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DEPARTMENT OF ~~Mines and Resources,~~
~~Indian Affairs Branch.~~

DATE July 6th, 19 43
FILE No. 51-1-5
T.O. No. 15

TRANSFER BETWEEN ALLOTMENTS

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE TO THE SECRETARY, TREASURY BOARD, FOR THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WITHIN:

VOTE: **163 Indian Education**

| NAME OF PRIMARY | AUTHORIZED AMOUNT | PROPOSED DECREASE | PROPOSED INCREASE |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Structures and Parts, Indian Affairs Branch. | 55,000.00 | 18,000.00 | |
| Structures and Parts Surveys & Engineering Branch. | | | 18,000.00 |



DEPARTMENTAL EXPLANATION

This transfer to Surveys and Engineering Branch is required for the purpose of constructing new Indian day schools on the Eskasoni and Shubenacadie Reserves.

RECOMMENDED
Harold Marshall
BRANCH HEAD

APPROVED
Charles C. Marshall
DEPUTY HEAD

APPROVED
MINISTER

NOTE: APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER IS REQUIRED ONLY WHERE A QUESTION OF POLICY IS INVOLVED.

TREASURY COMMENTS

ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS, THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THESE TRANSFERS BEING MADE AND THE APPLICATION IS THEREFORE SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF TREASURY BOARD, AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND AUDIT ACT.

W. M. Cassin
CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
C. N. YETTS
FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY

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B. DATED July 29, 1943.

APPROVED BY THE TREASURY BOARD

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FOR SECRETARY

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Ottawa, August 11, 1943.

Mr. H. C. Rice, Indian Agent, Shubenacadie, N. S.

Tenders received by the Surveys and Engineering Branch for the construction of an Indian day school, a teacher's residence, a residence for a principal and an office building at Shubenacadie indicate that the cost of these buildings - should we proceed with their construction at this time - would be approximately three times greater than the amount provided in the 1943-44 estimates. In view of this fact, it will not be possible to proceed with our building program on your reserve at any time during the present fiscal year.

We are naturally anxious to do everything humanly possible to encourage Indian families, particularly families the members of which are not gainfully employed, to establish themselves at Shubenacadie. It is just possible that our failure to establish a school this year may retard to some extent the movement of Indian families to the reserve. We are anxious, therefore, that you should undertake, in co-operation with Father Mackey, a survey of the educational facilities available with the object of utilizing these to the fullest possible advantage.

We have in mind the organization of a class of day school pupils at Shubenacadie. Should this be at all practicable, transportation of course would have to be provided. Accommodation in the adjoining public school, where a small group of Indian children might be provided with instruction, should also be considered. An inexpensive addition, under the supervision of Mr. Robb, might be built to the Indian day school on the reserve.

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We deeply regret our inability to proceed with the regular program of centralization, particularly the building program, and our failure to do so is likely to add to your burdens as agent. Is it your opinion that a temporary, inexpensive office building should be constructed? We are anxious that you should give these matters your immediate consideration and, if you deem it at all necessary, we might send Mr. A. J. Doucet down to assist you in this task. Mr. Doucet, however, has been absent from the office for several weeks and we are not anxious to send him to Shubenacadie unless his presence there is absolutely necessary.

R. A. Hoey,
Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT

Yours 51-1-5



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Shubenacadie, N.S. August 19, 1943.

Ind. Aff. Branch, Dep't. of Mines & Res., Ottawa. **EXD.**

It was with regret I learned of the necessity to postpone for another year the construction of the Agency administrative buildings. However I do not think that this decision will retard to any extent the movement of families to this reserve. The education of the children is not a matter of paramount interest to many Indian families and, if and when, the present school is unable to accomodate new-comers the construction of it lends itself to easy extension. We have sufficient lumber and labor and an enlargement under the direction of Mr. Robb is not a very difficult proposition. There are only twenty three pupils attending this school and I feel that the present teacher is able to instruct almost twice that number without undue work. I feel that in this regard you need have no concern.

The present office site is satisfactory. During the summer when the roads are passable it is no trouble to be in the vicinity of the new houses whenever necessary. In the winter or while the mills are in operation it is, perhaps, better located than one on the old reserve would be.

When notice, that these buildings were not going ahead, arrived, we were doing the preliminaries before moving the houses which interfere with the proposed constructions. This has now been abandoned in favour of the more important task, that of building Indian houses.

As much as we would enjoy having Mr. Doucet visit with us I feel, since he is so urgently needed elsewhere, and no serious difficulties apparent, that his presence here, though enjoyable and welcome, is not urgently required. The only change contemplated is an easy addition to the present day school.

A. G. Lee
Indian Agent.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH AGENCY DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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File Records
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| SHELBURNE AGENCY | | MORRIS AGENCY | | | |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| ITEM | TENDERER Ralph & Arthur Parsons Windsor, N.S. | TENDERER Joseph Hainswill Cleeve Bay, N.S. | ITEM | TENDERER J. J. Stephens 124, Sydney, N.S. | TENDERER J. J. Stephens 124, Sydney, N.S. |
| a. School building | 13907.00 | | a. School building | 13900.00 | 13900.00 |
| b. Principal's Residence | 14336.00 | | b. Principal's Residence | 16500.00 | 16500.00 |
| c. Teachers' Residence | 17320.00 | | c. Teachers' Residence | 12600.00 | 12600.00 |
| d. Office-Warehouse house building | 11100.00 | Lump Sum Tender | d. Office-Warehouse Building | 600.00 | 835.90 |
| e. Two outside Toilets | 490.00 | | e. Two outside Toilets | 3400.00 | 959.54 |
| f. Drainage, septic tanks, disposal beds, etc. | 3710.00 | | f. Drainage, septic tanks, disposal beds, etc. | | |
| TOTALS | 80543.00 | 18049.75 | TOTALS | 87600.00 | 86377.00 |

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Ottawa,
March 1, 1944.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Proposed new Indian day schools to be erected at Shubenacadie and Eskasoni, in the Province of Nova Scotia, during 1944.

I desire to refer you to our memorandum of December 28, 1942, and subsequent correspondence, in connection with the erection of buildings at the points mentioned. In the appropriation for the fiscal year 1944-45 an amount of \$75,000 is being included for this project. Recent reports received indicate that the centralization of the Indians on the Shubenacadie Reserve particularly is increasing and as a consequence the present small day school will not accommodate the number of children available and it, therefore, appears essential that the school on this reserve should be built during the current calendar year and be ready for occupation on September 1, 1944.

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Director.

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Sent March 1/44

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Extract for 51-1-5

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Extract from Indian Agent Rice's report on the Shubenacadie Indian Agency for the period October, 1943, to January, 1944, inclusive.

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The Shubenacadie Day School is crowded and I feel that before another year a new school building will have to be erected, if possible, if not an extension will have to be made to the present dwelling.

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Ottawa,
April 14, 1944.

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Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Proposed new Indian day school to be
built at Shubenacadie in the Province
of Nova Scotia, during 1944.

In my memorandum of March 1, I brought to your attention the necessity for erecting the above school during the coming summer. Subsequent reports received from the Indian Agent confirm the statements made in the memorandum mentioned above with regard to the need for the new school.

The season is advancing and, as we would like to have the building ready for occupation on September 1, I should appreciate your advising what action is being taken.

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Director.

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Ottawa, February 25, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

DR. MC GILL

On February 17th at Truro, Nova Scotia, a meeting was held with the Nova Scotia Agents, H.C. Rice, Shubenacadie, and J.A. MacLean, Eskasoni, to discuss the various phases of their agency activities and their work during the past year and to prepare and lay plans for the current year's programme.

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While at Shubenacadie reserve consideration was given to the possibility and of our erecting a four room school according to the existing plan on a material plus labour basis, as it seems unlikely that a satisfactory contract price can be obtained. I found that it was possible to get the services of two or more fully qualified teachers from the Order of the Sisters of Charity should a school be erected, and that they could reside at the residential school. Transportation could be provided daily from the residential school to the day school, a distance of about four miles each way.

A small building contractor residing in the locality was interviewed by the agent and at present he is available for a season's work. He is Fred Robson and has been building for many years. He recently completed a large house of some \$15,000 value. He has three or four carpenters whom he employs at various times. Robson is willing to work on a seasonal basis for \$6.00 per day. He is known to be capable and reliable and is a lifelong resident of the locality.

I would recommend that consideration be given to our erecting the four room school at this time so we may proceed more rapidly with our centralization plans.

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W. S. Arneil
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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Ottawa,
April 21, 1944.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Proposed new Indian day school to be
built at Shubenacadie, in the Province
of Nova Scotia, during 1944.

In connection with the above, I have just received a report from Mr. W.S. Arneil, Inspector of Indian Agencies, who visited Shubenacadie during the past winter. Mr. Arneil writes, in part, as follows:

"A small building contractor residing in the locality was interviewed by the agent and at present he is available for a season's work. He is Fred Robson and has been building for many years. He recently completed a large house of some \$15,000 value. He has three or four carpenters whom he employs at various times. Robson is willing to work on a seasonal basis for \$6.00 per day. He is known to be capable and reliable and is a lifelong resident of the locality.

"I would recommend that consideration be given to our erecting the four room school at this time so we may proceed more rapidly with our centralization plans."

I thought it advisable to bring the above suggestion to your attention, as it appears to offer a possibility of having this school erected in the immediate future. As pointed out in my memorandum of April 14, we would like to have the building ready for occupation on September 1.

H. J. ...
Director.

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Department
of
Mines and Resources

Surveys and
Engineering Branch

April 26th, 1944.

Dr. McGill

Re: New Indian Day School at Shubenacadie, N.S.

Your memorandum of March 1st advised that for the fiscal year 1944-45 an amount of \$75,000 was included for new Indian day schools to be erected at Shubenacadie and Eskasoni in 1944. Your memorandum of April 14th refers only to the new school at Shubenacadie and this, coupled with Mr. Buek's verbal advice of discussions with your officers, gives us the understanding that the day school at Shubenacadie is the only building in Nova Scotia Reserves that under present plans you wish us to undertake during 1944-45. Consequently, unless advised to the contrary, we are making our plans on this basis and with the objective of having the building ready for occupation on September 1st next.

Re-writing of certain of the forms and specifications, necessary because specifications prepared last year covered buildings at both Shubenacadie and Eskasoni, is under way and it is the intention to call for tenders at the earliest possible date. The plans already prepared and approved for the Shubenacadie day school will be used. It is also proposed to extend the scope of the newspaper advertisements in the hope that the decrease in building operations in the Maritimes on account of the war, will result in more favourable tenders being received.

The question of whether this school could be erected by day labour has been carefully considered but all the factors indicate that erection by contract is preferable at this time. Our Engineering and Construction Service has not its former day labour organization and it would be difficult to obtain a construction foreman of known competence, together with carpenters, for this one comparatively small project. Materials and labour priorities would also present difficulties.

There would also be difficulty in the transportation of supplies and the undertaking of excavation work and concrete work.

On the other hand building contractors have always the nucleus of a permanent organization and know of experienced carpenters who look to them for employment from time to time. They have the necessary contacts with firms handling building materials and with sub-contractors who can do excavation and concrete work, if necessary.

In your memorandum of April 21st you refer to the information that you just received from Mr. W.S. Arneil, Inspector of Indian Agencies, regarding Mr. Fred Robson, a local building contractor on small projects, who would be willing to work on a seasonal basis for some \$6.00 per day, and has contact with three or four carpenters whom he employs at various times. It is the view that Mr. Robson and his carpenters could obtain suitable employment with the contractor who might be awarded the work. Mr. Arneil could be advised to let Mr. Robson know when the construction of the day school is advertised, so that he could get in touch with contractors who are interested.

It is our understanding that in so far as the day school at Shubenacadie is concerned, provision for a water supply at present will be limited to the installation of inside piping for the wash basins in the basement and which can be connected up later on with any water supply system that is developed. In the meantime water for drinking and washing purposes will be brought to the school from near-by springs in buckets or barrels.

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As it is our definite understanding that flush toilets are not required for the day school building, these have not been provided for and the design of the building in plan or elevation does not afford any space for them. If later on toilets with running water were decided upon, it would be necessary to build an addition at ground floor level.

The question of a water supply for the Shubenacadie administrative unit has been the cause of delay and has required a good deal of study and investigation by our engineering officers. Last summer a well drilled near the proposed site proved unsatisfactory and on the advice of the Water Supply and Borings Section of the Mines and Geology Branch, further drilling was discontinued.

Early this month a test was made on an Indian well in the vicinity of the existing school with the view that if there was ample water there, the proposed residential group of buildings might be moved to the vicinity. However a test of this well undertaken by your Indian Agent, Mr. Rice, showed that the capacity of the well was far below that required.

Spring Creek is consequently the only satisfactory source of water supply and it was examined last fall by Mr. N.A. Sparks of our Engineering and Construction Service. A suitable intake for a pipe line is available about three-quarters of a mile from the proposed site of the buildings and there is ample water available. However as the intake is some 40 feet lower than the building site, pumping from the intake through a pipe line would be required. In order to protect the source of the spring it is considered that your Branch should acquire the adjacent land on both sides of the road and which might involve the purchase of about 150 acres. Mr. Rice expressed the view to Mr. Sparks that this land could be obtained at a very low price. In view of the fact that the village of Shubenacadie has made some investigations in connection with Spring Creek as a source of water supply, it is suggested that this land be obtained in the near future.

The design of a water supply system based on Spring Creek requires an estimate of what the eventual building development will be at the Shubenacadie centre so that the essentials of the original installation will be adequate to meet future requirements. Plans have already been prepared of four buildings, namely - day school, teachers' residence, principal's residence, agency office and warehouse. A water supply will be required for all of these.

Experience has shown that other buildings may eventually be required, among these being -

Agent's residence
Doctor's residence
Nursing Station
R.C.M. Police quarters

As even the buildings for which plans have been prepared will represent a considerable investment, it is the opinion that besides a domestic water supply, a reasonable degree of fire protection should also be provided for. Generally then the installation of a water supply system will involve the following:

An electric pole line to provide power for operating the pump motor and to give electric light and power to the various buildings.

4800 feet of water pipe and its installation.

Erection of pump-house and installation of suction pipe, etc.

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The purchase and erection of a 5000 gallon water tank on a tower 60 feet high and which would be kept full by automatic operation of the pump. This would give a gravity supply of water for ordinary domestic needs.

Arrangement of valves so that if required in case of fire and after the tank is empty, water could be pumped directly through fire hose.

The provision of sewage disposal facilities in the nature of septic tanks.

Estimates of water and sewage installations are not yet prepared but it is expected the cost will be in the neighbourhood of \$25,000. However, this is not excessive in view of the long term use of the water system and other facilities and in view of the comparatively large building investment there will be in the Shubenacadie centre.

This information is given now as it should be available to you before any construction is actually begun.

Most of the information given does not affect the erection of the day school and unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will proceed with all arrangements in this connection as quickly as possible.

(Sgd.) J.M. Wardle,
Director.

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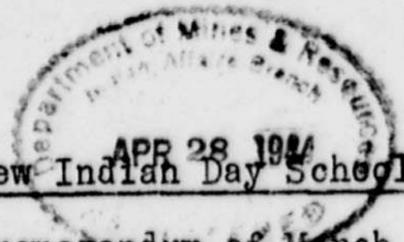
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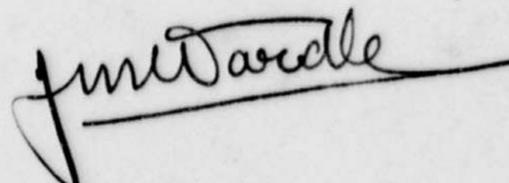
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Ottawa,
May 4, 1944.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated April 26 received from the Director of the Surveys & Engineering Branch, in connection with the new buildings required for school purposes on the Shubenacadie and Eskasoni Reserves. I also enclose, for your information, a copy of our reply to the memorandum just mentioned.

You will note the detailed information supplied by the Surveys & Engineering Branch regarding the expenditure that they consider necessary in order to provide adequate water and sewage installations on the Shubenacadie Reserve. To carry out their suggestion would involve an expenditure of \$25,000, plus the cost of the land. As no funds have been provided in the current year's appropriation for this particular expenditure, it will be necessary to secure a supplementary vote.

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Ottawa,
May 4, 1944.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

I am in receipt of your memorandum of April 26 and regret that you are under the impression that the day school at Shubenacadie is the only building in Nova Scotia that we would like to have erected during the current fiscal year.

In providing the amount of \$75,000 in the current year's appropriation we were hopeful that the school at Shubenacadie and the school and teachers' residence at Eskasoni could be erected for the amount just mentioned.

The buildings mentioned in the preceding paragraph are extremely necessary, in order to provide necessary facilities for the centralization of the Indians on the Shubenacadie and Eskasoni Reserves.

To provide the funds required for the water and sewage installations would involve a supplementary vote and under these circumstances I am submitting your memorandum to the Deputy Minister.

H. W. H. H.

Director.

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May 10th, 1944

Memorandum:

Re: Indian Day Schools, Shubenacadie and Eskasoni Agencies, Nova Scotia.

Dr. McGill's memorandum of the 4th instant, bearing your notation of May 6th, in connection with the above schools is acknowledged.

It is noted that the Indian Affairs Branch were hopeful that the amount of \$75,000.00 provided in the current year's appropriation, would cover the erection of the four classroomed school at the Shubenacadie Agency, as well as a similar school and a teachers' residence at the Eskasoni Agency.

In this connection it is pointed out that when tenders were submitted last August, the lowest tender for the Shubenacadie school amounted to \$33,585, while the lowest tenders for the Eskasoni school and teachers' residence amounted to \$32,140 and \$16,500 respectively.

Since living accommodation for the teachers at Shubenacadie is available at the Residential school, it is not imperative that a water supply should be installed when the day school is built; but at such time as a school is built at the Eskasoni Agency, a residence for the teachers will definitely be required. This will necessitate consideration of at least a domestic water supply, and preferably a system providing a considerable measure of fire protection. A septic tank, sewage disposal bed and an electrical plant are other features which must be considered.

Under these circumstances, a rough estimate of the necessary expenditure for buildings, with costs based on the lowest tenders received last August, would be as follows:-

| | | |
|-----|---|---------------|
| (a) | Four classroom school - Shubenacadie | \$33,585. |
| (b) | Two outside toilets - " (pupils) | 500. |
| (c) | Four classroom school - Eskasoni | 32,140. |
| (d) | Teachers' residence - " | 16,500. |
| (e) | Two outside toilets - " (pupils) | 600. |
| (f) | Septic tank, drainage lines, sewage disposal works - Eskasoni | <u>2,000.</u> |
| | | \$85,325. |

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J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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In addition to the above, a water supply pumping system, including intake works, pumps and pumphouse, elevated storage tank, piping, etcetera, and also a power plant with engine driven equipment, batteries and distribution lines, of proportions to meet the demands of the ultimate development of the Agency building group, could reasonably be expected to increase the cost of operations at Eskasoni by approximately \$25,000.

It would be necessary, therefore, for the Indian Affairs Branch to provide approximately \$110,500 for operations at Shubenacadie and Eskasoni this year, instead of \$75,000 now included in their appropriation.

The matter is passed to you for consideration.

J. V. Mills

Chief Engineer.

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SURVEYS AND
ENGINEERING BRANCH

May 16th, 1944.

Dr. McGill

Re: Building Program, Eskasoni and Shubenacadie
Agencies, Nova Scotia

It is noted from your memorandum of the 4th instant that with the amount of \$75,000 in the current year's appropriation you were hopeful that the day school at Shubenacadie and the school and teachers' residence at Eskasoni might be erected.

Based on the tenders received last August this sum would not be sufficient as the lowest tenders were as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Shubenacadie Day School | \$33,585. |
| Eskasoni Day School | 32,140. |
| Eskasoni Teachers' Residence | 16,500. |
| | <u>\$82,225.</u> |

In addition to the buildings themselves other work and facilities must be provided for, including outside toilets for both the schools and a water system and sewage disposal works at Eskasoni.

The installation of a water system and sewage disposal works at the latter point is necessitated by the construction of the teachers' residence and without which, it is understood, the Eskasoni Day School could not operate since there is no accommodation in the vicinity of the site and the town of Sydney is about 30 miles distant.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Mills, Chief Engineer, which outlines the situation. You will note from this memorandum that to construct and service the buildings you have in mind at Shubenacadie and Eskasoni this year some \$110,500 would be required instead of \$75,000. This would require

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a supplementary estimate of \$35,500. There is, of course, a possibility that tenders received this year may be more reasonable and it is hoped this will be the case.

The water supply at Eskasoni will be taken from the Eskasoni River in which there is ample water at the low water period. A test of the quality of the water last year also showed it to be first-class.

There is no electric power supply available in the vicinity of the building site so that a power plant would have to be provided for the Eskasoni unit.

It is understood that the teachers' residence will have to accommodate about ten sisters. We have not as yet been asked to provide accommodation for a school Principal and I would like to be advised if a Principal's residence is to be erected in the near future or if some other arrangement in this respect is in mind.

Would you also kindly advise as soon as possible what is decided upon in regard to the buildings at Eskasoni, and if in the case of no further funds being available the Day School only would be erected there this year.

As I think you are aware tenders have been called through public advertisement for the construction of the Day School at Shubenacadie and tenders close in this office on Wednesday, May 31st next.

J. W. D. [Signature]

Director.

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Ottawa,
May 18, 1944.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

With reference to my memorandum of May 4, I enclose, for your information, a copy of memorandum from the Director of the Surveys & Engineering Branch dated May 16. This memorandum is in reply to my memorandum to him of May 4, a copy of which was forwarded to you.

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[Handwritten signature]

Director.

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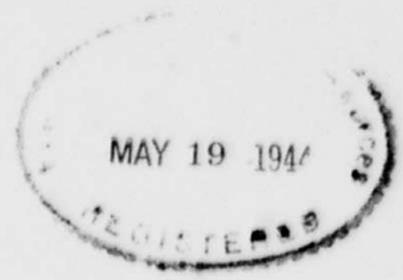
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OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

51-1-5



Memorandum to:

Dr. H.W. McGill

Re Indian Day School, Shubenacadie,
Your File 51-1-5

Will you please refer to your unsigned memorandum of the 4th instant, in which you enclosed a copy of a long report received from the Director of the Surveys and Engineering Branch, referring to the proposed construction program at Shubenacadie. Tenders have already been called for the construction of the school building and it is to be hoped that the prices will be low enough to permit a contract being awarded.

It would appear from Mr. Wardle's report that the greatest difficulty we are going to have in proceeding with the program is that connected with the water supply.

Mr. Pratt has discussed the matter on two occasions with Mr. Purdy, the Member, who does not understand why we are finding so much difficulty in getting a satisfactory supply of water in this district. He stated that no such difficulty is encountered by those residing in the vicinity of the Reserve.

Might it not be well for you to forward a copy of Mr. Wardle's report to Agent Rice and ask him if he has any proposals to suggest in reference to the water supply. In view of the estimated cost of securing water from the springs, it might be wise to consider drilling another well in a new location close to where the buildings are to be located. However, as Agent Rice has lived in the district for a good many years, his advice might be helpful.

[Handwritten signature]
Chief Executive Assistant.

Ottawa, May 17, 1944.

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Ottawa,
May 20, 1944.

Mr. H.C. Rice, Indian Agent, Shubenacadie, N.S.

We recently received a lengthy report from the Surveys & Engineering Branch, in connection with the construction of the new Indian day school at Shubenacadie. This was submitted to the Minister's office for consideration and I am advised that persons who know the district find it difficult to understand that we are encountering so much difficulty in obtaining a satisfactory supply of water. It is further stated that no such difficulty is encountered by those residing in the vicinity of the school.

M.P.

I enclose, for your information, copy of part of the report of the Surveys & Engineering Branch in regard to the water situation. You will note that the estimated cost of securing water from the springs is high and it might be advisable to consider drilling another well close to where the buildings are to be located, but in a different place from where the previous well was drilled. I wish you would give this matter further consideration and let me have a report from you at the earliest possible date.

Acting Director.

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Mr. Gill

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Ottawa,
May 18, 1944.

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Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

With reference to my memorandum of May 4, I enclose, for your information, a copy of memorandum from the Director of the Surveys & Engineering Branch dated May 16. This memorandum is in reply to my memorandum to him of May 4, a copy of which was forwarded to you.

Harold Woodhill

Director.

PP

Dr. Mr. Gill
It would seem advisable not to reach any further decision as to future plans until we see what the tenders are for the school building

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Your file 51-1-5
letter May 20-44



Shubenacadie, N.S. May 30, 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch, Dep't. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

Re Water Supply, Shubenacadie reserve.

Thank you for yours of the 20th inst.
to which was attached a portion of a report received by your
office from the Surveys and Engineering Branch re the above.

I am no authority on such a matter as this
and I do not wish to make definite claims. Frankly I do
prefer the possibility of a drilled well over the idea of
taking the water from spring brook which is some distance
from the proposed building site and which would involve
considerable pipe laying, pumping station, etc. The
concensus of opinion among the foreman here, myself and
neighbors is that if a well was drilled, by a competent
driller, behind the cottage of Wm. Pagl (which is shown
on the plan prepared by Surveyor McKenzie) somewhat
over the hill, water in sufficient quantities should be
found. In this vicinity springs are quite numerous and water
is in evidence even yet after experiencing the worst drought
in years. I do not have in mind the spring which Engineer
Sparks tested at the time of his visit here. This does
not appear to be surface water.

I feel that, in view of the estimated cost
of the project required should Spring Brook be utilized,
the drilling of another well, in the most favoured location,
would be justified.


H. C. Rice,
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa,
June 5, 1944.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

I desire to refer to Mr. Jackson's memorandum of May 17, with reference to securing a water supply at the Shubenacadie Reserve. On receipt of this memorandum the Indian Agent was immediately written and in a letter dated May 30, 1944, which reached us this morning, he writes as follows:

"I am no authority on such a matter as this and I do not wish to make definite claims. Frankly I do prefer the possibility of a drilled well over the idea of taking the water from spring brook which is some distance from the proposed building site and which would involve considerable pipe laying, pumping station, etc. The consensus of opinion among the foreman here, myself and neighbors is that if a well was drilled, by a competent driller, behind the cottage of Wm. Paul (which is shown on the plan prepared by Surveyor McKenzie) somewhat over the hill, water in sufficient quantities should be found. In this vicinity springs are quite numerous and water is in evidence even yet after experiencing the worst drought in years. I do not have in mind the spring which Engineer Sparks tested at the time of his visit here. This does not appear to be surface water.

Handwritten initials and signature:
JMA
Shubenacadie

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Director.

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