House of Commons
Canada

RUSSELL, Man., November 17, 1937

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Honourable R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

Re: Birtle Indian School

I have your letter of 13th instant. Perhaps you would send me a summary of Mr. Lockhart's comments so that I may take the matter up with the parties interested and get their viewpoint. I would then be in a position to more intelligently discuss any differences of opinion and perhaps we can both save time by doing so.

Yours sincerely,

J A Glen

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EX'D.

Ottawa, November 22, 1937.

Dear Mr. Glen:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of a letter received by me from Reverend E. H. Lockhart, Principal, Birtle Indian Residential School.

I have found it somewhat difficult to make a satisfactory summary of Mr. Lockhart's letter: consequently, I am forwarding to you the complete letter. This letter, of course, is for your personal use. I am still of the opinion that, if a committee, representing the Birtle Council, could meet Mr. Lockhart and have a frank discussion with him, a great many of the problems with which he deals could be adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Yours very sincerely,

Encl.

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

J. Allison Glen, Esq., M.P.,
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A G SMITH
INDIAN AGENT
BIRTLE MAN

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DRAINAGE SYSTEM BIRTLE RESIDENCE INDIAN SCHOOL OUT OF ORDER

REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO HAVE MR YATES BRANDON INVESTIGATE SAME

VERY URGENT

A G SMITH..

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Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 15

Schools

EX'D.

Birtle Manitoba
10th June 1938

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Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of June 8th which read as follows:-

"May arrange for examination of drainage system Birtle School and report to the Department expenditure required.As funds are limited necessary work only should be considered."

Yesterday two plumbers from the firm of Yates and Neale,Brandon,worked at the school,and have located the stoppage in the drain right under the basement floor.To do this the concrete floor had to be broken up for a few feet.As soon as I can form an estimate of the cost of necessary repairs I will communicate with you.Some new iron pipe and tile will be necessary.

To delay doing this work until I received further authority,would mean additional expenditure, therefore I am proceeding to do what work is essential at once,and I hope that no further expense will be necessary.The washing water is backing up into the school basement,and the smell is abominable,and to delay would mean sending the children home or running the risk of an epidemic.I will supervise this work myself,and will see that no expenditure is incurred which is not necessary immediately, to preserve the health of the children.

Your obedient servant

A. G. Smith

A.G.Smith
Indian Agent

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Department of Mines and Resources
Ottawa

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EX'D.

Birtle Man, 4th June 1938.

Sir:

I beg to submit the following report for the month of May 1938.

x x x

Trouble with the drainage system has developed at the Residential school and we are trying to find the cause of same.

x x x

A.G. Smith.
Indian Agent.

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JAS. E. YATES, PHONE 3530

A. NEALE, PHONE 3571

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231 TENTH STREET
BRANDON, MAN.

The cost of this with use of slush Pump etc would be.....$135.00

Every Septic Tank in Institutions of this kind should be cleaned out and inspected every five years.

While we have some that have been working for eleven years without cleaning, they are working only at half capacity.

In one case we removed 35 wagon loads of heavy sludge and debris after eleven years.

We would also draw your attention to the fact that the only access to either drain in the Building is from the bottom of each stack, the long drain having no cleanouts except the one we installed.

This report we respectfully submit.

Yours very truly,
Yates, Neale & Co.
per.....Jas. E. Yates

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BRANDON, MAN.

The type of Grease Trap at the Kitchen Sink where, we feel sure most of the grease comes from, is not adequate for an Institution of this size, and should be replaced with one having a water jacket the cold water in which would congeal the grease. As it is now when large quantities of Hot Water are used it is impossible to keep the grease out of the Drain.

We would recommend as the most important, that a new 12½" Dia Cast Iron Flushing Cleanout Water Jacketed Grease Trap with removable top be installed at the Kitchen Sink at a cost of;-

ONE HUNDRED & FIFTY DOLLARS.....$150.00

Also that eleven new copper wire cages or baskets be installed at the roof outlets at a cost of....$33.00

For your information, we found that on both Drains, there is what is known as a House Trap installed with fresh air inlet, while this will allow the ventilating of the Drain and Stacks in the Building, it provides no ventilation for the outside drain or the Septic Tank.

We have known of cement Septic Tanks being badly damaged above the water line for want of Ventilation.

We have also had men overcome by gas in cleaning these Septic Tanks out, because they had not been properly ventilated.

Where House Traps are not installed it is an easy matter to ventilate the Septic Tank, and drains, through the Stacks to the roof, being careful not to cause freezing or chilling by too much ventilation.

If you decide to remove these Traps and make the drain straight, repairs to floor, excavating etc, it would cost.....$76.00

We would recommend that this Septic Tank, having now been in about 5 years be cleaned out and inspected for faults.

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231 TENTH STREET
BRANDON, MAN.

June 30th 1938.

Mr.A.G.Hamilton.
Dept of Indian Affairs.
538 Dom Public Bldge.
Winnipeg.Man.

Dear Sir, Re Drains, Indian School, Birtle.Man.

We have only now been able to assemble the necessary information to form an intelligent report. Some of our Staff being absent.

On being called to Birtle to clear the Main Drains our Plumber found that there had accumulated a stoppage,not in the Drain that goes through the Septic Tank,but on that Drain which is connected to the Laundry Machinery,the Kitchen Sink, floor drains in Laundry and the Drinking Fountains. This Drain also takes all the rain water from the Roof.

The stoppage was composed of Grease, some Lint and broken half rusted wires from the roof cages showed in two places.
The waste stoppage was between the Boys Recreation Room and the Dining Room,and in this case about 25 ft of the Drain was plugged solid with grease. At this point,the cold water from the Boys Drinking Fountain enters this drain,contributing to a large extent on hardening the grease. At this point,the drain is 6" cast iron and had to be taken up to be cleaned,and some new pipe put in. We also installed a cleanout here to help in case of future trouble.

The lesser stoppage was in the same Drain but in the Tile Pipe near the Septic Tank where an offset in the Drain occurs. The average depth of this Drain is approximately 7 feet and was dug up in three places and eleven lengths of tile pipe had to be replaced.

The accumulation of rubbish,helped out by the broken rusted wires from the roof cages were the cause of the plug here.

We might suggest that all roof cages protecting the outlets of rainwater pipes should be made of copper.

While this drain was plugged,a severe rain storm occurred,causing considerable inconvenience and some damage.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
July 5th, 1938.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
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Dear Sir,

Attached is a copy of a letter just received from Yates, Neale & Company, Brandon, in connection with conditions at the Birtle Indian Residential school. The invoices for the work already carried out have no doubt been submitted by Mr. Smith, the Indian Agent. Consequently I do not know the amount of the bill. However, I am of the impression that it entailed considerable expense and if a repetition of this can be avoided by the installation of a grease trap, I would recommend that one be installed even though the price appears exceptionally high.

You will note that Mr. Yates makes certain recommendations. No doubt all of them would be an improvement but will entail considerable expense totalling almost $400.00. In my opinion the copper wire cages or baskets should be installed, especially on the lower parts of the building where waste material is liable to accumulate.

I would like to be advised if funds are available to carry out any of this work.

Yours very truly,
A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Manitoba.

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept., of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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BRANDON, MAN., June 193 8.

MR. Indian School.

Birtle, Man.

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June 8	To Clearing Sewer and repair				
	Drains. M&H 12 hrs	1.85	22 20		
9	" " " 12 "	"	22 20		
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	22'. 6" Sewer Tile	35	7 70		
	2 - 6" 1/8 Tile Bends.	1.60	3 20		
	1 - 6x5 Y. C.I.		3 50		
	18"- 6" C.L. Soil Pipe		1 87		
	1 - 6" Sleeve.		2 50		
	1 - 5x4 Reducer.		1 20		
	5'- 4" Soil Pipe		3 25		
	1 - 4" Cleanout.		1 00		
	35# C Lead.		3 85		
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DATE

PAY TO Yates, Neale & Company.

ADDRESS 231 Tenth Street,

Brandon, Manitoba.

DATE 1938		SERVICE	AMOUNT	
July	4	To Cleaning Sewer and Repair Drains at Birtle Indian Residential School as per Invoice attached.	95	57
		Authority:- Telegram Dated June 8th, 1938 signed by the Secretary.		
		76-10-691		
		...Ninety five--57/100 Dollars... TOTAL	95	57

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FORM No. I.A. 506
R. 7747

Agent

VOUCHER No. 94

DATE July 4th, 1938

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Department of Mines & Resources
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Letter No.....

Office of the Birtle, Manitoba. Indian Agency,

July 4th. 1938

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 94

amounting to $ 95.37 in favour

of Yates, Neale & Company, 231 Tenth Street, Brandon, Manitoba

for Clearing Sewer and Repair Drains at Birtle Indian Residential School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

~~xxxxxxxx~~ Telegram dated June 8th. 1938

Your obedient servant,

C. G. Smith

Indian Agent

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa

Form No. I.A. 518
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Ottawa, Ontario,
July 9, 1938.

Dear Sir:

I am in redeipt of your letter of the 5th instant with reference to report you received from Yates, Neale & Company in connection with Birtle Indian Residential School.

An amount of $300 was provided in the current year's appropriation for repairs to this school, and yesterday we received an invoice for an amount of $95.37 covering repairs to the sewer and drain. No doubt these are the repairs mentioned in the first paragraph of your letter.

This will leave an expenditure balance of $204.63, and as we cannot exceed the amount specifically provided, you may authorize the following work:

A new 12½" Dia Cast Iron Flushing Cleanout Water Jacketed Grease Trap with removable top be installed at the Kitchen Sink at a cost of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($150.00).

Eleven new copper wire cages or baskets be installed at the roof outlets at a cost of $33.00.

Wrote per letter July 30/38 PP

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan

Philip Phelan
Chief, Training Division

A. G. Hamilton, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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BIRTLE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
(PRESBYTERIAN)

REV. E. H. LOCKHART, PRINCIPAL

BIRTLE, MANITOBA June 20 1938

Miss Florence Laing
100 Adelaide St W.
Toronto. Ont

Dear Miss Laing

I would like to question the Department of Indian Affairs through your Executive re the improvement of the grounds round about ~~the~~ our School.

As I told you at the Conference in Toronto I have been the means of the erection of several buildings - 9 or 10 in number - all of which were required for the full equipment of the farm. I have broken up 265 acres of new land - a large percentage of which was scrub land - and have it now in a good state of cultivation. This means that we have now 440 acres under cultivation, a fair percentage of 855 acres. I have purchased all the additional machinery required ~~for~~ on account of the great increase of tillable land. I have done all this without asking the Department for a dollar with the exception of some paint for the outer buildings. They gave me about 200.00 worth. All these enumerated improvements are here to be seen

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(PRESBYTERIAN)

REV. E. H. LOCKHART, PRINCIPAL

BIRTLE, MANITOBA 193

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Now I want to ask the Department through your Executive a three fold question. 1. Are the grounds around about our school to be left in their present crude state? 2. Will the Department make and beautify these grounds and finance it by Special Grant? 3. Shall I undertake it and finance it without asking the Department for help?

I wish you would forward this letter as written to the Dept

Yours very truly
E H Lockhart

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BIRTLE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
(Presbyterian)

Rev. E. H. Lockhart, Principal.

Birtle, June 20, 1938.

Miss Florence Lang,
100 Adelaide St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Miss Lang:

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(sgd.) E. H. Lockhart.

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279 Lytton Blvd.,
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July 5th, 1938.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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RECD

Mr. Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. Phelan:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I received from Rev. E. H. Lockhart, Principal, Indian Residential School at Birtle, Manitoba, which he asked me to forward to the Department.

When Mr. Lockhart was in Toronto, he spoke of the unfinished condition of the floors in the Birtle School. The condition of the floors will not help in the fight against tuberculosis, which is being carried on, and we would greatly appreciate the attention of the Department to this matter. Would it be possible to have this improvement made during the summer holidays, so that when the children return in the Fall the floors will be properly finished?

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 29th, and thank you very much for the information contained, re grants for furthering the education of Mary Green and Mary Begg.

I would like to say here too, how much I appreciated your coming to Toronto, and I feel that our conference will help very much in our Indian School work.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Florence Lang

Indians Secretary.

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Ottawa, July 12, 1938.

Dear Miss Lang:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing communication received by you from the Reverend Principal of the Birtle Indian Residential School. He refers to the necessity of improving the grounds at the school and, in the second paragraph of your letter, you mention the unfinished condition of the floors.

I am requesting Inspector Hamilton to visit the Birtle School as soon as he can possibly do do and let us have an estimate of the expenditure that would be required in connection with the above.

For your information, I may say that an amount of $300.00 was provided in the current year's appropriation for repairs and improvements at the Birtle School. Recently, the Department received an account for $95.37 covering repairs to the sewer and drain, and, on the recommendation of Inspector Hamilton, we have authorized an additional expenditure of $183.00 in connection with the water system. These amounts practically exhaust the sum specifically provided for this school, but, if Inspector Hamilton reports that the other improvements requested can be done for a reasonable figure, I shall endeavour to obtain the necessary funds.

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Miss J. Florence Lang,
Women's Missionary Society,
Presbyterian Church in Canada,
279 Lytton Blvd.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, July 12, 1938.

Dear Sir:

On June first, last, I was in Toronto to interview the executive officers of the Women's Missionary Society, Presbyterian Church in Canada. Reverend Mr. Lockhart, Principal of the Birtle School, was present at the interview. At that time he brought up the question of the condition of the floors in the Birtle School and also the question of the grounds around the school. He did not give any specific information regarding the expenditure that he considered necessary in connection with the floors, but, in our conversation, he mentioned a very large sum for putting the grounds in good condition. At the time I expressed the opinion that I could not see the necessity of expending as much as he mentioned.

While you were advised in my letter of the 9th instant that the amount specifically provided for this school has been practically expended, at the same time I may say, for your personal information, that we might be able to secure an additional amount from the funds that are unallotted. I would therefore appreciate it if you would visit the Birtle School within the next few weeks and let me have an estimate of the expenditure that you would consider reasonable, both to improve the floors and to place the grounds around the school in a fair condition.

I thought you might be interested to read

- the enclosed

A. G. Hamilton, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
538 Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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the enclosed, which is a copy of letter which Mr. Lockhart forwarded to Miss Lang, Secretary, Indian Committee, of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church.

Yours truly,

Encl.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Sub Office

Department of Mines
Indian Affairs Branch
AUG 2 1938
RECORDS

538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
July 30th, 1938.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, file 106-1-6, I wish to state that I have authorized Yates, Neale & Company of Brandon to install the cast iron grease trap at the Birtle Indian Residential School, as specified, for $150.00.

I did not authorize the copper wire baskets as Mr. Smith, the Indian agent, informed me that Mr. Lockhart had already purchased the baskets at Birtle. These are not made of copper but should last for two or three years.

Yours very truly,

A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Manitoba.

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The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept., of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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Department of Mines and Indian Affairs Branch
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RECORDS

538 Dominion Public Bldg.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
July 30th, 1938.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, file 106-1-5, I wish to report that I visited the Birtle School on July 28th, in company with Agent Smith.

We went carefully through the whole building and the floors are certainly badly cracked and, in many cases, very unlevel. The fault, I am convinced, has nothing to do with the foundation of the building because there is scarcely a crack in any of the walls. In my opinion, the steel work on which the cement floor was laid, was of too weak a structure and the floor settled in the areas between the main supports. I am not in a position to recommend what action should be taken, but would suggest that this matter be given over to the Engineering Department for their advice. I think it would be useless to attempt to lay another floor without first putting down the steel work to carry it, and this, along with the weight of the cement, would perhaps be too heavy for the building. It might be possible to clean out the cracks and fill them in with something and then cover the halls and some of the main rooms with battleship linoleum. I am sure this latter suggestion would be the cheaper and probably the most satisfactory.

Extract on 106-1-9 + 125 OK.

A lot of work is required to fix the front grounds, and it will be necessary to put down some walks and a certain amount of cement cribbing. The cement, lumber and gravel required will cost at least $125.00. In addition to this, it will be necessary to haul at least 250 yds. of good soil and 100 yds. of gravel and before any of the work is started, labour will be required for the levelling of the present yard. It will take at least

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$225.00 for labour. In estimating the amount required as $350.00, I want to make it clear that this will not in any way give a complete job, but will fix up the portion of the grounds in front of the school, after which, I think the principal should be able to add further improvements from year to year.

$225

The horses and machinery required will be furnished by the school. I would recommend that Mr. Smith be given an accountable advance, as the men engaged in this work will expect their pay every Saturday.

Yours very truly,

A. G. Hamilton,

A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies
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Ottawa,
August 9, 1938.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

EX'D.

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Birtle Indian Residential
School, Birtle, Manitoba.

In connection with the floors of the above school we are in receipt of the following report from Inspector Hamilton:

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I would appreciate if you could arrange to have one of your engineers visit the Birtle Residential School and inspect the floors and advise me what he considers is the best action to take regarding them.

Aug 10/38

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Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF THE
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SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

19th August, 1938.

EX'D.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch.
AUG 22 1938
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Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

Re: Birtle Indian Residential School.

With reference to your memorandum of the 9th instant, I may say that instructions have been issued for the inspection and report on the above school as requested by you.

J. Howard
Director.

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PHONE 3399 — 231 TENTH STREET — NIGHT PHONE 3530 AND 3571

BRANDON, MAN., August 1938.

MR.-- Indian Residential School

Birtle, Man.

IN ACCOUNT WITH — **YATES, NEALE & CO.**

PLUMBERS and HEATING ENGINEERS

HIGH GRADE PLUMBING, HOT WATER, ATMOSPHERIC VAPOR AND STEAM HEATING

Oil Burners
Water Softeners, Filters
Pipe Cutting, Boilers.

Bath Room Accessories
Septic Tanks, Hydraulic Rams, Vac U Drafts, Stokers, Furnace Blowers.

DATE	PARTICULARS	FOLIO	TIME AND MATERIAL	CR.	TOTAL
Aug.	To installing at Kitchen				
	Sink, 1 - 12½" Dia, cast iron				
	Flushing Cleanout water				
	Jacketed Grease Trap with				
	removable top		150.00		
	as per our letter				
	June 30/38.				
					150.00

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PAY TO Yates, Poole & Co.

ADDRESS Brandon, Manitoba.

THIS SPACE FOR TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE NO.

DATE

VOTE		AGENCY	
ALLOT.	E. R.	AMOUNT	
TOTAL			

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT

DATE

DATE 1938		SERVICE	AMOUNT	
Aug.	31	To Installing Flushing Cleanout Trap at Birtle Indian Residential School as per Invoice attached.	150	00
		THIPLICATE FOR FILE 10-9-38 Voucher in duplicate detached for Accountant to pay.		
		Authority:- Department Letter to Winnipeg, No. 106-1-6 Dated July 9th. 1938		
		----------One Hundred and Fifty Dollars---------- TOTAL	$150	00

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just, also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

FORM No. I.A. 506
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A. G. Smith
Agent

VOUCHER NO. 162

DATE August 31st. 1938

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EX'D.

Office of the Birtle, Manitoba *Indian Agency,*

August 31st. *19* 38

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Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 161,

amounting to $150.00 *in favour*

of Yates, Neale & Coy., Brandon, Manitoba.

for Installing Flushing Clean Out Trap at Birtle Indian Residential School

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 106-1-6 *dated* July 9th, 1938 to Winnipeg.

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Smith

Indian Agent

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa

Form No. I.A. 518
Requ. 7698

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 15

Birtle Manitoba
10th September 1938

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Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from the Rev.E.H.Lockhart, the Principal of the Birtle Indian Residential School, requesting that the Department refund the sum of $50.00 which Mr Lockhart paid to Mr Dring of Birtle, for cleaning out the Septic Tank at the school.

There is no doubt that the tank required cleaning out as it has not been done since the school was built.

Whether the Department should pay for this work, or whether it should be paid by Mr Lockhart out of his grant I do not know, but I would suggent that the Department refund the $50.00 to Mr Lockhart, and request him to have this work done at regular intervals in the future at his own expense.

Yours truly

A.G. Smith

A.G.Smith
Indian Agent

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Department of Mines and Resources
Ottawa.

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Indian Residential School
Birtle September 3rd 1938

Mr A.G.Smith
Birtle Man.

Dear Mr Smith

I have had the septic tank at the Residential School cleaned by Hugh Dring at a cost of $50.00.You no doubt received word that the estimate of Yates and Neale for this job was $135.00.Will the Department please refund me the sum of $50.00.

Yours very truly

E.H.Lockhart

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