

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

FORM No. I.A. 506A
Req. 1938

TREASURY ONLY

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

Pay to Marshall-Wells B.C. Ltd.,
Address Vancouver, B.C.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1943.	<u>School Account.</u>	
Sept. 7	Paint supplied for use of Alberni Indian Residential School, August 1943.	42. 54
	Authority: Dept. Letter 159-1-5, July 27, 1943.	85
	INDIAN EDUCATION: Vote 76-10-691.	41 69

RECOMMENDED

W. Marshall
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

127.53
92.54
89.49

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

VOUCHER No. 194

DATE September 7, 1943. Agent

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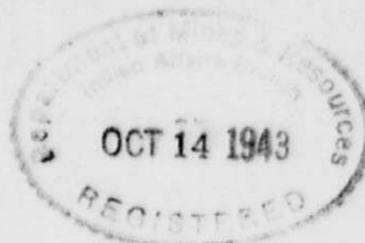
MARSHALL-WELLS B.C. LIMITED

..... WHOLESALE HARDWARE

*Manufacturers • Importers • Exporters*573 CARRALL STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.

October 9th, 1943.

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Mr. R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.Dear Sir: Ref. 159-1-5.

We thank you for your letter of Oct. 2nd giving information as to the merchandise purchased by you and paid for in your cheque for \$41.69 about which we wrote you Sept. 24th.

We regret, however, that we are still unable to locate this charge on our books until we have the number and date of the invoice for this merchandise.

You also state that the quantities on the invoice were reduced but we have no record of a claim for credit for this amount. If you can furnish details from your office as to why this change was made, will you please let us have that information also in order that this item may be entirely taken care of.

Yours truly,

MARSHALL-WELLS B. C. LIMITED

Accountant.

WRB:NMCB

Invoice # 95601
Aug. 6. 43

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Ottawa,
October 13, 1943.

EX'D
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Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P.O. Box
70, Vancouver, B.C.

In the estimates for the fiscal year 1944-45,
submitted by Indian Agent Ashbridge, I note the
following items:

"Ground floor Lino or resurfacing - \$600.00
Waterproofing portion of outside wall - 200.00"

These items were rather disturbing to me, as
I immediately concluded that we might have the same
trouble with the walls at Alberni that we have had at
Alert Bay. Under the circumstances I would appreciate
receiving a full report from you regarding this matter.
No doubt Mr. Ashbridge will be able to give you the
information, if he has not already done so. Incidentally
I may say that there is approximately \$200.00 remaining
in the current year's appropriation specifically
earmarked for the Alberni School and which has not yet
been used. Possibly there is something that they
require. If so, you may arrange for its purchase.

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Ottawa,
October 2, 1943.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, with reference to cheque B048425 for \$41.69 recently received from this Branch.

This cheque was issued in payment of your account of August 6 for paint supplied to the Alberni Indian Residential School, Port Alberni, B.C. This account read as follows:

6	ONLY	GAL IVORY PAINT			
		INSIDE EASYCOAT	3 40	20 40	
8	ONLY	1/2GALS BROWN PAINT			
		INSIDE EASYCOAT	3 40	27 20	
2	ONLY	GALS MIRACLE ENAMEL IVORY	4 27	8 54	
					56 14

In submitting the above account the Indian Agent reduced the quantity of brown paint from 8 to 4 and, as a result, the total of the account was \$42.54. From this amount was deducted the discount of 2%, or 85¢. The net amount, therefore, was \$41.69 which you have received.

Yours truly,

Marshall-Wells B.C. Limited,
573 Carrall Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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File No. 159-1-5

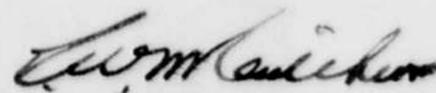
Ottawa, October 1, 1943.

MEMO: Superintendent of Welfare and Training
Attention of Mr. Phelan

Ok.No.48425, September 18, 1943 - \$41.69
Marshall-Wells B.C. Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.

I transfer herewith for necessary attention a letter dated September 24, 1943, from Marshall-Wells B.C. Limited. Please note voucher No. 194, September 7, 1943 for \$42.54. This voucher was paid by the above noted cheque. A discount of 2% was deducted.

You will note from the itemized account that it was reduced \$13.60, apparently by the Indian Agent before it was forwarded to your Branch. I presume this is the reason why the Company cannot reconcile the payment of \$41.69. I should be pleased if you would explain the situation to them.



Chief Treasury Officer.

HMG/G

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573 CARRALL STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

September 24th, 1943.



Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Treasury Office,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Your Chq. #B048425 - \$41.69,
Sept. 18, 1943.

We thank you for the above cheque but as we are unable to reconcile this amount with any definite charges in this account on our books, we ask that you kindly advise us the dates and numbers of our invoices which this cheque is intended to pay.

Yours truly,

MARSHALL-WELLS B. C. LIMITED

[Handwritten Signature]

Accountant.

WRB:NMCB



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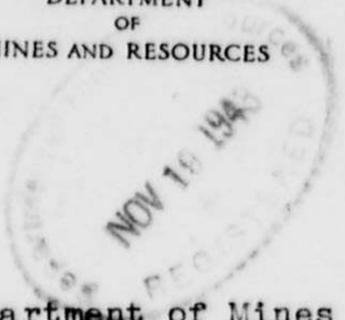


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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

159-1-5
INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH

Your File 159-1-5



P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. Nov. 17, 1943.

AIR MAIL

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

I have to refer to your letter of October 13th in which you request information with respect to the following items included in the estimates submitted by Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge for the fiscal year 1944-45:-

"Ground floor Lino or resurfacing	\$600.00
Waterproofing portion of outside wall	200.00"

These matters were looked into by me recently while at Alberni and I wish to advise as follows:-

1. It is doubtful if the linoleum on the boys' side of the ground floor should be replaced for, despite the action taken to waterproof the cement floor and other protective measures, deterioration of the material continues. This is particularly marked on the side referred to and appears due to moisture coming through the cement floor and water which finds its way under the linoleum when the rooms are washed out, so that unless these causes can be definitely eliminated it would seem to be a waste of public money to replace the present floor covering with linoleum or similar material. Some type of moisture resisting surfacing should be laid on these floors.
2. Waterproofing the outside walls as suggested would not, in my opinion, eliminate the existing trouble. The white substance that appears on the outside face of the upper sections of the walls of the building probably comes from the mortar or brick, most likely the former as the brick used is regarded as being of good quality and resistant to moisture. It is not likely that any substantial increase of this substance on the walls will develop and what is there may in time drop off as part of it is hard and flaky and can be lifted from the surface easily.

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What is much more serious is the condition of some of the walls of the dormitories on the top floor where moisture appears to be getting through from the brick wall to the plaster. I noticed that the top of the coping stone slopes inward towards the roof and my opinion is that much of the rain falling on this surface runs underneath this capping and down through the walls as the copper flashing, which I take is intended to prevent this, is loose in places and may not have been properly set in at the time of construction.

I should like to suggest that the Surveys and Engineering Division be requested to investigate these matters and advise with respect to a suitable surfacing for the section of the basement floor referred to and also the measures needed to deal effectively with the apparent leakage from the coping stone into the walls of the building. In order to provide for the probable costs involved, I would recommend that the items in question be allowed to stand in the estimates.

D.M. Mackay

D.M. Mackay,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Ottawa, October 15, 1943.

Marshall - Wells B. C. Limited, 573 Carrall St., Vancouver, B.C.

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, I may say that this charge was issued under invoice No. 95601 bearing date of August 6th, 1943. We are enclosing for your information a copy of explanation as submitted by the Treasury Branch.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Ottawa,
December 14, 1943.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School

I am sending forward herewith copies of letters received from Commissioner MacKay and Reverend R.C. Scott, Principal of the Alberni Residential School.

In this connection I desire to refer to my memorandum to you dated November 19, 1943. May I direct your attention particularly to the information contained in the last paragraph of Major MacKay's communication?

Acting Director.

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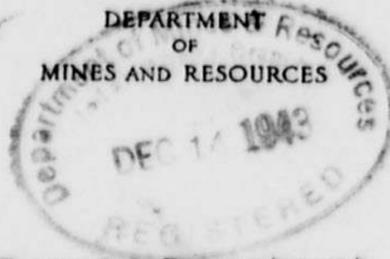
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

AIRMAIL



P.O. BOX 70 11th Dec., 1943.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa.

Your File 159-1-5

The Principal of the Alberni Indian Residential School has reported that water, following recent heavy rains, came through the roof of the School into the girls' dormitory on the top floor. A copy of Mr. Scott's letter re this matter addressed to Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge is enclosed for your information.

On November 17th I wrote to the Department suggesting that the matter of repairs to the roof and also the resurfacing of the floor in the boys' playroom be referred to the Surveys and Engineering Branch for attention.

It is understood that there is a ten-year bond covering the condition of the roof and flashings and, if so, the Company could no doubt be required to make the necessary repairs at their own expense. It would be appreciated if early action could be taken to effectively deal with the situation.

D. M. MacKay

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

FORM No. I.A. 506A

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No.

DATE

Pay to Andrew Sheret, Ltd.

Address 1114 Blanchard Street,

VICTORIA, B.C.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1943.	<u>SCHOOL ACCOUNT.</u>	
Oct. 14	Toilet and fittings supplied to Alberni Indian Residential School for purpose of fitting up boat house building as living quarters for member of school staff, October 1943.	43. 54
	RECOMMENDED <i>Summerson</i> Indian Commissioner for B.C.	
	<i>25-11-43</i>	

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. 159-0-5 dated September 22, 1943.

Note 76-10-691.

VOUCHER No. 332

DATE October 14, 1943. *[Signature]* Agent

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Mr. P.B. Askbridge - Indian Agent
Dept. of Mines & Resources

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VICTORIA, B. C.

Oct. 5, 1943

SHIP TO Port Alberni - B.C.

Island Freight

3 Per Cent. Interest will be charged on Overdue Accounts. Goods must not be returned, and will not be received or credited, unless we are advised previously, the reason stated and our consent given, also giving date and number of invoice. Claims must be presented within five days after receipt of material. Stenographical and clerical errors subject to correction.

1	Oak Vitro tank - W/D bowl		
	& 1 1/4 G.O. seat & cover	20.68	20.68
9	lens 4" SH soil pipe 45'	38.64	17.39
2	4" x 1/4 soil bends	52.90	1.06
1	4" san soil tee	96.60	.97
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PORT ALBERNI, B. C.

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Ottawa,
November 19, 1943.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School

In the estimates for the fiscal year 1944-45 submitted by the Indian Agent for the above-mentioned school the following items were included:

Ground floor Lino or resurfacing	\$600.00
Waterproofing portion of outside wall	200.00

These items were rather disturbing to us and we immediately wrote to Indian Commissioner MacKay for a report. I enclose, for your information, a copy of his reply and may I direct your special attention to the last paragraph of his letter? I also attach a snapshot which Major MacKay forwarded.

Finlayson
Director.

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April 3rd, 1944.

Memorandum:

Re: Indian Residential School, Alberni, B.C.

With reference to your notation on Dr. McGill's memorandum of November 19th, 1943, with which was forwarded data from the Indian Affairs Branch, in connection with ceiling leakages and dampness under basement floor coverings at the above, this Service requested Mr. Webb to arrange for an inspection, and to submit a complete report.

We are now in receipt of a report covering two visits to the institution carried out by Mr. Warren on January 6th and January 26th, 1944 which may be summarized as follows: -

(1) Ceiling Leakages

Our officer was taken by the Principal through Girls' Dormitories 3, 4 and 5 on the top floor of the building where intermittent leaks occur during heavy rainstorms. The leakage in Dormitory 3 is apparently active during rains from the south, that in Dormitory 4 during rains from the north, while in Dormitory 5, one leak is active during rains from the north, and another during rainstorms from any direction.

Mr. Warren made a careful examination of the felt and gravel roof covering, the felt roof flashings, the copper parapet flashings and the stone coping. He reports that there is no evidence of leakages in the felt and gravel roof covering, and while the copper parapet flashings have not been installed according to detail, and have been loosened by expansion and contraction in the parapet, they do not appear to be admitting water except at the flagpole over Dormitory No. 5. He suggests the flagpole should be removed.

Mr. Warren has advanced the opinion that the stone in the copings is absorbent, that due to the very heavy precipitation it has become saturated, and is transmitting water to the walls below. He states that while the brickwork at Alberni is of better quality and better laid than at a number of other British Columbia residential schools, some absorption is taking place in the walls themselves. Mr. Warren considers that all leakages, except under the flagpole, originate in the coping and upper walls, and that some of the water is being expelled at the upper ceilings.

Percolation of dampness from above and a certain amount of absorption of surface water in the lower walls, is causing discoloration and efflorescence on the exterior brickwork in both the school and Principal's residence. While Mr. Warren saw no actual moisture on the inside of exterior walls the painted wall finish is damaged, and efflorescence is visible.

J. M. Wardle, Esq.,
Director,
Surveys and Engineering Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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To eliminate absorption, Mr. Warren considers that after cleaning off efflorescence, all exterior brickwork should be treated with a colourless waterproofing, similar to the Tremco, or Minwax product. To prevent infiltration through copings he suggests covering the coping stone with a copper flashing. As an alternative, in view of restrictions on the use of copper, he suggests that a plastic compound might be applied to the coping stones by spray gun, to a thickness of 1/8". Mr. Warren states that the majority of brick buildings in Vancouver have suffered from water infiltration and have been satisfactorily treated by the method he suggests.

Mr. Warren estimates that to waterproof the brickwork, cover the coping with copper flashing, repair existing flashings, apply caulking at window frames, and to provide for engineering expenses, an expenditure of approximately \$5100.00 would be required. If plastic compound were applied to copings, and copper omitted, the cost would be \$700.00 less, or a total of \$4400.00.

In view of the cost involved, and since in his opinion most of the trouble originates in the coping stones and penthouse walls, Mr. Warren recommends immediate consideration be given to completely waterproofing the penthouse walls, covering all copings either with copper or plastic compound, removing the flagpole, and covering over the recess in which it stands. He states that the work should be carried out in midsummer when the walls have had a chance to dry out. His estimate of cost for this work is \$2200.00, or \$1500.00 if plastic compound is used on the copings instead of copper. He considers the remainder of the work could wait until results were observed, and additional funds were available.

(2) Basement Dampness

Mr. Warren inspected the basement accommodation where moisture is reported to be causing damage to the linoleum floor covering and reports that trouble is occurring in the Boys' Locker and Recreation Rooms, the Pupils' Dining Room and Kitchens. In spite of waterproofing treatment applied three years ago to these areas, moisture is apparent when the linoleum covering is lifted. Where the cement floor finish has not been covered and where linoleum has been removed the cement gives no evidence of dampness. Mr. Warren is of the opinion that water is finding its way under the basement slab from sloping higher ground to the north and west of the building, but states he can give no assurance that conditions can be improved.

He suggests however that an intercepting ditch be dug and revetted at the toe of the slope, and that four catch basins connected to the existing drainage system be constructed north of the school to provide surface drainage. These works with attendant grading and engineer's expenses Mr. Warren estimates will cost approximately \$930.00. He states that if this work was undertaken tests to establish the necessity of sub-soil drainage could be carried out at the same time.

Regarding floor finish for rooms affected by dampness Mr. Warren has investigated and supplied costs for a number of products. He suggests however that no decision be made in this connection until exterior surface drainage has been carried out and results observed. Meantime he suggests the linoleum be removed and stored for possible future use, the floors cleaned and left bare. Mr. Warren estimates that to clean the floors, it would cost 2½ cents per square foot plus \$50.00 for moving furniture, amounting in all to approximately \$162.00.

On the basis of the foregoing, the minimum total estimated cost for operations that Mr. Warren recommends should be carried out this summer would be: -

(a) Application of waterproofing to penthouse walls, repairs to existing flashings and treatment of copings with copper covering.....	2200.00
(b) Surface drainage work.....	830.00
(c) Removing linoleum, cleaning floors etc., in basement.....	162.00
(d) Engineer's expenses and contingencies.....	300.00
Total	<u>\$3492.00</u>

If a plastic compound were used on copings the total estimated cost would be \$700.00 less, or..... \$2792.00

Mr. Webb has concurred in Mr. Warren's suggestions and recommendations.

Upon consideration of Mr. Warren's report, we may say that it confirms our opinion that water is being admitted at the top of the walls, and that in all coastal areas copings should be of copper in the future.

Regarding the damp areas in the basement, it is possible that installation of surface drainage works would improve conditions; but in view of the cost involved without assurance of satisfaction, the expenditure is not considered justifiable. It is felt that until the results of leaving the cement finish exposed, have been observed, this portion of the work should be deferred.

In view of all the circumstances, it is felt that during the coming summer, when the walls have thoroughly dried out work covering items (a), (c) and (d) in the above list of operations should be carried out omitting item (b).

It is felt that if recaulking of window and door frames is necessary, it should be included in work carried out this summer. Mr. Warren's estimate for this item is \$220.00

On this basis the total cost including supervision, would be approximately \$2882.00, and it is considered advisable that this amount be made available to this Service by the Indian Affairs Branch. If wartime restrictions prevent the use of copper in the work the actual expenditure would be approximately \$2200.00

If work is to be carried out, we should be authorized to purchase materials and engage labour to the best advantage locally.

J. H. Mills
Chief Engineer.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING BRANCH

Ottawa, April 25th, 1944.

EXD.
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Dr. McGill

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School

With reference to your memoranda of November 19th and December 14th last relative to the above, this matter was referred to our Engineering and Construction Service and Mr. Warren has made a report based upon two visits to the school.

After consideration of this report the Chief Engineer, Mr. Mills, has embodied his recommendations in a memorandum, dated April 3rd, 1944, copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Mr. Mills' recommendations are concurred in. In brief they are that the following work items should be carried out during the coming summer,-

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- (1) Application of waterproofing to penthouse walls, repairs to existing flashings and treatment of coping with copper covering \$2,200.
 - (2) Removing linoleum and cleaning floors, etc. in the basement \$ 162.
 - (3) Recaulking of window and door frames \$ 220.
 - (4) Contingencies and Engineer's expenses \$ 300.
- Total \$2,882.

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If this work is carried out, experience will show whether any further treatment of the exterior brick work with a waterproofing product is necessary and if the moisture found under the linoleum is coming up through the cement floor in the basement.

If you approve of this work being done, will you so advise us and also kindly have \$2,882.00 transferred to our Engineering and Construction Service so that they may undertake it.

J. M. Wardle,

Director.

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Ottawa, April 28, 1944.

Memorandum:DEPUTY MINISTER.

In response to a request received by the Superintendent of Welfare and Training from the Chief Executive Assistant, I am sending forward herewith copies of memoranda relating to certain repairs which appear to be urgently needed at the Alberni Indian Residential School.

Dr. Dorey, in a letter dated April 20, 1944, expressed a desire to discuss with the Minister ways and means of dealing with the deficit that has accumulated at this school. Mr. W. R. Butchart, in his last audit report on this school, states that the net overdraft at the bank at that time amounted to \$3,633.56 and that, in addition, there were other liabilities, including unpaid salaries for December, making a total of \$5,951.74. The authorized enrolment at the Alberni School is 225 and per capita grant is at the rate of \$170.00.

I have reviewed, somewhat hurriedly, the audit reports on a number of our residential schools. I am disposed to think that a substantial number of our schools do not differ to any appreciable extent, so far as deficits are concerned, from the Alberni institution. In this connection may I refer to my memorandum to you dated November 25, 1943, and particularly to a letter received by the Chief of the Training Division from the Principal of the St. Mary's Indian Residential School, Mission, British Columbia, sent forward therewith.

The Principal of the St. George's Residential School, Lytton, B. C., where a per capita grant of \$180.00

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April 29/44

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is paid, stated in a letter dated December 26, 1943:-

"I feel sure the Department realize that the present financial assistance we receive is quite inadequate to meet the needs of present day demands. The only way I know of to make that financial assistance suffice is to cut down on the food and clothing received by the pupils and put more boys to work instead of hiring extra labour. But we should not do these things; at least I would rather leave than do them. The 50¢ a day which we receive as our per capita allowance seems altogether too small, compared with \$2.00 per day or more allowed at hospitals".

Mr. W. R. Butchart, in his last audit report on the Sandy Bay Residential School, dated October 25, 1943, states:-

"The cost of operation per pupil per year works out at \$206.85, an increase of \$26.03 over the operating costs for the preceding year. The rate of increase is even larger than this figure would indicate, as the average pupilage of 98.8 is up 9.2. The only apparent liabilities, other than August accounts, were arrears in salaries. At the end of August \$1,250 was owing to the Oblate Fathers on account of the principal's and assistant principal's salaries. There was also an amount of \$440 owing to the Sisters."

The per capita grant at this school is \$165.

In his report on the Peigan R.C. Residential School, dated May 7, 1943, Mr. Butchart states:-

"The cost of operation per day was up \$4.38. The cost of operation per pupil per year was quite high at \$224.30, an increase of \$26.56. This increase may be traced to increased farm costs, clothing, etc. Per capita grant allowed at this school is \$165."

There has been a substantial increase in the cost of providing food, clothing, education and shelter for Indian pupils at residential schools during the last couple of years. A rough estimate would place this cost at approximately \$20.00 per pupil. I should point out that these deficits have been accruing despite the fact

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that an additional \$10.00 per pupil has been paid during the last two years. The records indicate that the Department has never at any time during the last 30 years assumed responsibility for a deficit at a residential school, and I am not at all sure that we should accept responsibility in the case of Alberni. It is just possible that the churches may be able to reduce these deficits somewhat when they receive the \$15.00 per pupil cost-of-living bonus during the present calendar year. However, repairs are urgently needed at a number of our schools. The non-Catholic schools have experienced difficulty in securing the staff necessary to carry on. A very disturbing feature of our residential school work is the number of principals that have recently resigned:- Rev. Father M. de Bretagne, Qu'Appelle School, Lebret, Sask.; Rev. Father J. P. Mackey, Shubenacadie Residential School, Nova Scotia; Rev. C. N. Middleton, Elkhorn Residential School, Elkhorn, Manitoba; Rev. R. T. Chapin, Brandon Residential School, Brandon, Manitoba; and Rev. R. C. Scott, Alberni Residential School, Alberni, British Columbia.

The suggestion has been made from time to time and emphasized in a memorandum dated May 31, 1940, prepared by the Superintendent of Welfare and Training, that an attempt should be made to maintain a number of residential schools where these schools are most urgently needed, even though we had to close a number of the older and more dilapidated schools in order to do so. This is a matter that might well be discussed with representatives of the churches at a conference called for this purpose.

In respect to conditions at Alberni, we have not, as you are no doubt aware, an inspector of Indian schools in British Columbia at this time. In view of all the circumstances, however, it might be advisable to have Mr. F. E. Anfield, Indian Agent at Bella Coola, who has had years of experience as a teacher and as principal of a residential school, make a thorough investigation of the school, in association with Indian Commissioner MacKay. Such investigation should undoubtedly be made and certain recommendations, with respect to the future, considered before a final decision is reached with respect to the best ways of dealing with the deficit.

H. W. ...

Director.

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P.O. BOX 650,
PORT ALBERNI, B.C.

April 19, 1944.

Ref File 34/44/M.

West Coast Agency.

Port Alberni.

Mr P.B. Ashbridge.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your enquiry re Lumber for Alberni.

672 Lin feet 2 X 12 #1 Com Cedar or Hemlock Rough

Random lengths (we cannot promise to supply 16' lengths)

				1344'	@\$35.	\$47.04.
3 Pces	6 X 6.	14'	#1 Com Cedar Rough.	126'	@\$35.	\$4.41
2 "	"	12'	" " "	72'	"	\$2.52.
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				1542'		\$53.97.

			Delivery to Indian Scool Alberni.			\$3.00

						\$56.97.

Yours Truly.

Bloedel Stewart & Welch Ltd.

Retail Yard.

Richard H. Gummer

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ALBERNI PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED

April 18, 1944.

Their File 34/44/M.

West Coast Agency,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Port Alberni, B. C.

42 pcs. 2 x 10 - 16'	#1 Com. Fir Rough	1,120'	@ 36.00	40.32
3 " 6 x 6 - 14'	#1 Com. Cedar Rough	126'	@ 36.50	4.60
2 " 6 x 6 - 12'	" " "	<u>72'</u>	@ 36.50	<u>2.63</u>
		1,318'		47.55
	Cartage @ 2.50 per M.			<u>3.30</u>
				50.85

F.O.B. Indian Residential
School, Alberni, B. C.



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Ottawa,
May 26, 1944.

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Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P.O.
Box 70, Vancouver, B.C.

With reference to your letter of the
18th instant, the Department approves an
expenditure of \$75 for replacing a laundry
tub at the Alberni Indian Residential School.
When forwarding the account please attach
copy of your purchase order.

[Handwritten initials]

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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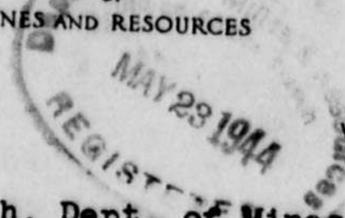
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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO **215-15-3524**
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. **18th May, 1944.**

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa.

I enclose herewith Mr. Indian Agent
Ashbridge's letter of May 9th and letter dated
April 26th from the Reverend R. C. Scott, Principal
of the Alberni Indian Residential School; regarding
replacement of one of the laundry tubs at the School.

Enquiries have been made of the manufacturer's
agents, Harrisons & Crosfield (Canada) Ltd., Vancouver, and
it has been ascertained that the cost of a new tub complete
will be \$75.00, f.o.b. Toronto, plus Sales Tax.

If funds are available, I would recommend that
authority be granted for the purchase of a new tub, as the
old tub would appear to be beyond repair.

D. M. MacKay.
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 155/44/C.

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
May 9, 1944.

D. M. MacKay, Esq., Indian Commissioner, P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

With reference to the attached request of the Reverend Principal of Alberni Residential School, I wish to report having inspected the tub referred to and find that both ends have rotted to such an extent that I doubt if it can be repaired, as the staves also show signs of disrepair.

I do not know if any guarantee was given at time of purchase, but think that any guarantee must have expired, and the only thing that can be done now will be to take out the tub and send it to the factory for inspection and repair if possible, or renewal.

Please instruct me as to the Department's wishes in the matter. Harrison and Crossfield Canada Ltd., 1086 Homer, are the Agents. Serial Number of the tub is 6671. Type V 3240.

P. B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent.

PBA/AM

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Alberni Residential School

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

PRINCIPAL
REV. R. C. SCOTT, B.A.

ALBERNI, B.C.

April 26th, 1944.

Mr. P.B. Ashbridge,
Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B.C.

Dear Mr. Ashbridge:

We find that the end of the smaller of the two laundry tubs supplied us by the Beaver Laundry Machinery Co. Ltd. has rotted out and will have to be renewed. Its condition is such that it will take all our ingenuity to manage with it until the end of the School year.

The agent for the Beaver Laundry Machinery Co. Ltd. is Harrisons & Crosfield (Canada) Ltd. with a Vancouver office at 1086 Homer Street.

We would appreciate it very much if the end of the tub could be renewed at the beginning of the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Scott
R. C. SCOTT
Principal

RCS/CW

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Ottawa,
May 3, 1944.

Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner, P.O.
Box 70, Vancouver, B.C.

With reference to your letter of the
24th ultimo, the Department approves an ex-
penditure of \$50.85 for purchasing material
required for repairs at the Alberni Residential
School. It is noted that the labour will be
supplied by the school staff.

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

*50.85 authorized
May 3/44
J.P.*

[Handwritten initials]

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