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GENERAL

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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Winnipeg General Hospital
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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The Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs
Sir:

I hereby resign the position
of teacher in the Cote Indian
Day School from November 1st
1935 on account of illness.

I have been in the
Hospital since November 3rd.
The doctor has been in
touch with some of the
Department officials and
advised them I would be
unable to teach.

Yours truly
Eva F Crockett

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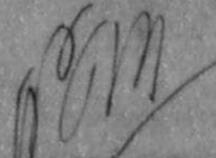
Ottawa, November 27th, 1935.

Dear Madam,-

I am in receipt of your resignation as teacher of the Cote's Indian Day School. The Department regrets that you have been obliged to give up duties owing to illness.

Yours truly,


A. P. Mackenzie.
Secretary.



Miss Eva F. Crockett,
Winnipeg General Hospital,
Winnipeg, Man.

PP/O'M.

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Ottawa, November 27, 1935.

Reverend Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of a letter, dated the 20th instant, from Miss Eva F. Crockett, tendering her resignation as teacher of the Cote's Indian Day School. Her resignation is being accepted. It is presumed that Miss Ruby Jamieson will continue in charge of this school for the current academic year.

Yours truly,

(over)

A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

Rev. Kenneth J. Beaton, B. A.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St. West,
Toronto 2, Ont.

PP/O'M.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Kamsack, Sask.,
27th November, 1935

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J.P.B. Ostrander
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, No. 117-2-1, I beg to say that Miss Ruby Jamieson commenced her duties as teacher at the Cote Indian Day School on the 25th instant, and I am enclosing Staff Questionnaire which she has completed as requested.

Mrs. Roy informs me that she has a letter from Miss Crockett informing her that she has submitted her resignation direct to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J.P.B. Ostrander

J.P.B. Ostrander,
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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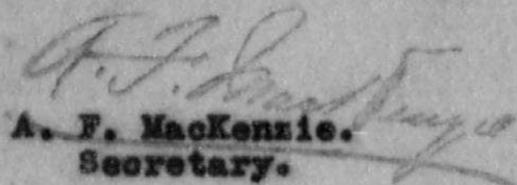
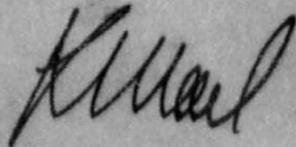
Ottawa, December 3, 1935.

Dear Sir,-

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo, advising the Department that Miss Ruby Jamieson commenced duties at the Cote's Indian Day School on November 25th, last.

The Department has received and accepted the resignation of Miss Eva Crockett.

Yours truly,



A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

J. P. B. Ostrander, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamsack, Sask.

PP/O'M.

Kamsack, Sask.,
March 18th, 1937.

Dear Sir:-

I find it necessary to report that the work of Miss R. M. Jamieson, teacher of the Cote Indian Day School, is not very satisfactory, and while I am not in favour of making the change immediately, the matter would be kept in mind and the change made at the beginning of the next school term.

She is sadly lacking in discipline. There has been considerable truancy and she does not seem to be able to control them in the classroom. I find that it is impossible to get any of the children, those who have been attending for several years and those who have recently started, to speak above a whisper in the classroom.

In addition to this, she has a great deal of spare time which could be spent in social service work and things of this nature. This she will not do. You will remember our conversation Tuesday night about the affairs at this school and the movement which I mentioned with regard to transferring Mrs. Roy and appointing a man as a missionary with his wife for teacher. As I informed you, I do not think this is what is required at all, but what is required is the right kind of a classroom teacher who will co-operate with Mrs. Roy, both in and about the school itself and on the reserve in social service work.

There is no need for any expense to the Department outside of the salary which is now being paid, but there is need for the teacher's salary being paid to the right kind of a person.

I have previously hesitated about reporting adversely in connection with Miss Jamieson, chiefly because two of my own children are attending this school and it might be thought that this is my chief interest. My own children are making fair progress, but they receive no discipline whatever in school and it is necessary for us to attend to that part of it ourselves. The Indian children, however, receive no discipline whatever at home, and it is therefore very necessary that they receive some at the school.

Yours very truly,

Thos. Robertson, D.S.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.

Sgd. J.P.B. Ostrander.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



W.
INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

REGINA, SASK., 23rd March, 1937.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 310-11

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Handwritten signature

Dear Mr. Hoey:-

I beg to submit the attached letter received from Mr. Ostrander, Agent at Pelly.

Mrs. Roy is Matron at the Cote Improved Day School and also Missionary on the Reserve. Owing to the fact that the Minister at Kamsack objects or refuses to conduct funeral services on the Reserve, Mrs. Roy has been doing this work. The Indians object to this. The Church is therefore considering transferring Mrs. Roy and replacing her with a male missionary-teacher.

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I understand Mrs. Roy objects to a transfer and is considering leaving the Service. She is an exceptionally good teacher and works among the Indians. We would be very sorry to lose Mrs. Roy and, if any influence can be used to retain her, we believe it should be done.

I would recommend that Miss Jamieson's services be terminated at the end of this school year and that a teacher qualified for and willing to do social service work be engaged.

Yours very truly,

Thos. Robertson

Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Saskatchewan.

R. A. Hoey, Esq.,
Supt. Welfare & Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, April 1st, 1937.

Dear Dr. Dorey:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Thomas Robertson, Inspector of Indian Agencies for Saskatchewan.

Dr. Robertson expresses the opinion that you have under consideration at the present time the desirability of changing the teachers at the Cote Improved Indian Day School. It would appear that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction with the work of Miss Jamieson, and I am of the opinion that her service should be terminated at the end of the present school year. Mrs. Roy is also employed at this school, as matron, at an annual salary of \$750. In view of the fact that there is an enrolment of only 25 pupils and an average attendance of less than 20, the salaries paid - \$950 to Miss Jamieson and \$750 to Mrs. Roy - seem to be a little bit out of line with the salaries ordinarily paid for the operation of a small day school.

Dr. Robertson intimates that Mrs. Roy has been rendering good service and is very popular with the Indians. It is altogether likely that a petition will reach you, asking that her services be retained. I have been wondering if it would be possible for you to obtain the services of a married male teacher, whose wife could act as matron. If this suggestion does not appeal to you, I should like you to give some thought to the desirability of securing a capable girl to take Miss Jamieson's place. If you could obtain the services of a teacher interested in social service work, who could cooperate with Mrs. Roy, the results, I feel confident, would be very satisfactory.

I am simply passing on these suggestions to you for your consideration.

Yours very sincerely,

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

Rev. Geo. Dorey, D.D.,
Associate Secretary,
Board of Home Missions,
United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St. West, TORONTO 3, Ont.

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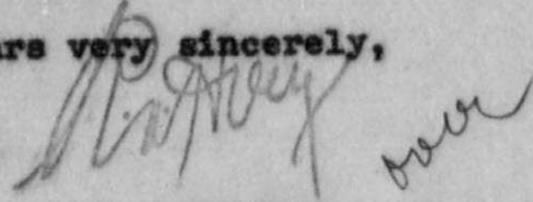
Ottawa, April 1st, 1937.

Dear Dr. Robertson:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 23rd and to state, by way of comment, that I have today written to the United Church authorities, expressing the view that Miss Jamieson's services at the Cote Day School should be dispensed with at the end of the present school year.

I shall be glad to discuss this matter with you more fully when you visit Ottawa, in the immediate future.

Yours very sincerely,



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

RAH

Dr. Thomas Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Inspector's Office,
Regina, Sask.

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CHAIRMAN

Board of Home Missions

The United Church of Canada

299 QUEEN ST. WEST
TORONTO 2, ONTARIO

APRIL 13, 1937

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ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

REV. BRUCE G. GRAY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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PERSONAL

Mr. R. A. Hoey,
Superintendent of Welfare
and Training,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.



Dear Mr. Hoey:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 1st relative to the situation in the Cote Improved Day School. I have taken the matter up with Mrs. Loveys of the Woman's Missionary Society, and think that a more or less radical change will take place.

I had in mind suggesting the appointment of Mr. George Harris, who is at present at Norway House as Farm Instructor, to be the Teacher, and Mrs. Harris to be the Matron. I had further in mind that, if Mr. Harris proved successful in this position, he might conceivably be the kind of man who would make a good principal of a larger school. I realize, of course, that it might be better to have a woman teacher, but if Mr. Harris were appointed he could conduct services on the Reserve. Whilst he is not an Ordained man, I think that, with the help of the Minister at Kamsack, the work would be better taken care of.

I wonder whether you would care to give me your opinion about this. I would hesitate very much to make any recommendation which would not be of assistance to you in working out the policy which you have mapped out.

With best regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "G. Dorey".

GD:BJ

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Ottawa, April 17, 1937.

Dear Dr. Dorey:

Please pardon me for not replying to your letter of the 13th instant until now. I was anxious to discuss the subject matter of your communication with Dr. Robertson, Inspector of Indian Agencies for Saskatchewan, who is at present attending a conference at Ottawa - hence the delay.

RNH

Dr. Robertson and I feel that you would be particularly fortunate if you are able to secure the services of Mr. Harris for the Cote Improved Day School. I feel confident he would accept the position as a challenge and make a real contribution to the welfare of the Indian population. May I suggest that he be engaged on the understanding that he will remain at the school at least two or three years. I would not like to see him removed until the work in that district is thoroughly organized. You might let us have a specific recommendation at your convenience.

Yours very sincerely,

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

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299 Queen Street West,
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JULY 30, 1957

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ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

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Mr. R. A. Hoey,
Superintendent of Welfare and Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

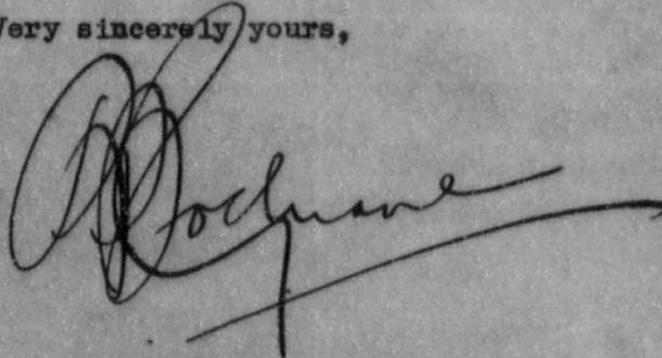
We are now in a position to nominate
for the appointments on the Cote Indian Reserve
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dobbin of Wapella, Sask., Mr.
Dobbin as Teacher and Mrs. Dobbin as Matron.

Mr. Dobbin holds a second-class profes-
sional certificate, and has taken First Year Arts.
He has been engaged in the teaching profession for
twenty years, and has had a great deal of experience
with New Canadians.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobbin are a cultured Christian
couple who have rendered unstinted service to our
Church, Mr. Dobbin taking a very active part in
Sunday School work.

We will be glad to have your approval of
this nomination.

Very sincerely yours,



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Ottawa, August 3rd, 1937.

Dear Sir,-

Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of official letter of today's date addressed to Dr. Thos. Robertsen, Inspector of Indian Agencies.

I am forwarding you two copies of the staff questionnaire form. As soon as Mr. and Mrs. Debbin reach the reserve, you should have them complete these forms and return same to the Department.

Yours truly,

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


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J. P. B. Ostrander, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamsack, Sask.

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Ottawa, August 3rd, 1937.

Dear Sir,-

On the nomination of the Board of Home Missions of the United Church of Canada, the Department is approving the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dobbin as teacher and assistant teacher, respectively, of the Cote Indian Day School. Mr. Dobbin will be allowed salary at the rate of \$950 a year and Mrs. Dobbin at the rate of \$500 a year. These salaries will commence from September 1st, 1937.

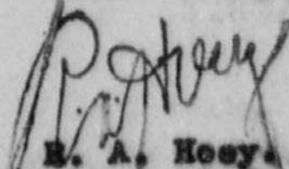
In nominating these teachers, the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions writes:-

"Mr. Dobbin holds a second class professional certificate, and has taken First Year Arts. He has been engaged in the teaching profession for twenty years, and has had a great deal of experience with New Canadians.

"Mr. and Mrs. Dobbin are a cultured Christian couple who have rendered unstinted service to our Church, Mr. Dobbin taking a very active part in Sunday School work."

Please give them every possible assistance in their work at this school.

Yours truly,



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



Dr. Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.

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EX'D.

Ottawa, August 3, 1937.

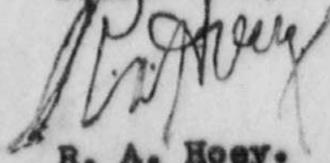
Reverend Sir,-

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo, nominating Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dobbin as teacher and assistant teacher, respectively, of the Cote Indian Day School. Their appointment is approved.

As intimated in my letter of April 1st, it is felt that the salaries allowed at this school have not been in line with the salaries ordinarily paid for the operation of a small day school. It has, therefore, been decided that Mr. Dobbin will be allowed salary at the rate of \$950 a year and Mrs. Dobbin at the rate of \$500 a year. The salary of each of them will commence from September 1, 1937, and will be paid on the basis of ten teaching months in the academic year.

Dr. Thos. Robertson, Inspector of Indian Agencies, and Mr. J.P.B. Ostrander, Indian Agent, are being notified of their appointment and requested to give them every possible assistance.

Yours truly,



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

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Rev. R.B. Cochrane, D.D.,
Secretary, Board of Home Missions,
United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St. W.,
Toronto 2, Ont.

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Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
JUN 23 1938
RECORDS

EXTRACT
ORIGINAL OF
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Regina, Sask., June 14, 1938.

[Handwritten signature]

Dear Sir:

I would like to submit the following report on
the Pelly Agency.

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x EX'D. x

Cote School teacher

This school has a nice garden with individual plots for each child. The teacher and his wife and taking an active interest in not only the education and advancement of the children but also in the men and women on the reserve. Sewing, knitting, handicrafts and manual training is being carried out in the school. Women on the reserve have organized into a sewing circle. Several of the Indians expressed their appreciation at the work being carried on here.

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Thos. Robertson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Saskatchewan.

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Pelly Agency

Kamsack, Sask.,

Sept. 2, 1940.

Dear Sir:-

Re Cote Day School:

You will recall discussing with Mr. Dobbin and the writer the matter of Whitehawk and Friday children insisting on the Dobbins keeping them at night and for all meals as well as the noon day lunch.

*C. M. ...
Friday is ...
best ...
or ...*

I discussed this matter with John Friday some time ago and pointed out that it was your wish that this practice be discontinued. John Friday objected very strongly and blamed Dobbins entirely.

Roy Whitehawk applied to have his girl sent to Boarding School but I did not forward the application. School started today and Joyce Whitehawk is attending Cote School, but none of the Fridays turned up. John also mentioned that he would prefer sending his children to Boarding School rather than have them drive to and from school in the winter, but has made no move to have them sent to boarding school.

Dobbins are very anxious to have the Friday and Whitehawk children attend Cote Day School, but they are also very anxious to get away from making it more or less a free boarding school.

It appears that at this time last year Mr. Kerley said it was Mr. Robertson's wish that no children be kept by Mr. Dobbins at night and Dr. Robertson came along shortly after and said the matter had not been discussed with him. These people appear to be still convinced that Dobbins are the only people that object. Under the circumstances would you be kind enough to write a letter to me stating that the Department strongly objects to the Cote School being used as other than a day school, as I would very much like to clear Dobbins from blame.

It is certainly very unfair for the Indians to expect Dobbins to provide bed and board free of charge.

Yours truly,

J. L. Bryant

J. L. Bryant
Indian Agent.

M. Christianson, Esq.,
General Supt. of Indian Agencies
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa,
September 6, 1940.

EXD.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 2, addressed to Mr. Christianson, General Superintendent of Indian Agencies, has been brought to my attention.

For some years past the Department was aware that it was the practice to keep some children over night at the Cote School and while we never approved of the practice no specific instructions were issued to discontinue it.

The Department feels that the time has now arrived when definite action should be taken and consequently you should notify the teacher that no children are to be kept at the school over night.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

Mr. J. L. Bryant,
Indian Agent,
Kamsack, Sask.

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Box 500, Kamisack, Sask.

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Dep. of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
Ottawa

Dear Sirs:

The Departmental Cheque for \$40.50 duly received, for which I thank you.

I would be pleased to receive an explanation as to how the above figures were arrived at, as last month's cheque amounted to over \$50.00, I believe. Has there been an error?

Yours truly

Mrs Leonard L. Dobbin

Nation, Cote Improved Day School

The name on the cheque has always been Mrs L. L. Dobbin.

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Ottawa,
December 11, 1941.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of the 7th instant I trust the following statement will give you the information you require:

October, 1941.

Salary rate	\$ 50.00	
Cost-of-living bonus	<u>3.50</u>	
	Total	\$ 53.50

Deductions

War savings certificate	\$ 4.00	
National Defence Tax	<u>.50</u>	<u>4.50</u>
	Net amount paid to you	\$ 51.00

In issuing the above cheque it was overlooked that you are not subject to National Defence Tax and that, as your husband is also employed, you are not entitled to receive the bonus. As a result the amount paid to you for the month of November was computed as follows:

Salary rate	\$ 50.00	
Refund of National Defence Tax deducted in October	<u>.50</u>	
	Total	\$ 50.50

Deductions

Overpayment of cost-of-living bonus ...	\$ 5.50	
War savings certificate	<u>4.00</u>	<u>9.50</u>
	Balance due for November	\$ 40.50

Yours truly,

Mrs. L.L. Doblin,
Box 500,
Kamsack, Sask.

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

Ottawa, February 16, 1942.

Memorandum:

MR. JACKSON:

Re: Operation of Cote Improved Indian Day School.

Immediately following our discussion of a few days ago, I made a careful review of the letters and reports on file in respect to the operation of the Cote Indian Day School.

I should explain that the Cote School was established by Mr. Graham, as an experiment, a few years prior to his retirement. Mr. Graham was of the opinion at that time that it might be possible to operate a school in which provision would be made for the board and lodging of the pupils from Monday until Friday, asking the parents to become responsible for the clothing of the children and for their care during the week-ends.

At the time the present teacher and his wife were appointed, a number of children were boarded at the school from Monday until Friday of each week and the teacher's wife was allowed a salary of \$50.00 a month for a 9 month period, on the understanding that she would be responsible for the preparation of the meals for these children and their general care. Two female teachers had been in charge of this school for several years prior to the appointment of the present teacher. The arrangement whereby pupils were provided with board and lodging at the school from Monday until Friday was never wholly satisfactory and was recently abandoned. The keeping of children at the school while others were permitted to go home at the close of the regular school period from day to day created a certain amount of dissatisfaction. It is

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significant that so far as I am aware no country has ever been able to organize what one might term an intermediate school, half-way between the residential school and the ordinary day school.

You will note that the reports on the teacher now in charge of the Cote Indian Day School are excellent in every respect. It is my understanding that this teacher taught for the full 10 months period last year, although under no obligation to do so. I have just learned that Mr. and Mrs. Dobbin may be offered the principalship of either the Round Lake or the File Hills Residential School. If such is the case it will only be necessary in the future to employ one teacher at the Cote School. The reports on file indicate that this teacher and his wife enjoy a very high reputation in the United Church. They have spent their lives in non-English speaking communities and Mrs. Dobbin particularly has been very successful in the organization and conduct of Sunday Schools amongst central European peoples.

I got the impression from my conversation with Mr. Bryant that he is not very favourably impressed with the work of this teacher. Mr. Bryant finds it difficult to understand why his wife should be paid \$50.00 a month as matron. This payment can be easily understood if we keep in mind the organization of the school and the purpose for which it was originally established. I personally attach a great deal of importance to Inspector Waind's report. Mr. Waind's reports are usually very critical and Mr. Dobbin appears to be one of the few teachers whose work appears satisfactory from year to year to the Inspector.

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

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Ottawa,
May 15, 1942.

Reverend Sir:

I desire to refer to your letter of the 2nd instant and my reply of the 11th instant, in connection with transferring Mr. L.L. Dobbin from Cote to the File Hills Residential School.

Is it the intention of the Women's Missionary Society to transfer Mr. Dobbin immediately? If so, do they intend to nominate anyone to carry on at the Cote School for the balance of the current academic year?

While we have always allowed salaries for two teachers at Cote, the attendance at that school has decreased in recent years. The March quarter return shows an enrolment of 30 and an average attendance of only 17. The Indian Agent visited the Department last winter and at that time the opinion was expressed that the Department was not justified in paying salaries of two teachers at this school. Consequently, I feel that you should suggest to the Women's Missionary Society that only one teacher should be nominated for the Cote School for the academic year 1942-43.

Yours truly,

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

Rev. Geo. Dorey, D.D.,
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May 19th - 1942.

Mr. R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA- Ontario.



Dear Mr. Hoey :-

Dr. Cochrane requested that I should reply to your letter of May 15th -

We, as a Woman's Missionary Society, are asking Mr. L.L. Dobbin to take up his duties at the File Hills School as soon as he can be released from Cote. We are looking for a teacher to undertake work in this School for the remainder of the year. We hope he may be able to arrive at File Hills by June first.

In the third paragraph of your letter you say that you have allowed salaries for two teachers at Cote. - May I call your attention to the fact that \$800.00 is the salary of one teacher at Cote and \$500.00 the salary of the Matron for the Reserve, -making a total Government Grant of \$1,300.00.

Mrs. Dobbin, who has been acting as Matron, has been giving much time to the Homemakers' Club, which the Department requested should be organized. She has also been a very faithful visitor in the homes on the Reserve and we do feel that this work is sufficiently important that it should be continued. We are well aware, however, that there would not be sufficient work for two teachers and during the past five years there has been only one.

Yours very truly,

Isabel McIntosh Loveys
Home Mission Executive Secretary.

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Ottawa,
May 20, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Loveys:

I have your letter of the 19th instant, with reference to the Cote Day School.

I was aware that Mrs. Dobbin has been performing field matron duties, but she has always been classified as a teacher. The reason for this was due to the fact that other field matrons are only allowed a nominal salary and no provision is made for a field matron to draw the salary that we have been paying Mrs. Dobbin. Consequently, it was necessary to classify her as a teacher.

Am I to understand from your letter that Mrs. Dobbin will not accompany Mr. Dobbin to the File Hills School? I was hoping that it was your intention to include her as a member of the staff of that school, especially in view of the apparent lack of discipline at File Hills for some months past.

Yours truly,

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

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Ottawa,
May 20, 1942.

Dear Sir:

The United Church of Canada has recommended the transfer of Mr. L.L. Dobbin, teacher of the Cote Day School, to the Principalship of the File Hills Indian Residential School. The question then arose regarding a successor and I recall that when you visited the Department you were very pronounced in your opinion to the effect that two persons were not required at this school. On making this suggestion to the Board of Home Missions of the United Church of Canada they appear to disagree and feel that both the teacher and field matron are required. As you know, we have always classified Mrs. Dobbin as a teacher, due to the fact that we have no provision made for a field matron, as such.

Under the circumstances, I should appreciate having a letter from you immediately setting forth definitely your views regarding the future of the Cote School. Your letter, of course, should include a definite recommendation regarding your views about continuing the employment of one or two persons.

Yours truly,

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

Mr. J.L. Bryant,
Indian Agent,
Kamsack, Sask.

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