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Andersson Lake B.C.

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Messrs Scott & Pedley.  
Department of Indian Affairs.  
Ottawa.

Gentlemen;

I beg to say that I am  
in receipt of a letter from the  
principal of St Mary's Mission  
Boarding School which conveyed  
to me a Diploma from headquarters  
at Ottawa as a guarantee of my  
good conduct etc. whilst in the above  
Institution.

It was a very agreeable surprise  
to me, and one for which I shall al-  
ways feel most grateful.

I did really enjoy my school days  
and feel very thankful to our  
good government for providing  
a useful education for us, Indian  
boys.

Believe me, Gentlemen

Most thankfully Yours

William Elliot



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St. Mary's Mission



Pemberton 45420 B.C.

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1912

Messrs Scott & Redley  
Department of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa, Canada

Gentlemen

I have received the Indian School Diploma which you had the kindness to send me, and, I must say that I am most thankful to the Department, not only for the Diploma (which I shall preserve with great attention) but also for the education which through its means I have been the happy recipient. Kind Sir. I must say again to thank you for your kindness.

With best thanks, gentlemen.

I beg to remain

Your humble servant  
Lawrence August

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Pemberton Meadows.

Feb 14. 1912.

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Messrs Scott & Paddy.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa

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Gentlemen:-

These few lines are addressed to you in grateful acknowledgment of the receipt of Indian School Diploma which I received through the mediation of the worthy principal of St. Mary's Mission Boarding School where I had the pleasure of spending many useful and happy years.

I shall preserve this precious gift with great care and endeavour maintain and profit by the education of which it will remind me.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen  
Your humble servant  
Willie Paschal.



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*[Signature]*

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Indian Office, New Westminster, B.C.

February 13, 1912.

Sir;-

I have the honor to forward to the Department at the request of the writer, a letter received from Willie paschal in acknowledgment of receipt of diploma received by him from the Department.

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*

Indian Agent.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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646 RICHARDS STREET



VANCOUVER, B.C., 6 Aug 1912

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J. D. McLean Esq.  
Assistant Deputy + Secretary of Indian Affairs.  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,  
I respectfully beg to request  
you to approve of the appointment of  
Rev. Victor Rohr. O. M. I., as principal  
of St. Mary's school, Mission City, B. C.  
I regret to part with Brother Collins  
O. M. I., but he is needed at Williams  
Lake school where Father Chiappini  
O. M. I. was killed by a horse two  
weeks ago.

Yours respectfully,

J. Welch. O. M. I.  
Provincial.



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Ottawa, August 14, 1912.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th instant, and in reply I beg to say that the Department approves of the appointment of Rev. Victor Rohr, O.M.I. as Principal of the St. Mary's Mission Boarding School in place of Rev. Father Collins. The Department regrets very much the cause that has led to the necessity of Father Collins being removed from this position.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. J. Welch, O.M.I.,  
Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary,  
646 Richards St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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Mary's Mission Indian Boarding School.

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1914.



Duncan C. Scott.

Deputy Superintendent General of  
Indian Affairs.

*[Handwritten signature of Duncan C. Scott]*

Dear Sir

Ex'd.



I thank you very sincerely  
for your kindness to allow the Department  
to donate to the school enough fruit trees  
for one acre of land. They have been received  
in due time and planted on a piece of land  
especially selected by Mr. T. Wilson, the Dominion  
Inspector of Indian Orchards.

When here, I showed to Mr.  
T. Wilson my report (annual) on St. Mary's Mission  
Indian Boarding School. He pointed out to me  
one mistake I made, which I would like to  
correct. Reporting on our fruit inspector, I did  
not give him his real title and marked  
him as provincial Government Fruit Inspector,  
whilst his correct title is T. Wilson Dominion  
Inspector of Indian Orchards. Will you kindly  
have it corrected and oblige

Yours very truly

V. Robert O. M. J. Jones

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Ottawa, December 21, 1914.

**MEMORANDUM.**

Mr. Scott,-

In the last published report the Principal of the St. Mary's Mission Boarding School stated that ample accommodation can be provided for 90 pupils and the necessary staff. Mr. Cairns, Inspector of Indian Schools for British Columbia, who visited this school in April, last, reported that a new building for the staff and a dwelling dwell had been put up in addition to the two main buildings, one for the boys and one for the girls and that the buildings are equipped with all modern appliances both for heating and lighting, being heated by steam and lighted by electricity, which is generated on the premises from water power supplied by a spring about a mile distant, which furnishes an unfailing supply of pure water, as well as affording excellent fire protection. Sixty pupils are provided for at this school. Mr. Cairns in his concluding remarks states that "This school is doing excellent work. Every effort is being made to raise the Indian child and youth to a higher level. The aim of the school is to educate

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educate, to civilize and to Christianize the pupils. This is being accomplished to a marked degree."

In view of the favourable reports and good work of this school, I would recommend that a substantial increase in the pupilage be made.

*Harold Brunson*

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Ottawa, December 28, 1914.

Sir,-

An application has been made to the Department for an increase in the pupilage at the St. Mary's Mission Boarding School and before dealing with it I should be glad if you would visit the school and give a full report as to the accommodation they have. If additional accommodation has been provided lately be good enough to state what it consists of and how many pupils the school has room for and give the cubic contents and floor space of the dormitories and class-rooms. I should be glad if you would attend to this matter at your earliest convenience.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R. H. Cairns, Esq.,  
Inspector of Indian Schools,  
Room 14,  
249 Hastings St., E.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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REV. J. W. WELCH, O.M.I.

59 Blackwood Street  
Vancouver, B.C.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

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December 31st. 1914.

Rev. and dear Sir,

Referring to our recent conversation and your request for an increase in the pupilage at the St. Mary's boarding school, I have asked Mr. Cairns, Inspector of Indian Schools for British Columbia, to pay a special visit to this institution and report fully upon the existing accommodation. When Mr. Cairns' report is received, I shall immediately give further consideration to your request and I hope to be able to make a substantial increase in the number of grant-earning pupils.

Yours sincerely,

*Duncan*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. W. Welch, O.M.I.,

59 Blackwood Street,

New Westminster, B. C.

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249 Hastings St. East,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
Jan. 8th. 1915.

J.D. McLean, Esq.,  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Canada.

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Sir;

In reply to yours of Dec. 28, NO. 119704/1,  
re application of St. Mary's Mission Boarding School  
for permission to carry additional pupils. I beg  
leave to state that I visited that school Jan. 7th.

The dormitories and the class rooms were  
measured and the following results obtained:-

Boys' dormitory:

62 ft. by 34 ft. by 10 ft.

500

Accommodation for

42 Boys

Girls dormitory:

62 ft. by 34 ft. by 10 ft.

500

Accommodation for

42 Girls

Boys' class room:

27 ft. by 20 ft. by 10 ft.

250

Accommodation for

24 Boys

Girls' class room:

45 ft. by 14 ft. by 11 ft.

250

Accommodation for

27 Girls



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In connection with the class rooms it will be necessary to remember that only one half of the pupils are in the school room at once, the other half are pursuing manual work in the sewing room, on the farm, in the carpenter shop, or in the kitchen.

There are really two schools here, the girls and boys being in separate buildings. There are two kitchens, each furnished with a large range.

In my opinion this school has ample accommodation for Seventy-five pupils. As the two schools are the same size the number of boys should be equal to the number of girls.

No additional accommodation has been added lately.

*P. H. Cairns,*

Inspector of Indian Schools for B.C.

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Dear Mr. Scott.

I thank you for  
your letter of 31 Dec., and  
I trust Mr. Cairns will be  
in a position to report favourably  
on St Mary's school.

Yours respectfully,

J. Welch. O.M.I.

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Ottawa, January 19, 1915.

*Yes*  
*[Signature]*  
MEMORANDUM.

Mr. Scott,-

Referring to my memorandum of the 21st ultimo in regard to the request for an increase in the pupilage at the St. Mary's Mission Boarding School I beg to say that Mr. Inspector Cairns, who was asked to report on the accommodation they have, states that there is accommodation for 84 pupils in the dormitories, 42 girls and 42 boys, and class-room accommodation for 51. As the half day system is carried on at this school there is ample room in the class-rooms for the number the dormitories will accommodate. Mr. Cairns says that in his opinion the school has ample accommodation for 75 pupils. Would you be willing to grant an increase of 15 pupils at this school? Sixty are now provided for.

*[Signature: Martin Benson]*

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Ottawa, January 28, 1915.

Rev. Sir,-

In further reference to your request for an increase in the pupilage at the St. Mary's Mission Boarding School I beg to say that, in view of the report of Mr. Inspector Cairns on the accommodation at this school, the Department has decided to provide a grant for an increase of fifteen pupils and will from the first instant pay the grant for the pupils enrolled at this school up to the number of seventy-five at \$100.00 per capita.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLELLAN  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. J. W. Welch, O.M.I.,  
59 Blackwood St.,  
New Westminster, B.C.

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Ottawa, January 28, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant with reference to the accommodation at the St. Mary's Mission Boarding School.

In reply I beg to inform you that, in view of your report thereon, the Department has decided to increase the per capita grant to provide for fifteen additional pupils at this school from the first instant.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R. H. Cairns, Esq.,  
Inspector of Indian Schools,  
Room 14,  
249 Hastings St., E.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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Ottawa, January 28, 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that a request was recently made by the church authorities for an increase in the pupilage at the St. Mary's Mission Boarding School. Mr. Inspector Cairns, who made a recent visit to this school, reports that they have ample room to accommodate seventy-five pupils. The Department has, therefore, decided to grant an increase of fifteen pupils at this school and will from the first instant pay the grant for the pupils enrolled up to the number of seventy-five at \$100.00 per capita. You will be good enough to inform the Principal of this school accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN *John*

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Peter Byrne, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
New Westminster, B.C.

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NEW WESTMINSTER.

27 Jan. 18.

Duncan C. Scott. Esq.

Deputy Superintendent General

Indian Affairs  
Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,

You are probably aware that school accommodation for Indian children in this province is insufficient. At this moment hundreds of Indian children are not attending any school.

At your request Mr Cairnes has recently visited St Mary's school, Mission City and he assured the principal, Rev. V. Rohr. O.M.I. that the school had ample accommodation for eighty four children. This being the case perhaps the Department would be willing to increase the number of grant-receiving pupils from sixty five to eighty four.

I am, yours respectfully,

J. W. Elch. O.M.I.

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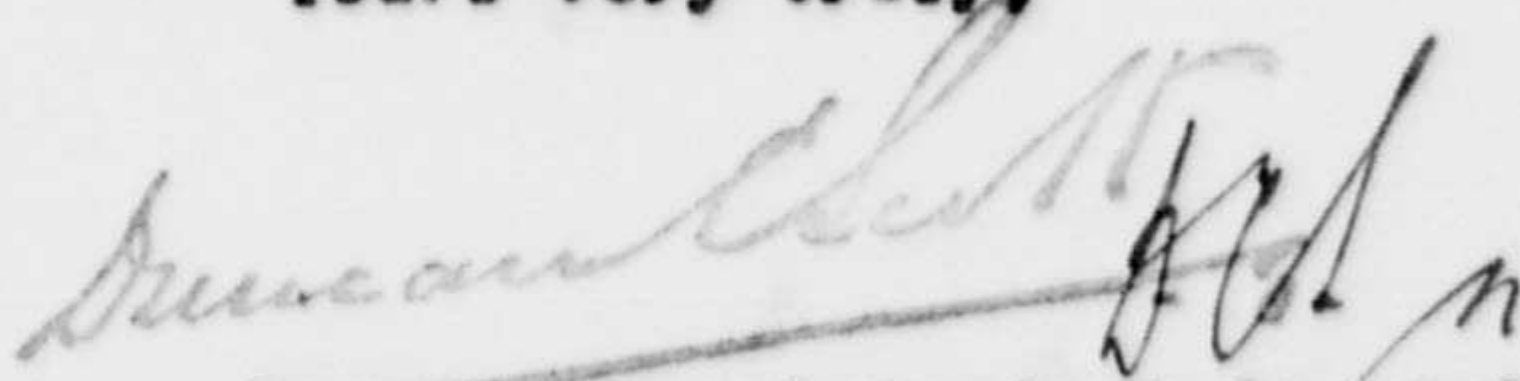
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February 3rd, 1915.

Dear Father Welch -

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo, in reference to the increase in pupilage at the St. Mary's Mission Boarding School. Immediately upon receipt of the Inspector's report, as to the accommodation, an increase of 15 was granted making the number of grant earners 75; this is the number for which the school has ample accommodation, ~~although the dormitories would well provide for 80~~ I trust that this will be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J.W. Welch, O.M.I.,  
59 Blackwood St.,  
New Westminster, B.C.

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PROVINCIAL HOUSE  
O. M. I.

59 BLACKWOOD ST.  
NEW WESTMINSTER.

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5 Feb. 15.



L. D. McLean. Esq. <sup>file</sup>  
Asst. Deputy Secretary of Indian Affairs.  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your  
favor N<sup>o</sup> 119704/1, dated 28 ult., and  
beg to thank you for allowing us  
to receive at St Mary's fifteen  
additional pupils.

I am the honor to be,

Yours respectfully.

J. Welchman

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*St. Louis College,  
New Westminster, B. C.  
Blackwood St.*

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Boys Class-room : cir. contents

27 ft. by 20 ft. by 11 ft.

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250

24 boys

Girls' class-room : Cir. contents

45 ft. by 14 ft. by 11 ft.

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250

27 girls

Boys' Class-room : Floor space

27 by 20

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16

33 boys

Girls' Class-room : Floor Space

45 by 14

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16

39 girls

R.H. CAIRNS

Inspector of Indian Schools for B.C.

*Jan. 7. 1915*

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*St. Louis College,  
New Westminster, B. C.  
Blackwood St.*

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Boys' Dormitories :

---62-ft. by 34 ft. by 10 ft. 42 boys  
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500

Girls' Dormitories :

62 ft. by 34 ft. by 10 ft. 42 girls  
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500

R.H. Cairns  
Inspector of Indian Schools for B.C.

*Jan 7. 1915.*

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*St. Louis College,  
New Westminster, B. C.  
59 Blackwood St.*



12th. Feb. 1915

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.

Deputy Superintendent General

Ottawa

Dear Mr. Scott,

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In reply to your kind letter of the 3rd. inst.,  
F.II9.704-I, I must thank you for allowing us an increase of 15 grant  
earning pupils for St. Mary's. As a matter of fact that was all I  
requested when you granted me the favor of an interview last December.

However, on my return to British Columbia I discovered that  
we had accomodation for 84 pupils, according to measurements made by  
Mr. R.H. Cairns on the 7th. of last month. I am enclosing a copy of  
Mr. Cairns' report to Father Rohr O.M.I., principal of the school.  
According to this report there is sufficient accomodation  
in the dormitories for 42 boys and 42 girls. I also am satisfied that  
we have room for an equal number of boys and girls in the class-rooms,  
for the reason that all the pupils do not attend class at the same time.  
The older children have class in the forenoon, and the younger ones in  
the afternoon. Probably Mr. Cairns did not think of referring to this  
arrangement, but you will see how it greatly enlarges our school-room  
capacity.

Now I do not wish to bore you with this subject but in as  
much as a very large number of Indian children are not attending any  
school, I thought you would not be annoyed if I pointed out how, as I  
think, we can easily receive 24 additional pupils at St. Mary's- making  
a total of 108. I am

Yours respectfully and gratefully,

*J. Welch. Secy.*

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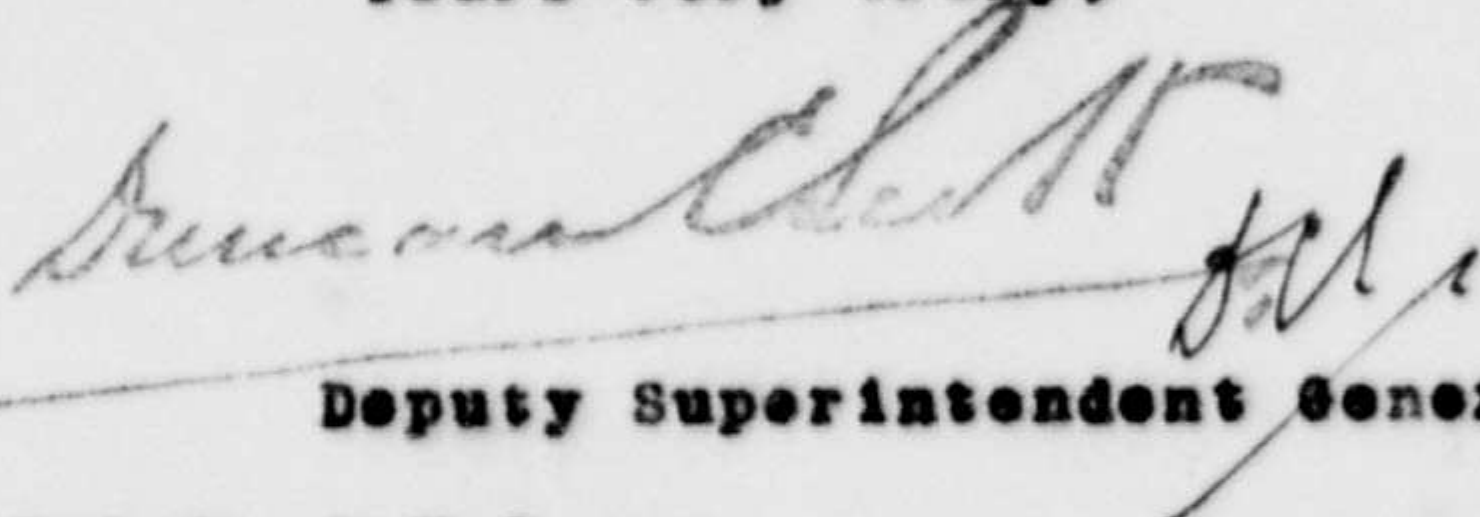
February 18th, 1915.

Dear Father Welch -

I have your letter of the 12th instant,  
in further reference to the pupilage at St. Mary's  
Mission Boarding School.

I regret that I am not able at the present  
time to further increase the number of grant earn-  
ing pupils at this institution.

Yours very truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. Father Welch, C.M.I.,  
59 Blackwood St.,  
New Westminster, B.C.

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ANDREW L. MERCER  
MEM. SOC. ARCTS. BRIT.  
FRANK G. GARDINER

P.O. BOX 772  
PHONE 661

*Gardiner & Mercer, M.S.A.*  
*Architects*  
*Westminster Trust Block,*  
*New Westminster, B.C.*

December 15th 1914.

St Mary's Mission,  
Mission Junction, B.C.

In account with, Gardiner & Mercer,.  
Architects.

1912.

Nov 21st,	Meeting with Rev Father Walsh and Mr Byrne and instructed to visit St Mary's Mission re detailed instructions as to proposed Additions.	
Nov 27th,	At Mission with assistant, receiving instructions as to requirements of additions to Boys and Girls Pavilions,	Expences, 4 . 50
	Measuring up existing Buildings and preparing survey drawings of Plans, Sections & Elevations.	40 . 00
Dec 14th,	Sending you Sketch Plans of Boys and Girls Pavilions showing proposed additions as instructed.	
Dec 17th	Received letter of instructions from Father Rohr, requesting amended sketch plans, showing larger Boys Building and further accomodation.	
1913 Jan 6th,	Submitted sketch plan of revised schme, incorporating the requirements indicated in your letter to us of Dec 17th, and also suggestions made to Father Walsh and Mr Ditchburn, and sending Assistant to Mission to explain the Drawings fully to you	Expences, 2 . 25
	Forward,	46 . 75

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PHONE 661

*Gardiner & Mercer, M.S.A.*  
*Architects*  
*Westminster Trust Block,*  
*New Westminster, B.C.*

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1913

Brought Forward,

46 . 75

Jan 24th

Sending you set of Blue Prints of Working Drawings of Proposed Additions together with letter of probable cost, also sending set of Blue Prints to Father Walsh.

To preparing sketch Plans and working drawings and estimating probable cost, including interviews in connection with proposed additions at St Mary's Mission.

2½% on probable cost, \$1726.00

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Total \$

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St. Mary's Mission Indian Boarding School

February 18<sup>th</sup> 1915



Mr. D. Scott

Superintendent of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa, Canada.

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Dear Sir

I gladly received the news to be allowed to enroll more children to St. Mary's Mission School. For many years I have been travelling among the different Indian tribes and lived with them their own life. Often I wondered why not more was done for the education of the poor Indian Children. They are so anxious to learn something especially now as the country is getting more and more settled with white people.

Dear Sir, you struck the right thing when you had the department to investigate how many Indian Children there were of age to go to school and who had no opportunity of doing so and everybody was amazed to see that the children admitted to the schools were only a minority.

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At once you went to work and great changes have been made for the betterment of the schools already existing and new schools have been built.

Grasping your idea I tried it many times to interest the officials of the Department to interest themselves with the needs of St. Mary's Mission. I do not know how they never succeeded to approach you. They made fine promises and that was all.

The Oblate Fathers of the North West had spoken to me often times of the great interest you take yourself in this great question of education. I said to myself why not write myself directly to Mr. B. Scott. When I know that Rev. Fr. Welch was at Ottawa I did not hesitate a moment to do so. At once you took steps and it did not take you very long to favor our request with a grant for 15 more children. Many thanks to you, dear Sir, for your great kindness.

As I told you above I tried the authorities to interest themselves in my plans. But they

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cost me very dearly. My intention was to enlarge the buildings of St. Mary's Mission School for the purpose of taking in more children. We drew up the plans ourselves, but that did not suit the Rev. Father J. Welch our superintendent. He wanted the things done properly and by an architect. Himself and our Indian Agent and later on our Inspector, Messrs. Osholburn went to interview the architects Gardner & Menzies of New-Westminster re plans for St. Mary's Mission School. The plans were drawn and approved by those gentlemen but later on rejected by the Council of the O. M. I. on the ground that they had not the means to pay for the proposed buildings. Now the plans are in my hands and also the bill which amounts to \$474.90. Nobody wants to take the responsibility of it and the architects are urging me to settle the account. This puts me in a terrible plight. I have done all I could for the betterment of the institution. All the officials of the Department can give testimony for what I have done. The school is in a ten times better condition than what it was when I took charge of it. Never I spent a cent on any-thing else except my school.

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