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Whitehorse Baptist Mission
Narrative
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This Narrative summarizes documents that provide an over-view of the history and administration of the school.

I - NAME OF SCHOOL AND VARIANTS

Name	Item No.	Date MM/DD/YYYY
Whitehorse Hostel (Baptist)	BAP-090025	00/00/0000
Whitehorse Baptist Hostel	BAP-090017	09/28/1953
Whitehorse Indian Baptist Mission School	BAP-090077-0000	12/27/1956
Baptist Indian Hostel	YKS-000726	05/01/1959
Baptist Mission Hostel	BAP-090006-0000	03/01/1960

II - CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

Years of Operation

1947 to June 30, 1960; however the residential buildings continued to house children until September 1961.

Opening Date

1947
January – Rev. H.I. Lee opened a day-school on January 13, 1947. [BAP-000309]

September – The residential school was started with 45 children. [BAP-000067-0002]

Closing Date

1959
With plans for the new Federal Government owned and operated hostel to begin operation in September 1960, plans are made to close the Whitehorse Indian Day School. Plans are made to transfer junior pupils to Carcross IRS, and senior pupils to live in the new Government Hostel while attending school in Whitehorse. [BAP-090051]

1960
As of June 30, 1960, the "Whitehorse Indian Day School (Baptist) Residential School" was effectively closed as students were discharged. [BAP-090065-0000]

In September 1960, children continued to be placed and accepted into the Baptist Mission by Reverend Montgomery of the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society [BAP-000181]. In November 1960, the government refused to accept any financial responsibility for these children residing at the Whitehorse Baptist Mission hostel because the children were accommodated without prior approval [BAP-000170-0000 and BAP-000170-0001]. Reverend Montgomery advised the government at that time that due to their responsibility to parents of the Baptist affiliation who do not wish to send their children to the Anglican school at Carcross, that they would look after the children until such a time that a satisfactory arrangement could be made. [BAP-000182]

1961
In April, the Whitehorse Baptist Mission no longer operated as a school. However the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society housed Welfare children and children of other unfortunate circumstances in the residential portion of the buildings referred to as the Baptist Mission Home. [BAP-000612]

III - MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL

Dates Managed by Church / Organizational Structure of WBM:

The Whitehorse Baptist Mission, as an institution, over the years consisted of:

Day-School
Reverend H.I. Lee opened a day-school in January 1947. [BAP-000309]

Hostel
There was a hostel portion of the WBM institution. [BAP-090023 and BAP-000067-0002]

The institution was treated similarly to Indian Residential Schools in the same geographic location. [See BAP-000387-0000; BAP-000995-0000; BAP-000995-001; BAP-000612; CP 00438-000439]

Orphanage[1]
In connection with the school and hostel, an orphanage was maintained in which pre-school aged children were given a home. [BAP-000614]

Timeline of Events:

[1] For more information see section of Narrative titled: Orphanage.

1947
September – The residential portion of the school opened with 45 children in residence. [BAP-000067-0002]

1948
The director of the school, Reverend Harold Iden Lee, conducted the boarding school to the end of the 1947/1948 school year largely assisted by contributions from the local people. [BAP-000379, BAP-000368, and BAP-000369] However, the government did pay for two teachers, the fuel, school supplies and janitor services. [BAP-000387-0000]

The teachers were the only government paid personnel at the school. Unpaid workers included the director, mechanical worker, cook, girls' and boys' supervisor and the laundress. [BAP-000369 and BAP-000379]

1949
The government and the founder of the Indian Baptist Mission School Society signed a funding agreement which noted that the government would not recognize the institution as an Indian Residential School. [BAP-000416]

1951
July 9 – The Indian Baptist Church was incorporated. [BAP-001026]

July 9 – The Whitehorse Indian Mission School was incorporated under the name Indian Baptist Mission School Incorporated, with a board of six full-time directors tasked with seeing that the work was carried on in the best way possible. [BAP-000614]

1956
July 24 – The Yukon Baptist Missionary Society is incorporated under the Yukon *Societies Ordinance*. [BAP-001281-0001]

The Constitution of the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society sets out the objects of the society which included:

> a) To organize, establish, conduct and operate Churches, Missions, Schools, Hostels, Orphanages, Children's Homes, Welfare Homes, Hospitals, and to conduct, further or encourage charitable activities in the Yukon Territory.
> b) To acquire real and personal property; and to hold, occupy, use, lease, transfer, sell or otherwise deal with the same. [BAP-001281-0002]

1959
The process to amalgamate the Indian Baptist Church and the Indian Baptist Mission School into the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society was explained by letter by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies; a handwritten note on the letter indicates that they had been amalgamated and the file closed. [BAP-001016]

Dates Managed by Government

Effective September 1948, the government provided finances for the maintenance of the Indian children housed in the hostel section of the school. No payment would have been made for the admission of the child unless the government gave their approval prior to the child entering the school [BAP-000416].

The government paid the salaries and Northern Living Allowances of the teachers and approved the appointment of teachers [BAP-000416]. The government operated the classrooms, employing the teachers and supplying fuel, books etc. [BAP-090017].

1947
March 4 - The government approved the appointment of a teacher at Whitehorse Day School [BAP-000319].

September 24: The Indian Agent in the Yukon strongly recommended the appointment of a second teacher at Whitehorse Indian Day School due to a larger enrolment. On September 29 a second teacher was nominated by Reverend Lee [BAP-000340 and BAP-000341].

1948
An application for employment is submitted to the government for a new teacher who had commenced work on September 15 at Whitehorse Day School because the first teacher was unable to return [BAP-000388].

1949
The government appointed a part-time Domestic Science and Handicrafts teacher at the Day School [BAP-000422].

1950
In November, the government agreed to employ a fourth full time teacher at Whitehorse Indian Day School [BAP-000238-0001].

1951
In June, the government increased the per diem rate for the maintenance of each Indian child from $0.95 to $1.15 [BAP-000055-0000].

1953
In September, the government increased the per diem rate per pupil from $1.15 to $1.25 for children maintained the in Whitehorse Baptist Hostel [BAP-090017].

1958
Effective April 1, 1958, the government allowed the management of the Indian Baptist Mission at Whitehorse $1.70 per pupil, per day for children maintained at the Whitehorse Baptist Hostel [YKS-003503].

1960
The Minister explains in a letter that public funds would not be available for the continued operation of the hostel as it would be a duplication of services, since the new hostels in Whitehorse were to be opened in September [BAP-001334]. A telegram in September advises that DIAND will not accept responsibility for children in the Baptist Mission that had not received prior approval from the Department [BAP-000176-0001]. This policy is confirmed in a memorandum from October regarding the children who were admitted to Whitehorse Baptist Mission without approval [BAP-000609].

Yukon Territory Involvement

While since its inception in 1947, the founder and resulting societies managed the Whitehorse Indian Baptist Mission School, the territory provided finances for maintenance of some children under their jurisdiction.

1948
September - The Yukon Territorial Council is paying $1.10 per day per child for "the upkeep of half-breed children and orphans of white or doubtful status maintained by the Reverend Mr. Lee and attending Whitehorse Indian Day School" [BAP-000387-0000].

1950
The Yukon Territorial Government allows $1.25 a day for maintenance of boarders [BAP-000606].

The Yukon Territorial Government makes a grant for "the education and care of indigent half-breed children for which the government has a responsibility [BAP-090014].

1953
The hostel accommodates a number of non-Indian children for whom the Yukon Territorial Government makes a grant of $1.90 per day [BAP-090017].

IV - SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The buildings which comprised the Whitehorse Indian Baptist Mission School were originally bought by the school and society's founder Reverend Harold Iden Lee. When the Indian Baptist Mission Society [later the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society] was created, the society became the owner of the buildings.

1946
In October, Rev. H.I. Lee informs the Indian Agent that he had obtained a large building, 120 X 20, from the War Assets Corp. The building is well lighted, fully equipped with electric lights and with double plumbing [BAP-000307-0001].

1947
In September nine army buildings 20' x 120' were purchased from Crown Assets [BAP-000067-0002]

The building acquired by Rev. H.I. Lee was the original Public Roads Administration, U.S.A., headquarters built by the U.S Army [BAP-000463 and BAP-000617].

1948
Fire Chief inspects the Whitehorse Indian School and recommends the installation of extinguishers into Reverend Lee's quarters, water pump cans into the dormitories, and pyrene extinguishers into the kitchen [BAP-000375].

1949
November – Mr. Lee acquired another building that was a former army mess hall and kitchen, including a walk-in refrigerator [BAP-200221].

Alterations are made to the building owned by Rev. H.I. Lee to create the new manual training room [BAP-000269].

1950
The buildings occupied by the Whitehorse School were in need of painting and repairs, however Rev. Harold Lee did not feel that he should undertake the work as his tenure on the site could not be assured [BAP-090014].

The addition of an art classroom to the Whitehorse Indian Day School was approved and funded by the government [BAP-000568 and BAP-000569].

1951
In May, a survey of the Indian Mission School was completed by the Yukon Territorial Government. No serious overcrowding was noted, but a suggestion was made that a minimum standard be set. All classrooms had approximately 20 square feet per pupil and had ample summer ventilation. The mess hall dishwashing was found to unsatisfactory in that no sterilization of utensils was carried out. General conditions at the school were found to be very good and the building kept in reasonably good shape [YKS-000709].

1952
May – Territorial Government purchased from the Whitehorse Baptist Indian Mission a 20' x 56' building located at the Carmacks road camp for the sum of $1000. [BAP-001084]

1953
October – In regards to the hostel and school portions of WBM, the Indian Affairs Branch noted that "to separate the two units physically is impossible." [CP000440]

Furthermore, the Federal Government found that the notion of the Whitehorse Indian Day School being a separate entity from the Hostel was not substantiated by fact. [CP000438-000439]

1954
It was noted that the buildings of the Baptist Mission at Whitehorse, which were formerly army huts, reached a state of disrepair where they had to be replaced or abandoned [BAP-090019].

The buildings were not suitable for the purpose for which they were being used, and it was planned to abandon them and construct a new hostel when a suitable location could be found [BAP-090021].

1955
Effective July 1, 1955, the government decreased the authorized pupilage of Whitehorse Indian Day School from 140 to 80 pupils. The decrease was due to a serious fire hazard existing in the school, owing to its rambling nature and the highly flammable materials used in its construction. [BAP-000607].

1959
Following detailed reports of the hazardous condition of the building, the government stipulated that no more than 80 Indian children should be accommodated [BAP-000189].

1960
The Whitehorse Mission Home appears as a property owned and operated by the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society for the year 1960 to 1961 [BAP-000624-0002].

1961
A letter from the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society notes that some buildings have already been removed and others are scheduled to be dismantled [BAP-001290].

Dates owned by Government

N/A

Date turned over to Band or other aboriginal group

N/A

V - LAND

1947
The Whitehorse Indian Day School was located on a leasehold called the Alaska Highway Maintenance Lease No. 15A. The leasehold was described as follows:

> Commencing at a point where the south boundary line of the city limits of Whitehorse, Y.T. intersects the west property line of Fifth Street, thence east along the south boundary line of Whitehorse, a distance of 460 feet, thence south 520 feet; thence west 460 feet, thence north 520 feet to the point of beginning, in Lot 19, Group 5, containing an area of 5.491 acres, more or less [BAP-000468]

The land was owned by the British Yukon Railway Company and the present lease was obtained by the Department [of Mines and Resources] for a term of five years from 15th of February, 1946, at a rental of $5.00 per acre per annum [BAP-000468].

The Department of Mines and Resources leased the land for the purposes of constructing the Northwest Highway [BAP-000463].

1948
January - In 1948, the maintenance authority of the land was the Department of National Defence. The Department of National Defence stated that although there was a continuing Army Requirement for the lease in question, it would have been quite in order for the Indian Affairs Branch to occupy an area of one acre of

land surrounding the building then in use by the Whitehorse Indian Day School [BAP-000486].

1950
It was noted that the Whitehorse School operated by Reverend Harold Iden Lee was situated on land belonging to the British Yukon Railway Company Limited which was held under lease by this Department [Department of Resources and Development] for the benefit of the Department of National Defence (Army) and it was not possible for the Reverend Mr. Lee to acquire title to any portion of the property although he desired to do so [BAP-090014].

1954
The school facilities were located in Block 19, Whitehorse Townsite, which property was under lease by the Federal Government to the British Yukon Navigation Company Limited, and in turn leased to the Department of National Defence [BAP-090021].

The Indian Baptist Mission School was situated on land leased from B.Y.N.; the contract with them was temporary and only from month to month [BAP-000614].

VI - PHOTOS, PLANS AND OTHER MEDIA

Item #	Year	Description
BAP-000325	1947	Evacuation Plan of the “Whitehorse School.”
BAP-000335	1947	Photo of the “Whitehorse Indian Day School and Pupils - May 1947”, picture is described as the old building.
BAP-000342	1947	Photo of the first building used as an Indian School in Whitehorse (mid-left)
BAP-000395-0000	1948	Plan of current and proposed site of Reverend Mr. Lee’s School (cover document).
BAP-000395-0001	1948	Plan of current and proposed site of Reverend Mr. Lee’s School. (map)
BAP-000292	1950	Photos of the manual training room that was set up for the joint use of the Whitehorse Indian School and local territorial school.
BAP-000240	1950	Photo of town and airport of Whitehorse.

VII - GENERAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME

Year	Item #	Number of Students
September 1947	BAP-000067-0002	45 children in residence
October 1947	BAP-000356	40 children in residence; 26 day pupils
June 1948	BAP-000379	67 children enrolled at the boarding school
February 1950	NPC-603454	75 Indian and 15 other pupils in residence
June 1951	BAP-000055-0000	Present enrolment at the Whitehorse Day School is 106 [boarders]
March 1953	BAP-001003	Enrollment at Indian Baptist Mission School, Incorporated is 171 pupils; of these 143 are Indian Status while the remaining 28 are of mixed blood
April 1953	BAP-000897-0000	140+ Indian children living in residence
January 1954	BAP-090018	Whitehorse Indian Day School enrolment was 176; of these 140 were Indian resident pupils, 6 day school pupils, and the rest of the children were enfranchised Indians or half-breed children.
September 1954	BAP-001046	140 Indians, 25 non-Indians in residence
June 1954	BAP-000067-0002	100 Students in residence; 3 preschool children in orphanage
November 1956	BAP-090077-0002	118 Indian Status Children attending

Year	Item #	Number of Students
May 1957	BAP-000144	95 Pupils enrolled in Whitehorse Indian Day School.
October 1957	BAP-000069	95 or 98 Children in residence. [Not clearly legible – unclear copy]
September 1959	YKS-003489	80 in attendance at Baptist Indian Mission Residential School
June 1959	BAP-000190	93 Indians in attendance at Whitehorse Indian Day School
August 1959	BAP-090028	11 discharged and 82 returning to Baptist Indian Mission
February 20 1961	BAP-001290	18 Baptist and welfare children residing in Mission Home

VIII - STUDENTS FROM OTHER RESERVES

Students from the following bands attended or resided at Whitehorse Baptist Mission: Carmacks, Aishihik, Atlin-Teslin, Laberge, Whitehorse, Ross River, Dawson, Selkirk, Champagne, Pelly Lakes, Teslin, Haines Junction, Upper Laberge; Burwash.

IX - RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Teaching Staff were drawn from the following and other religious groups:

- Prophetic Bible Institute, Calgary, Alberta
- Berean Bible College, Calgary, Alberta
- Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills Alberta
- Christian Training Institute, Edmonton Alberta
- Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport Saskatchewan
- Moody Bible Institute, Chicago Illinois
- Canadian Bible Institute, Regina Saskatchewan

Anglican/Baptist Conflict 1957

The Principal of Carcross IRS became concerned when a baptized Anglican student was admitted to the Baptist Mission School. He requested to the Yukon Indian Agency that the practice should cease immediately [BAP-090050].

1960
When building the new hostel for Protestant children to replace the Indian Baptist Mission School at Whitehorse, the government dealt with many concerns regarding the religious teaching of the pupils, the religious denomination of the staff at the hostel and the placement of Baptist pupils within Anglican schools**.** Both the Baptist and Anglican Authorities were equally insistent that the school should be operated under their respective auspices or in a neutral manner [BAP-090052**,** YKS-000360, BAP-090005].

There was concern in regard to the Principal of the Baptist Mission becoming the Principal of the new hostel. In 1960, the government decided that the administration of the unit should come directly from an official on their staff and appointed an official to direct the Baptist Principal on matters of operating the hostel [YKS-000360, YKS-003056].

Further conflict surrounded a decision to have all Protestant children in grades 1-3 transferred to Carcross School. The Yukon Baptist Missionary Society opposed Baptist pupils attending an Anglican school and requested arrangements to provide spiritual ministry for these children [YKS-000332, BAP-090005, and BAP-090043]

X - WRITTEN AGREEMENTS

1949
Arrangement between Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines & Resources and the Reverend H.I. Lee of Whitehorse in which the government would not recognize the institution as an Indian Residential School [BAP-000416].

XI - DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO SCHOOL INCIDENTS

Convictions
To date, we are unaware of any convictions for abuse at Whitehorse Baptist Mission or of any convicted abusers present at the school.

Incidents
To date, we are unaware of any incidents of abuse at Whitehorse Baptist Mission.

XII - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admission Matters

1948
Reverend Lee maintained four children of parents convicted of the charge of intoxication without a grant for six months [BAP-000518].

1949
On many occasions when the local hospital had lacked beds, Mr. Lee took in Indian children and looked after them until a hospital bed in Whitehorse was free [BAP-000419-0001].

1956
A student with a history of truancy, stealing, apprehension by the police and trial in Juvenile Court was approved for a transfer from Carcross IRS to Whitehorse Indian Day School [BAP-090061-0000, BAP-090061-0001, BAP-090062, BAP-090063, BAP-090064, and YKS-003484].

Alleged Truancy of Pupils

1949
RCMP investigates six cases of alleged truancy of students attending Whitehorse Indian Mission School [BAP-000414-0000 to BAP-000414-0006].

The Life at the Mission and School

1946
May 5th - Rev. Harold Lee, his wife and their two children arrive in Whitehorse as missionaries under the Alaska Evangelization Society [BAP-000067-0002].

1947
September – The residential portion of the school opened with 45 children in residence. [BAP-000067-0002]

1948
December – The annual Christmas Concert, consisting of a program of recitations, plays, star drills and other Christmas routines, is reported in the Whitehorse Star. [BAP-001440-0000]

1949
November – An ice rink was made near the school. Desks had been ordered for the school as the students were sitting on backless forms. There were 88 pupils at meal times and the kitchen was well-stocked with moose meat bought from Indians. Sleeping accommodations and sanitary facilities were plain but acceptable [BAP-200221]. Health services in Whitehorse were reinforced.

1950
Circa September – It was noted in an Indian School bulletin that an art exhibition was put on by the British Columbia Indian Arts and Welfare Society of Victoria, at which the Whitehorse Day School provided art-work. The students and their teacher Miss L. Farley were congratulated on their work, but it is not clear if the teacher or students went to Victoria for the exhibition or not. [NPC-600329]

1952
March – On March 2, Reverend Harold Iden Lee died as a result of injuries sustained in a Motor Vehicle accident. His wife and his brother Leforest Lee continued on his work at Whitehorse Indian Mission School. [BAP-000615-0000, BAP-000615-0003]

Leforest Lee continued as Director of the Mission [BAP-001085]. Earl Lee was Senior Teacher from Sep. 1949, and he began requesting that he be reclassified as Principal. It is noted that if the day school is considered separate by the department, Mr. Lee might be classified as Principal Grade 1 [CP000118, CP000438-440].

1953
January 31 - Six to eight school age children could be accommodated at the Indian Baptist Mission School next summer. Requesting if accommodations for 10 could be made. [BAP-001056]

May 12 – Students were to be placed into WBM as boarders for their education, because their parents were out trapping and thus not maintaining a permanent home in Whitehorse. [BAP-000887]

October 13 – The Department is not prepared to reclassify Mr. Earl Lee as Principal. Furthermore, the Federal Government found that the notion of the Whitehorse Indian Day School being a separate entity from the Hostel was not substantiated by fact. [CP000438]

1955
January 27 – Earl R. Lee, newly elected President, takes over the administrative duties of the school. [BAP-000066-0001]

1956
Sep. 1, 1956 - Earl Lee is officially reclassified as Senior Teacher/Principal [CP000074]. A document from May 1956 explains the policy change that made the reclassification possible [CP000080].

1957
It is reported that the Whitehorse Indian Day School had a poor and inadequate laundry system, and yet considering this inconvenience, they preferred doing their own laundry as it was more economical. [BAP-090001]

A new hostel to be constructed by the government is approved. The hostel was intended as an alternative hostel for the Indian children attending the Lee Mission School at Whitehorse. The Minister indicated that the hostel should provide for Indian children, white children and children of mixed blood. [BAP-090076]

1959
The government approves closing of the Whitehorse Day School and transfer of the students to the Selkirk Elementary/Joint School in Whitehorse for the 1959-1960 school year. While attending the Selkirk school, the pupils were to live in the hostel at the Whitehorse Indian Day School. Mr. Lee would act as Supervising Principal of Whitehorse Indian Day School and Hostel during this year. After the 1959-1960 school year, the children in grades 1-3 were to be transferred to Carcross School. [BAP-090074-0000]

August – As of June 30, 1959, the children enrolled in the Whitehorse Baptist Hostel were discontinued from attending the Indian Day School at Whitehorse. [YKS-000728]

August – classroom supplies including desks, chairs and blackboards were to be transferred from Whitehorse Indian Day School to Carcross Indian Residential School [BAP-090071]

1960
May – In May, the president of the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society, Incorporated, informs the government of their clear intention to continue providing hostel and classroom accommodations for the Baptist children in grades 1-3. They state they "...do not intend to have the Indians who desire to have their children instructed in the Baptist faith to be subject to Anglican indoctrination by having those in grade 1-3 placed in the Anglican School at Carcross" [YKS-000332 and BAP-090005].

Health

1947
In January, an immunization clinic was held at the school. Twenty-six infants and pre-school children were given the first dose of combined diphtheria and pertussis [BAP-000315].

1950
February – A Regional Superintendent of Indian Health Services visited the Mission and noted that the buildings were "not in good repair" and the fire hazard was high. Though, due to the numerous doors on the one-story buildings, "the residents would all probably be able to escape." In terms of cleanliness, the "Premises were as clean and well-kept as could be expected in such buildings." Meanwhile, the "Children were clean, looked well nourished, orderly and cheerful." The Superintendent was satisfied with the care, feeding, teaching, and health supervision of the 75 children at the Mission. [NPC-603454]

1950
December – It is noted in a report to the Department of National Health and Welfare that the pupils at WBM were given excellent care, sleeping quarters were clean and not over-crowded, food was above the standard of other Indian Residential Schools, and Medical Staff were on call at all times for the school. It is noted that Mr. Lee, for a nominal fee of $2 per day, had a practice of taking in children recently released from Hospital in Whitehorse until transport was arranged to their homes, which if from outlying areas would sometimes take several weeks. [NPC-603453]

1951
February to March – A child died while in residence at WBM. Initial diagnosis was that Tuberculous Meningitis caused the death. Subsequent autopsy revealed that the cause of death was a ruptured aneurysm. Nonetheless, all 126 pupils were x-rayed at the Whitehorse Military Hospital [findings indicating no active tuberculosis disease at the school] and a review of health procedures also took place. [NPC-603446, NPC-603442-0000, NPC-603442-0002, NPC-603451]

March – The WBM new student medical screening involved a medical exam when enrolled for the first time, with further exams in subsequent years if specifically indicated. The infirmary at the Mission was deemed good, with one supervisor to care for patients and to notify the local Registered Nurse with any problems. [NPC-603442-0002]

Throughout the year, the Nurse held clinics two or three times a week at the Whitehorse Indian Day School, and a complete record was kept of the medical history of each child [BAP-000305].

1952
September – It is noted by the medical superintendent that conditions at the Lee School at Whitehorse in terms of the buildings, accommodation, and facilities were very poor. [NPC-622922]

1955
September – An employee from the Southern Yukon Children's Aid Society visited the WBM and noted they were "Not being too pleased with the sanitary conditions and cleanliness at the Indian Mission School where we have foster children placed." She went on to recommend the Public Health Nurse pay a visit to see what improvements could be made. [BAP-001030]

September – The Yukon Public Health Nurse visited the Indian Mission School Orphanage noting there was a shortage of staff and only two workers to care for sixteen children. The 1956 report notes that one of the Indian children from the orphanage was in the hospital with suspected T.B., while several cases of impetigo were presently under treatment, and one worker in hospital with

infectious hepatitis. However, diets were found to be “quite satisfactory.” [BAP-000613]

1956
Vaccinal tests were done at the Baptist Mission School in Whitehorse. In addition, diphtheria and tetanus injections were given as needed and the Salk vaccine program was continued. A total of one hundred and fifty-six injections were given [BAP-000610].

1960
January – A report commented that the buildings and the equipment were old, and notes that the school will be closed in the fall. The report also commented on the diet of children, commending the adequate levels of proteins, while noting a lack of vegetables and vitamin C, and suggesting cheaper sources of Vitamin C. [NPC-620136-0004]

XIII - ORPHANAGE

1950
Financing for the orphanage was in part provided by the Superintendent of Child Welfare at the rate of 1.50/day. The superintendent was pleased to finally have an orphanage in the territory. [BAP-001104]

1954
In connection with the school and hostel, an orphanage is maintained in which pre-school aged children are given a home. [BAP-000614]

1955
September - One of the workers in the Orphanage contracted infectious hepatitis. [BAP-001030]

September – A report titled “Health conditions at the Indian Mission School Orphanage,” notes that one of the Indian children from the orphanage was in the hospital with suspected T.B. Also, several cases of impetigo were presently under treatment. Diets were found to be “quite satisfactory,” but a shortage of Staff left only two workers to care for 16 children. [BAP-000613]

1956
May – It is noted by the Indian Superintendent that neglected children were often placed in the orphanage operated by the Baptist Indian Mission until better, more permanent housing was arranged, which was not often. [BAP-000754]

XIV - RIDGEVIEW HOME FOR CHILDREN

1961
March – The Yukon Baptist Missionary Society is interested in constructing a building large enough to house 25 to 30 children plus staff [BAP-001288].

In September there were several handwritten letters asking for children to be transferred to the new Baptist Mission Home at Porter Creek, to receive Baptist religious training [see BAP-090110].

XV - PRINCIPALS / ADMINISTRATORS

Name	Position	Tenure Dates
Harold Iden Lee	Principal [BAP-000302-0002] Director	1947-1952
Mrs. Harold Iden (Lydia) Lee	"In charge" [BAP-001055]	1952-1953[2]
Leforest Lee	Director [BAP-000897-0000; BAP-000230-0001] Administrator [BAP-090017] President [BAP-000653]	1952-1955
Earl R. Lee	President [BAP-000066-0001] Director Senior Teacher/Principal [CP000074]	1949-1960[3]

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[2] After the death of her husband, documents indicate that Mrs. Harold Iden Lee and her brother-in-law [Leforest] continued her husband's missionary work at the school [BAP-000205; BAP-000849]. Mrs. Harold Iden Lee does not appear to be in a position of administration past 1953, though does appear in the role of secretary in March 1954 [BAP-000843-0001].

[3] Please note that Earl R. Lee was present at the school in the capacity of the Senior Teacher from 1949 [CP000118]. In letter dated January 27, 1955, Earl R. Lee is elected as President of the Indian Baptist Mission School Society and it is advised that he is now in charge of the administrative duties at the school [BAP-000066-0001]. He is reclassified as Senior Teacher/Principal effective September 1, 1956 [CP000074]

	DocID#	Covdate	DocDate	Doctype
1	BAP-090025	09/08/1950	09/08/1950	Report
2	BAP-000395-0001	11/06/1948	00/00/0000	Graphic
3	BAP-001043-0001	06/02/1955	00/00/0000	Report
4	BAP-090077-0002	12/27/1956	00/00/0000	List
5	BAP-000615-0002	03/11/1952	00/00/0000	Memorandum
6	BAP-000307-0001	09/13/1946	10/14/1946	Letter
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AN EDUCATIONAL SURVEY WITH REFERENCE TO THE RELOCATION OF CARCROSS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. Necessity for Action

Information has been received that an industrial development will cause a raising of the level of the lake on which the present school is situated with consequent flooding of the school site. The chain of lakes so affected includes Lake Bennett, The Atlin Lakes, Tagish Lake and Marsh Lake.

2. Composition of the Committee:

Requests and instructions were issued to the undermentioned to visit, explore and appraise (using air or other transportation as necessary) alternative sites within the territorial limits of the Yukon:

The Most Reverend W.R. Adams, M.A., D.D.
Bishop of the Church of England Diocese of the Yukon.

The Reverend Canon H.G. Cook, B.A., D.D.
Superintendent of the Indian School Administration of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

The Rev. J.W. Ellis, L. Th.
Principal of Carcross Indian Residential School.

R.J. Meek, Esq., D.F.C., C.G.M.,
Superintendent, Yukon Indian Agency.

C.A.F. Clark, Esq., M.A. E.D.,
Educational Survey Officer, Indian Affairs Branch.

3. Method

Because of the extensive acquaintance with the Yukon possessed by most members of the Committee, it was agreed to restrict travelling by the Committee as a whole, and to rely as much as possible on reports already published and on previous journeys and observations by members of the Committee and by other persons who are qualified to advise. The larger purpose of this educational survey may be understood to be the securing of adequate schooling for as many Indian children of the area as possible with due regard for the expense and effort required of the public and the religious organizations concerned. Frank exchange of information and opinion was encouraged, but it was not possible to record much of the proceedings as the Departmental establishment for the Yukon does not include a shorthand-writer and an electric recording device was not provided.

Some possible sites for a new Carcross school were examined or re-examined during the early part of June, 1950. The members of the Committee assembled at Marsh Lake where [illegible]

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old timer in the area who has previously cooperated with our officials and afforded valuable opinions regarding climate, terrain and building requirements in the North country. It was considered unnecessary to visit Dawson City and Selkirk as all members of the Committee had sufficient actual experience or acquaintance with conditions at these points to satisfy them that these are not acceptable sites. Mr. Clark in company with Mr. Fur Supervisor Kendall examined the former Army camps in the vicinity of Whitehorse and explored the possibilities along the road between Whitehorse and Teslin. Mr. Clark, unaccompanied, examined the site of the Lower Post, B.C. Residential School presently under construction at Mile 630 on the highway a few miles south of the Yukon border.

4. Related Conferences

(1) The last-named four members of the Committee conferred with the Reverend H.I. Lee who operates a hostel for Indian and other children at Whitehorse in connection with the Whitehorse Baptist Church in the Yukon. His zone of interest lies to the west and northwest of Whitehorse and includes the settlements at Aishihik, Champagne and La Berge. Discussions were aimed at a modus vivendi whereby schools would avoid claiming the same pupil. Nevertheless, the Reverend Mr. Lee intends to continue missionary work on a larger scale in the eastern part of the Yukon.

(2) Mr. Superintendent Meek and Mr. Clark called at the Bishop's Palace in an attempt to confer with the Most Reverend J.L. Coudert, Roman Catholic Apostolic Vicar of the Yukon whose subordinates are active at various scattered points in the Territory. Bishop Coudert was, however, absent on an extended tour of his vicariate.

5. Incidence of Population

The latest census as prepared by Mr. Superintendent Meek lists the various bands in the Yukon as given below. It is to be understood that the figures do not represent concentrations of population in settled communities, but rather the total of souls, mostly nomadic, conveniently comprised in a single band with a sort of headquarters associated with some geographical name that appears on the map. The map used for the purposes of this survey is the second edition of "Northwestern Canada - Transportation Facilities 1950" scale 50 miles to one inch, issued by the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Ottawa. The bands are listed in the order of north to south and those in approximately the same latitude are listed from west to east. They are divided according to religious denomination - Church of England (C. of E.), Roman Catholic (R.C.), Baptist (B.) and Indian (In.). The religious affiliation is that most recently reported to agency Headquarters.

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There are some Indians in the Stikine Agency of British Columbia whose connection with the Yukon results in their being found in that territory part of the year. These bands are:

Name	C. of E.	R.C.	B.	In.
Atlin-Teslin	29	96		
Tahltan	148	184		

6. Existing or Projected Schools

(a) Residential Schools

Name	Attendance
Whitehorse Hostel (Baptist)	85
Carcross (C. of E.)	42

The residential school presently under construction at Lower Post, B.C. will accommodate 120 children (R.C.) to be drawn from Yukon Points and Northern British Columbia.

(b) Day Schools

Name	Attendance
Old Crow	12 (?) 20 [illegible]
Moosehide (Dawson)	14
Mayo	27
Carmacks	12 14
Burwash Landing	11

Some voluntary effort is being made (C. of E.) at Selkirk where the Department formerly paid a teacher and a request to restore this school to the active list will probably be made. As noted above, in the eastern area there is a Roman Catholic seasonal school at Teslin with an enrolment of about 10, a few pupils attend the Day school at Teslin operated by the Territory and "volunteer" seasonal schooling is offered under denominational auspices at several points.

7. The Transportation Factor

Land, water and air routes radiate from Whitehorse where the Baptist mission has strategically set up in former Army buildings facilities for Day and residential pupils. The Roman Catholic Residential School at Lower Post is also advantageously situated near an air port (Watson Lake) and at a point on the highway where road traffic from all points of the compass east-bound from the Yukon and Northern British Columbia must pass. The advantages of such "funnelling" occur at any point east of Johnson's Crossing.

Persons whose opinions appear well-informed state that it would be less costly and more convenient to bring the pupils down from the north rather than to carry the necessary supplies, personnel and services northward to the pupils. For this reason the Committee was unanimous in declaring any site north of Carmacks as beyond consideration. Carmacks will eventually be served by an automobile road from Whitehorse (120 miles). River transportation, however, is not likely to be of much help to a school here, and aviation facilities seem likely to remain rudimentary.

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8. Other Factors Noted at Carmacks

(a) Terrain - This is not attractive from the scenic viewpoint or for acquiring an area of land functionally favourable for a school site. As an aerial photograph shows, the river meanders very inconveniently in a narrow valley and the benches above the bottom land did not evoke enthusiasm.

(b) Water - The river seems the only dependable source of water in sufficient quantity and chlorination would be necessary.

(c) Agriculture - Possibilities are not impressive. A good deal of volcanic dust overlies the level areas.

(d) Fuel Supply - There is a medium growth forestation but the majority of trees are said to be of a species not recommended for use in large heating units. The quality of the coal from a mine in the vicinity is questioned.

(e) Fish and Game - There is no certainty that the school could rely on food from the river or the land.

The reaction of the Committee to the suggestion that a residential school be established at Carmacks was in a high degree unfavourable.

9. Considerations Affecting a School at Whitehorse

There is already at Whitehorse an installation resembling a residential school. The life-expectancy of this Baptist institution cannot be estimated, but it will probably survive long enough to arouse objections to placing a well-subsidized Government residential school in the same town, or within the area served by the local lighting and water systems. Moreover, it seems evident that the existing or former Army camps in the vicinity which occupy the only desirable sites, will not be available. There is also the disinclination on the part of Church of England authorities to locate the new school near a town that attracts a floating White civilian population. This factor looms largest at Whitehorse and to a lesser extent at Carmacks and Mayo. It is to be noted, however, that with the exception of Moosehide (Dawson), Mayo and Teslin little use is made of reservations by the Yukon Indian population. Their way of life requires them to associate more freely with the White population and to compete with the White population in the pursuit of game and fur and of jobs in transportation, roadwork, construction and mining. They must, therefore, keep on the move, congregating at employment points such as Whitehorse, Carmacks, etc., or occasionally during the summer season at their better reserves such as Teslin, where the various denominations arrange seasonal schooling for some of the children. As most adults are considered to be living off the reserve they exercised the franchise at the recent Dominion election.

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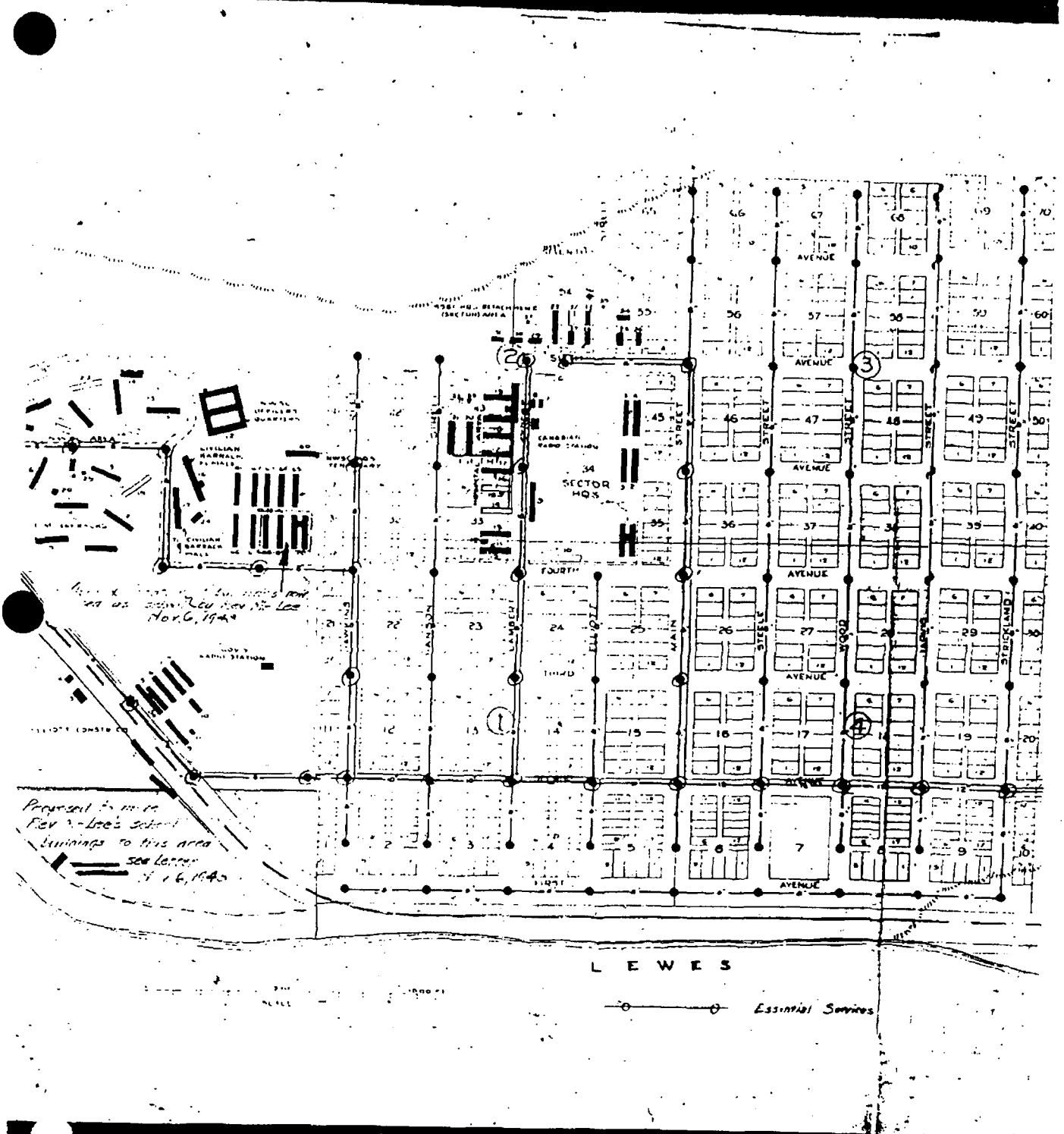

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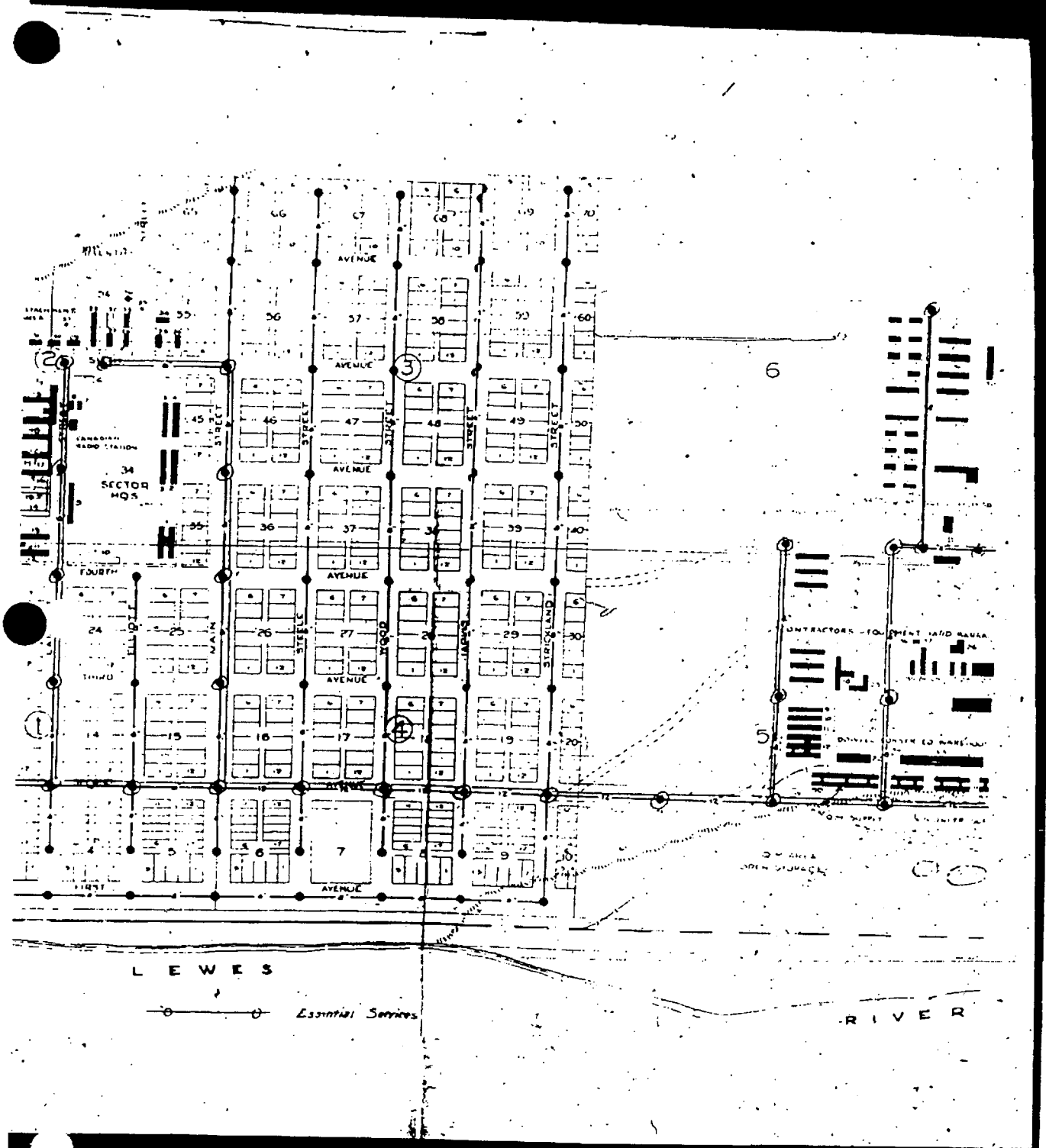

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DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION NEEDED.

	Elementary Girls	Elementary Boys	High School Girls	High School Boys	Total
A. Present Accommodation					
1. St. Agnes' Hostel	16	5	10	0	21
2. Indian Mission	87	73			160
B. Extra Needed Accommodation					
1. Indians	25	25			50
2. Vocational Training			5		5
3. Territorial Students	5	5			10
4. High School Scholarships			20	20	40
	123	108	35	20	286

Notes on above:

A_1 - St. Agnes' Hostel has accommodation for 28 pupils - 18 girls and 10 boys

A_2 - 15 of the girls are 15 years and over. 11 of the boys are 15 years and over. In thinking of accommodation only, they should rightly be classified as high school students.

B_1 - Mr. Earl Lee, principal of the Indian Mission School, states that there will be only about 8 drop-outs this coming year. The figure of 50 in this category is a rough, and I think, conservative, estimate of the number of beginners in 1955-56. (See appendix 2). At the present time there are 43 pupils in Grade I in this school, 36 in Grade II, 15 in Grade III, 33 in Grade IV, 16 in Grade V, 9 in Grade VI, 3 in Grade VII, and 5 in Grade VIII.

B_2 - Only the number of high school girls are listed in this category as in the immediate future only commercial training will be available.

B_3 - With first rate dormitory accommodation available at cost it is to be presumed that at least 10 extra pupils will take advantage of the facilities offered.

B_4 - To take care of 10 scholarships for outlying schools per grade level beginning with Grade IX

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PROBABLE ENROLMENT OF NEW TOWNSITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GRADES I - VI.

A.	Baptist Indian School Children of Indian Status in Grades I - VI	131	
B.	Increase in Enrolment of Indian Children	50	
	Total Indian Status		181
C.	Baptist Indian School Children - Territorial Wards and Others	21	
D.	St. Agnes' Hostel Boarders	12	
E.	Other Territorial Pupils	10	
F.	New Townsite Pupils	100	
	Total Non-Indian Status		143
	Probable Total Enrolment		324

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STATISTICS - SHEET #2

PROTESTANT CHILDREN OF INDIAN STATUS
ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN WHITEHORSE AND VICINITY.

1. Indian Status Children Attending Whitehorse Elementary-High School, November, 1956.

Grade 9 - 5		
Grade 10 -1		
Grade 11 -1		
Grade 12 -1	TOTAL	8

2. Indian Status Children Attending Indian Baptist Mission School, November, 1956.

Grade 1 - 26		
Grade 2 - 15		
Grade 3 - 14		
Grade 4 - 17		
Grade 5 - 19		
Grade 6 - 12		
Grade 7 - 9		
Grade 8 - 6	TOTAL	118

3. Carcross Residential School Enrolment, November, 1956.

Kindergarten - 20		
Grade 1 - 13		
Grade 2 - 20		
Grade 3 - 18		
Grade 4 - 17		
Grade 5 - 17		
Grade 6 - 14		
Grade 7 - 4		
Grade 8 - 5	TOTAL	128

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Re: Rev. Harold I. LEE (Deceased), Whitehorse, Y.T. and Reg.No. SK.72749 Pte. Peter BOYKO, R.C.A.S.C. (Canadian Army), Dawson Creek, B.C. - Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident at Mile 785.9 N.W.H.S., Y.T.

The Commander, N.W.H.S., WHITEHORSE.

1. Fwded: 4-3-52, copy for your information and record.

2. The Coroner ruled that no Inquest would be held on this death and you will note from the facts related in this report that the deceased met his death as a result of his vehicle skidding into the path of the oncoming Army vehicle which was on its right side of the road and traveling at a slow rate of speed.

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H.J.Spanton, Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division.

The O.C., "Q" Division,
R.C.M.Police, OTTAWA.

1. Fwded: 4-3-52, for your information, together with two copies of the Warrant to Bury for your record.

2. Rev. Harold I. LEE (Deceased), was Supt. of the Whitehorse Indian Mission School and was highly respected by all; accordingly his death came as a severe shock to this community. Further, it is my understanding that he was an ex-member of the R.C.M.Police and separate memorandum will be submitted in that regard for record purposes of the Force. The deceased is survived by his wife and three children in Whitehorse.

3. Further to para's. 2 and 4 of this report it might be mentioned that Mrs. Harold I. LEE accompanied the medical doctors via R.C.A.F. aircraft to Teslin as he requested her presence and there was some doubt that he would survive until arrival at the hospital here.

4. Mr. R. J. MEEK, Supt. Yukon Indian Agency, was advised of the death and Mr. N.V.K. WYLIE, Administrator, Dawson was also advised by signal, the Commissioner of the Y.T. presently being in Ottawa.

5. The actual cause of this accidental death is related in para.2 of my foregoing minute. Certificate of Registration of Death is being completed and forwarded to the Registrar of Vital Statistics, Dawson.

6. Separate estate report is being submitted under the caption: Rev. Harold I. LEE (Deceased) - Estate of, Whitehorse.

7. Copy to the Commissioner of the Y.T., Dawson.

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H.J.Spanton, Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division.

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Whitehorse, Y.T.,
Oct. 14th, 1946.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Day School, Whitehorse.

Further to my letter of 5th ultimo re Rev. H.I. Lee and his request for Departmental sanction in starting a Day School for Indians in Whitehorse.

The Rev. Lee has again approached me and states that he has obtained from War Assets Corp. a large building 120 x 20, which could be made available for Day School purposes. The building is well lighted, fully equipped with electric lights, and double plumbing. There are however, no other facilities or equipment such as benches or blackboards.

Rev. Lee tells me he visited four typical Indian families in Whitehorse recently, these four families had 12 children of school age. According to my copy of the 1941 census, there are 66 children of school age in Whitehorse. At the present time it is probable that there are more, due to the movement of Indians into Whitehorse during the construction boom.

Chief Jim Boss of the Whitehorse Indians has been approached on this subject, and he appears to favor the idea, particularly in view of the fact that no school facilities have been available for the Indians here for a number of years.

I might point out that Rev. Lee appears very anxious to do all in his power to assist the local Indians. A Day School in Whitehorse for Indians (most of the children have never been to school) would certainly be a great step towards the prime requisite of Indian needs - education.

R. J. Meek.
(R.J. Meek)
Acting Indian Agent.

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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT
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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
January 15th, 1947.

Welfare and Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Day School, Whitehorse

Further to my letters of Sept. 5th, and Oct. 14th, 1946, and your reply of Oct. 19th, file 166-8-1 (W.R. 1). The Rev. H.I. Lee opened a day school for the Indian children of Whitehorse on Monday, January 13th, 1947. Both War Assets Corporation and the Canadian Army, at Whitehorse, have given him considerable assistance as to the acquiring of a building, plumbing and electric facilities, heating units and furniture.

At the present time there are 15 pupils and a strong possibility of several more. Several parents are not sending their children back to the Carcross Residential School as a consequence of the opening of a day school at Whitehorse. This has a beneficial effect insofar as accommodating orphans, and children in very remote places is concerned. I have four such requests for admission before me at present.

While the Rev. Lee has proceeded with the organization of the day school on his own initiative, he is receiving the backing and moral support of the local Kiwanis Club and the Men's Council of Whitehorse. The parents are buying scribblers, pencils, pen, ink, etc. for their children.

It is hoped that recognition and support may be extended to Rev. Lee in the near future.

Department of Mines and Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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R.J. Meek
(R.J. Meek)
Acting Indian Agent.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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Box 84, Whitehorse.Y.T.
January 24th 1947.

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H.Q.'D.

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Please
File 93-166

P.E.Moore.M.D.,D.P.H.,
Acting Supt. Indian Health Services.,
Dept. National Health and Welfare.,
Ottawa.Ont.

Dear Dr Moore.,

During the past week, a new school has started in Whitehorse. It is in charge of the Rev Lee, a returned evangelist.

A qualified teacher is on her way in to Whitehorse, was delayed by storms. In the meantime Mr Lee appears to be conducting a quiet, orderly school. He has bought and paid for, a great number of books out of his own meagre stipend. Cocoa and sandwiches are served at recess and cod liver oil is given upon entrance each morning.

Having the school here is quite an asset as a place of contact for all families. I seized the opportunity to hold an immunization clinic in the school, the day after the opening. Twenty six infants and pre-school children were given the first dose of combined diphtheria and pertussim. With the giving of the third dose, I will vaccinate them.

We are trying to combat an epidemic of scabies and impetigo at Burwash Landing. There are cases every where. Single handed it is impossible to do it efficiently. Then, too, the natives are on the move all the time, now. We are in dire need of a quantity of scabies lotion or some sulphur ointment.

Might I suggest that all support be given to the new school in Whitehorse, as it will greatly assist the work in town. Hitherto, there has been no place to gather a group like this.

Yours truly,

M Hackett

Minnie Hackett.P.H.N.

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Item No. BAP-000319

166-8-1 (WT 1)

Air Mail

Ottawa, March 4th, 1947.

Mr. R.J. Meek, Indian Agent,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

We have your letter of the 27th ult., with reference to the Whitehorse Day School. The appointment of Miss Ethel Matilda Doan is approved. Salary will be allowed her at the rate of [redacted] a teaching month effective January 13th, 1947, the date on which it is stated she began duties.

We received the staff questionnaire form but we have not received a T.D.1 form. Presumably she is single without dependents. If she has any reason to claim married status, it will be necessary for her to forward a T.D.1 form immediately.

Approval is granted for the following expenditures:

Light, flat rate	$6.00	per month
Water, " "	3.00	" "
Sewerage," "	3.00	" "
One cord of wood	16.00	" "

We will allow an amount of $10.00 a month for serving mid-day lunch from the date the school opened until the end of March.

We will arrange to ship you twelve lacrosse sticks and three balls.

Bernard F. Neary
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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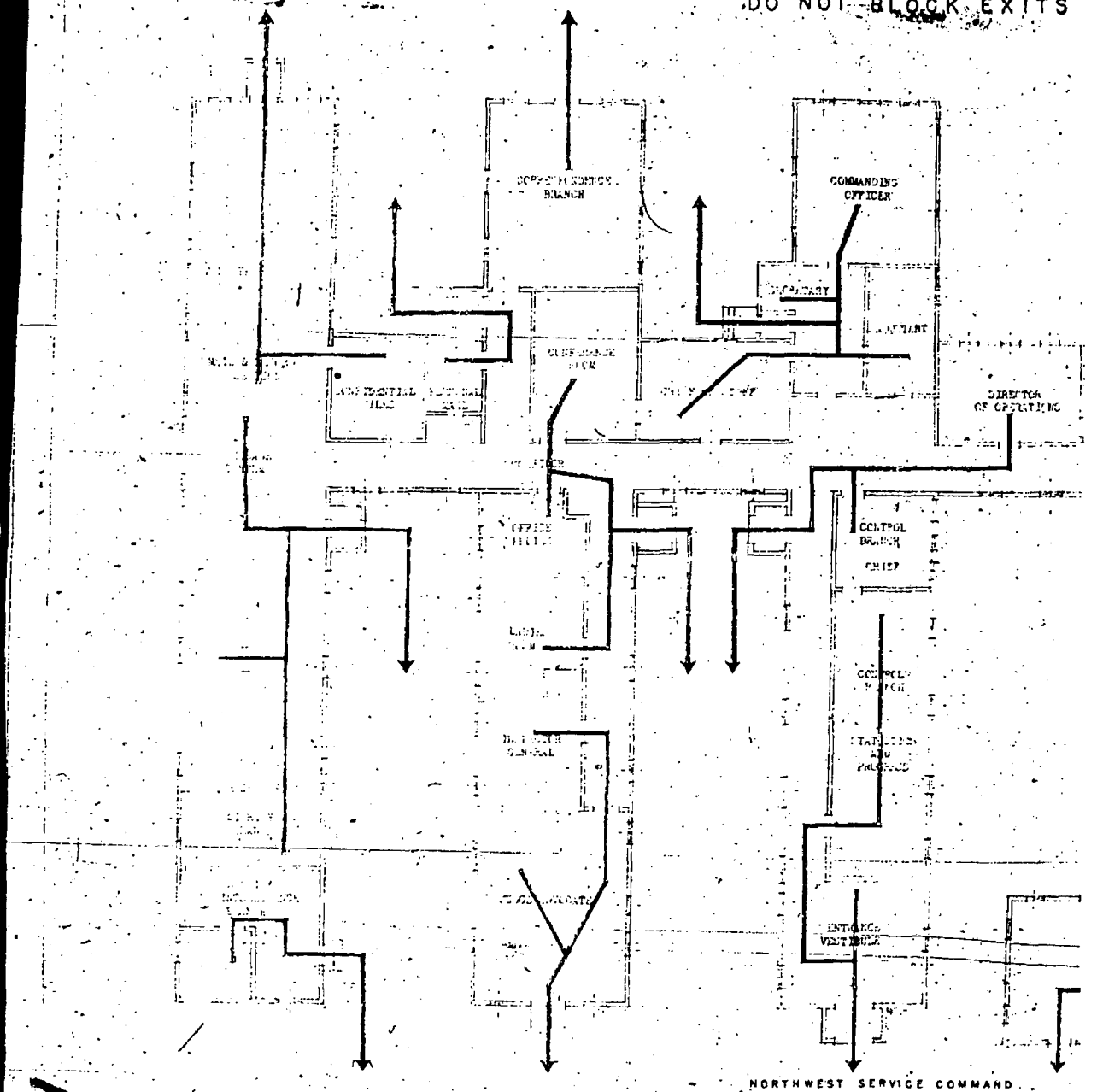

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"WHITE HORSE SCHOOL"

C.A.H. Clark
25 May 1942

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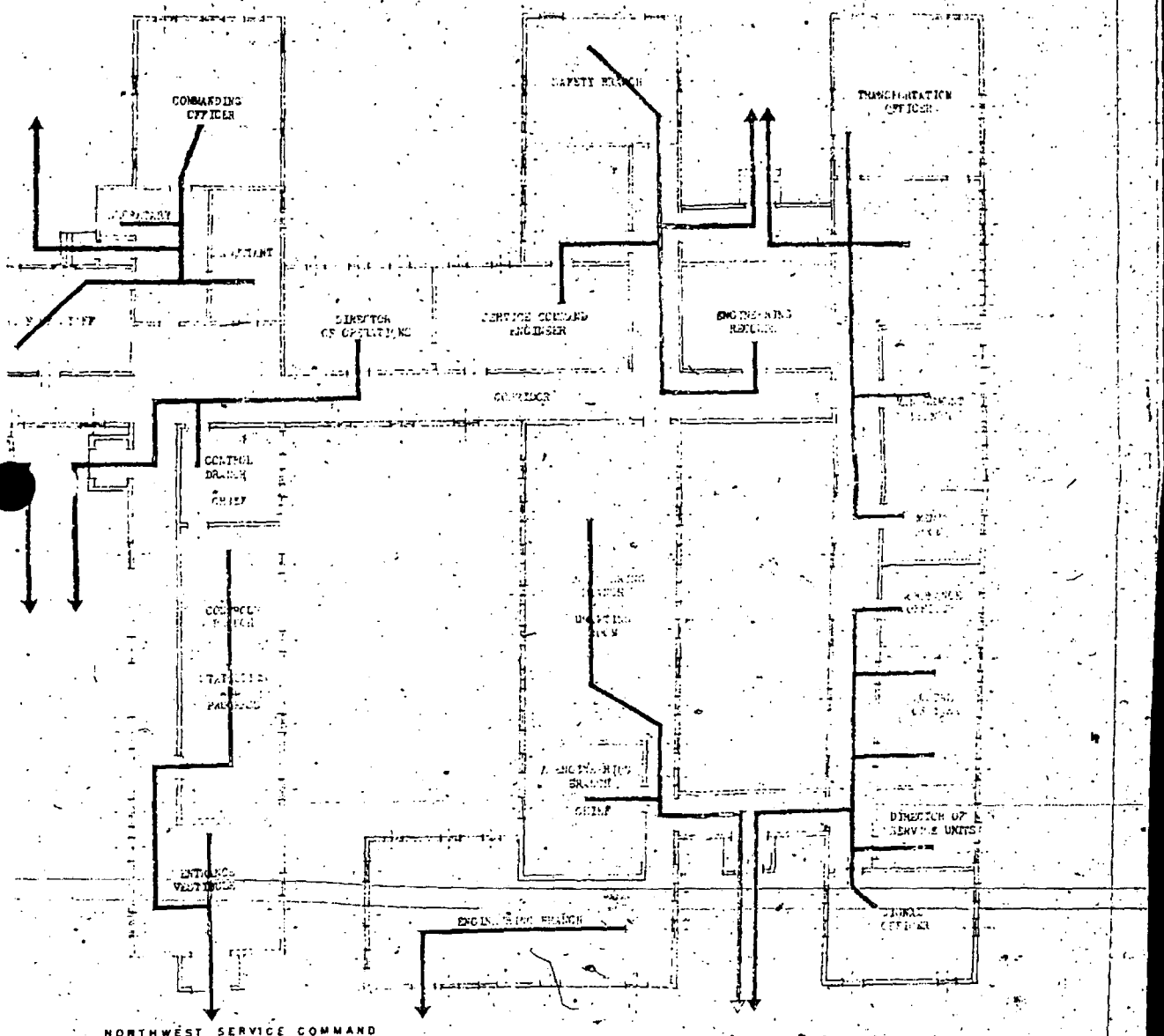

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"WHITE HORSE SCHOOL"

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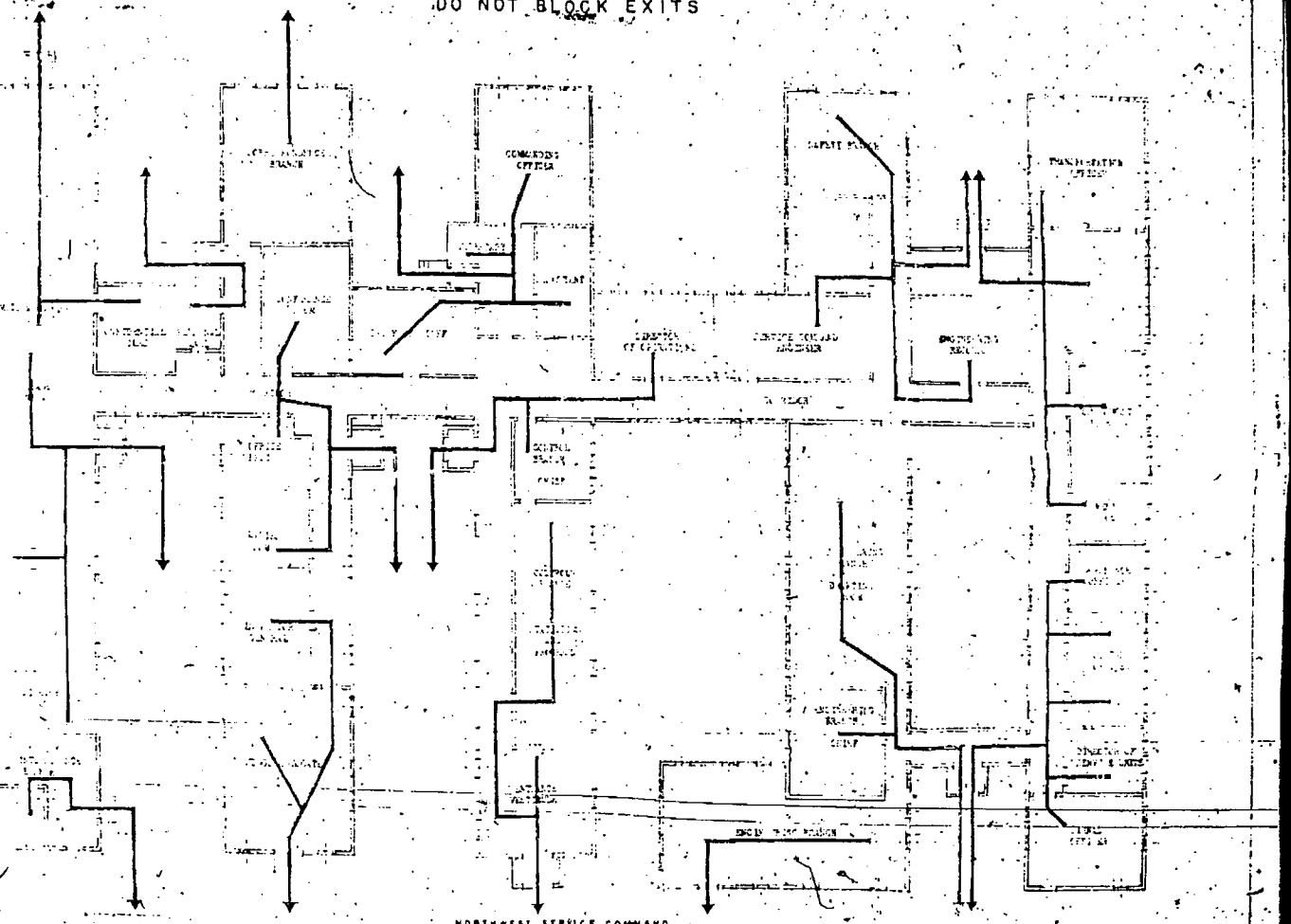

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"WHITE HOUSE SCHOOL"

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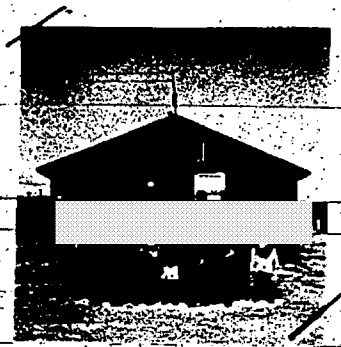
EXTRACT FROM QUARTERLY REPORT
of
MR. INDIAN AGENT MEEK

Dated July 10, 1947.
Original filed on 75-166

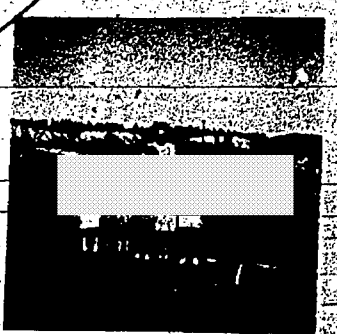
The Whitehorse Indian School moved its location to a better site during this Quarter. The building, while not of prepossessing appearance, being formerly U.S. Army offices, fulfils its function very well indeed. The Rev. H. Lee purchased the building for school and residential purposes. The suggestion has been advanced that the Indian Affairs Branch secure the school building for the more efficient administration of the school. There is a possibility that local conditions may make it desirable that a small number of children be boarded at the school while their parents are out on trap-lines. As only a few of the Whitehorse Indians are trappers, the total number of children thus cared for would be 10 or 12 at the most. Major Clark is in possession of these facts and has first-hand knowledge of local conditions in this regards.

(sgd) R.J. Meek,
Indian Agent.



Left:
Whitehorse Indian Day School and pupils — May, 1947.
This is the old building.

Right.
Whitehorse Cooperative Kindergarten (White).
Mrs. H.I. Lee in charge.
May, 1947.



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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT
Yukon Agency

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
Sept. 24th, 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

I attach hereto copy of letter received yesterday from Rev. H.I. Lee, the director of the Indian Day School at Whitehorse. I have visited the school several times, and each time there seemed to be an increasing enrollment. I am inclined to believe the peak has now been reached.

Miss Doan, the present teacher, has coped with the situation in a very able manner. At the present time the primary children attend school in the mornings, and from grade two to five in the afternoon. The proposed school room for an extra class has been examined. It is adjacent to the present class room and is well suited for the need. I have advised Miss Doan to submit a further requisition for school books and material.

Miss M. Mallinger, nominated by Rev. Lee as a teacher, is at present teaching in the city of Calgary, I am given to understand she holds a first class teaching certificate in the Province of Alberta. She has had in the neighborhood of seven or eight years teaching experience. She recently telegraphed Rev. Lee her willingness to accept a teaching position here. Accomodation is being provided for her in the event of appointment.

I might state that the sixty pupils mentioned are not all local Indian children. Quite a number come from Champagne, about 80 miles away, and which has only been provided with the most meagre educational facilities for a number of years past. All children from outside Whitehorse are being cared for by Rev. Lee.

I would strongly recommend the appointment of another teacher at the Whitehorse Indian School.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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R.J. Meek
(R.J. Meek)
Indian Agent.

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ARMY MESSAGE

UNCLASSIFIED (OUTGOING) FILE 166-8-1 (WF)

PLACE DATE

OTTAWA September 29 1947

R J MEEK
Indian Agent
Whitehorse Yukon

DELETTER SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR

WHITEHORSE DAY SCHOOL -stop- IN VIEW OF LARGE ENROLMENT PREPARED PAY EXTRA TEACHER AS REQUESTED -stop- DEPARTMENT WILL APPROVE APPOINTMENT MRS MALLINGER -stop- MAILING YOU USUAL FORMS FOR COMPLETION BY HER WHEN SHE REPORTS FOR DUTY -stop-

Confirmation

Bernard F Neary
Indian Affairs

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Mr. Philan:

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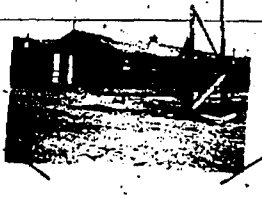
9 Oct, 1947.

School buildings in the Yukon.

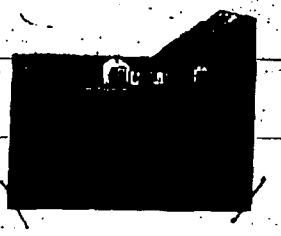
1. Junior grades

2. Senior grades and high school

ABOVE: Territorial government schools at Whitehorse, Y.T.

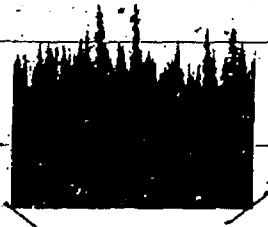


3. Whitehorse. The first building used as Indian school.



4. Carcross (Erected by C. & E.) The Indian Residential School Dormitories, dining hall.

PHOTO OF PRESENT WHITEHORSE SCHOOL IS ATTACHED TO PLAN.



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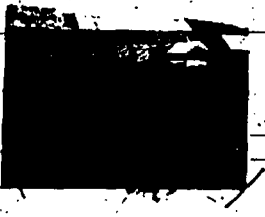

6. ST. PAUL'S HOSTEL AT DAWSON, Y.T. (to which this branch formerly contributed).

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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT
Yukon Agency

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
October 19, 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Whitehorse Indian School

Reference to a/m subject. Yesterday, October 18th, I was asked to sit in on negotiations between Rev. H.I. Lee, director of the Whitehorse Indian School, and Mr. C.J. Rogers, president of the White Pass and Yukon Railroad Co., concerning buildings and land on which the Indian School is situated.

The property concerned measures some 120 feet by 200 feet, and is owned by the White Pass Rwy., and which was leased to the Department of Mines and Resources some five years ago "for the purpose of constructing the Northwest Highway". The U.S. Army built a large office on this site, which has since been acquired by Rev. Lee. Department of Mines and Resources still hold the lease for the ground, but Mr. Rogers expects this will be given up in the future.

When the Department relinquish their lease on this land (apparently on word from the Canadian Army), Mr. Gordon is willing to lease the said land to Rev. Lee at a rental of $250 per annum for a period of five years, with the understanding that at the end of that time if either party wish to withdraw, then the present building must be dismantled and moved away. This is in accord with the policy of the War Assets Corporation.

Mr. Rogers wants to know if the Indian Affairs Branch are concerned with this lease. Is more ground needed? If so, he is willing to make arrangements for this. The land is not included in the taxation area of Whitehorse, but all indications point to it being included in the not too far distant future. Mr. Rogers would like to be guided by the policy of the I.A. Branch with regard to schools - whether day or residential. Would it be possible for Mr. C.A.F. Clark, if he should be in this area, to represent the Branch in discussions on the matter with Mr. Rogers and Rev. Lee.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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R.J. Meek

(R.J. Meek)
Indian Agent.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

166-8-1

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
October 30th, 1947.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

In reply to your letter of 23rd instant, file 166-8-1 (WT.), and further to my letter of 25th instant, re Residential School operated at Whitehorse, Y.T. by Rev. H.I. Lee. I have conferred with Rev. Lee regarding the wood supply and agreement has been reached that a minimum of $64.00 per month would meet the fuel situation. This is a reduction of nearly 30% on original estimate.

As requested in your penultimate paragraph, the following facts have been ascertained:

School Enrollment

Indians	Half-breeds	Enfranchised Indians		
50	9	7	Total	66
	Boarders			
32	6	2		40
	Day School			
18	3	5		26
50	9	7		66

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It is appreciated by Rev. Lee and myself that a large expenditure such as a Residential School cannot readily be assumed half way through a fiscal year. May I point out that school buildings and teacherages are provided by Rev. Lee without cost to the Department.

R. J. Meek
(R.J. Meek)
Indian Agent.

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Item No. BAP-000468

166-8-5 (WT.).
Copy on: 166-8-9.

Ottawa, November 12, 1947.

Mr. R.J. Meek, Indian Agent, Whitehorse, Yukon.

Whitehorse Indian Day School
- Land Lease.

Upon receipt of your letter of October 19th, the matter of land lease was referred to our Lands, Parks and Forests Branch. We have now received a reply from them which reads as follows:

"Referring to Colonel B.F. Neary's letter of the 30th ultimo regarding the desire of your Branch to obtain control over the site on which the above school is at present located and which you have ascertained is at the present time designated as Alaska Highway Maintenance Lease No. 15A, I wish to advise that the leasehold is described as follows: -

Tract No. 1: Commencing at a point where the south boundary line of the city limits of Whitehorse, Y.T. intersects the west property line of Fifth Street, thence east along the south boundary line of Whitehorse, a distance of 460 feet, thence south 520 feet; thence west 460 feet, thence north 520 feet to the point of beginning, in Lot 19, Group 5, containing an area of 5.491 acres, more or less.

The land is owned by British Yukon Railway Company and the present lease was obtained by this Department for a term of five years from the 15th of February, 1946, at a rental of $5.00 per acre per annum.

As you are aware, the maintenance of the Alaska Highway is at present looked after by the Northwest Highway System, a unit of the Department of National Defence, and we have been requested to look after the leasing of lands for that purpose.

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Up to the present time we have not received any information that the Department of National Defence wishes us to relinquish Lease No. 15A but if you so desire we will be glad to take this matter up with that Department".

We have, therefore, requested this Branch of our Department to refer this problem to the Department of National Defence, as indicated in the last paragraph of the above letter.

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

BFN/HM.

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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT
Yukon Agency

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Department of Mines & Resources Indian Affairs Branch. JAN 7 1948 REGISTERED

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
January 2nd, 1948.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario

I attach hereto a cutting from the December 26th edition of The Whitehorse Star, concerning a public bazaar held in Whitehorse by certain business men of this community, the proceeds of which were donated to the Whitehorse Indian Day School. Most of the money donated ($100.00) is being used for the upkeep of the children boarding at the school, for which no funds are available. The Territorial Government through Mr. J.E. Gibben, K.C., Controller of the Yukon Territory, were approached for an appropriation for the upkeep of some 12 or 13 half-breed children from out of town, and for which no school facilities exist. This request was not granted.

I am informed that this donation was entirely unsolicited by Rev. H.I. Lee, director of the Whitehorse Indian School. I might state that the school is conducted on non-sectarian lines, the teachers are duly qualified with considerable experience. Enrollment is over 60. The teachers are not missionaries and there is a minimum of religious education. It would appear that Rev. Lee's splendid efforts to assist the Indians of Whitehorse and vicinity holds the approval of the greater proportion of the white residents of Whitehorse.

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The staff of the Whitehorse Inn and Cafe take this opportunity of expressing their sincerest appreciation for the splendid support given to their bazaar and tea held in the Blue Owl Cafe on Monday and their best thanks to all who attended the same. The sum of $100 which was raised is being donated to Rev. Harold Lee for the benefit of the local Indian School.

We are in receipt of a letter from

R.J. Meek
(R.J. Meek)
Indian Agent

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166-8-5 (# 2).

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January 21, 1948.

E & D.

Mr. R. J. Meek, Indian Agent,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

Whitehorse Indian Day School

Further to our letter of November 12 of similar file, we have now received a reply from our Lands and Development Services Branch concerning the land upon which the above day school is located. This letter reads as follows:-

"Referring to your letter of November 13, 1947, regarding your desire to obtain control of a parcel of land on which the above school is located, I advised you on November 10 that the land which is designated as Tract No. 1 and fully described in my previous letter to you is at present under Alaska Highway Maintenance Lease No. 15A, which we are holding for the present maintenance authority, namely, the Department of National Defence. The land is actually owned by British Yukon Railway Company.

"On November 17, 1947, we made representations to the Department of National Defence regarding your school and under date of the 2nd instant a reply has been received as follows:

> 'Although there is a continuing Army Requirement for the lease in question, it will be quite in order for the Indian Affairs Branch of your Department to occupy an area of one acre of land surrounding the building now in use, as requested in the aforementioned letter.'

"Possibly the above arrangement will be satisfactory to you in the meantime, but, of course, in the event of the lease being terminated you would require to negotiate with the British Yukon Railway Company if you consider it advisable to make a purchase."

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It is therefore evident that we have authority to occupy the area of one acre of land surrounding the building now in use as long as it is a continuing army requirement for the lease in question.

Bernard J. Neary,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

BJN/KM

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YUKON TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

TOWN OF WHITEHORSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Whitehorse, Y. T.,

March 22 1946

Mr.J.R.Meek;

Indian Agent,

Whitehorse,Y.T.

Dear Sir:

Re the Whitehorse Indian School,under the direction of Rev.H.I. Lee.

On my recent inspection of the School for Fire Prevention I would recommend that the followind be installed as soon as possible.

In Rev.Lee's quarters Two (2) pyrene extinguishers,

In each dormitory One (I) 5 gallon water pump can,

In the kitchen Two (2) or Three (3) pyrene extinguishers.

I understand from Rev.Lee,that this summer a water line is going to be installed in the building.I would also recommend that Three (3) standpipes be taken off the main water line at different locations in the building.

Yours truly,

S.A. Dunbrack

S.A.Dunbrack.
Fire Chief.

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Yukon Agency

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE 6928

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
March 23rd, 1948.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Department of Indian Affairs
MAR 30 1948
A.M.

Whitehorse Indian Lay School

During a recent visit to the Whitehorse Indian Lay School, Rev. H.I. Lee, ~~director of this school requested some~~ definite commitment from the Indian Affairs Branch regarding maintenance of the school for the ensuing fiscal year, particularly with regard to boarders.

There is at present an enrollment of about 60, with over 40 children being maintained at the school while their parents are on trap-lines and wood-camps. Most of the boarders are from Champagne some 60 miles west of Whitehorse, which does not have a school. It was while conducting a volunteer summer school at the salmon fishing station of the Champagne Indians, that Rev. Lee was approached by several Indian parents and asked if he would take care of their children at his Whitehorse school during the winter.

This modest petition was granted, but far more children than had been anticipated arrived at the school, until the original dozen or so became 40 or 50. The large building owned by Rev. Lee was turned into dormitories, classrooms, kitchen and mess-hall. The feeding of the children constituted a tremendous problem, as very few of the parents seem to realize their own responsibility in the matter. The situation has been somewhat eased by the white citizens of Whitehorse, who, realizing the altruistic efforts of Rev. Lee have held bazaars, sales, etc., ~~and in many charitable ways, endeavored to assist the Indian~~ school.

The two teachers are the only paid personnel at the school. These teachers receive extremely modest salaries for the Yukon, ~~as they are not in receipt of Northern Living allowance, though~~ I believe the matter is under consideration. Besides the two ~~paid teachers, there are the following unpaid workers:~~ Rev. H.I. Lee, director; Mr. Deforest Lee, mechanical work; Mrs. L. Lee, cook; Mr. Rimling, boys supervisor; Mrs. Rimling, girls supervisor; Mrs. Maggie Chitze (Indian), laundress. The school cannot be considered a religious institution, but is interdenominational.

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Rev. Lee understands and appreciates the position the Branch is in when he took in boarders without first making financial arrangements with the Department. Despite this, and the many other difficulties presented, the school is an unqualified success, and compares favorably with any white school in the Yukon.

May the Rev. E.I. Lee be advised of any arrangements between Indian Affairs Branch and himself for the continuance of his boarding school with the assistance of the Department.

R.J. Meek

(R.J. Meek)
Indian Agent.

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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT
Yukon Agency

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

670 PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
June 30th, 1948.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Whitehorse Indian Day School

Reference your file 166-8-1 re the above school conducted by the Rev. H.I. Lee, Whitehorse. On June 25th, the end of the school term, there were 67 children enrolled, or whom 65 are returning next term. Mr. Lee already Has several applications from out-of-town parents to send their children into Whitehorse to the school. If the enrollment is as anticipated, it is possible that a third teacher for this school will be required.

Rev. Lee conducted the school on a Boarding School basis during the past school year, largely assisted by contributions from local white people. He is not able to carry on financially for another term, and today again requested that the Department take over the school as a Government Institution. A per capita grant is not sought, but the bare running expenses of the school. At the present time the two teachers, Miss E. Doan and Miss M. Mallinger are the only employees of the Branch. Besides the teachers, the personnel required to properly run the school are: a cook (preferrably male), a matron, a laundress, and a director or supervisor.

Present costs are approximately $800.00 per month for food, and about $100.00 per month for fuel.

Most of the children are from points outside Whitehorse, and for whom there is normally no living accomodation, even if they could attend the local white school.

Major R.F. Davey, Inspector of Indian Schools, Vancouver, paid a courtesy visit recently to the Whitehorse Indian School, and possibly his more experienced opinion would be of value in deciding the future operations of the school. The remarkable success of this school during the past year would lead one to consider favorably a continuation of its' existence as a semi-residential school under Departmental auspices.

R.J. Meek
(R.J. Meek) Indian Agent.

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ARMY SIGNAL
0930 HRS AUGUST 20/48

WHITEHORSE AUGUST 19/48

INDIAN AFFAIRS:

YOUR FILE 166-16-1 W.T. 1 - LETTER DEC 2, 1947 - MY REPLY JAN. 5, 1948 STOP. [redacted] AND WIFE CONVICTED CHARGE OF INTOXICATION THE FOUR CHILDREN HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM REV. LEE'S SCHOOL FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND NOW HAVE NO ONE TO MAINTAIN STOP NO FOSTER PARENTS CAN BE FOUND MAGISTRATE REQUESTS ME WIRE YOU TO HAVE THESE CHILDREN PLACED IN SCHOOL STOP REV. LEE NOW MAINTAINING THESE CHILDREN REQUESTS $1.25 PER DAY EACH POINTING OUT HE FULLY MAINTAINED THESE CHILDREN FOR 6 MONTHS WITHOUT GRANT PLEASE ADVISE.

R. J. NEEK.

AUG 20 1948
REGISTERED

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CONFIDENTIAL

September 25, 1948.

Mr. R. J. Meek,
Superintendent, Indian Agency,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

You will recall our previous correspondence with regard to the recognition of the residential school being conducted by the Reverend Mr. Lee at Whitehorse, Y. T.

Please find attached a draft series of terms which we have drawn up for discussion by you with Mr. Lee.

I note from your letter of August 11 that the Yukon Territorial Council is paying $1.10 per day per child for the upkeep of half-breed children and orphans of white or doubtful status being maintained by the Reverend Mr. Lee and attending the Whitehorse Indian Day School.

You will note that in the attached terms, the Department is prepared to offer Mr. Lee 95¢ a day for the children whom he is maintaining at his institution. Last year our Department paid the two teachers at the school and also paid a Northern Living Allowance. We also pay for the fuel, school supplies, janitor service, etc. We have prepared an ftemized account showing our expenditures at this school. By dividing this by our proportionate share of the number of children enrolled at the school, we feel that it is fair to assume that this Department is presently paying a per diem allowance of 15¢. The amount of 95¢ represents the difference between this and the per diem allowance allowed by the Yukon Territorial Council.

I would also advise that we will reduce the monthly amount paid for noonday lunches from $75.00 per month to $25.00 per month for obvious reasons.

Bernard F. Neary
Superintendent of Education.

BFN/KM

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
September 27 1948.

Indian Affairs Branch,
WHITEHORSE, Y.T.

Reference Whitehorse Indian Day School. I attach hereto Form 325, Application for Employment in Indian Day Schools, in the name of Mrs. Sophia Weigand, nee Derko.

When Miss M. Doan was unable to return to Whitehorse for the opening of school, Mrs. Weigand offered her services. She commenced duties at Whitehorse Day School on September 15th. Apparently Mrs. Weigand enjoys teaching Indian children and wishes to complete the full academic year.

Mrs. Weigand has a home in Whitehorse and would qualify for Northern Living Allowance. Other forms will be completed if in order to proceed.

Department of Mines & Resources Indian Affairs Branch
SEP 30 1948
A.M.
REGISTERED

N. J. Meek
(N.J. Meek)
Superintendent
Indian Agency.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

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LANDS AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BRANCH

Ottawa, November 6, 1948.

The Acting Director,
Indian Affairs Branch.

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Yesterday when Mr. C.J. Rogers of the White Pass and Yukon Route was in the office he submitted a proposition that the Reverend Mr. Lee who is running a welfare institution and school at Whitehorse should remove from his present location on the White Pass land south of Whitehorse to an area on the other side of the tracks on the river bank and not far from the hospital. The situation is illustrated on the attached map.

At the time we took it for granted that as Mr. Lee was taking care of some Indian children he was probably occupying some building that had been assigned to your branch. However, you tell me this morning that while you are contemplating entering into an agreement with Mr. Lee he must have made his own arrangements about a building because he is not in space assigned to you.

We lack information about the property which Mr. Lee now occupies and the property which Mr. Rogers is prepared to turn over. However, Lee's present site is on land that we have rented from the White Pass people for the use of the Army and it is probable that Mr. Lee has the use of some Army buildings. As for the land that Mr. Rogers is prepared to give us, we are under the impression that there are a great many squatters on it and that we would have the problem of dealing with the squatters. The land is unsurveyed and until a surveyor has investigated it is difficult to say what property could be made available for a site for Mr. Lee's institution. There is also the question of how high the water backs up in this area and how often.

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I am advising you of the discussion so that you may know just what is going on. We would appreciate it if you would let us have an outline of the type of agreement you propose to enter into with Mr. Lee for I suppose he will be asking the Commissioner at Dawson to make some sort of an arrangement about indigent children who are not Indians.

R. A. Gibson,
Director.

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Item No. BAP-000416

Ottawa, 12th January, 1949.

ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES & RESOURCES, AND

THE REVEREND H.I. LEE OF WHITEHORSE

1. That this Department will not recognize Mr. Lee's institution as an Indian Residential School and will in no way be responsible for any debts or obligations incurred by his institution.

2. That the Department of Mines and Resources (Indian Affairs Branch) is prepared to make the following payments:

(a) Salaries and Northern Living Allowances for a maximum number of three teachers that may be employed at the Whitehorse Indian Day School, provided that the Indian Affairs Branch will decide the exact number of teachers that are required:

(b) Provide school books and other materials used by the Indian children attending this school.

(c) An amount of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) per month from November 1 to April 30 for the provision of noon-day lunch for the Indian day school children attending this school.

3. Effective from 1 September, 1948, the Department will pay a per diem rate of ninety-five cents (.95¢) for ~~the maintenance in the home conducted by Reverend Mr. Lee~~ for each Indian child who is admitted thereto as a boarder, provided that no payment would be made unless the Department's approval had been obtained for the admission of the child before the child entered the school. The payment at the rate stated would be made monthly on receipt of a statement signed jointly by Reverend Mr. Lee and the Indian Superintendent for the Yukon.

4. That this arrangement may be terminated either by the Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources or Reverend H.I. Lee on giving two months' notice.

H. I. Lee
.....
(Reverend H.I. Lee)

.....
(Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources)

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Item No. BAP-000414-0006

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION FILE No. 49C 128-K-24

DIVISION "G" | SUB DIVISION Whitehorse | DETACHMENT Whitehorse

PROVINCE Yukon Territory | DATE March 9th, 1949

FILE REFS. RE: [redacted] - Alleged Truancy - Whitehorse Indian Mission School
Section 10 (4) Indian Act

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION 49W 128/1-3

DETACHMENT D-8-49

P.C.R. First

A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR

1. On the morning of January 26th, 1949 a patrol was made by the writer accompanied by Cst. Jones C.F. to the [redacted] home in the [redacted] of Whitehorse, Y.T. where the captionally noted subject is living with his mother and father. When asked why this boy was not at school it was stated that his mother thought that he had whooping cough and that she didn't want the other children to catch it. It was also stated that the child was over it and that he would go back to school the following day.

2. The above noted child's mother was given a talking to and told the consequences of not having the child attend school regularly as stated in the Indian Act.

3. Two patrols have been made to the Indian Mission School and it has been found that since the above warning was given the boy has been attending school regularly.

4. Extra copy for the Indian Agent, Whitehorse, Y.T.

CONCLUDED HERE

T.P. Carroll 2/Cst.
T.P. Carroll Reg. No. 15044

The Indian Agent,
WHITEHORSE, Y. T.
Sir:
1. FWDED; copy for your information and record.
Unless otherwise requested I am closing my file forthwith.
CONCLUDED.
Whse, 21-3-49.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The O.C., R.C.M.P.
"G" Div., OTTAWA.
Sir:
1. FWDED; for your information.
CONCLUDED.
Whse, 21-3-49.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police Ottawa, Ont.
Sir: Forwarded MAR 29 1949

Insp.
Officer Commanding "G" Division

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Handed to Dept. concerned

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "G" | DIVISION FILE No. 49G 128-K-31
SUB-DIVISION Whitehorse | DETACHMENT Whitehorse
PROVINCE Yukon Territory | DATE March 9th, 1949

FILE REFS

Re: [redacted] - Alleged Truancy - Whitehorse Indian Mission School
Section 10 (4) Indian Act

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION 49w 128/1-3

DETACHMENT 8-4-49

P.C.R. First

A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR

1. On the morning of January 26th, 1949 a patrol was made by the writer accompanied by Cst. James J.P. to the [redacted] ne in the [redacted] Area of Whitehorse, Y.T. where one captionally noted is living with his parents. When asked why the child was not attending school it was stated that the mother had an infected sore leg and was confined to bed and that Leonard was needed to look after the two younger children. Mrs. [redacted] stated that her leg was now better and that she would sent the child to school the next day.

2. The above noted child's mother was given a talking to and told the consequences of not having the child attend school regularly as stated in the Indian Act.

3. Two patrols have been made to the Indian Mission school and it has been found that since the boy received the warning he has been attending school regularly.

4. Extra copy for the Indian Agent Whitehorse, Y.T.

CONCLUDED HERE

T.P. Carroll Reg. No. 15044 S/Cst.

The Indian Agent,
WHITEHORSE, Y. T.
Sir:
1. FWDED; copy for your information and record.
Unless otherwise instructed, I am closing my file forthwith.
Whse, 21-3-49.
CONCLUDED.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The O.C., R.C.M.P.
"G" Div., OTTAWA.
Sir:
1. FWDED; for your information.
CONCLUDED.
Whse, 21-3-49.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The Commissioner,
R.C.M Police Ottawa, Ont.

Sir: Forwarded MAR 29 1949

Insp.
Officer Commanding "G" Division

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION FILE NO. 49C 128-K-22

DIVISION "G" | SUB-DIVISION Whitehorse | DETACHMENT Whitehorse

PROVINCE Yukon Territory | DATE March 9th, 1949

FILE REFS. RE: [redacted] - Alleged Truancy - Whitehorse Indian Mission School
Section 10 (4) Indian Act

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION 49W 128/1-3

DETACHMENT 3-9-49

P.C.R. First

1. On the morning of January 26th, 1949 a patrol was made by the writer accompanied by Cst. Jones G.P. to the [redacted] home in the [redacted] Area of Whitehorse, Y.T. in regard to the captionally noted subject. [redacted] the above noted subject was present at home with her father and mother and when asked why she wasn't at school it was stated that she had a cold and that she was going to go to school the next day. She also said that she liked school and wanted to go back.

2. The above noted child's parents were given a talking to and told the consequences of not having the child attend school regularly as stated in the Indian Act.

3. Two visits have been made to the Indian Mission School and it has been found that since the girl received the warning she has been attending school regularly.

4. Extra copy for the Indian Agent Whitehorse, Y.T.

CONCLUDED HERE

[signature] S/Cst.
P. Carroll Reg. No. 15044

A. R. V. No.

The Indian Agent,
WHITEHORSE, Y. T.

Sir:

1. FWDED; copy for your information and record. Unless otherwise requested I am concluding my file forthwith.

CONCLUDED.

Whse, 21-3-49.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The O.C., R.C.M.P.
"G" Div., OTTAWA.

Sir:

1. FWDED; for your information.

CONCLUDED:

Whse , 21-3-49.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police Ottawa, Ont.

DIARY DATE

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Sir: Forwarded MAR 29 1949
[signature] Insp.
Officer Commanding "G" Division

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION FILE No. 49C 128-K-19

DIVISION "G" | SUB-DIVISION Whitehorse | DETACHMENT Whitehorse

PROVINCE Yukon Territory | DATE March 9th, 1949

FILE REFS

Re: [redacted] Alleged Truancy - Whitehorse Indian Mission School
Section 10 (4) Indian Act

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION 49W 128/1-3

DETACHMENT 3-10-49

P.C.R. First

1. On the morning of January 28th, 1949 a patrol was made by the writer accompanied by Cst. Jones G.P. to the [redacted] home in the Dowell Area of Whitehorse, Y.T. where the captionally noted is living with his parents. When asked why this child was not attending school it was stated by his parents that when he was at school last year he had his hair cut off because of a scaly disease and that now he was afraid to go back to school and that every time he was sent to school he would run away. His parents were told the consequences of not having the child attend school regularly as stated in the Indian Act.

2. Two patrols have been made to the Indian Mission School and it has been found that since the boy received the warning he has been attending school regularly.

3. Extra copy for the Indian Agent, Whitehorse, Y.T.

CONCLUDED HERE

T.P. Carroll S/Cst.
T.P. Carroll Reg. No. 15044

The Indian Agent,
WHITEHORSE, Y. T.
Sir:
1. FWDED; copy for your information and record.
Whse, 21-3-49.
CONCLUDED.

A. R. V. No.

s/d
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The O.C., R.C.M.P.
"G" Div., OTTAWA.
Sir:
1. FWDED; for your information. Separate reports submitted even date on other Indian children who have not attended school regularly. Complaint of Reverend Lee, Director of the Whitehorse Indian Mission School. Unless otherwise requested by the Indian Agent, my file is being closed forthwith.

Whse, 21-3-49.
CONCLUDED.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

DIARY DATE

SET FOR:

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police Ottawa, Ont.
Sir

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Officer Commanding "G" Division Insp.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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DIVISION FILE No. 49A 128-K-20

DIVISION "G" | SUB-DIVISION Whitehorse | DETACHMENT Whitehorse

PROVINCE Yukon Territory | DATE March 9th, 1949

FILE REFS. Re: [redacted] - Alleged Truancy - Whitehorse Indian Mission School
Section 10 (4) Indian Act

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION 49W 128/1-3

DETACHMENT D-7-49

P.C.R. First

1. On the morning of January 26th, 1949 a patrol was made by the writer accompanied by Cst. O.P. Jones to the [redacted] home in the [redacted] of Whitehorse, Y.T. where the captionally noted subject is livingwith his mother and father. When asked why this boy was not at school it was stated that his mother thought that he had whooping cough and that she didn't want the other children to catch it. It was also stated that the child was over it and that he would go back to school the following day.

2. The above noted child's mother was given a talking to and told the consequences of not having the child attend school regularly as stated in the Indian Act.

3. Two patrols have been made to the Indian Mission School and it has been found that since the above warning was given the boy has been attending school regularly.

4. Extra copy for the Indian Agent, Whitehorse, Y.T.

CONCLUDED HERE

A. R. V. No.

The Indian Agent,
WHITEHORSE, Y. T.
Sir:
1. FWDED; copy for your information. Unless otherwise requested I am concluding my file forthwith.
Whse, 21-3-49.
CONCLUDED.

T.P. Carroll 2/Cst.
T.P. Carroll Reg. No. 15044

The O.C., R.C.M.P.
"G" Div., OTTAWA.
Sir:
1. FWDED; for your information.
CONCLUDED.
Whse, 21-3-49.

(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police Ottawa, Ont.
Sir: Forwarded MAR 29 1949

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

H.H. Rondeau Insp.
Officer Commanding "G" Division

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION "G" | DIVISION FILE No. 49C 128-K-28 | SUB-DIVISION Whitehorse | DETACHMENT Whitehorse

PROVINCE Yukon Territory | DATE March 9th, 1949

FILE REFS. RE: [redacted] - Alleged Truancy - Whitehorse Indian Mission School
Section 10 (4) Indian Act

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION 49W 128/1-3

DETACHMENT J-5-49

P.C.R. First

1. On the morning of January 26th, 1949 a patrol was made by the writer accompanied by Cst. Jones J.P. to a shack in the ____ ____ of Whitehorse, Y.T. where the captionally noted subject was living with her mother. When questioned as to why the girl was not at school it was stated that she was needed at home to look after a three year old child. When asked why the mother didn't look after the young child the mother said that she had to go hunting tree squirrels. During the course of the interview it was learned that the child's father was working at Marsh Lake and drawing wages enough to do the family without the mother hunting. [redacted] was told to have the girl at school the next day.

2. Two patrols have been made to the Indian Mission School and it has been found that since the girl received the warning she has been boarding at the school and that her mother has returned to Marsh Lake, Y.T.

3. Extra copy for the Indian Agent, Whitehorse, Y.T.

CONCLUDED HERE

A. R. V. No.

S/Cst.
T.F.Carroll Reg. No. 18044

The Indian Agent,
WHITEHORSE, Y.T.
Sir:
1. FWDED; copy for your information and record. Unless requested otherwise I am concluding my file forthwith.
Whse, 21-3-49.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

The O.C., R.C.M.P.
"G" Div., OTTAWA.
Sir:
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Whse, 21-3-49.
CONCLUDED.

sgd
(H.J. Spanton) S/Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division

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The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police Ottawa, Ont.
Sir: Forwarded MAR 29 1949
Insp.
Officer Commanding "G" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE No. 49 D 128-6-A-1 OTTAWA 2 April, 1949.

YOUR FILE No.

To: The Director, Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources, OTTAWA.

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(6) Reports dated Whitehorse, Y.T., 9-3-49,
forwarded for your information., re: Indian Act (Truancy),
Whitehorse Indian Mission School, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Encl.

Officer i/c Criminal Investigation Branch,
per

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Item No. BAP-000617

WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE

Skagway, Alaska

April 16, 1949

C.J. Rogers
President

Mr. R.A. Gibson
Director
Lands and Development Services Branch
Department of Mines and Resources
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Mr. Lee of Whitehorse, who I believe is an ordained Minister, has been conducting a school, with and without board, for full blooded Indian children and half breed children at Whitehorse for a period of some three years. He deals with the Canadian Government through Mr. Meek, the Indian Agent at Whitehorse.

He has been occupying a considerable group of buildings which he purchased from the War Assets Corporation and which are situated on the land which is under lease to the Canadian Government through your office, your Lease 15-A, file 14337NWT&Y. The area of the lease is 460 ft. east and west and 520 ft. north and south, and contains 5.491 acres. The Canadian Army is using one building at least in this area.

Mr. Lee has advised that he wishes to acquire an area 300 ft. east and west by 480 ft. north and south, on which his buildings are located as well as one used now by the Army. He wishes to permanently locate his school in this place and states that there is certain rehabilitation required by the buildings which he does not want to incur the expense of unless he knows he can stay there indefinitely. He also states that it is not practical to move the buildings from their present location to some other place as units, and that it would cost him a great deal more than his enterprise can afford to dismantle and re-erect the buildings in another location.

The buildings were the original Public Roads Administration, U.S.A., headquarters, and their location bears no relation to the established pattern of the Whitehorse Townsite, which this area lies immediately to the south of. The area he asks for takes up all the land between the west side of Fourth Avenue and the east side of Fifth

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Avenue, and the building locations would permit of a 20-ft. lane immediately to the south of the townsite. They would not, however, permit, in a projection of the townsite south, of the necessary two 80-ft. streets and one 20-ft. alley that would be required in the 480-ft. distance north and south that is asked for. In addition to these two streets and one alley, there would be three half blocks included. To the east of Fourth Avenue, opposite this area, is the recreational area we transferred to the Government. We cannot, of course, deal with the above request from Mr. Lee so long as the present lease is in force, but in view of his maintenance problem, he is asking us to tell him now whether we will sell him this ground in a block when and if the lease should terminate.

We feel that before we deal with him in this matter, we should, in view of possible need for additional townsite to the south, ask the opinion of your Department as to whether you are agreeable to a sale of this plot in one parcel for its present purpose and with the loss of the streets and alley as above outlined if the remainder of the land to the south of the present townsite is included in the townsite in the future.

Yours very truly,

(SGD) C.J. Rogers

President

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Item No. BAP-000422

929-1 (1)

September 20, 1949.

Memorandum:

CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER.

Re: Whitehorse Indian Day School, No. 929.

MR - IAE - 929 - 3001. (Miss M. I. Mallinger)

Please make no further payment of salary to this teacher until advised.

MR - IAE - 929 - 3004.

Effective 1 September, 1949, the Department has appointed Miss L. Farley as part-time Domestic Science and Handicrafts Teacher at this day school. Her salary will be at the rate of per month with NO Northern Living Allowance to be paid. Please find attached T.D.1 forms.

For Deputy Minister.

Copy of this memo made for personnel file 1 Miss L. Farley 28/9/50 AM

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Return to Ottawa
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Calgary, Alta.,
Nov. 11, 1949.

Superintendent of Education

Whitehorse Indian School:

From Fort St. John I made an unannounced visit to Whitehorse and viewed the activities at this school (art classes excepted) on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 3 and on Friday, Nov. 4. As the art teacher is at this school only on the first three days of each week, I had to have an evening discussion with her. I think we may be confident that the children will benefit from her teaching. I gave her one copy of "Good Health for Canada's Indians" and suggested that she might combine her technical ability and increasing familiarity with Indians to produce similar useful illustrated booklets.

May fifty copies (or more, if available) of the named booklet be sent to the Whitehorse School, please, and may the issue to all our schools in the Yukon be confirmed.

In the three divisions I counted an attendance of 95:

Mr. Earl Lee	Grades	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	Pupils	1	8	2	2	1	14
Miss Patterson		II	III				
		18	22				40
Mrs. Weigand	Primary (incl. over-age beginners						41

The school should be requested to submit age-sex-grade tables for Indian and non-Indian pupils as at Dec. 31, 1949. This is, perhaps, the most significant date. So many of our schools this year seem to be hoping for "filled accommodation by Christmas."!

Family Allow.

Of the absentees among the day pupils, the attendance of two (and seems particularly unsatisfactory.

All pupils were seated at large tables on backless forms usually four to a form. As they use only one side of a table so as to face the front of the room, the tables in two rooms are quite close together, and the inner children on each form have difficulty extricating themselves to go to the blackboard or elsewhere. The height of the tables suits only some of the pupils. The desks now on order have more appropriate sizes but there will be only eighty of them. I have asked Mr. Supt. Meek to request your instructions concerning a shipment of desks which are not all needed at Mayo.

As these classrooms still retain the army pattern of fenestration, the teachers must be alert to ensure good ventilation. Heating is by stoves in each room. The lighting fixtures are adequate, in some cases fluorescent having been installed.

You have received completed forms showing the teachers' training and experience. All classes and rooms show that a trained person is in charge. Mrs. Weigand has given her former pupils a good start; Miss Patterson contributes the most missionary zeal, and Mr. Lee brings interest and vigour to the handling of physical education. In this he is aided by our agency clerk, Mr. McDonald, and now by the army authorities

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who grant the use of a hall once a week. A rink is being made ready near the school.

As Mrs. Weigand has 48 pupils registered some adjustment of the teaching loads might be made if Miss Mellinger, when available, is added to the staff without displacing one of the present teachers.

There are in the Yukon more pupils who should be in school, and pressure will continue to be exerted by parents upon the Superintendent to have children admitted to the Rev. Mr. Lee's hostel when according to the Indian Act they belong in schools conducted under other denominational auspices. In an area where the public schools are by statute or custom non-sectarian some people are likely to be unaware or forgetful of the special provisions regarding Indian education. But ecclesiastical authorities will be quick to challenge any admissions of children who have any history of affiliation with older branches of the Church. I emphasize the need of close attention to this matter because another building has recently been acquired by the Rev. Mr. Lee - additional to the one in which the hostel was started last year.

The latest addition includes a former army mess-hall and kitchen which compares very favourably with similar installations in our residential schools. There were eighty-eight pupils present at meal-time, and there could be room made for another thirty. The well-equipped kitchen (oil-burning stove) is in charge of Miss Ruth Sponholz who does a good job, including bread-making. She has previous experience in institutions. The walk-in refrigerator, well-stocked with moose meat which only Indian Hospitals and Indian schools in the Yukon may buy from Indians, is an impressive feature.

House-keeping chores receive attention from the pupils outside of regular school hours. As most of the staff come from Alberta, they have some acquaintance with procedures in dormitories conducted in connection with consolidated schools.

The sleeping accommodation is plain but acceptable; the sanitary facilities likewise. Local inspection authorities appear to keep a good watch on the place. Health services in Whitehorse have been reinforced.

There is a small laundry with some machinery, most of the work apparently done by women on the staff.

The future of this experiment is not altogether clear. There cannot be much profit over operating costs, looking to inevitable heavy maintenance and repair. It might be wiped out by fire, or the owners of the land might press for possession thereof. The town looks forward to replacing its own schools, but admission thereto of Indians seems unlikely. The Roman Catholic school which Bishop Coudert graciously invited me to visit (it now has three rooms excellently adapted in a former army building) restricts attendance to white children.

C.A.F. Clark

C.A.F. Clark

Copy to Regional Supervisor, Calgary.

Superintendent, Yukon Agency.

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OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE 20694

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
December 23rd, 1949.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Whitehorse Indian Day School

Reference your letter of 15th instant, file 949-11 (E1) and the matter of manual training instruction at the above school. I have seen Mr. Donald Armour who is agreeable to a salary of [redacted] month for approximately 25 hours teaching time to pupils of the above school.

These arrangements have been given to Yukon Territory officials. Mr. G. Bidlake, Territorial Agent, Whitehorse, informs me the following telegram has been received by him:

> "Commissioner authorizes removal of tools and material to Lee's school stop. Details regarding sharing of expense with Indian Affairs Branch can be arranged later.
>
> (signed) R.H. Hulland
> Superintendent of Education"

Mr. Hulland is at Dawson and is fully conversant with all aspects of this arrangement. Work has already been started on the new manual training room. Mr. Armour is doing most of the alterations himself in the building owned by Rev. H.I. Lee. He estimates cost of new materials, lumber, nails, alterations to lights, etc., a maximum cost of $400.00. Is it in order for Indian Affairs Branch to pay 50 per cent. of the total cost of alterations desired by Mr. Armour.

Mr. Howard
Please advise
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Indian Affairs Branch
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(H.J. Meek)
Superintendent
Indian Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF
NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

[redacted]

Charles Camsell Indian Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta, Feb. 24, 1950.

The Director,
Indian Health Services,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir:

At Whitehorse I visited the school operated by Rev. Mr. Lee. He has built up this school over about three years past and now has 75 Indian and some 15 other pupils in residence. I was told that he or his sponsers founded the school at their expense and carried it on for a year or more without the financial co-operation which they now enjoy from the Department.

The buildings are converted army huts and do not look to be in very good repair. The fire hazard is extremely high, but as the buildings are all one story and have plenty of doors the residents would all probably be able to excape.

The premises were as clean and well-kept as could be expected in such buildings. The children were clean, looked well nourished, orderly and cheerful.

Mr. Lee is concerned about the future of the school. The buildings in use will not last long and will become an increasing problem in themselves over the very near future. If for any reason the presmises had to be abandoned, 75 Indian children would have no school. There must be about 300 Indians of school age in the Yukon. I know of 5 schools other than this one, and would suppose their total capacity to be about 175. Some few are also in public schools at Dawson and Whitehorse, not many.

It is perhaps not my place to go into detail about education at large, but I appreciate the care, feeding, teaching and health supervision of these 75 children at Mr. Lee's school.

E.L. Stone

E.L. Stone, M.B.,
Regional Superintendent,
Indian Health Services.

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Whitehorse, Y.T.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
March 2nd, 1950.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Whitehorse Day School

I have been asked by Miss Lillias Farley, Arts Teacher at the above school, for an art classroom. At the present time Miss Farley makes use of the rooms of the teachers whose class she is instructing - not a very satisfactory arrangement.

A room is available at the above school some 40 feet by 20 feet. It is fairly well lighted, one exit leading outside and one exit leading onto a corridor in the school. Heating is by wood stove and is sufficient for the room. By the addition of cupboards, two additional windows, and painting, it would be a very suitable room for art instruction, as well as whatever handicraft may be promoted from time to time at the school.

I have received an estimate that 11 sheets of 5-ply, costing $8.25 each, two windows costing approximately $6.00 each, and hinges, catches, etc. would be the materials required. Labour would be approximately $100.00. The room should be painted, and, if desired, paint could be requisitioned in accordance with your circular "Repairs and Maintenance to Indian Day Schools" dated February 13th, 1950.

May I be advised as to your wishes re the above.

11 E 1 $112
Materials 110
Labour 30
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$250?

Why not? It would be strong and get additional for the department. We shall probably fall heir to it. Will you drop care

R. J. Meek
(R. J. Meek)
Superintendent
Indian Agency.

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AIR MAIL

March 13th, 1950.

Mr. R.J. Meek,
Superintendent, Indian Agency,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Re: Whitehorse School

We have your letter of the 2nd instant with reference to teaching art at the above school. We approve local purchase of 11 sheets of 5-ply, costing $8.25 each, two windows costing approximately $6.00 each, and hinges, catches, etc. It is also noted that the labour will cost approximately $100.00.

If needed, you may also expend an amount of approximately $35.00 for paint.

PP/.T

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education

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INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

23250 Calgary, Alta.,
June 22, 1950.

Superintendent of Indian Education:

Manual Training - Whitehorse Indian School:

The attached photos show the new manual training room that was set up for the joint use of the Indian School and the local Territorial School. Some of the machinery and tools belong to the Y.T. school.

The power tools are used by the instructor (here seen) Mr. Butterfield who has replaced Mr. Armour (The necessary forms should come forward).

The long benches should by degrees be replaced with two-boy benches to be made in the shop, and some modification of the lighting system should be considered.

A greater amount of money should be made available for expendable material to be used by the boys.

Needed also are about sixty copies of the Department's curriculum for first year woodwork, and ten for second-year woodwork.

I hope to see some work done on motor mechanics later.

Meanwhile Mr. Butterfield should put more emphasis on drawing and cutting to measurement, and be alert to check any misuse of tools by pupils who have not learned to respect the functions of each tool. E.G. A mallet must not be used to drive nails.

The requisition for next year should include sharpening stones.

C.A.F. Clark

C.A.F. Clark
Educational Survey Officer

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Supt., Yukon Indian Agency.

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OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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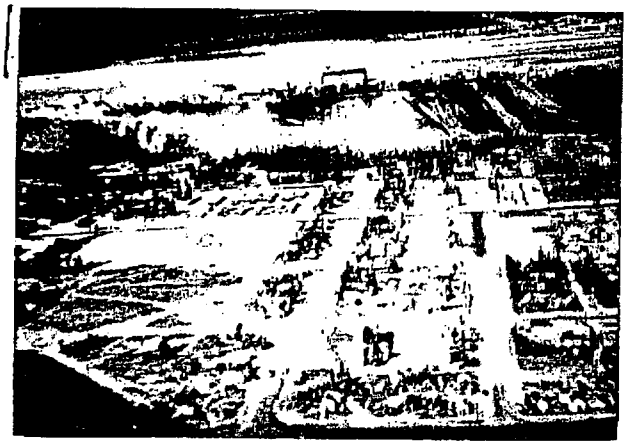
FILE.....

Whitehorse

Calgary, Alta.,
June 23, 1950.

Superintendent of Indian Education:
WHITEHORSE INDIAN DAY SCHOOL AND HOSTEL



This air-photo shows most of the town and airport of Whitehorse.

The vacant square marked S.C. is the sports centre where the South Yukon Indian Schools held their track meet on June 6. This meet is described in a separate folder.

Also attached hereto are age-sex-grade forms completed for each of the three Whitehorse classrooms and for the whole school.

A separate form is included showing the enrolment according to status (Indian or not) and services (boarder or day pupil)

C.A.F. Clark

C.A.F. Clark
Educational Survey Officer

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Superintendent, Yukon Indian Agency.

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FILE 929-5 (E3)

DEPARTMENT OF
~~MINES AND RESOURCES~~
CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

OTTAWA, July 4, 1950.

Memorandum:

CHIEF, EDUCATION DIVISION.

Whitehorse Indian Day School - Rental of Buildings

I notice that the bill from the Reverend H.I. Lee for the rental of classrooms at Whitehorse is supported by a reference to me.

The subject came up for discussion when I was at Whitehorse in June as a result of Departmental letter this file dated May 1 which stated that as the Department does not own these buildings, funds cannot be provided for painting them. On being asked whether the Department would pay rent for the buildings I suggested that an application for payment of rent by the Department would receive consideration.

The bill as submitted appears to be retroactive in the case of the classrooms to the first of September, 1949 and in regard to the two Arts rooms to the first of January, 1950, when they were taken into use after a considerable sum had been spent in making them ready for their specialized purposes.

Mr. Superintendent Meek and the Reverend H.I. Lee seem to have overlooked the fact 16 of the children attending this school are of non-Indian status and are the responsibility of the Yukon Territorial Government. I do not know what the Y.T. Government allows this school other than about $1.25 a day for the maintenance of boarders. Our Department still holds the figure to 95¢ a day.

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There is no denying that the buildings require painting and other maintenance and that the sum charged for the rental of the classrooms is quite moderate considering their size and appointments and the location of the school. The Reverend Mr. Lee hopes to have the buildings painted this summer. If they remain unpainted local residents and visitors may ask why and will, of course, be told that the Department has declined to purchase any paint and has not been paying rent for the buildings.

The question arises as to whether some written agreement for the use of the classrooms should be required and stating what the obligations of the landlord are in the case.

CAF Clark

C.A.F. Clark,
Educational Survey Officer.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BRANCH

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ottawa, August 17, 1950.

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RECEIVED AUG 21 1950 RECORDS INDIAN AFFAIRS

Dear Major MacKay,

Whitehorse School conducted by
Rev. Harold Lee.
Indian Affairs File 929-1(E)

You were good enough to send me on the 2nd of May 1949 a copy of the arrangement between the Indian Affairs Branch and the Rev. Harold Lee in connection with the school which the latter is operating at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Your covering letter indicated that at the time there were 84 Indian children enrolled at the school and that some 47 children were in residence there.

As you know this school is situated on land belonging to the British Yukon Railway Company Limited which is held under lease by this Department for the benefit of the Department of National Defence (Army) and that it is not possible for the Rev. Mr. Lee to acquire title to any portion of the property although he desires to do so. The buildings occupied by the school are now in need of painting and repairs but the Rev. Harold Lee does not feel that he should undertake this work in view of the fact that his tenure of the site on which they are located cannot be assured.

The Yukon Territorial Government is interested in this school and makes a grant to the Rev. Mr. Lee for the education and care of indigent half-breed children for which the government has a responsibility.

Major D.M. MacKay,
Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Citizenship and Immigration,
Ottawa,
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It is understood that your Branch proposes to transfer a number of the Indian children now boarding at the school to other residential schools, particularly the one at Lower Post, B.C., when the latter is completed, but presumably provision will still have to be made for the children now attending school on a daily basis.

From all reports it would appear that the Rev. Mr. Lee is rendering excellent service in the operation of his school which meets a need which would otherwise have to be filled by a considerable expenditure on the part of your Branch and the Yukon Territorial Government. Unfortunately he has no funds to build a school to take the place of the unsatisfactory temporary structures now occupied. It would seem desirable that the Rev. Mr. Lee be encouraged to continue his work and that some arrangements be made which would enable him to establish his school on a suitable site. I would appreciate your views on this matter.

Yours very truly,

R. A. Gibson,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

The Honourable Walter E. Harris,
Minister

INDIAN SCHOOL BULLETIN

Issued by the Education Division

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

No. 1 Vol. 5 Items 1 - 12

SEPTEMBER 1950

Next Issue November 1950

> Books are not a feeble substitute for life: at their highest they are one of its noblest manifestations. They are the life-blood of civilization. There can be no education worthy the name which does not have its roots in literature.
>
> from "Books and Education"
>
> by C. F. Lamb.

Note

These bulletins are for retention on file. They are NOT to be removed from schools by teachers. Indian Superintendents will check in their periodical visits to schools, to ensure that these bulletins are kept in the classrooms.

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Whitehorse Day School, Yukon Agency, Y. T.

The art teacher, Miss L. Farley and the pupils of this school are to be congratulated on the art work which they showed at the art exhibition of the British Columbia Indian Arts and Welfare Society of Victoria.

The judges commented on the art exhibition of the Whitehorse school as follows:

"Exhibit is outstanding in variety and originality. The conventional designs are particularly attractive. The instructor is to be commended in the way that the children have been allowed to work out things for themselves. The copper work is pleasing and well done. The block printing by Margaret Chitze is especially good".

Portage la Prairie Residential School, Portage la Prairie Agency, Manitoba.

The staff of this school is to be congratulated on the excellent results achieved by their students who took Junior First Aid Training under St. John's Ambulance Association instructors last year.

Some 31 students at the school, aged twelve to fourteen, were awarded Junior First Aid Certificates after the course. Their instructor commented on the course as follows:

"They have shown the finest marks of any grade in the same category I have ever taught".

Eskasoni Day School, Eskasoni Agency, Nova Scotia.

This day school has been proceeding with Boy Scout and Wolf Cub activities. The fame of their packs has spread throughout the Maritimes and several newspaper stories have been written concerning their fine work.

This school is further to be congratulated on its participation in the "Maritime Forest Fire Prevention Poster Contest". Out of a total of 30,000 contestants, the Eskasoni Indian Day School won second prize, fifteenth prize and a special prize.

The second prize award, in the form of $50.00 in cash, was won by an eleven year old boy of Grade 4. His poster carried the slogan "If a Nation Saves Its Trees, the Trees Will Save the Nation". This student made a recording for broadcasting purposes, assisted by his teacher, in which several Micmac sentences were interspersed with the English translation. Eskasoni was the only school to win three prizes, (Frederick Gabriel opened a bank account with the $50.00).

St. Cyprian's Residential School, Peigan Agency, Alberta.

The graduating exercises at this school were fully reported upon in the "Pincher Creek Echo". The graduating ceremonies culminated in an address by the Mayor of Pincher Creek, Mr. H. E. Hammond.

An interesting note on the progress of Indian education was reported by Rev. W. J. Woods, Principal of this school. On July 12 two of his Junior pupils, both boys, came riding to the school on horses, bringing a fresh change of underwear and asked if they could have a hot bath. The Principal, who had prompted such action before they left school, welcomed them to the bathroom, provided soap and towels - and cookies for their return journey.

Brandon Residential School, Brandon, Manitoba.

The Brandon fair had many entries from our residential schools and particular credit is due to the showing of the Brandon Residential School in open competition. The girls won prize after prize. The boys also won prizes in mill-work and in classroom work.

South Yukon Indian Schools Sports Meeting.

One of the most important school sports meetings held last year was in Whitehorse on June 8. The competing pupils were from the Whitehorse, Carcross and Teslin Indian Schools. I only wish our readers could see the photographs of the boys and girls who participated and also pictures of the trucks which brought them many miles to their sports meet. Considering the obstacles which they had to overcome, great credit is due to Mr. Indian Superintendent Meek and the principals and staffs of the three schools who participated.

The Honourable Mr. W. E. Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration made the following comment after seeing the report of the sports event and the pictures mentioned above:

"I was very pleased to see the pictures of the boys and girls who participated and also the pictures of the actual competitions in

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November 10, 1950

Rev. Harold Lee,
Indian Mission School,
Whitehorse, Y. T.

Dear Harold:

I a m pleased to hear that at last we have an orphanage inthe Territory, you can rest assured that where ever there are children that need care, and can be committed to the institution for care the full assistance of 1.50 per day will be granted.

There is however one point that I think s hould be kept in mind, e.g. that authority for placing a child on Government care must first be obtained before this department can be held responsible for the childs maintenance. This also applies to older children who are a charge in yhe senior school.

I expect to be in Whitehorse for one day next week and will endeavor to see you.

Yours truly,

Superintendent of Child Welfare.

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A R M Y M E S S A G E

Ottawa, November 30, 1950.

R.J. Meek,
Indian Superintendent,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

AT CONFERENCE WITH TERRITORIAL COMMISSIONER AND TREASURER TODAY IT WAS AGREED THAT INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH WILL EMPLOY FOURTH FULL-TIME TEACHER AT WHITEHORSE INDIAN SCHOOL EFFECTIVE SOONEST POSSIBLE -stop- REQUEST ELIGIBLE LOCAL CERTIFICATED TEACHERS TO FORWARD APPLICATIONS THROUGH YOUR OFFICE TO OTTAWA AND ATTACH YOUR COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED -stop- ADVISE IF NECESSARY TO ADVERTISE MORE WIDELY -stop-

sgd - Philip Phelan
Indian Affairs Branch

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE No.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF
NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

Box 87, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory,
December 19th, 1950.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES
EDMONTON, ALBERTA.
DEC 21 1950
Regional Superintendent

Dr.E.L.Stone, Regional Director,
Indian Health Services,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Dr.Stone:

Enclosed you will find copy of a letter recently received by Mr.Meek from Mr.Philip Phelan, Education Division. As this affects our Medical Expenses, Mr.Meek gave me permission to forward a copy of his letter to you.

You will note that repeatedly through this letter it is stressed that no more children are to be admitted to the hostel section of the school in Whitehorse.

Pupils in the hostel at the school referred to are given excellent care from every viewpoint. Their sleeping quarters are clean and not overcrowded. Food served is much above the standard that I have seen in other residential schools. Both Dr.Stewart and I are on call at all times for the school.

In view of the above, we have repeatedly asked Mr.Lee, Principal at the school, to care for children from the time they are discharged from the hospital until we are able to get transportation for them to their homes. In some cases when the children are from the outlying areas, this may mean a wait of several weeks. Our only other alternative, if we do not charter a plane at an exorbitant fee, is to have the child stay at a hotel. You are acquainted with their rates.

Mr.Lee charges the very nominal fee of $2.00 per day. He has kept extra space in his dormitory for emergencies of this kind. This has saved the Department a great deal of money and has also saved Indian Department Officials a great deal of worry and trouble.

Since the enclosed letter (copy) was received, we have hesitated to call on Mr.Lee for accomodation. At present 2 children from Selkirk are awaiting transportation home and must remain in the hospital as they are too small to be sent to a hotel. The Natives are all out on trap-lines so we cannot call on them to keep the children.

Would you please clarify this matter for us ? The accomodation is waiting and another Department forbids us to use it.

Copy to Mr.Meek, Agent.
Copy to Mr.Lee,

Yours truly,

Amy M. Wilson

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Item No. BAP-090016

Phone: 5781

Whitehorse Indian Mission School

Rev. M. L. Lee
Director.

P. O. Box 217
WHITEHORSE—YUKON—CANADA

December 20th, 1950.

Major D. M. MacKay,
Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I am somewhat at a loss to understand or perhaps correctly interpret the motive of a letter, copy of which is enclosed, sent to Mr. R. J. Meek, Indian Superintendent of the Yukon Agency.

I would like to know if you are aware of this letter being sent. It would appear that Mr. Phelan is taking certain powers upon himself to say who shall and who shall NOT attend our Indian school.

Then, I would draw to your attention paragraph three of the enclosed letter, where he demands that a detailed report of the sizes of the dining room and dormitories be forwarded as soon as possible. I would like to know if this comes under his jurisdiction. I understand that Mr. Phelan is a clerk in the Education Division. Not that I will not gladly furnish the requested information in this regard, but I feel that perhaps this part of it does not concern Mr. Phelan.

In paragraph six of the enclosed letter he seems to be quite emphatic in his statement that we are not to enrol any more children to our hostel section. Does Mr. Phelan have your approval on the policy of this statement? Or is this something he has taken upon himself? From sentence two of the same paragraph it would appear as though we have not been complying with Mr. Phelan's requests in this matter. I might add that for all new children who have been admitted to the school this year these forms have been forwarded.

Referring again to paragraph three, where he refers to size of dormitories and dining hall, I might add that we still have adequate room for another twenty children as we still have a large spare room 60x20 feet not in use but which could be made available within two or three hours.

I think that most of the citizens of this area realize the work we have endeavoured to do amongst the Indians and their children without any remuneration whatsoever. It is my desire to make every effort to try and assist these people from the standpoint of education or whatever need there may be. Yet it would appear that Mr. Phelan would attempt to curb these efforts by saying who shall be allowed to attend.

Paragraph two on page two of the enclosed letter states that we are expected to send our pupils above Grade 6 to the Territorial School. It is our desire that these children receive their education within our own school. Seeing that we have worked with them thus far it is only natural that we have their interests at heart.

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Major D. M. Mackay. Dec. 20th, 1950.

I might draw your attention to the fact that the local Territorial School is now crowded to capacity and is definitely not able to handle any more children. Also, it is very doubtful if Indian children would be accepted by the local Territorial School. If they would we do feel that the Indian children would feel definitely out of place and therefore many of them would quit school not to return. This has been expressed by quite a number of our older boys and girls.

Could I have your opinion or advice in this matter? I would like to know the general attitude of your Department and not just that of Mr. Phelan.

I have tried in every way I know possible to comply with all regulations of your Department and therefore feel rather upset that we should get such a blast in our endeavours to educate the Indians who are in such dire need here in the Yukon.

In view of the large new school being built for the Roman Catholic Church at Lower Post, some three hundred miles to the South of us, would it be possible to have a new school of similar construction built for us here at Whitehorse next year - 1951? We have an existing need for over 125 children, and we expect that by next year there will be 150 who will seek admission to our school. I trust that your Department may look upon this favourably, as we have done the best we know how with what we have had to do.

Mr. Aubrey Simmons, our M.P., is well aware and informed of our existing need and he can, I am sure, give you most of the necessary information.

Thanking you very kindly, I remain,

Yours truly,

Rev. H. I. Lee

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Item No. BAP-000302-0002

A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL.

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? Feb 19th 1951

2. At what time of day? In the Morning

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? To mr Gordon Kerson (Boys Supervisor) Morning of 19th

4. What means were taken to afford relief? Placed in Sick Bay

5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? He was given an Aspirin Tablet

6. When was the doctor called? Feb 21st at 12.00 Midnight

7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? Shortly after 12.00 Midnight by Dr Stewart's Car.

8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?

9. Add any other useful information here.

Has been under Dr's Care a number of times Periodically suffered from a nervous Condition

Rev H. L. Lee
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

B. STATEME

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Item No. NPC-603451

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Ottawa, Ontario
28 February, 1951

Dear Doctor Falconer,

Donald Miller, Age 10-Whitehorse

It has been reported to this Directorate by the Education Branch of Indian Affairs, that a young Indian boy had died of tuberculous meningitis at the Whitehorse Indian School.

It appears that he was not seen by Doctor Stewart prior to his death as an inquest was held after Reverend Lee reported the death on the morning of February 22nd.

Could you please investigate as to the circumstances surrounding this death. Was this boy examined and x-rayed prior to admission to the school and was he under the treatment of the doctor at the time.

As the information here is very sketchy it would be appreciated if you could give us a report on this.

Yours very truly,

P. E. Moore, M.D., D.P.H.
Director,
Indian Health Services

Dr. W.L.Falconer,
Medical Superintendent,
Charles Camsell Indian Hospital,
Edmonton, Alta.

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Item No. NPC-603442-0002

C O P Y

Box 87, Whitehorse, Y.T.,
March 5th, 1951.

Dr. W.L. Falconer,
Medical Director,
Charles Camsell Indian Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Doctor Falconer:

Re: [redacted] - Whitehorse

Following is a clinical history of the above-mentioned boy.

[redacted] He called the Doctor at once.

I am sorry you received the unreliable information that Dr. Stewart did not see this patient before he died. Dr. Stewart was called at 11.45 p.m. and responded immediately to the call. He examined the boy at the school then personally took him to the Hospital. Here a spinal puncture was done and penicillin administered. The boy died several hours later and Dr. Stewart, to verify his diagnosis, had an autopsy done. The specimen was sent to the Provincial Laboratory at Edmonton and a reply has not as yet been received.

Each child is given a medical examination when he is enrolled at the school for the first time. Unless specially indicated, he is not given a medical examination at the start of the succeeding term, especially if he has had a negative chest x-ray that year. However, each child has a medical examination some time during the school term.

The school has a good infirmary for both boys and girls and one supervisor is specially appointed to care for any patients. It is her custom to notify me when any child has the slightest ailment and Dr. Stewart is always called if there is the slightest indication of anything serious. In this instance I was at Mayo and was not available.

There was absolutely no evidence of neglect on the part of anyone. Special commendation is due Mr. Lee's staff for the very excellent care given to the children at the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: "Amy V. Wilson"

Copy - Dr. Wm.C. Stewart
Dr. E.L. Stone
Mr. R.J. Meek, Supt.,
Yukon Agency.

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FIELD SERVICE

PLEASE QUOTE
No. 166/25-1-929

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
March 7th, 1951.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

I am in receipt of your letter of 1st instant, file 929-23 (E1) re death of [redacted] a pupil of the Whitehorse Indian Day School. All pupils are examined by Dr. W.C. Stewart or Miss A. Wilson, R.N., Indian Health Services, shortly after they arrive at the school for admittance.

Regarding the medical examination of children by Nurse Wilson, my Quarterly Report October - December 1950, page 6 stated that Dr. Stewart was the only civilian doctor in Whitehorse and he was not always available to examine school pupils. He is aware of Nurse Wilsons outstanding qualifications and her examinations have his consent. In addition, throughout the year Miss Wilson has clinics two or three times a week at the Whitehorse Indian Day School, and a complete record is kept of the medical history of each child.

A copy of a letter to Miss Wilson and Dr. Stewart from Dr. W.L. Falconer, Charles Camsell Hospital, Edmonton, has been received asking for a Clinical History and other information on Donald Miller. I am attaching copy of Miss Wilsons report to Dr. Falconer.

An effort was made immediately on the death of [redacted] to have every child at the school X-rayed; as the Whitehorse General Hospital could not handle mass X-rays permission was given by Dr. E.L. Stone, C.M.G., Regional Supt., I.H.S., to have the children X-rayed at the Army Hospital, and I understand this is being done today under the direction of Dr. Stewart and one of the R.C.A.M.C. doctors.

[redacted] as been a pupil of the Whitehorse Indian Day School since it opened over four years ago. He has been X-rayed each year and examined a number of occasions by different I.H.S. nurses; when he was taken to the hospital Dr. Stewart stayed with him from before midnight to 2 A.M. administering professional treatment. Donald died at 3 A.M. I am satisfied that every effort is made to admit only medically fit pupils to the school, and that everything possible was done to care for Donald Miller.

c.c. Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Miss A. Wilson, I.H.S.

R.J. Meek
(R.J. Meek)
Superintendent

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Department of National Health and Welfare
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PERSONNEL

Box 87, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory,
March 9th, 1951.

Dr. W.L. Falconer, Medical Director,
Charles Camsell Indian Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE
Indian Health Services
MAR 16 1951
SUB-REGISTRY

Dear Dr. Falconer:

Under separate cover the exposed, undeveloped, chest films of pupils at the Whitehorse Indian School, were sent Air Express to the Camsell Hospital today. Enclosed is the list of names and ages.

We are indebted to the Whitehorse Military Hospital for this favor. The 126 pupils were x-rayed in 90 minutes with their up-to-date equipment and obliging technicians.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE
MAR 15 1951

Yours respectfully,

Amy V. Wilson
R.N.,
FIELD NURSE

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES
EDMONTON,
MAR 12 1951
ALBERTA.
Regional Superintendent

Director,-

This arose out of the death of the boy at the Indian School at Whitehorse, or rather, I should say at the Whitehorse Hospital. See our last correspondence dated March 8, with a letter from Miss Wilson, R.N.

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES
ALBERTA

Copy to Dr. E.L. Stone, Regional Director,
Indian Health Services, Edmonton, Alberta.

The Superintendent, Yukon Agency,
Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

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DEPARTMENT OF
NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE No.

Charles Camsell Indian Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta,
March 20th, 1951.

Dr. P.E. Moore, Director,
Indian Health Services,
Booth Building, Ottawa.

O. Leroux
MAR 27 1951
REGISTRY

Dear Doctor Moore:

Re: Late [redacted]
Lee's Mission School, Whitehorse, Y.T.

I would refer to your letter of February 28th signed by Dr. Leroux, advising us that the above boy died in the Residential School at Whitehorse, with what was thought to be Tuberculous Meningitis. Dr. Stewart has forwarded me a report on this case and he also sent the brain of this boy to the Provincial Lab. for a report. I am attaching copies of Dr. Stewart's letter to me of March 5th and Miss Wilson's letter of the same date. The high pressure and no increase in the cell count would not indicate Tuberculous Meningitis. Dr. Waugh of the Provincial Lab. has now phoned me, reporting on the case. They intend to do further work to try and decide the cause before sending out a definite pathological report.

Apparently the cause of death was a ruptured aneurysm, possibly of the mid-cerebral artery. There was a massive haemorrhage in the brain substance lateral to the basal ganglia. This haemorrhage completely obliterated the lateral ventricle from pressure. They have not been able to ascertain the cause of the arteritis and they surmize it may be either a mycotic or an allergic arteritis. There was no evidence of Tuberculosis.

Following receipt of your letter, we arranged with the Department of National Defence to x-ray the people of Lee's Mission School at Whitehorse. On March 8th a total of 126 pupils were x-rayed; these films were developed and read at the Charles Camsell Indian Hospital. Copies of the report have gone to Mr. Lee, Principal of the school; to Dr. Stewart at Whitehorse; Mr. Meek, the Indian Superintendent; Miss Wilson, Indian Health Services nurse and to Dr. E.L. Stone.

I am attaching a copy of Dr. Orford's report for your information. I might say that there was no active tuberculous disease found in the School. One suspect case will be further checked.

I would like to express my appreciation of the ready and active co-operation of Major Hardman at Edmonton and Major Powell of the Army at Whitehorse. They promptly gave us a very excellent and satisfactory service.

I feel that this report is complete and that no further action will be necessary from this office, and we have benefited by records of the school children for future reference.

WLF:AP

Yours very truly,

W.L. Falconer, M.D.,
Medical Director.

Copy - Dr. Wm. C. Stewart, Whitehorse
Miss Amy Wilson, R.N. Whitehorse
Dr. E.L. Stone, Regional Supt.
Indian Health Services, Edmonton.
Major A.C. Hardman, A/Command Medical Officer,
Western Command, Edmonton, Alberta.
Major Powell, No. 16 Detachment RCAMC,
Northwest Highway System, Whitehorse, Y.T.

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SOCIETIES ORDINANCE

CANADA
Yukon Territory

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the

INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

has this day been incorporated under the "Societies Ordinance" of the Yukon Territory, being Chapter 13 of the Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1949 (First Session), and that the Head Office of the said incorporation will be situated at Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of Office at Dawson, Yukon Territory this 9th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

W. A. Wardrop,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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DIVISION FILE No.....

DIVISION "G" SUB-DIVISION WHITEHORSE DETACHMENT TESLIN

PROVINCE YUKON TERRITORY DATE March 3rd. 1952.

FILE REFS. RE: Rev. Harold I. LEE (Deceased) - Whitehorse, Y.T. and Reg.No. SK 72749 Pvt. Peter BOYKO, R.C.A.S.C. (Canadian Army) Dawson Creek, B.C. - Fatal M.V.Accident at Mile 785.9 N.W.H.S., Y.T.

HEADQUARTERS

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT

P.C.R.

A. R. V. No.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR.....

1. Having reference to the above, the following report is submitted: -

A. Place of Accident - Mile 785.9 N.W.H.S., Y.T.

B. Hour, Day, Month, Year - Approx. 5.00 P.M. 1-3-52.

C. Weather Conditions - Cloudy, Mild.

E. Vehicles or Conditions Involved - 1952 Dodge Special Suburban driven by Rev. Harold I. LEE, Whitehorse, Y.T. skidded on curve and collided head-on with 1945 Mack Truck driven by Pvt. Peter BOYKO, R.C.A.S.C., Dawson Creek, B.C.

F. Condition of Highway - Covered with hard packed snow, slippery.

G. Types of Vehicles Involved -
Vehicle No. 1 - Passenger Car - 1952 Dodge Special Suburban Ser.No. 97006958, bearing 1951 Y.T. License No. 788 issued in the name of "Yukon Tire Shop" (Ernest LORTIE) Dealer for Dodge Motors, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Vehicle No. 2 - Truck - 1945 Mack, Ser.No. NB4D13361D, 1951 B.C. License No. HI-009, DND No. 82-736, Owner: Department of National Defence (Canadian Army) Dawson Creek, B.C. (R.C.A.S.C.)

H. Direction of Travel - Vehicle No. 1 - North on curve, going downhill. Vehicle No. 2- South on curve, going uphill.

I. Names, Addresses & License Particulars of Drivers -
Vehicle No. 1 - Rev. Harold I. LEE, Whitehorse, Y.T. - 1951 Y.T. Driver's License No. 787; Male, Age 37; Condition believed to be fatigued.
Vehicle No. 2 - Reg.No. SK 72749 Pvt. Peter BOYKO, R.C.A.S.C Dawson Creek, B.C., in possession of Canadian Army Driving Orders only; Male; Age 32; Approx. 15 years driving experience; Condition apparently normal.

J. Name and Address of Person Killed - Rev. Harold I. LEE, Whitehorse, Y.T., age 37; Died as a result of injuries received approx. 10½ hours after accident.

K. Vehicle in Which Persons Killed were Riding - Vehicle No. 1.

L. Nature of Injuries - Fractured right femur; Crushed Chest, with internal bleeding and severe lacerations on face.

M. Condition of Vehicles Involved - Both vehicles in good condition. Vehicle No. 1 being new, speedometer reading 3569 miles.

O. Estimate of Damage - Vehicle No. 1 - believed to be wrecked beyond repair - front end of vehicle completely demolished, engine broken, transmission damaged, front end of frame bent, body knocked out of alignment. Vehicle towed to Morley River Lodge, Mile 777.7 N.W.H.S., Y.T., and there stored pending removal to garage in Whitehorse, Y.T.
Vehicle No. 2 - sustained only a broken hose at the bottom of the radiator, thus losing the anti-freeze. Radiator hose replaced, cooling liquid replaced and vehicle driven away.

P. Expression of Opinion as to Cause of Accident - After investigation of this accident, the writer is of the opinion that Vehicle No. 1 approached the curve, travelling at a rate

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Continued from Page 1 ..... AT A RATE OF SPEED TOO FAST FOR THE CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAY, and upon seeing the oncoming truck, applied his brakes too severely, and "froze" at the controls, the result being that the vehicle plunged head-on into the front end of the Mack truck. It is also felt that perhaps the driver of Vehicle No. 1 (Rev. Harold I. LEE) was in a state of extreme fatigue at the time.

E. Action Recommended or Taken - NIL. Investigation revealed that the driver of Vehicle No. 2 was driving uphill, in second gear, under drive, at a speed of between 3 and 5 M.P.H., and was on his own side of the road, and had given as much room for the oncoming car to pass as he possibly could, and in view of this, it is felt that no liability for this accident can be laid to the driver of Vehicle No. 2.

S. Statement of Drivers, Passengers and Others: -

Reg.No. SK 72749, PVT. Peter BOYKO, on being interviewed, gave the following account of the accident: -

"At approximately 5.00 P.M., March 1st. 1952, while driving south on the Northwest Highway System, at Mile 785.9, I became involved in an accident with another vehicle.

I was going up a steep grade, on my right hand side of the road, in second gear, under drive, speed between three and five miles per hour. I saw the car coming around the curve, so I pulled nearly to the snow-bank, and he still came straight for me, so I put on my brakes and stopped. He came straight for me, and hit my bumper."

Witness: Cst. R.C.Shaw. (Sgd.) P. BOYKO.

The driver of Vehicle No. 2, immediately after the accident, was taken from his vehicle by Pvt. BOYKO, placed in a truck which arrived on the scene a few minutes later, and taken to Morley River Station. Upon arrival of the patrol, Rev. LEE was in no condition to be interviewed, and accordingly no statement was obtained from him before he died.

2. The initial report of this accident was made to the writer at approximately 7.05 P.M. of March 1st. 1952, by Mr. David McMILLAN, an American, enroute to Seward, Alaska. Mr. McMILLAN advised that a man was seriously injured in an automobile accident, and that the man was apparently suffering from a severe chest injury. He further advised that the injured man was then at Morley River Station, Mile 777.7 N.W.H.S., Y.T. A telephone call was made immediately, by the writer, to the Officer Commanding this Sub/Division, advising of the accident, and requesting that a plane, with medical assistance be sent to Teslin, for furtherance to Morley River Station to attend to the injured man. A short time later, the Officer Commanding contacted the writer by telephone, advising that a plane, with medical assistance, would be sent to Teslin, and instructed the writer to make arrangements for transportation for the Medical Officers to Morley River Station. This arrangement was made with the N.C.O. i/c R.C.A.F. Detachment Teslin, after which the writer proceeded to investigate the accident.

3. Upon arrival at Mile 785.9, it was noted that the car driven by Rev. Harold I. LEE had been moved, but the truck was still standing on the side of the road, with flares set out one at either end of the vehicle. Examination of the scene disclosed [illegible] definitely in CONT'D PAGE 3

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Continued from Page 2 ..... THE POINT OF IMPACT WAS DEFINITELY ON the truck driver's right hand side of the road. Examination of the scene also showed that the truck was almost against the snow bank on the driver's right hand side of the road, and the few visible skid marks, made by Rev. LEE'S car showed that the driver of same had approached the curve, on his (LEE'S) side of the road, and then had skidded angleways across the road, without making any attempt at following the curve. The car had collided head-on, with the truck, the front end of the car going under the bumper of the truck, causing the break in the bottom radiator hose, the result being that the anti-freeze drained out on the highway.

4. The writer then continued on to Morley River Station, where the injured man was found to be suffering from a severe chest injury, and was having difficulty in breathing. It was also noted that Mr. LEE suffered from a broken right leg, and severe lacerations across the face. He had been made as comfortable as possible by Mrs. William ROSE, who, with her husband, operate the Lodge. Since there was nothing further for the writer to do insofar as treatment for the injured man, no further action was taken, until the arrival of Maj. W.H.R. CROSKERRY, R.C.A.M.C. Whitehorse, Y.T. and F/L BUCHAN, Medical Officer, R.C.A.F., Whitehorse, Y.T. After administering to Mr. LEE'S injuries, and plasma was given intravenously, and the broken leg splinted, after which Mr. LEE was placed on a stretcher, taken to Teslin Airport in a panel truck belonging to the Highway Maintenance Camp at Brook's Brook, Y.T. Mr. LEE was then placed in an R.C.A.F. plane, taken to Whitehorse to the Military Hospital, where he died at 3.45 A.M. of the 2nd. inst.

5. On the 3rd inst., a patrol was made to Whitehorse for the purpose of continuing this investigation. All facts of the case were made known to the Coroner, J. KERR, Esq., Whitehorse, Y.T., who stated that an Inquest was not necessary and that none would be held. The Coroner then released the body for burial. Burial will take place at 2.00 P.M. of the 6th inst., in Whitehorse Cemetery, Rev. Donald SMITH officiating. Burial arrangements undertaken by Mr. William MORRIS, Undertaker, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Since there is no further action to be taken in this regard, file in this connection is being shown as concluded herewith. A separate report regarding the estate of the deceased is being forwarded as expeditiously as possible.

CONCLUDED HERE:
MILEAGE: Per P.C. 8065 - 164 Miles.

(R.C.Shaw) Cst./ 14056.
I/c Teslin Detachment.

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WARRANT TO BURY

CANADA:
YUKON TERRITORY.

To William MORRIS, Whitehorse, Y.T., Undertaker,

and to all others to whom it may concern.

Whereas an inquisition hath this day been held upon view of the body of

Harold I. LEE, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory,

who, at approximately 5.00 P.M., on Saturday the 1st day of March, A.D. 1952, at or near Mile Post 955.5 on the Northwest Highway System, Yukon Territory, sustained multiple fatal injuries as the result of an automobile accident in which he was involved.

Death occurred at the Canadian Army Military Hospital, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, at approximately 3.45 A.M., on Sunday, the 2nd day of March A.D. 1952.

and now lies dead in the Canadian Army Military Morgue at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

These are therefore to Certify, that you may lawfully permit the body of

the said Harold I. LEE

to be buried; and for your so doing this is your warrant.

Given under my hand at Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, 3rd March 52 19

J. Kerr, Coroner, Yukon Territory.

JM—5-51

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5.

Re: Rev. Harold I. LEE (Deceased), Whitehorse, Y.T. and Reg.No. SK.72749 Pte. Peter BOYKO, R.C.A.S.C., Dawson Creek, B.C. - Fatal M.V.Accident, Mile 785.9 NWHS, YT.

The Commissioner of the Y.T. - DAWSON.

1. Fwded: 4-3-52, copy for your information; further to my signal to Mr. N.V.K. Wylie, Administrator, and Mr. W.A. Wardrop, Terr. Treas., Dawson, on the 3rd instant. Copy of Warrant to Bury is also attached.

2. It was with profound regret that this whole community learned of the death of Rev. Harold I. LEE, who in the minds of all citizens had accomplished so much good in this community in developing the Whitehorse Indian Mission School to the point where it is today. It is my understanding at the present time that his wife and his brother, LaForest LEE, will continue in his work.

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H. J. Spanton

H. J. Spanton, Insp.
Comdg. Whitehorse Sub-Division.

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INDIAN BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL
(incorporated)

P.O. Box 217
Whitehorse-Yukon-Canada

April, 1952.

Dear Praying Friends;

"No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

Having put my hand to the plough here along with my brother at the outset of the native work here at Whitehorse, it has become my lot at least temporarily to direct in the work here. With the suddeness of the shock I must confess my first impulse was to throw up my hands in despair, but with the clarion call of God's own words to send forth His light and truth and also that of my dying brother to carry on the work, we cannot but do our utmost by the will of God in giving our very best to bringing the Gospel story to these who sit in darkness and under the shadow of death. As yet we have seen very little result in separated lives, though most of the children have professed salvation and also a few of the adult Indians, so pray:

1. That a real work of Grace may be wrought by the Holy Spirit in the lives of the natives to live separated lives unto Him.

2. That our staff may be given up to a wholly surrendered life to the Lord and His work here at all times.

3. That our need for two or three new really consecrated teachers might be supplied.

4. That physical strength may also be given to some of our staff who are in special need at this time.

5. That the opposing forces of Romanism might be put to confusion. The Romans prior to our coming had done little or nothing for the native people, to-day they are going from house to house persuading the people to sign up to their faith.

6. We feel a special need for you to pray for every one of us who have been so greatly moved by the sudden passing of our beloved brother, especially his wife and children. We felt this so heavy and yet we know your prayers have up to now helped to sustain us. We wish to thank you all for your kind consideration in every detail.

For cards, letters, flowers and donations and prayers we ask you to accept this letter as our personal reply.

As yet we have been unable to purchase the land upon which our school stands and as a memorial fund has been started it has been suggested that we use this money for that purpose or for a new Church building. Will you pray with us that we might have the Lord's directive will and blessing in this matter.

Someone said that this was the largest funeral Whitehorse has ever had and many people were moved to tears, so pray that God will continue to speak to both White and Native alike.

Our new Board has been incorporated under the INDIAN BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL, so it is necessary that you address all correspondence that way.

Harold's greatest desire was to blanket the Yukon with the Gospel, so we would ask you to pray that God might give us another good Field Director to contact the native people who are being so terribly mislead by the Romans.

We as a staff feel so indebted to you Christian friends for your earnest prayers.

Yours in the King's Service,

Indian Baptist Mission School Staff
L.S. Lee (Director)

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Item No. BAP-001084

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May 15,1952.

Mr. W.D.Taylor,
Territorial Agent,
Dawson, Y.T.

Dear Sir:-

Arrange for payment of one thousand dollars ($1000.00) to Whitehorse Baptist Indian Mission School, for the purchase of one 20' x 56' Building situated at Carmacks road camp.

Send Mr. Litzenberger about thirty (30) order blanks - G.P.O. Thanks,

Yours truly,

W.A.Wardrop,
Territorial Treasurer,

WAW/ag.

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Item No. BAP-001056

1-4-8

Dawson, Y. T.,
January 31, 1953.

Miss Joyce Driver,
Public Health Nurse,
WHITEHORSE, Y. T.

Dear Miss Driver:

I have your memorandum of January 26th, 1953 and wish to advise you that all of the children presently in the St. Paul's Hostel in Dawson are of school age. I now find that there are ten children in the Dawson Hostel which would have to be transferred to the Indian Baptist Mission School.

It is noted that possibly six or eight children of school age could be accommodated there next summer. If definite action was taken, could you let me know if they could accommodate ten.

Yours truly,

W. G. Brown,
Commissioner.

WMC/mt

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YUKON TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE

YUKON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Your File #1-4-8

Box 765,
WHITEHORSE, YUKON.
CANADA

February 21, 1953.

Mr. W. G. Brown,
Commissioner,
Dawson, Y. T.

Dear Mr. Brown:

In reply to your letter of January 31, concerning the transfer of children from the Hostel in Dawson to the Mission School in Whitehorse, Mrs. Lee, who is in charge of the School, states that the ten children you mention can be accommodated. However, she would rather that they were not transferred during the months of July or August as the school is only partially staffed at that time. She said that she would appreciate the opportunity of discussing this and other problems that have arisen at the school with you when you are next in Whitehorse.

In closing, she said that the children will certainly be accommodated, but hoped that it could be arranged to send them at some time other than July or August.

Yours truly,

Joyce I. Driver

Joyce I. Driver,
Public Health Nurse.

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VICARIATE APOSTOLIC OF WHITEHORSE

P.O.B.95, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Mr.Philip Phelan
Superintendent of Education
Indian Affairs Branch
Copeland Bldg.- Ottawa, Ont.

February 23,1953

Re:Catholic Children in
Protestant Schools
Ref.File 166/25-1-
931 (x)

Dear Mr.Phelan;

In answer to your request of January 17 to let you know the names of all the Catholic children of my Diocese who are at present in the Protestant Boarding Schools for Indians in the Yukon, I beg to say that I am now in a position to provide you most of the required information concerning said children.

It took us a bit of time, and plenty of writing, wiring and travelling to contact all our missionaries and obtained from them the necessary data.

Please, find herewith the complete List of our Catholic Indian Children who are at present either at the Indian Baptist Residential School of Whitehorse, or at the Indian Anglican Residential School of Carcross, in the Yukon.

When we had any doubt about the actual presence of those children in the above mentionned Schools, I noted it very clearly, as in cases No.5, no.15, no.22 and no.23 of the Baptist School in Whitehorse, and in case No.7 of the Anglican School of Carcross.

I am forwarding copy of the List to Indian Superintendent Meek, as the first List I gave him a few weeks ago was rather incomplete.

Yours sincerely

H.L.Coudert O.M.I.
Vic.Ap.of Whitehorse

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WHITEHORSE, Y.T. March 5 1953

Mr. R. J. Meek,
Indian Superintendent
Whitehorse, Y.T.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

Indian Baptist Mission School

L. S. LEE, Director.

RENT FOR CLASSROOMS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1953.

4 classrooms @ $15.00 per classroom	$ 60	00
1 Art Room @ $10.00	10	00
1 Manual Room @ $10.00	10	00
Total	$ 80	00

Signed L. S. Lee

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DEPARTMENT
OF
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMISSIONER OF YUKON TERRITORY

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1-4-0-5-1

DAWSON, Y.T.,
March 13, 1953.

MEMORANDUM

F.J.G. Cunningham, Esq., Director,
Northern Administration and Lands Branch,
Dep't Resources and Development, OTTAWA.

re White Students Attending Indian
Schools - Yukon Territory.

As you are aware, there has been a sort of quid pro quo in the Yukon Territory as between the Indian Affairs and ourselves, in respect of education of Indian and non-Indian children. In other words, Indian children are being taught in the Territorial schools without charge to Indian Affairs Branch, and non-Indian children are being taught in Indian Schools without charge to the Territorial Government.

This arrangement was apparently agreed upon, at least locally, as the most economical way of solving the otherwise difficult problem of moving children from one location to another, and the consequent additional expense involved in their maintenance and care.

At the present time there are approximately thirty-six non-Indian children attending Indian Affairs schools, as follows:

28 - Children attending the Whitehorse Indian Day School at Whitehorse;
8 - Non-Indian children attending the Indian Affairs School at Old Crow

To offset this there are at the present time forty-two Indian children receiving education in our Territorial Schools at no cost to the Indian Affairs Branch. This arrangement has proven satisfactory, and appears to be a practical approach to this problem in the Yukon.

A problem has arisen, however, in regard to the Indian Day School at Whitehorse because of the fact that there are twenty-eight non-resident children attending this school. I may say that about twelve of these children are in the Mission residence run by Reverend Mr. Lee, for which the Territorial Government pay an allowance for their board and room, but nothing to the cost of their education. The balance of the twenty-eight non-Indian children are being maintained by the Mission themselves, or the children's parents.

The situation now is, however, that there is a total of one hundred and seventy-one students in the Indian Day School for which provision has been made for only four teachers. I would point out that Mr. Meek, the Indian Agent, has already requested his Branch in Ottawa for an additional teacher, and that this request has been turned down. I believe the reason the Department at Ottawa rejected the application was on the grounds that the twenty-eight non-Indian children were not the responsibility of their Department and, therefore, that the Yukon Territory should provide one teacher. This, however, would not be a proper appraisal of the situation, because we are now providing teachers for forty-two Indian children in the Yukon without charge to the Indian Affairs Branch.

It may be that you could discuss this matter with the Director of Indian Affairs, and point out the situation to him, with the indication that we feel that under the present arrangements, the

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additional teacher required for this school should be provided by the Indian Affairs Branch.

W.G. Brown
Commissioner.

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PHONE 2731

INDIAN BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

INCORPORATED

P.O. BOX 217
WHITEHORSE, YUKON, CANADA

April 24, 1953.

Education Division,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sirs:

On checking through our files we have discovered four errors which we wish to bring to your attention. These errors will be found in the quarterly maintenance claim submitted by us to the department for the Quarter ending March 31, 1953. It is necessary to correct the following errors:

The department have agreed to maintain 140 Indian children in our hostel. However, we do have more than 140 Indian children living in residence. Applications for their admission have been forwarded to the department. With this thought in mind, it would be greatly appreciated if you would accept the names of three Indian children that have not already been submitted to the department for maintenance claim on the March 31 quartery claim, in place of who for reasons already stated were not in residence full-time during the quarter. The names of the three children we wish you to accept in their place have been living in residence since January 1. 1953. that is, each of these three children(have each been living in residence the full quarter or 90 days. The claim for these children is listed on the usual claim form, along with adjustment of Freddie Kowat, and attached to this letter.

This, I hope will help rectify the errors found on the maintenance quarterly claim. Trusting that you will be able to make the necessary adjustments without too much inconvenience to you.

Yours truly,

L. S. Lee

L. S. Lee.(Director.)

c.c. R. J. Meek

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Whitehorse, Y. T.,
May 12th, 1953.

Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Reference your letter May 2, 1953, File 929-10 (E6), please be advised that [redacted] traps some thirty miles out of Carmacks and is unable to maintain a home at the village.

[redacted] is now living near Whitehorse - approximately fourteen miles out of town. He is [redacted] father.

[redacted] has been cutting wood most of the winter approximately fifty miles out from Whitehorse and is unable to maintain his family in town.

It is necessary that these children be placed as boarders at the Whitehorse School for their education.

R. J. Meek

R. J. Meek
Superintendent
Yukon Agency

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Ottawa
September 28, 1953.

MEMORANDUM TO THE ACTING DEPUTY MINISTER

Re: Whitehorse Baptist Hostel

The department operates an Indian day school in Whitehorse in connection with which a Mr. L.S. Lee operates a hostel. This arrangement has never received recognition from the department as a residential school, but an allowance of $1.15 per day per pupil has been made by the department towards the cost of maintaining the children in residence. The department operates the classrooms, employing the teachers and supplying the fuel, books, etc. The hostel accommodates a number of non-Indian children for whom the Yukon Territorial Government makes a grant of $1.90 per day.

The present per capita grant paid to the Lower Post Residential School is $480.00, and that paid to the Carcross Residential School, where costs would be comparable to those at Whitehorse, is $597.71. Although the department is providing and maintaining the buildings at both Carcross and Lower Post, the Whitehorse school buildings are neither owned nor maintained by this department. The administrator of the hostel, Mr. L.S. Lee, has requested an increase in the department's grant from $1.15 per day per pupil to $1.25, which is the equivalent of a per capita of approximately $375.00 for the academic year of 300 days. This request appears reasonable, even after making allowances for the fact that the two residential schools are expected to provide for classroom instruction from their per capita grants.

The Indian Commissioner for British Columbia recommends that the present allowance of $1.15 per day per pupil be increased

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to $1.25 as requested by Mr. Lee, and with this I concur and ask your authority to increase the per capita grant to the Whitehorse School accordingly.

H. F. Davey,
Acting Superintendent of Education

Approved:

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Acting Deputy Minister

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Lee, E.R.

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
September 14, 1953.

M.S. Arnsil, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

I attach hereto Application for Reclassification from School Teacher Grade 3, to Principal Grade 1, on behalf of E.A. Lee.

Mr. Lee has been senior teacher at the Whitehorse Indian Day School since September, 1949. The school has four classrooms. Mr. Lee's request is in accordance with Regulations applicable to reclassification as contained in Indian School Bulletin No. 5, Vol. 5, May, 1951, page 8.

I would recommend the application be given consideration.

R.J. Meek
(R.J. Meek)
Superintendent

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Earl R Lee

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

P.O. BOX 70
Vancouver, B.C.

AIR MAIL

October 6, 1953.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Citizenship and Immigration,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Mr. Earl R. Lee, Teacher,
Whitehorse Indian Day School.

The above named teacher has submitted the attached Application for Reclassification form from Teacher Grade 3 to Principal Grade 1.

Mr. Lee visited this office during the month of July and again requested such reclassification on the grounds that the Whitehorse Indian Day School is considered as a separate entity from the Hostel as conducted by the Baptist Church and therefore the senior teacher should be classified as Principal. While in actual fact to separate the two units physically is impossible, and while the Hostel has a Director who might be considered Principal, it is felt that if the Day School is in fact considered separate by the Department, Mr. Lee might be classified as Principal Grade 1.

not entitled to receive great $1.15 for his paid travel paper in addition to payment of teacher salary

W. S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Lee E.R.
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Attention: Mr. A.V.Parminter

October 13th, 1953.

Mr. W.S.Arnell,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O.Box 70,
Vancouver 2, B. C.

RE: Mr. E. R. Lee
Reference your 166/2-12-929 of October 6,1953

On receipt of Mr. Lee's application for re-classification as Principal Grade One, we referred to your report on the Whitehorse Indian Day School submitted on November 19, 1952, subsequent to your inspection of the Whitehorse Indian Day School.

In your report you direct attention to the following points concerning Mr. Lee's request for reclassification as Principal Grade One:

1- Reverend L.S.Lee erroneously believes that a Principal would "ex officio" handle all discipline, even after school hours.

2- Since the classrooms are scattered throughout the institution, it would be difficult to divorce teaching routine from general routine, and to avoid over-lapping, the Director of the institution, because of its unusual physical organization, should handle most of the duties usually handled by a school principal.

3- Mr. Earl Lee is most anxious to be made Principal of the school, but unfortunately, his primary stated reasons were personal ones.

4- In your opinion, Mr.Earl Lee is not superior to the other staff members.

As stated in your letter of October 6th and in your

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report, Mr. Earl Lee's claim that the Whitehorse Indian Day School is a separate entity from the Hostel is not substantiated by fact. The Department pays $1.15 per diem for each pupil and in addition the salaries of all teachers employed are paid. At other schools where the Department employs the teachers and at the same time makes a grant towards the cost of maintenance of Indian pupils, it has been ruled that none of the teachers should be classified as Principal.

In view of the above, the Department is not prepared to reclassify Mr. Earl Lee as Principal. Would you please inform him accordingly.

R. F. Davey

R. F. Davey
Acting Superintendant of Education

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

Whitehorse, Y. T.,
January 19th, 1954.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Education Branch,
OTTAWA, Ont.

I attach hereto a letter received from Earl R. Lee, senior teacher at the Whitehorse Indian Day School. This is in reply to your letter of May 16th, 1953.

With the opening of the new Carcross School in September 1954 I feel that most of the new pupils will be attending that school.

The 176 pupils enrolled in the Whitehorse Indian Day School include 140 Indian resident pupils, 6 day school pupils, and the rest of the children are enfranchised Indians or half-breed children, some of whom are maintained by the Territorial Government as wards. It is very difficult to anticipate the roll of the Whitehorse Indian Day School after the opening of Carcross Indian Residential School. I do not think it would be to our best interest to authorize a fifth teacher until the situation is apparent during the next school term.

R. J. Meek
Superintendent
Yukon Agency

RJM:F
CC Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Whitehorse, Y.T.,
May 5th 1954.

Rev. L. Lee,
Indian Day School,
WHITEHORSE, Y.T.

Rev. Sir:

Please be advised that the Department has approved of the admission of [redacted] to your school.

In a conversation today with Mrs. Lee I am informed that [redacted] has been returned to his mother. The Department write that they prefer such arrangement, and as [redacted] will not be six years old until September of this year, I think it would be better that his application be resubmitted at that time.

Yours truly,

(R.J. Meek)
Superintendent

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Whitehorse, Y.T.,
May 5th, 1954.

Rev. L. Lee,
Whitehorse Indian Day School,
WHITEHORSE. Y.T.

Dear Sir:

Re: Electricity Co.

I have just received a letter advising that the Indian Affairs Branch are prepared to increase your grant by 15 cents per pupil per day as from April 1st, 1954. As this increase will cover additional cost of electricity to both hostel and day school the Department does not consider it necessary to incur the expenditure for re-wiring. I trust this will be a satisfactory arrangement.

Will you kindly confirm this arrangement with this office.

Yours truly,

R. J. Hook
Superintendent
Yukon Agency

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INDIAN BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

P.O. Box 217,
Whitehorse - Yukon - Canada

June 7, 1954.

J. A. Simmons, M.P.
Box 129,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Simmons:

In view of the fact that it seems an impossibility to purchase sufficient ground within the city limits on which to build a new school, we have been making an extensive search for a piece of land within reasonable distance of Whitehorse that might be suitable for such a purpose. In our search we have located a portion of land along McIntyre Creek below the D.N.D. Water pumping station. This would furnish an ideal location out of the city and away from the D.N.D. activities. I have interviewed the R.C.A.F. officials here but it seems that they do not have final authority for the release of this land and have recommended that we take the matter up with the D.N.D. at Ottawa. Since you understand our presssing need for a suitable location and believing that you are acquainted with the proper proceedings in contacting the Department of National Defense, we are taking the liberty of imposing on your kindness by asking you to look into the matter of getting a release on this ground for us. I am enclosing a rough sketch which will serve to give you the approximate location of the land we desire. You will notice from the sketch that the McIntyre Creek runs slightly inside the boundry of the D.N.D. lease. We are anxious in obtaining land near the creek for our water supply.

We would also greatly appreciate it if you would further interview Col. Jones, Director of Indian Affairs, in regards to building a new school. It has been some time since A.V. Parminter, Regional Inspector of Indian Schools, visited the Yukon and made a survey of the educational needs.

We send our thanks with much appreciation.
Sincerely yours,

Rev. L. S. Lee,
President.

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INDIAN BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

Whitehorse, Y.T.,
August 9th, 1954.

Dear Mr. Meek:

Along with [redacted] request to you may I say - [redacted] has been with us since September 1948 and has gone home very little - it wasn't really home to her since her mother died and she has made the school her home. For the past three years she has been at the school for all Christmas and Easter and summer holidays.

Since she is sixteen we too feel with her that she be allowed to stay this year to take her Grade 8.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Lydia Lee

Secretary

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CC FOR COLONEL JONES 166/25-1-929

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Ottawa, August 10, 1954.

W.G. Brown, Esq.,
Commissioner, Yukon Territory,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Dear Mr. Brown:

A letter has been received from the Indian Affairs Branch regarding the school and hostel operated by the Baptist Mission at Whitehorse. The buildings, which were formerly army huts, have now reached a state of disrepair where they must be replaced or abandoned.

As the institution has been used to accommodate both Indian children and children who are the responsibility of the Yukon Government, the Director of the Indian Affairs Branch feels that this Department should be consulted before any definite action is taken. You will recall that some months ago you asked if there would be accommodation in the new institution at Carcross for children for whom your administration was responsible.

In a discussion with officials of the Indian Affairs Branch, we have agreed that a joint approach to your common problem would be useful in arriving at a permanent solution. Colonel Jones will be writing shortly to Mr. Meek, the Superintendent of Agency at Whitehorse; will you please have your representative who is responsible for child welfare, meet Mr. Meek and discuss the whole question of child welfare in the Territory.

Following these discussions, we feel that a policy can be evolved for the guidance of both administrations. Final details can be discussed when you are in Ottawa in January.

Yours sincerely,

F.J.G. Cunningham,
Director.

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INDIAN BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

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P.O. BOX 217
WHITEHORSE - YUKON - CANADA

September 13, 1954.

Mr. R. J. Meek,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Dear Mr. Meek:

School has again opened with a good start of 138 enrolled here at the Indian Baptist Mission. At present we have 118 full Indian children and 20 half-breeds, and as the case has been previously, there are those who come in late, so we expect our total enrolment to increase considerably by the end of the month.

The present school is situated on land leased from B.Y.N., therefore, we are trying to locate a suitable place outside of the city limits on which to erect a new building since our contract with them for leasing land is only temporary and from month to month.

We have spent much time and money here this summer to make our present school buildings useable, but these buildings were only temporary structures in the first place, it seems unwise to spend much more in repair.

Our staff of 27 have labored unceasingly to keep the Day School and hostel operating satisfactorily, which has provided a home for both Indian children and half-breeds alike. In connection with the school and hostel we maintain an orphanage in which pre-school children are given a home. We provide a place where medical and welfare cases from all parts of the Yukon and Northern B.C. are cared for.

The school was incorporated under the "Societies Ordinance Act" of the Yukon Territory, July 9th., 1951. The Board of Directors is composed of six who are giving their full-time service to see that work is carried on in the best way possible.

We are confident that you will realize our urgent need for new buildings where a permanent location may be established.

Yours truly,

Rev. L. S. Lee

Rev. L. S. Lee.
President.

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Dep't Northern Affairs & National Resources
Ottawa, Canada.
R.J. Meek, [redacted], Superintendent, Indian Agency, Whitehorse.

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DEPARTMENT
OF
[redacted]
NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMISSIONER OF YUKON TERRITORY

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE

WHITEHORSE, Y.T.,
September 16, 1954.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Mr. R.J. Meek of the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration has discussed with me certain problems arising out of education of Indians in the Yukon Territory, and plans they are now considering to meet these problems.

At the present time a number of Indian children are being taken care of in the City of Whitehorse by the Indian Baptist Mission School, which provides both hostel and educational facilities. This school is a private school under the auspices of the Baptist Church, and is operated and supervised by a local trustee committee. The school facilities are provided by means of utilizing old Army buildings which are located in Block 19, Whitehorse Townsite, which property is under lease by the Federal Government to the British Yukon Navigation Company, Limited, and in turn leased to the Department of National Defence. The buildings are not suitable for the purpose for which they are now being used, and it is planned to abandon these and construct a new hostel when a suitable location can be found.

At the present time there are one hundred and forty Indians and twenty-five non-Indians resident in this school who are being educated in this institution. Of the twenty-five non-Indian approximately six to eight are territorial responsibility, the others being children of home which have made their own private arrangements for the hostel facilities. It is expected that approximately sixty Indians will be moved from this school to the Indian Mission School at Carcross, leaving approximately eighty Indians, together with twenty-five non-Indians, or in round figures estimating the hostel facilities for the new institution at approximately one hundred children of both sexes.

The Indian Affairs Branch have requested that consideration be given by the Territorial Government to provide for the education of these children in a Territorial School so that they will be able to abandon the school facilities when considering the construction of the new institution. I believe that educating the Indian children in our Territorial Schools is a step in the right direction and should be encouraged, and in principle I would be prepared to recommend this plan.

This matter, however, again brings to the forefront the matter of school accommodation in Whitehorse. A brief review of the present situation shows that the present Whitehorse School, originally designed for eighteen classrooms, is now accommodating twenty-eight classrooms, including the two primary classrooms in the old school building on Lambert Street. The two-room addition now under construction will, therefore, by and large only take care of the present population in suitable classroom accommodation when it is available for use. The extra classrooms now using the playroom space in the basement dam and no doubt will be used for the overflow in the next year or two until additional accommodation is available.

R.G. Robertson, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources,
OTTAWA, Canada.

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In estimating the school population in Whitehorse for the school years commencing in the Fall of 1955 and 1956, the additional school population, if we considered the request of the Indian Affairs Branch, will be as follows:

1st September, 1955:

Indian Affairs Branch	100	
Civilian	62	
Department National Defence	67	229

1st September, 1956:

Civilian	51	
Department National Defence	73	124

Total additional students as of 1st September, 1956	353
Less estimated graduating class	40
Leaving a net increase in school population of	313

For a practical purpose we can, therefore, consider a net increase of three hundred students for the purpose of classroom accommodation requirements by 1956 in addition to the school addition now under construction. This will require, on the basis of twenty-five students per room as an average, further accommodation to the extent of twelve classrooms, together with facilities required for a school of that size by way of playroom, library and possibly a gymnasium.

Mr. Mack has indicated that considerable attention has been paid to locating a suitable site for the new hospital which they hope to construct next year, but so far have been unable to find a parcel of land either immediately adjacent to the community of Whitehorse, or within a reasonable distance of the present town of Whitehorse on the west side of the river.

I might point out here that the present Indian school has been advised by the City that the City would be most reluctant to granting them a permit to build a residential school on the present location even if the land was available for that purpose, which is not at the present time, but might possibly be made available by next year, depending upon when the property can be released by the Army, and conditional upon the British Yukon Navigation Company, Limited, then making it available and releasing same for that purpose.

The viewpoint of the City Council has been expressed in its Zoning By-law, which has reserved this area in Block 19 for residential purposes only, and I am inclined to believe that their attitude in requesting that this school be located outside of that, in my revised assessment of the situation, may ultimately be largely an industrial business area, is well founded. It would not be a suitable location from the standpoint of children being located there when there is such a vast amount of unoccupied land across the river which would make an ideal location and afford ample play room and opportunity for outdoor life, particularly during the summer time.

I would suggest, therefore, that in considering the establishment of an additional area for expansion purposes for the City of Whitehorse across the river, a portion of that property be reserved for this institution, preferably on the edge of any townsite plans so that the hinterland behind the townsite would provide a natural and ideal outdoor play ground for the children.

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You have already spoken to me in regard to the desirability of providing vocational education in Whitehorse for the local children. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Thompson, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and have requested him to make a careful analysis of the opportunities for employment in Whitehorse and the Yukon in general, so as to design and plan vocational education which would fit in with employment possibilities in the Yukon. It will no doubt take Mr. Thompson possibly a year to deal with this matter fully and capably and consequently I do not expect to have any recommendations to make to you in this regard until next Fall.

This, however, must be kept in mind, in that the vocational school should be part of the high school in that it will be only high school students who will be participating in vocational education.

With this in mind, however, the future use of the present Whitehorse High School should be I think generally looked upon as a high school and vocational training school, and that it would consequently be unwise to continue to add additional wings to the school to take care of the junior grades.

I think consideration should be given to establishing a separate school for primary grades from possibly Grades One to Seven, inclusive, so that ultimately the present school would accommodate only Grades Eight to Twelve, plus vocational training.

This long range program over a period of the next three to ten years should be kept in mind in any overall planning for the development of the City of Whitehorse.

I suggest, therefore, that when the new townsite on the east side of the river is being contemplated, it might be advisable to consider the construction of a twelve-room primary school in the new townsite in the next two or three years in order to provide facilities for the anticipated increase in school population, which would include the integration of the education of Indian children with non-Indian children.

I felt that I should bring this matter to your attention at this time so that if you wished the Town Planners of your Department and of Central Mortgage and Housing may be requested to include this requirement in the suggested layout and survey of the new area across the river for the Whitehorse City extension.

It may be that it would be advisable to have an area reserved outside the proposed town extension, but contiguous to it, so that it may have the benefit of certain City facilities such as fire protection, street lighting, etc. Likewise a reasonable area should be reserved to take care of additional buildings which would be required outside of the hostel itself to provide for the Superintendent, Heating Engineer, power plant and such other facilities as they may require. It is suggested that possibly a minimum of ten acres, and maybe larger, should be reserved for this purpose.

Yours truly,

W.G. Brown

W.G. Brown
Commissioner.

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Board of Directors
1955

Earl R. Lee - President
Arnold Newman - Vice-President
Harold Johnson - Secretary
Ray P. Wilson - Treasurer
Royal Ruggles - Board Member
Gordon Larson - Board Member

Indian Baptist Mission School Inc.

WHITEHORSE, YUKON TERRITORY

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FIRST INDIAN MISSION SCHOOL

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."— II Timothy 2:15.

JUNE, 1954

PRESENT INDIAN MISSION SCHOOL AND STAFF

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ON MAY 5, 1946, Rev. Harold Lee, along with his wife and two children, arrived in Whitehorse as missionaries of the Gospel, under the Alaska Evangelization Society. At first services were held in the Canadian Army Chapel. Then, in July of the same year Leforest Lee joined them in the work. In September a small chapel was dedicated, which was later replaced by a larger army building now known in Whitehorse as the Gospel Chapel.

The Gospel work first began among the white population, but a great spiritual need was seen to exist among the natives as well as a need for education. In October a day was set aside for prayer, and a small group of Christians committed the needs of the natives to the Lord. The Indian Mission School was born out of that day of prayer. Shortly after, an army building was purchased from War Assets. A classroom was set up in one end and living quarters in the other. School opened with 19 Indian children enrolled, and Rev. H. Lee as teacher. Miss Ethel Doan arrived and took over the teaching duties in February.

Nine army buildings 20' x 120' were purchased from Crown Assets in September, 1947. Our school moved to its present location where a residential school was started with 45 children. Since then the Lord saw fit to expand the work in a marvelous way. There are now four teachers, 100 children living in residence, three pre-school children in orphanage, besides our regular staff of twenty-four.

Indian children from settlements as far as 300 miles from Whitehorse attend our school. In the summer during vacation period the children having no home, and all orphans remain at the school. Those having parents and home are permitted to go home for the two-month holiday period. We then try to place missionary workers in each of these Indian settlements, about 12 places and throughout the year keep in touch with these out points periodically.

This independent work started on a strictly faith basis with nothing less than the Lord's unfailing faithfulness. The Federal Government now employ the four Christian teachers, and give an allowance of $1.40 per day for 140 Indian children; while the Territorial Government give an allowance of $1.50 per day for 10 half-breed children.

We have been very grateful for donations sent in by churches both in Canada and United States. We are especially thankful for vegetables, meat, etc., donated by farmers and others in Alberta; we are able to use our truck to bring these up, too.

Our staff receive a monthly allowance of $50.00 per month. They are given leave, alternately, every two years to go home or do deputation work.

We believe every native in the Yukon has a never-dying soul, and we know that their hope of Eternal Life in Heaven depends entirely upon a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are debtors to bring the Gospel to them. Our objective is to reach every native in the Yukon with the Word of God.

Doctrinal Basis — Soundness in the faith is required of every member of the Mission, especially regarding (1) verbal inspiration and final authority of the Scriptures; (2) doctrine of the Trinity; (3) virgin birth of Christ by the Holy Ghost; (4) fall of man and need of regeneration; (5) atonement through substitutionary death of Christ; (6) doctrine of justification by faith; (7) body resurrection of Christ; (8) personal return of our Lord; (9) bodily resurrection of the just and unjust; (10) the eternal blessedness of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.

The late Rev. H. Lee, founder of this work, went to be with the Lord whom He loved and served on March 2, 1952, as a result of a highway accident while returning from a business trip made to Ottawa.

THE LATE REV. HAROLD L. LEE

As listed on back

At present our Board of Directors are:

[redacted]

The Indian Mission School serves as a home, school, and often a rescue mission to the Indians and half-breeds of the Yukon. It is only because of the unfailing prayers of others that this work continues. Pray for us!

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." — Psalm 126:3

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INDIAN BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

INCORPORATED

P.O. BOX 317
WHITEHORSE - YUKON - CANADA

January 27th, 1955.

Indian Superintendent,
Yukon Indian Agency,
P. O. Box 388,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Dear Sir:

The Indian Baptist Mission School Society held the Annual Meeting January 25th for the election of Board Members. The following are the Members of the newly elected Board.

President - Earl R. Lee

Vice-President - Arnold Newman

Secretary - Harold L. Johnson

Treasurer - Ray P. Wilson

Board Member - Royal Ruggles

Board Member - Gordon Larson

Please be advised that Earl R. Lee is now in charge of administrative duties of the school.

Yours truly,
Harold L. Johnson
Harold L. Johnson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Northern Affairs and National Resources
NORTHERN ADMINISTRATION

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMISSIONER OF YUKON TERRITORY

PLEASE QUOTE
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WHITEHORSE, Y.T.,
June 2, 1955.

Dear Sir:

re Lee Indian Mission School

When I was in Ottawa last spring I had some discussions, I believe with yourself, and with Mr. Fraser, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Thompson our Assistant Superintendent of Education, and a representative of the Indian Affairs Branch, in regard to the future of the above school.

As you are aware, this school occupies old Army buildings in the City of Whitehorse which are in a rather dilapidated condition, and a new building will have to be found in the next year or two if this school is to be continued.

The Council of the City of Whitehorse have indicated to Mr. Lee that they will not grant him permission to establish a residential school in the present Townsite of Whitehorse, and they have requested him to find a location elsewhere. I am not certain of the wisdom of this decision, but I am not in a position to disagree with it. I do feel that it might be in the interests of the children attending this school to be located elsewhere.

This school is presently being financed by the Indian Affairs Branch as a large majority of the students attending the school are wards of the Federal Government. We have a few children of non-Indian status in residence at that school at Territorial Government cost, and there are also a few non-Indian children who have been placed there by their parents, at the parents cost, in order that they may obtain an education. I may say that this school performs a very useful function in the Territory and I feel that the Territorial Government has some interest in it, and responsibility to see that it continues to function. I also think that the Indian Affairs Branch have a major responsibility in regard to it as it mainly serves the purposes of that Branch.

When I was in Ottawa I undertook to make a survey of the situation when I returned to Whitehorse and advise you as to my views in regard to it. In discussing this matter further with Mr. Thompson we feel that it might be advisable to consider utilizing such residence, should one be provided in the vicinity of Whitehorse, for the expansion of our educational system in the Yukon for the purpose of providing scholarships for vocational training, as well as a residence for children who become the wards of the Territorial Government. At the same time I believe it would be in the interests of all concerned if this institution became solely a dormitory accommodation, and that education of both the white and Indian children be handled through territorial schools. This is predicated, of course, on the assumption that the cost of such education, so far as Indian children are concerned, would be paid for by the Indian Affairs Branch.

I enclose herein an analysis of the situation prepared by Mr. Thompson, after consultation with myself, indicating

F.J.G. Cunningham, Esq.,
Director,
Northern Administration and Lands Branch,
Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources,
O t t a w a, Canada.

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the age groups, sex, and ratio between Indians and non-Indians. The total suggested is two hundred and eighty-six students. This provides for a substantial increase in the number of Indians which would be placed in the institution, provision for which has been suggested by the Agent of Indian Affairs at Whitehorse.

It is noted that the figure of seventy-six is suggested as the total which may be the responsibility of the Territorial Government. This includes provision for students from homes where the parents themselves may wish to send their children for educational purposes, and which accommodation would be paid for by the parents.

I would suggest that this matter be discussed with the Indian Affairs Branch with the object of arriving at a formula for the construction of a building to provide accommodation for these children and at the same time to consider what contribution the Indian Affairs Branch would make to the Territorial Government towards the construction of a school to take care of these children.

I would recommend that consideration be given to the construction of such an institution on the east side of the Yukon and located somewhere on the immediate south extremity of the proposed new townsite area. This would not, in my opinion, detract from the new townsite as a residential area, and would have the advantage of permitting the institution to connect up with the water and sewer services of the townsite, and at the same time would provide ample space for the children for recreation purposes on the hills outside the townsite.

Educational facilities would of necessity have to be provided in the new townsite, and it is considered that a school to accommodate approximately three hundred and twenty-four (324) pupils would be required to take care of the students residing in homes in the new townsite, as well as those residing in this institution. This would call for a twelve-room primary school.

I believe the Territorial Government would be justified in considering capital expenditure for the purpose of both these institutions in the ratio of the white student population which would use the facilities to the Indian population which would use the facilities.

I would further suggest that as the residential building would be used to the largest extent by Indians, it should be constructed and operated by the Indian Affairs Branch, with the Territorial Government making a contribution to capital cost as I have indicated.

The school should be constructed and operated by the Territorial Government, with a capital contribution from the Indian Affairs Branch, based on a similar formula.

The Territorial Government would make a contribution to the operation of the residence on the basis of cost in accordance with the number of children placed in that residence by the Territorial Government, and the Indian Affairs Branch would be asked to make a contribution to the cost of operating the primary school on the basis of the cost of education in that school.

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I would suggest that the school itself be built in the new townsite, and located according to the town planning for that townsite.

I would be glad if you would give this matter your consideration and discuss the same with the Indian Affairs officials. If this project is to be commenced next year, so as to be ready for operation by the Fall of 1957, it will be necessary that some approval in principle will be given in order that funds can be placed in the Estimates this Fall which will provide the necessary money to start the project. The final details could be worked out during the next few months and the overall cost.

If there is any further information that you require at this time, please advise.

Yours truly,

W.G. Brown
Commissioner.

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 166/25-2-929
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
cc:166/1-13

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P.O. BOX 70,
VANCOUVER, B.C. June 17, 1955.

Mr. M.G. Jutras,
Superintendent, Indian Agency,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Re: Whitehorse Indian Day School.

It has been the decision of the Department to decrease the authorized pupilage of the above named school from 140 to 80 pupils, effective July 1st, 1955. This decision was reached because of the serious fire hazard existing in the Whitehorse Indian School owing to its rambling nature and the highly inflammable materials used in its construction.

In view of the decreased pupilage, it will now be necessary for you to arrange the transfer of a number of Indian children now enrolled in the Whitehorse School to the Carcross Residential School. You will recall that a list of possible transferees was compiled some months ago and this should be of assistance to you in making arrangements.

The reduction in pupilage at the Whitehorse School will obviously necessitate a reduction in teacher requirements. In a recent letter you pointed out that Miss Ina Shaw was considering transferring to a school in Alberta and if she is successful the Whitehorse School will be left with an appropriate number of teachers. If Miss Shaw's transfer does not materialize it will be necessary for the Department to arrange a transfer for her within our own school system. I will appreciate your checking with Miss Shaw to determine whether or not her proposed move to Alberta is to be effected. Kindly report your findings at the earliest possible date.

W. S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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SOUTHERN YUKON CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 839
WHITEHORSE, YUKON

9th September 1955

Mr W. D. Robertson,
Superintendent of Child Welfare,
WHITEHORSE, Yukon Territory.

Dear Sir:

Not being too pleased with the sanitary conditions and cleanliness at the Indian Mission School where we have foster children placed on recent visits, would it be possible to have the Public Health Nurse visit our children placed there and have her check their diets and the facilities being used.

Some of the children in the home have had impetigo and diarrhoea and now one of the worker's in the orphanage have contracted infectious hepatitis. (Dr Yates)

It would be appreciated if the Public Health Nurse could make a visit and see what improvements could be made in the handling and diet of the children.

Yours truly,

Mrs L R Shields
(Mrs L R Shields) Case Worker
Southern Yukon Children's Aid Society

Requested P.H.N. make usual thorough report

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YUKON TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE

YUKON HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Box 2029,

WHITEHORSE, YUKON.
CANADA

September 22nd, 1955.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. W.D. Robertson,
Supt. of Child Welfare,

Re: Health conditions at the
Indian Mission School
Orphanage.

I have visited there frequently during the past couple of weeks and found that the main trouble seems to be a shortage of staff. One of the workers, , is at present in hospital suffering from infectious hepatitis. This leaves only two workers to look after 16 children.

At present is in the hospital, suspect T.B. and so is one of the Indian children from the orphanage. There are several cases of impetigo which are presently under treatment. I have checked their diets and found them quite satisfactory. I have left them a supply of cod liver oil for the infants. The babies are not put outside at all because of the shortage of staff but this might be corrected if they could obtain more help.

On the whole I find the workers very co-operative and feel that they are doing as much as they can for the children and would recommend that further help be obtained for them if possible.

Joyce I. Holstad
(Mrs.) J.I. Holstad,
Public Health Nurse.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1956

The past year was an extremely busy one for the Yukon Agency Indian Health Service personnel.

CLINICS

Two thousand seven hundred twenty-six patients were helped at Clinics. The majority of these were helped at the Whitehorse Clinic held by Dr. Gordon Harris for one hour daily Monday to Friday. However, this number does include school Clinics and and Clinics held in the following communities:- Mayo(2), Dawson (4), Carmacks (2), Teslin (8), Ross River (3), Liard Bridge (3), Lower Post (1) and Telegraph Creek (1). The total does not include the statistics from the annual Chest X-Ray Survey.

Skin conditions (113 patients) and respiratory diseases (83 colds and 36 pneumonia) were the most prevalent disorders treated. In the addition the following were seen:- 68 cuts, bruises and strains; 50 toothaches& oral sepsis; 28 gonorrhoea or suspects and 23 conjunctivitis. These were the most prevalent conditions seen, but many other patients with assorted complaints and diseases were seen and treated.

Ninety-two patients were admitted to the Whitehorse General Hospital from the Whitehorse Clinic. Thirty-three patients were sent to outside hospitals. Twenty-five patients were sent to the Charles Camsell Indian Hospital.S ix were sent to Fort San. One patient was sent to Baker Memorial and one to a nursing home in B.C. Twenty-five of the patients sent out were tuberculous or suspected cases of tuberculo Four patients were re-admissions.

Thirty-two patients were discharged home from Charles Camsell, Fort San and Miller Bay. Two patients did leave against medical advise.

On December 31st, 1956, twenty-five Yukon Agency patients were still in the Charles Camsell Indian Hospital and 6 were in Fort San.

FIELD TRIPS

Approximately one-third of the working time was spent travelling 726hours (nearly 100 full working days) 20,852 miles by Fleet #3-4-13 plus the following flights:- Ross River (4), Telegraph Creek (2), Watson Lake (2), Edmonton (1), Aishihi (1), Dawson City (1).

In addition the following trips were made:-

4 dog team trips from Dawson City to Moosehide Reserve

2 trips to the fish camps at Carmacks by RCMP boat

3 trips from Dawson City to Moosehide Reserve by Territorial Government Boat

1 boat trip to the fish camps at Pelly Crossing on a native's boat

To Elsa and Keno City from Mayo during the X-Ray Survey in the Public Health Nurse's car

To Granville from Dawson City during the X-Ray Survey in the Public Health Nurse car

1 trip Watson Lake area- Cassiar Road(225 miles) in local priest's car

Ambulance trip to Fox Lake

On these trips 686 homes were visited and 1886 people were helped. Eight hundred thirty-one of these were of pre-school age and 296 of these were infants. Two hundred and eighty were not well. The majority of these were suffering with minor complaints.

On these field trips, an attempt was made to visit all newborns, prenatals, post tuberculosis patients and to keep the diphtheria, pertussis and te tanus immunizations up to date. The BCG vaccination program for the pre-school population was started in all areas. In the more isolated areas, the follow-up had not been completed by the end of the year. Four hundred and sixty-one BCG vaccinations were done.

The accent of the whole program is on prevention.

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EMERGENCY TRIPS

Emergency trips to transport patients is being greatly reduced. During the year the following trips were made:-

February- Mercy flight by RCAF to Watson Lake for Lower Post Residential School student with suspected appendicitis

March- To Mile 816 by Fleet #3-413 for baby with trachea-bronchitis(night call)

April- To Carmacks by Fleet #3-413 for severely burned patient (night call)
To Fox Lake by Army Ambulance. Met RCMP from Carmacks with patient who had a retained placenta.

May- Silver Creek to Whitehorse with Ex-Camsell patient who was very ill with tonsillitis. This call was received at Haines Junction. Fleet #3-413 was used.

June - To Champagne for baby with pneumonia by Fleet #3-413. (Night call)

August- To Watson Lake regarding two very extensive cases of impetigo. Children were treatedat the Lower Post School and at home. Fleet #3-413 was was used.

October- To Ross River by Pacific Western Airlines for baby with pneumonia. Baby died at Whitehorse hospital. The child was found to have a blood dyscrasia as well as pneumonia.

SCHOOLS

BCG post- vaccinal tests were done at the Baptist Mission School in Whitehorse and at the Carcross School. At the Baptist Mission School the diphtheria and tetanus injections were given as needed and the Salk vaccine program was continued. One hundred and fifty-six injections were given at the Mission. The Carcross Residential School was without a resident registered nurse September to December 15th. A diphtheria and tetanus program was started in November at the Carcross School.

Sixteen children from the Lower Post and Carcross Residential Schools had tonsillectomies at the Whitehorse General Hospital in December. The RCAF transported the Lower Post children from Watson Lake to Whitehorse and returned same to Watson Lake.

X-RAY SURVEY

The number X-Rayed in most communities was slightly higher than in 1955. At the time of the Survey, many of the natives were in Whitehorsewo working and were very difficult to contact. Consequently, quite a number missed their annual check-up. The summer survey was interrupted on July 19th because of a polio scare in Whitehorse. The survey was resumed in September and continued on into October.

VISITORS- I.H.S. Personnel

During the year the following Indian and Northern Health Service Personnel visited this area:-

Dr. G. G. Wannop(2 trips)- 1. Jan-Feb 2. October (Ophthalmologist)
Drs. Leechman and Williqar- Dentists- September and October
Mr. D. Harkness- X-Ray Dept. Camsell- February
Dr. W. L. Falconer- Regional Director- July
Mrs. Winnifred Norquay- Nursing Director- July
Dr. Willis- Consultant, Northern Health Services- July
Mr. D. Lidstone& R. Joe- X-Ray Survey Party- June&July
Mr. D. Lidstone & Mr. J. Keshotagen- X-Ray Party- September- October
Dr. McDonald (re Tonsillectomies)- December

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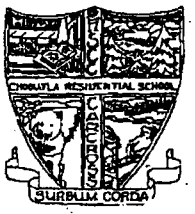
CHOOUTLA INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL



REV. C. T. STANGER
PRINCIPAL

CARCROSS, Y.T.

Mr M. G. Jutras.
Yukon Indian Agency.
P.O. Box. 2IIO.
Whitehorse. Y.T.

7th Feb. 1956.

Dear Mr Jutras,

Ref: Pupil [redacted].
Date of birth: [redacted].

After this boys recent truancy and subsiquent apprehension by police and [redacted] he was returned to this school for another chance.

I had a talk with [redacted] and he was very happy indeed at being offered the chance to start afresh. I then spoke to the assembled staff members and pupils of the importance for the boys future of his present assimilation into the family life of the school. everyone has cooperated very well.

For awhile [redacted] was a model child and then he began falling into his old ways. In the past two weeks he has been caught stealing from pupils and from school property. Last week I found him trying to force entry into my residence while the house was empty of occupants.

[redacted] has asked other boys to help him in stealing school properties.

He has been found smoking. He has been found taking food from smaller boys in the dining room. When he sits with larger boys he complains they take his food although this has never been found true. He has repeatedly beaten up smaller boys whenever out of sight of a staff member. Today he went truant from school at morning recess Four smaller boys reported that they were supposed to go with him on pain of being beaten up if they did not. None of the boys went.

[redacted] returned just before supper and I have talked with him. He says that the boys do not want him now I reminded him that when he saw me after his previous truancy, that I had warned him that his own people would not want him.

For nearly five years I have had this boy and he is not improving with age. He does not respond to any normal corrective measures. At first I strapped him for infractions of the rules after he failed to respond to loss of privilages. Later I encouraged him to keep busy. When he had been in trouble he lost privilages but was given useful things to do to use his energies. Lately he has not been punished for bad conduct, being treated with kindness only. Still no success. A few days ago he was demoted from the senior dormitory to the junior dormitory in an effort to shame him into correct actions. Treating him as a child has not met with success.

To the best of my knowledge no other channel of action is open to me. Perhaps the boy needs a psychiatrist I feel very sorry about [redacted], he has so many good qualities. When he is behaving himself, which is not often, he is polite, well mannered, pleasant, kind and is a good pupil generally.

I simply cannot have [redacted] here to corrupt other boys and carry on as he has been doing. Would you please request his discharge from this school.

Yours very truly.

C. T. Stanger
Principal.

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166/25-2-940

YUKON AGENCY

Box 2110,
Whitehorse, Y.T.,
February 13th, 1956.

W.S. Arneil, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver 2, B.C.

Re: [redacted]

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the principal of the Carcross Indian Residential School, requesting authority to discharge the above named pupil, born

Although I should like to recommend this action, I hesitate to do so as the boy is an orphan. His father and mother died when he was still a very young boy. The relatives showno interest in him whatsoever, and should he be discharged, he will wander from pillar to post and will without doubt be in serious trouble in a very short time.

Rather than discharge him from the school, I would prefer to transfer him to the Whitehorse Indian Day School. Such a change and different surroundings might have the desired effect. If not, I would recommend a further transfer to the Edmonton Indian Residential School. I understand that this latter school has a good extra curricular programme which includes Boy Scouts and Cadets. Furthermore, should a medical examination be indicated, it can be available through the Charles Camsell Indian Hospital in Edmonton, or through the Childs' Guidance Clinic of the Provincial Welfare Branch.

Your comments in this regard will be very much appreciated.

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

MGJ/ak
Encl.

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INDIAN COMMISSIONER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

P.O. BOX 70,
VANCOUVER, B.C. February 16, 1956.

Mr. M.G. Jutras,
Superintendent, Indian Agency,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Re: [redacted]

Reference is to your letter of February 13th, concerning the above noted student who has been recommended for discharge by Rev. C.T. Stanger, Principal of the Carcross Indian Residential School.

In view of the fact that [redacted] is an orphan, I am in complete agreement with you that another school should be found for him rather than remove him from institutional care completely. Apparently from Principal Stanger's letter to you, a copy of which you attached, everything within the power of the Principal and the staff at the Carcross school has been done for this boy. It is quite possible that a change of environment would help the child make a better adjustment.

Your suggestion to transfer him to the Whitehorse Indian Day School would seem to have considerable merit although this school offers little more in the way of an extra-curricular program than does the Carcross school. The boy would be in Whitehorse, however, and would therefore be more easily supervised from your own point of view. Before recommending this boy's transfer to the Department, it will be necessary for you to discuss the transfer with Mr. Lee, the Principal of the Whitehorse Indian Day School and to make sure that the unfortunate background of this child is fully realized. I am sure Mr. Lee will be pleased to accept the challenge presented to him but it is important that he should have all the facts concerning this pupil.

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If the boy meets with no success at the Whitehorse Indian Day School possibly then consideration could be given to transferring him to the Edmonton Indian Residential School where, as you say, a good extra-curricular program including Boy Scouts and Cadets, is in effect.

W. S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Your: same
cc: 25/2-929

Yukon Agency

Box 2110,
Whitehorse, Y.T.,
March 8th, 1956.

W.S. Arneil, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver 2, B.C.

Re: [redacted]

This will acknowledge your letter of February 16th, 1956 concerning the above noted student who has been recommended for discharge by Rev.C.T.Stanger, Principal of the Carcross Indian Residential School.

On February 15th, [redacted] ran away from the Carcross School in sub-zero weather with very little clothing on. The principal and staff subsequently organized a search and he was returned to the school some hours later. At the time, he was proceeding to Whitehorse, fifty miles away. Following this incident further, Rev. Stanger was not anxious to accept responsibility for the lad any longer. The following day I discussed [redacted] case with Mr.E.Lees, Principal of the Whitehorse Indian Day School. He agreed to accept the challenge presented in this case, and on February 17th, 1956, [redacted] was transferred to the Whitehorse Indian Day School. To-date he has behaved very well. He seems to enjoy his new surroundings. The fact that he has relatives at this school helped considerably in his adjustment.

May I please have your approval to the transfer of the boy as a grant earning pupil.

MGJ/ak

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Ottawa

March 27, 1956

Mr. M.G. Jutras
Supt. Indian Agency
Whitehorse, Y.T.

In view of the contents of your letter dated March 8th, the Department approves the transfer of [redacted] from the Carcross Indian Residential School to the Whitehorse Indian Day School.

for R.R. Davey
Superintendent of Education

Department of Citizenship and Immigration
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YUKON AGENCY

Box 2110,
Whitehorse, Y.T.,
April 3rd, 1956.

Mr. Earl R. Lee,
Director,
Whitehorse Indian Day School,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Dear Sir:

Pl[redacted]at the Department approves the transfer of [redacted] from Carcross Indian Residential School to Whitehorse Indian Day School as at February 17th, 1956.

Yours truly,

H. G. Jutras
Indian Superintendent

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Box 2110,
Whitehorse, Y.T.,
2 May 56.

W.S. Arnsil, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
VANCOUVER 2, B.C.

Re: [redacted]

Reference is made to your letter of April 25th, 1956 addressed to the Department regarding the above named and more particularly the Yukon Territory, Protection of Children, Ordinance.

This ordinance was assented to by the Commissioner of the Yukon on the recommendation of the Territorial Council on April 2, 1955 and amended on November 17th, 1955. The Ordinance and Amendments are attached hereto for your information.

Working in close co-operation with the Supt. of Child Welfare, is the Southern Yukon Childrens' Aid Society. They are a group of responsible citizens including the principal of the Highschool and Rev. Hesketh, Anglican Church, interested in the welfare of neglected children. They are incorporated under the Societies Act, and once a year they hold a drive for funds and canvas the residents of Whitehorse for donations. The amount realized added to a grant they receive from the Territorial Government, makes it possible for them to engage the services of a trained Welfare Worker. She works mostly in the Whitehorse area. The children apprehended are normally placed in the orphanage operated by the Baptist Indian Mission until such time as better and more permanent arrangement can be made for home placement, which incidently is not too often. At present there are twenty children in the care of the Supt. of Child Welfare, one of which is an Indian.

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W.S. Arneil, Esq.

2 May 56.

During the recent session of the Territorial Council, it was brought to my attention that a private bill would be introduced to exclude the Indians from the Ordinance. I suspected that this bill was being presented as the Council was somewhat disturbed over the possibilities of having to spend territorial funds on the care of Indians. I was most anxious not to be deprived of the services and valuable work being done by the Childrens' Aid Society and it was for that reason that I wired the Department on March 23rd, 1956 regarding financial responsibility for Indians who might be apprehended. As a result of the Department's reply, the Ordinance was not amended.

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

MGJ/ak
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Lee, E.R. Mr. (E7)

c.c. to Mr. M.G. Jutras

May 11, 1956.

Mr. W.S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver 2, B.C.

ATTENTION: Mr. A.V. Parminter

Re: Mr. Earl Raymond Lee
Whitehorse Indian Day School
Ref. your letter d/1 May

For a number of years Mr. E.R. Lee, Teacher at the Whitehorse Indian Day School has asked to be reclassified as Principal, Grade 1. It has been explained to him that the Department has not classified any of the teachers as Principal in the schools where the Department employs the teachers and at the same time makes a grant towards the cost of maintenance of Indian pupils. In conformity with this practice the Department did not approve his reclassification as Principal, Grade 1.

Effective September 1, 1956, the Department is amending its policy by designating one of the teachers in each residential school as a Senior Teacher and classifying the Senior Teacher as Principal, in accordance with the Regulations for the Classification of Teaching Staff. A circular letter is being sent to all Regional Inspectors concerning this change of policy. Effective that date, it will therefore be possible to give consideration to Mr. Lee's request for reclassification as Principal, Grade 1, and I would appreciate receiving your recommendations.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
R. F. DAVEY

R.F. DAVEY,
Superintendent of Education.

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THE "SOCIETIES ORDINANCE"

YUKON BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is "YUKON BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY".

2. The objects of the Society are:

(a) To organize, establish, conduct and operate Churches, Missions, Schools, Hostels, Orphanages, Children's Homes, Welfare Homes, Hospitals, and to conduct, further or encourage charitable activities in the Yukon Territory.

(b) To acquire real and personal property; and to hold, occupy, use, lease, transfer, sell or otherwise deal with the same.

(c) To do all things incidental or condusive to the foregoing objects or any of them.

3. The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory.

MANAGEMENT OF SOCIETY

4. The affairs of this Society shall be managed by a Board of not less than Five (5) Directors who shall be elected members of the Society at a general meeting thereof assembled at such time and place within the Territory as is prescribed in the By-laws.

POWERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5. (1) The Directors may make By-laws regulating:

(a) The number of Directors of the Society and their term of office;

(b) The appointment, functions, duties and removal of agents, employees, officers and servants of the Society, the security to be given by them, if any, to the Society and their remuneration;

(c) The time and place of the annual meeting of the Society and the notice to be given therefor;

(d) The calling of regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and the procedure at meetings.

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(2) The Board of Directors may repeal, amend, or re-enact any By-law but such repeal, amendment or re-enactment shall have force only until the next annual meeting of the Society unless confirmed at the general meeting called for the purpose or unless confirmed at the annual meeting.

(3) No By-law and no repeal, amendment or re-enactment thereof has any force or effect unless approved in the manner set forth in the "Societies Ordinance".

BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP

1. (1) Membership shall comprise of active members, Honourary Members and Associate Members.

(2) Active membership shall be open to those desiring to become members whose admission to the membership is approved by the Directors.

(3) Honourary members may be elected by secret ballot by unanimous vote at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors or by a two-third majority vote at any general meeting of the Society on a motion in in writing to that effect.

(4) Associate Members as Honourary Members.

(5) Persons desiring to become active members of the Society shall be required to sign an application for membership and upon approval as set forth in sub-section (1) hereof shall pay whatever membership fee shall then be in force as a result of a By-law for that purpose promulgated by the Board of Directors.

(6) Any member may resign at any time by notice in writing delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Directors to that effect.

(7) Any member may be expelled for sufficient cause upon a resolution of the Board of Directors to that effect.

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MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY

2. (1) The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Board of not less than Five (5) Directors who shall be elected by the members of the Society at a general meeting thereof assembled at such time and place within the Territory as is prescribed by the By-laws.

(2) The Board of Directors shall elect from their number sufficient officers from time to time to govern the affairs of the Society.

(3) All of the Directors shall be members of the Society.

(4) The Board of Directors shall elect a Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

(5) Three (3) Directors shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

(6) Immediately following the incorporation of this Society the members of the Society shall vote by secret ballot to elect the Five (5) Directors to form the Board of Directors. At such election Two (2) members shall be elected for a term of Three (3) years and Two (2) shall be elected for a term of Two (2) years; and One (1) member shall be elected for a term of One (1) year; any vacancy caused by a retiring Director shall be filled by nomination and election at a general meeting of the Society each such vacancy being filled by the election of a member to serve a term of Three (3) years.

(7) Any Director may resign his office at any time and any Director elected by the Society may be removed therefrom by Resolution at a special meeting of the Society called for that purpose and any casual vacancy in elected members of the Board of Directors may be filled by the remaining Directors until the next annual general meeting.

(8) The Directors shall hold office and exercise all the powers and functions of office until their successors are appointed or elected.

(9) A Director may vacate his office by notice of resignation in writing delivered to the Board of Directors of the Society.

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MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3. (1) Meetings of the Board shall be held once in each month but special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board or any member of the Board submitting a request therefor in writing to the Board.

(2) The Board may at any time, by Resolution, adjourn the monthly meetings for a period of not more than Three (3) months.

MEETINGS

4. (1) The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held in the month of January in each year at a time and place to be determined by the Directors.

(2) Notice of the time, date and place for the annual general meeting shall be delivered to the members of the Society in writing at least Fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the meeting.

(3) The Board of Directors may call a special general meeting of the Society at any time; and upon the request in writing of any Five (5) members is obliged to call a special general meeting and such request shall state the nature of the business it is proposed to transact at such meetings.

(4) The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall send by ordinary mail a notice of the time, place and date of such special general meetings to all members of the Society at least Seven (7) days in advance of the meeting; such notice to state fully the nature of the business to be transacted and shall constitute the agenda of the meeting.

(5) Subject to this section, no business not on the agenda shall be transacted at any general meeting of the Society unless notice of motion is delivered to the Board at least Three (3) days in advance of such general meeting; but this provision may be waived on a motion supported by a two-third majority vote at the meeting.

(6) Subject to these By-laws a majority vote shall prevail at all general meetings.

(7) The attendance at a general meeting of Five (5) members of the Society shall constitute a quorum.

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(8) All meetings shall be conducted in strict conformity with the Rules of Order and Parliamentary procedure.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

5. (1) The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

(2) The Officers of the Society shall hold office for a term of Three (3) years and shall be eligible for re-election.

(3) The Officers and Directors of this Society shall be elected as follows: a candidate for any office may be proposed for election to a specific office by a nomination by a member of the Society in good standing.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

6. (1) The duties of officers shall be those usually designated to those offices and as shall be set out from time to time by resolution of the Board or passed at a general meeting of the Society.

FINANCE

7. (1) The Bankers of the Society shall be such chartered Bank as may be from time to time determined by the Board of Directors. All moneys payable to the Society shall be paid to the Treasurer. All disbursements of funds of the Society except petty cash items not to exceed Five ($5.00) Dollars shall be made by cheque. All cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other negotiable instruments shall be signed on behalf of the Society by the Treasurer and such other officer or officers as shall be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

(2) The President, the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall have signing powers on all banking transactions; and the signature of the Secretary or Treasurer and the President or Vice-President shall be required on all documents.

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(3) The Society shall appoint an auditor at general meeting and it shall be a duty of the auditor to audit books and accounts of the Society and to prepare an annual financial statement for presentation to the annual general meeting.

(4) The fiscal year of the Society shall be from the 30th day of June until the 30th day of June in each year, inclusive of both dates, subject to change by the Board of Directors.

GENERAL BY-LAWS

8. (1) The Chairman of the Board shall preside at any meeting of the Society. If the Chairman absent at any meeting the members shall elect one of their members as Chairman for that meeting.

(2) The Directors shall have the authority to borrow such money as may be required from time to time for the purpose of the Society, but shall not create an indebtedness at any time of more than Fifty ($50.00) Dollars without the sanction of a Resolution passed by a general meeting of the Society called for such purpose. The Society may borrow or raise or secure the payment any amount of money in such manner as it thinks fit but no money shall be borrowed without the sanction of a general meeting of the Society.

(3) The Secretary shall submit the Secretary's records and books of account to the Auditor at least twenty (20) days Prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(4) The Secretary shall have custody of the Seal of the Society which shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of a Resolution of the Board of Directors and in the presence of such Directors as are named in the Resolution.

(5) The Directors may delegate their powers to committees of the members and any Director or other member of the Society may be appointed as Manager of the Society upon such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the Directors deem advisable,

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but any such delegation of power and any such appointment shall not exceed the term of One (1) year.

(6) The Secretary shall prepare, take charge of and have custody of the minutes and proceedings of all meetings of the Society and its Directors and shall take charge and have custody of all books and records of the Society.

(7) The Books and records of the Society may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time on application to the Secretary.

(8) The By-laws of the Society shall not be amended or added to except by resolution of the Society.

DATED the 13th day of July, A.D., 1956, at the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory.

Full names, addresses and occupations of subscribers.

Name	Address	Occupations
Lydia Lee.	Box 217 Whitehorse, Y.T.	Missionary
M. Anita Asselstine	"	Teacher
Shirley Canfield.	"	Missionary
Amy Knapp.	WHITE HORSE, Y.T.	Missionary
Royal M. Knapp.	" "	Missionary
Harald Johnson	Whitehorse	Missionary
Earl R. Lee	Whitehorse, Y.T.	Teacher
Ruth E. Bredel	Whitehorse	Missionary
Ruth E. Wilson	Whitehorse	Missionary
Ethel Doan	Whitehorse	Teacher
Hilda Jacobson	Whitehorse	Missionary

REGISTERED this 24th day of July 1956

Witness:

Harold Kiss.

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the undermentioned Society has this day been incorporated under the provisions of the "Societies Ordinance", being Chapter 13 of the Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1949 (1st session):

1. The name of the Society is YUKON BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

2. The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in the City of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of Office in the City of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory this 24th day of July, A.D. 1956.

F.G. Smith
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

CANADA

CERTIFICATE OF RECLASSIFICATION, SALARY INCREASE OR TRANSFER

FILE NO. Lee, E.R., Mr. (E7)

DATE October 31, 1956

The following Reclassification [X], Salary Increase [ ], Transfer [ ] is authorized by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

NAME Mr. Earl Raymond Lee

SCHOOL Whitehorse Indian Day School

ADDRESS Whitehorse, Y.T.

POSITION NO. CI-IAR-929-3002

CLASSIFICATION AND GRADE School Teacher, Grade 3

SALARY

RECLASSIFICATION	SALARY INCREASE	TRANSFER
To Classification Principal, and Grade: Grade 1	To Salary: $	To Position:
Salary: $	Effective:	School:
Effective: September 1, 1956		Address:
Accommodation deductions: $11		Effective:

for Deputy Minister

I.A. 4-88

INDIAN SUPERINTENDENT Mr. M. G. Jackson

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Box 2029, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory,
December 27, 1956.

MEMORANDUM TO:

Col. F. H. Collins,
Commissioner, Yukon Territory,
Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

Re: Central Registry File No. 1-4-8-1, and
Deputy Minister's Letter of December 20, 1956.

The information which follows may help clarify some of the points raised in Mr. Robertson's letter:

An eight classroom school should accommodate, without overcrowding, an enrolment of from 240 to 260 pupils, rather than the figure of 200 given in the letter. Where possible, this Department tries to keep the number of children in a Grade 1 or 2 classroom to 30 or less. In the higher grades we attempt to keep the enrolment below 35 students per classroom.

My present thinking is to have the proposed school enrol Grades 1 to 6, inclusive. The students in Grades 7 to 12, inclusive, would attend the Whitehorse Elementary-High School. It would be possible, if room were available, to enrol Grades 7 and 8 in the new townsite school, but the choice of school subjects and of extra-curricular activities for the students concerned would be more limited than that available to the children in the Whitehorse School. The latter offers Music for both boys and girls, Home Economics for the girls, and Woodworking for the boys in Grades 7 and 8. In addition, the students have a good choice of extra-curricular activities in Music, Drama, Sports, and Journalism.

It is my understanding, from discussions with the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, that the Hostel will have 120 Indian children, of whom 100 will be in Grades 4 to 6, and the remaining 20 will be in Grades 7 to 12. The statistics attached to this memorandum, however, reveal that the children now living in the Whitehorse Indian Baptist Mission School and in the Carcross Residential School in the grades affected, and who will be transferred to the proposed Hostel in September, 1958, will number 101 in Grades 4 to 6, 62 in Grades 7 and 8, and a possible 10 to 15 in Grades 9 to 12.

The attached enrolment statistics also show that, at the present time, 24 children of the Federal departments, moving into the new housing, attend the Whitehorse Elementary-High School. Of this number, 19 are in Grade 6 or lower.

It would therefore appear that the enrolment of the new townsite school would be made up as follows:

NEW TOWNSITE SCHOOL (GRADES 1 to 6)

Children of Indian status	100
Dependents of Federal employees	20
Children living near Robert Campbell Bridge or in new townsite	120
(OR) TOTAL	240

NEW TOWNSITE SCHOOL (GRADES 1 to 8)

Children of Indian Status	160
Dependents of Federal employees	25
Children living near Robert Campbell Bridge or in new townsite	75
TOTAL	260

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Mr. Robertson states that it is his impression "that the present school is over-taxed and that classes are being held in temporary classrooms in the basement of the school, which rooms were intended as recreation rooms." This is true. There are seven classrooms of this nature - five regulation size and two small ones. To some extent this overcrowding will be alleviated by the construction of the new townsite school, provided there is no unforeseen growth of our school population in the meantime.

The Whitehorse Elementary-High School contains 27 regular classrooms, 7 temporary classrooms, plus other instructional areas comprising the gymnasium, Commercial room, library, Home Economics laboratory, Science laboratory, and the Woodworking room. In a high school it is difficult to use the yardstick of so many students per classroom to determine the capacity of the building, since each home room requires approximately 2 or 3 instructional areas. The reason for this anomaly is because of the fact that the students follow individual, rather than class, time-tables. A class of Grade 12 students, for instance, may break into 3 groups - one group taking Science, the second French, and the third, Typing.

Let us assume, however, that the capacity of the Whitehorse Elementary-High School is 900 students. Let us assume, further, that by September, 1958, the enrolment of this school would normally have reached 1000. Add to this figure the influx of 160 pupils of Indian status, making a total of 1160. This latter figure equals the joint capacity of the Whitehorse and new townsite schools (900 + 260). There can be no doubt that both schools will be filled to capacity on the date the new townsite school opens.

Mr. Robertson also mentions the possible construction of a primary or elementary school in Upper Whitehorse. His point is well taken and in our over-all planning of educational buildings, it would appear to be step number two - step number one being the construction of the new townsite school. In the light of developments during the coming year, it may be necessary to embark upon step number two (and/or step number three), prior to the completion of step number one.

The over-all plan which might well be brought to fruition in the ensuing 5 to 10 years would embody the following:

1. Central Junior-Senior High School (downtown Whitehorse). This building would also use some elementary classrooms for those pupils living in close proximity to it.
2. Roman Catholic Separate School (downtown Whitehorse) - Christ the King School.
3. Step #1 - construction of elementary school in new townsite.
4. Step #2 - construction of elementary school, Hillcrest community (RCAF Base).
5. Step #3 - construction of elementary school, Camp Takhini (Army base)
6. Step #4 - enlargement of elementary school in new townsite or construction of a second elementary school therein.

HARRY THOMPSON,
Superintendent of Schools.

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Item No. BAP-000144

Your: 166/25-2
208/25-2

Yukon Agency

Box 2110,
Whitehorse, Y.T.,
29 May 57.

W.S.Arneil, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver 2, B.C.

Re: Authorized Enrolment -
Residential Schools.

I have for acknowledgment your circular letter of the 24th instant regarding the authorized enrolment as well as the quota for this Agency at our residential schools. As much as I would like to co-operate and assist by reducing quotas as previously laid down, I cannot do so at the present time and still provide educational facilities for the Indian children. The quotas for this Agency at the three schools should be as follows:

Cardross Indian Residential Schools:
The authorized enrolment is 140 plus 5%. The official authorized enrolment (147) is required by this Agency.

Lower Post Indian Residential School:
The authorized enrolment is 162 plus 5%. This Agency requirs 160 spaces which includes spaces for two Indian children of the Vanderhoof Agency resident at Lower Post.

Whitehorse Indian Day School
The authorized enrolment of this school last year was 80. However, it was necessary to enrol 95 children in order to provide an education for all the children. Due to the increased pupilage, I would recommend that the enrolment for the 1957-58 school year be set at 100 plus 5%.

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

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Indian Baptist Mission School

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P.O. Box 217
WHITEHORSE — YUKON — CANADA

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Oct. 2, 1957

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent,
Yukon Indian Agency,
P.O. Box 2112,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Dear Mr. Jutras:

Further to our conversation, of yesterday, in connection with the possibility of increasing the authorized pupilage of our school from the present number of 80 to 100 pupils, I have the following to place before you for consideration.

From our discussion it seems evident that you are aware of our circumstances and agree that the initial maintenance of buildings, utilities, and fuel is as costly for 80 children as it would be for 100; also, that the staff members required to care for the number now authorized would be the same as for an increase of 20 more. To date we have 86 Indian pupils in residence. These children have been accepted because the parents have stated that they prefer their children to attend our school. In many cases the parents have made application through your office to have their children admitted to our hostel in order for them to attend the Whitehorse Indian Day School. We have gone to a considerable amount of trouble in arranging to accomodate these children, and are now prepared to handle at least 100 children of Indian status.

You will recall that during the course of our conversation that I pointed out how difficult it is to meet financial obligations on our present income, and that it seems necessary to acquire more revenue in order to operate our school on a satisfactory basis. I therefore, urge that this matter be given immediate attention, as it will be of much help to us in making ends meet if our authorized pupilage were to be increased to 100 pupils.

Yours very truly,

Earl R. Lee,
Principal

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Item No. BAP-000995-0001

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Your: 208/1-13

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

Yukon Agency

Box 2110,
Whitehorse, Y.T.,
13 November 57.

W.S. Arneil, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, 2, B. C.

Re: Night Watchman -
Residential Schools.

Please refer to your letter of November 6th, 1956 regarding the salary of the night watchman at the Residential Schools.

Would you please authorize an expenditure of [redacted] per month for the period October 1st, 1957 to April 30th, 1958 for the night watchman at each of the following schools:

1. Lower Post Indian Residential School
2. Carcross Indian Residential School
3. Whitehorse Indian Day School

M.G.Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

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P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.,
19 November, 1957.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. Citizenship & Immigration,
OTTAWA.

Re: Night Watchmen -
Residential Schools.

Please find attached a self-explanatory letter I have received from Mr. M. G. Jutras, Indian Superintendent, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

I would recommend that the Department grant authority for the expenditure of monthly for the salaries of the night watchmen for the three schools as listed by Mr. Jutras.

W. S. ARNEIL,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Yours same (E1)

Ce: 25-1-941

Yukon Agency

Box 2110,
Whitehorse, Y.T.,
18 December 57.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration,
OTTAWA.

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November 22nd, 1957 regarding the construction of a Roman Catholic and Protestant Hostel at Whitehorse and more particularly the handling of the laundry for the pupils and the staff.

There is only one laundry in Whitehorse, the Yukon Laundry and Dry Cleaners Ltd. The firm was contacted and they advised that they are able to handle the laundry from the two hostels. Their price list in this connection is attached hereto.

A few points come to my mind which I feel should be considered before a decision regarding laundry is reached.

1) There is only one laundry in Whitehorse which eliminates competition and we therefore have no assurance that the prices will not be increased at a later date.

2) During the recent flu epidemic both our residential schools at Carcross and Lower Post were forced to operate their respective laundries every day. The local laundry may not be in a position to handle such emergencies.

3) I feel quite certain that the school management would prefer to have their own laundry. Both hostels will enrol senior pupils who can help with this work.

4) The Whitehorse Indian Day School has a poor and inadequate laundry and yet considering this inconvenience, they prefer doing their own laundry as it is more economical.

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Education, R.C. Hostel,
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Indian Affairs Branch 18 December 57.

Rather than have the laundry handled by a private firm, we might consider the construction of one laundry to serve the two hostels. It can be of a semi-detached nature and consequently would not inconvenience either hostel to any great extent.

I might add that we contact two of the local hotels and both expressed their satisfaction with the services obtained from the Yukon Laundry and Dry Cleaners Ltd.

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

MGJ/ss
cc: W.S.Arneil, Esq.
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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

TO: Superintendent, Yukon Indian Agency

FROM: Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Whitehorse Baptist Hostel

OUR FILE: 166/25-1-929(E6)

YOUR FILE: 166/25-1-929

DATE: April 23, 1958

Effective April 1, 1958, the Department will allow the management of the Indian Baptist Mission at Whitehorse $1.70 per pupil, per day, for children maintained at the Whitehorse Baptist Hostel.

for R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. W. S. Arneil.

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P. O. Box 2029,
Whitehorse, Y. T.
February 3rd, 1959.

Mr. Earl R. Lee,
Manager,
Yukon Baptist Missionary Society,
P. O. Box 217,
Whitehorse, Y. T.

Dear Sir,

re: Indian Baptist Church
Indian Baptist Mission School
Yukon Baptist Missionary Society.

The records of this office indicate that the three above mentioned Societies are still in existence. The former Registrar, in a letter dated October 2nd, 1956, asked whether or not it was your intention to cancel the Certificates of Incorporation and discontinue the operations of the Indian Baptist Church and the Indian Baptist Mission School. In a pencilled note appended to that letter and signed with the initials "E.L." it is indicated that the intention was to let the charters of the two latter named Societies lapse, as the assets of the two Societies were being transferred to the Yukon Baptist Missionery Society.

I regret to advise that the suggestion that the charters of the Societies lapse and that the assets of these Societies be transferred, is not acceptable to this office. There are several courses of action that could be taken but it appears to me that what you were attempting to achieve was an amalgamation of the three Societies into one Society to be known as "Yukon Baptist Missionary Society".

If this is so, then cognizance should be taken of the following section of the Societies Ordinance :-

Has been amalgamated with Yukon Baptist Missionary Society. This file closed.

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"40. (1) Any two or more societies may amalgamate and form a new society by passing extraordinary resolutions which shall authorize their respective directors to make and subscribe jointly a constitution and by-laws according to the form in Schedule A, and to comply in other respects with section 7.

(2) After the issue of a certificate of incorporation to the new society the former societies shall stand dissolved, and all property and rights of such societies shall pass to and be vested in the new society without any further act or deed, but no amalgamation under this section shall affect the rights of any creditor, and the new society shall be liable for all debts and obligations of the former societies.

(3) The estate and interest of the former societies in any land as registered under the Land Titles Act shall be registered in the name of the new society."

On the other hand, a Society may surrender its Certificate of Incorporation and the Registrar may, after being satisfied that sufficient notice of the Society's intention has been given and that no debts, liabilities or obligations of the Society are outstanding, accept the surrender of the Certificate of Incorporation and cancel it, and fix a date from which the Society shall be dissolved. In this regard, I would require that notice of the Society's intention to surrender its Certificate of Incorporation be published in the local newspaper and that an audited statement of accounts be filed in this office indicating that no debts, liabilities or obligations of the Society are outstanding.

Having regard to the foregoing, may I be advised at an early date as to what the intention may be concerning the above mentioned Societies.

Yours truly

Darrall S. Collins,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa, Ontario. 166/25-1-943

Indian Supt. Yukon Agency, Whitehorse, Y.T. 166/25-1-943(E5)

Hostel Facilities, Whitehorse, Y.T. February 10, 1959

This will acknowledge your letter of January 28th relative to Hostel facilities for Protestant Indian students attending school in Whitehorse. The following are the answers to the questions raised in your letter.

(a) St. Agnes Hostel can accommodate a total of 28 children, ten boys and eighteen girls.

(b) At present there are 16 students in residence, 9 of whom are Indians. The cost of room and board is $50.00 per month per pupil.

(c) The names, ages and grade placement of Indian students residing at St. Agnes Hostel are as follows:

Name	Age	Grade
[redacted]		

(d) Surveys conducted by this office and Mr. A.V. Parminter, Regional Superintendent of Schools in connection with the need and size of the Department Hostel were always on the basis that high school students would be accommodated in our Hostel, and not in St. Agnes. It was never our intention of utilizing St. Agnes once our Hostel was in operation. I believe that Mr. A.V. Parminter shares the same views.

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Yukon Hostel Protestant, File No. 953/25-1-012, Feb/59-May/64

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Hostel Facilities, Whitehorse (continued)

(e) Although the construction of the Hostel will get under way in early spring, it is not expected that it will be in operation until September 1960. Taking into consideration the present enrollment and anticipated new pupils in September 1959 and September 1960, the total enrollment for the Carcross Indian Residential School and the Whitehorse Indian Day School would be approximately 267. The number of pupils by grades will be as follows:

Grade 1	31	Grade 5	35
Grade 2	38	Grade 6	31
Grade 3	35	Grade 7	33
Grade 4	39	Grade 8	25

As you are already aware, once the Hostel is in operation, the Whitehorse Indian Day School will be closed. The junior pupils are to be enrolled at the Carcross School, and the senior pupils will live at the Hostel and attend school in Whitehorse. The Carcross Indian Residential School has five classrooms. One is more or less a temporary arrangement. It is very small, and was only turned into a classroom to take care of the present large enrollment. After studying the above figures, it would seem to me that we should revert back to four classrooms at Carcross in September, 1960, and teach grades one to four inclusive. Their total pupilage will be about 143, a convenient figure for that school. Grades five to eight inclusive would attend school in Whitehorse, and live in our Hostel.

The total number of pupils in grades five to eight will be 124. However, allowing for those children who will discontinue their studies because of age, we might estimate 110 pupils. Should the children presently in high school, as well as grades seven and eight in the Carcross Indian Residential School and Whitehorse Indian Day School all pass their grades, we would have 41 Protestant children in high school in September 1960. However, there is no doubt that some will drop out because of age, lack of interest, or poor grades. Others will be guided into Vocational school "Outside". I therefore estimate only 25 to 30 high school children for the Hostel in 1960. The total number of children expected to be in residence in 1960 will be 135. The Hostel is being built to accommodate 150 children.

Based on the figures given in the preceeding paragraph, it is reasonable to assume that we will have 150 children in our Hostel by September 1961. We realize of course, that the Hostel can accommodate more than 150, and the Carcross Indian Residential School in the neighbourhood of 160, so that our needs will be met for some years to come. How the proposed Vocational School in Whitehorse will affect the Hostel enrollment has not been determined.

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Mr. F. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon, informed me last year that our Department had agreed to enroll a certain number of non Indian children who were wards of the Superintendent of Child Welfare, Territorial Government. It now appears that we will not have space in our Hostel for these non Indian children, in which case he may find it necessary to turn to St. Agnes Hostel for accommodation. It is quite possible that Bishop Greenwood will have sufficient non Indians to keep his Hostel in operation.

In conclusion, I can only reiterate the statement made in paragraph (d) to the effect that it is not our intention to place Indian children in St. Agnes Hostel once the Departmental Hostel is in operation.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Indian Commissioner for B.C. Mr. A.V. Parminter, Regional Superintendent of Schools, is familiar with the Hostel plans, and he may wish to add further comments on this subject.

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

MGJ/em
c.c. Mr. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Item No. BAP-090052

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

TO: Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Attention: Education Division.
FROM: Indian Supt. Yukon Indian Agency, Whitehorse

OUR FILE: 166/25-1-943
166/1-13
YOUR FILE: 166/25-1

SUBJECT: Whitehorse Indian Day School, and Transfer of pupils

DATE: March 26, 1959

This will acknowledge your letter of March 24th regarding the possible transfer of pupils from the Carcross Indian Residential School to the Baptist Mission in Whitehorse, in September of this year. The misunderstanding which seems to exist may have been brought about by the undersigned misinterpreting your letters of March 10th and March 23rd, files 166/25-11 and 166/1-13 respectively. These two letters left no doubt in my mind that it was intended to close the Whitehorse Indian Day School at the end of the present school year. As a result, I further assumed that a transfer of pupils between the Carcross Indian Residential School and the Baptist Mission would be necessary, inasmuch as the hostel would not be completed by September 1959, and paragraph B of section 2 of the agreement in the Whitehorse Joint School states that the school would accept for enrollment children from grades 4 to 8 inclusive. Unless the higher grades were to be brought in from Carcross to make room for grades 1 to 4 in the Whitehorse Indian Day School, no school facilities would exist for the latter children. This thinking is in line with the original plans of pupil distribution resulting from the construction of the Joint School and hostel.

Following receipt of your letter of March 10th, Rev. Bullen called at this office, and I mentioned to him that there was a possibility of a transfer of pupils as outlined in the preceding paragraph. I felt that I should mention this to him, as it had a bearing on his purchases for the coming year, particularly clothing. I did not state that the transfer was definitely taking place. I thought that this point was quite clear, although it now appears that it was not. I am not surprised that Rev. Bullen contacted Canon Cook, as the Anglican Church authorities here do not favour sending Anglican Indian children to the Baptist Mission, or the possibility of Mr. Lee being made principal of the proposed Protestant Hostel.

Before I contact the teachers of the Whitehorse Indian Day School regarding their plans for the next year, and in order that I will not make any further embarrassing statements, would you please advise what you have in mind for the Whitehorse Indian Day School. I might also add that Mr. H.T. Thompson, Superintendent of Schools, Yukon Territory, called at this office yesterday, and enquired as to the Indian enrollment at the Joint School this coming September. He requires this information in order to plan grade placement and arrange for the necessary teaching staff. I regret the misunderstanding which arose in this instance.

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

MGJ/em

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Yukon Hostel Protestant, File No. 953/25-1-012, Feb/59-May/64

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Item No. BAP-090074-0000

Indian Commissioner for British Columbia,
(Attention: Mr. A. V. Paramintor)

Chief, Education Division.

Whitehorse Day School

166/25-1-940 (E10)
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16 April 59

I refer to your letter of April 10th concerning the operation of the Whitehorse Day School.

The closing of this school and the transfer of the children to the Whitehorse Joint School is approved providing the following arrangements can be made.

1. Written agreement must be obtained from the Yukon Commissioner to the effect that all of the children, including those in Grades I, II and III will be accepted for the school year beginning September 1, 1959, at the Whitehorse Joint School, on the understanding that the pupils in Grades I, II and III will be transferred to Carcross in 1960.

2. Written confirmation must be received from Mr. Jutras that arrangements for the transportation of the children from the Whitehorse Indian Hostel to the Whitehorse Joint School have been made for the school year beginning September 1, 1959.

3. One position on the teaching staff of the Whitehorse Indian Day School will be retained and will be filled by Mr. Lee who will act as Supervising Principal as well as Principal of the Hostel. As Supervising Principal at his current salary rate he will organise the necessary evening study periods for pupils with homework to do or additional study to keep up with the rest of the class. The matter of establishment will be looked after by Miss Moore, but it will be necessary for you to obtain a statement from Mr. Lee accepting this appointment.

The closing of the school willmean the transfer or dismissal of the Whitehorse Day School staff with the exception of Mr. Lee.

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May I have your report and the supporting written statements mentioned above not later than May 15th, please.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
B. F. DAVEY
B. F. Davey.

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Item No. YKS-000726

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

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OUR FILE: 166/25-1-943

TO: Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Attention: Education Division.

FROM: Indian Supt. Yukon Agency, Whitehorse, Y.T. YOUR FILE: 25-1

SUBJECT: Whitehorse Indian Day School DATE: May 1, 1959

This will acknowledge your letter of April 21st, 1959, regarding the closing of the Whitehorse Indian Day School, and the transfer of the children to the Selkirk Street Joint School, for the school year beginning September 1, 1959.

The suggestion of enrolling grades 1, 2, and 3 not covered in the agreement was discussed with the Commissioner of the Yukon and Mr. H. Thompson Superintendent of Schools. They agreed to accept these children for one year and a letter to that effect from Commissioner Collins is attached hereto. I studied the contemplated enrollment of the Selkirk Street School, and the ratio of Indians to non Indians is very encouraging. There is only one grade where there are more Indians than non Indians.

Transportation of the children from the Baptist Indian Hostel to the Selkirk Street Joint School can be arranged. There are three transportation firms with buses in Whitehorse, and there is no doubt in my mind that they will be very interested in entering into a contract to transport the children. I have requested tenders in this regard, and they will be submitted to your office on receipt. The tender would be based on four runs, one in the morning, two at noon, and one in the afternoon. A shuttle service with one bus would be satisfactory.

Paragraph 3 of Mr. Davies letter dated April 16th was discussed with Mr. Lee, Principal of the Whitehorse Indian Day School. He is prepared to act as Supervisory Principal, as well as Principal of the hostel. His letter of acceptance is attached hereto.

The teachers of the Whitehorse Indian Day School are aware that their services may not be required next year, but I presume that either your office or the Department will send them official notification.

A letter will follow at a later date in connection with the disposition of the furnishings, school supplies, books, etc. now at the Whitehorse Indian Day School.

M.G. Jones,
Indian Superintendent.

MGJ/em
Attach.

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Item No. BAP-000190

Indian Commissioner for B.C. 166/25-2
Attention: Education Division.
Indian Supt.Yukon Agency, Whitehorse, Y.T; same

Quotas for Residential Schools June 30, 1959

Reference your letter of June 9th, would you please authorize an increase in enrollment at the Whitehorse Indian Day School and the Carcross Indian Residential School for the forthcoming school year, for the following reasons:

The attendance at the Carcross Indian Residential School during the school year now ending was 156 Indians and one non-Indian, for a total of 157 pupils. The non-Indian in this instance is the daughter of a staff member. This year, I anticipate six discharges and six new enrollments. I will therefore require a quota of 160 pupils.

The Whitehorse Indian Day School had 93 Indians in attendance last year. Keeping in mind new admissions and discharges, the enrollment for the 1959-60 school year should be much the same as this year. I would therefore request a quota of 95 pupils in this instance.

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

MGJ/em

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

TO: Superintendent - Whitehorse Indian Agency

OUR FILE: 208/25-2

FROM: Regional Office, Vancouver.

YOUR FILE: 166/25-2

SUBJECT: Quota for Residential School.

DATE: July 8, 1959

I refer to your letter of June 30th.

I regret that I cannot authorize an increase in quota for you for the Whitehorse Indian Day School. Indeed I was surprised that there were 93 Indians in residence at the Baptist Mission during the past school year. The Department following detailed reports on the hazardous condition of this building stipulated that no more than 80 Indian children should be accommodated in it. Will you kindly bear this in mind when making arrangements for the forthcoming school year.

With respect to an increase in quota at Carcross, this is a matter that must be referred to the Department. While I would agree that you have need for more space we will have to establish with the Department the fact that Carcross School can safely and comfortably accommodate an increased number of children. Will you kindly therefore make a special submission with respect to this request giving the views of the Principal and your own as to the adequacy of existing lavatories, dining rooms, dormitories, etc, for an increased number of children.

W.S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner
for Indian Schools.

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Indian Commissioner for B.C. 166/25-2

Indian Supt. Yukon Agency, Whitehorse, Y.T. 208/25-2

Residential School quotas August 3, 1959

Your letter of July 24th, with respect to school enrollment was discussed with Rev. Bullen, Principal of the Carcross Indian Res. School. A copy of the Reverend Principal's letter on the subject is attached hereto in duplicate.

You will note that considerable equipment, furnishings and structural changes will be required at the Carcross School to take care of the possible increase in pupils. The blackboards, desks, chairs, as well as additional classroom supplies and books can be transferred from the Whitehorse Indian Day School without difficulty. However, the supply of bunks, bedding, chairs, dining room furniture, dishes, etc, is another matter. These would have to be purchased from the suppliers in Vancouver or Eastern Canada. Past experience leads me to believe that these latter items if ordered, will not reach the school before late October or November. The structural changes are not very extensive, and could be completed before the opening of school. The temporary wall erected in the sitting room two years ago ~~would~~ may have to be removed; blackboards and pin-up boards transferred from the small classroom and both rooms re-decorated.

I realize the hazardous condition of the Baptist Mission, and agree that the enrollment should be kept at an absolute minimum. Rev. Bullen has been requested to submit a requisition for the furniture, bedding, and dishes. I have today completed a survey of the Protestant Residential School pupils, and quote the following figures for your information.

Carcross Indian Residential School

Enrollment in June, 1959	.....	156
Discharges	.....	6
Returning	.....	150

Baptist Indian Mission

Enrollment in June, 1959	.....	93
Discharges	.....	11
Returning	.....	82

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For the coming September, I would recommend that all new pupils for grade one be enrolled at the Carcross Indian Residential School, resulting in a total enrollment of 163. The Baptist Mission would be left with 82 pupils. The authorized enrollment at the Baptist Mission will not change (80 plus 5%), while that at the Carcross Indian Residential School should be increased from 140 to 160.

M.G. Jutras,
Indian Superintendent.

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Attach.

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Item No. BAP-090071

Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Attention: Mr. Parminter
Chief, Education Division

166/25-1-940 (E1)

Cardross Indian Residential School enrollment.

August 19, 1959.

I acknowledge your letter of August 12 with enclosures relating to an increase in the enrollment at the above school. I note that the enrollment in June, 1959 was 156 pupils and that you are recommending an increase to a total enrollment of 163. The overall increase would therefore appear to be seven pupils.

You may arrange to purchase locally the additional bunks, chairs and dining room furniture which would be required. The Principal has authority to purchase the other items of household maintenance such as bedding and dishes which are regarded as part of the operating cost of the school. It is noted that blackboards, desks, chairs as well as additional classroom supplies can be transferred from the Whitehorse Indian Day School.

It will also be in order for Mr. Jutras to undertake the minor revisions indicated in the correspondence.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Jutras for his information. The approved increase is for the 1959-60 term only.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
R. F. DAVEY

FD/msb

R. F. Davey.

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BUREAU DU DIRECTEUR

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

CANADA

Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration
OTTAWA
DIVISION DES AFFAIRES INDIENNES
MINISTÈRE DE LA CITOYENNETÉ ET DE L'IMMIGRATION
Deputy Minister's Office

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OUR FILE NO. 906/25-1-929 (Ell)
Notre dossier n°

Ottawa, August 19, 1959.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER:

Authority was granted in April, 1958, to pay a per diem rate of $1.70 for each Indian child enrolled in the Whitehorse Baptist Hostel in the Yukon Territory. The children enrolled in this hostel attended an Indian day school at Whitehorse which has been discontinued as of June 30th, 1959. Arrangements have been made to have these children educated in a joint school in Whitehorse.

We are presently constructing a new government hostel in Whitehorse which is expected to come into operation in September, 1960. When the government-owned hostel is completed, the children will be transferred from the Baptist Hostel in which they are presently enrolled.

We have recently discussed with Mr. E.R. Lee the termination of the operation of the Baptist Hostel. During the course of our discussions the financial position of the hostel was reviewed, and it is obvious that the hostel is operating within severe financial limitations. This problem will be aggravated by our policy of reducing the enrolment to a maximum of eighty pupils. Mr. Lee stated that the resulting loss of revenue will make it impossible for him to meet his financial commitments for the 1959-60 school year.

It has been established that a minimum budget for the hostel from September 1st, 1959, to August 31st, 1960, would be $60,310.00. To meet this budget a per diem rate of approximately $2.80 per pupil at a maximum enrolment of eighty pupils would be required. It is, therefore, recommended that authority be granted to pay a per diem allowance of $2.80 for each child on a quarterly basis to a total of $60,310.00. In the event that the enrolment is reduced below the authorized pupilage of eighty, it is further recommended that the per diem rate be increased so as to provide a total payment of $60,310.00.

Approved: Acting Director.

Deputy Minister

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Item No. YKS-003489

FORM F.

TO: Principal, Baptist Indian Mission ~~Residential~~ School.

NOMINAL LIST

The Yukon Agency has been assigned a quota of 80 pupils to attend your school; parents or guardians have been advised that you will accept the following children for the term commencing September 1 1959.

Date: Sept. 11 19 59.

Superintendent

Yukon Agency.

cc: Regional Office.

Name	Band	Band No.	Age	Sex	F/A No.	Grade

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FORM F. (1)

Name	Band	Band No.	Age	Sex	F/A No.	Grade
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Item No. YKS-000360

c.c. Mr. W.S. Arnail, Indian Commissioner for British Columbia.
c.c. Mr. G. Ewen, Supt. Indian Agencies, Whitehorse, Y.T.

P.A — 166/25-1-943 (E)

Mr. E.H. Lee,
Principal,
Baptist Mission,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Ottawa, February 1st, 1960.

Dear Mr. Lee:

You will recall that assurance was given to you that your employment in this service would be continued at the Yukon Hostel when the unit came into operation at the beginning of September, 1960. At the time of our discussions, it was indicated to you that you would be designated as the Principal.

I am sure that you are also aware that there has developed a considerable controversy with respect to the jurisdiction of the school, with both the Baptists and the Anglicans making representations to the effect that they should have jurisdiction over its operation. It is possible that some of the feelings which have been aroused as a result of the Department's decision have been due to fear that the administration would not be conducted in a Christian and impartial manner. I wish you to know that all reports reaching this office have indicated that you have been careful not to become involved in this controversy, and that your administration has been in the spirit of our discussions. I realize how difficult your position must be in this matter.

The Department has decided that the administration of this unit should come directly under an official on my staff, Mr. Findlay Barnes, partly to reduce your involvement in matters which could become very controversial and to ensure that you have every assistance particularly in the initial stages of the operation of the unit. You will receive guidance directly from him in the matter of the hostel operation and he will be in Whitehorse extensively prior to its opening and for sometime after.

I anticipate Mr. Barnes will be there during the latter part of March or early April but I shall be writing to you later on to

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confirm the exact dates of his arrival.

You will recall that in our discussions I emphasized that staff appointments would be made by the Department although I would welcome recommendations from you in the matter of the hiring of individuals. Mr. Barnes will go over the requirements with you and any suggestions you may have with respect to personnel on the occasion of his first visit.

Yours sincerely,

R.F. Davey,
Chief, Education Division.

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Item No. NPC-620136-0004

January 28th, Baptist Mission Hostel, Whitehorse -

I spent a very short time at this hostel. The building is very old and will be closed in the fall, when the new hostels are opened. The equipment is also very old.

The diet for the children was adequate in protein foods as they received meat once daily. Milk was given to drink once daily. A lot of milk was used in the weak tea or coffee, and in milk puddings which were served four times weekly.

The menu was lacking in vegetables and those foods containing Vitamin C. It was suggested to use more canned tomatoes, tomato juice and vitamised apple juice, which are the cheaper food sources of Vitamin C.

February 3rd, Lower Post Indian Residential School, Lower Post, B.C.

The school was built in 1951 with later additions and is well equipped. Father Levaque is the principle of the Roman Catholic school. There are 180 children and 20 staff.

The diet for the children seems to be adequate with the exception of Vitamin C and the possibility of too many starchy foods. Enclosed is a list of the foods used during the day.

The children are given as much skim milk as they want at all meals and are given meat at least once daily. The luncheon soups are thickened with macaroni, spahgetti or noodles. Homemade bread and margarine is used. The children are given two slices of bread with each meal, and more if they have finished their meal, plus a sandwich in the afternoon. To substitute for some of the starch, it was suggested more canned vegetables be used in the soups and less of the carbohydrate foods. They receive a raw vegetable or raw apple frequently and oranges occasionally. It was suggested that on days oranges are not distributed, canned tomatoes, tomato juice or canned apple juice be used.

Having a light lunch at noon, a small snack at 4:00 P.M. and the heavy meal at night, is very satisfactory. The children are more alert in afternoon classes.

The atmosphere of the school and dining room during meal hours is very pleasant. Some work is done by the children, such as washing their own dishes and sweeping the floor after meals.

The meals for the staff vary somewhat from those given to the students.

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Attached is a menu used for students at the Lower Post Residential School.

February 4th, Chootla Indian School, Carcross, Yukon:

The Rev. Mr. C. Bullen is the principal of this Anglican Residential School.

There are 165 children in the school. On the whole, the diet is good but there is a lack of daily Vitamin C. Meat, vegetables and potato are served every day at noon, and meat or protein alternates are served at frequent suppers. The children received canned fruit for supper and a milk or cake dessert at lunch time. They are given raw vegetables four times weekly for supper and they have been having apples or oranges every other day.

It was suggested on days that fresh oranges were not provided, canned tomatoes, tomato juice or Vitamized apple juice be used to provide Vitamin C. The children are served one cup of skim milk plus milk in their cereal for breakfast and suppers, alternating with tea every other night. Tea is served at lunch as well. It was suggested that if the children did not drink more milk, some of the dishes, particularly milk puddings, could be supplements with powdered milk used. All baked goods are made at the school.

The atmosphere of the dining room during meal hours was subdued.

General Comments - As there is not too much difference in the consumption of the younger and older student, the extra allowances for the older students is welcomed and used for fresh fruit usually. When the older students move to Whitehorse this fall, both principals feel that food allowances will not be enough to maintain the standard of meals expected of them.

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DEPARTMENT OF 166/25-1-943

NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

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OTTAWA, March 1, 1960

Colonel H.M. Jones,
Director, Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Citizenship and Immigration,
Citizenship Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Attention: Mr. H.F. Davey

Dear Colonel Jones:

During February, Miss Lang visited at the Norway House Indian Residential School; the Roman Catholic Mission at Norway House, and the Sioux Lookout Indian Residential School. In January Miss Feyrer, the Regional Dietitian in Edmonton visited the Baptist Mission Hostel at Whitehorse; Lower Post Indian Residential School at Lower Post, British Columbia, and the Chootla Indian Residential School at Carcross, Yukon Territory.

Reports of these visits are attached with some comments.

Yours sincerely,

P.E. Moore (Signed)

P.E. Moore, M.D., D.P.H.,
Director, Indian and Northern
Health Services.

Attach.

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Item No. YKS-003056

Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Copy for Mr. ~~Barnes, c/o Yukon Agency Office~~

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Ottawa, April 4, 1960.

Rt. Reverend Tom Greenwood, L.Th.,D.D.,
Bishop of Yukon,
P.O. Box 547,
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Dear Bishop Greenwood:

With reference to your letter of March 4th concerning the status of Mr. E.R. Lee, I regret that my previous letter did not clarify this point.

In this connection, it would be, I believe, helpful to review briefly the circumstances which led up to his appointment to the staff of the hostel.

On June 26, 1956, the Director of the Indian Affairs Branch wrote to Canon Cook with regard to the establishment of a hostel at Whitehorse to serve the Protestant children and outlined the way in which it was planned to organise and operate this unit. The pertinent paragraph of this letter reads as follows: "As you are aware, Mr. E.R. Lee, who is presently operating the hostel in Whitehorse, has done very effective work under most trying circumstances, and it is considered that the Department would be well advised to employ him as officer in charge of the hostel on the understanding that any attempt to proselytize would be grounds for immediate dismissal and that every opportunity would be given for the children to receive religious instruction and advice from a clergyman of their faith. The Department would also be prepared to see that a senior staff member, such as the Matron or Assistant Principal, is of Anglican affiliation."

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Yukon Hostel Protestant, File No.
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To this Canon Cook replied in part as follows: "...we approve the action of the Branch in planning to construct and operate a non-denominational hostel for Indian children in the community of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, provided the following 'conditions' (to which you agreed verbally) are formally accepted by the Indian Affairs Branch." Then followed a list of ten 'conditions' but no objection was taken to the employment of Mr. Lee as officer in charge.

As far as I can determine from the files no complaint was made about the proposed appointment of Mr. Lee until early in 1950 when you spoke to Mr. Davey about the matter. Following this conversation the Director informed you in a letter dated February 9th that he still believed that Mr. Lee was entitled to consideration for appointment as the man in charge.

You will recall that when we met during the week of November 22nd you expressed anxiety about the arrangement. After giving a great deal of thought to the matter I decided that the best way to relieve your concern was to place in charge, until the unit is operating smoothly, a neutral person from the Education Division, to be responsible for the general operation of the unit and especially for recruiting applicants for positions at the hostel. As a result Mr. Findlay Barnes has been designated for this purpose. He cannot be assigned indefinitely to the hostel but he will certainly remain in the position until the Department has adequate assurance that the conduct of the hostel can be safely left in other hands.

I am confident that once the school has been in operation for a number of months the pattern of procedures will be sufficiently well-established that you will not have any reason for concern about the manner in which the institution will continue to operate.

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When it becomes necessary to name a successor to Mr. Barnes, serious consideration will be given to the qualifications required.

I trust this information will remove the anxiety which you now feel about the functioning of the Yukon Hostel.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen L. Fairclough,
Minister.

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Item No. BAP-090005

Rev. H. I. Lee — Founder

Phone 2731

166/25-1-9443

Yukon Baptist Missionary Society

Incorporated

P. O. Box 217
Whitehorse — Yukon — Canada

May the 10th, 1960

Dol. H. M. Jones, Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Jones:

It seems evident to us that the Indian Affairs Branch are discriminating against our Mission Society, in that no consideration, whatever has been given the Baptists in present plans in connection with the education of the natives of Yukon. The Baptist Mission has operated a residential school for approximately 13 years; providing facilities and an opportunity for the Indian children to attend school when practically no other facilities were available at all. During these years we worked under most trying conditions as there was much pioneer work to be done. When our school first opened in 1947 at Whitehorse we took children into residence from outlying communities at our mission's expense in order that these folk have an opportunity to attend school. There was nothing else that we could conscientiously do since we could not stand idly by watching these folk grow up in ignorance. It wax not always easy, but we can see now that it was well worth the efforts as more and more of the native folk are beginning to realize the necessity and need for an education, and now a certain amount of growth and achievement can be seen as a result.

Regardless of what some of the other religious denominations may endeavour to suggest we know that our mission has done much in regards to pioneering the Indian educational field in Yukon, and we do not think that these efforts are to be cast aside by the Indian Affairs Branch so lightly.

For a number of years now we have petitioned the Indian Affairs Branch to give us more assistance such as that given to other denominations in order that our facilities become more modern, but our requests have not been given their due and just consideration. When the hostel which is now under construction in Whitehorse was first being considered we had hoped that the Department would agree to having it operated under Baptist affiliation, but for some reason this is not being done.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" Psalm 119: 105.

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I believe it may be well for me to add here however, that many folk in the Yukon are of the opinion that this new hostel is to be of Baptist affiliation, and rightly, so, because it should be.

Now the plan of the Indian Affairs Branch to provide accommodation for Indian children from Grade four and upward in the new interdenominational hostel at Whitehorse seems fair in that no one religious denomination is being given priority over the other. However, this is not the case for Grades 1-3, as we are given to understand that it is the Department's plans to have all Indian children in these grades placed in the Anglican Church School at Carcross. We cannot stand for this. There is nothing else for our Missionary Society to do but to provide our own facilities for Baptist children in Grades 1-3. So by this letter we wish to make it known that our mission plans to provide living accommodation and classroom accommodation, if necessary, in Whitehorse for Baptist children in Grades 1-3.

In conclusion I would like to add that we have a following of more than 500 Indians, and we believe that this is sufficient to expect a similar consideration as that already shown to the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. It is only right and just that a school of Baptist affiliation be considered by the Department for Yukon in the very near future.

Yours very truly,

H.C. Montgomery

Rev. H. C. Montgomery,
President.

HCM/vs
c.c. -W.S. Arneil
Hon. (Mrs.) E. Fairclough
Eric Nielson, M.P.
Hon. D. Fleming
Rev. S. Wellington, Protestant League

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YUKON BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY
INCORPORATED

P.O. Box 217
Whitehorse - Yukon - Canada

May 10th, 1960

Honourable (Mrs.) E. Fairclough,
Minister of Citizenship & Immigration
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Fairclough:

Attached is a copy of my letter to Col. Jones, and will no doubt serve its purpose by making it evident that we cannot stand by and permit the Indian Affairs Branch to discriminate against the Baptist endeavours such as your last letter seems to plainly indicate.

Our Baptist Mission has put forth a great deal of effort in the Indian work which we feel has meant considerable progress and achievement in so far as the Indians are concerned. We entered the educational field when little or no other facilities were provided for them, and now to be simply cast aside and given no part in the hostel or residential school system, and even less than that not to be given just consideration is seemingly nothing less than deliberate discrimination, and we cannot tolerate such.

We have facilities at present and can accommodate 100 children if need be. If necessary we can arrange for classroom space as well; although we believe that arrangements for the Indian children to attend the Public Schools in Whitehorse is more desirable than separating them from the White children, especially so, when there seems to be little objection, if any, on the part of the White population in regards to having Indian children attend the public schools. At any rate we do not intend to have the Indians who desire to have their children instructed in the Baptist faith to be subject to Anglican indoctrination by having those in Grade 1-3 placed in the Anglican School at Carcross. In order to eliminate this undesirable set up: our Mission wishes to make clear our intention to continue providing hostel accommodation for the Baptist children in Grade 1-3, such as we have in the past, for the ensuing year.

Further, I would like to suggest that we have every right to expect the Federal Government to offer us the same assistance as they have to the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches with regard to the Indian School system, but your letter indicates that the spending of additional funds to erect a hostel for Baptist children cannot be justified. If this then is the case the Indian residential school at Carcross should also be made an interdenominational school, this would then at least put all Protestant denominations on a fair & equal basis. Failing this the only just thing to do is to make the new hostel now under construction in Whitehorse one of Baptist affiliation.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) H. C. MONTGOMERY
Rev. H. C. Montgomery
President.

c.c. - Eric Nielson, M.P.
Hon. D. Fleming
Rev. S. Wellington, Protestant League

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Item No. BAP-001334

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Copy for Indian Affairs Branch
Copy for Erik Nielsen, Esq., M.P.

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Ottawa, June 10, 1960.

Rev. H. C. Montgomery,
President,
Yukon Baptist Missionary Society Inc.,
P.O. Box 217,
Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

The suggestion contained in your letter of May 10th that this Department is deliberately discriminating against your organization is difficult to understand particularly in view of the very substantial amount of federal funds that have been paid on behalf of children maintained in the Baptist Mission, not to mention the cost of operating the classrooms, and the employment of Mr. E. R. Lee in a senior capacity at the new hostel.

I have noted that your Society is prepared to continue the operation of a hostel in Whitehorse for pupils of Grades I to III. This is their privilege providing the requirements of the Ordinances of the Territorial Government are met, but I cannot see how the use of public funds could be justified for the duplication of services which this would entail. Your Society will understand, therefore, that no financial assistance can be expected from this Department in connection with such an endeavour.

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With reference to your last paragraph, it has occurred to me that if your denomination has a church in Carcross it might be possible for this Department to make special arrangements with regard to any Baptist children accommodated there. In other words, it would seem to me that they would attend the Baptist Church and Sunday School if their parents make their desires known through a statement to the Superintendent of the Indian Agency.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen L. Fairclough,
Minister.

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FORM E.

TO: Superintendent

Yukon Agency.

For the reason(s) stated I would recommend that the following children be discharged from this school as of June 30, 19 60.

Name	Band	Band No.	Age	Grade	F/A	Reason for Recommendation

Earl K. Lee
Principal
Whitehorse Indian Day School
(Baptist) Residential School.

Date: July 4th, 19 60.

cc: Regional Office.

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FORM E.

TO: Superintendent

Yukon Agency.

For the reason(s) stated I would recommend that the following children be discharged from this school as of June 30, 1960.

Name	Band	Band No.	Age	Grade	F/A	Reason for Recommendation

Earl R. Beal
Principal
Whitehorse Indian Day School
(Baptist) Residential School.

Date: July 4th, 1960 19____.

cc: Regional Office.

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Item No. BAP-090043

REV. H. I. LEE — FOUNDER

PHONE 2751

YUKON BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

P. O. BOX 217
WHITEHORSE — YUKON — CANADA

August 29th, 1960

Col. H. M. Jones, Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Jones:

We have been anxiously waiting to know the decision and outcome of the Committee on Education for Yukon, and how it would affect the situation hoping that it would solve the problem to the satisfaction of all concerned, but as yet we have had no information in regard to their report.

Your letter dated June 10, seemed to indicate that you felt our Mission was not willing to co-operate in an integration program. This, however, is not the case, but we do not feel that a fair and satisfactory solution in connection with the religious aspect has not been suggested by your Department.

In a recent interview with Mr. Grant, the local Indian Superintendent, I was glad to sense a sincere desire on his part for a fair and satisfactory solution to the problem at hand. He is anxious, and so are we, for the sake of the children, to get the matter settled. I assure you, as I did him, that we are anxious and willing to co-operate in every way possible, if our spiritual ministry to the children can be carried out on an equal basis with the other denominations involved. In talking with Mr. Barnes on the matter of carrying out our spiritual ministry to the Baptist children in the Protestant Hostel in Whitehorse, we were quite satisfied with the arrangements he suggested. If a similar arrangement can be worked out in the school at Carcross whereby we are given the liberty of our usual spiritual ministry, and the privilege of a similar representation on the staff of the Carcross school as the Anglicans have on the staff at the Yukon Hostel here in Whitehorse, we would have no objections to sending Baptist children from grades 1 to 4 to Carcross. We would also be glad to co-operate, if provision could be made to accomodate the Baptist children in Grades 1 to 4 at the Protestant Hostel in Whitehorse and attend the Selkirk Street School, or, if necessary, we will do our best to provide suitable accomodation for them under the direction of your Department, if subsidized on the basis of those placed in the Carcross school.

Trusting that this will be given your further consideration and that we may receive your reply at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely,
H. C. Montgomery
Rev. H. C. Montgomery
President

C:C: Hon. E. Fairclough,
Erik Nielson,
Mr. Grant, Indian Superintendent

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" Psalm 119: 105.

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Item No. BAP-000181

A/Indian Commissioner for B.C. 166/25-2

Indian Supt. Yukon Agency, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Admission of children to Baptist Mission. September 13, 1960

Attached is a letter received today from Rev. Montgomery. You will note that he is accepting Indian children of the Baptist religion into the Baptist Mission.

I advised Rev. Montgomery that I had no authority to admit any Indian child to his hostel and that if he did take in any Indian children, it was a matter between he (Rev. Montgomery) and the Indian child's parents.

Rev. Montgomery advises that he is not concerned over the Baptist children in Grades 5-6-7-8 at the Protestant Hostel in Whitehorse as they will be receiving religious instruction from the Baptist Missionaries. Rev. Montgomery advises that his letter of September 13, refers specifically to the Baptist children in Grades 1-2-3-4, and Grades 9-10-11-12.

As you know the only boarding school this Agency has access to for Grades 1-2-3-4 (Protestant) is the Carcross Indian Residential School. The only boarding facilities we have access to for Grades 9-10-11- 12 (Protestant) is St. Agnes Hostel, Whitehorse.

Rev. Montgomery is offering boarding facilities for the Baptist children in Grades 1-2-3-4 and 9-10-11-12. We advised that in no case would we even suggest that an Indian parent send his child to a school or boarding house which might interfere with the child's religious upbringing and that we would refer this matter to the Branch for direction.

It is presumed that our Department will accept the tuition costs regardless of where the Indian child might be boarding. We hope that this matter can soon be settled.

W.E. Grant,
Indian Superintendent.

WG/em
Attach.
c.c. Rev. Montgomery
c.c. Indian Affairs Branch.

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YUKON BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Box 217
Whitehorse, Y.T.

September 13, 1960.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Federal Building,
Whitehorse, Yukon T.

Dear Mr. Grant:

Because of our responsibility to the parents of Baptist affiliation who do not wish to send their children to the Anglican School at Carcross we have provided hostel facilities, and are prepared to look after them until such time as satisfactory arrangements are made with Indian Affairs for their subsidy, or a solution to the problem of Religious instruction, whereby we are put on a fair and equal basis with the other denominations, is worked out.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) H.C. Montgomery

This letter delivered by hand
by Rev. Montgomery, on September 13, 1960.

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CARE OF OR APT. No

W.E. Grant,

STREET AND No.

Indian Agency,

PLACE

Whitehorse, Yukon.

PLEASE ADVISE MR. MONTGOMERY WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN PLACED IN BAPTIST MISSION WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT.

R.F. Davey.

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
(FOR REFERENCE ONLY)

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

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py to Supt. Yukon Agency

Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa
Chief, Education Division.

Regional Office, Vancouver.

166/25-2-943

Oct. 18, 1960

Please find attached a letter from Superintendent Grant of the Yukon Agency to which he has attached a list of children who are in residence at the Baptist Mission Home. Reverend Montgomery has asked if the Department will compensate him for looking after these children.

As we did not authorize admittance of these children we do not recommend payment for them.

for A.V. Parminter,
Regional Superintendent of
Indian Schools.

FRL/mes.
Atts.

cc: Supt. W.E. Grant

Department of Citizenship and Immigration
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WHITE HORSE, Y.T.

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MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Attention: Mr. A.V. Parminter

YOUR FILE No:

FROM : Chief, Education Division

OUR FILE No:
166/25-1 (E1)

SUBJECT:

DATE:
October 24, 1960.

I acknowledge your letter of October 18th with which you attached letter from Superintendent Grant regarding a list of children who are in residence at the Baptist Mission Home. On September 21st we wired Superintendent Grant as follows:

"PLEASE ADVISE MR MONTGOMERY WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN PLACED IN BAPTIST MISSION WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT".

Since the admission of these children to the Baptist Hostel was never authorized, I regret that we cannot accept any financial responsibility in connection with them.

PD/msb

R. F. Davey.

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Item No. BAP-000170-0000

MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Superintendent - Yukon Agency.

YOUR FILE No:

FROM : Regional Office, Vancouver.

OUR FILE No: 166/25-2

SUBJECT: Baptist Mission Children - Whitehorse.

DATE: Nov.1,1960

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. R.F. Davey covering the matter of financial responsibility for children placed in the Baptist Mission. You will note that the Department will not accept any responsibility since these children were accommodated without prior approval of the Department.

A. Sammister
for F.E. Anfield,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

AVP/mes.
Enc.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration
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REV. H. I. LEE — FOUNDER

PHONE 2731

YUKON BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

1-31-24-2-266

P. O. BOX 217

WHITEHORSE — YUKON — CANADA

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF YUKON TERRITORY WHITEHORSE

FEB 26 1961

20th Feb.,1961.

Commissioner F.H.Collins
Whitehorse, Y.T.

Dear Sir,

The Yukon Baptist Missionary Society now faces a problem with which we feel we must appeal to you for aid.

As you may know, our Baptist Mission School once accomodated up to 170 children of Indian and part Indian status. However, great changes have transpired in the last two years as our Mission has co-operated in the plan of integration,- and our classrooms have been emptied. Many of our children of Indian status are now in the Anglican School at Carcross,which does not meet with the approval of parents concerned,our Mission, nor does it fill the bill for "integration".

Some of our people have flatly refused to send their children to the denominational school at Carcross,or at Lower Post . No provision has been made for grades one to four,nor for High school students at the new Protestant Hostel. Hence, as a Mission, we have been compelled to re-open a portion of our Mission School Buildings ,and to operate a "Mission Home" from which these children may attend school here in Whitehorse.

Then of course there are the"Welfare Children", and children from broken homes, who are brought to us periodically. We have a concern for these unfortunate youngsters and seek to aid them in their plight.

From these various categories we are presently careing for eighteen children at our local Mission Home.

Some of our old buildings have been removed. Others are to be dismantled shortly. It seems imperative however, that we erect a suitable building this coming season, which will accommodate 25 to 30 children.

Our present pressing need is for land on which to build. We have searched the area,and inquired of City, Territorial, Federal,and B.Y.N. representatives, but suitable space seems unavailable.

It is well understood that Lot 19 is intended for the rehabilitation of "Squatters". However, in view of the foregoing, and considering that the Baptist Mission School has for many years occupied a portion of Lot 19, we hereby request that The Yukon Baptist Missionary Society be granted permission to purchase four lots in the said Lot 19 , at the corner of 4th ave. and Rogers St., on which we may erect a modern building which will house "Welfare children", and others for which there seems to be no present provision.

Trusting you will find time to give the matter due consideration in your busy schedule.

Sincerely,

Yukon Baptist Missionary Society

Rev. Ellwood M.A.Hill Sect'y

Ellwood M.A.Hill

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REV. R. L. LEE — FOUNDER

PHONE 2731

YUKON BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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P. O. BOX 217
WHITEHORSE — YUKON — CANADA

Mr.R.G.Robertson
Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs
Ottawa, Ontario.

4th April, 1961.

Dear Sir,

For many years the Yukon Baptist Missionary Society has worked in this Northern area,seeking to help the Indian people and part Indian people, spiritually,morally, and educationally. For twelve years our Society has maintained,with Government aid, an Indian Mission School , which has housed up to 170 children of Indian and Part Indian status.

Great changes have transpired in the last two years however, as our Mission has co-operated in the Governments plan of "integration". Our classrooms have been emptied. Some of these children (grades 5-8) now attend public school in Whitehorse and are housed at the new "Protestant Hostel". Grades one to four however,(Indian status) are compelled to attend the Anglican school at Carcross;-- otherwise,the department of Citizenship and Immigration refuses to subsidize them. We now have some of these Unsubsidised children in our Mission Home here in Whitehorse,

" Lot 19"

For twelve years our Mission School has occupied some two blocks of land in the parcel known as "Group Lot 19". We have been leasing this land from the British ~~Navigation~~ Yukon Navigation Co. Although we no longer operate as a School, we still have need of land on which to operate the Mission Home . Especially is there a need for this in regard to housing Welfare children, and those of other unfortunate circumstance. We have sought to obtain four lots in our present location,on which we may continue the work of our Mission Home. We have plans to erect a new building this coming season which would replace the old Army type structures. However, we are informed that in the Governments scheme of rehabilitation of"Squatters" ,in co-operation with the B.Y.N., ALL of Lot 19 will be needed for low cost lots on which "Squatters" may settle. The Mission is informed that we must move.

We have sought land through B.Y.N., Federal, and Territorial representatives, but no suitable land seems available. Municipal land is nil, and Privately held parcels are scarce and terribly high priced. Although local Federal representatives seem unable to assist us in our plea for land, we have been advised to get in touch with you. Thus we wish to request, that The Baptist Missionary Society be allowed to purchase four lots of ground (Approx. 100X200 ft.) in Group Lot 19; which ground they have occupied for the past twelve years.

Thanking you for your attention to the matter.

Sincerely,

Yukon Baptist Missionary Society

Rev. H.C. Montgomery Chairman

Rev. Ellwood M.A. Hill Sect'y

Ellwood M.A. Hill Sec'y.

c.c.
A.J.Reeve
Assistant to the Commissioner
P. Ferguson
Whitehorse, Yukon Route

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Item No. BAP-090110

Minto Yukon
Sept. 4, 1961,

Dear Mr. Grant,

[redacted] and his wife ~~from~~ residing at [redacted] asked me to sign up their oldest girl [redacted] to be placed in the new Baptist Mission Home at Porter Creek. To be under Baptist religious training and home training, and to attend School at Whitehorse.

Yours Truly
Nick Andrei

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THE INDIAN MISSION SCHOOL

Indian Mission School

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1949. THE WHITEHORSE STAR.

Seventy-four little Indian children with scrubbed cheeks and shining eyes are making their Christmas bow to the citizens of Whitehorse tonight. They are the pupils at the Mission Indian School of Whitehorse operated by the Rev. Harold Lee and his wife and staff. This is their second Christmass Concert, and they will present a programme of recitations, plays, star drills and other little Christmas routines which will be worth seeing.

They will probably present quite a scrubbing problem to Mrs. Dunn, their house mother, as they get slicked up for the evening's concert. But its doubtful that the excitement of the occasion will put any crimp in their appetites. Miss Sponoltz, the cook, will have few scraps left from their dinner of meat and potatoes, vegetables and pudding. Their teachers, Miss Milred Mallinger and Mrs. Bill Wiegand, will be on hand to whisper cues nod and help them.

The Mission school is an unique organization. It is the result of the enthusiasm and ingenuity of one man and his ability to interpret the needs of these native children to people outside. In 1946, after a stretch of war work in Alberta, the Lees came to Whitehorse to establish a church for the white people of the Yukon. Both are graduates of the Bible Institute at Calgary. But after some months here, they were struck with the more vital need of schooling and housing for the dozens of little Indian children who were running the streets, and sitting on the doorsteps of the trading posts throughout the district. So in February of the following year, the Lees, with the help of Miss Ethel Doan, opened the first school down across from the Dowell area. Twenty-one pupils were on hand for the opening, and it wasn't many weeks before the number had grown to forty-six. Everyone helped with the school. The Army helped with light and water; the Airforce provided the water system for the present enlarged school. And the co-operation and assistance of Mr. R. J. Meek, the Indian Agent was invaluable.

Today, the seventy-four "boarders" eat about a thousand dollars worth of food a month—the milk bill alone is more than two hundred dollars, and through the help from outside groups in cash and kind is largely responsible for the functioning of the school, the Lees know anxious moments when they wonder just how ends are going to meet.

"One month we get a substantial donation—and the next perhaps we get very little", said Mr. Lee. "Last month now, we just didn't know where it was coming from, but the Lord provides—and we managed fine."

This boundless faith is undoubtedly the keynote of the school's credo. The two teachers receive salaries from the Government, anda small grant of $125 a month is allowed by the Territorial Government to the school—otherwise, the missionary workers who comprise the staff are unpaid, and the welfare of the entire organization is up to help from missonary societies associated with the Baptist Church elsewhere in Canada.

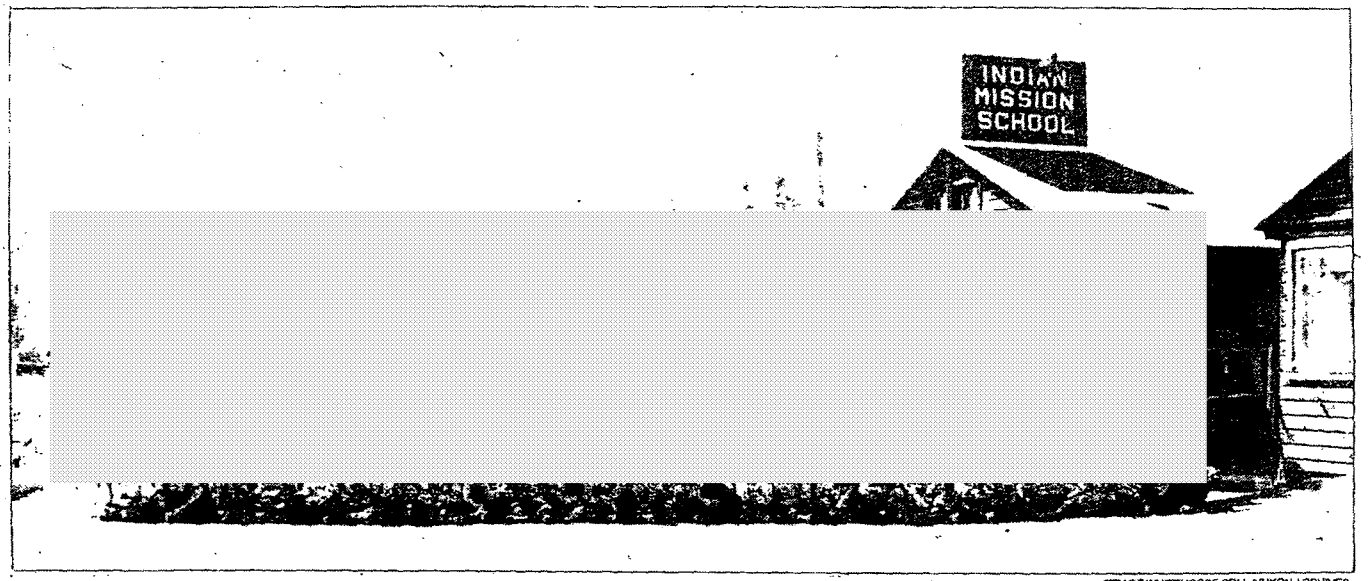
Others on the staff are Mr. and Mrs. LeForest-Lee, brother and sister-in-law of the principa, Miss Jacobson, a nurse, and Miss Doan is returning at Christmas to be the third teacher. Miss Mallinger is also a Missionary Teacher, from Calgary.

Mr. Lee is proud of his Indian pupils.

"I would put them up against any white child at any time. Many are actually outstanding in their classes. They are not saucy, but take amiably to discipline, are affectionate and respectful."

The school has many more applications from Indian parents than it can accommodate. The children are attracted to solid food, warmth and cleanliness. They are healthy and hungry, and enjoy the three regular meals provided for them each day. Corn flakes is a great favourite at breakfast, which usually consists of porridge. Soup and pudding and bread and milk is their noon meal. For dinner they have potatoes, vegetables, meat or fish. Treats are scrambled eggs and bacon occasionally, hot cakes on Saturdays for supper. But the most wonderful of all is the dried moose or venison, or the dried fish their parents bring them when they come to see them. This is eaten like candy, and a great deal more popular than sweets with them.

The children have morning prayer and a devotional period before bed from 7.00 to 7.30 in the evening. They sing well, an Mr. Lee hopes that among them, he will find young men and women who will carry on his work among the Native people of the Yukon.



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Indian Mission School pupils, early 1950's. School was located on 4th Avenue, directly across from what is now the new Yukon Sport/Art Administration Centre.

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