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No: 109
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Indian Industrial School

at DUNBOW, ALTA.

June 12th 1900

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Sir,

I beg to inquire whether there are any more available funds for our Institution for the present fiscal year.

We would be exceedingly pleased if you could authorize us to spend \$300⁰⁰ for the purchase of a new Kitchen Range. The present one has been in use for over twelve years and has never given proper satisfaction; on two different occasions we had a Hudsonian Man from Calgary out here and was unable to improve it. It means a constant waste of fuel and of food; it means also hard and unpleasant work for the Cook who has to provide for such large Community three times a day.

The Inspector Wadsworth has lately seen this Range, and stated that he would certainly recommend the purchase of a new one. The sum asked for is taken from the Catalogue

The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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of The Gurney Foundry Company.
I hope you will be able
to supply us with this amount,
thus to help us in practising
further economy in the managing
of our institution.

I remain, Sir,
Yours obediently,
A. Naessens.
Principal.

Department of Indian Affairs

OTTAWA 21st June, 1900

The Secretary:-

The Principal of the High River Industrial school asks for authority to spend \$300 in the purchase of a new kitchen range. He states that the present one has been in use for over twelve years and has never given satisfaction, having been a constant source of trouble and expense. In support of the Principal's statements I beg to quote from an inspection report of Mr Betournay on this school dated January 1896, in which he says in speaking of the range "it is a vice of construction". I think that the sooner a range of this description is got rid of the better, and the question in my mind is whether the Department is bound to replace it or not. Furnaces are treated as fixtures and are repaired and renewed by the Department and a cooking range for a large institution for this class might fairly come under the same heading. The rule of the Department is that the school is to maintain ordinary equipment but a large kitchen range, which has served its time, might be taken as an exception to the usual ruling.

The earnings of this school have ^{not} come up to the amount of the grant and funds should be available

Marion B. P. P. P.

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OTTAWA, 29th June, 1900.

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Rev. Sir,

[Handwritten signature: J. L. Stewart]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant asking to be allowed to ⁱⁿ expend the sum of \$300 for the purchase of a new kitchen range for the High River Industrial school; and in reply I am directed to inform you that the Department does not consider that it is bound to re-furnish the school under the arrangement made as to its management, and it cannot therefore, comply with your request.

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

[Handwritten signature] Secretary

Rev. A. Faessens,

Principal

St Joseph's Industrial school,

Dunbow, Alta.

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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North West Territories,

Winnipeg,

5 Dec. 1900.



In your reply refer to
No. 82/46
and date of this letter and
address
Hon. David B. Davidson,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the last paragraph of Mr. Inspector Wadsworth's report upon the St. Joseph Industrial School, Dunbow, and to say that the Principal of the School has purchased the additional land mentioned, namely 553 acres at \$4.50 = \$2488.50. These are composed of legal subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 - Section 27, Township 21, Range 28, W 4 I.M. The first payment was made on the 28th. of July last - \$372.75. The interest on the purchase money is at the rate of 6%.

Should one-sixteenth of the land not be put under cultivation by July 28th. 1901, an additional amount of interest at 6% will be paid at that date on the unpaid capital, viz: \$126.95, over and above the payments then due. The nine annual payments beginning on July 28th. 1901 are of \$311.06, or the mean of nine gradually decreasing payments.

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The first payment was made out of the grant and it is intended to do so for the others; this will be a heavy charge on the grant and the Principal is anxious to know whether the Department could not see its way to settle the matter in a different manner, either closing the bargain in cash or exchanging this land for some other. I doubt if the C.P.R. would consent to the latter, but it might be tried.

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The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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In conclusion I may say that I absolutely object to officials jumping into bargains of this importance and then falling back on me to press them through. No doubt the land was needed and was purchased upon reasonable terms, but this does not take away the annoyance of being dragged into agreements before the merits of same are duly considered and such proceedings should be put a stop to once for all.

Your obedient servant,

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Indian Commissioner.

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OTTAWA, 18th December, 1900.

Sir,

John L. [unclear]

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant reporting that the Principal of the St Joseph's Industrial school has purchased 553 acres of land at \$4.50 an acre from the C.P.R. and wishes to know if the Department could not see its way to settle the matter either by paying for it, or arranging an exchange with the railway; and in reply I beg to say that the Department has no funds available for this purpose, and would not in any case feel disposed to pay for land purchased by the Principal without its authority. The Department agrees with you that officials have no right to enter into bargains of this importance and then fall back upon the law for means to meet their obligations, and it thinks that it would be well for you to issue a circular to that effect.

I may add that the Department has declined to pay the existing deficit in the finances of this school, considering that it should be worked out by the school, as was done in a previous instance, and could be done again if they refrained from paying

The Indian Commissioner,

for

Winnipeg,

Man.

for purchases of land out of the per capita grant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Secretary

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Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North-West Territories,

Winnipeg,

8 Mch. 1901.

In your reply refer to

No. 76/43

and date of this letter and

address

Hon. David Laird,

Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, Man.

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Rev. Father Naessens, O.M.I., Principal of the St. Joseph's Industrial School, Dunbow, is shortly to take a trip to the old country and that Rev. Father Lepine, O.M.I., will take his place. The latter has two years experience with the Blackfoot Indians, has had charge of the Blood R.C. Boarding School, and has also been some time at the Industrial School. His Lordship the Coadjutor Bishop of St. Albert believes he is fully competent to carry on the work. I may add that the new Principal will be helped by trustworthy members of the staff who have been a long time at the school, in perfect sympathy with the work, and thoroughly at home with the management of the institution.

Your obedient servant,

Laird
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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OTTAWA, 15th March, 1901

Sir,

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant stating that Rev. Father Lapine, O.M.I. will act as Principal of the St Joseph's Industrial school during the absence of Rev. Father Naessens in the old country; and in reply I beg to say that the same has been noted.

SS

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

Asst. Secretary

The Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Indian Industrial School

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at DUNBOW, ALTA.

April 9th 1901In reply refer to
No. 16

Also to date of this letter

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have received from the Indian Commissioner leave of absence for three months to give me an opportunity to visit Europe.

Rev. Father M. Lepine, O.M.I., has been appointed and been accepted as Acting Principal during my absence.

Will you kindly have the Departments' Cheques for this school made out payable to M. Lepine, or order, until my return, instead of as formerly in my name.

Your obedient servant,
A. Haessens.
Principal.

The Secretary
Dept. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

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Indian Industrial School,
at Dunbow, Alta.

May 22nd. 1903.

Sir,

With further reference to the question of acquiring more pasture land for our cattle in the neighborhood of the school, I beg to enquire whether the Department is still of opinion not to secure the C.P.R. Section 27, Township 21, Range 28, West of the 4th Meridian.

You might remember that I had this section of land retained for the institution on the installment plan, and that I made a payment on same, but owing to the depression in our finances, I cannot continue paying these yearly installments, so that if the Department does not see its way to meet this expense, I will have to throw up this land and cancel the contract with the C.P.R. Land Office.

Kindly favor me with an early reply on this matter,

Yours obediently,

(Sgd) A. Naessens,

Principal.

Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg,

Man.

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Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

2nd. June 1903.

In your reply refer to
No. 82/46
and date of this letter and
address
Hon. David Baird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.



Sir,

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I have the honor to refer to your letter of the 13th. December 1900 and to enclose a copy of a letter from the principal of the St. Joseph's Industrial School on the subject. It would appear that the principal is in sore straits as to the fulfilment of his agreement with the C. P. R. in regard to the land mentioned. I, therefore, beg to again submit the request of Rev. Father Naessens. It is true the Rev. gentleman should not have rushed into bargains without consulting the Department and he has been told so; however, the land seems to be greatly needed, and since the date of the contract cannot but have increased in value.

Your obedient servant,

J. G. McNamee
Indian Commissioner.

Secretary,

Dept. Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Department of Indian Affairs.

OTTAWA, 8th June, 1903

The Deputy Superintendent General:-

The Assistant Indian Commissioner forwards under date of the 2nd instant a copy of a communication from the Principal of the High River Industrial school renewing his application to the Department to come to his assistance in paying off the installments due by him on the purchase of 553 acres of Sec. 27, Twp. 21, Rge. 28, West of the 4th Meridian. The land belonged to the C.P.R. and was brought from them at \$4.50 an acre.

The Commissioner, in a letter of the 5th Dec. 1900, turned out herewith, took exception to this purchase as it was made by the Principal without consulting the Department. The Department backed up the Commissioner in this view and nothing has been done since in regard to this matter.

The land is said to be of value to the school and unless the Department comes to their assistance they will have to lose what they have paid on it and the contract will be cancelled.

This school has a large area of land connected with it, a good deal of which is hay and grazing land. They are more concerned in the raising of stock than in farming operations but before expressing a definite opinion in regard to this purchase I think it would be well for the Department to have

a further report in regard to this transaction. The school has not been inspected since April 1901 and Mr McGibbon, who then visited it, said that the stock operations were falling off and if their herds have not increased since then, it is a question whether they need all this grazing land. The section above referred to is nearer the school than some of the other lands they hold and it might be possible to arrange an exchange.

However, I think the matter could stand until an inspection takes place.

Marvin Benson

*Make inspection
report
June 1903*

OTTAWA, 10th June, 1903

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing a copy of a communication from the Principal of High River Industrial school renewing his application for assistance from the Department in carrying out the purchase of 553 acres of Section 27, Twp. 21, Rge. 28, West of the 4th Meridian which was obtained from the C.P.R. at the rate of \$4.50 an acre; and in reply I beg to inform you that the Department would like to have an inspection made of this school with a special report on this transaction.

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

FRANK PEDLEY

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

The Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,
Man:-

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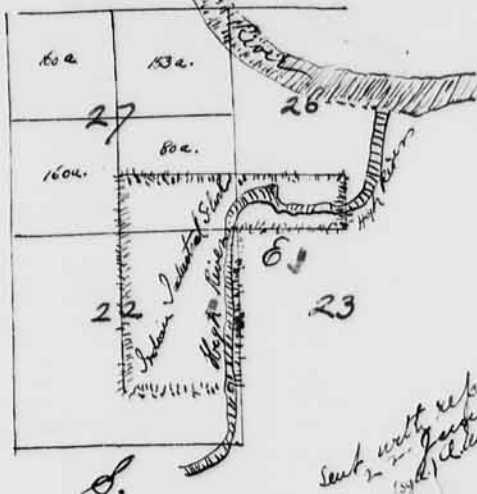
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Dunbow, June 22, 1903.

Sir,

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 17th. instant, No.82/46, in reference to the land purchased by the school here from the C.P.Railway.

The land was purchased in 1900, C.P.R. section 27, T.21, Range 28, West 4, comprising 553 acres, the price was \$4.50 per acre, contract 13288, and to be paid for in eight annual instalments of 311.06 each with interest to the amount of \$61.69. This interest was paid by the school along with the first instalment. This instalment, with the interest as above, were paid in 1900, a second instalment of 311.06 was paid in July 1902, and a third is due this July 1903.

The above payments were paid out of the per capita earnings of the school.

The land referred to is on the north side of the school, and is on the south side of the river. The land is all fit for cultivation, and it has been fenced by the school, about seventy acres are under crop on this place the present year, oats being the crop.

The land is worth to-day \$6.00 an acre or more. The grazing is of the best, and there are good hay meadows. Two crops of oats have been obtained 1901 and 1902.

The particular benefit of this to the school is pasturage for the breeding stock. Previously the cattle industry did not succeed very well, as, when cattle roamed on the prairie, calves were either lost or stolen, but now this is

The Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg.

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obviated, and cattle are increasing, and the profits from sales of fat cattle total up the year ending 30th. June 1903 about \$3000., and but for this, the deficit would be a large one. The cattle were stall fed, and brought big prices in the spring, and it is more profitable to feed oats in this way than to sell them.

The cattle industry is the main or only one here, and to carry this on successfully this land is a necessity. I would strongly advise the Department assuming the purchase. I enclose a rough plan of the place and the corner where it takes in a portion of Bow River is one of the best cattle watering places along the river.

I opposed the raising of large herds at Brandon and Regina, as they had to rent pasturage and buy hay, and with these conditions, to make cattle raising a success, was absurd, but conditions here are totally different, and the results, so far, are most encouraging, as the statements will show, which I will send with report.

If the land is not secured fewer cattle would have to be kept, or rent paid, but I hope you will endeavour to get the Department to assume the purchase, the bargain is a good one, besides being a great benefit to the school.

My general report will be sent end of this week, I hope this short one will explain what you ask for.

I am, Your obt. servant,

(sgd.) Alex. McGibben

Inspector.

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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories

Winnipeg,

27 June 1903.

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In your reply refer to

To 82/46

and date of this letter and
address

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Sir,

I beg to enclose a copy of a report from
Inspector McGibbon upon the application of the
Principal of the Dunbow Industrial School in the
matter of the purchase of certain land, which report
is called for in your letter of the 10th. instant.
I concur in the Inspector's recommendation.

Your obedient servant,



J. M. Newman
Asst. Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, 2nd July, 1903

The Deputy Superintendent General:-

With reference to the application made by the Principal of the High River Industrial school for assistance to enable to pay off the installment due on the purchase of 553 acres of Sec. 27, Twp. 21, Rge. 28 W. of the 4th Meridian, I beg to say that a report has been received from Mr Inspector McGibbon, who received instructions to examine into this matter, from which it would appear that he considers this purchase necessary and advantageous for the school.

If the Department decides to relieve the Principal of his liability the title should be vested in the Crown, which could pay the annual installments of \$311.06 with interest, as they fall due. The first and second installments have already been paid and a third will be due this month.

The purchase price agreed on with the C.P.R. was \$4.50 an acre, or \$2488.50 in all, payable in nine annual installments.

Inspector McGibbon's general report on this school will be sent in shortly.

The price of land in this vicinity has gone up since the purchase was made and Inspector McGibbon considers that it is to-day worth \$6 an acre or more. The land is, he says, all fit for cultivation

and has been fenced by the school and about 70 acres are under crop.

The particular benefit of this land to the school the pasturage for breeding stock, the grazing is of the best and there are good hay meadows. The cattle industry is the main, or only one in the neighborhood and to carry this on successfully this land is a necessity. The Inspector strongly advises the Department to assume the purchase.

Marshall Brown



MEMORANDUM:

For the Deputy Supt. General of I.A.

The Department has no funds specially provided for the purchase of the additional land at the High River Industrial School, but it seems desirable to assume the debt and complete the contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway. By so doing we will assume a debt of \$1,866.38, to be paid in 6 annual instalments, with interest. This will not bear very heavily on the appropriation in any one ~~year~~.

As the two first instalments were, to all intents and purposes, paid from Parliamentary appropriations, the title to the lands should be at once vested in the Crown.

The 3rd instalment paid

[Signature]
Accountant.

OTTAWA, July 17th-1903.,

D.I.A.

H. O.



Ottawa, July 29th, 1903.

Memorandum,

Mr. Sifton.

The Department is asked to take over the land bought by the High River Industrial School authorities and on which two installments have been paid. This land consists of 553 acres of Section 27, Township 21, Range 28, West of the 4th Meridian and was purchased at \$4.50 per acre. The amount remaining unpaid is \$1866.38, payable in installments of \$311.06 with interest. Inspector McGibbon reports very strongly in favour of this purchase and his recommendation is concurred in by the Assistant Commissioner.

The Principal of the school states in his application that if the Department does not come to his assistance the contract will have to be cancelled and the land go back to the C. P. Ry. How far the authorities after having paid two installments will allow this to be done is questionable.

The land

The land is valued now at \$6.00 per acre and should be considered a fairly good asset. The policy of the Department is not to encourage such transactions and if we could be satisfied that the land would not go back I would not endorse the recommendation in favour of the Department taking it over. The 3rd installment is due this month and we might wait to see whether the school authorities pay it, before deciding the matter.

Frank Pedley

H. O.



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Ottawa, July 29th, 1903.

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Mr. Sifton.



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Frank Kelly

OTTAWA, 6th August, 1903

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th June last enclosing a copy of a report from Mr Inspector McGibbon upon the application of the Principal of High River Industrial school for assistance to enable him to pay off the installment due on the purchase of 553 acres of Section 27, Twp. 21, Rge. 28, West of the 4th Meridian, I beg to say that the Department has no appropriation available out of which payment could be made and it is too late now to deal with the matter. The necessities of the case, however, will be looked into later.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK PEDLEY

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

The Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Dunbow School
High River
July 18th 1903

Rev^d Father Naessens
Principal Dunbow Industrial School

My Dear Sir

I was pleased to find on my visit to the school today that Roderick Smith, the young man (belonging to the school), that I operated on two weeks ago in the Holy Cross Hospital for scrofula is progressing very favorably towards recovery.

I have examined Joseph Towrond and find him suffering from an affection of the scrotum requiring an operation.

If you will kindly send him in to the Hospital in Calgary I will operate on him and allow him to return without any delay.

It is very satisfactory to find the pupils in the school in such good health and I am glad to find that you encourage them to spend all their spare time outside.

Yours sincerely

I hereby certify that the above
work has been done satisfactorily
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Thunder Bay School
High River
July 18th 1903.

Rev. Father Narcisse
Principal Thunder Industrial School
My Dear Sir

I was pleased to find on my visit to the school today that Rodolphe Smith the young man (belonging to the school) that I operated on two weeks ago in the Holy Cross Hospital for Sciapula is progressing very favorably towards recovery.

I have examined Joseph Touraine and find him suffering from an affection of the sciolum requiring operation.

If you will kindly send him in to the Hospital in Calgary I will operate on him and allow him to return without any delay.

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Yours sincerely,
D. L. Coffey,
Head Officer

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A. Haessum,
Principal.