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WAR ASSETS CORPORATION

303 Richmond Building,  
London, Ontario,  
September 29th, 1945.



*Approved*

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

Gentlemen:

The Mount Elgin Indian Residential School  
at Muncey, Ontario are requesting many  
types of equipment.

It has just occurred to me that, if this  
equipment is required, it should be obtained  
through your Branch in Ottawa at the time  
that these surpluses are screened by  
Government Departments.

If you are not desirous of obtaining equipment  
in this manner, would you instruct the writer  
whether or not the Principal, Mr. Soper, has  
authority to make these purchases on behalf  
of the institution.

Yours very truly,

WAR ASSETS CORPORATION

J.C. Gray,  
Sales Manager

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Ottawa, October 9, 1945.

Attention: Mr. J. C. Gray.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of September 29, Reverend S. H. Soper is Principal of the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, Muncey, Ont. If he wishes to purchase any equipment from the War Assets Corporation, we have no objection to his doing so, but it should be understood that in making such purchases payment is made from school funds by the Principal and not by this Department.

Yours very truly,

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

The War Assets Corporation,  
303 Richmond Building,  
London,  
Ont.

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## Requisition for School Material

Date Sept. 18th 1945

For Mount Elgin, Caradoc,

NOTE:— Muncey.

To avoid delay, teachers should give full particulars regarding each article required.

The name, series, number of grade, and name of author and publisher of all books required should be given as fully as possible.

When ordering kindergarten material, the catalogue number of some well known firm should be given for each article required.

Only one item should be specified on each line of this requisition and no entry should be made under heading "Number Authorized".

ARTICLES	NUMBER ON HAND	DATE OF LAST RECEIPT	NUMBER REQUIRED	REMARKS
Daily Register	0		2	
18 Desks for Primary Room				
We now have now 45 children under ten years of age who must be accomodated;				
the break down of the eighteen is ;				
Desks			7 # 6	18 <del>Desks</del> 6 mechanical sawed
..			5 # 4	
..			3 # 5	
..			4 # 3	
				12

*Sup to sub desk*

N.B.—Explicit information regarding address must be furnished.

Name S.H.Soper.  
 School Mount Elgin  
 Post Office (nearest) Muncey.  
 Express Office (nearest) Muncey  
 Province Ontario

W.A. Jamieson.

*S.H. Soper* Teacher

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have examined this requisition, and that the articles asked for by the teacher are necessary and are such as are in use in the Provincial Schools.

*W.A. Jamieson*

Indian Agent

FORM No. I.A. 413  
R. 9777

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 SOLD TO \_\_\_\_\_ SHIPPED TO \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 REFER TO REGISTER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PAY'T TERMS \_\_\_\_\_ SHIPPING TERMS \_\_\_\_\_ VIA \_\_\_\_\_ CAR NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CAT NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	EXTENSION	DISCOUNT	AMOUNT

TO INSURE RECEIVING PROMPT CREDIT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU OBTAIN OUR PERMISSION BEFORE RETURNING ANY GOODS.  
 BE SURE TO QUOTE REGISTER NUMBER SHOWN ABOVE WHEN WRITING REGARDING ANY SUCH RETURNS.  
 CLAIMS FOR SHORTAGE MUST BE MADE WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF RECEIPT OF GOODS. DO NOT SIGN RAILWAY RECEIPT WITHOUT FIRST CAREFULLY  
 EXAMINING AND COUNTING PACKAGES. MARK SHORTAGE OR DAMAGE ON RAILWAY RECEIPT BEFORE SIGNING. FORM NO. 2066-3

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P.O. BOX 248  
MONTREAL September 27th 1945  
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HEAD OFFICE  
MONTREAL CANADA

EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
TORONTO CANADA

Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury,  
Accounts Payable Division  
414 Sussex St.,  
Ottawa, Ont.

*Mr. S. J. [unclear]*  
*Mr. P. [unclear]*

*Indians*

Dear Sirs,

We have on hand your cheque No. K 18, \$4.44,  
which was sent in payment of Freight, Sept. 14th, on a  
shipment to Mount Elgin Indian Residential school,  
Muncey, Ont.

We are unable to trace this charge in our  
ledger and would appreciate very much if you would  
let us have copy of this invoice. We enclose one of  
our blank forms for your convenience.

*9/18-444  
on Sept 22/45*

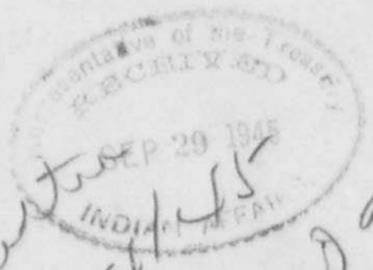
Yours truly,

GENERAL STEEL WARE'S LIMITED

*[Signature]*  
Credit Division

FJM/IB

*Cont 3.70  
4.74  
Re your letter  
Sept 14/45  
A 70141-8914*



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Ottawa, October 4, 1945.

General Steel Wares,  
P.O. Box 248, Montreal, Que.

I have your letter of the 27th  
ultimo, with reference to our cheque K 18, for  
\$4.44.

In your letter of September 14, 1945,  
Reference No. 7D 141 - D 914, you enclosed an  
account for \$4.44, including freight charges of  
\$3.70 and cartage 74¢. The cheque to which you  
refer in your recent letter was in payment of  
this account.

  
Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

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TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....  
DATE.....

Pay to..... Mr. C. E. Empey.....  
Address..... Melbourne, Ontario.....

DATE 1945	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Sept 13	To account attached for labour and material required in installing electric stove wires on second floor of Mount Elgin Residential School	\$39 70
<p><i>Approved to Sept 13 9/10/45</i></p>		

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. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter, File No. .... dated .....

**FORM No. I.A. 506**  
Req. 1265

Principal *[Signature]*

VOUCHER No. ....

DATE..... October 2, 1945.....

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**FORM No. I.A. 506**  
Req. 1263

Principal *XXIX*

VOUCHER No. ....

DATE..... October 2, 1945.....

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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

October 3, 1945

Mr. Philip Phalen  
Chief, Training Division  
Department of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Phalen:

I wish to thank you for your letter of September 26, approving the estimates of Mr. C. E. Empey, of Melbourne. I am writing to Mr. Empey advising him to proceed with the installation of panic bars.

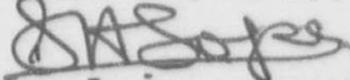
Please find enclosed requisition for the amount of \$39.70 for the electric wiring, as submitted to Mr. Empey.

Mr. G. W. Down is coming this morning to make inspection and recommendation, regarding the toilet equipment, and other repairs, and Mr. Down will submit his report to you in this matter, in the very near future.

I am very grateful indeed that so many and generous grants have been made to the plant in general. If it appears that I am overly anxious in these matters, it is simply because I know all too well the rapid deterioration in buildings where repairs are not completed when necessary.

I shall be sending in my Quarterly Return in the near future, and at that time will give the statement regarding the average age of our student body, and I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that so many little children need every facility for health and well-being. I cannot see how, with the very insufficient staff that I am able to employ, within the grant, we can adequately take care of health and recreation for so many little children. I would, therefore, recommend that due consideration be given to the necessity of appointing a nurse to this staff, under the direction of the medical officer in this agency.

Yours very truly,



S. H. Soper

SHS:G

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CHAIRMAN

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REV. GEORGE DOREY, D.D.  
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

REV. MALCOLM C. MACDONALD, B.A.  
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Attention of Mr. Philip Phelan

October 2nd,  
1945.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
O t t a w a, Ontario.



Dear Mr. Phelan:

This will confirm the telephone conversation about the condition of the plumbing in the girls' dormitory at Mount Elgin Residential School, Muncey. Mr. Soper's letter indicates that this is a matter of extreme urgency, and I am glad to have your assurance that you would wire Mr. Down to have something done. We are obliged to you for your attention to this.

Yours sincerely,

GD.MLT

*[Handwritten signature: G. Dorey]*

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OFFICE OF THE  
INDIAN AGENT



CANADA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 125-4

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Muncey, Ontario,  
October 6th, 1945.

Following your telegram of Tuesday, October 2nd, I immediately contacted Mr. Soper in an endeavour to find out what had happened to the plumbing at the Mt. Elgin Residential School.

After an inspection and discussion with Mr. Soper we decided that nothing could be done in the way of temporary repairs. In fact the system is in perfect working order, only it is being used by impracticable people who do not realize that they are not on a city water supply and that the spring supply is very limited. For information on this matter, please refer to my report of May 4th, Page 2. However, the present trouble is caused through the excessive use of Toilet Tissue, and insufficient water under pressure. The first is a matter of common sense and education; the second is a matter for an engineering survey. Mr. Soper first suggested the installation of extra stools but, on the flushing of one stool, it took 7 minutes for the flush tank to refill itself; and in another dormitory, 15 minutes. I pointed out, and he agreed, that extra stools is not the answer. One could install a stool for each individual but they would be useless without water. He then suggested chemical closets. My comments on such fixtures for an institution of the kind as the Mt. Elgin Residential School are not printable. However, this is his suggestion and is submitted for your consideration.

I feel that this matter is too complicated, and involves too many questions, to be intelligently discussed by correspondence. Mr. Soper has many other suggestions involving the expenditure of several thousand dollars, and as there is nothing one can do in the way of temporary repairs to the plumbing, I am suggesting a personal discussion. In this connection, and as I have important questions to be discussed with other Branches, I am writing Mr. Hoey, the Director, with reference to a call to Ottawa.

*Geo. W. Down*  
Geo. W. Down,  
INDIAN AGENT.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dep't of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa.

GWD/bc

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

This space for use of Head Office only

Ottawa, October 10, 19 45.

Requisition No. ....

Order No. ....

To The Departmental Purchasing Agent, Ottawa, (File 7-0-5)

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES FOR USE OF

Mount Elgin Indian Residential School

VOTE 76 ALLOTMENT 12-415 ALLOCATION SYMBOLS

SHIP TO Rev. S. H. Soper, Principal, Mt. Elgin Indian Residential School, Muncney, Ont.

Purpose for which required

QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
6	Single School Desks, medium		
12	" " " , small		
<p>P.O. - 5983 - Oct 16/45 -            Globe Furniture Co. Waterton Ont            Blue slip mailed Oct 19/45 -</p>			

I hereby certify that I have personal knowledge that all the above articles are required in the Department and for Departmental purposes only. The expenditure required by this requisition is strictly unavoidable and the public interest will suffer if it is not made.

SIGNED—

[Handwritten signature]

APPROVED

[Handwritten signature]

Director

- NOTE:—
1. In ordering stationery and printed matter use separate sheets.
  2. Order numbered forms by number or send sample.
  3. Orders for unnumbered forms should be accompanied by samples.
  4. Orders for books should be accompanied by sample pages or folios.
  5. Orders for which purchase orders will issue should give as full details as possible for each item.
  6. All Requisitions should be submitted in duplicate. One copy will be returned as acknowledgment.

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Ottawa, October 11, 1945.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

With reference to your telephone message of October 1 and my letter of the same date to you, regarding the plumbing at the Mount Elgin Residential School, I am in receipt of the following report from Indian Agent Down:-

"After an inspection and discussion with Mr. Soper, we decided that nothing could be done in the way of temporary repairs. In fact the system is in perfect working order, only it is being used by impracticable people who do not realize that they are not on a city water supply and that the spring supply is very limited. For information on this matter, please refer to my report of May 4th, Page 2. However, the present trouble is caused through the excessive use of Toilet Tissue, and insufficient water under pressure. The first is a matter of common sense and education; the second is a matter for an engineering survey. Mr. Soper first suggested the installation of extra stools but, on the flushing of one stool, it took 7 minutes for the flush tank to refill itself; and in another dormitory, 15 minutes. I pointed out, and he agreed, that extra stools is not the answer. One could install a stool for each individual but they would be useless without water. He then suggested chemical closets. My comments on such fixtures for an institution of the kind as the Mt. Elgin Residential School are not printable. However, this is his suggestion and is submitted for your consideration.

"I feel that this matter is too complicated and involves too many questions, to be intelligently discussed by correspondence".

It is Mr. Hoey's intention to bring Agent

..... Down

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Down to Ottawa within the next few weeks, at which time we will have a further discussion with him regarding conditions at Mount Elgin.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

Reverend George Dorey, D.D.,  
Associate Secretary,  
Board of Home Missions,  
United Church of Canada,  
299 Queen St. West,  
Toronto 2B, Ont.

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EXTRACT  
ORIGINAL ON  
103-6

*Soper*

THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
Muncey, Ontario.

EXD

October 11, 1945.

Mr. Philip Phalen,  
Chief, Training Division,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Phalen:

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In reference to the order 5580, I wish to inform you that the shingles are to be put on the pultry house, as it seems impossible to obtain metal roofing, and this work is very essential.

Yours very truly

S.H. Soper.

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C o p y

The Mount Elgin Indian Residential  
School,  
Muncey, Ontario.

Sept. 19th, 1945.

Mr. J. C. Bush,  
Scotland,  
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Bush:

In reply to your request for more detailed information of this school let me say that Mount Elgin has served the Indian people of Ontario for one hundred years.

We now have in residence 105 children, the Government grant is \$175.00 per capita. Last year we had one hundred students, giving us an income of \$17,500. From this I paid to my staff eleven in all and including my own salary, \$10,000 leaving \$7,500. From this I had to feed, clothe and light and heat one hundred children for ten months, some of them for twelve months. This means that I have to earn the balance on the farm.

In time past when big boys and big girls came to the school this was possible. Today when we have 45 children under ten and only 3 who are sixteen three fifteen and five thirteen it is an impossibility. I have just paid out over six hundred dollars for repairs to one tractor. These wee children have to earn that. There is no other source from which it can come. If I were to publish that fact some one would be hurt.

Just now we need potatoe peelers, bread slicers. But we are told that this is impossible. I want to say that something else is impossible. It is impossible for babies of this age to feed, clothe and wash for themselves. I cannot afford to employ help.

The War Assets people have abundance of the things we need and need desperately. But we cannot get

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them. We have not the money. But the children need just what can be obtained, and without cost, if we could touch the magic spring.

Children have to go out to the barns to the poultry house, out to do chores but I cannot afford proper protection for them.

We need a dental clinic and a throat clinic. Numbers of these children come from back settlements where medical aid is impossible.

The long winter evenings are coming. We have no games equipment. We need a moving picture projector. Just think of having one hundred and twenty children to amuse seven nights a week for ten months of the year. We need equipment.

After I pay salaries I have just 20 cents a day from the grant to feed and clothe and warm and light the children. On top of that we have to pay all farm equipment repairs and transportation.

I hope that this is something in the line of what you needed.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) S. H. Soper

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Copy of Extract

The Senate  
Canada

Ottawa, Ontario  
October 12th, 1945.

Mr. Ford Pratt,  
Secretary to the Minister of  
Mines and Resources,  
O t t a w a

Dear Ford:

. . . . . deals with a different  
. . . . . matter.

I am also enclosing a letter from Reverend S.H. Soper, Principal of the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School at Muncey, Ontario. This letter was written to Mr. J.C. Bush who is now in charge of farm operations at this school, so that I would have full details as to how this school is conducted. The report given to me is to the effect that the buildings are in a serious state of repair and in need of considerable money to conduct the necessary improvements. As I was not sure whether your Department, Indian Affairs or Public Works were responsible for this, I am sending the letter along so that you will fully understand the present situation. I would appreciate any information you can give me.

Yours truly,

(sgd.) W. H. Taylor

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Minister's Office

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MEMORANDUM

Oct. 16, 1945

DEPUTY MINISTER

Mount Elgin Indian Res. School.  
Muncy, Ont.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Attached is an extract from a letter I have received from Senator Taylor (Hon. W.H.), with its enclosure of one addressed to Mr. J.C. Bush, in charge of farm operations at the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, by Rev. S.H. Soper, M.A., Principal of the School, calling attention to the very urgent needs of the school,-- repairs to the building; certain furnishings; proper protection in the way of clothing &c. for the children; dental clinic & throat clinic; games equipment for the long winter evenings,-- &c.&c.

This is referred to the department for special consideration.

Will you please let me have a draft letter to Senator in reply.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Private Secretary.

Encl.  
Ex. Taylor 1r Oct. 12.  
Soper 1r Sept. 19.

Mr. Hoey:  
For draft reply as requested.

*[Handwritten signature]*



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Ottawa, October 18, 1945.

Dear Senator Taylor:

I desire to refer to that portion of your letter of October 12 in which you request information regarding the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, as outlined in a letter received by Mr. J. C. Bush from Reverend S. H. Soper, Principal of the School.

The Mount Elgin Residential School is a very old building, having been originally built approximately 75 years ago. In the Fall of 1943 a survey was made of our educational requirements in southwestern Ontario, and at that time the opinion was expressed, by the educationists whom we had engaged, that the Mohawk Institute at Brantford could handle all the Indian children from the reserves of southwestern Ontario requiring institutional care. The committee further recommended that the Mount Elgin Residential School be closed. However, the United Church authorities, under whose auspices this school has always been conducted, expressed a desire to have the school remain in operation for a further period, for the purpose of ascertaining if it was serving a real necessity.

In view of the age of the building, it is impossible to keep it in first-class condition, but the Department has endeavoured to keep up the repairs as far as our funds will permit.

I note that the Principal refers to lack of pupils. In the first place, it has always been our policy to have the Church interested recruit pupils,

Honourable W. H. Taylor,  
The Senate,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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with the co-operation of the Indian agent. In the second place, as intimated in the first part of this letter, this school is not actually needed at the present time, as the number of children requiring institutional care has decreased.

I can assure you that departmental officials will continue to give sympathetic consideration to the requirements of the Mount Elgin School.

Yours sincerely,

W.J.F. Pratt,  
Private Secretary.

*WJF*  
*PP*

PP

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Ottawa, October 18, 1945.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER.

I am in receipt of Mr. Pratt's memorandum of October 16, enclosing communication from Senator W. H. Taylor, with reference to the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School.

As requested in that memorandum, I enclose draft reply to the Senator.

 Encl.

  
Director.

PP

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Address Mount Elgin Indian Residential School,  
Our Order No. 227 MUNCY, Ontario.  
Your Order No. 7 Terms \_\_\_\_\_ Shipped Via \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity				Net
1	Doz. 2½" Rubber Mark Balls		3.00	
1	Wolverine Ball Valve complete with tail & Plastic Float		3.00	
2	1" Guide for Flush Valve	.30 ea	.60	
1	¾" Fig. 470 Jenkins Gate Valve		2.20	
2	x ½ Blk Coup.	.12	.24	
2	¾" short Blk Nipples	.04	.08	
			<u>9.12</u>	
			Less 20%	7.30

Terms—usual 15th month following. Interest at 7% on all past due accounts

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

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TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....  
DATE.....

Pay to..... Mitchell Plumbing Supplies Co.,  
Address..... London,  
..... Ontario.

1945 DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
Oct. 16	To payment of supplies used at the Mt. Elgin Residential School, as per attached account.	\$ 7.30
	<b>Note:</b>  This expenditure was not authorized	

TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE  
24-10-45  
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. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter, File No. .... dated.....

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Req. 1876

*[Signature]*

Agent

VOUCHER No. 310

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....  
DATE .....

Pay to..... **Hobbs Hardware,**  
Address..... **335 to 341 Richmond St.,**  
**London, Ontario.**

1945	DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
	Oct. 16	To payment of material used at the Mt. Elgin Residential School, as per attached account.	\$ 39.13
		Note: This expenditure was not authorized.	

TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE  
24-10-45  
Voucher in duplicate detached  
for Account to Gov.

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. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter, File No. .... dated .....

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*Robert Brown*  
Agent

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Ottawa, October 23, 1945.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

I am sending forward herewith for your information copy of a letter received by this Branch from the Reverend S. H. Soper and copy of my reply thereto.

I notice from the correspondence on file that Mr. Soper has been in communication with Senator Taylor with respect to conditions at the Mount Elgin School. I find it difficult to persuade myself that correspondence such as this, despite Mr. Soper's good intentions, will contribute in any way to the solution of a problem that has already given me personally a great deal of worry. Would it be possible for you, immediately following your return from the West, to visit Ottawa, with the object of reviewing conditions at this school again and, if possible, having an interview with the Minister on this matter?

Yours very truly,

  
Director.

Reverend George Dorey, D.D.,  
Associate Secretary,  
Board of Home Missions,  
The United Church of Canada,  
299 Queen Street West,  
TORONTO 2B, Ontario.

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A COPY

Oct 10th  
1945

Dear Mr. Down;

I am enclosing herewith from Longfields bill for \$33.21,  
of this

\$15.36 is for shutters for the house opposite the School ,  
this I believe is on rented land, I have tried repeatedly  
to get some on to do this work but only now have a man at work.

The balance is for the forms for the cement for the over-  
flow pit for the Girls Latrine, that is 17.85.

Yours sincerely.

S.H. Soper.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....

DATE .....

Pay to..... Longfield Bros.,

Address..... Mt. Brydges,

..... Ontario.

1945	DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
	Oct. 16	To payment of shutters and lumber used at the Mt. Elgin Residential School, as per attached account.	\$ 33. 21
		<b>Note:</b> This expenditure was not authorized.	

TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE  
 24-10-45  
 Voucher is 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. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter, File No..... dated.....

FORM No. I.A. 506  
 Req. 1876

*Chas W. Brown*  
 ..... Agent

VOUCHER No. 307

DATE October 15, 1945.

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THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

MUNCEY, ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
REV. S. H. SOPER, M.A., PRINCIPAL

October 15, 1945

*Schools*  
The Secretary  
Indian Affairs Branch  
Department of Mines and Resources  
Ottawa, Ontario



Dear Sir:

I have copy of letter written by Mr. Philip Phelan, on October 11, with regard to the plumbing and toilet facilities in dormitories in this school, in which letter is a quotation from the communication sent to your department by Mr. G. W. Down. The fact of the matter is that trying to work within the grant, we have in residence 75 girls, many of whom are under 10 years of age, and new to the institution. These are all under the supervision of one matron. To say that these are impracticable people is not strictly according to the facts. There are physical limits to the whereabouts of any one person, and no amount of teaching and instruction in the proper use of the toilets will overcome the inadequacy of our water supply. To meet the desperate situation, we have placed ordinary scrub pails in the dormitories for the use of these little children. That may be impracticable, but it is meeting the situation, causing, however, needless work of a very unpleasant character. Now all this may not be printable, but printable or not, it is the fact.

There are a great many things about conditions around this building, and conditions under which little children have to live, which if printed and publicized would cause such a furore of indignation that someone would have to take cognizance of it, and that immediately.

It is impracticable, but also printable that we have here a great number of little children who need attention given to tonsils, adenoids and teeth. We are facing a long winter season, when all of these ills will take their toll of the health of the children, and consequently place an almost impossible burden upon our inadequate staff. I would like some practical suggestions from your department in this matter.

I would also like a clear definition from the Department as to what repairs and equipment may be charged to the Department, and what repairs and equipment must be earned by the labour of 10 and 11 year old boys. In a communication from your department sometime during the summer, I was informed that material for a hay-rack could not be granted by the Department because, forsooth, the wagon upon which the hay rack was to be placed was not the property of the Department. I had to save a crop. Every member of my staff works long hours under most adverse conditions, and the refusal of the Department to even pay for the material to make this hay-rack has brought this whole matter to a head. I wish to say that it is impracticable but it is nevertheless printable, that 8 and 10 year old boys should have to labour in order to pay for equipment to save the harvest. C

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