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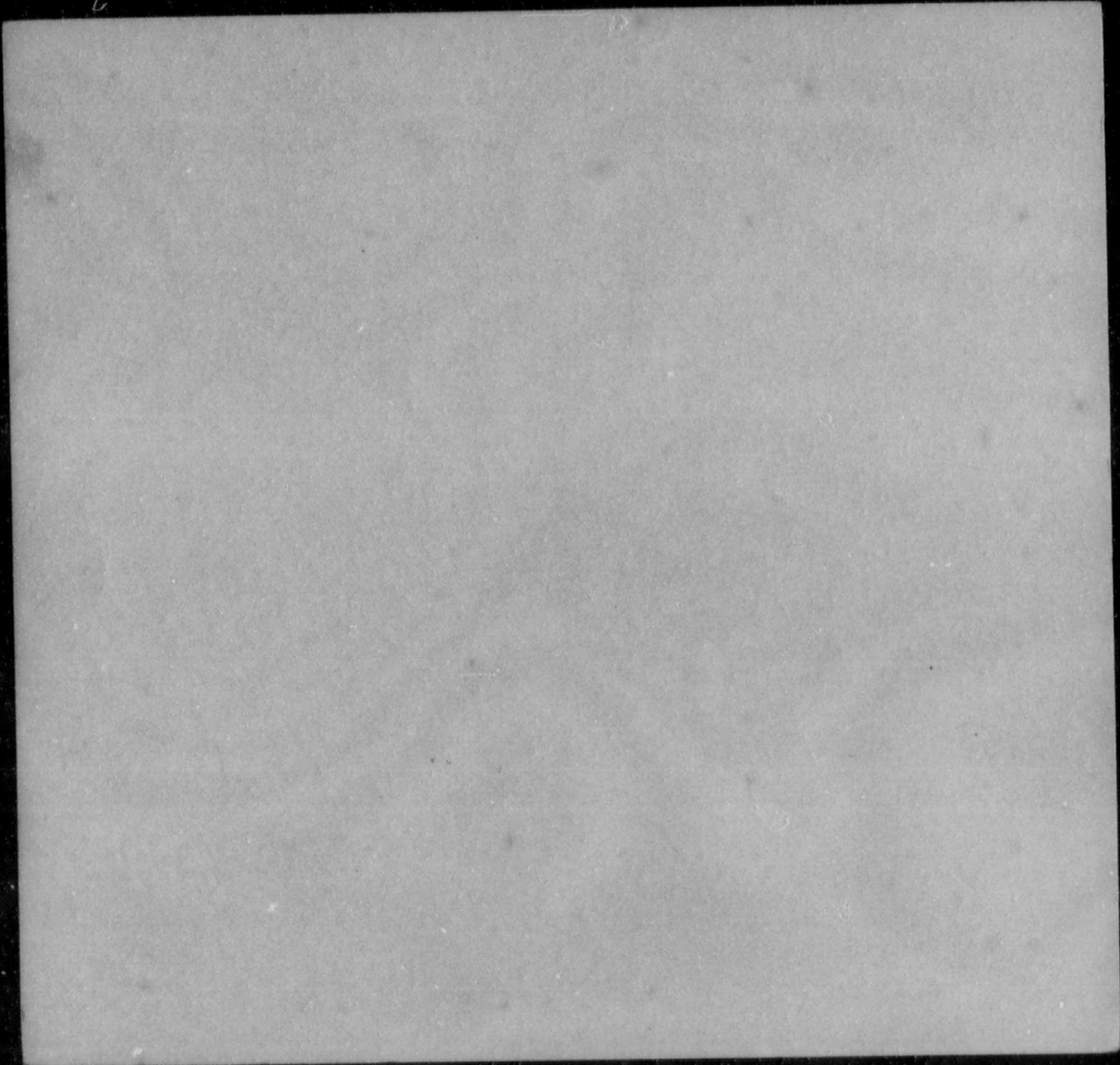
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Superintendent of Methodist  
Indian Schools and Hospitals in Canada

*H. Brooks* 64411-1  
480202



Brandon June 5th, 1915.

To The  
Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of May 31st, # 64411-1, re Mr. Jackson's report about the boys in the school-room being badly dressed, a word of explanation will throw light upon this criticism. In the month of April there is a great deal of work to be done that the boys cannot be very tidy in their clothing in doing, being a time for a general cleaning up. We calculate during that month to wear the clothing that has been worn all winter, rather than store it up for future use. If there is a month in the year in which the boys appear untidy, that month is April. I may say that, since Mr. Jackson was here, the boys in the school at that time have received a new suit of clothes, which is used during the summer for Sunday wear, and the suits, that the boys have been wearing during the past months for Sunday, is taken for every day wear. We postpone this as late in the Spring as possible for two reasons, one being that we wish to get all we can out of the old clothes, and another is, it is a hard time of the year on clothing. In justice to the general appearance of the boys, no boy was shabby. At the same time, the clothing in the aggregate was far below the average. I do not make this defence in opposition in any spirit of resentment to Mr. Jackson's criticism. He had reasons for the ground of his criticism. The method has another effect upon the boys. It teaches them to wear their clothing as long as possible.

As to the girls milking the cows, there are plenty of cows, but the boys have always done the milking, inasmuch as we have not had a lady member of the staff supervise the work of milking. It is quite possible for the girls to do the milking, and with our improved dairy barn, it is more feasible and easier arranged for than it has been in previous years.

Yours sincerely,

*T. Ferrier*

T.F./ M.C.E.



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Ottawa, June 11, 1915.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, and in reply I beg to say that your explanation with regard to the boys' clothing is quite satisfactory to the Department.

With reference to the inspector's recommendation that the girls be taught milking, I beg to say that, while the Department does not expect the girls to do all the milking, still, it is thought that every effort should be made to allow them to do some milking and thus acquire a knowledge which would be of much use to them in after life.

Your obedient servant

J. D. McLEAN

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. T. Ferrier,  
Principal,  
Brandon Industrial School,  
Brandon. Man.

*Handwritten notes:*  
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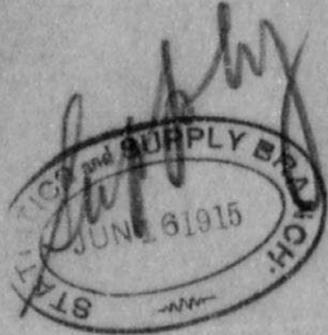
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Superintendent of Methodist  
Indian Schools and Hospitals in Canada

64411-1



Brandon June 14th, 1915.  
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To The  
Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir;-

Replying to your of the 7th re a  
new mail-bag, we are sending, under separate  
cover, the old one. As to the lock, I do not  
remember of ever seeing one on it, so, of course,  
cannot return it. To the best of my knowledge  
it has not been here during my time, but such  
as we have we render up with pleasure.

Yours thankfully,

*T. Ferrier*

*B. M. Armstrong*  
*Contractor*  
*Railway mail*  
*Ottawa*  
T.F./ M.C.E.

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Ottawa, June 23, 1915.

Ref. Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I beg to inform you that the old mail bag referred to therein has not yet been received. Be good enough to explain how it was sent.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. T. Ferrier,

Principal,

Brandon Industrial School,

Brandon,

Man.

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Superintendent of Methodist  
Indian ~~Parishes~~ and Hospitals in Canada

64411-1

Brandon June 29th, 1915.  
Man.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
SUPPLY BRANCH  
JUL 3 1915  
470503



To The  
Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 23rd,  
# 64,411-1, I mailed to you by parcel-post  
the old mail bag, on the 14th, the day I wrote  
the letter. It was addressed to "The Secretary  
of the Department of Indian Affairs", and marked  
"O. H. M. S."

Yours sincerely,

*T. Ferrier*

T.F./ M.C.E.

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Ottawa, July 9, 1915.

Rev. Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to the mail bag which you state you forwarded to the Department by parcel post on the 14th ultimo, I beg to inform you that it has not yet been received.

Be good enough to have the postmaster at Brandon trace it and advise the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

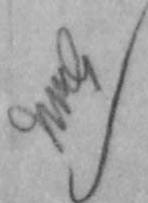
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Ottawa, July 14, 1915.

Revd. Sir,-

I beg to refer you to letter of the 9th instant re mail bag and to say that the same has been received. A new one will be sent you as soon as received from the Post Office Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. T. Ferrier,

Principal,

Brandon Industrial School,

Brandon,

Man.

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*2 Drafts*

Ottawa, July 14, 1915.

Sir,-

I beg to request that you will be good enough to furnish this Department with a mail bag with padlock and keys for the use of the Brandon Indian Industrial School. The bag should bear the words "Indian Industrial School,

Brandon, Man."

The old bag is returned herewith. The principal states that he has no lock or keys.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

B. M. Armstrong, Esq.,  
Controller, Railway Mail Service,  
Ottawa.

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No. 2114

Post Office Department, Canada,

IN ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT PLEASE QUOTE ABOVE No. OR INITIAL



M. dic. R CONTROLLER OF THE RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

Ottawa, 15 July, 1915



J.D. McKeen, Esq.,  
Asst. Deputy General  
of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

401437

Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. asking to be furnished with a mail bag with pad lock and keys for use of the Brandon Indian Industrial School, and in reply would say that a bag for this purpose with the necessary lock and keys will be forwarded you at once.

Yours truly,

*J. G. Rochester*  
Asst. Controller.

*Wm. Taylor*  
*Please send bag to Principal Brandon Industrial School*  
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Superintendent of Methodist  
Indian Schools and Hospitals in Canada



64411-1



Brandon, Man. July 24th, 1915

*File*

To The

Secretary of the Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir:-

The new mail bag arrived, # 11-11-13,  
addressed to the Industrial School. Thank you for  
the same.

Yours sincerely,

*T. Ferrier*

T.F./ M.C.E

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Extract from Inspector's Report on the Brandon Industrial School, dated May 29, 1916. Original on 64411-6.

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*Senior Class Room*

I found on the rolls of the room 23 boys and 23 girls, a total of 46, classified as follows:-

Standard	4	17
"	5	11
"	6	<u>18</u>
Total		46

Most of the pupils of this room have been inmates of the school and this room for a number of years and do not show the progress of the junior room. They know a lot but it is almost impossible for a stranger to get them to read out loud, and this is more especially true of the girls.

Sgd. S. J. Jackson,  
Inspector of Indian Affairs.



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Ottawa, June 21, 1916.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to inform you that Mr. Inspector Jackson in a recent report on the Brandon Industrial School in speaking of the senior class-room states as follows,-  
"Most of the pupils of this room have been inmates of the school and this room for a number of years and do not show the progress of the junior room. They know a lot, but it is almost impossible for a stranger to get them to read out loud and this is more especially true of the girls".

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. T. Ferrier,  
Principal,  
Brandon Industrial School,  
Brandon, Man.

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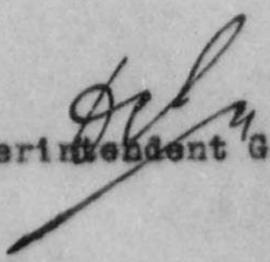
June 25th. 1917.

Dear Mr. Ferrier,

I have pleasure in informing you that after discussing the matter with the Hon. Dr. Roche, we have decided to give the boarding and industrial schools an increase of \$10.00 per capita in the grant for the current fiscal year. This will apply only to the end of this year, when we will consider the then position of the schools.

I hope this will be a measure of relief to the administrators of the schools.

Yours sincerely,

  
Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. T. Ferrier,

Principal, Brandon Industrial School,

Brandon, Man.

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Superintendent of Methodist  
Indian Schools and Hospitals in Canada

64411-1  
Brandon August 23rd, 1917.  
Man.



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The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,-

Joseph Everett, a pupil of the Brandon Institute, son of the present chief of Fisher River, was successful in passing the entrance examination to the Manitoba Collegiate. He can attend the Brandon Collegiate and take up a Teacher's Course, living in the Institute.

Would the Department sanction this arrangement for a couple of years? If so, can anything special be done for his tuition and keep?

Yours sincerely,

*J. Ferrier*  
Industrial School, Brandon.

TF/GF



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Ottawa, August 26, 1917.

Reverend Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, in which you inform the Department that Joseph Everett, a pupil of the Brandon Industrial School, has been successful in passing the entrance examination to the Manitoba Collegiate.

In this connection I beg to say that the Department will consent to this boy living at your school for two years in order that he can attend the Brandon Collegiate to take a teacher's course and will allow you the usual per capita grant for that period. You may include his name on your quarterly returns along with the other grant earning pupils.

The Department cannot provide any fees other than the above mentioned per capita grant. This is the same arrangement under similar circumstances made for Indian pupils attending collegiate institutes in Ontario.

Your obedient servant

MARTIN BENSON

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. T. Ferrier,  
Principal,  
Brandon Industrial School,  
Brandon, Man.

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Gen. T. Ferrier  
Superintendent of Methodist  
Indian Schools and Hospitals in Canada

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Brandon, January 12th, 1918

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Mr. Duncan C. Scott,  
Deputy Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Scott,-

EXTRACT  
133-0-14

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For some years we have been trying to get into sufficient stock for a farm of our dimensions. This we have about accomplished, having about one hundred head of horned cattle, thirty head of horses, fifty small pigs with nearly twenty brood sows. I wrote you about sending some of them to Fishing Lake for the winter but afterward concluded that this was not wise. I have had the teams hauling straw from the farmers around to a distance of six miles, wherever we could get a stack. I think we will be able to secure sufficient straw in this way. It is costing me considerably, anywhere from fifty cents to three dollars a load, depending on the distance and the quality of the straw. Over and above this, I have had to purchase in the neighborhood of twenty-five hundred dollar's worth of grain, screenings, shorts and bran. I think this is a much better policy than to sacrifice our stock or to have it in a half starved condition in the spring. Our failure of crop and shortage of feed was due entirely to the light fall of rain. The average for twenty-eight years at the Experimental Farm was ten inches including last year. The rainfall last year was a little less than four inches; we are expecting better crops and therefore have not too much stock on the farm. Another reason why I think we should keep our stock up, particularly the hogs and cattle, is that great need of food production at the present time and no doubt for the next few years. We are anxious to anything in our power in increased production.

My object in writing you and giving you this information is to let you know that it is impossible to meet these extra expenses to say nothing of the increased cost of management without some special assistance.

Would it be possible for the Department to make a special grant for the purpose of assisting in food production and helping us out financially this year? If this is not possible would it be feasible to give us a loan of two or three thousand dollars without interest until we can see our way towards paying it back? Your consideration to this matter and any advise or suggestions will be gladly received.

Yours sincerely,

*T. Ferrier*

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BRANDON.

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Mr. Scott,-

In regard to Mr. Ferrier's request for financial assistance I think we might make him a loan of \$2,000.00 or \$3,000.00 upon the understanding that it is to be repaid without interest next year if there is an average crop and from stock raised. We should be able to finance this.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Accountant.

Ottawa, January 17th., 1918.

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January 25th. 1918.

Dear Mr. Ferrier,

I have your note of January 14th, and would  
be to assist you in some way. If the loan is  
given, how would you propose to repay it? We usually  
have some understanding on that point, and the  
repayments are usually made from the per capita grant.  
It would be too vague to loan it on the understanding  
that you would pay it back when you could see your  
way towards that end. Kindly let me hear from you  
at once, and I will give the matter further consideration.

Yours very truly,

*W. S. ...*

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. T. Ferrier,

Principal, Brandon Industrial School,

Brandon, Man.

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