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Ottawa, February 10, 1909.

Sir,--

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult. I beg to say that you may authorize the purchase of twelve fire buckets for the Alberni Boarding School at a cost of \$6.00.

Your obedient Servant,



Secretary.

A.W. Vowell, Esq.,

Indian Superintendent,

Victoria, B.C.



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Ottawa, February 12, 1909.

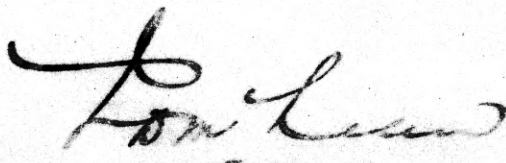
Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Inspector Swinford's report on the Portage la Prairie Boarding School, which shows that the management of this school is in most efficient hands, and as a recognition of the economical manner in which it is conducted the Department would be disposed to assist in providing the school with a better heating plant.

It would, therefore, like you to cause enquiries to be made as to the approximate cost of a new furnace suitable for the requirements of the school.

This information should be obtained as soon as possible, so that the purchase and payment could be made before the end of the current fiscal year, as there will be a small balance available out of the Sioux vote. The installation need not be made until later on but for this the Department cannot bind itself to pay, as it is unlikely there will be any funds to spare for the purpose from next year's estimates.

Your obedient Servant,

  
Secretary.

The Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.