



Vote No.

Treaty No.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To Rev. STANLEY PICTS

Alberni, B.C.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
	SCHOOL ACCOUNT	
	OCTOBER 1935	\$ 191 15
	Partitioning of drying room at Alberni School As recommended by Mr. P. Phelan on his visit to the school	
	TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE 8-1-36 Voucher in duplicate detached for payment to pay.	
	TOTAL,	\$ 191 15

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.

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Acting

Agent

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Letter No. 481.C.35

Office of the WEST COAST AGENCY Indian Agency,

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Sir,

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I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 543

amounting to \$ ~~191.15~~ 191.15 in favour

of Re. Frank E. Pitts, Alberni, B. C.

for partitioning drying room of laundry, Alberni School, October 1935.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. dated

Your obedient servant,

A. J. Sutherland

Acting Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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At Port Alberni, B.C.,

November 8, 1935 193.....

MEMO.

Phil
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PERSONAL

Dear Sir:-

This, at last, is the last of the Alberni School vouchers, for work as recommended by you.

This one is for the partitioning of the drying room in the laundry.

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The whole amount, for all vouchers, amounts to \$295.30 leaving 4.70 for no good reason at all. Maybe just to show things can be done for the price allotted after ~~them~~ all.

The shock of a few days ago was great, but we are bearing up well under it. Of course we will stay here for awhile, but are even now looking around for some thing where there is a chance of advancement. Have several positions, or jobs, or what have you, to go to but will wait until things come my way.

I suppose that by this time "Phil" junior can talk and walk a mile before breakfast every morning. What a man! Your glass balls will be along shortly as we have at last aquired the sawdust necessary for shipping.

With every good wish,

H. P. Nightingale

H. P. Nightingale,

Phillip Phelan, Esq.,
Education Branch,
Department Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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DOMINION WATER POWER AND RECLAMATION SERVICE

R E P O R T
on
REPAIRS TO DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY
ALBERNI INDIAN SCHOOL
ALBERNI, B. C.
by
E. H. TREDCROFT

C. E. Webb, Esq.,
District Chief Engineer,
Dom. Water Power & Hydrometric Bureau,
Department of the Interior,
OTTAWA.

Vancouver, B. C.,
December 4, 1935.

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Vancouver, B. C.,
December 4, 1935.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions received from you on October 30th, I proceeded to Alberni on October 31, 1935, for the purpose of carrying out certain repairs to the Alberni Indian School water supply system as recommended by Mr. W.C. Warren in a report by him regarding this subject dated February 9, 1935, and in this connection would report to you as follows:

WORK CARRIED OUT

Repairs to the above water supply system consisted of the installation of 610 lineal feet of 4" diameter wood stave pipe and 340 lineal feet of 4" diameter galvanized wrought steel pipe across the Somass river to replace the old 2" diameter galvanized wrought iron water pipe formerly used, as follows:

1. The installation of 4" diameter wood stave pipe from a point on the Alberni-Central Lake highway near where the old 2" diameter school water pipe connects with the City of Alberni's 4" diameter water main, west for a distance of 110 feet to the east bank of the Somass river.
2. The installation of 340 lineal-feet of 4" diameter galvanized wrought steel pipe beneath the bed of the Somass river from a point on the east bank of the river to a point on the west bank.
3. The installation of 4" diameter wood stave

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pipe from a point on the west bank of the Somass river west for a distance of 500 lineal-feet to connect with the school 2" diameter water main immediately outside the school buildings.

All of the above wood stave pipe was laid at a depth of three feet beneath the surface of the ground while the 4" diameter wrought steel pipe which extends across the Somass river was laid at a depth varying from three feet to five feet below the bed of the stream.

METHODS OF WORK AND MEN EMPLOYED

The excavation for and the installation of all wood stave pipe on this project was carried out by hand, local Indians being employed exclusively for this kind of labour. The excavation for and the installation of the 4" diameter wrought steel pipe beneath the bed of the Somass river was carried out by means of a gasoline driven donkey engine operating a 1/2 cubic yard capacity crescent bucket, and when the excavation for the above pipe line was finally completed the assembled pipe was pulled into place by the donkey engine from the east bank of the river. White operators were employed for the operation of the donkey engine, the local Indians being unable to supply experienced men for this type of work.

TESTING OF PIPE

Upon completion of the above work all 4" diameter wrought steel pipe laid beneath the bed of the Somass river was tested by air to a pressure of 125 lbs. per square inch, when all joints in same, which are of the Vitaulic type, were found

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to be tight and in good order. This test pressure of 125 lbs. per square inch is 30 lbs. per square inch in excess of which the line will normally have to sustain, the normal working pressure in the line being 95 lbs. per square inch

WAGES PAID

Standard wages were paid for all types of labour engaged on the above project, both to the Indians and white men employed, as follows:

Labourers	40 cents per hour
Donkey operator	67½ " "
Riggers	85 " "

TIME OCCUPIED

Work on the above project, which was rendered somewhat difficult owing to weather conditions and the prevailing high tides, occupied a period of 19 days, commencing on November 4th and being finally completed on November 23, 1935.

CONNECTION TO CITY OF ALBERNI WATER MAIN

Upon completion of the above installation the new 4" diameter pipe was connected by the City of Alberni to their 4" diameter water main at the same point as the old 2" diameter pipe and a new 4" water meter was installed in the line by the City of Alberni immediately east of the Alberni-Central Lake Highway to replace the old 2" diameter meter formerly used.

COST

The cost of the above project, including the purchase of all material and installation of same, amounted to \$1,427.46 against an estimated cost of \$1430.00.

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SALVAGE OF OLD 2" DIAMETER PIPE LINE

Upon completion of the installation of the new pipe line, the old pipe line across the Somass river consisting of 320 lineal feet of 2" diameter wrought iron pipe, together with 16 Brass hose type couplings, which is in a comparatively good state of repair, was salvaged from the river and is now stored at the Alberni Indian School ready for future use or for sale according to the instructions of the Department of Indian Affairs.

REMARKS

The above installation, when finally completed and inspected by me, was in good order and operating satisfactorily and should, in my opinion, continue to supply the Alberni Indian School with water for domestic purposes without any further trouble.

Your obedient servant,



E.H. Tredcroft

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DOMINION WATER POWER AND RECLAMATION SERVICE

R E P O R T
on
IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM
at
ALBERNI INDIAN SCHOOL
WEST COAST AGENCY
by
E. H. TREDCROFT

C. E. Webb, Esq.,
District Chief Engineer,
Dom. Water Power & Hydrometric Bureau,
Dept. of the Interior,
OTTAWA.

Vancouver, B. C.,
December 5, 1935.

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REPORT
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Vancouver, B. C.,
December 5, 1935.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions received from you, I carried out an investigation having reference to improvements necessary to the fire protection system at the Alberni Indian School near Alberni, B.C. and in this regard would report to you as follows:

ALBERNI INDIAN SCHOOL

The Alberni Indian School which has accomodation for 125 children is a four-storey wooden structure, 52 feet in height, 100 feet in length by approximately 75 feet in depth. It has a net value of approximately \$80,000 and is situated on the west bank of the Somass river, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles northwest of the City of Alberni, B. C.

PRESENT WATER SUPPLY

The Alberni Indian School obtains its water at the present time, for both domestic and fire protection purposes, from the 4" diameter City of Alberni water main which extends along the east side of the Alberni-Central Lake highway approximately 1,000 feet east of the Alberni Indian School, water being carried from this main by means of a 4" diameter wood-stave and steel pipe line recently installed by the Department of Indian Affairs, across the Somass river for a distance

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of 950 lineal feet to connect with the school buildings on the opposite side of the river (see accompanying plan).

WATER PRESSURE

The static pressure in the City of Alberni's water main at the point where the Department of Indian Affairs 4" diameter pipe connects with same, is 95 pounds per square inch and the static pressure in the fire hydrants immediately in front of the school buildings, which are at an elevation of 38 feet above the City of Alberni's water main, is 78 pounds per square inch.

EXISTING OUTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM

The Alberni Indian School is protected from fire at the present time by four 2" diameter stand-pipes connected to the old 2" diameter water main which surrounds the school building. This old 2" diameter water main has now been connected to the new 4" diameter water pipe recently installed across the Somass river and which, as previously stated, connects with the City of Alberni's 4" diameter water main situated on the opposite side of the river.

AMOUNT OF WATER AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME IN CASE OF FIRE

Owing to the restricted size of the City of Alberni's water main (4" diameter) the total amount of water which it would be possible to obtain at the Alberni Indian School in the event of fire would be approximately 100 U.S. gallons per minute at a working pressure of 30 lbs. per square inch and while this amount of water would be of help in extinguishing a small blaze

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it would be practically useless in the event of any serious outbreak of fire.

In addition to the above the old 2" diameter water main which surrounds the school building and to which two of the present standpipes are connected, is now so badly corroded in the inside that at certain places its effective internal diameter is not more than one-half its original size i.e. 1" diameter in place of 2" diameter, and the standpipe heads or valves, which are of an old type, are themselves in a poor state of repair. Out of four standpipes available for use, only three are actually equipped with standpipe heads and of these three standpipe heads, only two of same are equipped with 2" to 1½" reducers which are necessary to enable the 1½" diameter fire hose supplied to this school to be connected to them in the event of fire.

EXISTING INSIDE FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM

In so far as inside fire protection at the Alberni Indian School is concerned, except for the small amount of water at present available (100 U.S.G.P.M.) the installation is quite satisfactory. The building is well piped on the inside for fire protection purposes, with sufficient outlets on each floor to ensure a proper degree of safety in the event of fire. Moreover each outlet is properly equipped with a hose and nozzle attached to the outlet and stored on racks nearby, ready for instant use.

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The building is also provided with an adequate number of chemical fire extinguishers for use in case of an emergency.

AMOUNT OF WATER NECESSARY FOR FIRE PROTECTION

The minimum amount of water necessary to safely take care of any serious outbreak of fire which may occur at the Alberni Indian School, is 500 U.S. G.P.M. i.e. two standard fire streams of 240 U.S. G.P.M. delivering water through 1-1/8" diameter nozzles and with water delivered in the main at a pressure of 60 lbs. per square inch when two hydrants are operating simultaneously.

In order to supply the above amount of water it will be necessary to increase the capacity of the present school water system very materially and owing to the fact that the City of Alberni's water system is of limited capacity, together with the fact that the City is in no way considering the renewal or enlargement of their existing 4" diameter water main along the Alberni-Central Lake highway, no improvement to the present supply can be expected from this source. For this reason, if any improvements are to be carried out it will be necessary to obtain water from the only other available supply, which is by pumping from the Somass river nearby.

PROPOSED FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM

In view of the above consideration and in view of the fact that the present supply of water (100 U.S. G.P.M.) is entirely inadequate for

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fire protection purposes at the above institution, I would hereby recommend that a complete new system of fire protection be installed, water being obtained from the Somass river by means of a gasoline operated fire pump and motor, delivering water to the school fire mains through a separate system of delivery pipes as outlined below and which would require:

1. The installation of 1 - 500 U.S. G.P.M. Centrifugal pump operated by 1 50-60 H.P. gasoline engine situated on the west bank of the Somass river and housed in a wooden pump house having concrete floor and foundations and which would obtain water from a concrete intake well connected to the Somass river by means of a 14" diameter Vitrifical supply pipe.
2. The installation of 480 lineal feet of 6" diameter wood stave delivery pipe to deliver water from the proposed fire pump at the edge of the Somass river to the school fire mains immediately surrounding the school buildings.
3. The installation of 200 lineal feet of 5" diameter and 270 lineal feet of 4" diameter wood stave fire main which would surround the school buildings on three sides and to which the hydrants would be connected (see accompanying plan).
4. The installation of four standard 2½" diameter fire hydrants situated so that one hydrant would be placed at approximately each corner of the school buildings and at a distance of not less than 50 feet from the nearest wall, these hydrants to be so arranged that a fire in any part of the building can be immediately covered by two standard fire streams, two of these hydrants should be of the standard monitor type (i.e. having a swivel nozzle attached

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permanently to the hydrant standard and operating from the hydrant without the use of fire hose) while the other two hydrants should be of the standard fire hose type each equipped with 150 lineal feet of 2½" diameter rubber lined fire hose. All four hydrants should be equipped with standard 1-1/8" diameter smooth nozzles.

The above fire hydrants should be placed around the school buildings alternately so that each side of the building can be covered if necessary by one monitor type and one standard fire hose type hydrant.

The use of monitor type hydrants as described above will allow a fire stream to be played upon any portion of the outside of the school buildings immediately a fire is discovered without the necessity of running out any fire hose, which in itself is of great advantage at an institution such as the above where it may be expected that a minimum of trained help will be available for work of that kind.

In addition to the above I would point out that whereas the proposed new fire pump is intended to supply water to the outside fire mains, while the existing 4" diameter pipe connected to the City of Alberni water main will continue to supply water to the inside fire hydrants, I would recommend that a connection between the two systems be made so that the outside fire mains may be kept full of water from the city main for immediate use in the event of fire until such time as the fire pumps can be started, and that a check valve be placed in this connection so that water from the fire pump cannot

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pass from the outside fire main into the inside fire main with a subsequent possible contamination of the domestic supply.

COST

The cost of the proposed fire protection system including the purchase of both pump and motor, the construction of the pump house and well, the installation of all delivery pipe, fire mains etc. together with the installation of all hydrants, fire-hose, fire-hose houses, fittings etc. will amount to \$3,600.00.

REMARKS

In view of conditions outlined in the above report and the fact that the Alberni Indian School, which houses approximately 120 children, is without an adequate supply of water at the present time for fire protection purposes, I would hereby recommend that the above proposed fire protection system be installed and that in order to ensure its proper maintenance and operation frequent fire-drills with this pump be carried out until such time as the personnel who will be required to operate same in the event of fire are thoroughly familiar with its use. In addition to the above I would recommend that all equipment relating to fire protection at the above institution be periodically inspected and tested by a responsible officer of the Department of Indian Affairs.

Your obedient servant,

E. H. Tredcroft

E.H.Tredcroft

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ESTIMATE OF COST

Machinery

1 - 500 U.S. G.P.M. Centrifugal Pump
direct connected to
1 - 50-60 H.P. Gasoline Engine equipped
with Battery, Self Starter Fireman,
fuel tank etc. \$ 1,100.00

Pipe

480' - 6" dia. wood stave pipe 260.00
200' - 5" " " " " 90.00
270' - 4" " " " " " 100.00

Pump House

1 Wooden Pump House 10 x 12' with concrete
floor and foundations. Complete with
3' x 3' x 12' concrete intake well and
20 feet 14" dia, concrete supply pipe 250.00

Hydrants

2 Standard 2½" dia. Mill type hydrants 110.00
2 - 2½" dia. Monitor hydrants 200.00

Nozzles

4 Standard 1-1/8" dia. Smooth nozzles 50.00

Fire Hose

300 lin.ft. 2½" dia. R.L.fire hose complete
with couplings 180.00

Fittings

Including suction pipe, foot valve, gate
valves, check valves, ells, tees, crosses,
by-pass valve, by-pass pipe and fittings etc. 240.00

Labour

Laying 950 lin.ft. W.S.pipe, installing pump
and motor, hydrants, fire hose boxes and
2-way connection to present water main 700.00
Freight and cartage on pipe and fittings 80.00
Extras and Contingencies, 7% 240.00
\$ 3,600.00

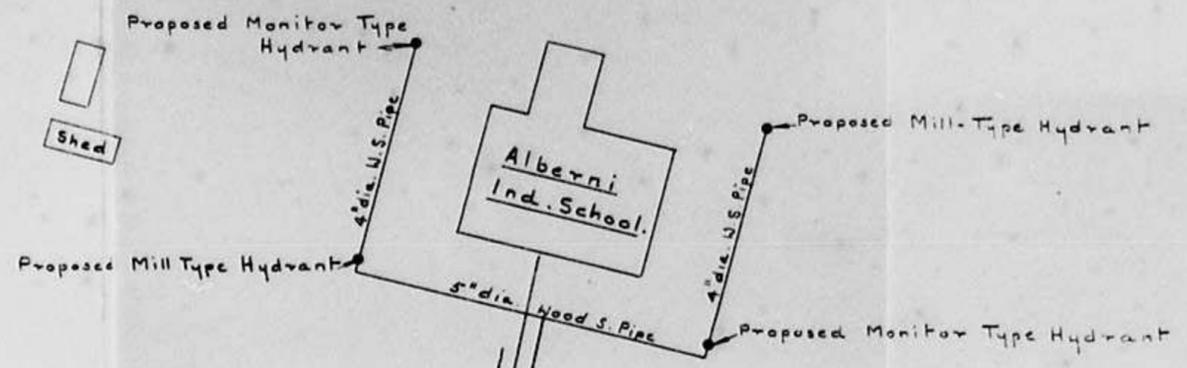
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SOPHON RIVER

2800 Yell. Pouchy Line to School
 New 4" dia. Gal. W. Steel Pipe
 340 Lin-ft.

New 4" dia. Gal. W. Steel Pipe
 Proposed 6" dia. Wood Stave Pipe

Proposed Monitor Type Hydrant
 4" dia. U.S. Pipe

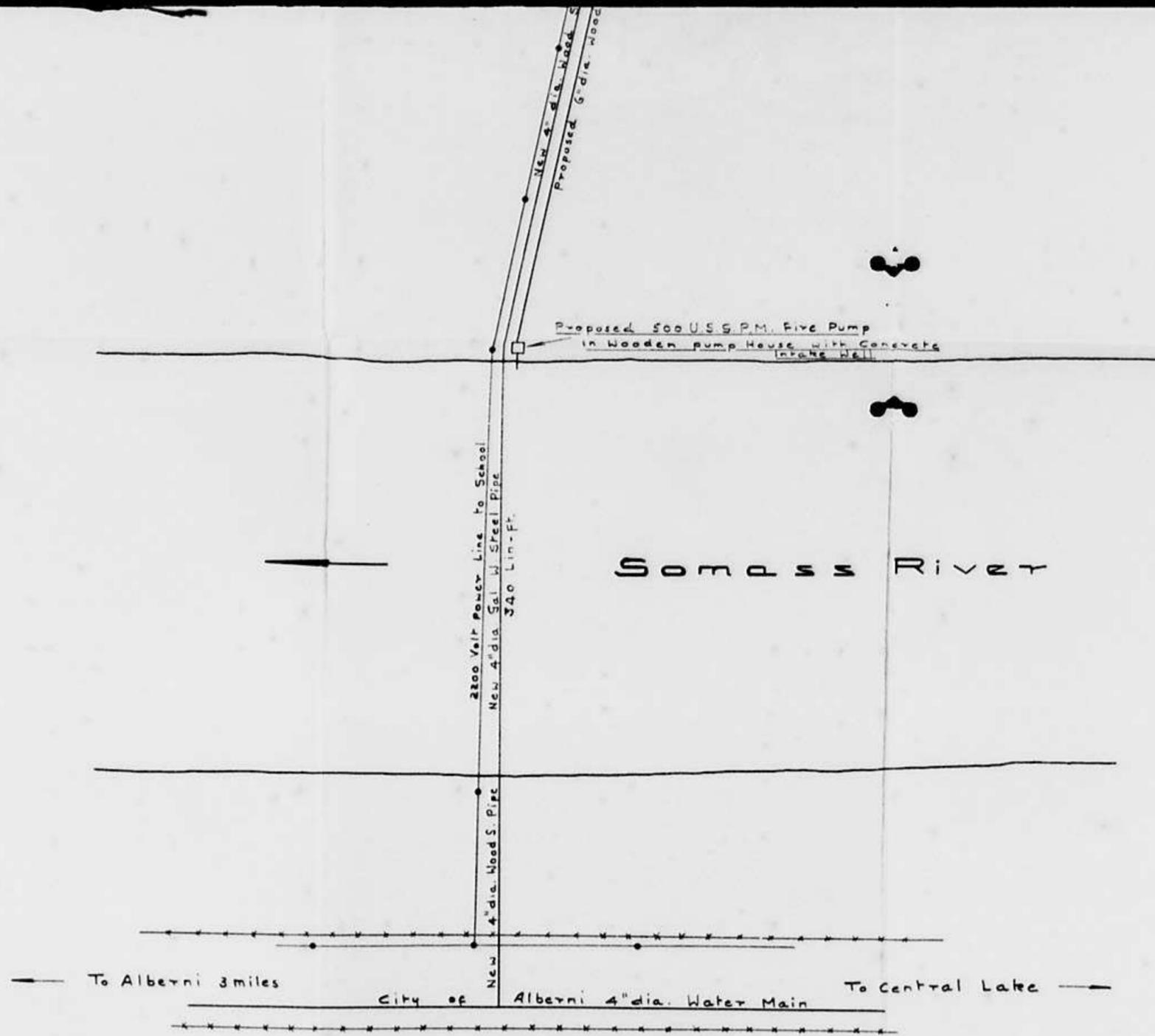
Proposed Mill Type Hydrant

Proposed Monitor Type Hydrant
 4" dia. U.S. Pipe

Proposed Mill Type Hydrant

5" dia. Wood S. Pipe





DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU		
Office of District Chief Engineer Vancouver B.C.		
Surveys E.H.T. Plan E.H.T. Approved <i>E. Stoeck</i> Dist. Chief Eng.	PROPOSED FIRE-PROTECTION ALBERNI INDIAN SCHOOL	Plan No. 178 Report No. 407 Comm. File No. 33615 Date 7-2-35

PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO
THE DIRECTOR OF DOMINION WATER POWER
AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OTTAWA, CANADA



DIRECTOR, J. T. JOHNSTON, C.E., M.E.I.C.
ASST. DIRECTOR, V. MEEK, B. SC., M.E.I.C.

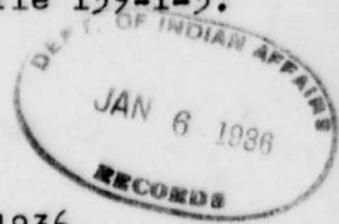
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FILE NO. 2543-W, "A"

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA
DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

Your file 159-1-5.

OTTAWA, ONT.



January 4th, 1936.

[Handwritten signature]

Sir,-

In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter of October 21st last, I beg to advise you that the water main supplying Alberni Indian Residential School has been replaced. The work in this connection is described in the report by Mr. E.H. Tredcroft, dated December 4th, copy of which is enclosed. The cost of this work amounted to \$1,427.46 being slightly less than the estimate. Mr. Webb states that a copy of this report has been sent to Mr. Perry.

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There is also enclosed herewith, a report by Mr. Tredcroft, dated December 5th, in which he recommends the installation of a new fire protection system to serve the Alberni School by means of water pumped directly from the Somass river. The estimated cost of this system is \$3,600.00.

Your obedient servant,

Encls.

T. Johnston,
Director.

per A.F.C.

A.F. MacKenzie,
Director,
Department of Indian Affairs,
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Ottawa, January 9th, 1936.

Dear Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of your No. 2543-W."A" of the 4th instant, enclosing a report made by Mr. Tredcroft, in which he recommends the installation of a new fire protection system at the Alberni Indian Residential School.

Mr. Tredcroft's recommendation will be retained for future consideration. At the present time, the Department has no funds for carrying out his suggestion.

Yours truly,

A. F. Mackenzie
A. F. Mackenzie.
Secretary.

J. T. Johnston
J. T. Johnston, Esq.,
Director,
Dominion Water Power & Hydrometric Bureau,
Department of the Interior,
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Ottawa, January 9th, 1936.

Dear Sir,-

The enclosed account, covering the cost of snow shovelling at the Alberni Indian Residential School, was forwarded to the Department some time ago by Acting Agent Nightingale. This account has received careful consideration but I regret that payment cannot be made by the Department as exception to such action would be taken by the Auditor General.

Yours truly,

A. F. MacKenzie (over)
A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

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

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Indian Residential School

REV. F. E. PITTS, B. A., PRINCIPAL

Alberni, B. C. Jan. 1, 1936.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dr. to Alberni Indian School

For money paid for emergent plumbing as per vouchers attached.

Nov. 11, A. S. Hanna.....	\$ 9.50
Nov. 19, City of Port Alberni.....	4.93
Dec. 11, A. S. Hanna.....	19.05
Dec. 31, City of Alberni.....	20.00
Dec. 31, A. S. Hanna.....	<u>19.65</u>

\$73.13 ✓

F. E. Pitts

Principal

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Pitts

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

To.....Rev. F. H. Pitta, B. A......
Principal, Alberni Indian Residential
School,

Alberni, B. C.

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DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT	
	Alberni Indian Residential School Account.		
	Emergent plumbing for School, Nov. & Dec. 1935	73	13
TOTAL,		73	13

TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE
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Voucher in duplicate detached
for Accountant to pay.

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.

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Ottawa, January 16, 1936.

Sir:

The Department finds it necessary to return voucher No. 739 in favour of the Principal of the Alberni Indian Residential School. On each of the three accounts of A. S. Hanna there is an item for labour, but the accounts do not show the number of hours employed and the rate paid. Please have this information placed on their accounts and return for payment.

For your information, I may say that on all accounts requesting payment for labour you must show the number of hours or the number of days that labour was employed, also the rate charged per hour or per day.

Yours truly,

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

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Indian Agent,
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Letter No. 652.C.36.

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Office of the West Coast Indian Agency,

January 8 1936

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Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 739,

amounting to \$ 73.13 in favour

of Rev. F. E. Pitts, B. A. Principal, Alberni Indian Residential School, Alberni, B. C.

for Emergent plumbing to School, Nov. & Dec. 1935

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This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. dated

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, January 23, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, relative to improvements to the fire protection system at the Alberni Indian Residential School and transmitting copies of correspondence which you have had in the matter.

In this connection I have to inform you that the Department received, from the Director of the Dominion Water Power and Hydrometric Bureau, the report of their District Chief Engineer on the improvements necessary to place the fire protection system in satisfactory condition. It is noted, from the Engineer's report, that the cost of the scheme, as outlined by him, would be \$3,600. The Department has not arranged to provide funds for this purpose in the Appropriation for the coming fiscal year and therefore does not intend to authorize proceeding with the work. The school authorities will have to carry on under present conditions, and they should exercise every care to see that all fire hazard is overcome as far as possible. The Department is aware of the need of arranging for the installation of adequate fire protection for this school, and this will be kept in mind, but I am unable to state at the present time when funds can be provided for the purpose.

JP
AGM

Yours truly,

A. F. MacKenzie

A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

C. C. Perry, Esq.,
Asst. Indian Commissioner,
P. O. Box 666,
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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
P.O. BOX 666

VICTORIA, B.C., 14th January, 1936.

Sir:-

I beg to say that no doubt the Department has received the report dated December 5th of Mr. Engineer Tredcroft of the Dominion Water Power and Hydrometric Bureau, at Vancouver, on proposed improvements to the fire protection system at the Alberni Indian Residential School, West Coast Agency, in which connection I now beg to transmit copies of correspondence which has taken place in regard thereto, as follows:-

- December 30th, 1935 - Perry to Ashbridge.
- " " " - Perry to Webb.
- January 9th, 1936 - Ashbridge to Perry, with enclosure from Rev. Principal Pitts dated January 9th.

In view of the fact that no provision has been made in the official Estimates of the West Coast Agency, having in view the expenditure of \$3,600 for the purposes embraced in the report, also of the circumstances set forth in the correspondence, I now recommend that the Department discuss with the Church authorities the feasibility of the installation of this fire protection work as funds may become available.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry.
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, ONT.

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