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CANADA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES

SURVEYS AND  
ENGINEERING BRANCH

154-1-5  
6th March, 1941.



Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

Re: Floors, Indian Residential  
School, Alberni, B.C.

Further to my memorandum of February 20th, I am enclosing copy of a memorandum from the Chief Engineer, Engineering and Construction Service, dated March 4th, relative to the above which is self-explanatory.

It is realized that any decision regarding the waterproofing of the floors involves some difficulty. It is understood the areas to be treated will be required for the remainder of March for classroom purposes. On the other hand, funds are available for this work in the present fiscal year and as noted from your memorandum of February 25th no funds for this purpose have been provided in your appropriation for the fiscal year 1941-42.

Would you please advise as soon as possible if you wish this work to be proceeded with at once with a view to completion before March 31st.

*John A. Pender.*  
General Executive Assistant.

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# Corporation of the City of Alberni

PHONE 401.

ALBERNI, B. C.

February 28th 1941.

F. B. Ashbridge Esq.,

Indian Agent.

Port Alberni B.C.

To Services rendered by the Alberni Fire Brigade at the Indian Residential School on the night of February 18th 1941.

13 Men were on duty 4½ hours each \$5.50 per man \$71.50  
They are paid at the rate of \$2.00 per hour for the first hour and \$1.00 per hour for remaining hours.

To recharge of chemical tank	\$1.00
Total Bill	Men \$71.50
Recharge Tank	<u>1.00</u>
	<u>\$72.50.</u>

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MAR 5 1941  
INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE  
PORT ALBERNI, B. C.

City Clerk.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO **15/15/894**  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

CANADA  
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OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES



P.O. BOX 70  
VANCOUVER, B.C. **March 14, 1941.**

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith application of the Reverend R.C.Scott, Principal of the Alberni Residential School for ten rolls of tar paper for the new boat building shed, the previous purchase of this material having been lost in the school fire.

It is observed that Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge states that this material can be purchased locally for \$10.50.

If funds are available, I would recommend consideration of the application.

Yours faithfully,

For D.M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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PLEASE QUOTE  
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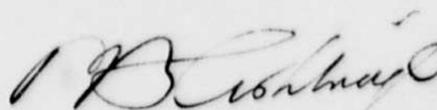
West Coast Agency,  
Port Alberni, B.C.,  
March 11, 1941.

Sir:

I have the honour to enclose  
request for ten rolls tar paper for the Alberni  
Residential School.

This can be supplied locally  
at \$1.05 per roll by Carter's Hardware, Alberni, the  
lowest tender.

Your obedient servant,



P. B. Ashbridge,  
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

D. M. MacKay, Esq.,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,  
P. O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.



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# Alberni Residential School

United Church of Canada

Principal  
REV. R. C. SCOTT, B. A.

Alberni, B. C.  
March 7th, 1941

Mr. P. B. Ashbridge,  
Indian Agent,  
Port Alberni, B. C.

Dear Mr. Ashbridge:

I regret that the ten (10) rolls of Tar Paper supplied by the Alberni Hardware Company for the new Boat Building shed were burned in the Classroom Fire. We had stored them in the basement. I am glad to say that we salvaged most of the nails and can get along with the same.

As we would like to build this Boat Shed at the earliest possible moment as a Manual Training project, I would appreciate it if the Department could renew this item for us.

Thanking you I am,

Yours sincerely,

*R. C. Scott*  
R. C. SCOTT  
PRINCIPAL

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Letter No. 444.C.41

*Handwritten signature/initials*

of the West Coast Indian Agency,

March 3 1941



EXD.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 551

amounting to \$ 72.50 in favour

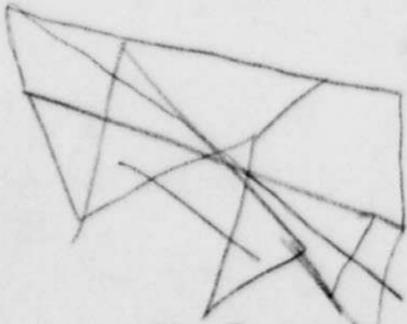
of Corporation of the City of Alberni, Alberni, B.C.

for Services rendered by the Alberni Fire Brigade at the  
fire at Indian Residential School, Alberni, February 18th,  
1941.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. .... dated .....

Your obedient servant,



*Handwritten signature/initials*

*Handwritten signature*  
Indian Agent

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

Form No. I.A. 518  
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IN ACCOUNT WITH

**Alberni Hardware Company Limited**  
**HARDWARE**  
 BUILDERS' SUPPLIES, PAINTS AND OILS

Reg No 5727

DATE	ARTICLES	Folio	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
July 16	10 Reel paper	745	10 80		
	100 lb 2 1/2" Char		6 00		
	20 lb 2 1/2" C		1 00		
	20 lb 1 1/2" h		2 70		
			20 50		
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			18 72		

This is to certify that the above is a correct voucher of expense in connection with the materials supplied for the building of a Boat Building Shed at the Alberni Residential School, Alberni, B.C. The materials were received in good order, and it is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

SIGNED:

*T. LeScott*  
 PRINCIPAL

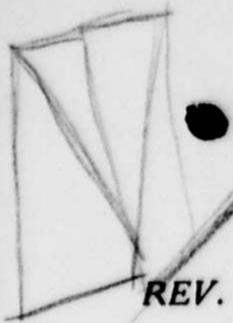
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# Alberni Residential School

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Principal

REV. R. C. SCOTT, B. A.

Alberni, B. C. March 15th, 1941.

Mr R.A. Hoey,  
Supt. of Welfare and Training,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept. of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Canada.



Dear Mr Hoey:

I am sure you would be interested in getting a first hand account of the tragic loss of our Class Room building. I presume you will have received an official account, but it has been upon my heart for some time to write you, giving my own account. Needless to say, I have had little leisure for anything except the work of getting the classrooms under way again.

I am glad to say, in this regard, that the children were only eight days without classroom work. During that time they were given extra work along handicraft lines. The building was burned Tuesday night, Feb. 18th, and class rooms re-opened on Monday morning the 24th Feb. I cannot speak too highly of the work of our Boatbuilder, Mr Huddleston in getting temporary desks, blackboards etc ready. By an ingenious arrangement we are able to use the regular Assembly Hall seats, and desks are attached which can be taken off for our Sunday services with little trouble.

Three ply screens divide the Assembly hall into two good class rooms and these screens form extra blackboard space. The Senior and Junior Divisions are accommodated here, and as they are in opposite ends of the hall, little trouble is made for either one by the lessons under way in the other.

We took one half of the Senior Girls Play room, and have made a good Primary Class Room. The Intermediates are housed in the old Day School building, which fortunately had not been taken down. We can carry on quite well for the rest of this school year, but I do hope it may be possible to renew the Class Room unit before the opening of another academic year.

The teachers and the boys and girls have reacted splendidly, and feel definite responsibility for the success of the work under the handicaps which for a time they must face.

But to return to the fire. I was in the Staff Sitting Room, just preliminary to going to the Residence. The Manual Training teacher passed the door and I called him in saying that I smelled something not unlike rubber burning. We at once inspected the standing electric reading lamp but there was no sign of any heat. The MT. teacher went on to the boiler room, but I kept on investigating. I went to the Sewing room to see if an electric machine had been left connected, or an iron, but all was right. There was no smell in the corridor outside the Staff Sitting room. Just then, and this would be between twenty and twenty five minutes after ten P.M., Mr Bothwell returned from the boiler room saying there was some smoke in it. I remarked, that I must have been wrong but that "you know a Principal is always smelling something". With that he went out to the stairway on the boys' side to go to his room. When he got to the first landing, he saw the flames beginning to come through the door, or just above the door, of the Class Room building and rushed back saying it was on fire. He ran out the boys' entrance, and I followed. He went straight to the door and it pulled open to his hand. Shutting it to keep the flames from spreading the faster he rushed around to the other side and went in through the Girls' entrance to the Class Room building trying to get at the fire equipment. Meantime, after a glance, in which I saw the flames had

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begun to burst through the window above the door, I ran back into the main building to get a fire extinguisher. Meantime, my Office secretary appeared and I called to her to 'phone the Fire Department. When I got to the door again, I saw that little glass was broken in the door and this was brought forcibly to my attention as the first stream of Pyrene fluid struck unbroken glass and I had to direct it carefully through a pane which was broken right next the lock, and thence down toward what I thought to be the base of the fire.

The only significance I attached to this at the time, was that it seemed proof that the fire had not been burning long enough to cause heat sufficient to break the glass in the doors. I told the Police this the next morning. Later, as I stood looking out one night about 1 A.M. that pane of glass seemed to stand out with a new significance, for I realized then, that it was right next to the lock, and if it were broken by anyone wishing to enter, the thing was easy.

I cannot prove anything, of course, but that is a fact which does not easily fade out of my mind.

The other men on the Staff were on hand almost as soon as I, and they all gave the same testimony, namely that there was no fire anywhere else except just on the landing inside the door. From there it went across toward the right and climbed up the wall by the side of the door on what seemed the opposite side of where the fire occurred. There was no sign of fire in the paint locker on the right of the doorway, nor in the boys' lavatory on the left. Both windows remained dark until the fire was well under way throughout the building. In fact the window of the paint locker was broken open in order to get in before the fire reached the paints located there.

We had been doing some staining, getting ready for the Official Opening, but the rags had been- there were only two of them as only one boy was doing that work- brought in and were placed on a thick bench under the instructions of the Manual Training teacher. They were quite loosely laid up. I told the Police and the Fire Marshal this, but ~~as~~ there was no sign of fire anywhere near that spot, nor in fact anywhere in the M.T. room until it had broken down through from the Class Room above. If you study the enclosed snap shots this is evident.

During his investigations, the Fire Marshall dug up a waste paper basket from the ruins of the basement; it had been in the Boys' Lavatory to the left of the entrance. He said that there were remains of paper towells etc in it. He wanted to know if any of the boys had been smoking in the building. To the best of my ~~knowledge~~ <sup>NEVER</sup>, they had not.

The door of the Class Room building was always kept locked when no teachers were in it. It had been locked by the M.T. Teacher at 5.30 when he left, and again at 6:10 when the last teacher left. No boys were out of the building after supper, and certainly none were out later for it would have been at once seen by the supervisor who put the boys to bed- the seniors at 8.30 and the younger ones earlier. I went out at once after he told me and found the waste paper basket. In it was one of these paper towells, and it was hardly scorched. The Police nor the Fire Marshall, so far as anything they said to me would indicate, thought much of this basket as the source of the fire.

It seems unreasonable to think that a fire could start in a waste basket six hours- no only four hours after the last teacher left the building, and burn up sufficiently, with a steel bottom resting on a cement floor, to burn a partition, without burning all the paper in the ~~paper in the~~ basket in the process. None but paper towells were used in the class room building, and these only by the Primary class. The Primary teacher told me she had sent only one boy down with a towell that day.

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Fortunately I had inspected that basement corridor just before noon that day to see if any litter had been allowed to gather near that stairway, and I found it clean. ~~Nothing~~ was there except the remains of two old class room desks, cast iron frames and maple seats, and I took particular pains to see if anything else had been allowed to gather. It was clean, nothing underneath the stairs at all save these desk frames, and two or three pieces of iron pipe lying on the floor farther out.

The engineer went that afternoon to get a piece of pipe, and he too looked underneath and found it clean. The reason for such inspection in that particular place was that it was not far from the door into the Manual Training Room, and I had given orders that no lumber or litter from that room should be allowed there at all. I had told the Engineer weeks before about this.

That afternoon, at 4, the Manual Training teacher superintended the sweeping of the basement, and it was left clean.

I took particular notice too, when I first looked through the door at the fire, and while I was squirting the Pyrene in, that there was NO FIRE on the steps of this stairway leading to the class rooms above. Hence, it seems to me that all leads which might have established any blame for the school were eliminated.

While there are no indications that any Indian set the fire, there is plenty of conviction upon the part of members of staff, especially, our engineer, that it was an incendiary fire. I think it is only fair to say too, that I was deeply hurt by the attitude of the Indians, many of them, who were watching the fire. One woman in particular, had a leering smile on her face, and a group of young men seemed to see it as a great joke. I called the attention of Mr Ashbridge to this as we stood talking together while the fire was in progress.

All along there has seemed to be some indefinite, but very real opposition to the school, and in particular to me. I have felt it but never gave it enough thought to try to reason it out or to locate it. It seemed to me, at least, that the Indians ought to be proud of the new school, and to swing in behind it wholeheartedly. I felt there was some dis-satisfaction because I would not allow the local children out for week ends. But for a long time we had chickenpox in the school and were under quarantine. Then, I had never been used to it at Cocualeetza where the parents of local children, never made any request to have their children and seemed to understand.

I feel sure that it has been only a small number of the people here who have been really resentful, but they have been very active, as I now find. Two or three days before the fire, the Rev. Mr MacLean, the local United Church Minister told me that he had been approached by Indians with a view to taking their criticisms before Presybtery. I told him it was the right thing to do if they had any real fault to find. On Monday, previous to the fire he told me that he had received a document setting forth their grievances. I said that I was not interested in seeing it, but that I would answer them when they were presented to me.

He went to Victoria that day, and Tuesday night the school burned. That was the last straw, so I wired Mr MacLean advising that Presybtery appoint a committee to investigate all charges. This was done and the committee came to Alberni on the Friday of that week.

Mr Pitts came to me the morning of that day and seemed to feel that the Indians ought not to be allowed to attend the meeting etc. I said I felt they should. As the time for the meeting approached, Alex Thomas, whom I feel to be the ring leader, did not want to appear,

(an Indian)

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Alberni, B. C.

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Saying that the "people" had not been informed etc. I told him that he and the other two men who had signed the paper were here, and that he surely was willing to stand up to his signed word. As the chief who was one of the signers, was down at Polly's Point, five or six miles away, I told one of the staff to take the little truck and go for him. Thomas went along, but while he was there gave other Indians to understand that only the chief was wanted at the meeting. I have since found out that quite a group of people were not, and are not, favorable to the children being allowed out, and that they would have said so had they been allowed to attend the meeting.

To make a long story short, the grievances were such exaggerations and such untruths, that the committee had little difficulty in getting the people to see that they were unnecessarily alarmed, and that by coming to me all could be arranged amicably and that they ought to have done this on the start and not gone to others who were not concerned with the management of the school.

I have had to allow a certain amount of permission to parents to have their children for a few hours on Saturday afternoon, and a week from today I intend to throw the building open to the Indian people and have them see what we have. I am sure it will do good. In the evening I shall ask Mr. Ashbridge to come, and after showing some movies of what we did at Coqualeetza, (without stressing the fact that it is Coqualeetza, of course) I shall try to get them to see what can be done here. The visit of the King and Queen, to which our pupils at Sardis were attendants, I mean in attendance, will lend interest I am sure.

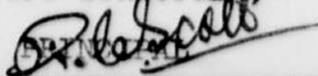
I do hope that it may be possible to get a new Class Room block. If it is renewed as a frame building, of the sort we had in the one burned, I think we ought to have separate fire protection OUTSIDE the block itself. Even if a booster pump were not given and a pipe line laid to the river, which would be the right thing todo, we could do effective work if we had the hose fittings and sufficient hose for the Alberni Fire Department hydrant. I presume if that Pulp Mill proposition ever goes through, and there is talk locally of it again, we could get plenty of water in exchange for the right of way across the school property. However, a fire proof block would be best.

I am on duty this evening and have had a lot of interruptions which have not been at all good for the sequence of subjects dealt with in this letter. Our new boat shop is well under way, and it will be a credit to our Manual Training Teacher and the senior boys, in addition to all that it will mean to those who come after them. I would like to make our boatbuilding department a real factor in the reestablishment of these West Coast Indians. I think it can be done, but more of that later through the usual channels.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Major MacKay, although he is familiar with the contents after our conversations following the fire. By the way, Captain Barry was a great help to us in selecting the books which we needed to get under way, and in addition he donated about fifty dollars worth of his own books gathered here and there during his Inspectorship.

Regretting the loss which we and the Department have suffered in this unfortunate occurrence, and saying how much I appreciate the help we have had right along from the Department, I am,

Yours sincerely,



/RCS

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# Alberni Residential School

United Church of Canada

*Principal*  
REV. R. C. SCOTT, B. A.

*Answer*

Alberni, B. C.  
March 18th, 1941

Mr. R. A. Hoey,  
Superintendent of Welfare and Training,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Canada



Dear Mr. Hoey:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 13th, File:159-1-5, with regard to taking up the linoleum and damp proofing the concrete floor spaces and relaying of the linoleum in our school basement.

I am very glad indeed that this action is being taken by the Department. I was on the point of removing the linoleum myself, drying it and having it stored in rolls awaiting the action of the Department. I have hesitated however, as there is always the danger of breaking it in taking it up and certainly it would be difficult to mark it in such a way that those who would have relay it would know just where each piece went. If the same men take it up who are afterwards to relay it, this difficulty will be obviated.

I shall use every care to have the linoleum properly dried and stored. I shall also store properly the materials now being purchased by the Surveys and Engineering Branch in order that they may be available when required.

Yours sincerely,

*R. C. Scott*  
R. C. SCOTT  
PRINCIPAL

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Ottawa,  
March 24, 1941.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant the radiators that can be salvaged from the burned classroom building at the Alberni Residential School should be carefully stored and retained until required.

Yours truly,

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

  
Major D.M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO **15/15/942**  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES



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INDIAN AFFAIRS  
BRANCH

P.O. BOX 70 **March 15, 1941.**  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith letter dated the 12th instant received from the Reverend Principal of the Alberni Indian Residential School advising that he considers that at least half of the radiators in the burned classrooms can be salvaged.

Yours faithfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*

For D.M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

:GR

The Secretary,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
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United Church of Canada

Principal  
REV. R. C. SCOTT, B. A.

Alberni, B. C.  
March 12th, 1941

Major D.M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Major MacKay:

Following receipt of your letter of March 10th with regard to salvaging materials from the classroom ruins, I have instructed our engineer, Mr. Nicol, to undertake this work. He informs me that he is sure that some 50% to 60% of the radiators for heating purposes are undamaged and I am just informing you so that any person sent to investigate by the Department might have this information when advising the Department as to conditions etc., or rebuilding. I thought it wise to inform you of this even before salvage operations are complete.

Thanking you for your assistance at all times I am,

Yours sincerely,

*R. C. Scott*  
R. C. SCOTT  
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Ottawa,  
March 20, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your voucher No. 551 for \$72.50 in connection with services rendered by the Alberni Fire Brigade at the fire at the Alberni Residential School.

In forwarding this voucher you did not make any comment. Is it the usual practice for the Alberni Fire Department to charge for their services especially in view of the fact that the school obtains water from the town of Alberni? In other places where water is obtained in this manner the Department receives free services from the fire brigade and the account will not be considered until a full report has been received from you.

Yours truly,

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

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Mr. P.B. Ashbridge,  
Indian Agent,  
Port Alberni, B.C.

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Ottawa,  
March 20, 1941.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant you may purchase 10 rolls of tar paper at a cost of \$10.50 for the new boat building shed at the Alberni Residential School.

Yours truly,

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

Major D.M. Mackay,  
Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

*DM*

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Letter No. 465.a.C.41..

Office of the..... West Coast..... Indian Agency,

..... March 10..... 1941..

*Handwritten signature*

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos..... 580

amounting to \$..... 18.72..... in favour

of..... Alberni Hardware Co. Ltd., Port Alberni, B.C.

for..... Materials supplied for construction of boat shed,  
Alberni Residential School, February 1941.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Commissioner's Letter No. 15/15/283..... dated..... February 10th..... 1941.

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Feb 5/41

Your obedient servant,

*Handwritten signature*  
Indian Agent

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

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PAY TO Alberni Hardware, Co. Ltd.,

ADDRESS Port Alberni, B.C.

THIS SPACE FOR  
TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE NO. ....

DATE .....

VOTE		AGENCY	
ALLOT.	E. R.	AMOUNT	

TOTAL

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT

DATE .....

1941	SERVICE	AMOUNT
	<u>School Account.</u>	
<u>Mar. 10</u>	<u>Materials supplied for construction of boat shed,</u> <u>Alberni Residential School, February 1941.</u>	<u>18 72</u>
<p>Authority: Commissioner's Letter No. 15/15/283, February 10th, 1941.</p> <p>159-1-5 Feb 5/41</p> <p>TRIPPLICATE Voucher in d. 21.3.41</p>		
	TOTAL	18 72

Recommended *[Signature]*  
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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

FORM No. I.A. 506  
R. 8420

VOUCHER No. 580



*[Signature]*  
Agent  
DATE March 10, 1941.

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO **15/15/1189**  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*Subvals*



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DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES

159-1-5

INDIAN AFFAIRS  
BRANCH



P. O. BOX 70  
VANCOUVER, B.C. **March 28, 1941.**

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter received from the Reverend R.C.Scott, Principal, Alberni Indian Residential School, advising that he considers 385 out of 599 sections of the radiators that were in the class rooms recently destroyed by fire can be salvaged.

Yours faithfully,

*James MacKay*

For D.M.MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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# Alberni Residential School

United Church of Canada

Principal

REV. R. C. SCOTT, B. A.

Alberni, B. C.

March 26th, 1941

Major D. M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Radiators from Former Classroom Building.

Dear Major MacKay:

Following my conversation with regard to salvaging materials from the classroom building, I beg to say that we have gone very carefully into the matter of the radiators for the heating system. Out of 599 sections in these radiators, 385 are in good condition. The others are cracked or have been very hot and <sup>are</sup> liable to break very easily.

I am forwarding this information in the hope that it may be of some assistance should the Department decide to renew this classroom building. I presume some member of the engineering staff will make a further investigation but the possibility of using some of these radiators might in this way be brought to their attention.

Yours sincerely,

  
R. C. SCOTT  
PRINCIPAL

RCS/BW



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*return to Mr. Scott's file*

Ottawa, March 25, 1941.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 15th instant, in which you discuss very fully the destruction of the classroom building by fire.

I note that you have sent a copy of this report to Commissioner MacKay. Commissioner MacKay, I may state, is at present at Ottawa, and it is my intention to discuss the subject matter of this report with him during his stay here.

*MA*

I regret to state that I am not in a position at the moment to say what provision, if any, can be made for the rebuilding of the classrooms in the estimates of this year. The destruction of the school by fire at this critical time, when we are putting forth every effort to conserve to the utmost extent possible the public funds at our disposal, has had a very depressing effect upon all of us. In addition to this, other schools destroyed by fire in recent years, such as the Anglican School in the Yukon Territory and the R. C. School at Albany, Ontario, have not been rebuilt, and it is going to be exceedingly difficult to seriously consider the rebuilding of the Alberni classrooms without giving due consideration to the rebuilding of the other schools. It is altogether likely, however, that this matter will be discussed and a decision reached at an early date.

Yours very truly,

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

Reverend R. C. Scott,  
Principal,  
Indian Residential School,  
A l b e r n i, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PAY TO The City Transfer,  
ADDRESS Chilliwack,  
B. C.

THIS SPACE FOR  
TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE NO. ....

DATE .....

VOTE		AGENCY	
ALLOT.	E. R.	AMOUNT	

TOTAL

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT

DATE .....

1941.	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Mar. 21.	To picking up and shipping 7 crt. of blackboard slates ( from Coqualeetza, at Sardis, B.C., for use at the Alberni Indian Residential School, Alberni, B.C.), as per attached account,	1.50
Authority: Dept. letter 159-1-12, of March 5, 1941.		
<p><i>6.7.41</i> detached for Accountant to pass</p>		
TOTAL		1.50

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

*James Clever*  
For Indian Commissioner for B.C. Agent  
DATE March 29, 1941.

FORM No. I.A. 506  
R. 9531  
VOUCHER No. 106-A.

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### BUILDING SERVICE & SPECIALTY SUPPLY

Indian Affairs Branch    Building Specialties :: Plywood :: Wallboards  
Dept. Mines & Resources,    Millwork :: Sash and Doors, etc.  
Ottawa, Canada

Port Alberni, B. C., March 1941

For: Alberni Indian Residential School  
Alberni

10 pc 48" x 72" - 3 ply Lin 5/16 S.S.  
S.S. to 1/4"

240' @ \$60<sup>00</sup>/pc m

\$14 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>xx</sub>

This is to certify that the above is a correct voucher of expense in connection with making portable screens to divide the Assembly Hall at Alberni Residential School, for use as temporary classrooms following destruction of the Classroom Building. The materials were received in good order and it is a fair and just charge on the Government of Canada.

R. G. Scott  
R. G. SCOTT  
PRINCIPAL

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OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 6353/41/D.

159-1-5

159-1-5  
West Coast Agency,  
Port Alberni, B.C.,  
March 29, 1941.



Sir:

I have the honour to refer to your letter of March 20th, 1941, in connection with services rendered by the Alberni Fire Brigade at the fire at the Alberni Residential School.

This school is outside the city limits and as this is a volunteer fire brigade, the firemen are only paid by the City for fires attended within the city. I beg to attach a letter received in this connection from the City Clerk.

I may say that I am aware that the details of the account are correct, as I was present at the fire and checked up at that time. I would respectfully recommend that the account be paid.

Your obedient servant,

P. B. Ashbridge,  
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

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

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## Corporation of the City of Alberni

PHONE 401.  
ALBERNI, B. C.

March 28th 1941.

P.B. Ashbridge Esq.,  
Indian Agent.  
Port Alberni. B.C.

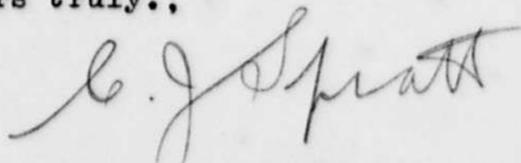
Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 26th inst re. services of the Alberni Fire Brigade at the fire at the Indian Residential School.

The Alberni Indian Residential School is outside the city limits and the City do not pay the firemen for attending any fires outside the City limits and seeing the Alberni Firemen were called to go to the fire at the School, so the bill was forwarded to your department for payment otherwise the firemen would not be paid.

It is true that the School obtains water from the City but they are not in the city limits and therefore do not in any way contribute towards the expenses of the Fire equipment. I might call your attention to the fact that the last time the services of the Alberni Fire Brigade were called upon to fight fire at the School when the old school was destroyed your Department paid the bill.

Yours truly..



City Clerk.

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*Mr. [unclear] [unclear]*

Ottawa,  
April 3, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo in which you advise that 385 sections of the radiators in the classroom block of the Alberni Residential School are considered satisfactory for further use. These should be carefully stored until required.

Yours truly,

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

*DM*

Major D.M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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Letter No. 15/15/1216.

Office of the Indian Commissioner for ~~British Columbia~~ <sup>B.C.</sup>

*Sch...*

Vancouver, B.C., March 29, 1941.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 106-A

amounting to \$ 1.50 in favour  
The City Transfer,  
Chilliwack, B.C.

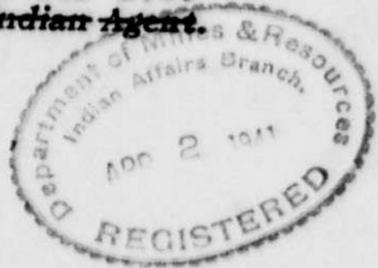
of  
To picking up and shipping blackboard slates from  
the Old Coqualeetza School (now Coqualeetza Hospital)  
for to Alberni, B.C., for use at the Alberni Indian  
Residential School.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 159-1-12, dated March 5, 1941.

Your obedient servant,

*James MacKay*  
For D. M. MacKay.  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.  
~~Indian Agent.~~



The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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