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River, Long Lake and some other Bands that I cannot at the moment recall. All children, irrespective of religion, get the same attention and education.

I am in receipt of a communication from Rev Father R. E. Lamarche, S.J., Superintendent of the Mission, and Principal of the School, who points out the necessity of some definite assurance from the Department as to the per capita grant.

His Lordship, Bishop Scholard, of the diocese in which this school is situated, is very anxious that the matter be dealt with immediately, so that an appropriation might be taken in the next supplementary estimates to be brought down; otherwise there is likely to be great hardship and a good deal of confusion, <sup>as</sup> ~~and~~ the Sisters may be compelled to close the school. In view of the possible removal of the School it would seem that this is a matter that should have immediate attention, and I will esteem it a special favor if you will be kind enough to bring it to

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make application for attendance. That it has been possible for them to do so is owing to the fact that the Fathers (Christian Brothers) until recently have been supplying these schools with milk, vegetables and fuel. Last year they supplied and delivered 125 cords of wood and over 350 bushels of potatoes, as well as other lines of vegetables in proportion. I understand that the Brothers will not be able to supply vegetables this year, and will not be able to supply the wood. If they are moved from their present lands, as is proposed, it will be some time before they can be again settled and producing in the same way. Besides there has been a change in the management, and it is thought that in future it will be impossible to get such assistance from these Brothers. It is therefore important that the management of the School should know definitely what the Department will do towards its maintenance.

This is the only accessible school within the reach of seven or eight bands of Indians, viz., the Fort William, Savanne, Nepigon, Pays-Plat, Pic River, White

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which she suffered by reason of being unable to employ men to take care of the furnace and to do other necessary work. The other sister who died was Sister Matilda. She had been in the school sixteen years, and as she was the senior sister had to take charge after the death of Mother Francis. She had been ill previously for some time. She was the cook of the house, and had to act as Superior<sup>ess</sup> of the school, and when there were some cases of typhoid fever in the school she had also to find time to nurse the sick children. These labors were too much for her strength and she contracted the disease and died after six days illness. Her life would no~~u~~ doubt have been spared if she had been able to hire nurses and servants to relieve her of part of the nursing and other work.

This School and its managers are certainly deserving of consideration. It would be too long a story to enumerate all the privations these Sisters have suffered in their endeavor to be able to keep all the children who

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and the \$500.00 divided by that number, it will give the sum of \$12.50 per capita for the 12 months maintenance, including board, instruction and the clothing of these children. There are two teachers whose salaries are fixed at \$300.00 each, but the Sisters receive nothing individually; so the teachers salaries are devoted to the maintenance of the children. The total inmates of the house, including the teachers, instructors, servants, &c., is about 60. To board and maintain this number of inmates is no small matter. The monthly bill for meats alone exceeds \$60.00. To maintain the school, the Sisters have had to resort to begging, but the present Superior has forbidden this to be done in future. These Sisters devote their entire life to the teaching and maintenance of the children and the schools, and have had to suffer much privation for the want of the necessary articles of life. Their endeavors deserve consideration. Last year two sisters died. The Superior, Mother Francis, died of pneumonia, which she contracted no doubt by the strenuous labors and anxiety she was forced to undergo and the cold

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that section of the country and rendered a very valuable public service. Circumstances have much changed in the last few years. There are not only several lines of steamers running to Port William from Canadian ports, but also American lines of steamers, and there are now two railways traversing the country - in fact three railways, as the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western, though managed by the Canadian Northern, is a separate line, and there will soon be another line traversing another section of the country, viz.: the G.T.P., all of which makes communication much easier than heretofore. This is evidenced by the large increase in the number of pupils attending the school, which is now 6 or 7 times greater than formerly. Besides the price of everything has gone up. Food, clothing, boots and shoes and labor has increased; so that the \$500 is altogether inadequate for the support of the school and out of proportion with grants to other schools of a similar character. The average number of boarders in the school for many years has been from 35 to 40, sometimes 45. If the number of boarders be taken at 40

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new there was some industrial instruction. I find upon looking over my correspondence that it is claimed that it is not only a boarding school, but an industrial school. Just what instruction is given I am unable at the present moment to state. I also find that the school management claim to have made application two years ago for a per capita grant and that nothing has as yet been definitely determined as regards the matter. I am also informed that Bishop O'Connor of Peterboro made an application on behalf of this school some time ago. That it has not been dealt with may be due to the fact that Mr. Sifton, who was then the Minister, has been absent a good deal this year. However, it is important that the matter be now dealt with.

When this school was started there were very few pupils and I am informed that a grant of \$500 per year was made by your Department and that at the time the management were satisfied with this sum. The school has been in existence for 25 years and has served a much felt want in

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Frank Pedley Esq.,  
Deputy Supt. Genl. Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our conversation of this morning in reference to the boarding school for Indian children situated on the Indian reserve at Fort William:- You will remember that I had assumed that the school management had made application to your Department for a per capita grant and that they had stated their case. I was also of opinion that I had written the Department a few days previously. Neither my communication nor any application from the school management appeared to be at hand, and you stated you would have the papers looked up. These documents may be found. In the meantime I am writing you lest my previous letter may not have been mailed or may have been mislaid in some other way.

In my discussion with you I had assumed the school was merely a boarding school. I did however state that I

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Department of Indian Affairs,  
OTTAWA, 29th May, 1905

The Deputy Superintendent General:-

With reference to the enquiries made by Mr Comtee on Saturday last regarding the Fort William boarding school, I beg to say that I do not find any late application for assistance to this institution on file. This school is in receipt of an annual grant of \$500.00 and last quarter's return shows that there were 38 Indian pupils enrolled with an average attendance of 28. The present amount granted would provide for only about 9 pupils at the per capita rate of \$60 and the maintenance of an average of nearly 30 pupils must be a severe tax on the management. They have a well-equipped institution and it is the only Roman Catholic boarding school in the Eastern Provinces, Wilmewemikong being ranked as an industrial school and always having its full complement of pupils.

If the Grand Trunk Pacific does not expropriate the mission buildings and school at Fort William, the orphanage will require new class-rooms as the building used for that purpose is in a very bad condition and not worth repairing. The question of putting this institution on a per capita basis is deserving of the Department's consideration.

*Wm. A. G. Brown*

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OTTAWA, 5th June, 1905

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ulto. applying on behalf of the Fort William Orphanage for a per capita grant in lieu of the annual allowance of \$500.00 now given this institution; and in reply I beg to say that your application will receive consideration.

*md*  
~~*[Signature]*~~

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Deputy Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs.

James Conmee, Esq. M.P.  
House of Commons,  
OTTAWA.

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Small pittance the tale would move the heart of a stone.  
I hope then Sir that you will grant my request,  
and rest assured I shall not forget it for you.

Believe me Hon. Sir,  
Yours very sincerely,  
D. J. Scollard.

Address: p.  
The Rev. D. J. Scollard,  
Bishop,  
North Bay,  
Ont.

P. S. I may state that James Leanne M. P. can  
confirm the truth of my statements. He has  
taken this matter up with your Department.

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Over 40 Indian Children and \$500 a year to feed and clothe them and keep the Institution heated means only about \$12<sup>00</sup> per capita per year of an allowance from the Government. When I learned that <sup>all</sup> the Indian Industrial Schools west of Lake Superior receive a grant of \$100 per head per year from the Government I was surprised and am yet under a cloud as to why this school has been treated differently from all the other Indian Industrial Schools of the west.

Seven bands of Indians (the Fort William, the Savanne, the Nipigon, the Pays Plat, the Pic River, the White River and Long Lake Bands) send their poor Indian children to this school. As means of communications are opened up the number of children constantly grows, so the easier means of transportation afforded by the G. T. P. will mean that the number in the near future will grow still larger. Hence I feel that I am only asking what is just, when I respectfully request you Hon. Sir to place in the Supplementary Estimates the sum of \$100 per Capita for 60 Indian children.

The Sisters are doing a great work of self-sacrifice in that school, and if I were to relate to you the privations and hardships they have endured in order to support the school in the past on such a

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W. J. Sedby

North Bay, June 14<sup>th</sup> 1905  
The Honorable J. Oliver M.P.  
Minister of the Interior,  
Ottawa.



Dear Sir:

I write you in reference to the Indian Industrial and Boarding School at Fort William, Ont. I made my first official visit as Bishop of the new Diocese of Saint Marie to that School about three weeks ago, and here is the condition of affairs in that school. I found a large building there, neat and clean, and well but plainly furnished, and heated with hot air furnaces. I found six Sisters of St. Joseph there, and 47 Indian boys and girls. I asked how they supported the Institution that is how they boarded, lodged, clothed and taught household Economy to those inmates. The Mother Superior told me that they got a grant of \$500 a year from the Government, and for the rest, they had to beg clothing and provisions from the merchants and people of Fort Arthur and Fort William, and that, moreover they had to visit the lumber shanties to beg alms to keep their poor Indian children from starving and going naked.

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intention is to maintain this boarding Industrial school which is the only one accessible to 7 bands of Indians. But then there must be means provided for the support of the institution at least by a per capita grant as it is given to all other boarding schools. The Superiors will not allow our Sisters to go begging around the country and even through the camps as they have been doing for two years in order to support the school, and even with that they have not collected enough to pay the debts they have contracted. All the agents of the Dept. who have passed through the mission for two years have ~~recognized~~ recognized the justice of our petition and promised to support it. Bishop O'Connor has made a strong application, but never received more than the acknowledgement of his letter. It may be due to the fact that Hon. Sifton has been away a great part of that time. But as some friends suggested to me that our petition should be presented to the Dept or Committee through your medium. Although quite a stranger to you I feel confident that I have found the right way of presenting our petition if you take it in your hands. Excuse me for the lengthy explanation of our case but I thought it was not out of place to understand it better

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being sufficient. One of those ~~XXXXXX~~ Sisters has been teaching the same class for 12 years, the other for 7 or 8 years, but they never touch a cent of their salary it all goes to support the house. But I ask you is it fair to expect the Sisters not only to devote their lives for the instruction of the Indians, but also to be always under the privation of the most necessary articles of life, Last year we lost two Sisters The Superior Mother Francis died with pneumonia that she contracted no doubt from the cold she suffered in her room during that severe winter when the blankets would be found sticking by frost to the wall, and the reason was that they could not afford to hire a man to take care of the furnaces. The other old Sr. Matilda who had been in the school for 16 being the senior Sister took charge of the house at the death of Mother Francis. She had been laid up herself for nearly 6 weeks previously. When an epidemic of typhoid fever broke out in the school she was the cook of the house, had to act as Superior of the school and find time to nurse the patients as the other Sisters. It was more than a robust health could bear. She took the fever herself when the pupils began to recover and died after six days. The life of this other devoted Sister might have been spared if they had means to hire nurses or at least servants to help them. It would be too long to enumerate all the privations our Sisters have to suffer in order to be able to keep all the children who made application for admittance.

The Fathers have until now supplied the school with milk, vegetables, and have been hauling the cordwood, which this year amounts to 125 cords. The hauling is about 3 miles and it would cost them  $\frac{1}{2}$ .00 a cord. They use over 350 bushels of potatoes the year round and other vegetables in proportion. But most likely the Fathers will not be able to start a farm as the one we have now in the new location where the mission will be removed when the G.T.P. takes this part of the mission. So before building a new school we have to know if the Dept's

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James Conmee, M. P.,

Dear Sir:

I call on you for a favor that I am sure you will be pleased to obtain for us if it is your power. For two years we have been applying to the Dept. of Indian Affairs to obtain a per capita grant for our Indian Boarding school as it is granted to all the other Indian Boarding schools of the Dominion. The Dept. is not to be blamed for the condition under which our school exists. When this boarding school was opened the Sisters had very few pupils and to be able to conduct the school they asked for a grant of at least 500. a year and it was granted. For more than 25 years now 6 sisters have been devoting themselves to educate the poor Indian children of 7 different Bands of this part of the country: Ft. Will. Savanne, Nepigon, Paips-Plat, Pic-~~Winn~~ River, White River and Long Lake. But circumstances have changed- We have two railways and very soon a 3rd one the G. T. P. that make communications so much easier than before and so the number of pupils have increased 4 or 5 times what it was at the beginning and the price of every thing, food, clothes, labor has also increased greatly. So that the grant of 500 is altogether out of proportion at present. For few years the average of boarders in the school has been from 35 to 40 sometimes 45. If you take the average of 40 boarders and divide the grant of 500.00 by that number it will give the sum of \$12.50 per capita for the 12 months, for boarding, instructing and clothing these children. Naturally you will ask me how could the Sisters be able to conduct the school for that amount. Of course outside of the 500. grant there is the salary of two teachers \$250.00 each that was raised to \$300.00 each last year. But even by conservating the teacher.s salary to support the school, it is very far from

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Ottawa, June 28th, 1905.

Reverend Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 14th instant, addressed to the Honourable Mr. Oliver, whose absence from the city and the consequent accumulation of correspondence has prevented an early reply, and to say with reference to a Government grant for the Fort William School that the application is not being lost sight of and I hope to be able to inform you at an early date what action the Government will take regarding meeting your request.

I may say that both Mr. Honnee, M. P. and Mr. McCool, M. P., have interested themselves in this matter by calling at the Department and asking that something be done regarding it.

Your obedient servant,

*Frank Pedley*

Rt. Rev. D. J. Scollard,  
North Bay, Ontario.

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Ottawa, June 29th, 1905.

*Approved  
L. A. [unclear]*

Memorandum,

Mr. Oliver.

With reference to the application which has been made for the placing of the school at Fort William on a per capita basis, I beg leave to say that for some time the Department has been giving \$500.00 per annum to this institution. It has never been recognized as an Industrial or a Boarding School and while it may have some claim upon the Department for financial recognition I am inclined to think that in view of the prospective change of the Indians and the school at Fort William by reason of the acquisition of part of the reserve by the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. the question of whether we should put this school on a per capita basis should remain for another year. In the meantime I would recommend that this school receive the sum of \$1,000.00 this year in addition to the \$500.00 grant. Funds are available for this purpose.

*Laurie [unclear]*

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North Bay, June 30<sup>th</sup> 1905.



M<sup>r</sup>. F. Pedley,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

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Yours of 28<sup>th</sup> received this morning. The letter does not convince me with any degree of certainty, that my just demands for assistance on behalf of that poor struggling Fort William school will be granted.

The great discrepancy between the grant given this school and other Indian schools doing similar work, led me to believe, that the meagre pittance given in the past was due perhaps to an oversight. Consequently I was led to believe, that I would only have to draw the Department's attention to the mistake and it would be forthwith corrected. Your letter does not enlighten me in any way, as to the cause of the meagre grant. I had hoped to obtain this information from you. Will you kindly let me have it.

Yours sincerely, D. J. Scollard  
Bishop.

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at Fort William as to all other similarly situated Indian Industrial Schools, viz that it be given \$100 per caput a year.

Singular to relate I have not yet obtained a reply from the Minister of the Interior. I ask you dear Sir Wilfred, to see the Minister of the Interior about this school and have him give it the same grant as is given to the other schools of the West. Having had no reply from the Minister, the reason why this school has got so little in the past in comparison with others is a mystery to me.

Believe me, My dear Sir Wilfred,

Yours most devotedly,

+ D. J. Scollards,

Address:

Rev. Rev. D. J. Scollards,

North Bay,  
Ont.

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in the lumber camps and from the employees here  
and there along the C.P. R. and C.N. Railways.  
They recounted to me most harrowing tales  
of privation, and suffering and anxiety in  
their endeavours to provide for the necessary  
needs of their orphan charges. My heart was  
much touched, but greater still my sur-  
prise, when I ascertained that all similar  
Industrial Schools west of Fort William  
receive from the Dominion Government  
the sum of \$100 a year for each inmate  
in their respective schools, and the Fort  
William school only receives altogether the  
sum of \$500 or slightly over \$10 per caput a  
year. About 10 days ago, I wrote Mr. F.  
Oliver the Minister of the Interior requesting  
him to kindly inform me, why this Fort  
William orphanage has received such  
different treatment from the Department  
why it is the sole exception among those  
who obtain a per caput grant, and then  
I humbly prayed that the same treat-  
ment be meted out to this school at ~~Fort~~

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W. L. C. 7

North Bay, June 27<sup>th</sup> 1905  
The Right Hon. Sir Wilfred Laurier K.C.M.G.  
Premier of Canada,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir Wilfred:  
During the latter part of  
May I made my first visit as Bishop to Fort  
William, Ont. There is an Industrial School  
for Indian children on the Indian Reserve there.  
I found over 50 children there, ranging in  
age from four to fifteen or sixteen years.  
I made inquiries about how all these inmates  
were fed, clad, and maintained, and was told  
by the Mother Superior in charge that a  
Grant of \$500 a year was received from  
the Department of the Interior at Ottawa,  
and for the rest of means necessary, the Sisters  
were obliged to beg alms from the people of  
Port Arthur and Fort William, and had  
even to drive through the forest and collect

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE  
SECRETARY OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



Ottawa, 4th July, 1905.

*W. H. Morrison*  
*J. V. K. H.*  
Memorandum:

Mr. Pedley,-

Bishop Scellard, of North Bay, and Mr. Cormee, M.P., called on the Minister to-day, asking for an increased grant to the Fort William Orphanage. The Minister communicated the decision already arrived at, that the school would receive this year \$1000 in addition to the \$500 grant. He informed the Bishop and Mr. Cormee that the whole question of contribution to Indian schools would be gone into, and that when that was done the orphanage at Fort William would also be considered.

No intimation was given, nor promise made, that the orphanage would receive an increased grant, but that the merit of its work, along with that of other schools, would be taken into consideration and dealt with accordingly.

*L. M. Lee*

Secretary.

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OTTAWA, 13th July, 1905

Sir,

In further reference to your application for increased assistance to the Fort William Orphanage, I beg to say that it has been decided to make an additional grant of \$1000.00 over and above the \$500.00 a year previously paid. This arrangement will date from the 1st instant and payment will be made quarterly upon receipt of the usual returns.

*Handwritten signature and scribbles*

Your obedient servant,

ACCOUNTANTS  
JUL 19 1905  
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W. H. LEAM

Secretary

James Conmee, Esq. M.P.

House of Commons,

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OTTAWA, 24th July, 1905

Sir,

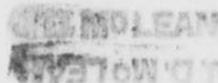
Referring to official letter of the 13th inst. regarding your application for increased assistance to the Fort William Orphanage, I beg to say that by a clerical error the word "annual" was inserted between the words "additional" and "grant" in the fourth line of the letter above referred to. It is the decision of the Department to make an additional grant for this year of \$1,000.00 over and above the \$500.00 previously paid. This grant is not to be paid annually, but only for the current year. In the meantime it is hoped that the whole school question will be thoroughly gone into and the grants re-adjusted.

  
James Connors, Esq. M.P.

Port Arthur,

Ont.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary

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The Mission, Fort William, 25th July 1905



*J. L.*  
The Secretary Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

We have learned with pleasure from Rt. Rev. Bishop Scollard and from Mr. James Connee M.P. that an additional grant of one \$1000.00 shall be added to the usual \$500.00 previously received every year for the support of the Fort William Boarding School. For which we are very thankful indeed. And we feel confident that our petition for a per Capita grant shall also be received favorably for this school is conducted on the same principals than other Industrial Schools. We may be obliged though to reduce the number of new admissions for not only the Sisters who conduct the school receive no salary for their good work, but they are running in debts, and this is against the constitutions of any religious order.

Your humble servant in X<sup>t</sup>  
Rev. H. Lamoignon, Principal.



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Hix'd.

OTTAWA, 31st July, 1905

Rev. Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant I beg to say that the grant of \$1000.00, in addition to the \$500.00 already allowed the Fort William Orphanage applies to the current year only. The question of the allowance of a per capita grant to this school will be considered during the current year.

Mr Conmee, M.P. was informed that the extra provision of \$1000.00 was not ~~to~~ to be in the shape of an annual grant, but only applied to this year.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary

Rev. P. E. Lamarche, S. J.

Roman Catholic Mission

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Most of our children actually in the School are deprived of their father or mother and some of both. The Sisters and the Fathers of the Mission have made great sacrifices to keep these poor children. And it is only by begging that we have been able to manage it. But there are so many collections going on every where, for Hospitals, Churches etc. that we have decided to abandon that way of supporting the School, and we do not see any other way of continuing the good work done for our thirty years than the per capita Grant that all the other Boarding Schools receive from the Government.

Your humble servant in X<sup>st</sup>

Rev. P. E. Lamarche, S. J.,  
Principal of the School.

The Secretary Department of Indian Affairs

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had made the report that this School did not present the characters required by the Dept. for an Industrial School. I must say that I had not the occasion to meet the gentleman who may have come when I was away and the Sisters tell me that they were not called to give an account of the work done at the School.

In letters I wrote last winter to Right Rev. Bishop Scollard and to M. J. Courme M. P., I said that outside of the ordinary teaching of schools that include the IV Book Standard, the girls are trained in cooking, baking, washing, ironing, general householding, in sewing, knitting, patching and some can cut their own dresses.

The boys are not admitted as boarders after 12 years of age, as the management of girls and older boys in the same building is not considered advisable. The boys do the general householding of their department and the older ones in spring time and summer help in the garden. But the greater number of the boys are from 7 to 10 years of age.

I know that with proper means the management of the School could be improved, and we would be pleased to receive the directions of the Dept. to

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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The Secretary Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa,  
Schools

Dear Sir,  
Several times since three years we have made application to the Dept. to obtain a per capita grant for the Fort William Indian Boarding School. It seems that Right Rev. Bishop O'Connor's request is not on record. And last year Right Rev. Bishop Scollard and Mr. J. Comme M.P. told us that the application was presented too late to be considered at that time, but a special grant of \$1000.00 was given for this year 1905-1906 to enable the Sisters to pay their debts, and I think it will be sufficient.

We have now to look for the pressing future. I understand that the Indians are given one year from the 27th of January 1906 to move in another part of the Reserve and I suppose we should move about the same time. But we cannot determine any plan of building or call for tenders before we know the size we should give to the new house.

In an interview I had with Mr. J. Comme, M.P. last ~~X~~ time, he told me that some inspector

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Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, April 3, 1906.

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The Deputy Superintendent General:-

Rev. Father Lamarche has again applied for a per capita grant for the Ft. William Orphanage. This school, which has had an average attendance of about 25 pupils for many years, is only in receipt of a lump sum of \$500 per annum, although last year an additional \$1000 was granted for maintenance, but this additional grant was only to cover the current year; it will cease on June 30, next.

There is no doubt that this institution is doing good work and deserving of being put on a satisfactory financial basis, especially as they will have to rebuild on account of their property being expropriated by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and they should know exactly how they will stand in relation to the Department. At present the school is forced to beg for contributions from outside sources, and last year they raised in this manner \$2,570. It seems hardly fair that this school should have to raise so large an amount by voluntary contributions, and I do not see why the Department should hesitate to give them the usual per capita grant to Ontario schools, namely, \$60, for 25 pupils. This question of a per capita grant for this school has been before the Department for a number of years, and as I said before, something definite should be done before they rebuild.

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