

Besides this, we must have time to consult our local representatives in British Columbia in regard to the proposal. I leave at the end of next week for British Columbia and shall endeavour to talk the matter over with them during my stay there.

Of course, the final decision of the United Church in regard to the matter of permitting the present Coqualeetza Residential School to be used as a T. B. sanitorium must be made by the Board of Home Missions, which holds its annual meeting on March 29th.

I am sorry to have to delay in giving you our answer, and I hope that it will not inconvenience either you or the Department to wait until then. I assure you that we will write you definitely at the earliest possible moment.

I have only to add that we hope that the appropriation for the new school at Alberni will not be held up until this other matter is settled. Our opinion is that already too much time has been lost in making a decision in regard to the rebuilding of this school.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

(sgd.) R. Cochrane.

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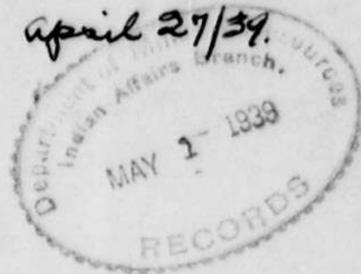
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COQUALEETZA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL
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Train No 1. En Route West,
April 27/39.

Mr H.W. McGill
Director Indian Affairs Branch
Dept. of Mines & Resources
Ottawa - Canada.



Dear Mr McGill :-

I must apologize for not coming to see you before leaving Ottawa Tuesday night, especially after your kind enquiry. I fully intended doing so but was detained so long with the Toronto members of the Committee. After lunch, that, by the time I got through with school business with Mr Hovey and Mr Moose, employees were going home and Heads of departments were busy getting the days work completed. I felt it would be unfair to try to see you after that hour - five P.M. and as I had received very disconcerting news from the School by air mail just as I left Toronto, I determined to return home as quickly as possible.

The news concerned the results of an "X" Day examination which had been planned for the week I left home. Some two active cases

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There has been added to ~~the~~² list of tubercular pupils and one more Brevintorium case. Dr McInnis and Dr Kincaid are conferring with Dr Henderson and they are waiting for my arrival before deciding on a definite course of action.

This all goes to show the definite need for some such institution as is planned for Coqualeetza under Departmental direction. I do hope that due consideration will be given to my suggestion regarding the operation of the two Brevintoria in connection with the proposed Sanatorium. It seems to me it would be invaluable as a "clearing station" to the Residential Schools or Home Villages and might point the way out of the difficulty regarding Academic instruction in Class Rooms.

I regret being unable to see you and appreciate very much the attitude you took during the Conference with the Minister and the Committee regarding the future of the School. If the above suggestion appeals to you I would be glad if you would give it your support. I shall be glad to cooperate with the Department in its plans for Indian betterment.

Yours sincerely
R.C. Scott

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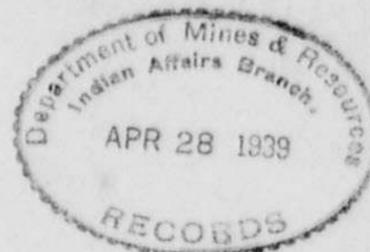
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April 17th, 1939.

Dr R.A. Hoey,
Superintendent General
Indian Education,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Canada.



Dear Dr Hoey:

This will confirm receipt of your wire authorizing my coming to Ottawa on School business and asking me to advise Mr Daunt, our Indian Agent. I beg to say that I got in touch with Mr Daunt at once, and he said at first, it would mean his issuing an order for expenses. I told him that I could travel on my Clergyman's Half Fare Permit, which would be much less expense. He said he would take it up with the Commissioner. He informed me later that he had done so, and the Commissioner advised that I pay the expense and then take it up with the Department upon my arrival at Ottawa. This will be quite satisfactory, and I shall come with the delegation from the Board of Home Missions, and trust that we may be able to arrive at some solution mutually satisfactory in connection with the advance in work for Tubercular Indians.

Yours sincerely,

R.C. Scott
PRINCIPAL.

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Ottawa, April 28, 1939.

Dear Mr. Scott:

You may remember, during the discussion we had at the office of the Minister, I intimated that our officials in British Columbia were of the opinion that a residential school erected at Ucluelet would be in a position to accommodate a certain number of pupils from the Alert Bay district.

I have been checking over the reports submitted by these officials and find that the territory they had in mind was not the Alert Bay territory but the territory now served by the Ahousaht Residential School. I have made a study of the geographical boundaries of the district and feel convinced that I had reached a mistaken conclusion with respect to the matter. What I said, of course, has no bearing on the erection of the school at Alberni, but I felt that in justice to our officials in British Columbia I should attempt to correct any impression made in your mind by my comments on the situation.

It is my hope that you had a pleasant return journey. Your presence here and the opinions you expressed were very helpful.

Yours very sincerely,

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

Reverend R. C. Scott, B.A.,
Principal,
Coqualeetza Residential School,
S a r d i s, B. C.

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Memorandum to:

Dr. H.W. McGill

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Attached please find two letters the Minister has received, one from Rev. Mr. Cochrane and the other from Rev. Mr. Dorey, in reference to the Coqualeetza School, and also copy of the Minister's reply.

You will notice that the Minister has suggested the conference should take place here on April 24th.

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Chief Executive Assistant.

Ottawa, April 13, 1939.

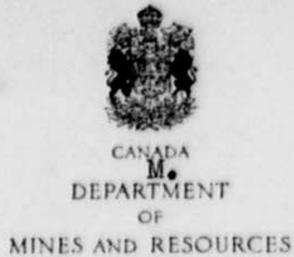
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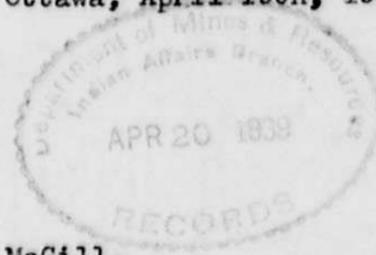
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Ottawa, April 19th, 1939.



MEMORANDUM:

Dr. H.W. McGill,
Dir. of Indian Affairs Branch.

You will remember that the Minister has agreed to meet the Rev. Dr. Cochrane and the Rev. G. Dorey in connection with the proposed closing of the Coqualeetza School. The date was originally fixed for Monday, April 24th. This has now been changed to the following day - Tuesday, April 25th. No hour has yet been fixed. This will be decided after the delegation arrive in Ottawa.

C.W. Jackson,
Chief Executive Assistant.

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Coqualeetza "	-	141 "	119 "	260 225
St. George's "	-	73 "	88 "	161 180

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399 QUEEN STREET WEST
TORONTO ONTARIO

MY DAY LETTER EVEN DATE SHOULD HAVE READ APRIL TWENTY FOURTH INSTEAD
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Charge Minister's office,
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OTTAWA April 13, 1939

REVEREND GEORGE DOREY
 299 QUEEN STREET WEST
 TORONTO ONTARIO

LETTER TWELFTH RECEIVED WILL BE PLEASED MEET YOU AND OTHER PERSONS
 MENTIONED ON APRIL TWENTY THIRD STOP AM NOT SETTING ANY DEFINITE
 HOUR AS WOULD LIKE DELEGATION TO DISCUSS MATTER FIRST WITH DOCTOR
 CAMSELL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS

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Rev. George Dorey, D.D.
Associate Secretary

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen St. West
Towonro 2, Ontario

April 12th,
1 9 3 9.

The Honourable T.A. Crerar,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Crerar:

I have just had a telephone message from Mr. Hoey, asking if it would be possible for Dr. Cochrane and myself to meet you in Ottawa on Friday morning, next, April 14th. I understand that this is in reply to a letter, addressed by Dr. Cochrane to yourself yesterday. If you will refer to this letter again, I think you will find that Dr. Cochrane has made it clear that we shall find it necessary to have Captain Scott, Principal of the Coqualeetza Residential School, and a representative of the Woman's Missionary Society as part of the Committee to meet with you and discuss the matter.

You will realize that it is quite impossible for us to get Captain Scott here on forty-eight hours' notice. I think that the earliest possible date at which Captain Scott could be here would be some time the week beginning April 23rd, provided a date during that week could be arranged when we could meet you. Would you give the matter further consideration and advise us by wire on what date and at what hour during that week it would suit your convenience to have us meet with you? We can then wire Captain Scott and try to have arrangements made for his coming East at that time.

Yours very sincerely,

Geo. Dorey

GD.MLT

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Rev. Robert B. Cochrane, D.D.
Secretary.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
The United Church of Canada
299 Queen St. West
Toronto 2, Ontario.

April 11th,
1939.

The Honorable T.A. Crerar,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Crerar:

In further reference to your letters of February 21st and March 2nd, I should like to say that on a recent trip to British Columbia, I discussed in Vancouver with the representatives of the British Columbia Conference the suggestion of your Department that we might consent to the use of the Coqualeetza Indian Residential School as a sanatorium for active tuberculosis cases. I also had the privilege, along with our two Superintendents of Missions and Captain R.C. Scott, of meeting with Major MacKay and Captain Barrie to discuss the same matter. Subsequently, the British Columbia Conference Home Mission Committee appointed a special sub-committee to consider your suggestion, and their report I submitted to the Board of Home Missions, which met the week before last.

The Board referred the whole matter to the Executive, and appointed a committee consisting of my colleagues and myself, Captain Scott, Principal of the Coqualeetza School, and a representative of the Woman's Missionary Society, to meet with you and further discuss the matter. In the light of these facts, it would seem that the next step is to arrange a date, in the near future, when this committee could meet with you and other officials of your Department, to go into the matter further. There are a good many questions which have been asked by the British Columbia Committee which we shall have to discuss with you before our Board can give a definite answer to your proposal.

If you could give me two or three alternative dates when you could meet with us, we could get in touch with Captain Scott and see which one would suit him best.

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You will understand that before he can leave the School for even a few days, he will have to make a re-adjustment of duties among the members of the staff.

Awaiting your reply, and with kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

R.B. Cochrane

RBC.MLT

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EXD.

Ottawa, March 31, 1939.

Re: Coqualeetza Residential School

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th instant and to thank you for the information contained therein.

It is my understanding that the desirability of transferring the Coqualeetza school to the Department for use as a sanitorium will come up for discussion at the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board of the United Church, which meeting I understand is being held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. It is not at all likely that a report of the decision reached will be forwarded to the Department for a week or so at least. Indeed, it is possible that Dr. Cochrane and Dr. Dorey may come down to Ottawa in the course of a week or two and discuss the whole matter with the Minister. In view of this fact, I do not think that it would be at all advisable to keep Inspector Barry at Vancouver or to have him investigate the home conditions of the pupils now enrolled at Coqualeetza. I am convinced that we have on file here sufficient evidence for the church authorities and the Minister to reach a decision. It would not be at all necessary, of course, to close the Coqualeetza school immediately or to close it until full provision had been made for the pupils at Indian day schools or at the new school to be established at Alberni.

When Dr. Cochrane states that he must have full information with respect to the provision the Department can make for the pupils now enrolled at Coqualeetza, he is in my judgment to some extent at least evading the issue. The

Minister -

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

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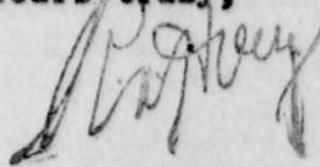
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Minister has assured him that provision will be made for these pupils . In addition to this, the Department has for a number of years accepted full responsibility for the education of Indian pupils.

I was somewhat hopeful that the United Church authorities in British Columbia would be somewhat sympathetic toward our suggestion. Your letter, however, would suggest that such is not the case, and if they are not, it is not at all likely that the members of the Home Mission Board will agree to the change. This means that there will be little, if any, accommodation in British Columbia for pupils suffering from tuberculosis. In other words, it is likely that we shall continue to do in the future what we have been doing in the past, namely: educating Indian children for a number of years at residential schools and burying them a year or two after they are discharged from these institutions. This matter has been placed very fairly, in my judgment, before the church authorities and they will have to accept the major share of the responsibility for whatever action is taken.

Yours truly,



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



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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 15/8606.
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P.O. BOX 70
VANCOUVER, B.C. March 27, 1939.

R.H.V.
Dear Mr. Hoey:

With reference to your letter of March 3rd with enclosures relating to the rebuilding of the Alberni Indian Residential School and the proposal to operate the Coqualeetza school building as a T.B. sanatorium, I thought it advisable to make some observation on the matters brought out at the conference with the representatives of the United Church of Canada held on March 11th in this office. There were present the following:

Reverend R. B. Cochrane, D.D.,
Reverend G.A. Wilson, D.D.,
Reverend S.S. Osterhout, D.D.,
Reverend R.S. Scott, B.A.,
The Inspector of Indian Schools, and
The Indian Commissioner.

With the possible exception of Dr. Cochrane, I should say that in general the Church officials, although admitting improvement in Indian Day Schools, did not consider that they supplied the place of Residential Schools such as Coqualeetza. Reference was made to the advantage of the Day School and also the fact that children in Residential Schools are inclined to grow away from the life of the Indian Band and are unable therefore to take their part later in the work of their parents. It was pointed out that where the Department wished to educate children in the Day Schools that the mere saving of money was not the most important factor considered.

The argument was advanced by the Church officials that the children now at Coqualeetza could not be accommodated in the existing Day Schools. In reply I explained that the Department would be prepared to erect new Day Schools and add to the existing accommodation of some schools to take care of the children not

R. A. Hoey, Esq.,
Supt. of Welfare and Training,
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otherwise provided for, should Coqualeetza cease to be a Residential School. Perhaps I should add that Dr. Cochrane considered it unfair of the Hon. Mr. Crerar to offer the proposed new Residential School at Alberni only on condition that the Ahousaht and Coqualeetza Residential Schools be discontinued as such. It was pointed out here that the United Church would have two small Residential Schools in the Skeena River and Bella Coola Agencies, but Dr. Cochrane considered that should the proposal under review go into effect, the United Church would only have one large Residential School in British Columbia, which contention of course is admittedly sound, but it does not follow that one large new Residential School with the existing schools at Port Simpson and Kitamat would not provide sufficient boarding school accommodation for the Indian pupilage of the United Church in this Province. My own opinion is that they would do so.

Dr. Cochrane explained that before a decision could be made by the Church committee to surrender Coqualeetza on the establishment of a new Residential School, definite information regarding how the children now at Coqualeetza would be provided for and where additional school rooms or new schools would be erected should be made available to the committee. Following the return of Capt. Barry from recent inspection duties, I asked him where such schools, as might have to be provided, should be erected and in what instances additions would be necessary to existing schools. The Inspector replied as follows:-

- "(a) // We have no records in Vancouver with regard to the home villages of the children now at Coqualeetza. The Department in Ottawa has copies of all admission forms for children at Coqualeetza and these would I believe show the village from which the child comes.
- (b) Neither the officials at Ottawa or I know which of the children now at Coqualeetza is fit for day school education as distinct from those who must have residential school treatment, as orphans or because they come from poor homes or overcrowded ones.
- (c)

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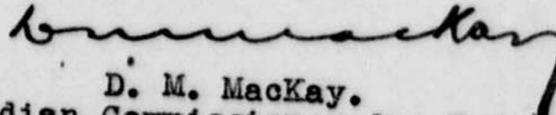
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- (c) Before I could recommend the exact disposal of each child now at Coqualeetza it would be necessary to carry out an extensive survey, first of the children at the school, and then of the whole area from which the children are recruited to determine the condition of the homes. I am of course prepared to carry out such a survey should the Department so instruct me. It would take in the neighbourhood of four months and completely upset the ordinary routine of school inspection. The area involved includes parts of the Cowichan, New Westminster, Kwakwalth, West Coast, Bella Coola, Skeena River and Queen Charlotte Agencies.
- (d) Should the Department not be able to extract from the Ottawa files all the required information, or not be able to obtain it from the various Indian Agents, I can see nothing else possible than the very extensive survey suggested in the last paragraph. "

Though the Department might be able to obtain from its records much of the information Dr. Cochran requests, I do not consider it reasonable for him to expect more than the Honourable Minister's promise that all the children not accommodated in the proposed new Residential School will be provided for gradually in one or other of the existing Day Schools or in new schools or in additions to existing Day Schools.

If the Department decides to have Inspector Barry undertake the extensive survey necessary to furnish the information requested by Dr. Cochran, instructions to this effect should be issued at an early date to enable the Inspector to do the preliminary work at Coqualeetza before leaving for the north.

Yours faithfully,



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

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Ottawa April 15 1939

Reverend R C SCOTT
Principal
Indian Residential School
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R A Hoey
Chg Indian Affairs Branch
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Ottawa, March 2, 1939.

J.D.D.

Dear Dr. Cochrane:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 25, in which you seek information with respect to the provision that might be made for the pupils now enrolled at the Ahousaht and Coqualeetza Residential Schools and the pupils enrolled at the Alberni School prior to the destruction of the building by fire.

In discussing the adjustments that may be necessary, should we decide to operate the school at Coqualeetza as a sanitorium, it is important to remember that the patients assigned to this institution will be almost wholly boys and girls suffering from tuberculosis who are at present in attendance at Indian day or residential schools. It is estimated that almost from the outset there will be a patient list of approximately 150 boys and girls, including the 15 pupils now receiving treatment at the Coqualeetza preventorium.

In view of the existence of preventoria at the St. Mary's Mission Residential School (R. C.) and the Alert Bay Residential School (C. E.), I am disposed to think that the majority of the children who might receive treatment at Coqualeetza would be members or adherents of the United Church.

The Medical Superintendent estimates that 5% of the children enrolled at residential schools in the province of British Columbia are suffering from tuberculosis

Reverend Robert B. Cochrane, D. D.,
Secretary, Board of Home Missions,
United Church of Canada,
299 Queen Street West,
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in an active sense and should be sent to sanitoria for treatment.

It is our thought that the Alberni Residential School, if constructed, should be designed to serve the West Coast, Cowichan, Kwawkwalth, Vancouver and New Westminster agencies. An overwhelming majority of the Indians of these agencies are usually described as coast Indians and depend for a living almost wholly on fishing. Our records indicate that there are 122 pupils from these agencies now in attendance at Coqualeetza. With an improved day school at Ahousaht and a day school in operation at Alberni, in addition to the residential school, it should be possible to provide for a larger number of pupils in the residential school from Kwawkwalth than 26, the number at present enrolled at Coqualeetza. It should be possible also to organize at the new residential school a really worthwhile vocational course designed to meet the peculiar needs of the coast Indians.

You may recall to mind that, immediately following the destruction of the Alberni School by fire (February 21, 1937), 22 of the pupils were enrolled at the Alberni Day School, which is still in operation; 17 are in attendance at the Ueluelet Day School; and 8 were placed in the residential school at Ahousaht.

This proposal has not been submitted to our officials in British Columbia. I hesitate, therefore, to state definitely the exact provision that will be made until these officials have had an opportunity to review the educational needs of the Indians concerned. In a general way, however, I can state, in reply to the sixth paragraph of your communication, that provision will be made for 200 pupils at Alberni; 40 at the

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improved day school at Ahousaht; 25 at the day school at Ucluelet and 30 at the Indian day school at Alberni, if it is considered advisable to keep this school in operation. In addition to this, it is estimated that approximately 50 active or non-active T. B. pupils will be accommodated at Coqualeetza. This makes a total of 345. I feel confident no difficulty will be experienced in providing accommodation for the remaining pupils who have been recruited from the northern agencies. Our officials have protested very vigorously during the last two or three years against the attempts that have been made to recruit pupils for Coqualeetza in communities where Indian day school accommodation is available.

I regret that it is not possible for me to state definitely at this time if the appropriation necessary for the construction of the Alberni school will be approved, until I can submit to my colleagues a definite educational and T. B. programme for the section of British Columbia now under review. If, as has been stated, no sanatorium beds are available in British Columbia, it will be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, for us to proceed with our T. B. programme in that province unless space can be secured at Coqualeetza. I am not prepared to recommend the amount necessary for the construction of a new sanatorium out of the limited amount at my disposal for the actual care and treatment of T. B. patients.

It was not my intention that you should decide this matter until you had an opportunity of submitting it for final decision to the Board of Home Missions. I appreciate your assurance, however, that you will let me have the decision of the Board at the earliest possible date.

In response to your request contained in the seventh paragraph of your communication, I am enclosing

herewith -

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herewith statement showing the pupils enrolled at the Coqualeetza school and the communities from which these pupils have been recruited. This statement, I think, you will find self-explanatory. I am enclosing also, for your information, copy of the last departmental Census of the Indians in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

S.A. (REDA)
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Ottawa, March 3, 1939.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copies of certain correspondence relating to the rebuilding of the Alberni Indian Residential School and the operation of the Coqualeetza School as a T. B. sanitorium. It is my opinion that you will find this correspondence self-explanatory.

Dr. Cochrane, Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the United Church, will visit Vancouver in the course of a few days, and it is just possible that during his stay in the province he will call upon you and discuss these matters with you. It might be helpful if Inspector Barry were present at this interview. However, this may not be possible. In any event, I am sending forward this correspondence in the hope that it may serve to guide you in the discussions.

Yours truly,

JNA

Encl.

R. A. Hoey

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Ottawa, March 3, 1939.

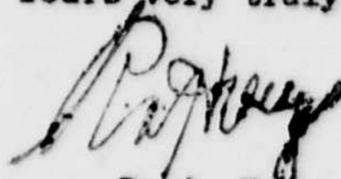
Dear Doctor Cochrane:

Dr. Dorey, when he visited Ottawa a few days ago, informed me that it was your intention to visit British Columbia early in March.

JRH

May I express the hope that you will find it convenient to interview Major MacKay, Indian Commissioner for British Columbia, during your stay in the province. I feel confident Major MacKay's views on the rebuilding of the Alberni Residential School and the operation of Coqualeetza as a sanitorium would prove very valuable to you in reaching a decision. Major MacKay's office is in the new Federal Building in Vancouver.

Yours very truly,



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

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The Board of Home Missions
The United Church of Canada

Toronto 2, Ont.,
May 11, 1939

The Honourable T. A. Crerar,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Crerar:

Re: The Rebuilding of the Alberni
School and the Utilization of the
Coqualeetza School as a T. B. San-
atorium.

I beg to acknowledge your letter of May 8th, in answer to my letter to you of April 28th, in which I enclosed a summary of what my colleagues and I understood were the decisions reached in the conference held in your office on April 25th, 1939. I am glad to know that the officials of the Indian Affairs Branch are of the opinion that the Memorandum which we submitted contained an accurate summary of the discussions which took place and the tentative agreement reached at that time.

I may say that your reply is quite satisfactory to us, with the exception of what you have to say in reference to our request for a definite statement that the policy of the Department will be to operate the proposed Sanatorium at Coqualeetza on a purely non-sectarian basis, giving equal privileges to all religious bodies, both Catholic and non-Catholic. My colleagues and myself are of the opinion that your letter does not give us at all in explicit terms the guarantee we must have if we are to carry with us our United Church constituency in British Columbia, and if we are to get approval of the whole idea from our Executive when it meets on June 12th.

It is hardly sufficient for you to tell us that in the operation of the Sanatorium you are going to cooperate with the Provincial Health authorities and that it will be conducted in the same way as the hospital now in operation at Qu'Appelle. Quite frankly, we have had reports that some of our people in Saskatchewan have not been satisfied that the administration of the Qu'Appelle institution has been entirely free from sectarian bias. To be perfectly candid, I am already receiving letters from United Church people around Coqualeetza to the effect that, since the Coqualeetza School has been under Protestant auspices for so long, the

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appointment at any time of a Roman Catholic medical superintendent or matron would cause trouble, and would give the impression that the whole institution had been turned over to that Church.

In view of all these circumstances, we feel that we are not unreasonable in asking that an assurance very much more definite and explicit than that contained in your letter of May 8th should be given us in writing.

Since I wrote you on April 28th, another point on which we want assurance was raised by my colleague, Dr. Dorey, in his letter of May 3rd to Dr. McGill. It had to do with the effect which the establishment of a large T. B. Sanatorium like Coqualeetza would have upon the number of Indian patients which are now being treated in our United Church hospitals in the northern part of the Province of British Columbia, at Hazelton, Port Simpson and Bella Bella. Two of these hospitals had additions made to them in recent years, to the cost of which the Government contributed, with the understanding that a certain number of beds would be reserved for Indian tuberculosis patients. Since there seems to be some doubt about the future policy in this matter, we must have it cleared before any final consent is given by the United Church to the use of Coqualeetza as a sanatorium.

We are very anxious, indeed, to have these matters cleared up before the meeting of our Executive early in June, so that, if possible, we may give you a definite answer at that time.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the near future,

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

(sgd.) R. B. Cochrane.

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Dr. McGill - first page of your draft letter of
May 3 asre-written.

Ottawa, May 8, 1939

Re - The rebuilding of the Alberni School
and the utilization of the Coqualeetza
School as a T.B. Sanatorium.

Dear Dr. Cochrane:

I have for acknowledgment your letter
of April 28 and also a summary of certain decisions
reached at the conference held at my office on
April 25, 1939, attached thereto.

This memorandum has been carefully
reviewed by the officials of the Indian Affairs Branch,
and it is our opinion that you have submitted in the
memorandum an accurate summary of the discussions
that took place and the tentative agreement reached
at that time.

I may state that it is our intention
to proceed with the construction of the Alberni
Residential School just as soon as plans for the
building can be prepared. It is my understanding
that this building will consist of two units and will
provide accommodation for 200 pupils. I will also
recommend that provision be made in the 1940-41 esti-
mates for the construction of an improved day school
at Ahousaht.

I am asking the officials of the Indian
Affairs Branch to send forward to Commissioner Mackay
a copy of your memorandum, with the object of having
Inspector Barry and Captain Scott review at the earliest
convenient date the educational needs of the Indian pupils

of British -

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of British Columbia who are adherents of the United Church. In the meantime I can assure you that if it is necessary to provide additional accommodation at Bella Coola, Cape Mudge and Kitamaat, this provision will be made at the earliest possible date. I agree with you also that for a year or two, at least, it may be necessary to send a number of British Columbia pupils to the residential school at Edmonton.

It seems to me that it will be necessary to exercise a great deal of care and patience during the transition period between Coqualeetza and Alberni. I am convinced, however, that by working in close co-operation the Secretaries of the Home Mission Board and the officials of the Indian Affairs Branch can follow a policy that will be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

I note with interest, in the penultimate paragraph of your letter, the reference to the desirability of operating the sanatorium at Coqualeetza on a purely non-sectarian basis. A great deal of thought has been given to what I might term the Indian tuberculosis problem. This subject has been discussed very thoroughly on a number of occasions with specialists who have been engaged in T. B. sanatorium work in the provinces over a period of years. The policy of the Government is to work in the closest possible co-operation with these agencies. In this way it is my hope that unnecessary expense, overlapping and duplication of effort in undertaking surveys, etc., can be avoided. In respect to Coqualeetza, the intention is to have the operation of the sanatorium discussed with the provincial health authorities and, if possible, reach an agreement with them whereby the experience and skill of their specialists would be placed at our disposal from time to time. The policy is that this sanatorium should be conducted as a government institution in the sense that the hospital now in operation at Qu'Appelle is operated. The superintendent and members of the staff would be

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government employees and provision would be made in the estimates from year to year for the amount necessary to maintain the institution.

I note that it is your intention to submit this statement to the Executive of the Board of Home Missions and to the Woman's Missionary Society and, if possible, secure from them an agreement with respect to these proposals. Should the information contained in this communication be insufficient for the purpose you have in mind, I want you to feel free to communicate with me again.

It is scarcely necessary to add that I appreciate very fully the cooperation extended by Dr. Dorey and yourself to the officials of the Department and to myself throughout these negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

(initials)
T.A. DORRIS

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