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EXD.

Ottawa, July 23, 1924.

Dear Father McGuire:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, I am very pleased to note the good spirit that obtains between the pupils and staff of the Kamloops Indian Residential School. I note also that the parents cooperate and show their good will and that the pupils, both boys and girls, take an active interest in their work. I am sure that the training the pupils are receiving under the charge of yourself and the staff will be of great benefit to them after leaving the school.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. James McGuire, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Kamloops, B. C.

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Progress-

154-0-Industrial School,
Kamloops, July 5



Dear Doctor:

I regret my failure to write to you sooner and to acknowledge your greetings for the New Year with which we were all so pleased.

Your good wishes have been realised. We have not had a child run away from school for over a year. That in itself is something. But something which gives greater pleasure is the evident good spirit among the children which makes life and work among them so agreeable. This good spirit is everywhere manifest among the children in their classes, their work and their relations with the staff.

The regularity in class since last August has had its good effect upon the children. They passed good examinations and the Inspector expressed himself as well pleased with the result. We are the worst critics ourselves, but even we are well pleased with the year's work.

Outside, under the direction of the staff the work of the boys has likewise been very satisfactory. You should see how dependable they are, and how much pride they take in their work! Milk! why there must be over thirty gallons a day. And beef! pretty nearly enough to supply our needs. And No. 1 beef every day at 25¢: a blessing, that refrigerator. The Inspector always compliments us on our meals, especially ^{on} the milk, and the reflection in the faces

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of the children. They watch the alfalfa, and corn and vegetables just as if they were their own. You can understand how faithful they must be to attend to the irrigation.

Inside, the girls under the Sisters prepare the meals, wash and mend the clothes. Their facilities are not as great as those of the boys, but they say: "Just wait awhile!" and they point to a structure nearby. Besides, the milk and meat and vegetables they have been putting a good deal of butter and eggs on the tables of the children. The washing and mending go with the regularity of the clock. They make a good supply of clothing, though owing to numbers and close quarters we supplement the supply by ready-made clothing. Nothing but the good will pervading the community can explain how everything is done on time!

The spirit of good will and cooperation in school very naturally permeated the people outside. Negatively, the parents cause us little or no trouble. They try to conform to school plans for entrance, taking children to town occasionally when they come visiting and for vacation. Positively, they aid us in many ways, with our cattle, our wood, or our children when they are given leave of absence.

We feel sure the Dept. will be pleased with this good spirit which they try to promote and foster.

Yours very truly,

Geo. McGuire O.M.S.

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between Dept + Inspector
Reynolds re trouble with
Fr McGuire in 556
Deputy's private files.

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Ottawa, June 9, 1924.

Dear Mr. Ditchburn:-

I received a few days ago, through the office of the Indian Agent at Kamloops, a communication addressed to him by the Reverend Mr. McGuire, principal of the Kamloops Industrial School, a copy of which I am enclosing.

Encl.

I have replied to Mr. Dallin stating that we have made no provision for such a position but I considered it worthy of consideration. We are, as you are aware, developing the agricultural activities of the Indians of this Agency and the services of an officer, such as referred to by the principal, might be of material benefit. I shall be glad if you will consider the matter and let me have your views and recommendation.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Deputy Superintendent General.

[Signature]
W. E. Ditchburn, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner,
Victoria, B.C.

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Please return file to Mr. Mac Kenzie
to write to Inspector Hitchblom.

Done

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Ottawa, June 6, 1924.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th. ultimo enclosing a copy of a communication addressed to you by the Reverend Principal of the Kamloops Industrial School in reference to the engagement of a Farming Instructor whose services would be devoted to the school and to the Indians in the vicinity.

In reply I beg to say that the Department has made no provision for such a position but it is considered worthy of consideration and I propose to make enquiries.

Yours very truly,

W.C. Dallin

W.C. Dallin

Deputy Superintendent General

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W. C. Dallin, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamloops, B. C.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

Kamloops, B.C.,

May 26, 1924. 19

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| IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO |
| No. |
| ALSO |
| TO DATE OF THIS LETTER |

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith, copy of a letter received from the Principal of the Kamloops Industrial School.

In view of the fact that there will be a number of young men in the near future who will have reached the age when it becomes necessary for them to leave the Industrial School and earn their own living, I beg to suggest that a farming instructor would be a great acquisition in instructing and helping the ex-pupils in making a start in life, and under such supervision and influence, the inclination to return to the life of the Indian village and nomad existence would, in my opinion, not be so great.

In so large an Agency as the Kamloops Agency, it is impracticable for the Constable and Farming Instructor to give but a minimum portion of time to any particular individual or individuals.

I would therefore beg the Department to give its earnest consideration to the employment of a farming instructor for the Kamloops Industrial School, which I feel sure, would be of great assistance to the Principal in obtaining the object in view with regard to ex-pupils, as mentioned in the enclosed communication.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. C. Dallin

(Wm. C. Dallin)
Indian Agent.

WCD/S.

Duncan C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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Industrial School, Kamloops,
May 23, 1924.

Dear Mr. Dallin:-

Following our recent conversation, I am asking you to present a request to Dr. Scott for the hiring of Mr. James Manson at the rate of Fifty Dollars a month, to act as farm instructor at the school and as instructor and husbandman for certain pupils who have settled or who propose to settle on the land. The balance of the salary will come from the school.

The object? To aid pupils in making a start. At present we are aiding two; Antoine Larue and Isaac Willard. More wish us to help them. We are willing to do so, but there must be method. The object again? Negatively, not to allow pupils of eighteen to be taken from school and thrown in an environment on the Reserves which destroys or almost destroys in them, our work of years. You and Dr. Scott understand the meaning.

And the pace? We will proceed at a snail's gallop! The pupils will look at the Instructor for the first year, and he will look at them, and let us hope they understand one another, and as they have confidence now in us and the Sisters, they will have confidence now in the instructor, as is the case with their present instructors.

In our school the one great factor making for success comes from the fact that on all the Reserves the Indian people are trying their best to put in practice at home the very things which we teach at School, irrigation, farming, stock-raising for the men and housekeeping, cooking and sewing for the women. Now, Mr. Dallin, could not the husbandman and principal go along and show them how to use their timber to erect better houses and barns, how to improve their stock and ranches? Could not the Sisters and Principal go to our own pupils and show the women how to keep their houses and children better, how to live better? We are doing it with two families, we can do it with others.

Details are not necessary; Dr. Scott can readily grasp the idea and supply the details.

Hoping you may see your way clear to add a word to this request and with best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) James McGuire, O.M.I.

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Kamloops, B.C.,

September 4, 1923.....19

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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of
Department Letter of the 22nd ulto., file No. 116659-1,
authorizing the purchase of stamps to the extent of \$5.00
a month for the use of the children at the Industrial
School in writing to their parents.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. C. Dallin

(Wm. C. Dallin)

Indian Agent.

WCD/S.

The Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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File
Kamloops, B.C.

July 21, 1923. 19

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No. 137
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 12th inst., file no. 116659-1, and note that the pupilage of the Kamloops Industrial School has been increased, and that the Principal has been instructed accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. C. Dallin

(Wm. C. Dallin)
Indian Agent.

WCD/S.

The Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.



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Kamloops, B.C.,



July 16, 1923, 19

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No.

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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Sir,—

Replying to Deputy Superintendent General's letter of the 9th inst., file no. 116659-1, with reference to the appointment of the Rev. Sister Mary Gabriel as Mother Provincial of the Sisters of St. Anne for their Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia, I beg to say that I shall be honoured to extend every courtesy, should occasion arise.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. C. Dallin

(Wm. C. Dallin)
Indian Agent.

WCD/S.

The Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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116659-1.

Ottawa, July 19, 1923.

Dear Father McGuire:

In Dr. Scott's absence, I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing a picture of some of the girls at the Kamloops Industrial School. It is indeed gratifying to note the continuance of the splendid spirit among the children at the school.

Yours very truly,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Rev. J. McGuire
Rev. James McGuire, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Industrial School,
Kamloops, B. C.

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116659-1 Industrial School,
Kamloops, July 12, 1923.

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Dear Sir: My sisters thought that our
Deputy Superintendent-General would be pleased
to see the picture of some shy little Indian
maids as school closes for vacation. With
the aid given by the Department we have
not found it difficult to maintain a good
spirit among our children. Where it reigns
there is always a good measure of success.

Very truly yours,
James McGuire S.M.I.

Dr. Scott,
Deputy Sup't. General,
Ottawa,
Ont.



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116659-1.

Ottawa, July 12, 1923.

Dear Father McGuire:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, with reference to the large number of applications for admission to the Kamloops Industrial School. I am pleased to have this evidence of the popularity of the school and the facility with which the new building will be filled to the limit of its capacity.

I have instructed Mr. Ferrier to approve of all regular applications on the part of new pupils. We shall try to find funds to increase the pupilage from month to month. You should make statements, from time to time, relative to the temporary accommodation you are providing for the new pupils. I shall expect you to exercise every care to see that overcrowded conditions are not a menace to the health of the children.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

R. J. 7. *del*
Rev. James McGuire, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Industrial School,
Kamloops, B. C.

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Ottawa, July 12, 1923.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the pupilage at the Kamloops Industrial School will be increased from 65 to whatever number the Rev. Principal can accommodate for the coming fall term. This action is being taken so that there will be on hand sufficient children with which to open the first wing of the new building. The Rev. Father McGuire has been instructed to see that overcrowded conditions are not a menace to the health of the children.

Your obedient servant,

ASW

A. S. Williams,
For Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

W.C.D.
W. C. Dallin, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamloops, B. C.

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Industrial School,
Kamloops, July 10 1923

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Dear Doctor,

The number of children seeking admission is not a crowd, it is an avalanche! We cannot keep them down to sixty-five. Could you arrange for us to have a grant for the number present, instead of for the sixty-five only? Before winter is over the new part should give us elbow room. A glance at last quarter shows an attendance of sixty-nine, and they are still crowding for admission.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

James McGuire O.M.S.

Dr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General,
Ottawa,
Ont.



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Ottawa, July 9, 1923.

Dear Mr. Dallin:

I have to inform you that the Rev. Sister Mary Gabriel has been appointed Mother Provincial of the Sisters of Ste. Anne for their Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia. This Sister has been actively interested in Indian educational work at Caughnawaga, Que. for some years, and the Department has great confidence in her ability. The Sisters at the Kamloops Industrial School will be under her supervision, and when she is visiting the institution, you should extend every courtesy.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

R.T. J.C.S.
W. C. Dallin, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamloops, B. C.

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Ottawa, April 27, 1923.

Dear Father McGuire:

I was very pleased to get your encouraging letter of the 13th instant, concerning conditions generally at the Kamloops Industrial School. I note with real satisfaction, your report on the activities of the past few months.

You may have noted in the press that Parliament voted a record appropriation for Indian education, and I trust that the buildings so badly needed at your school will soon be in course of construction.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Rev. James McGuire, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Indian Indus. School,
Kamloops, B. C.

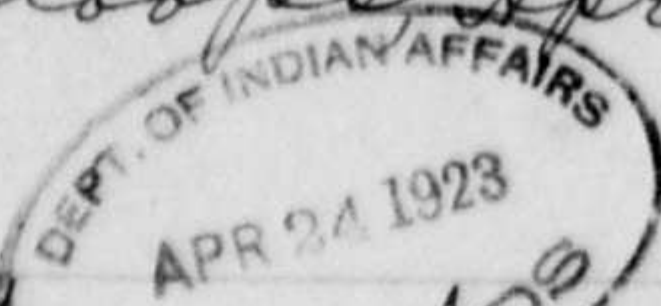
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Industrial School,
Kamloops, April 13, 1923.

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Dear Mr. Scott:

The Department may be pleased to learn that for the last six months classes have been going very satisfactorily indeed. The winter, save for about two weeks, was mild. The children indulged in much outdoor exercise and such sickness as we had was confined to slight colds and sore throats. These conditions contributed greatly to the regularity of classes.

As much as possible we avoid the reception of children during the year. Once a class is formed in September we endeavor to keep it intact. We succeeded in so doing this year.

We managed the fuel problem more easily. The boys who hauled wood had class after dinner. The electric motor simplified cutting, as it required no time to start it before or after class. But little time was lost for class. The mild winter gave great relief to the sisters and girls in their laundry work and repair work, or damage by frost to pipes, amounted to almost nothing. All these things militated in favor of Teachers and pupils and lent efficiency and satisfaction to all.

Our hay crop last year was poor. We dreaded the winter. Fortunately, however, we knew at this time last year that the hay was killed by the frost and we planted corn plentifully. We had a tremendous crop which carried us well

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Through the winter and still gives abundance of ensilage to the milk cows. It so lightened the burden of feeding the range stock, ^{also} that we have been enabled to meet satisfactorily the expense of feeding a few which we sent in December into the Okanagan for winter.

The joy of the staff, and especially of the Sisters, in seeing an abundant table for the children will be shared by the Department who have provided facilities enabling us to supply beef, pork, milk and eggs for the kitchen. All this is reflected and plainly visible in the spirits and faces of the children. The white people remark it; but by none is it more quickly caught than by the Indian parents themselves.

We hope the Department will feel some satisfaction in knowing that we have no serious trouble here, that classes go on with vim and regularity, that, although we have none to spare, we ^{have} ~~sufficient to~~ meet our financial obligations, that a good spirit animates our pupils, that parents attest their approval by crowding to send a child and that, with children who have been with us all year, we look forward to a successful summer.

With best wishes,

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Supt. General,
Ottawa,
Ont.

I remain,
Very truly yours,
James McGuire O.M.S.

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Ottawa, Jan. 11. 1923.

Dear Father McGuire:-

I have your interesting letter of the 16th ultimo, referring generally to the winter activities at the Kamloops Industrial School. I am very pleased that you have been able to offer special instruction of a vocational nature to the older boys. In brief, your report has been a source of much satisfaction, and I trust that before long you will have larger and better accommodation, so that there will be no hindrance to the development of the work.

Yours very truly,

del
Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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Rev. James McGuire, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Kamloops Industrial School,
Kamloops, B. C.

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Teaching and
Management-
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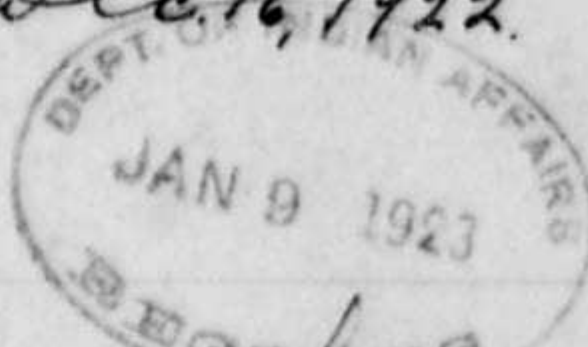
116659-1 Industrial School

Kamloops, Dec. 16, 1922.

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Dear Mr. Scott.

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During my first couple of years here either the girls or I taught the boys. The expense of labor in making flumes, fences and ditches together with the high cost of clothes directed this course. It must be said also that the new work caused much irregularity in the boys' classes. The work, however, was well done and soon gave results. With the good crops more order prevailed outside, classes became more regular, extra labor was more and more dispensed with, until finally the way was cleared for the engagement of a special teacher for the boys. For the last two years class work among both the boys and girls has left little to be desired. The classes are followed with a reasonable measure of success and in the evenings both boys and girls are around their teachers in recreation running back and forward with their sums, reading, writing, meanings, stories of travel and geography, a fair indication of interest in their work.

Our Inspector, Mr. Cairns, was of the opinion that some vocational training should be given to the boys. At the Coast he had in mind the building of launches and boats and the installing of gasoline engines. Here we thought that a knowledge of carpentering, sufficient at least, to perform the ordinary building and repairs around a ranch, should be imparted.

With this end in view we engaged the services of Mr. Vick, who formerly for some fifteen years

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taught the boys carpentering. Our intention is to proceed very quietly in this matter. All along, the boys have been taught repair work on flumes, gates, racks and buildings. The order of the day calls at present for a great deal of repairing. They are being taught this repair work; this teaching we propose to supplement by shop work or building as the occasion offers.

Whether or not we will be able to continue this teaching, remains to be seen. - Winter dropped like a window. Cement work on the refrigerator stopped forthwith and we were face to face with the wintering of our cattle. Inspector McGraw, with his usual kindness, made arrangements for us near Vernon. The boys mounted the horses and in three days in spite of weather registering between twenty and thirty below drove the range stock into winter quarters in the Okanagan. - At all events we are going to face the difficulty.

Might I take the present opportunity of stating that our abundant crop provided an abundant table, that we have a house full to the doors, that there are no sick children and that all indications point to a profitable winter for the pupils.

We feel sure the Department will be pleased to see us improve, as circumstances permit, the efficiency of our teaching.

With best wishes,

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Super't of Ind. Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

I remain,
Very truly yours,
James McGuire O.M.I.

SCHOOLS BRANCH
JAN 11 1923

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Noted R. 27.

November 30th. 1922.

Dear Father McGuire,

I have read with very much interest your crop report for 1922 which has just come to hand. I am very pleased to note the success with which you have met both along the lines of stock-raising and of crop production. While the irrigation system was essential it remained for the staff to take advantage thereof, which I am sure has been done to the fullest extent possible.

I hope it will not be long before we can take steps to improve the housing facilities for both the staff and the pupils, which is as necessary to the greatest measure of success as facilities for cultivating the lands in connection with the school.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. James McGuire, O.M.I.,
Kamloops Industrial School,
Kamloops, B.C.

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Crop
Report 1922-

Industrial School,
Kamloops, Nov. 24, 1922.

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Dear Mr. Scott:

Our crop ran about as follows:
Corn (ensilage) - 100 tons, Potatoes 45 tons, Tomatoes
2 tons, Hay 40 tons, Wheat 1 ton, Apples 60 boxes, Currants
10 crates.

Like others in the district we had our Alfalfa
damaged by the frost last winter and harvested only
about half a crop. We consider our crop, however,
most satisfactory and we feel sure the Department
will be pleased to learn that the irrigation system
installed for us continued to give such excellent
results. The returns from the corn, potatoes and
tomatoes proved almost phenomenal. You can imagine
how pleased we all are to see our cellars full of
fine potatoes, the silo full of corn and still more
shocked out in the field.

Plenty of milk and butter were available for
everybody all year: the dairy stock, barn and silo have
therefore met their purpose.

Since July there has been no meat bill. The
beef cattle are now sufficiently advanced to supply
our needs. This is something new indeed. These cattle
cost money, labor and trouble, but the result is gratifying.

This year also considerably more attention was
given to the production of pork. We follow the Government
pamphlets for pasture on alfalfa. We profited by our proxim-
ity to town to buy the cheap grain from the brewery
to aid the hogs while on pasture. During the last

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month the boys have brought into the kitchen just a little over two thousand pounds of choice pork. They are now helping the sister to cure and smoke it.

For two of years our poultry was not a success. The quarters occupied were too old and unsanitary. This year material was furnished by the Department and colony houses were constructed. They were used both for chickens and for little pigs, and in both cases proved successful. New winter quarters were prepared and now some sixty White Leghorn pullets, laying already, will form foundation stock for a good plant.

The Department, as you know, Mr. Scott, (very likely yourself personally), gave much time, money and anxiety to the installation of our irrigation system. We hope, therefore, you are as pleased as we are over the results. They are perennial and apparently permanent. With plenty of milk and butter, pork, beef and vegetables coming regularly into our kitchen, poor though the exterior may be, there is good cheer, there is nobody sick; really, the faces of children and staff, as well as the face of the earth here, have been renewed these last few years.

Yours very truly,

James McGuire O.M.S.

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superint. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa,
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KAMLOOPS INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

RECONSTRUCTION:-The request of the reconstruction of Kamloops Industrial School is the most important of those I am presenting in the name of the Catholic Schools. This building has been promised as far back as 1910 and it is only through the sacrifices of the Staff and Indian Children that it has been kept open and in operation. It is impossible to stand the present strain more than one year and Very Rev. Welch, the Rev. Principal and the Sisters will positively not continue the work another year if no accommodation is given. The Rev. Principal, in a letter to the Department, bearing date of October 4th, 1922, has outlined the nature of his requests and in subsequent letters he must have emphasized the absolute necessity of reconstruction. I must admit that the Deputy Minister and the Superintendent of Education have shown themselves very keen on this question and this is for me an assurance that the request for reconstruction of Kamloops will receive immediate and effective consideration in the preparation of the Estimates. I am at your disposal to give you any information necessary to facilitate your work.

Joseph Guyon

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November 3rd, 1922.

Dear Father McGuire: -

I have your letter of the 23rd ultimo, giving me your estimate of the number of Indian children available for a larger residential school at Kamloops. This information will be of value to the Department as we develop our plans for the future education of the Indian children in British Columbia.

I trust that you have had a successful harvest and that the school will have another useful winter.

Yours very truly,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General.

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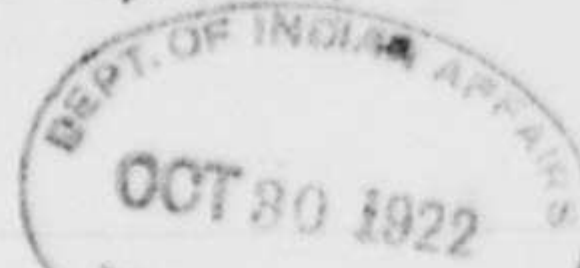
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Dear Mr. Scott:

To comply with your request of Oct. 10th I first wrote down myself in round numbers what I considered a conservative estimate of school recruits from each Reserve. I then requested corroboration from Father Le Jeune. For each Reserve he thought the numbers about right.

The Indian Agent was asked and he kindly consented to send in an independent report. There is great discrepancy. It arises from the fact of us considering only the large missions, stations or reserves where the Indians assemble regularly for church, while Mr. Smith follows the census of each little reserve. This census he took himself last year. I have no hesitation in saying that he is more accurate in the count.

Mr. Cairns, like myself, thought the actual number should be discounted, as recruits are often found physically unfit. I do think, however, that a school capable of containing less than two hundred and fifty would be a mistake. Our present school is so inadequate, that no criterion can be formed from it.

Probably, if the new building were erected on the installment plan, the first large draft might give some indication of the remaining recruits. - Something will have to be done next year if the Government intends to keep classes open a year from now. I shall ex-

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pect to pay at once if your request for an appropriation to meet this need is refused.

Yours very truly,

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