

Collingwood
Nov 25th 1893



The Hon.
The Sup^t General of Indian Affairs
Sir

I had the honor to address
your predecessor in office under the late administration
in reference to an Industrial Home for Indian
children situated at Garden River, in the district of
Algoma. At the time of the erection of the Institution
during this last summer, I applied to the Department
for the grant of an annual sum towards the support
of the children to be educated therein. My application
as I understand was reported on before Council by
the Deputy Superintendent, but before an answer had
been given a sad calamity happened, by which the
Institution & the buildings connected with it were
all burnt to the ground.

It is my hope that the present administration will look
favorably upon my renewed application for assistance
towards the rebuilding of the Industrial Home on a
somewhat larger & more comprehensive scale than
the former one, and will also sanction an annual
grant by the Department towards the support of a certain
proportion of the Indian Children to be trained therein.
I beg therefore to lay our plans before you for your
kind consideration.

(1.) The locality. We propose to build the new Institution
in the immediate neighborhood of Sault Ste Marie,
this being a good central point & easy of access

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by water to the Indians living on the North Shore of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Rainy Lake &c, likewise to the Indians of Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron, & the Georgian Bay.

2. Style and cost of buildings. We propose to erect three plain buildings of stone, — the centre one to be the largest, and to consist of an Industrial Home, containing school rooms, dining Hall, Kitchens, dormitories, matrons' & masters' apartments &c, for the accommodation of from 80 to 100 children, girls & boys, of ten years of age upwards. The second building to be an asylum or infirmary for sick and aged Indians, capable of accommodating about 12 persons. This we think will be a great boon to the Indians, many of whom when advanced in years suffer great hardship & are but little cared for by their relatives. The third building would be a residence for myself (as superintendent) & family. The cost we judge will be about as follows:—

	\$	cts
Land (including a farm) —	500	00
Industrial school	4000	00
Asylum —	1000	00
Missionary's residence —	1500	00
Furniture for school & asylum	1000	00
Farm buildings, farm stock, } Carpenter & boat shop &c —	1500	00
Fencing, making garden, &c sundries —	1000	00
Total	\$10.500	00

We understand that stone for building is easily procurable this winter from the canal works on the American side & could be hauled across the ice in sleighs.

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3. Funds available for building purposes. We have a committee in England who have undertaken to raise funds for the purpose of rebuilding the Institution. Up to present date about £500 sterling has been received. A collection for the purpose is also being made in Canada. And we hope that the Department will be prepared to make us a liberal grant taking into account that our motive is to improve & civilize the Indians as a people, & afford them the means of gaining their livelihood in an honest & respectable manner in common with their white neighbours.
4. Plan of Operations. We propose to employ a staff consisting of schoolmaster & mistress, matron, and farm bailiff - for the Industrial School, and Matron for the asylum. We intend to employ no servants but teach the children to engage actively in every branch of house work, - and so carry it on in the most economical manner possible with the view of eventually making it as far as possible self-supporting. We propose to teach the boys carpentering, bootmaking, cooperage, farming &c., & these Industries will we hope almost from the first pay themselves.
5. Means of Support. During the short time that the first Institution was in operation, we obtained means of support from the following sources: -

The Colonial & Cont ^l Church Bricks, England	\$ 500 - 00
Friends in England through the Committee	1100 - 00
Mission Board, Toronto Diocese	400 - 00
Indian Department	200 - 00
Sunday schools towards board of 18 children at \$50, cloths being sent as well	900 - 00
	<hr/> \$ 3100 - 00

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This sum covered the salaries of missionary,
schoolmaster, farmbailiff, mabron, & the board of
18 children. The cost of a child per annum for
board & clothing we considered was \$75.

The annual cost of the new Institution as proposed
will probably be for salaries of staff \$2500, -
Children in the school & inmates of the asylum \$75
each per annum. We hope that the Department
will undertake the support of a limited number
both of children in the school & of the aged people in
the asylum, - besides continuing the present grant
of \$200 per annum towards the school master's
salary.

From the short experience we have had of looking to the
different Sunday schools for the support of individual
children - we are inclined to continue the plan, as
it seems in every way a satisfactory one, and a
means of creating an interest among the children of
Canada for their less fortunate brethren the red
children of the Forest.

All which I beg respectfully to submit
and have the honor to be

Yr. obedient servant

Edward S. Wilson

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Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable
 the **PRIVY COUNCIL**, approved by His
 Excellency the Governor General in Council
 on the 5th December 1873.

On the renewed Application
 of the Rev^d Edward F. Wilson,
 Missionary to the Garden River Indians,
 for assistance from Indian funds -
 to the Industrial Indian Home
 which was erected on the Reserve at
 that place, and the recommendation
 of the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, Acting
 for the Hon. the Minister of the
 Interior, the Committee advise that
 towards the erection of the Indian
 Industrial Indian Home as proposed
 to be built between Garden River
 and the Sault Ste Marie, the sum
 of \$1000⁰⁰ be granted from the
 Indian

To the Honorable

The Minister of the Interior

Sec., Sec., Sec.

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Indian Management Fund the same to be paid proportionately as the work progresses - and that for each Indian pupil received at the Institution and not exceeding twenty in number Certified by the Local Agent to have attended and been taught in the Ordinary English branches, and also instructed in Mechanical and Industrial employments the sum of \$60 for each be paid for their maintenance, clothing, Support and education - they further recommend that in aid of the Asylum for aged and infirm Indians proposed to be established in conjunction with the Industrial Home the sum of \$75 per annum be contributed for each inmate of the Asylum, not to exceed

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exceed eight in number, and their
selection to rest with the Superintendent
General of Indian Affairs

Certified
M. J. Macdonald

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Rev. Ed. J. Wilson
Callingswood
Ont.

Dec 15. 1893

Sir,

With reference
to your letter of the
25th ult^o, I have
the honor to inform
you that an Order
of Council passed
on the 5th Inst.,
directing that
towards the creation
of the Indian
Industrial House
between Garden
River and the
Sault Ste Marie
the sum of \$1000
shall be granted
from Indian
funds ^{and money} to be paid
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 that the above
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 correct copy of
 the original

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the pleasure of the Department
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two places being about Eleven
Miles. According to the terms
of the Order of Council granting
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of a limited number of pupils
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Garden River and Sault Ste Marie.

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"Lake Huron and the Georgian
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Mr Wilson of the 17th Oct 1873,
reporting the destruction by fire
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who have had experience in
the training of young Indians,
will agree with me that the further
the children are removed from
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associations the better.
For these reasons I propose
to

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would be saved in the freightage
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the 25th Nov last, addressed
to the Honble the Superintendent
General, renewing his application
for a contribution from Indian
funds to replace with a new
building the one erected at Garden
River last Summer, (but ^{which was} destroyed
by fire) says - "We propose to
build the new institution in
the immediate neighbourhood
of Sault Ste Marie, this being a
good central point, and easy
of access by water to the Indians
living on the North Shore of
Lake Superior, Lake Nipigon,
Rainy Lake &c, likewise to the
Indians of Manitoulin Island

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"to build the new Industrial
"Home in the neighbourhood
"of some White Settlement
"Quite away from the Indians
"in some good farming district
"and sufficiently near to some
"Town for some of the larger
"Children to attend grammar
"School when sufficiently
"advanced in their education
"to do so."

Mr Wilson in his letter of
the 23^d ult^o after stating (as repeated
above) why he now gives the
preference to the Garden River
Indian Reserve to build the Home
on, says, "I have told the
"Indians that if they will agree
"to surrender 100 Acres for
"our purposes, we shall
"probably accept the offer
"and build at Garden River,
"otherwise we shall buy land
"and build at Sault Ste Marie."

The Order of Council states
that

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that the contribution is to be
given towards the erection of
the Industrial Indian Home
"as proposed to be built between
"Garden River and the Sault
"Ste Marie".

St. Garden River is the Indian
Reserve - Indian population
about 400. -

Sault Ste Marie has a
mixed population of whites
and Halfbreeds numbering
between 400 & 500. - it is not
in a good farming district,
nor has it a grammar school
in operation, - which were
among the advantages Mr Wilson
deemed it desirable the
locality of the proposed Home
should possess*. However on
the other hand the objections
urged by Mr Wilson to such an
Institution being established on

See Mr. Wilson's
Letter of 17 Oct/73

or
* though it is Central & easy of access to the Indians of
Lake Superior, Lake Nipigon & Rainy Lake &c.
as stated in Mr Wilson's letter of the 25th Nov/73 above quoted

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or in the vicinity of an
Indian Reserve still hold
good as regards Garden River
as well as any other Indian
Reserve. Although the Industrial
Indian Institution under the
Wesleyan Methodist Society
at Muncietown on the Reserve
of the Chippewas of the Thames
is now in a flourishing
condition, judging from the
quarterly reports sent in
to the Department.

Respectfully submitted that
Mr Wilson's attention should be
called to the apparent want
of harmony between the views
now expressed by him as regards
the locality for the proposed
Home - and the views expressed
by him in former letters which
apparently led to the Order
in Council being worded, as
regards the locating of the said Home,
in the manner in which it is.

Indian Branch, L. Bank of India
Ottawa 1st Jan 1894 Actg D.S.G. J.F.

Department need not urge any objection
to placing Industrial Home at Garden River
D.S.
1/6/94

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Draft

Ed: J. Wilson
Sault Ste Marie
Ont.

June ^{23rd} 1877

Sir

I have the honor
to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of
the 23rd ult^o and am
^{advised} requested by the Sup^r
General to inform you
that there ~~will be~~ ^{is} ~~no~~
~~an~~ objection ~~imposed~~ ⁱⁿ
the part of the Department
to your placing the
Industrial Indian Home
at Garden River, provided
the Indians in due form
surrender the requisite
quantity of land for the
purposes of that institution.

A form of Surrender
will be transmitted to
our local Agent at
Sault Ste Marie with
instructions to submit
the matter to the Indians
in Council and if they
consent, to have ~~the~~ ^{such} a
~~form~~ Surrender of the land
if granted by them.

J. H. Wilson

J. H. Wilson

(over)

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June 2nd. 1874

Wm Van Abbott Esq

Sir On the suggestion of the Ind. Land & Timber Gen.
It appears preferable that the proposed Sault Ste Marie
Rev. Mr Wilson the Capt Gen has consented to a flow
to erect the proposed

Industrial Indian
Home, ^{to be erected} at Garden River and on condition that
and ^{also} desirable

that a sufficient quantity
of land ^{shall be surrendered} to be by the Indians
to it to enable the children
to ~~possess~~ acquire as complete
a knowledge as possible
of Agriculture. You will
please assemble the
Indians owning that
Reserve in Council, and
submit to them a proposal
to surrender to Her
Majesty ^{in trust} to be used for the above
purposes ~~such quantity~~
of land as may be ~~so~~
One hundred Acres of
their Reserve.

I enclose a form
of surrender which, if
the Indians agree, you
can have at once executed
by them, and subsequently
bring the principal Chief
with you to the Sault Ste
Marie and execute together
with him Certify under
Oath, ^{on the form annexed to the} before the Resident Judge
there to the fact of the execution
of said surrender. And then
return

Return the Surrender & Certificate
to this Office. A sketch showing
the block of land surrendered should be attached
to the instrument of am.
J. O. S.

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Sault Ste Marie
May 23rd 1874

Sir

Following up the proposals which I had the honor to make to you last Nov. 25th - for the erection of an Industrial Home for Indian Children I have now engaged a builder & have all in readiness for carrying our plans into operation. The amount we propose to expend - including the sum of \$1000 granted by the Indian Department is Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Before actually commencing building operations I wish to ascertain from you whether it is the pleasure of the Department that the proposed Industrial Home should be built at Sault Ste Marie or at Garden River, - the distance between the two places being about eleven miles. Both the inhabitants of Sault Ste Marie and the Indians of Garden River appear equally desirous that the Industrial Home should be built in their own neighbourhood. I am somewhat inclined myself to give the preference to Garden River - as considerable expense would be saved in the freighting of material & the land would then be given to us by the Indians.

I have told the Indians that if they will

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agree to surrender one hundred (100) acres
for our purposes we shall probably ~~accept~~
the offer and build at Garden River, otherwise
we shall buy land and build at Sault Ste
Marie.

I shall be very much obliged to you Sir, if
you will kindly inform me whether the erection
of our proposed buildings at Garden River,
provided the Indians in due form surrender
the one hundred acres of land - will meet
with the approval and consent of the Depart-
ment.

My object in addressing you in anticipation
of the action of the Indians, is simply with
the hope of saving time - as erect and
complete so large a building during our short
summer, it is necessary that we should
commence operations as speedily as possible.

I have the honor to remain Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward H. Wilson

The Hon.
The Minister of the Interior.
Indian Department.

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Sault Ste Marie
June 16th / 74

Respectful
of Indian Affairs

Sir -

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of your
favor of the 2^d inst. having reference
to the Surrender of land by the Indians
of Garden River - & I have to thank
you for yr. courtesy & kindness in
so promptly complying with my request.

In the meantime however circum-
stances have led us to return to
our original purpose of erecting the
Industrial Home for Indian children
on land lying between Sault Ste
Marie & Garden River. Our

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reasons for coming to this decision were

- (1) That the Municipality of Sault Ste Marie have promised us a bonus of \$500 provided we build within the bounds of their Municipality.
- (2) That the Indians at Garden River appeared to be tardy in their movements - & there seemed to be some little doubt as to whether the whole Band, consisting of both Roman Catholics & Protestants would agree to the proposed surrender. We have therefore decided to purchase ninety acres of land, on the River shore, about two miles below the Village of Sault Ste Marie - and we hope to proceed building at once. Trusting that our action will meet with the approval of the Department.

I have the honor to be Sir
Yr. Obedient Servant
Edward R. Wilson

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Indian Lands Agency
Sault Ste Marie
June 23^d 1874

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter no 771 dated 2nd June instructing me to call a Council of the Indians of the Garden River Reserve and submit to them a proposal to surrender to Her Majesty in trust, to be used for an Agricultural school for Indian children, one hundred acres of land on that Reserve.

I waited on the Rev^d E. F. Wilson on the morning of the 15th inst: and he informed me that he had abandoned the idea of building the Institution at Garden River having taken up land at the Sault Ste Marie for that purpose - and he intended writing you to that effect -

I therefore considered it unnecessary to assemble said Council, and
The Hon^{ble} The Minister
of The Interior
Ottawa
Yours with

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herewith beg to return form of
surrender

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obs servt

Wm Van Abbott

Indian Lands Agent
Saint St Marie

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June 24th 1894.

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Edward F. Wilson Esq.
Sault Ste Marie,
Ontario.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th. Inst, in which you state that circumstances have led you to return to your original purpose of erecting the Industrial home for Indian children on land lying between Sault Ste Marie & Garden River, and have to inform you ~~as matter has been made~~ of the ^{proposed} change of location, that H. L. Hume will look you up, & assist you in so doing, but ~~that no~~ further attention change may be made.
Yours very truly,
J. M. Murphy.

LVM

June 24th 1894

Wm Vanabbott Esq.
Ind. Agent.
Sault Ste Marie,
Ont.

Sir,

Referring to the letter ^{of the 2nd Inst.} from this ^{proposed} office with regard to the surrender by the Indians owning the Garden River Reserve of 100 acres of land on that Reserve for the purpose of erecting ^{thereon} an Industrial Home for Indian children, I have to inform you that this Dept. has been ^{advised} by letter from Mr E. F. Wilson that it is proposed to locate ^{the} said Institution on land lying between Sault Ste Marie & Garden River, and that consequently you need not ask the Garden River Indians to make the surrender of land referred to.

I am directed by the S. H. to say

LVM

I am &c

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Know All Men by these presents that
we the undersigned Chiefs and prin-
-cipal men of the Band of Ojibwa
Indians owning the Indian Reserve, on
the Garden River, in the District of
Algoma, in the Province of Ontario and
Dominion of Canada; for and acting on
behalf of ~~our~~ people, do hereby, remise,
release, surrender, quit claim, and yield
up unto Our Sovereign Lady the Queen,
her Heirs and Successors for ever, all and
singular, that certain portion, or parcel of
land, containing by admeasurement One
Hundred, Acres, be the same more or less,
forming part of the Indian Reserve aforesaid
and which parcel of land may be known
and described as follows; and as laid down
on the annexed traced Plan of the same; that
is to say;

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