 14, V 2, VI 5, VII 8 = 86

THE STAFF

Principal's name Rev. R. J. Ross

Classroom Teachers (Name, age and qualifications of each should be separately stated)

Mrs. Mary Belle (R. J.) Ross Ont. Non-Prof. Cert., 45 yrs.

Miss Lucy Livingstone Affleck, Ont. 2nd Prof. Cert., 41 yrs.

Remarks relative to the methods employed by teachers.....Your teachers are both of a very fine type--earnest, conscientious, and interested in the children and their work. They are both very capable, have their work well prepared, and teach definite, thoughtful lessons, in a pleasant and sympathetic way. Their classrooms have been made as attractive as possible, and they are trying to make the work interesting for the children.

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H. L. Winter
Signature of Inspector.

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Suggestions regarding teaching methods.....

We talked over the work, at some length, but I cannot see that
your teachers' methods can be greatly improved upon. They have
made, and are making, a careful study of their work, and are
adapting their methods to conditions, so as to be most effective.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE

The exterior of school is quite badly in need of paint, and the interior
is beginning to show the same need.

Preservation and arrangement of furniture.....

The furnishings of school seem generally satisfactory, and are in good
condition. If you have any number of visitors to your classrooms, I would
suggest the provision of an extra chair in each room.

Care of material..... All materials and general supplies seem well cared for,
and kept in good order.

If necessary, indicate what additional classroom material, books, etc., should be supplied

Your school Library is very weak, but is gradually being built-up. If
any extra grant could be given for this purpose, it would give a better
"start" and would help the work considerably. Both classrooms lack Pic-
tures, and I would suggest the purchase of at least one good picture for
each room. There should be at least one Fire Extinguisher in this build-
ing, a Hand Bell is needed, and interior flags should be provided for
each room. I would also suggest a railing for each side of the exterior
steps--accidents might easily happen there, as steps are quite steep.

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CLASSROOM

Condition of Classrooms (Ventilation, light, etc.)..... The lighting of classrooms
is very good. Ventilation also seems satisfactory--there being reg-
ular ventilators in the walls, and then the windows are used as
necessary.

Classroom Register (Is a careful tally made morning and afternoon?).....

..... Classroom registers seem quite well kept.

GENERAL

(Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the classroom activity generally and offer any suggestions for improvement.)

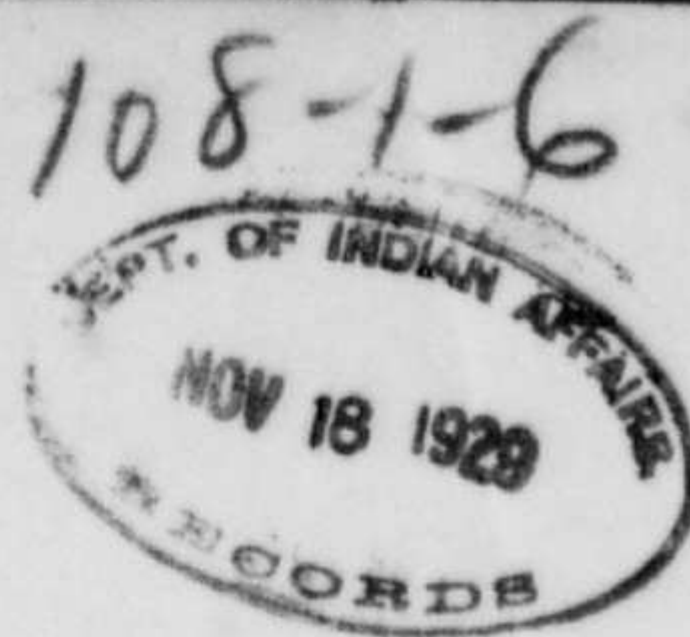
I was very favorably impressed by the work being done in your
classrooms. The organization and general system, the conduct of class-
es
, and the whole attitude of both teachers and pupils, were very
satisfactory. The teaching was good, and from its nature would seem
to be most effective. The children were particularly attentive,
seemed interested, and were working well. The work of classes
observed or tested was entirely creditable, and I am satisfied that
results will be very satisfactory.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

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REGINA, SASK. Nov. 15th, 1929

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Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a report of an inspection made at the Round Lake Indian Residential School by Provincial School Inspector, Mr. H. L. Winter. You will note that he speaks very favourably of Mrs. Ross and Miss Affleck. I have always been satisfied with the work in the classrooms here, but the rest of the management has always been reported as not being up to standard. Miss Affleck, who is mentioned in the Inspector's report, was in my office yesterday complaining bitterly of certain things in connection with the management. She has left the school, and she wished to tell me a number of things but I asked her to put whatever she wished to say in writing and if there is anything of interest it will be forwarded to you.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature: W. M. Graham]

W. M. Graham,
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT



ROUND LAKE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Number of pupils in residence { Boys 27
Girls 46

Number of classrooms and number of desks in each Jr. Rm. 47, Sr. Rm. 24

Number of classes and number of pupils in each class Grade I 19, II 13, III 12, IV 11, V 8, VI 2, VII 1, VIII 7
Total.. 73.;

THE STAFF

Principal's name..... Rev. R.J. Ross

Classroom Teachers (Name, age and qualifications of each should be separately stated)

Mrs. Mary Belle Ross-- Ont. 2nd Academic Cert., Age 42, 11 yrs exp.
Gertie Christina Stromgren--Sask. Second Perm. Cert. #401-24
Age 26, 10 yrs experience.

Remarks relative to the methods employed by teachers..... The methods employed by both your teachers are of a very satisfactory nature, and are well adapted to the work in hand. Both teachers seem interested in, and have the generous co-operation of, their pupils; and a general friendly spirit seems to prevail.

Nov. 4th / 30.
Date of Inspection

H. L. Winter
Signature of Inspector

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Suggestions regarding teaching methods.....

The work of both your teachers was so satisfactory that any suggestions made were of a minor nature--in fact, consisted mostly of discussions of general educational progress and methods, and particularly of new developments in that field.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE

Preservation and arrangement of furniture.....

School furnishings seems generally satisfactory, and are well cared for.

Care of material is entirely satisfactory.

If necessary, indicate what additional classroom material, books, etc., should be supplied

An extra chair should be provided for each classroom.

Library is still weak, although I note additions.

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CLASSROOM

Condition of Classrooms (Ventilation, light, etc.).....

Both classrooms have been redecorated during present year, and are in excellent condition. Lighting, ventilation, and heating seem very satisfactory.

Outside of school has also been considerably improved by painting

Classroom Register (Is a careful tally made morning and afternoon?).....

Classroom register is carefully kept.

GENERAL

(Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the classroom activity generally and offer any suggestions for improvement.)

The work of your teachers impressed me very favorably; both seeming capable, energetic, and conscientious. The manner of each teacher was bright and pleasant, while their preparation and presentation of lessons were animated, interesting, and effective. They study their pupils and adapt their methods to suit the various needs.

The work observed and the classes tested were of a very satisfactory nature--particularly so, when we consider that classroom^{work} for most of the children consists of only a half-day at a time. Good progress is being made, and I feel assured of creditable results.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

W. REGINA, SASK., 6th December, 1930.

Sir:-

I enclose for your information
copy of a report by Provincial School Inspector,
Mr. H. L. Winter, of his visit in November to
the Round Lake Indian Boarding School in the
Crooked Lake Agency.

Your obedient servant

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

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Round Lake

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



Number of pupils in residence { Boys.....29 }
 { Girls.....47 } 76

Number of classrooms and number of desks in each Jr. 47, Sr. 24 (2 classrooms)

Number of classes and number of pupils in each class Grades I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, 14, 4, 17, 12, 11, 8, 2, 1, 7.

THE STAFF

Principal's name Rev. R.J. Ross

Classroom Teachers (Name, age and qualifications of each should be separately stated)

Mrs. Mary Belle Ross, age 43, Ontario Second Class Non-Prof. Cert.,
 12 years experience.

Miss Gertrude Christina Stromgren, age 37, Sask. Second Prof. Cert.
 #401-24, 11 years experience.

Remarks relative to the methods employed by teachers

I was again very favorably impressed by the work of your teachers. Their methods are well adapted to their work, and to the needs of the children; and are productive of particularly creditable results. The general tone of both classrooms is excellent, with apparently full co-operation between teachers and pupils.

August 23 / 31

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J. L. Winter
 Inspector of Schools
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Suggestions regarding teaching methods.....the work of your teachers.....
.....seems so effective, and so well adapted to the work in hand,
that suggestions took the form of general discussions on teach-
ing methods--and on the new Course of Studies. We also mentioned
various new materials and reference works, which might make the
work more interesting and profitable.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE

Preservation and arrangement of furniture.....are good....

.....The school furniture is in good condition, and seems
well cared-for.

Care of material.....is also good.....

.....supplies are well arranged, carefully looked-after, and effective-
ly used.

If necessary, indicate what additional classroom material, books, etc., should be supplied

.....I was pleased to note the improvement in your school
Library, and hope to see same continued...There is yet a real
need of books in both rooms. Working equipment seems satisfac-
tory for the present.

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CLASSROOM

Condition of Classrooms (Ventilation, light, etc.).....

Both classrooms are in excellent condition, and have been nicely decorated by your teachers--making them really attractive... Lighting, ventilation, and heating, all seem satisfactory--~~and~~ and classrooms seem well cared-for.

Classroom Register (Is a careful tally made morning and afternoon?).....

Classroom Register is carefully kept.

GENERAL

(Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the classroom activity generally and offer any suggestions for improvement.)

While the work of your school was just getting nicely started after the Summer Vacation, my whole impression of the school activities was of a most favorable nature. Your teachers are interested in the welfare and progress of their pupils, have their work well prepared, and their general conduct of the work is Very Good.

The work of the various classes, as observed, was well up to standard, being rather above the general average... I was pleased to hear of the complete success of your Grade VIII candidates (all passing with Honors)---a very creditable showing for both pupils and teacher. I am glad to see these pupils continuing into the High School work.

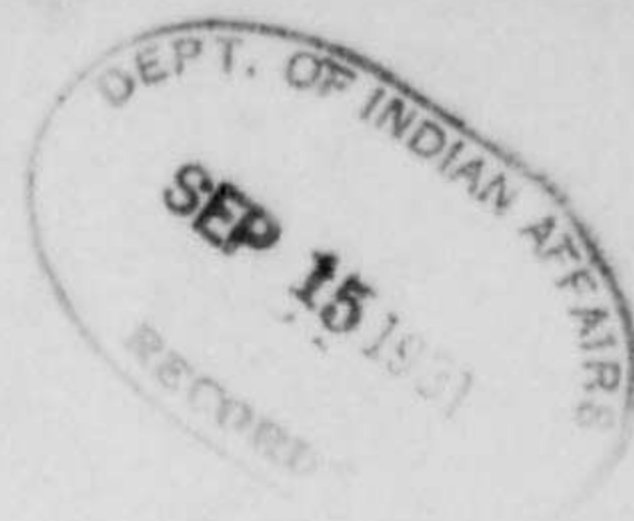
I look forward with confidence to another most successful year's work.

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No. 304-11
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

REGINA, SASK., September 12th, 1931.

ED

Sir:-

I beg to forward a favourable
report of the School Inspector on the work at
the Round Lake Indian Residential School,
Crooked Lake Agency.

Your obedient servant,

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

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT

ON

Round Lake INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Number of pupils in residence { Boys..... 33 } 79.
 { Girls..... 46 }

Number of classrooms and number of desks in each..... Jr. Room 47: Sr. 24.

Number of classes and number of pupils in each class..... Grades I. II. III. IV. V. VI. VII. VIII.
 19. 6. 9. 20. 14. 4. 6. 1. (79)

THE STAFF

Principal's name..... Rev. R.J. Ross.

Classroom Teachers (Name, age and qualifications of each should be separately stated)

Alexander Sparvier. Man. Gr. XI Academic.. Partial Normal Training.. Age 19
 no experience.
 substituting for Mrs. Mary Belle Ross (recovering from operation)

Miss Gertrude Christina Stromgren.. Sask. 2nd Prof. Cert. # 401-24.
 Age 38- 12 yrs. experience.

Remarks relative to the methods employed by teachers.....

Miss Stromgren has continued her generally good work, and her classroom impresses me favorably. The room is nicely decorated, there is a good display of the children's work, lessons are well prepared and the general handling of the work is quite satisfactory. Children are orderly and are doing good work.

Mr. Sparvier is doing his first teaching, and appears to lack confidence in himself. He should improve with experience. He seems quite

capable, but I was not very favorably impressed by his general manner and attitude toward the pupils. His work is not such as to draw out the best efforts of his pupils, or to train them in self dependence.

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Date of Inspection.

Nov. 1/32.

Inspector of Schools.

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Suggestions regarding teaching methods.....

The work of your regular teachers has been so satisfactory that discussion of methods has been of a very general nature..relating to the newer ideas in education and their application to various classes. Some very good work of a project nature was in evidence, and I urged that this type of activity be extended..aiming at training the children to think and do as much as possible for themselves. We also talked over some of the newer supplementary materials ,intended to make the general work more interesting and effective.

I suggested that Mrs. Ross try to assist the new teacher in his work--until she is able to take her regular place--so as to improve his work, and to make it more profitable for the children.

CLASSROOM FURNITURE

Preservation and arrangement of furniture.....

The school furniture is in good condition and seems well cared -for.

Care of material is likewise , and good use appears to be made of all material.

If necessary, indicate what additional classroom material, books, etc., should be supplied

General equipment is quite good..I was pleased to note further additions to your Library , and hope to see this good work continued. Good Books , both for reference and general reading , play a very important part in a child's school training.

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CLASSROOM

Condition Classrooms (Ventilation, light, etc.).....

Both classrooms are in good condition and well looked-after.

Decorations are attractive , and heating and ventilation are satisfactory.

I understand there has been some difficulty with the heating ,but that it is now improved. Lighting is good.

Classroom Register (Is a careful tally made morning and afternoon?).....

Classroom Registers are well kept.

GENERAL

(Under this heading the Inspector should report upon the classroom activity generally and offer any suggestions for improvement.) .

Your teachers and pupils are again doing very creditable work, and I look for another successful year. Your regular teachers are capable and particularly interested in their work..They make a special study of it in order to do their best for the children. Their methods and general attitude are progressive, and they appear to have the confidence and best efforts of their pupils.

The work of the classes observed was good, and on my written tests, the various classes made a better than average showing.. This is particularly creditable in view of the curtailed classroom life of these children(half-time in Senior Room)
The Grade VIII work was again entirely successful , and I feel every assurance of another successful year.

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INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

W. REGINA, SASK., 16th November, 1932.

Sir:-

I beg to forward herewith Provincial School Inspector, Mr. H. L. Winter's report on the Round Lake Indian Residential School.

The Inspector comments very favorable on the classroom work. I may say that the classroom work for the past few years at this school has been of a very satisfactory nature and good results have been evident. The Inspector also states that he was not very favorably impressed by the general manner and attitude towards the pupils of the substitute teacher Mr. Sparvier. When I visited this school in September Mrs. Ross the Senior Teacher had just returned from hospital where she had undergone a very serious operation and it will be some time before she will be able to devote her whole time to teaching. She appeared to be very proud that they had as a teacher substituting for her an ex-pupil of the school. Now that Mrs. Ross is becoming stronger I am sure she will take an active interest in directing Mr. Sparvier's work and, in view of his being an Indian ex-pupil, I feel that every consideration and help should be extended to him in order that his shortcomings may be overcome and that he may have every opportunity of becoming a useful teacher.

Your obedient servant,

W. Murison,
Inspector,
Saskatchewan Inspectorate

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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