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THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
MUNCEY - ONTARIO

REV. O. B. STRAPP, PRINCIPAL

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Mr. J.D.Sutherland.
Actg. Supt. of Indian Education.
The Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.
Ont.

March 10th. 1936.

Dear Sir;

Some time ago I had a conversation with Mr. J.H.Sexton B.A.,our Public School Inspector,with reference to establishing a high school entrance examination centre at this school. Experience has taught us that the abrupt change to strange surroundings under an examiner who is strange and,at times,apt to be somewhat unsympathetic is frequently responsible for the failure of an otherwise really good candidate. This is particularly noticable in oral examinations such as reading. Mr. Sexton is quite enthusiastic about the matter and has taken it up with the Ontario Department of Education with the result that he has recently received a communication,a copy of which I enclose.

You will note that the "local agent" of the Department is mentioned in the letter. I took the matter up with Mr. Moore and we both felt that it would be better to have the request come from the department at Ottawa rather than the local office. I believe that Mr. Moore will be writing to you in the near future.

With reference to the expenses mentioned; it would be understood of course that the expense connected with the presiding examiner etc. would be taken care of out of our regular school income and not be a burden upon your department.

I feel that this is a move in the right direction,as, not only will it benefit the local pupils,but it will give the educational work of The Department of Indian Affairs a much better standing in the local and county educational circles.

I sincerely trust that you will give this request your careful consideration and heartiest support.

Yours truly,

O. B. Strapp
Principal.

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Ontario Department of Education.

Toronto.

February 13th, 1936.

Dear Sir,-

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 10th in which you ask if it would be possible to have a high school entrance examination centre at the Mount Elgin Institute. I consulted Major Cowles and he states that he will be glad to recommend to the Minister the approval of such a centre on request from the Department of Indian Affairs through its local agent. The understanding would be that the expenses of the examination centre would be met by the Department of Indian Affairs and that the examination papers would be marked by the Strathroy High School Entrance Board, the new centre being affiliated with Strathroy.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Sexton, Esq., B.A.,
Public School Inspector,
Strathroy, Ontario.

V.K. GREER.

Chief Inspector.

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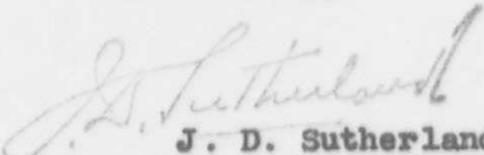
Ottawa, March 17, 1936.

Dear Sir:

The Department has received a communication from Rev. O. B. Strapp, Principal, Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, Muncey, Ont., requesting that this Department take up with the Ontario Department of Education the establishment of a High School Entrance Examination Centre at the school. In this connection he forwards copy of a communication from you to J. H. Sexton, B. A., Public School Inspector, Strathroy, Ont.

This Department would be pleased if your Department could arrange to have the examination centre conducted at the school, on the understanding that the expense connected with the presiding examiner, etc., would be provided by the school authorities. If your Department agrees to conduct the Entrance Examination for the pupils at the school, I would request that the necessary arrangements be made with the Principal, Rev. O. B. Strapp. I should be pleased to be advised if arrangements can be made to conduct a High School Entrance Examination Centre at the school.

Yours truly,


J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.


V. K. Greer, Esq., M. A.,
Chief Inspector,
Department of Education,
Toronto, Ont.

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Ottawa, March 17, 1936.

Reverend Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing copy of a communication from the Chief Inspector, Ontario Department of Education, regarding the establishment of a High School Entrance Examination Centre at the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School.

In reply I have to say that the Department is communicating with the Chief Inspector, requesting him, if possible, to make arrangements to establish the examination centre at your school, on the understanding that the expense connected with the presiding examiner, etc., will be taken care of out of the regular school income. When the Chief Inspector's reply is received, you will be further advised.

Yours truly,

J. D. Sutherland over
J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education

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Rev. O. B. Strapp,
Principal,
Mt. Elgin Residential School,
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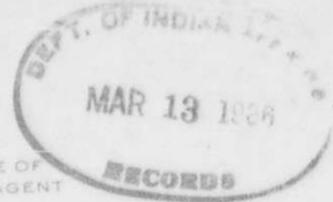
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT



Muncey. Ont.

March 11th. 1936.

File 29.

Sir:-

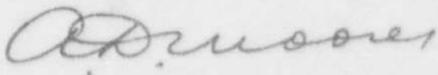
The Reverend Principal of the Mount Elgin School has requested that I write you in connection with the establishing at that school of an Entrance Examination Centre, so that all children of this Agency will be able to write their entrance examinations at Mount Elgin in preference to going some distance to a white school.

It would appear that Mr. Strapp has taken this matter up with Inspector Sexton, who advised him that such an application would have to be made through the Department to the Department of Education at Toronto.

Of the six days schools on the agency the pupils trying their entrance would be closer to Mount Elgin School than Melbourne, but Bear Creek and Back Settlement school pupils would be closer to Melbourne. It is the contention of Mr. Strapp that Indian pupils get rattled when placed among the whites in a strange school and that they cannot do themselves justice and quite often fail on this account. Mr. Strapp also contends that his school would bear any cost of the attending officer at these examinations and there would be no cost to the Department and under these circumstances I would recommend that a centre be established at Mount Elgin and being given a trial at least.

Secretary.
Dept of Ind. Affs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Your obedient servant.


A. D. Moore. Indian Agent.

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7-0-22.

Ottawa, March 17, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th instant, regarding the request of the Principal of the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, that an Entrance Examination Centre be conducted at the school, for the benefit of the pupils and the Indian children of the reserve.

In this connection I have to say that the Department received a letter from the Principal, regarding the matter. We have communicated with the Chief Inspector, Department of Education, Toronto, Ont., requesting that, if possible, he arrange to have the examination centre conducted at the school, on the understanding that the expense connected therewith be provided by the school authorities. The Chief Inspector was requested, if he approved of the centre being conducted at the school, to make the necessary arrangements with the Principal. Rev. Mr. Strapp.

Yours truly,

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

A. D. Moore
A. D. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Toronto, April 3, 1936.

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Dear Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge your letter of recent date, in reference to the establishment of a centre for the High School Entrance examination at Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, Muncey. In reply I beg to state that the Minister is very willing to approve of the request upon the understanding that the expenses incidental to the conduct of the examination shall be met by the school authorities. The centre will be attached to the Strathroy High School Entrance Board, who will have charge of the reading of the candidates' answer papers. The incidental expenses of the examination will include the cost of stationery, pens and ink, express charges, the allowances for examining the answer papers of the candidates, and travelling and living expenses of the presiding officer during the period the examination is in progress. I am communicating with the Principal of the school, Rev. O. B. Strapp, and also with Public School Inspector J. H. Sexton respecting the conditions under which approval is given to the establishment of the centre.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Assistant Registrar.

Mr. J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Superintendent of Indian Education,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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7-0-22.

Ottawa, April 6, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the third instant, with reference to the establishment of a centre for the High School Entrance examination at the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, Muncey, Ont. I note that you have informed the Principal of the School respecting the conditions under which approval is given for the establishment of the centre. As stated in my letter of the 17th ultimo to the Chief Inspector, all expenses connected with the examination are to be paid by the Principal of the School.

I desire to thank the Department for the favourable consideration given the request of the Principal of the Mount Elgin School for the establishment of an examination centre.

Yours truly,

J. D. Sutherland
J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

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G. Lyons, Esq.,
Assistant Registrar,
Department of Education,
Toronto, Ont.

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7-0-22.

Ottawa, April 6, 1936.

Dear Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence, relative to the request of the Principal of the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School for the establishment of a centre for the High School Entrance examination at the school, I enclose copy of a communication received from the Assistant Registrar, Provincial Department of Education, concerning the matter. Please inform the Principal of the contents of the enclosed letter. As you were previously informed, the expenses in connection with the examination are to be provided by the school authorities, from per capita allowances or other receipts of the school.

Yours truly,

J. D. Sutherland *over*
J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

J. D.
Encl.

A. D. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
M u n c e y, Ont.

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THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

MUNCEY, ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
REV. S. H. SOPER, M.A., PRINCIPAL

August 4th.
1945

The Secretary
The Department of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa.

Dear Sir;

The following Students have passed the
High School Entrance from this school;

- Arlene Moghey, Caradoc.
- Velma Elliott, Cape Croker.
- Iris George, Kettle Point.
- Vena Monague, Christian Island.
- Arnold Henry, Caradoc.
- Alma French, Caradoc.

I am expecting some of these students to attend
High School, all have to leave home and pay board
in distant centres. What grant in aid is given
to them ? Is that grant received direct from
your office or from the Agent concerned ?

Yours sincerely.

S. H. Soper

Rev. S. H. Soper
Rev



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Ottawa, 9th August, 1945.

Reverend S.H. Soper,
Mount Elgin Indian Residential School,
Muncey, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Soper:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant with reference to six children which you consider should be sent to High School for the academic year, 1945-46.

Our usual procedure in cases such as this is to have application forms prepared for each applicant. I am enclosing a supply of the necessary forms which you should have completed and sent to the Agent concerned.

You will note on the form that we require the agent to show what amount the applicant's parents or guardian are prepared to pay. We have found by experience that if the Indian parent pays part of the cost he is much more interested in his child's education and will make certain that the child takes full advantage of the High School course.

You should, therefore, complete the form for each child insofar as it applies to you and, as stated in the first part of this letter, forward same to the Agent concerned who will then communicate with us.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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