

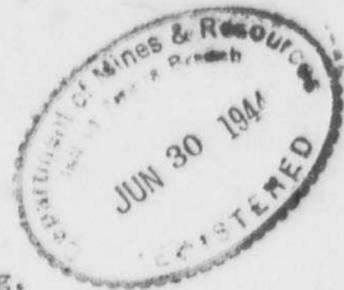
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THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

MUNCEY - ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
REV. O. B. STRAPP, PRINCIPAL

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Mr. R.A.Hoey.  
Supt. Welfare & Training.  
Indian Affairs Branch.  
Ottawa.  
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*[Handwritten initials]*  
File 7-0-5 May 30, 1944.

Dear Mr. Hoey;

With reference to your letter of the above noted date and file number, I placed the contract with Mr. Whittaker.

A few days ago I received a letter from him stating that his son, who had inspected the roofs and who would have carried out the work, had been very seriously injured in a fall from a roof and had passed away in the hospital in London. Mr. Whittaker informed me that he was closing up his business and would therefore not be able to complete the contract.

Mr. Whittaker has recommended to me a Mr. Leppard of London who has visited the school, examined the roofs and has signified his willingness to take over the contract at the same figure as Mr. Whittaker's contract.

May I suggest that, as I will be away from Muncey about July 3rd, you write directly to Mr. Leppard, advising him of the acceptance.

Mr. R.P. Leppard.  
268 Hale Street.  
London.  
Ontario.

My successor, Rev. S. Soper, will not be able to take over at this school until about the 25th. of July, and it will be necessary for Mr. Leppard to know as early as possible in order that he may be able to plan other work to fit in with this job.

I remain,

Yours truly,

*[Handwritten signature: Oliver B. Strapp]*  
Principal.

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Ottawa, June 30, 1944.

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DEPUTY MINISTER

Re: Roof Repairs, Mount Elgin Indian Residential School.

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Director

*July 4/44*

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Ottawa, July 3, 1944.

Dear Mr. Down:

I am anxious that you should undertake a survey of the barns and other outbuildings at the Mount Elgin Institute.

It is my intention to ask Inspector Arneil to discuss with the Reverend Dr. Dorey the advisability of renting or utilizing these buildings in our general welfare program on the reserve. You might let me know the number of buildings and give me a rough estimate of their dimensions. You might also state the facilities at the school, if any, for the storage of vegetables during the winter months. I will also be interested in their water supply.

Yours sincerely,

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

*MAH*  
Mr. G. W. Down,  
Indian Agent,  
M u n c e y, Ont.

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Minister of  
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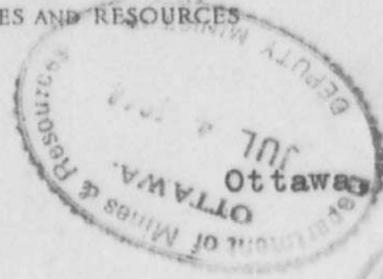
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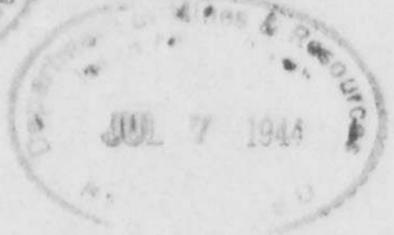
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*Approved  
J. J. [Signature]*

*Harold [Signature]*

Director

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Ottawa, July 10, 1944.

Rev. S. Soper, Principal, Mount Elgin Indian Res. School,  
Muncey, Ontario.

With reference to repairing the roof of the Mount Elgin Residential School, I presume that you have read Reverend Mr. Strapp's recent letter, in which he states that Mr. Whittaker is unable to do the work.

Mr. Strapp recommended that we employ Mr. R.R. Leppard 268 Hale St. London, Ontario. The Minister's approval has now been obtained for the employment of Mr. Leppard. You should make immediate arrangements for him to carry out the necessary repairs. It is understood that he will do the same work as Mr. Whittaker intended to do. For your information I inclose a copy of Mr. Whittaker's tender.

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

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London, Canada, June 30th, 1944

GT. *Sold to* ~~The Mount Elgin Indian Residential School,~~  
~~Munsey, Ontario.~~

TERMS: THIRTY DAYS NET. INTEREST CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

TO - Two - 2 1/2" x 9" seamless steel boiler tubes

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MT. ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
MUNSEY, ONT.

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S.H. Soper.

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Voucher in duplicate detached  
for Accountant to pay.

*S.H. Soper*  
Principal

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Mr. J. H. Soper,  
Supt. of Indian Affairs.

July 18th 1944

Mr. J. H. Soper,  
200 York St.,  
London Ont.

Dear Mr. Soper:

I have received a communication from the Department of Indian Affairs Ottawa regarding your tender of May 17th 1944 to repair the roof of this building for the sum of \$790.00, repairs to be completed in July or August. It is understood that you take over the tender furnished by Mr. John Watterson on the above date and amount.

Requesting you of co-operation in any way possible that this work may be finished while the weather is suitable.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Soper.

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*S. H. Soper*  
Mr. Philip Phalen,  
Chief, Training Division,  
Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

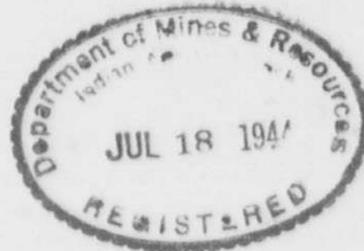
Dear Mr. Phalen;

I am sending herewith a copy of my letter to Mr R.R. Leppard regarding his tender to make repairs to the roof of this building.

I wish to thank you for your help and co-operation in this and other matters regarding the Institution. Just at present much of the detail is in a very thick fog, let us hope that the fog does not get inside my head.

Yours very sincerely.

S. H. Soper  
*S. H. Soper*



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PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 125-4

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*Schroeder*



Muncey, Ontario,  
July 25th, 1944.

Acknowledging your request in letter dated July 19th, for an inspection of the principal's quarters at the Mt. Elgin Residential School with a view to decorating, I have to advise that I inspected this particular section of the building and submit herewith, for your consideration, the following in order of importance:

1. Dining Room		Paint and Paper	
Approximate Cost:			
Material - \$ 6.00	Labour - \$ 9.00		- \$ 15.00
2. Living Room			
Approximate Cost:			
Material - \$ 5.00	Labour - \$10.00		- \$ 15.00
3. Four Bedrooms			
Approximate Cost:			
Material - \$22.00	Labour - \$40.00		- \$ 62.00
4. Bathroom		Paint	
Approximate Cost:			
Material - \$ 5.00	Labour - \$10.00		- \$ 15.00
5. Main Office		Paint and Paper	
Approximate Cost:			
Material - \$ 7.00	Labour - \$12.00		- \$ 19.00

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All ceilings are 12 to 14 feet.

I would also suggest that sufficient lumber be purchased to build a wall-type bookcase to accommodate library books. ~~Two~~ hundred feet of dressed pine lumber would be sufficient. The building of such a case could be done under Manual Training. The approximate cost of the lumber would be \$ 20.00. The total cost of making all the repairs mentioned, including the bookcase, would be approximately \$ 150.00.

This particular section of the building is dingy and depressing and I think Mr. Soper is entitled to consideration. I would therefore recommend that, if not all, as much of the listed repairs as possible be approved in order of importance.

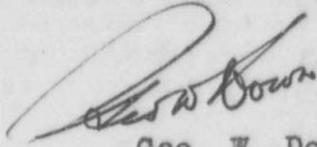
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Under Wartime regulations, and the fact that this is a personal decorating job with different paints and papers, it would be difficult for the Purchasing Agent to

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place orders with the various merchants and expect any measure of assured delivery. I am therefore suggesting that the Reverend Mr. Soper, in co-operation with this Office, be given authority to choose and order all materials to advantage and suitable to his, and his wife's, particular tastes.



Geo. W. Down,  
INDIAN AGENT.

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

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# REQUISITION FOR CHEQUE

TO BE USED FOR ADVANCES OR AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO ACCOUNTS

DEPT. No. ....  
FILE No. **7-0-5** .....  
TREAS. No. ....

DEPARTMENT **MINES & RESOURCES** .....

BRANCH **INDIAN AFFAIRS** ..... DATE **July 28, 1944.** .....

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR THE ISSUE OF THE FOLLOWING CHEQUE OR CHEQUES:--

CHEQUE NO.	IN FAVOUR OF	AMOUNT
	Caradoc Indian Agency Trust Account	\$90 00
	Send cheque to:	
	Mr. G.W. Down, Indian Agent, Muncey, Ont.	

STATE BELOW WITH DETAILS IN EVERY CASE, WHETHER (a) STANDING ADVANCE, (b) ADVANCE FOR SPECIFIC JOURNEY—ESTIMATING NUMBER OF DAYS, (c) OTHER ACCOUNTABLE ADVANCE, OR (d) AUTHORIZED PAYMENT.

**Labour for repairs at the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School, No. 468.**

CHARGE TO	VOTE.....	<b>76</b>	ENC. No. ....
	ALLOTMENT.....	<b>10-691</b>	
	SUB-ALLOTMENT.....		

I CERTIFY, THAT THIS APPLICATION IS MADE UNDER THE REQUISITE AUTHORITY, AND THAT THE EXPENDITURE IS NECESSARY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

*[Signature]*  
HEAD OF BRANCH

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July 28, 1944.

Mr. G.W. Down, Indian Agent, Muncey, Ont.

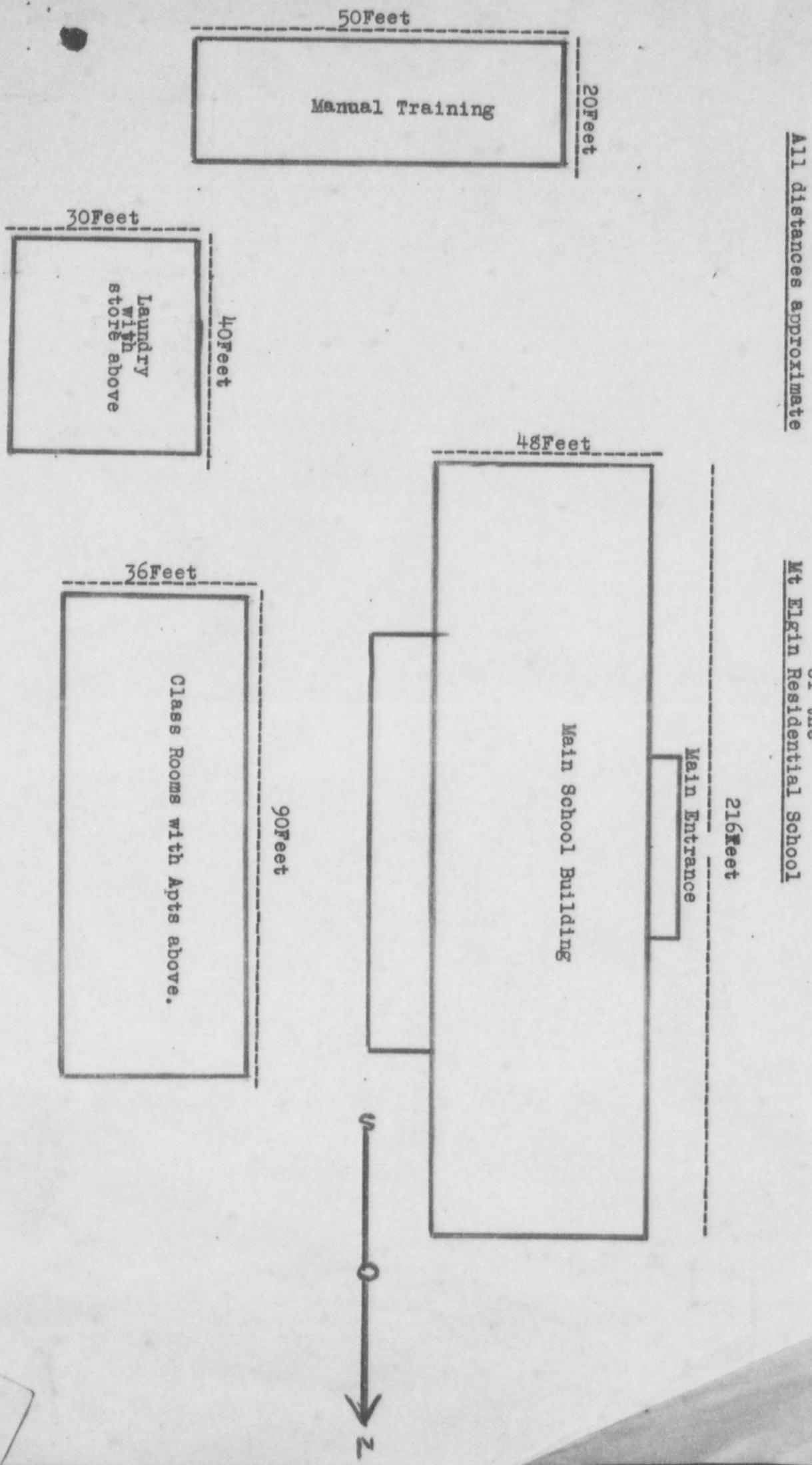
With reference to your letter of the 25th instant, the Department approves the expenditures recommended by you in connection with the Principal's quarters at the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School. The Principal and yourself may arrange for local purchase of the materials required. An accountable cheque for \$90 for labour will go forward under separate cover.

The Department also approves the building of a wall-type bookcase and the lumber may be purchased locally.

*[Handwritten initials]*  
R.A. Hoey,  
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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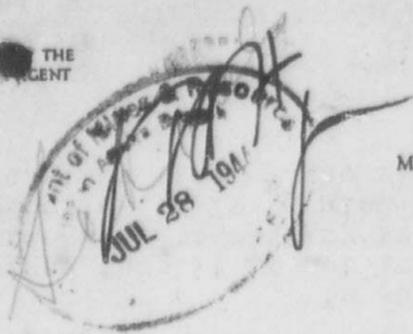
Plan of Main Building & associate Buildings  
of the  
Mt Elgin Residential School

Geo. W. Dwyer  
INDIAN AGENT

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PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 125-4

Muncey, Ontario,  
July 25th, 1944.

During a recent visit to the Mt. Elgin Residential School it was my pleasure to meet and talk with the Rev. Mr. Soper. Mr. Soper, as you are aware, is the new Principal recently appointed by the Home Mission Board of the United Church of Canada. The purpose of my visit was to inspect the principal's quarters and make a survey of the farm buildings. My inspection, however, owing to Mr. Soper's desire and his sincere demonstration of will to co-operate, was much more intensive than I had intended. I am, therefore, passing on, in the form of a memorandum, a survey of the school buildings used exclusively for the accommodation of staff and pupils together with a few suggestions that would brighten and add to the comfort of all in residence.

In the main building adjoining the principal's quarters there is accommodation for staff in the form of three bedrooms, bath and one sitting room. Two of these bedrooms and bathroom were decorated in 1943. I am suggesting that the remaining bedroom and sitting room be decorated this year.

In the same building the girls' dormitory, as referred to in Mr. Young's report and mentioned in your letter to the Rev. O.B. Strapp dated June 14th, needs brightening up. Paint will do this but of course it will not repair the floors, ceilings and sanitary system, all of which are major repair jobs.

My particular attention was drawn to the exits leading to the fire escapes. These exits are in the form of double sash windows and in every case, throughout the whole dormitory system, these exits were padlocked. I asked if this were the general procedure when all pupils were in residence and upon whose orders they were locked. I was told yes, upon orders of the retiring Principal; the reason being an endeavour to stop runaways. I registered strong disapproval with such a procedure and pointed out that it would be better to have runaways than have one child burned to death. I also pointed out that responsibility would rest directly with the person giving the order. I also stressed that fire exits and escapes should be unbarred by any obstruction and ready for immediate exit and escape at all times. I would suggest that I be authorized to have these padlocks immediately removed and that in the meantime consideration be given to having the windows removed and replaced with doors equipped with regular panic bars, as suggested in your letter of June 14th.

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In the basement I visited the pupils' dining hall. This is one of the most depressing rooms in the main building. The air is foul, the lighting is poor and it is badly in need of brighter decorating. For air circulation, a built-in, wall fan is suggested. Such an installation would be a great improvement and have a beneficial effect of relieving the room of the musty staleness. Owing to its location in the basement the lighting cannot be improved by natural light but it can be considerably improved artificially by using larger wattage bulbs and the installing of two more lights. The present colour scheme is both dark and dingy and could be greatly improved by a new paint job. With these suggested improvements it would add new life and could not help but react favourably on the pupils.

Adjoining this hall is the kitchen, also various store rooms, wash rooms and play rooms all in need of various repairs, so much so that only a major repair job could be entertained.

Immediately behind the main building is what is referred to as the classrooms. This is a two-story brick, 90' by 36', with exterior plastered walls. The north end of this building is bulging to the extent that, at the present time, it is being held in place by a work of art, namely, 2 by 8 planks. On the ground floor there are three classrooms all more or less in need of decorating and all in need of better lighting. Above the classrooms there are three apartments all in need of various repairs and decorating. These apartments are approached by outside, uncovered wooden stairs all in a very dangerous, rotted condition. After a final inspection of the exterior and interior of this building I might recommend minor decorating but the logical recommendation would be complete demolition and rebuild.

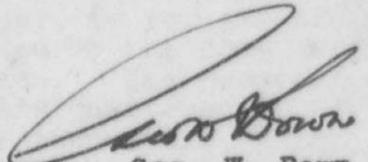
To the south of this building is the laundry, 40' by 30'. This is a two-story building in fair repair. The ground floor is equipped with regular laundry tubs and sinks and appears to be in good running condition. The second floor appears to have been used for anything one had a mind to do. It is dirty, untidy and smelly and is a glaring example of neglect.

Immediately south of this building is a frame building, 42' by 15'. This is known as the Manual Training building. It is literally packed with benches and every type of hand tool and power machinery necessary to establish an up-to-date Manual Training Class. This is in a shameful state of willful neglect and shows an utter disregard for what must have been a sizeable expenditure.

In submitting this report please be advised that it is not in the form of criticism but rather an endeavour to satisfy Mr. Soper's wish for a complete inspection. It is also not without thought that you may consider some of the minor repairs. I have not gone into

detail as to approximate cost of the repairs mentioned. There are too many little jobs, and materials would have to be purchased as one proceeded, but a rough estimate for material and labour would likely cover \$ 500.00. This, of course, would only cover minor repair jobs such as painting and papering. The major job, namely, demolition and re-build would still remain.

I have prepared a plan of these buildings which is herewith attached.

  
Geo. W. Down,  
INDIAN AGENT.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dep't of Mines & Resources,  
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Ottawa,  
August 2, 1944.

Mr. G.W. Down, Indian Agent, Muncey, Ont.

I have your letter of the 25th ultimo, with reference to your recent inspection of the Mount Elgin Residential School.

It is noted that you consider it will require \$500 to supply the material and labour required for the repairs that you consider necessary. This letter will authorize you to incur an expenditure of the amount mentioned above. I understand that this is in addition to the expenditures authorized in my letter of July 28. If you require a further advance for labour please let me know.

The contents of your report have been read with considerable interest and, as I hope to visit the Caradoc Agency next week, I will have an opportunity of discussing it further with you.

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



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Ottawa, August 1, 1944.

Dear Doctor Dorey:

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Mr. Arneil is very anxious that I should accompany him when he visits Muncey on or about August 9, with the object of coming to an agreement with respect to the use of the farm buildings at the residential school. Mr. Arneil is at present engaged in an inspection trip of northern agencies but will return to Ottawa Saturday August 5. If he returns on that date, he and I might drive to Toronto on the 7th. If we do this I would like to interview you at your office on the morning of August 8, if this is convenient to you. I regret that the time at my disposal has not enabled me to give much thought to the proposal Mr. Arneil has in mind. However, he and the Indian Agent have given a great deal of thought to the matter and have, I understand, discussed it with Dr. Cochrane. I feel confident little difficulty will be experienced in reaching an agreement satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Yours sincerely,

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

*Handwritten initials*

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

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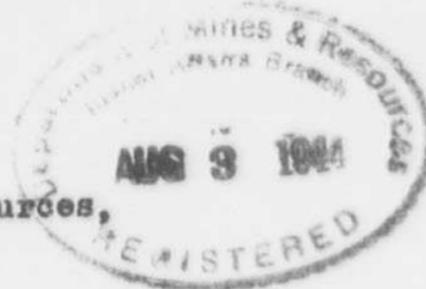
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ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Attention of Mr. R.A. Hoey

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



August 2nd,  
1944.

Dear Mr. Hoey,-

I have your letter. I shall be very glad to see you and Mr. Arneil on August 7th, 8th or 9th, and I think I can arrange to go to Muncey on the 9th, if Mr. Arneil is driving there.

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature: G. Dorey]*

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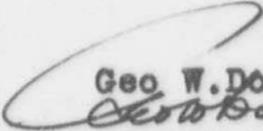
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FILE 125-4

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Muncey, Ontario,  
August 18th, 1944.

The Rev; Mr. Soper, Principal of the Mount Elgin Residential School, has called at my office and submitted a sample of the slate roofing at present undergoing repairs at the above mentioned school. Whether or not the complete roof is in a like condition, I do not know. The sample submitted was taken from the east side, the side now being repaired and Mr. Soper, thinks it is all more or less the same. Just how successful the patch work job will be and whether or not the climbing around and hammering will leave it in a worse condition is questionable.

I am forwarding under separate cover, the sample brought in. You will note that the substance is completely gone and that it readily crumbles into a soft powdery mass; which, as long as it is not disturbed will, I suppose, act as a covering. The contract, of course, did not go through this office but I thought you would be interested in the condition of the slate.

  
Geo. W. Down,  
INDIAN AGENT.

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Mines & Resources,  
OTTAWA.

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~~REVEREND SHERIFF~~ PRINCIPAL  
Rev S.H.Soper.M.A.  
August. 28th 1944.

*S.H.Soper*  
Mr. Philip Phalen.  
Chief, Training Division  
Indian Affairs Branch.  
Ottawa.



Dear Mr Phalen;

Re. Roof Repairs. Your file 7-0-5, July 10th 1944  
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268 Hale St. London .

Yours sincerely.

S. H. Soper  
*S.H.Soper*

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7-0-5  
THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

MUNCEY - ONTARIO

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ PRINCIPAL  
Rev S.H. Soper, M.A.  
August, 28th 1944.

*S. H. Soper*  
Mr. Philip Phalen,  
Chief, Training Division,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa.



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Ottawa,  
August 31, 1944.

Dear Mr. Soper:

With reference to your letter of the 28th instant, enclosing account received from Mr. Leppard, it has not been prepared in the manner required by our regulations. I, therefore, enclose voucher in duplicate which you should sign and return, in order that payment can be made.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

Rev. S.H. Soper,  
Principal,  
Mount Elgin Indian Residential School,  
Muncey, Ont.

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EX'D.  
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Ottawa, September 12, 1944.

Mr. G.W. Down, Indian Agent, Muncey, Ontario.

Kindly forward Credit Vouchers covering advance of \$90.00, in connection with repairs to the Principal's quarters, at the earliest possible date.

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



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STATEMENT

Mt. Brydges, Ont.

1944

*Mount Elgin Indian Residential School*

*Murray*

*Ans*

To Steer and Marr, Dr.  
Cement, Chopping, Grains and Fencing

Terms: All accounts payable monthly

10 per cent on overdue accounts

*9 bbls cement @ 265*

*2385*

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

FORM No. I.A. 506A

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No.....

DATE.....

Pay to..... Steer and Marr,

Address..... MT. BRIDGES,

..... Ontario.

1944	DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
	Sept. 13	To payment of 9 bbls. of cement, used in repair work at the Mt. Elgin Residential School, as per attached account.	23. 85
		$\begin{array}{r} 500. \\ 23.85 \\ \hline 476.15 \end{array}$	

TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE  
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. 7-0-5 dated Aug. 2/44

*Clow Down*

VOUCHER No. 233

DATE..... September 13th, 1944. Agent

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FORM No. I.A. 506A

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....

DATE.....

Pay to Mr. R.P. Leppard.

Address 268 Hale Street,

London, Ont.

EX'D.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1944		
Aug. 31	To repairs to the roofs at the Mount Elgin Indian Residential School as per specification of May 17 and letter of June 30 attached .....	\$790 00
	Note: The Minister's office approved the awarding of the business to Mr. Leppard -- see memorandum dated June 30, 1944, on file 7-0-5.	

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VOUCHER No. ....

DATE Sept. 4/1944 Agent

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*Soper*

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EXTRACT  
ORIGINAL OR  
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THE MOUNT ELGIN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
Muncey, Ontario.

Mr. R.A. Hoey,  
Superintendent of Welfare and Training,  
Indian Affairs Branch.

Ottawa;

EX'D.  
A.

SEP 25 1944  
REGISTERED

Dear Mr. Hoey;

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We have just completed the cleaning and emptying of the Latrines. This is a job that is increasingly difficult, simply because it is no more the common procedure. The girl's latrine is 90 yards from the dormitory the Boy's latrine is 20 yards from the dormitory. We must try to visualize just what that will mean in the matter of health of small children in winter weather. There is one bowl and two urinals for 40 boys and two bowls for fifty girls. This whole matter may have to held in abeyance for the duration but should be on the immediate post War program.

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Yours faithfully,  
(Sgd.) S.H. Soper.

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A COPY

Sept 25th 1944.

Mr. G.W. Down.  
Indian Agent.  
Muncey. Ont.

Dear Mr. Down;

I find no evidence here that the boilers have been inspected, that is no record has been filed.

We have three boilers in use, namely, Laundry, Main Building and the Class Room Building, there is also a small Boiler used for Student Baths.

Would you please let me know to what department I should report this matter.

Yours sincerely.

S. H. Soper.

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INDIAN AGENT

*[Handwritten signature]*



CANADA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
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7-0-5  
PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 125-4

Muncey, Ontario,  
Sept. 25th, 1944.

Attached please find copy of a letter received from the Rev. S.H. Soper, Principal of the Mt. Elgin Residential School. In this connection I think the law of the province of Ontario requires that steam boilers be inspected periodically. It is not known, nor is there any record of a previous inspection. Mr. Soper therefore feels that an inspection should be made before fires are made preparatory for the winter season.

I am not sure whether provincial inspection is the procedure or whether they may be inspected by the nearest boiler makers available. In any case if the authorization is granted I will make the necessary arrangements.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Geo. W. Down,  
INDIAN AGENT.

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

GWD/BC

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