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## *Coqualeetza Residential School*

*Sardis, British Columbia*

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SEARCH British Columbia over, no happier choice of location could have been selected for Coqualeetza Institute than that which it occupies. The Institute is planted in the heart of the Fraser Valley, two miles distant from the banks of the Fraser River. The valley itself is luxuriant with verdure, trees and flowers and its level fields are hemmed in by great mountain ranges, the sentinels of which are Mt. Cheam and Mt. Tamahai, lofty peaks, the source of the rivulets which run hither and thither through the country.

There is no doubt that unconsciously the beauty of the landscape, with its majesty and coloring, has an uplifting effect on the impressionable minds of the young.

The comfortable homes in the peaceful valley also tend to teach happiness and contentment, and the fact that many persons of culture and refinement are interested in the education and development of the native children, is a stimulus to our efforts.

In short, Coqualeetza Training Institute owes not a little to its advantageous location, in its manifold development work, which includes academic, prevocational, social and athletic lines, all necessary to the making of well-rounded, independent and self-supporting citizens such as the native boys and girls must learn to be in this land of Canada.

At present the school plant consists of a new, modern residence for 200 students with class rooms and assembly hall. It is comfortable and commodious, equipped with new furniture.

A principal's residence and one school officer's cottage are the other dwelling houses. An up-to-date new farm completes the list.

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## HISTORICAL



- 1880—First Indian Day School organized by Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Tate at Squihala.
- 1886—First Day School organized at the Mission House at Coqualeetza.
- 1887—Twelve children were taken into residence at the Mission House at Coqualeetza.
- 1888—Coqualeetza Home was built. Miss Elderkin was placed in charge.
- 1891—The Coqualeetza Home was destroyed by fire, half of the pupils were sent to their homes, those remaining with their teachers were sheltered in the Mission House.
- 1893—A new building was erected. The edifice was completed in brick, three stories high, and a basement under the whole building, with accommodation for one hundred pupils. This was called the Coqualeetza Industrial Institute. Rev. C. M. Tate was made formal Governor.
- 1920—Dr. Duncan C. Scott, after consultation with Rev. T. Ferrier and Principal Raley, decided the 1893 building had served its day and arranged for plans to be drawn up for a new building. The same year R. Guerny Orr, Esq., Architect for the Indian Department, visited Coqualeetza, obtained data and commenced plans.
- 1921—The first unit of the new educational plant was commenced.
- 1922—The Assembly Hall with the boiler room completed.
- 1923—(May 27th) The Rev. S. D. Chown, D.D., L.L.D., General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, turned the first sod.
- 1923—(July 28th) Duncan C. Scott, Litt. D., F.R.S.C., Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, laid the corner stone of the main building.
- 1924—(July) Under authority of the Indian Department old Coqualeetza was demolished.
- 1924—New Coqualeetza formally opened October 21st. The following took part in the ceremony: Founders Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Tate; Elgin Munroe, Esq., M.P.; W. E. Ditchburn, Esq., Indian Commissioner for British Columbia; R. H. Cairns, Esq., Inspector of Indian Schools; A. O'N. Daunt, Esq., Indian Agent, representing the Government of Canada and especially the Indian Department; the Rev. C. E. Manning, D.D., General Secretary of the Missionary Society; Rev. T. Ferrier, Superintendent of Hospital and Indian Education for the Methodist Church of Canada; Rev. J. P. Westman, President of the British Columbia Conference; Rev. O. Darwin, D.D., Superintendent of Missions; Rev. J. H. White, D.D., and Rev. Principal Raley, representing the Methodist Church.

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—MILTON  
*"Beholding the bright countenance of truth in the quiet and still air of delightful studies."*



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*"A little nonsense, now and then,  
So relished by the best of men."*—BYRON



CAST—PRINCESS CHRYSANTHEMUM

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*"The fisher who draws in his net too soon  
Won't have any fish to sell;  
The child who shuts up his book too soon  
Won't learn any lessons well."*



A CLASS ROOM

*"More good things are eaten than said"*



KITCHEN

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*"Here we have friends who purpose merriment"*



SENIOR GIRLS' SITTING ROOM

*"Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the very great advantage of an educated girlhood."—O. L. C.*



SENIOR GIRLS' ROOM

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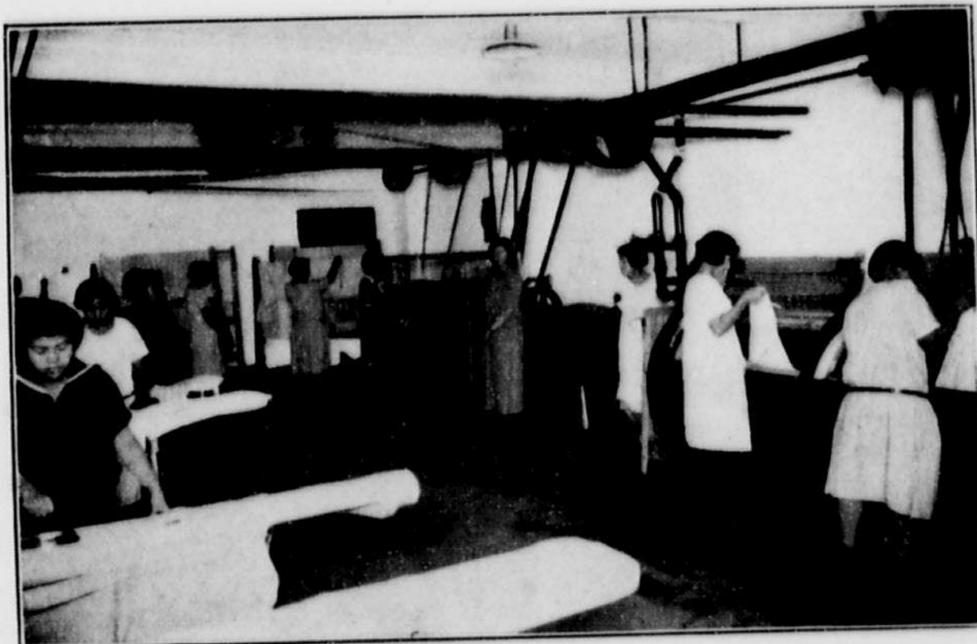
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LITTLE BOYS' DORMITORY

*"I love these little people, and it is not a slight thing when those who are so fresh from God love us."*—DICKENS



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## OUR ROLL OF HONOUR

*Coqualeetza Institute*

### *Staff*

Sergeant L. V. Masters      Lieutenant G. G. Emsley Raley, M.C. (Wounded)  
Sapper Percy Homewood      Corporal J. Sadine (Wounded)

### *Students*

Private Herbert Robinson (Wounded)	Private Alexander Allard (Killed)
" Dennis Jerome (Wounded)	" E. Allard
" Sam Charles (Wounded)	" James Daniels
" Walter Leigh	" William Johnston
" Luke Mahone (Killed)	" William Long
" Frank Moody (Killed)	" Charles Robinson
" Charles Ryan	" Jasper Amos
" Simon Green (Wounded)	" Edward Leigh
Corporal W. J. Allard, M.C. (Wounded)	" James Forrest (Killed)
	" Ernest Morris

*If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love to our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.—DANIEL WEBSTER.*

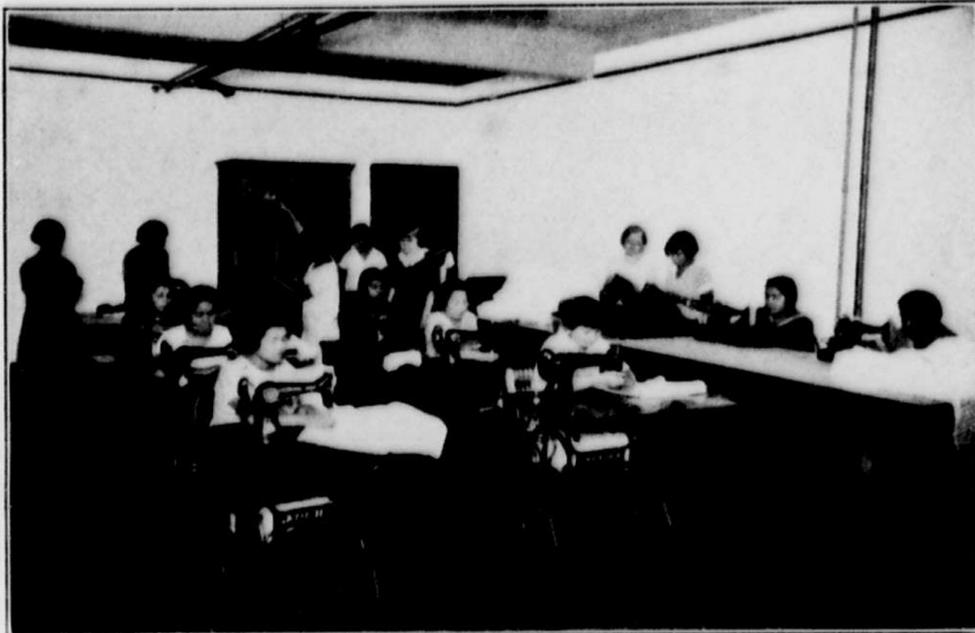
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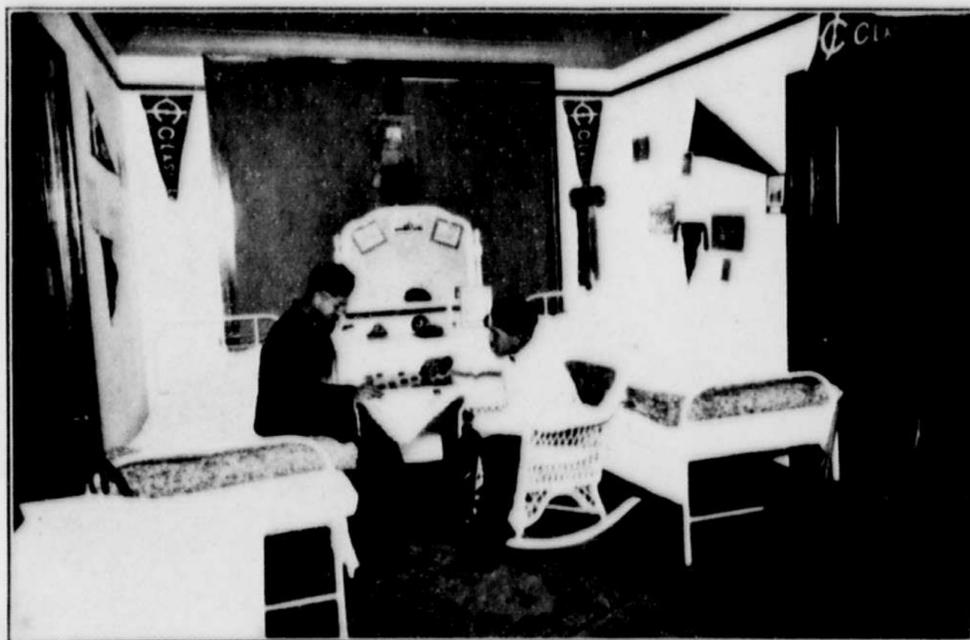
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SEWING ROOM

*"The youth of the nation are the trustees of posterity."*—DISRAELI



SENIOR BOYS' ROOM

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MANUAL TRAINING

*As shown at New Westminster Provincial Exhibition, 1924*



COQUALEETZA RHUBARB

*Exhibited at Wembley, England*

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Ottawa, April 12, 1929.

Mr. Ferrier,-

With reference to your memorandum of the 4th instant I beg to say that Mr. R. A. Humphries, of Chilliwack, may be employed in connection with the surveying of the 22 acres of the Storey farm, which we consider purchasing for the Coqualeetza Indian residential school at Sardis, B.C.

*D. S. G. I. A.*

D. S. G. I. A.

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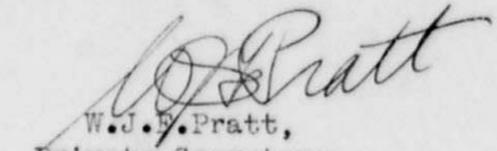
MEMORANDUM

Ottawa, April 11, 1929.

Dr. Scott.

I have your memorandum of the 5th instant regarding the surveying of 22 acres for the use of the Coqualeetza Indian Residential School, Sardis, B.C.

Mr. R. A. Humphries, of Chilliwack is available and would be suitable to do this work.

  
W.J.F. Pratt,  
Private Secretary.

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April 5, 1929.

Memorandum:

Mr. Pratt.

*B.V.*  
The Department has had under consideration the purchase of 22 acres of the Storey farm for the use of the Coqualeetza Indian Residential School, at Sardis, B.C. It will be necessary to have a survey of the property before a proper description can be made. I should like to know the name of a surveyor who may be employed. Chilliwack, New Westminster and Vancouver are the nearest centres of population. As an appraisal by an independent valuator will be necessary, the surveyor employed might also be asked to make a valuation; if this is done it would mean a saving in the fees to be paid. Later the Department of Justice will be asked to search the title and the authority of His Excellency in Council for the purchase will be requested.

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*Duncan Scott*

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April 7, 1930.

Dear Mrs. Raley:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of the first instant and to learn that you and Mr. Raley are well. In reply to your request, I must say quite frankly that the Department does not supply automobiles for its residential schools. However, I know that most principals drive cars.

You know how the official mind dislikes a precedent, and at the moment I am at a loss to know how your wishes could be met. If you have in mind a moderate priced car and can work out some plan so that purchase could be made with a little help from the Department, you might let me have another letter, giving the details of your proposal.

With kindest regards to you all,

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Mrs. G. H. Raley,  
Coqualcetza Residential School,  
Sardis, B. C.

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"Logualectja"  
Sardis B. C.

1<sup>st</sup> April / 1930

Mr W. C. Scott  
Deputy Super. General of  
Indian Affairs  
Ottawa

Dear Mr Scott.

This is not an  
"April Fool", it is very  
real.  
Of course you will be

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surprised at the letter.  
I want something  
you so much.

Are you aware that  
the Department has  
never given <sup>you</sup> a car?

We are completing our  
sixteenth year; I have  
been here ten

years, we felt we would  
no longer carry on  
without a car, so we  
purchased a second  
hand <sup>McLaughlin</sup> of the 1920 model.  
It has given good  
service and carried  
all sorts of burdens  
during the six years.

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how "Haberna" looks  
like a decayed gentle  
woman of pioneer days,  
she is absolutely pathetic  
as she passes to and  
fro amongst modern cars.  
Another thing, her faithful  
demand a good deal  
of expensive treatment  
and her appetite for  
gasoline is appalling.

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Don't you think  
we should have a  
new car (but not a Ford)  
And don't you think  
that the Department  
could grant us one?  
You will readily  
understand that in  
this age a car is a  
necessity. There is  
scarcely a day that

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Some one does not care  
to run into Phillips  
on various errands.  
Edith is quite the best  
Chauffeur around the  
School, there fore she is  
the general errand boy.  
Spring has come  
Suddenly and the lawns  
are more green

Coquette was absolutely  
beautiful last  
see summer and hope  
to have it quite as fine  
this. The grounds  
are so much improved,  
since you were here.  
Mr. Riley and I both keep  
well and lead a strenuous  
existence - I do not know

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how long it will last,  
but perhaps a new car  
might lengthen out my days,  
tho' as a matter of fact - a  
drive is a real treat for I  
do not get many. We  
have not time for pleasure  
trips.

I am sure I trust you will  
consider this and I thank  
you in anticipation and  
I am not unmindful of  
former kindnesses.

Yours sincerely,  
F. Akud H. Riley.

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SARDIS, B. C.



*[Handwritten signature]*

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July 30th. 1925.

D. MacLean Esq.,  
Sec'y Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inclose in duplicate the following accounts for material etc. used on the Technical Building Coqualeetza Residential School, Sardis, B.C. These accounts are certified by me and the dealers will be glad to receive the cheques at your earliest convenience.

I have followed the instructions of the Department and obtained competitive prices taking the lowest tender.

I should explain in regard to the shingles. The quantity appears large. The reason is that instead of siding for the second story we used shingles. This adds much to the attractiveness of the building.

Yours very truly,

*[Handwritten note: 10/10/25]*

*[Handwritten signature: G.H. Raley]*

G.H. Raley,  
Principal.

Following accounts are enclosed in duplicate:-

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**At Coqualeetza**

**Luncheon Guests**

Previous to their official visit to Chilliwack city, Their Excellencies were the guests at luncheon of Rev. G. H. Raley, Principal of Coqualeetza Institute, and Mrs. Raley, at their home at Sardis.

The vice-regal party, preceded by a highway patrol of motor cycles, arrived at one-thirty, being met as they left their car by Rev. and Mrs. Raley and Miss Edith Raley, the latter in her uniform of District Commissioner of the Girl Guides. Coming in to the home, Mayor and Mrs. C. A. Barber, Reeve MacLeod and Mrs. A. Leslie Cooté were introduced, they having been asked to have luncheon with Their Excellencies. Later the party was joined by Major Grossman, aide to the Mayor. Indicating the very kindly and democratic spirit of Their Excellencies, they asked to have introduced to them the three girls from the school who assisted, and later Clarence Wesley and his accompanist, Miss D. Milson, the former a student playing the violin during the luncheon hour.

Immediately following, the Governor-General and Lady Willingdon with their party were pleased to visit the school, being extended as they came along with a warm welcome in the best Guide and Scout style by the troops drawn up outside the school.

In front of the school an address of welcome was read and presented to the Governor-General by Edna Tait, a student from the Upper Naas. The address was illuminated with characteristic totem poles painted by Frank Calder. A bouquet of viola, two Indian carved bracelets and a copy of the school annual were presented to Viscountess Willingdon by little Wilma Matheson.

**Address of Welcome**

The address of welcome read as follows:

To Your Excellencies, Viscount Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, and Viscountess Willingdon.

May it please Your Excellencies: We are honored today. Your presence gives unbounded pleasure to the staff and student body of Coqualeetza Indian Residential School. The latter are representatives of the five distinct nations of Indians in British Columbia, who bring to Your Excellencies a word of welcome in their native languages which, translated, mean "Great Chief and Lady, we are happy because you visit us today."

Tsimpshean Nation.—"Shimoi-giat adda sigitumnat iu amam gagaudum wil kutgoiduxshim da shagown." Clarence Wesley.

Haidah Nation.—"Nung euguce it gooda nai hyat it da khing." Rosalind Watson.

Quaquilto Nation.—"Hyks hymas do moodsiolth hykgaehkulla nouf le geh ahkahse." Cecil Robinson.

Dene Nation.—"Staldum kaihut enoo peotnutis esongiult." Dennis Snow.

Salishan Nation.—"Heeque tal, heeque mal ay sqaalwil chit kwees la me gwachit taw'ugh tilwaill equwilla." Alice Sepass.

Nearly a generation has passed since we were favored by a visit by a vice-regal party. On that occasion trees were planted by Their Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen. We ask if you would kindly plant these elm trees that this day may be kept evergreen in our minds.

We appreciate very highly the constructive work of the government of Canada on our behalf; especially through the Department of Indian Affairs, whose sympathetic and progressive administration had made our advancement possible.

We understand you will be returning to England. Would you kindly convey to His Majesty, King George V., assurances of the love and loyalty of the native children of British Columbia, who are coming citizens of the British Empire, of which the House of Windsor is the strong and binding factor uniting all races, colors and languages of the Empire.

Signed: George H. Raley, principal; Ruth M. Castle, president of Student Council.

Dated at Sardis, B. C., April 9, 1930.

**Plant Trees**

A tree planting ceremony took place. Their Excellencies each planting an elm tree in front of the main building.

Following this Their Excellencies reviewed the Scouts, Guides and Brownies. They expressed much pleasure in reviewing a native troop of scouts and guides and commented on their happy and smart appearance. The Brownies gave Her Excellency their grand salute.

The party proceeded to the building which was inspected. They remarked on the smartness and cleanliness and well-kept appearance of the various depart-

ments as they passed through. Visiting the infirmary, they chatted with King's Scout Robert Gray, whom His Excellency remembered having met in Quebec while Robert was on his way to attend the Jamboree in England.

Returning then to the main entrance of the building, the visitors book was signed, and His Excellency addressed the school. In a few masterful and inspiring sentences he gave the children a message to take home to their people and told them he would take the first opportunity to convey to His Majesty King George V an assurance of their good-will and loyalty.

The school yell, led by A. S. M. Peake, heartily bid good wishes to Their Excellencies as they left with their party for the city.

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"THE NEW OUTLOOK",

June 4, 1930.

*file*

In 1879 Miss Knott was married to Rev. C. M. Tate, then in charge of the mission work on the Fraser River. This of course meant leaving Port Simpson for a new home in the Chilliwack valley, and here Mrs. Tate carried on the same work by starting a school for Indian children in her own home. Later on Mrs. Tate, with the encouragement of her devoted husband, took some children into her home to train in the art of Christian living. This meant a great sacrifice of comfort and privacy in a small and modest missionary's home, but it was done with joy as unto the Lord, and after some time by a grant from the Woman's Missionary Society a separate building was erected in which to house these Indian children, and later still by aid from the General Board and the Government the work has been enlarged until we have to-day the splendid Coqualeetza Industrial Institute at Sardis, B.C., so ably carried on by Rev. and Mrs. Raley. The first Mission School building was dedicated in 1889, but it was destroyed by fire in 1891, but in March, 1894, a new school was completed and this some years later gave place to the present commodious and

*This is all that  
had reference to  
Coqualeetza  
BROO*

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SARDIS, B. C. August 13th, 1930es

Dr. Duncan Campbell Scott,  
Deputy Superintendent-General,  
Department of Indian Affairs;  
Ottawa, Canada.

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SCHOOLS BRANCH  
AUG 19 1930

Dear Sir:

With some trepidation I am writing you regarding an increase in the per capita grant of Coqualeetza Residential School. We are receiving \$170.00, and it is not sufficient for the work we are undertaking on behalf of the Department. For many years there has been no increase in our grant, while each year has seen a new development in the work, necessitated by the change of conditions, the changing times, and the progress of the native people of British Columbia generally.

*Must of these  
paid for by  
the Dept.  
R.M.  
Suffered*

We have highly qualified teachers and have to pay them well. We could get Old Country teachers at lower salaries than we have to pay for experienced teachers with Provincial certificates, but this would not meet the situation agreeable to the Department of Education of the Province, with whom, I understand, the Department of Indian Affairs wishes to work in harmony.

We have to pay very heavily for our water - more heavily, I believe, than nearly any other Residential School. Our water alone costs us nearly \$1000. a year. In the old school we had a flat rate of \$5.00 per month. In the new school we have been on a meter, and while the system is excellent and pressure is generally so good that we can throw a stream of water over the building from each standpipe, it is a great draft on our finances.

*Suffered  
& helped by Dept*

We endeavour to keep the school always in good repair. Strangers visiting here always carry away with them the impression that the Department of Indian Affairs is providing well for the wards of the country. However, to keep things as we know the Department would wish to have them cannot be done in our present circumstances without quite a struggle. There were a number of items last year that might legitimately have been attended to had we had more funds at our command.

I am assured of the generosity of the Department, and its willingness to do all in its power to assist in legitimate ways the schools, hospitals and general welfare of the Indians, and I trust you will pardon this appeal which, as I say, I make with some trepidation. This is the first time I have personally asked for an increase in the per capita grant for the school. If it would be possible to raise our per capita to \$200., retro-active to the beginning of this school year, it would still be a conservative amount, and the results of such increased expenditure would justify the action.

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I will be pleased to give any further information regarding the matter you may desire. I might also say I am sure our local member, Mr. H. J. Barber, would heartily support the action. He knows the situation and the work we are doing throughly, and is entirely sympathetic.

Thanking you for your interest,

Yours very truly,



G. H. RALEY  
Principal

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Ottawa, March 19, 1931.

Rev. Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th instant, with reference to a form sent by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to the Coqualeetza Residential School.

Upon enquiry, I find that this was in error, as it was not the intention of the Bureau to include Indian schools in this survey. They secure the facts necessary for their purpose from this Department, as far as Indian schools are concerned.

Your obedient servant,  
*Russell T. Ferrier*  
Russell T. Ferrier,  
Supt. of Indian Education.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Rev. G. H. Raley, F.R.G.S.,  
Principal,  
Coqualeetza Residential School,  
Sardis, B.C.

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REV. G. H. RALEY, F.R.G.S.  
PRINCIPAL

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RESIDENCE - CHILLIWACK 4607

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*GHR*

Russell T. Ferrier, Esq.,  
Superintendent, Education,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.



Dear Mr. Ferrier:

Re: Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

I have received two copies of form used by private schools throughout the Dominion reporting enrolment, grades, etc, etc, just such information that is reported to the Department of Indian Affairs in the annual report, and the question in my mind was whether, under the circumstances, the Department was rather going over the head of the Department of Indian Affairs to get this information.

Would you kindly let me know what your wishes are in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

*G. H. Raley*  
G. H. RALEY,  
Principal

GHR:hjr

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*Mr. [Signature] noted*

February 27th. 1931.

**MPD.**

MEMORANDUM



Hon. Thomas G. Murphy -

It may be of interest to you to glance at the leaflet of a series of lectures to be given at the Coqualeetza Residential School at Sardis, B.C. This is one of our best schools; it is conducted by the United Church. You will notice that the lectures are given by professors in the University of British Columbia under the direction of the University Committee.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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