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EX'D.

Ottawa, November 3, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosing a communication from the Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, relative to the sale of a parcel of land - approximately one acre - located on the extreme south east corner of the school property, and to purchase approximately four acres on the east side of the school property.

In this connection I have to say the Department is not prepared to favourably consider the proposed sale of one acre or the purchase, with the amount received, of four acres on the east side of the school property.

Yours truly,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Frank Edwards
Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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Ottawa, January 22, 1937.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

I am enclosing, for your information, copy of a letter addressed to Mr. E. W. Byers, Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School. This letter, I may state, was sent forward to me by Mr. Hugh McKinnon, M.P., Federal member for the district.

In view of the prevailing economic conditions, I am not at all sure that the Government will be prepared to seriously consider the purchase of these additional holdings at the moment, nor am I convinced that this additional acreage is necessary. I am anxious, however, to secure all the information I possibly can, in respect to the matter. I do not know that it will be necessary for you to make an inspection of the property, but I do want you to feel free to comment upon the subject matter of this communication very frankly. You might state definitely what your opinions are in respect to the need for this land, the price suggested and any other information you may consider helpful. You will note that Mr. George is anxious to obtain a decision from the Department at the earliest possible date.

Yours very sincerely,

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

Encl.

W. G. Hamilton
A. G. Hamilton, Esq.,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Inspector's Office,
Winnipeg, Man.

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"The children attending the school are mostly from the bush country where farming, as we know it, is impossible. If these children can be taught to grow good gardens, it will be a big step towards supplying their daily food. Some could perhaps learn to care for poultry and cattle, but I doubt if a home represented by the children have stock of any kind. The Indians are trappers and hunters. I am doubtful if a further investment of \$10,000 can be justified and I am more and more convinced that the Department should not only limit the size of the farm, but also the number of stock. The interest of the pupils is often lost sight of by the desire of the Principal to operate a large farm with show stock. He aims to show a revenue, but unfortunately it is often on the wrong side of the ledger."

I have already discussed this proposal with the Deputy Minister, but, in view of the limited funds at our disposal this year and in view of what Inspector Hamilton states in his report, it is not at all likely that the Government will consider the purchase of this land. If, however, you require additional information, I shall be glad to discuss the matter with you more fully any time at your convenience.

Yours very sincerely,

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

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Ottawa, February 1, 1937.

Dear Mr. McKinnon:

I have before me, for consideration, a report submitted to the Department by Inspector Hamilton, in respect to the purchase of property adjoining the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School at Kenora. Mr. Hamilton's report reads in part as follows:-

"I note the price is \$9,000. and that Mr. George has obtained a loan of \$4500. If this loan was taken some years ago during the high prices, it is perhaps now nearer the value of the land than the sum asked. The number of acres is not given, but personally I did not see a quarter or half section of land in the vicinity of Kenora I would consider purchasing for farming at such a price.

"I do not know what has been done in connection with the dairy herd at the school, the condition of which I reported on this past fall. However, I am of the opinion a small herd of from 10 to 12 good cows would supply sufficient milk for the school. I would suggest, rather than to increase the school property, that it might be better to raise only the choice heifers and in this way keep the herd reduced to a minimum. If this is done, the land now belonging to the school could perhaps produce most of the rough feed required. The beef necessary can, I am sure, be purchased for less than it could produced, even


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House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

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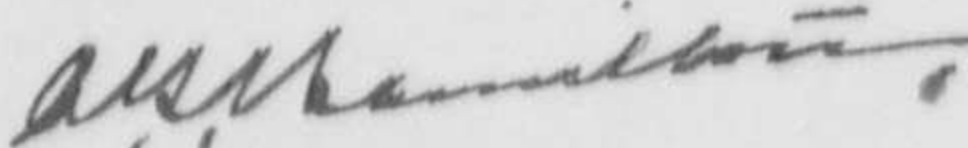
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I hope I have supplied the information you need, but if such is not the case, I will visit Kenora and thoroughly investigate the matter in question.

Yours very truly,



A. G. Hamilton
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Manitoba.

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A. G. HAMILTON
INSPECTOR INDIAN AGENCIES
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

WINNIPEG, MAN., January 27th, 1937.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

I wish to refer to your letter dated January 22nd, and to state that without inspecting the land and stock in question, it is difficult to decide what action should be taken.

I note the price is \$9,000. and that Mr. George has obtained a loan of \$4500. If this loan was taken some years ago during the high prices, it is perhaps now nearer the value of the land than the sum asked. The number of acres is not given, but personally I did not see a quarter or half section of land in the vicinity of Kenora I would consider purchasing for farming at such a price.

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Dept. of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT
Kenora, Ontario.
13th November, 1937.

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



Dear Sir,

A short time ago Councillor Albert Kent of the Islington Band, informed me that he was going to start and build a house on the property of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, I asked him if he had seen the Principal, and he said the Principal had given him permission. I later saw the Principal and informed him it was not advisable to allow any buildings to be erected on the school property without permission from the Department, and called to his attention the trouble we had before in evicting a man he had allowed to live in one of their houses.

I have now received a letter from the Principal in which he states: "A number of Indians have approached me with a view of obtaining permission to erect a log house on the school property in which they might stay when they visit their children. There is a location well removed from the school, and not in view from the school site which would be very suitable for their building. It is a rocky slope and cannot be used for farming operations. A building would be a great convenience to the Indians and it would overcome the nuisance of being compelled at times to keep them in the school overnight, which is not advisable from a sanitary standpoint. There is an Indian house situated near the Catholic school but it is four miles from here and is often filled when the Indians reach it. It also means the expense of a taxi to go back and forth. They are willing to do the labour among themselves and are anxious to commence work on it. I hope you will succeed in obtaining authority from your Department for the erection of the aforesaid buildings."

I discussed the matter with Inspector Hamilton today, and he agrees with me it would not be advisable to erect an Indian house on the school property. I may state we have not allowed one to be erected at McIntosh or Sioux Lookout. Most Principals do not wish the Indians to stay so close to the school, it would probably be hard to keep them away.

The R. C. School at Kenora has permitted some Indians to erect houses on their property (school) but I think they should be instructed to gradually get them away. Dr McGill saw these houses when he was at Kenora, adjoining the property leased to the Town of Kenora.

I shall be glad to receive your instructions.

Yours truly

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

It might be advisable to appropriate an account to enlarge the present Indian house at Kenora next summer. H.

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EX'D.

Your file 108-13.

Ottawa, November 17, 1937.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant with reference to the suggested erection of a house on the property of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, in order to enable Indian parents to have some place to stay when they come to visit their children. Experience of Principals of Indian Residential Schools all over Canada show that erection of such houses encourages the Indians to come to the schools more frequently and stay for longer periods when they do make a visit. Such procedure, of course, is nearly always a considerable trouble to the school staff.

Please inform Mr. Byers that the Department does not approve the erection of the house mentioned in your letter.

You should also inform the Principal of the Kenora Indian Residential School that the houses now being used near that school should be gradually torn down.

Yours truly,

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

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ont.

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268 P.

Proposed New Road.

Old Road.

old road.

To Kenora.

School

258 P.

Crown Land.
Dept. of Indian Affairs.

Round Lake

Dept. of Highways
Kenora, Div. No. 20.

Sketch Showing.

Proposed Road Revisions in Loc. 258 P. Saffray Twp.

Scale - 1" = 200'

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 108-13

Kenora, Ontario.
July 14th. 1938

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Dear Sir:

I have received a letter from Mr. W.M. Lounsbury of the Department of Highways (Ontario) Toronto in which he informs me that the proposed Rabbit Lake road will run through the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School Property. and it will be necessary for his Department to reach some agreement with us.

He wished to know what we considered reasonable compensation for the proposed revision, he would then prepare an option and have same forwarded to me for execution.

I have obtained a tracing of the road through the school property from the Department of Highways, Kenora and have seen the Principal of the School.

He informs me that part of the road was constructed in 1937 and the other part is likely to be constructed at an early date but that it will not affect the school property nor will it be a detriment to them and no compensation is really required.

I shall be glad to have your instructions. *Tracing enclosed herewith.* Yours very truly,

Frank Edwards

Indian Agent.

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

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Mr. Caldwell
Would you please let
me know what answer
should be given to the
letter.
J. J. Shelan
19/7/38

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Ottawa, Ontario,
July 21, 1938.

EX'D.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 14 together with plan, both having reference to the proposed relocation of the road through the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School property.

In view of the fact that it is the view of the principal of the school that no compensation is required from the Department of Highways, we do not propose making any demand in that regard. However, it should be definitely understood that following the relocation of this road, the lands comprising the old roads will become a part of the school property.

Further, in due course, it would be advisable for the Department of Highways to supply this Department with a proper plan of the re-located road.

Yours very truly,

TRLM
T. R. L. MacInnes
Acting Director

Frank Edwards, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kenora, Ontario.

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