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*Hoping to meet with a favorable reply.*

*I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant  
S. M. Incarnation  
Principal of the Ind. Home.*

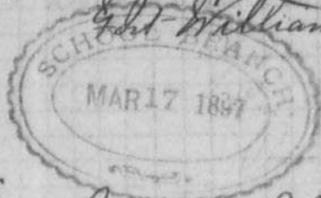
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St. Joseph's Indian Home,  
St. William, Ont. March 12. 1897.



Schools

Rayler Reed Esq.  
Dept. Supt. Genl of Indian Affairs.,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Hon. Sir: -

Pardon me the liberty of addressing you in behalf of our Indian Home in which there are twenty-two pupils cared for at present. Allow me to observe Hon. Sir that the small grant we receive from the Government will not enable us to provide for even that small number. Is it too much to ask for our Institution privileges granted the Shingwauke, Kikwemikong and many other Homes, conducted in the same manner as our own, and of which I have had the pleasure of visiting. Namely the "per-capita" payment for at least thirty pupils? Trusting your Department will take the matter into consideration, and no doubt will see the necessity of such a request. Accept my sincere thanks for the picture of our most gracious Queen which you so kindly sent me a few days ago.

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*Nothing can be done this year. Schwabert are already printed report*

*Schwabert*



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OTTAWA 20th March 1897

MEMORANDUM

for the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs:-

Re extra provision for the Fort William Orphanage:-

The enclosed communication from the Sister Superior of the Fort William Orphanage is forwarded for the consideration of the Minister, and in connection therewith the undersigned begs to state that the Sisters at Fort William have a commodious new building with accommodation for 50 pupils. The Government makes a grant to this Institution of \$500 per annum

The school at Wikwemikong to which the Sister Superior refers is the only Roman Catholic institution receiving a per capita grant and is full to overflowing, and numerous applications have had to be refused. Were further provision made for the Orphanage a number of Roman Catholic children, who cannot be taken in at present, could be accommodated.

The Mount Elgin, Shingwauk and Wikwemikong schools each receive a per capita grant of \$60 per annum for each of 100 pupils, and the Mohawk is paid the same <sup>amount</sup> for 91 pupils.

*Hayden Reed*

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EXAMINED  
SCHOOL BRANCH

OTTAWA 1st April 1897

Madam,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th ulto: relative to increased provision for the Port William Orphanage; and in reply I am directed by the Superintendent General, to whom the matter was referred, to state that nothing can at present be done in this direction as the Estimates for next year have already been printed.

*Jan 7*

Your obedient servant,

*Arthur Leary*

~~Deputy Superintendent~~  
~~of Indian Affairs~~

Rev. Sister M. Incarnation

Principal St Joseph's Indian Home

Port William, Ont:-

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Financial Statement.

Receipts.					
June 1896-1.97.		\$	cts	\$	cts.
Dom. Gov. Grant given as Teachers' Salaries,		1050.	00		
" " " " For Fuel, . . . . .		15.	00		
Out. " " " " Home, . . . . .		171.	72		
Donations and Collections (money) . . . . .		200.	00		
" " Clothing (valued at) . . . . .		58.	00		
" " Vegetables and Milk, " " . . . . .		200.	00		
" " Labor . . . . .		75.	00		
From Other Sources . . . . .		182.	80		
Total Receipts . . . . .				1950.	28
Expenditure,					
June 1896-1.97.					
Food of all kinds, . . . . .		1200.	00		
Fuel and Light, . . . . .		200.	00		
Clothing, . . . . .		350.	00		
Repairs and Furniture . . . . .		130.	00		
Other Expenses . . . . .		270.	00		
Total Expenditure . . . . .				2150.	00
By Loss		199.	62		

T.S. The vegetables, milk and labor was given by the Head Father of this Mission.

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Trusting however that you will allow us the privileges granted to the Shingwauke, Wewemikong, Mount-Elgin and many other homes, who are doing the same work as our own. Namely the per-capita payment of at least sixty dollars, for thirty or thirty five pupils. If your Annual Report is made out so you cannot grant us the per-capita payment this year. Then be so kind as to send us means to liquidate the debt shown on the statement sent you. If you do not come to our assistance I fear we cannot long continue the good work we have been doing.

I had the honour of meeting Mr. Macrae (Inspector of Indian Agencies) and explained to him the workings of the home. As he understands our circumstances he can give you any information you desire regarding our Institution.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply.

I remain Hon. Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,  
Sr. M. Incarnation,  
Principal of the Home.

Hon. J. D. McLean,

Deputy Supt: Gen'l:  
of Indian Affairs.

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St. Joseph's Indian Home.  
Fort William Mission Sept. 7. 1897.

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Deputy Supt: Gen'l: of Indian Affairs.



Hon. Sir: -

Allow me to call your attention to the financial condition of the St Joseph's Home for Indian children. You must have already observed in looking over the financial statement of receipts and expenses for last year, which was sent to the Department the 1st of last July, that it showed a debt of one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-two cents. Even the Greaty money which the parents of our pupils formerly sent us by the Agent, to purchase clothing for their children, has not been given us this year with the exception of sixteen dollars. I was obliged to go from door to door and solicit alms to supply the actual wants of the home. I might here remark that it is not a pleasant task to collect, as the people do not consider it their duty to contribute towards the support of our Indian children. Hon. Sir, I will leave the matter to your consideration, and beg you to assist us in our present necessity.

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MEMORANDUM.

To *Registrar*

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa. *Oct 7* 1897

QUERY.

ANSWER.

Where is the financial  
statements said to have  
been sent on 1 July  
last?



*160 270*  
Mr Scott

*JCS*  
*See letter statement*  
*issued out*

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Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, *Nov* 1897

MEMO.

*Secretary*

We vote \$500 a year to the Rev William Ophamage - I think the Band from W. the pupils are drawn (St. Wm) should give some assistance - should at least keep the school out of debt. The Govt should not be asked to vote anything further - The band could offer to assist. ~~Of course~~ then I should say that the Band has already done a good deal for the school in the way of grants for building & repairs &c.

*O. Schott.*  
*Acty*

*What from?*

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HCR Will you kindly  
let me know how many  
people there are at St  
Wm orphanage - also the  
bands to which they belong.  
18 people, all belonging  
to the 6th Wm Band  
HCR  
9 Nov. 99

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The Secretary  
231, P. St. A. Macrae, Esq.  
Ottawa  
Ont.

St Joseph's Indian Home,  
Fort William Reserve. Nov. 20th. 1897.



Dear Sir:-

I wrote to the Deputy Supt. Genl. of Indian Affairs last-September, asking for the per-capita payment of sixty dollars each, for thirty or thirty-five pupils. Or if the Annual Report was made out for this year so they could not grant the per-capita payment for another year. At least to send us means to liquidate the debt shown on the financial statement, I sent to the Department last July. I also asked the Hon. Gentleman to refer the matter to you as I had the honour of meeting you, and explaining to you the workings of the Home. Strange to say, my letter has not been answered yet. So I have taken the liberty of writing you; trusting you will interest yourself in our Institution and obtain our request. We have twenty children in the Home at present. There has been several applications

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which we were obliged to reject on account of  
our limited means. Hoping you will favor me  
with an early reply; even if you are unable to  
obtain any assistance for us. write and let us know  
and oblige.

Yours Respectfully,

Sp. M. Incarnation,  
Principal.

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Secretary. The District Board of the Band  
might have a small pecuniary charge  
in aid of the orphanage say 5% per  
capita per annum - according to the  
present attendance as given by the School  
Board (18) this would be a contribution of  
\$9000 per ann. It is a question for decision  
whether the Govt will increase the grant  
of 5000 to the orphanage. The statement  
sent in by the Superior shows that they are  
in debt. 199. 62

JCS  
Dec. 2. 97

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Rev. Sister M. Incarnation,  
Principal,  
St. Joseph's Indian Home,  
Oat William, Ont.

*Immediate  
Return  
J.M.  
Ottawa*

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1897

Madam

Mr. J. S. Macrae, Inspector  
of Indian Agencies, handed me your  
letter to him calling attention to  
your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. making  
application for increased assistance  
to the ~~St. Joseph's Orphanage~~  
~~from the Dept.~~ and asking particularly  
that ~~the St. Joseph's Orphanage~~  
be allowed a per capita grant.

*J.M.  
H.R.*

In reply I beg to say that  
your appl<sup>n</sup> is being considered. I  
have to apologize for the delay in  
answering your first letter and  
to state in explanation that  
while some information <sup>in respect to the matter</sup> was being  
obtained your letter was overlooked  
instead of being acknowledged.

J. B. MOLEAN

Your obt servant  
Secretary

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there would probably be an urgent appeal that the application of the grant be correspondingly enlarged, and, secondly, as the Ontario Government contributes to this school, there must be white children there as well as Indians and there would therefore always be the possibility of a claim being made on account of the <sup>total</sup> number of children and the Department might not know whether it was paying for Indian children only or for white children as well.

H. C. Ross.

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D. M. You are 18 Indian children (from the Indian)  
now attending this Orphanage for  
which the Dept. anticipates a lump  
sum of \$500.00

I think the present  
be left to the present

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The Secretary.

With reference to the application of the Sister Superior of the St. William's Orphanage for increased assistance and particularly for a per capita grant instead of as at present a lump sum of \$500, I beg to say that this request has been considered by the Department before and a reply was given to the Sister Superior that the application had been received too late to admit of an item being inserted in the estimates for the purpose.

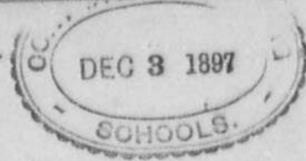
If it be now considered advisable to grant this school more assistance than heretofore, I would suggest that the grant be raised from \$500 to \$600 - the present indebtedness of \$199.62 in one year - but I think it not at all advisable to allow a per capita grant, because, first, with every increase in the number of pupils

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Rev. Sister M. Incarnation,  
Principal,  
St. Joseph's Indian Home,  
East Millium, Ont.

Ottawa 6<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1897.

Madam, -

Referring to my letter to  
you of yesterday the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. I am  
~~to have to say that your appl<sup>n</sup>~~ <sup>I am</sup>  
for increased assistance having  
been fully considered, the Dept.  
regrets that it cannot increase  
the present grant of \$500 nor  
entertain the proposition to  
allow a per capita grant. to the  
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Your obt servant

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary

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J. L. Matthews Esq.  
Fort Arthur,  
Ont.

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St. Joseph's Indian Hall,  
Fort William Mission Feb. 21. 1878

Dear Sir:—

I humbly beg to bring to your consideration how the Institution for Indian children in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph's Fort William Reserve, deserve a more munificent grant, to enable it to accomplish its noble task, of instructing and supporting the children it has adopted. Most of those children without scarcely a single exception are orphans, ranging 22 of different ages from 5 to 16 years.

They have no other source to be taken from, but what will be enumerated now. Formerly the personal amusements used to be refunded to the Institution; this has been taken away last year.

The Institution receives (1st) A grant of \$500. from the Indian Department. (2nd) \$500. for the teacher of boys and girls day school. (3rd) An allowance of two cents per head a day from the Ontario Government. (4th) The hauling of the fuel and the supplying of vegetables as a voluntary contribution from the Missionaries.

When you consider that on these scanty resources,

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six ladies breeders have to be maintained. No wonder  
if the sum is deemed quite insufficient.  
While other Indian Homes, or Industrial Schools doing  
the same work, receive a per-capita allowance of at  
least \$60 a year for each pupil.

Relying therefore on your benevolent influence  
I hope that I shall not in vain call on your  
generous support to represent the necessity of an  
increased grant for the well working of the establishment.

I remain, dear Sir,  
Your humble servant,  
E. J. Incarnation.

J. L. Matthews Esq.  
Fort Arthur  
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*Copy to be  
checked for*

OTTAWA, 18th March, 1898.

Sir,

With reference to the letter of the 21st ultimo from the Sister Superior of the Fort William Orphanage asking that the Dominion Government be urged to increase the grant at present made ~~of~~ to make a per capita allowance to this Institution, I beg to say that a similar letter was received from Sister Incarnation in November last and in December replied to in the following terms:-

".....I am directed to inform you that your application for increased assistance having been fully considered, the Department regrets that it cannot increase the present grant of \$500 nor entertain the proposition to allow a per capita grant to the Fort William Orphanage."

The reasons for the Department not doing anything more for this Institution are as follows: (1) It is considered that the present grant of \$500 ought to be sufficient for the small number of children at this school, which is also supported by the Ontario Government and by public charity.

(2) With respect to the proposition to allow a per capita grant, in the event of an increase in the number of pupils there would probably be an appeal for an increased grant, but as there are white children at this school, there would likewise be the possibility of the claim being based on the total number of children and the Department might not know whether it was paying for the Indian children only.

*J. L. Matthews*

Your obedient servant,

J. L. Matthews, Esq:

Port Arthur,

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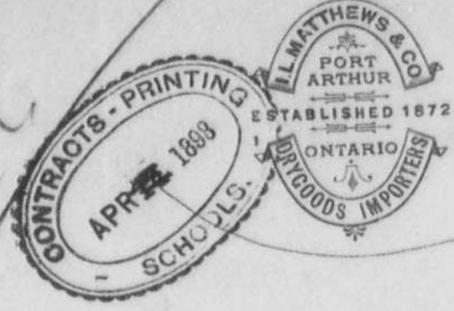
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W.R.R.

Mr. Wilson  
Indian Com.

Dear Sir,

Referring again to the "Indian orphanage" at Fort William I am informed by the Master Superior there, that they house no white children, as after their destruction fire when they commenced to rebuild they learned that they could not get the \$2000 "Indian Building fund money" unless they totally abandoned the white children which they did. Consequently they feel that they are entitled to your consideration & should be put on same basis as other Indian Schools or orphanages, besides they have ceased altogether going around in the two towns collecting as the citizens of these towns thought the Govt should render all the assistance necessary without subjecting the "Sisters" to such unenviable work. Kindly intimate to your Early Commission if you can in any way increase their grant & thus render their work more endurable & oblige yours truly

J. Matthews

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Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, 29th April, 1898.

THE SECRETARY,

*Supp request tray must be fund of  
the Ft William Band cannot now  
bear any expend. for the orphanage*

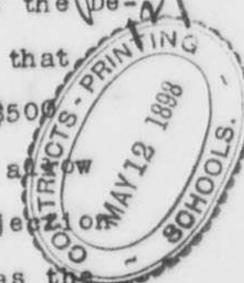
*In D. Lee's  
consideration*

I beg to submit herewith a letter from Mr. W. I. Matthews, of Port Arthur, informing the Department that he has ascertained that there are no white children at the Fort William Orphanage.

Mr. Matthews, when recently in Ottawa, urged the Department to increase the grant to this institution, or to make a per capita grant, but was informed that the matter had already been brought before the Department by the Sister Superior in charge, and that it had been decided that the present grant of \$500 could not be increased, nor the proposition to allow a per capita grant entertained. One strong objection to the allowance of the latter form of grant was the fact that it was understood that there were white children at the Orphanage, and therefore in the event of a per capita grant the total number for whom the claim would be made might not be composed of Indian children only, but include white also, for whom the Department is not responsible.

In his present letter Mr. Matthews states that he has ascertained that since the Fort William Orphanage was rebuilt after the fire no white children have been kept there.

As all the children at this institution have come from the Fort William Band it might be proper to contribute \$100 from the funds of that Band, in addition to the \$500 provided by Parliament, as suggested in the Accountant's memoranda of the 2nd November and 2nd December '97. The Orphanage is unable to pay expenses at present.



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Ottawa, 12th May, 1898.

Sir :

I beg to inform you that your letter of the 12th ultimo, giving further information in connection with your application for an increased grant to the Port William Orphanage, having been submitted to the Deputy Superintendent General, I am directed to inform you that there are no funds from which any additional grant could be made.

*HER  
J.M.L.*

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary.

I. L. Matthews, Esq.,  
Port Arthur,  
Ontario.

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Department of Indian Affairs



Ottawa,

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Record Branch. Will you please  
attach the memo. hereunder to  
the proper file.  
H. Ross.

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Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, 5 Mar. 1898



MEMO.

Inspector Rensdorgast strongly advises that at Bob William either in the orphanage or the day school there should be at least one third class certificated teacher.

H. C. Ross

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J. M. J.

St Joseph's Home.  
Fort William Sept. 22-1899.

Department of Indian Affairs.

Please allow me to draw your attention to the fact that there is not a physician appointed to attend the Home. Last year it did not concern us as none of the children were ill. But about a month ago a little girl was taken suddenly and very seriously ill and we could not procure

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a physician without great in-  
convenience.

We consider it a necessity  
and would feel very badly if  
any of the pupils were to die for  
the want of medical aid,  
which was already so near  
being the case.

Trusting a physician may  
soon be appointed, we remain

Yours very gratefully

Sisters of St Joseph.

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No. B. 461.

Port Arthur 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1899.

Dear Sir.

Herewith find letter received from the Sisters of St Joseph asking that a physician be appointed to attend the Orphanage.

Your obedient servant  
J. Hodder  
Indian Agent.

The Secretary  
Dept of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa.

*[Faint handwritten notes]*

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Es, sic

*Handwritten signature*  
**Hxd.**

Ottawa, 30th Sept., 1899.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing a request from the Sisters of St. Joseph that a physician be appointed to attend the orphanage, I beg to inform you that as the Department makes a limited contribution of \$500 towards the orphanage it does not feel called upon to provide medical attendance.

Your obedient servant,

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten signature*  
Secretary.

J.F. Hodder Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Port Arthur Ont.

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