

MIXING, Etc.,

The cement and sand to be mixed dry by frequent shovelling from one pile to another until thoroughly incorporated, then to add the gravel and again mix dry, until gravel, sand, and cement are uniformly distributed, then add water and mix until of the proper consistency.

The fittings and walls are to be filled into forms and tamped hard until water shows freely on surface.

The walls are to be built up in layers about 6" thick and immediately rammed until the water flushed to the top. Each layer is to be deposited before the preceding one becomes dry, and in each case the top surface is to be well wet before a new layer is put on.

All walls are to be kept well wetted while the work is in progress and to be protected from the heat and well wetted daily for at least two weeks after completion of the concrete. The framework of the building is not to be placed on concrete until it is two days old.

CEMENT FINISH,-

When the foundation is complete and frame laid, the whole of the exterior of foundation wall above grade line, will be finished with coat of cement in proportion of 1 of cement to 3 of clean washed sharp sand mixed as before specified. This coat to be laid on with sufficient force to secure thorough adhesion, floated to a smooth and even surface. The concrete work to be covered and kept well wetted for at least twelve hours before putting on finishing coat.

ANCHOR BOLTS, -

Provide and fix in concrete 5/8" x 12" anchor bolts, nut and washer every 4' apart around building and going through a 2 x 4" plate as shown on plan. Carpenter will bore holes in plate.

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY.

MATERIALS.-

The whole of the lumber used to be sawn die square and free from sap, shakes, and loose or dead knots, the timber for joiners' use to be particularly dry and well seasoned. The whole of the timber must hold to the dimensions shown or figured on drawings and in specifications. All of the materials used for construction work to be pine, spruce, hemlock or fir, and finishing work, pine or fir unless otherwise specified.

SILLS.-

The sills for frame will of two by four inch firmly and evenly bedded level on concrete wall as shown and securely bolted as before specified.

JOISTS.-

All joists to be carefully sized before laying so as to secure an even and level floor and ceiling line.

ROOF.-

The rafters will be of 2 x 6" set at 24" centres, framed at heel and well and strongly spike-nailed to plates and together with 4" spike-nails and having ridge board full length to which rafters will be nailed. Cover rafters with good quality rough boarding, well nailed with at least two 3" nails to each board at each crossing of rafters. Cover boarding with best quality British Columbia cedar shingles laid $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to the weather.

FLOOR IN ICE CHAMBER,-

The area of the floor in the ice chamber will be graded with a slope of 3" to one corner. Lay rows of field tile 3' apart leading to the low corner and connect same to drain outside building, the connecting to be trapped to prevent the passage of air. Cover the tile with 9" of stone and 3" of cinders or clean gravel. On top of cinders lay loose boards. This forms the permanent floor of ice chamber and provides drainage for the melting ice. Before ice is placed in chamber, the floor is to be covered with 12" of planing mill shavings.

FLOOR IN ANTE-ROOM AND REFRIGERATOR,-

Cover area of floors with 6 to 8" of coal cinders or dry sand or gravel. Lay 7/8" tongued and grooved floor on 2 x 4" joists. Cover with damp-proof building paper and then place 2 x 6" joists 24" centres. Fill space between joists with planing-mill shavings and cover with 1 1/4" flooring tongued and grooved.

WALLS OF ICE CHAMBER, REFRIGER, AND ANTE-ROOM,-

Erect two rows 2 x 4" studs staggered so as to leave a space of 12" between inside and outside sheathing to be filled with shavings. Cover the outside with one course of 7/8" tongued and grooved lumber, two plies of felt building-paper and finish with siding or clapboards. Cover the inside of studs with two courses of 7/8" tongued and grooved spruce sheathing with two plies of damp-proof paper between them.

NOTE,- Only SPRUCE LUMBER to be used for the inside finish of refrigerator and ice-chamber.

CEILING,-

Erect 2 x 5" joists 24" centres. Cover under side of joists with two courses of 7/8" tongued and grooved spruce sheeting with two plies of damp-proof paper between. Fill space behind joists with shavings as shown on plans and cover with two course of 7/8" tongued and grooved sheeting with two plies of paper between.

PARTITIONS,-

Partitions between ice-chamber and ante-room and between ice-chamber and refrigerator and ante-room, to be constructed with 2 x 6" studding, covered on both sides with two courses of 7/8" tongued and grooved sheeting with two plies of felt paper between. Wall to be filled with planing-mill shavings.

DOORS,-

The door from ante-room into refrigerator and ante-room to ice-chamber, to be fitted with bevelled frames as shown on plans. Make the doors bevelled to fit frame with two course of 7/8" spruce sheeting both inside and outside with 4" space filled with shavings. The bevelled space of all doors to be covered with felt to make as nearly as possible an air-tight joint.

The outside door into ante-room to be doubled as shown on plan with weight box and weights, to keep doors closed. All doors to be fitted with necessary hinges and lock complete.

DOOR FRAMES,-

Outside door frames to be of 2" pine with hardwood sill as shown to detail.

WINDOW,-

Make a window 2 x 2' in ante-room opposite door in the refrigerator so as to allow light to enter the refrigerator when door is open. The window to be fitted with double sash well battened as shown on plan.

OPENING FOR AIR VENTILATION,-

Make two openings 18" x 6" in the partition between ice-chamber and refrigerator. Place an opening at ceiling of refrigerator and other at the floor. Fit each opening with a sliding cover.

SHAVINGS,-

Dry planing-mill shavings are to be used for filling all spaces where shown and required. They should be packed sufficiently to prevent subsequent settling.

PAINTING and GLAZING.

PAINTING.- Paint all the exposed wood and iron-work (interior and exterior) usually painted, three good coats of lead and oil tinted as directed. Refrigerator and ante-room to be white.

The lead to be used to be best Canadian white lead, of Brandram-Henderson's manufacture, or approved Canadian manufacture equal thereto, with pure boiled linseed oil and pure turpentine as dryer.

All work requiring it to be carefully knotted with best shellac before priming. When priming coat is dry, the work to be carefully stopped with best white lead putty and sand-papered, also to be rubbed down after second coat where rough, and finished with a flowing coat of lead and oil tinted as directed. The work to be finished in two colours and each coat to be thoroughly dry and hard before putting on other coat.

GLAZING.- The whole of the windows throughout the building to be glazed with English double diamond sheet glass of Pilkington manufacture.

All glass to be sprigged, bedded, and back and front puttied.

PUTTY.- The putty used for glazing to be best white lead putty. The whole of the work to be done in a good and satisfactory manner.

SHINGLE STAINING.-

The whole of the shingles to be used on the building to be dip stained 2/3 of their length before laying with best quality (moss green) Cabot creosote stain or other approved manufacture equal thereto.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE.

*DEPT Division.

Regina, February 17th, 1926

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police,
Regina.

Sir,

Re: Jimmy Kesecopew.

I have the honour to report that I have had under examination the above mentioned Indian for the past four days.

I am of the opinion that he is of sound mind and not dangerous to be at large.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

signed. T.A.MORRISON. Surgeon.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Southern Sask. District.

Broadview Detachment.
February 15th 1926.

Crime Report

Re - JIMMY KESSECOAPEW, Sakinay Indian Reserve,
Crooked Lakes Agency, Broadview, Sask.
ARSON.

Ottawa File.

S.S. District.

D.D. Nil.

Further to my report of the 12th inst.
in the above connection.

On the 13th inst. I received instructions
by telephone, from Det. Sgt. R.E. Mercer, Regina, to
lay a charge of Arson against the above named youth,
and get him remanded, & escort him to Regina.

On the same day I laid a charge against
Jimmy Kesecapew, that he on or about the 13th day
of November 1925, did wilfully set fire to the Roman
Catholic Indian Residential School at Crooked Lake,
Sask. Contrary to Section 511 of the Criminal Code
of Canada. The accused was taken before A. Sinclair
J.P. at Broadview, on this date, and a request for
a remand was granted till 2 p.m. of the 20th inst.

On the same date I escorted this prisoner
from Broadview to Regina, per C.P.R. train, Transport
Requisition Book 60, Nos. 24 & 25, and handed him over
to the N.C.O. in Charge of the Night Guard at the
R.C.M.P. Barracks, and obtained the following receipt.

"Received from Reg. No. 5111 Sgt. Richardson,
C. the living body of prisoner Jimmy Kesecapew,"
(Indian)

(Signed) J.W. Greenley Corpl.
1/c Night Guard.

I returned to the Broadview Detachment on
the morning of the 15th inst.

The Officer Commanding,
R.C. Mounted Police,
Southern Sask. Dist.
REGINA, SASK.

C. Richardson
Sergeant.
C. RICHARDSON. Reg. No. 5111.
1/c Broadview Detachment.

The Commissioner,
Department of Indian Affairs,
REGINA, Sask.

Copy forwarded with copy of Surgeon Morrison's report
attached. This Indian will be brought up before me on
Saturday next and remanded until Monday for preliminary
hearing at Broadview.

Supt

A.B. Allard.

O.C. Southern Saskatchewan District.
Regina. 18.2.26

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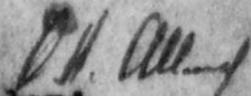
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Re. Jimmy Kesecapew. contd.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police, Ottawa. Ont.

Forwarded. I instructed D/S/S Mercer to instruct Sergt Richardson to lay a charge against this Indian for Arson and to bring him into the Regina Guardroom for observation. I attach hereto Surgeon Morrison's report. The preliminary hearing will be proceeded with against this Indian and a further report submitted.



Supt.

A.B. Allard.

O.C. Southern Saskatchewan District.
Regina. 18.2.26

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R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

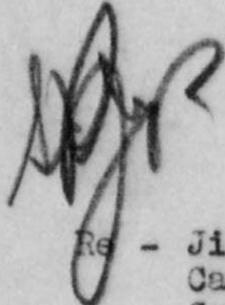
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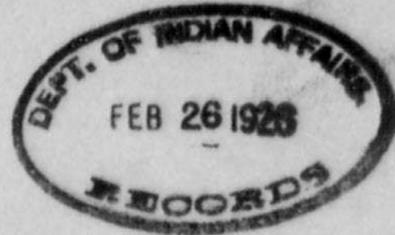
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Ottawa, Feb. 24th, 1926.

Sir,-



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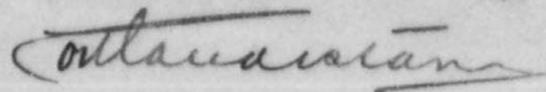


Re - Jimmy Kesecoapew, Arson at Roman
Catholic Indian Residential School,
Crooked Lake, Sask.

Referring to previous correspondence in
connection with the above matter, I enclose, for
your information, copy of a report, dated the 15th
instant, which has come to hand from the Officer
Commanding Southern Saskatchewan District, together
with copy of enclosure referred to.

ENC.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



Cortlandt Starnes,
COMMISSIONER.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.



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Ottawa, February 27th, 1926.

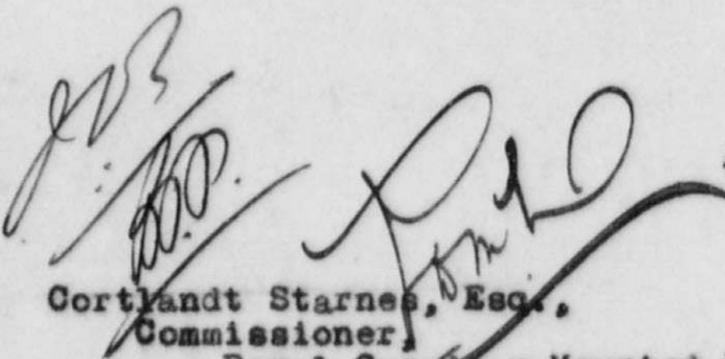
Sir:

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, forwarding copy of a report dated the 15th instant from the Officer Commanding Southern Saskatchewan District, concerning the apprehension of Jimmy Kesecoapew, who is charged with arson at the Cowessess Indian Residential School, Crooked Lake, Sask.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.


Cortlandt Starnes, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ont.

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INDIAN OFFICE

At Crooked Lake.....

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Broadview, Feby 24th,..... 19 26



[Handwritten signature]
Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter #108-2-5 dated Feby 19th, 1926 and your instructions regarding reports will be carried out.

With reference to the boy John Kesecoapew shown on the report of the Cowessess School report as #70, this is the same boy but is known as Jimmy.

I would advise that the Principal gave as his reason for asking for the discharge of John Kesecoapew, #70 was that he was somewhat of a bully to the younger children and dangerous and incorrigible. I may say that the boy came up for preliminary hearing in connection with the charge of arson laid against him by the R.C.M.P. on the 22nd Feby. The boy was remanded for trial.

The date of this boy's discharge from school was January 1st, 1926.

Your obedient servant,



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Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Dept. Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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The Commissioner.
R.C.M. Police,
OTTAWA, Ont..

FORWARDED for your information:

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A.B. Allard.

O.C. southern sask. District.
Regina, sask.. 27-2-26.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE.
C.I.B. SOUTHERN SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN.
FEBRUARY., 27th.1926.

CRIME REPORT.

S.S.D.Ref.
78-590

Re: JIMMY KESNCOAPEW, Sakimay Indian Reserve,
Crooked Lakes Agency, Broadview, Saskatchewan.
ARSON.

On Friday the 26th February, 1926,
the accused appeared before His Honour Judge Hannon
in the District Court at Regina and pleaded Guilty
to the charge of Arson.

Mr H.E.Sampson.K.C. Crown Prosecutor
appeared for the Crown.

His Honour Judge Hannon sentenced the
accused to three months in the Provincial jail at
Regina and added had the accused been an older and
better educated man he would have sentenced him to
a long term of imprisonment.

CASE CONCLUDED.

J.E.S. Roberts Corporal.
Reg.No.6633.J.E.S.Roberts.

The Officer Commanding,
Southern Saskatchewan District.
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

FORWARDED:-

Robert H. Mercer D/S/Sergt.
i/c C.I.B. Robert H. Mercer.
Regina, Sask., 25-2-26.

The Commissioner,
Dept., of Indian Affairs,
REGINA, Sask...FORWARDED for your information:

Supt..

M/L. A.B. Allard,
O.C. Southern Sask. District.
Regina, Sask., 25-2-26.

The NCO in charge,
RCMP, BROADVIEW, Sask...FORWARDED for your information:

Supt..

M/L. A.B. Allard,
O.C. Southern Sask. District.
Regina, Sask., 27-2-26

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R. C. M. POLICE,
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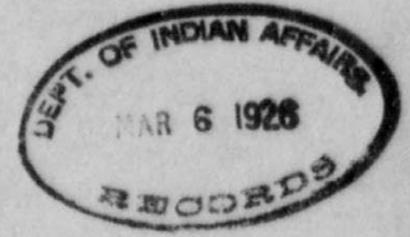
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Ottawa, Mar. 4th, 1926.



Sir,-

Re - Jimmy Kesecoapew, Arson at
Roman Catholic Indian Residential
School, Crooked Lake, Sask.

Referring to previous correspondence
in connection with the above matter, I beg to
enclose, herewith, for your information, copy
of a report, dated the 27th ultimo, which has
come to hand from the Officer Commanding Southern
Saskatchewan District.

ENC.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



Cortlandt Starnes
Cortlandt Starnes,
COMMISSIONER.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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25 D 511-1 G 1.

Ottawa, March 8th, 1926.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, forwarding copy of a report dated the 27th ultimo from your Officer Commanding Southern Saskatchewan District, concerning the sentence imposed by His Honour Judge Hannon in the District Court, Regina, on Jimmy Kesecoapew, who pleaded guilty to a charge of arson at the Cowessess Indian Residential School, Crooked Lake, Sask. We note that this young Indian has been sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment in the provincial jail at Regina.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean
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J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Cortlandt Starnes
Cortlandt Starnes, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Marieval, Sask. March 15th, 1926.

To Mr J.D. McLean,
Asst Deputy & Secretary,
Ottawa.



Dear Sir:

Your letter (No 108-2-5-) dated Feb. 20th, 1926, was received
few days ago: we are sorry for that delay; and I beg to say that
the fire occurred on a Friday: Nov. 13th, and on Sunday (two days after)
I gave a message (regarding the fire) to a reliable Indian for the
Indian Agent. Such said message was not delivered. On Wednesday next,
Nov. 18th, our Indian Agent came and saw by himself all the damages
made by the fire. So I do really believe that the Department was
duely notified.

Yours truly

COWESSESS
Indian Boarding School
MARIEVAL, via GRAYSON, Sask.

Rev. J. Carriere M.S.



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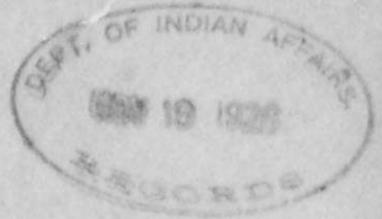
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 304-11A

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

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REGINA, SASK., November 16th, 1926.

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Sir:

Recently the implement shed at the Cowesses Residential School in the Crooked Lake Agency was blown down and a new one will be needed. I shall be glad therefore, if the Department will please insert an item of \$600.00 in the Estimates to provide for a new building next spring.

*Noted
RAB*

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature: W.M. Graham]

W.M. Graham,
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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EXTRACT
ORIGINAL ON
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DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FEB 22 1927
REGINA

Regina, Sask., February 18th, 1927.

NOTED BY
FEB 24 1927
SCHOOL BRANCH

Dear Mr. Scott:

I beg to enclose herewith a report on the two residential schools in the Crooked Lake Agency, which were inspected by Mr. Inspector Hamilton during the latter part of January and the first week in February.

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The report on the Cowessess school is very satisfactory. Everything seems to be in good order. The outbuildings are reported to be poor, with the exception of the barn. This is true. An item of \$60.00 is in the Estimates for the purpose of re-flooring the stalls. There is also an item to provide an implement shed.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Graham.

Indian Commissioner.

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COWESSESS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

This school was inspected February 1st, 1927. Rev. Father Carriere was away on our arrival, but returned shortly after the noon hour, when I inspected the class rooms.

The boys were in one room in charge of Sister St. Pierre. This room was well ventilated and spotlessly clean. The boys were well clothed and clean. The desks, books and other equipment are well kept.

The girls are in charge of Sister St. Phillippe. This room also was very tidy and clean. The

desks

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desks, although about 10 yrs. old, are spotless and scarcely a scratch can be seen on them. The school books are neatly kept and free from any disfiguring marks. The girls were well dressed, tidy and clean. In both these rooms the discipline was excellent. The children read well and were not afraid to speak out. Their spelling and other work examined was good and I believe fair progress is being made. The blinds in the boys' class room are worn out and useless.

The entire school was exceptionally clean and presented a splendid appearance. The dormitories especially, deserve mention; the girls' beds were beautifully made and the spreads were "white", not yellow or grey in appearance as one sees in many schools. The boys' beds were equally as nice, but with colored spreads.

In all the departments, the work was exceptionally well done and the discipline and order could not be excelled. Every department was in splendid shape and the work well up to the mark, and yet no one appeared rushed or overworked. Undoubtedly, a splendid system is carried out in this school. I would like to mention the work done in the laundry and sewing room. The washings could not be done better, and when ironed they showed that the work had been supervised by one who understood and knew her work. In the sewing room I found suits of clothes made for little boys and it was impossible to tell them from the ready made suits we buy. These, along with numerous dresses made by the girls, were neatly piled in cupboards and covered with white pieces of cotton. I have no doubt the Sister in charge could find any garment in the dark, so carefully were they arranged and stored away.

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away.

The Rev. Principal claimed the engine used for pumping and running the lighting system was not satisfactory. The water supply tank is small, necessitating continual pumping. The engine is not strong enough to do this and run the lighting system and the other machinery at the school, consequently, either the work is held back, or the water supply runs short, or the batteries become low. In talking with the Engineer, he claimed that a 12 H.P. engine would be necessary to carry the load of pumping, running the lighting system and the other machinery of the school. Before making any recommendation in regard to this, I feel that an expert should go over the situation, so that the actual need may be known.

The outbuildings at the school are very poor, with the exception of the main barn. This is a good building, but the horse stalls need re-flooring. The hen house and piggery now in use are old log buildings, and look about ready to fall down. The machine shed blew down last Fall, and rather than leave the machinery outside, the Rev. Principal erected a temporary covering. However, a machine shed is badly needed and should be large enough to accommodate the threshing machine, as well as the other machinery. In spite of these outbuildings being built of logs and in a very poor condition, they are kept whitewashed and tidy. The yard is clean, and everything showed care and attention.

A dairy herd of about 25 cows is kept at this school, and in addition, some 25 or 30 head of young cattle are being fed. The milk supply at present is low, but cows are expected to freshen at any time.

The Rev. Father

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The Rev. Father Carriere is a hard worker, and is very interested in the school and children. I have no hesitation in saying I believe these children receive the very best of care and attention. Recently the children were sick with the 'Flu, but they are again looking quite well and appear happy and contented.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Hamilton,

A. G. Hamilton,
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT



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Broadview Sask.,

20th April, 1927.

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Sir:

I beg to inform you that two work horses at the Cowessess Residential School died by accident during the past winter.

The Principal has made a request for a team to replace these, to be made a charge against public funds. I am not aware of this being done in cases of this nature, but would say that another team is badly needed for the commencement of the spring work and I beg to request authority to make the purchase as soon as possible, if in order.

A suitable team will cost about \$300.00 in this locality.

replacement from P.C. or other source

Your obedient servant,

J.P.B. Ostrander,
Indian Agent.

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

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Ottawa, May 3rd, 1927.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th ultimo, relative to the request of the Principal of the Cowessess Indian Residential School to be supplied with a team of horses.

In reply I beg to say that, as this would be in the nature of a replacement, the school authorities themselves should provide the funds required to purchase the horses from their per capita grant or other receipts.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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

Ottawa, July 5, 1927.

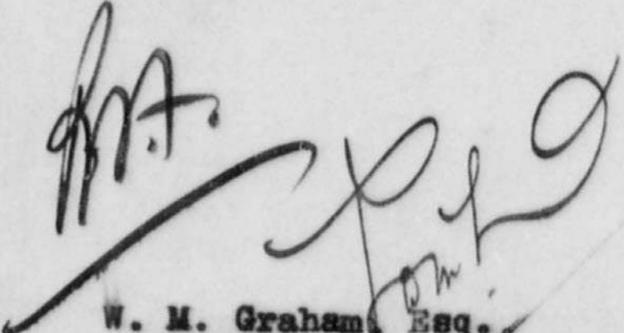
Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that there is an appropriation of \$600 for the purpose of providing an implement shed at the Cowessess Indian Residential School. Your 304-11 A of November 16th, last, asked that this be noted for estimates. You may proceed with the erection of this outbuilding. The school management should supply as much of the labour as possible.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

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Asst. Deputy & Secretary.


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NO. 304-11

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

H. REGINA, SASK., July 23rd, 1927.

Dear Mr. Graham:-

I beg to submit the following short report on the Cowessess Boarding School, inspected July 6th, 1927.

On the day I visited this school all the children were home on holiday. The Sisters were also away and only the Reverend Father Carrier and his outside helpers were at the school. Although the Sisters were absent, everything was in excellent order and the place very clean and tidy.

The crop at the school looked very good. One field which was fallowed last year for the purpose of freeing it of twitch grass, had an excellent stand of wheat. Undoubtedly good work had been done on this fallow and although the twitch grass has not been entirely eradicated, its growth has been retarded so as to not interfere with this year's crop.

The ground about the school was tidy and well kept. The garden was in splendid condition.

In my last report a request was made for new blinds in one of the class rooms. The blinds are badly needed as the old ones are useless. If these were granted they might be hung during the holiday, so that the class room would be ready when re-opened.

The Reverend

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The Reverend Father complained about the engine, used for pumping and lighting and power purposes, as being far too small. This engine has been in constant use for some years and I believe something will need to be done within the near future. However, I am not prepared to say just what will be needed. I feel this should be carefully gone over by an expert who understands engines thoroughly as well as the requirements of such a plant.

The horse barn floors need to be renewed as they are entirely worn through in places. The Reverend Father considers a board floor best, yet I would be inclined to recommend the use of cement so that a permanent job might be made.

The chicken house, pig pen, and granaries are all old log buildings past repair, and new ones are badly needed. This would greatly improve the surroundings.

I am inclined to feel that the Reverend Father Carrier is giving splendid service as Principal, and the boys who leave this school should be among our better farmers; in fact, some of our best young farmers starting this year are graduates of the Cowessess school.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A.G. Hamilton

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Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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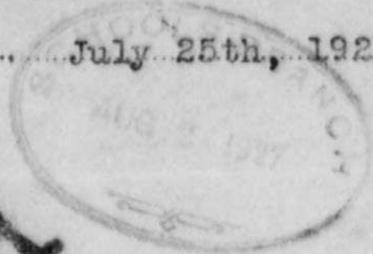
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

D REGINA, SASK., July 25th, 1927



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Dear Mr. Scott:-

I beg to enclose herewith a short report of an inspection at the Cowessess Indian Residential School in the Crooked Lake Agency, which was made by Mr. Inspector Hamilton on the 6th. instant. You will note that at the time the Inspector made this visit the school was closed for summer holidays and most of the staff were absent.

It is pleasing to note that the crops are good and the fields are being looked after as well as possible in the matter of keeping them free from weeds, that the premises are well kept and the garden is good.

I do not think the Department should be called upon to buy window blinds for an institution of this kind. I fear that our Principals are under the impression that everything which is required should be supplied by the Department.

Sh. should supply

With regard

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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