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SUBJECT ST. GEORGE  
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
BUILDINGS, ACCOUNTS, ETC.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM AUG. 1947  
TO Dec 1949

NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE  
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 SCHOOL  
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF CANADA.

Certificate of Inspection of Steam Boiler.

This Certificate expires ..... August 1st, 1948. ....

I hereby certify that I have this day inspected  
the steam boiler Number: ..... 44028 - RH .....  
of: Indian Residential School (St. George's) - Lytton,  
In the Province of: British Columbia ....., where  
..... Mr. F. Downing ..... is in  
charge, and having carefully examined the said steam  
boiler have found the same in ..... good .....  
condition, and, therefore, authorize a steam pressure  
of: ..... 15 ..... pounds per square inch and no  
more.

Dated this..... 29th ..... day of..... August, 1947 .....

Type of Boiler: ..... Two Pass Steel Tub ular .....  
Size of Boiler: ..... 46" x 90" x 96" .....  
Horse Power: ..... 34 .....  
When Manufactured: 1927 - Vulcan Iron Works - Vancouver, B.C.  
Inspection No: ..... 1947 .....

..... *J. E. Helsall* .....  
J. E. Helsall,  
~~Chief~~ Engineer, D.P.W.  
Boiler Inspector,

This Certificate to be hung up in a conspicuous place  
in the boiler room.

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Public Building,  
Victoria, B.C.

Date: 2nd August, 1947.

District Resident Architect,  
Dept. Public Works, Canada

Dear Sir:

I beg to report that I inspected Boiler No: **44028**  
on the **2nd** day of **August, 1947** and have found it in the  
following condition:

Owned by the Department of: **Mines & Resources - Indian Branch**  
Located at: **St. George's Indian Residential School - Lytton, B.C.**

Manufactured by: **Vulcan Iron Works - Vancouver, B.C.**

Date: **1927** H.P.: **34** Size: **46" x 90" x 96"**

Type: **Two Pass Steel Tubular.** Condition of Plates: **Good**

Condition of Stays: **Good**

Condition of Rivets: **Good**  
Condition of Weld: **Good**

Condition of tubes: **Sealed**

Working Pressure Allowed: **15 lbs.**

Safety Valves Set at: **15 lbs.**

Condition: **Good and works freely.**

Hydrostatic Test: **50 lbs.**

Hammer Test: **Sound**

Deflection Test: **---**

Condition under Test: **Good**

Steam Valves: **Good**

Feed Valves & Checks: **Good**

Steam Gauge: **Correct**

Water Gauge: **Repack**

Test Cocks: **Good**

Fusible Plug: **Caking badly. Change**

Blow-off Cock: **Good**

Blow-Down Pipe: **Good**

Side Walls: **---**

Bridges: **Good**

Front Walls: **---**

Back Walls: **---**

Front Arches: **---**

Back Arches: **---**

Smoke Pipe & Breechings: **Good**

Firebars: **---**

Stokers: **Good**

Amount of Coal Used:

Quality:

REMARKS:

Compound required to get rid of scale.  
Hot water boiler 5' D. x 12' long, should  
be covered with insulation.

*J. E. Halsall*  
J. E. Halsall,  
Boiler Inspector, D.P.W.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA



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DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS  
BRANCH

*EXD.*

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO **6-11-3**  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signature]*

P.O. BOX 70 **Oct. 11, 1947.**  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Airmail:

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

Further to my letter of April 16th forwarding reports covering boilers and machinery at the St. George's Indian Residential School, enclosed herewith is the Boiler Inspector's Report covering Boiler No. 44028 No. 2 right-hand, which was not inspected during March as it was in operation when the Boiler Inspector called.

The original Certificate of Inspection has been sent to the Principal concerned, and a copy of the report and copy of the certificate have been forwarded to Mr. Indian Agent Strang.



*[Handwritten signature]*  
D. M. MacKay  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

Encl.

-ms.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

**Purchase Order**

No 18621 A

THIS NUMBER TO BE SHOWN ON ALL PACKAGES AND INVOICES

War Assets Corporation,  
Vancouver, B.C.

P.O.Box 70,  
Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 18th 19 47.

Please forward the following materials to the address given below, and charge to the account of the Department of Mines and Resources.

Render a separate invoice for each order and send 3 copies to A. Strang, Esq.,

Indian Agent, Lytton, B.C. together with prepaid freight bill marked "PAID" when goods are shipped.

Quantity	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL
12 only	D.S. 23512 File No. 223-29D-90 (20) Ser. No. V18627 Sheet No. 591 Mattresses	2.50	30 00
12 only	D.S. No. 16969 File 223-28D-700 (746) Ser. No. V22288 Sheet No. 2722 Hospital Beds	8.33	99 96
			\$129 96

Prices F.O.B. Vancouver, B.C. as per your of

SHIP BY PREPAID FREIGHT TO:

Shipping Instructions REV. CANON C. F. Hives, Principal, St. George's Indian Res. School, Lytton, B.C.

Chargeable to Appropriation for NEW ENGLAND COMPANY FUNDS.

Vote Primary

Encumbrance No.

Copy for Purchasing Agent, Ottawa

Date to be delivered: As soon as possible.

*D.M. MacKay*  
D.M. MacKay (Issuing Officer)  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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Quantity	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	TOTAL
12 only	D.S. 23512 File No. 223-290-90 (20) Ser. No. V18627 Sheet No. 591 Mattresses <i>VR. 601 passed 27/10/47</i>	2.50	30 00
12 only	D.S. No. 16969 File 223-280-700 (746) Ser. No. V22288 Sheet No. 2722 Hospital Beds	8.33	99 96
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Prices F.O.B. Vancouver, B.C. as per your of

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Chargeable to Appropriation

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Vote Primary

Encumbrance No.

Copy for Head of Branch

Date to be delivered:

As soon as possible.

*W. Mackay*  
D. Mackay (Issuing  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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# WAR ASSETS CORPORATION

1108 WEST GEORGIA STREET  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

SOLD TO Dominion Government of Canada,  
Dept. of Mines and Resources,  
P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, B.C.

SHIP TO

Rev. Canon ... Principal  
St. George's Indian Reserve School,  
Lytton, B.C. - Freight Collect.

Ex-loc: "as is where is"

SHIP FROM

WAC Warehouse #40,  
Boundary Bay, B.C.

Net 30 days

VIA

INVOICE  
VAN N° 21686

DATE		PURCHASER'S REFERENCE NO.		SALES ORDER NO.		PROVINCIAL SALES TAX LICENSE NO.		LOCATION CODE	
Mar. 29/47		216861A		VAN 18528-3					
ITEM No.	W.A.C. DECLARATION NO.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT MEASURE	NO. OF UNITS	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT		
1	V-18627 223-290-90 (20) F'ncn. 40 Class 102 Sheet 591	1	<p><u>Produce list as of October 15/46</u></p> <p>E. 62950 Mattresses, Bedsteads Folding, Hospital. Mattresses from folding hospital bedsteads 34" wide and 76" long.</p> <p>These goods are sold subject to the condition that the purchaser will take all steps necessary to ensure that all local health and other regulations affecting the use and/or resale of such goods are strictly observed, and will indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from all loss or damage resulting from his failure to observe such regulations. <u>See</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Category AU</p>	ea	12	2.50	30.00		
CUSTODIAN: Harvey						AMOUNT		is	
DO NOT TYPE IN THIS SECTION						PROV. SALES TAX		30.00	
						TOTAL			

KINDLY SHOW INVOICE NUMBER ON REMITTANCE  
REMIT BY CERTIFIED CHEQUE OR BANK DRAFT PAYABLE TO WAR ASSETS CORPORATION

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165-0-5  
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO 7-11-4  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

*[Handwritten signature]*  
AIRMAIL:



P. O. BOX 70  
VANCOUVER, B.C. Oct. 2, 1947.

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

I have to refer to Mr. Phelan's letter of September 17th, 1946, approving the purchase of hospital beds etc., for the infirmary at the St. George's Indian Residential School. Arrangements were made to secure the school's requirements in the way of beds and mattresses from the War Assets Corporation, and an order was placed on February 18th last covering a supply of 12 mattresses and 12 beds, at a total cost of \$129.96.

Canon Hives informs me that to date only the 12 mattresses have been received and these were in very poor condition and not suitable for use in the school infirmary.

The War Assets Corporation is unable to promise definite delivery on the beds, and under the circumstances it is considered that we should proceed to secure the school's requirements from manufacturers. Quotations secured previously indicate that suitable beds may be secured for approximately \$35.00 each, and suitable mattresses for approximately \$12.00 each.

It would be appreciated if you would advise if it will be in order to purchase 12 beds and 12 mattresses.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
D. M. MacKay  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

-ms.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

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Ottawa, October 9, 19 47.

Requisition No. ....  
Order No. ....

To the Departmental Purchasing Agent, Ottawa, (File 165-0-5)

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES FOR USE OF.....

St. George's Indian Residential School

VOTE 516 ALLOTMENT 12-415 ALLOCATION SYMBOLS  
SHIP TO Rev. Canon C. F. Hives, Principal, St. George's Indian Residential School,  
LYTTON, British Columbia.

Purpose for which required.....

QUANTITY		UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
12	Single Institutional Beds 6 x 3		
12	" Mattresses for above		
<p><i>PO. 23770 Ltd</i> <i>Summers</i> <i>Mounted case</i> <i>Oct 24 1947</i></p>			

I hereby certify that I have personal knowledge that all the above articles are required in the Department and for Departmental purposes only. The expenditure required by this requisition is strictly unavoidable and the public interest will suffer if it is not made.

SIGNED—

APPROVED—

Director

- NOTE:—
1. In ordering stationery and printed matter use separate sheets.
  2. Order numbered forms by number or send sample.
  3. Orders for unnumbered forms should be accompanied by samples.
  4. Orders for books should be accompanied by sample pages or folios.
  5. Orders for which purchase orders will issue should give as full details as possible for each item.
  6. All Requisitions should be submitted in duplicate. One copy will be returned as acknowledgment.

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AIRMAIL

Ottawa, October 9, 1947.

Major D. M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 70, Vancouver, British Columbia.

With reference to your No. 7-11-4 of the  
2nd instant, we are requesting the Departmental Purchasing  
Agent to secure 12 beds and mattresses for the St. George's  
Residential School.

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

PP/EM

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October 22, 1947.

MEMORANDUM

Re: St. George's Indian Residential School.  
Lytton, British Columbia.

Further to our memorandum of August 7th relative to the above, you are advised that we are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Webb in which were enclosed two tenders covering the work outlined on our plan and specification for the above.

Below is a summary of the two tenders received:

Acme Plumbing and Heating Service, 114 Water St, Vancouver-\$7,893.00  
Barr and Anderson Ltd., 1060 Homer Street, Vancouver----- 8,185.00

Mr. Webb had some difficulty in interesting any firms to offer tenders, and their reluctance to bid is directly reflected in the tender prices which are fantastically higher than our considered estimate of \$4,500.

If the boiler room, laundry, domestic hot water equipment, and domestic water piping systems are to be protected against costly and rapid deterioration brought about by excessively hard water, the work outlined by this Service should be proceeded with; but we do not feel justified in recommending the acceptance of either of the above tenders as it is felt that they are unreasonably high.

However, the vertical high pressure boiler which serves the laundry equipment should have some individual protection. This unit is being supplied with raw make-up water, as it is not possible or feasible to return more than 50% of the condensate.

It is suggested therefore, that the high pressure boiler be provided with an individual water treatment system along the lines of that offered by Goddard and Company of Sidney, Vancouver Island as outlined in their letter of September 29, 1947.

If this protective treatment were supplied for this boiler, it could be made to work in conjunction with the equipment outlined in our original recommendation and would therefore not be lost should the entire renovations be carried out at some later date.

It is not to be considered however, that the above is an alternative to our original recommendation; as this equipment would only provide protection for the high pressure boiler.

When Indian Affairs decide what steps they are prepared to take after considering this report, we will, upon receiving instructions, institute the necessary action to carry out their wishes.

J.M. Wardle, Esq.,  
Director,  
Surveys and Engineering Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
OTTAWA, Ont.



*T.S. Mills*  
Chief Engineer.

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MEMORANDUM

31st October, 1947.

Re: St. George's Indian  
Residential School,  
Lytton, B.C.

Further to our memorandum of October 22nd, you are advised as follows:

Messrs. Goddard & Company of Sidney, B.C., who are the manufacturers and dispensers of A-K Water Treatment, have kindly outlined the procedure to be followed in using their compound, along with the approximate cost.

They are prepared to test a sample of water, provide a testing kit with full and easily followed instructions to the operator, and to recommend the exact amount of Treatment required. As a check, they request the operator to submit monthly samples of water for a laboratory test so that corrections as to the amount of compound may be made. This also ensures that the Treatment is being used regularly.

The smallest amount of compound which is practical to supply to any plant is a 50 lb. keg. This amount, it is estimated, would last for one year under normal operations.

From our knowledge of the operations carried out at St. George's School which include canning as well as a considerable amount of laundry service, we would recommend that a 100 lb. keg of Treatment be obtained. This would cost \$50.00.

Goddard & Company state in their letter of 14th August, 1947, that the only cost attached to their service is the original cost of the Treatment; and that they supply all necessary sample bottles.

The boiler room staff at St. George's is, in our opinion, well qualified and able to use this Treatment intelligently; and we have no hesitation in recommending that it be adopted and applied to the high pressure boiler which in this case should have protection against the very hard water which is being supplied to the building.

*T. S. Mills*  
Chief Engineer.

J.M. Wardle, Esq.,  
Director,  
Surveys & Engineering Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
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Ottawa, November 1st, 1947.

Mr. Hoey

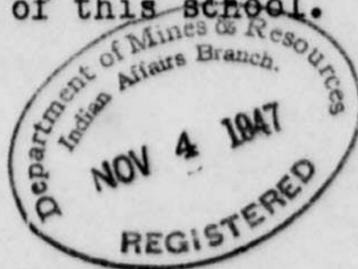
Re: St. George's Indian Residential School,  
Lytton, B.C.

With further reference to previous correspondence relative to proposed revisions of the hot and cold water equipment of this school, I am enclosing for your information copies of memoranda from Mr. Mills, dated October 22nd and October 31st, which are self-explanatory.

It will be noted that in his memorandum of October 22nd, Mr. Mills states he does not feel justified in recommending the acceptance of either tender received on the ground that they are both unreasonably high. This view is concurred in.

As a temporary alternative to accepting one of these tenders, Mr. Mills suggests making use of an individual water treatment system offered by Goddard and Company of Sidney, Vancouver Island. Details concerning this proposed procedure for treating the water used in the high pressure boiler are given by Mr. Mills in his memorandum of October 31st.

We concur in Mr. Mills' recommendation regarding the adoption of this treatment as a temporary measure until more reasonable prices can be secured for revisions to the domestic water supply of this school.



*J. M. Wardle*

Director.

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EXD.  
A.

Ottawa, November 5, 1947.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, SURVEYS & ENGINEERING BRANCH

Re: St. George's Indian Residential School,  
Lytton, British Columbia.

We are in receipt of your memorandum of November 1st with reference to the proposed revisions of the hot and cold water equipment at the above school.

It is noted that your Branch is not prepared to recommend the acceptance of either tender that has been received on the grounds that both of them are unreasonably high.

We approve the temporary alternative suggestion by Mr. Mills and it is understood that your Branch will take the necessary action.

  
Director.

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Rev. Canon O. Hives  
Principal



NOV. 2, 1947

Lytton, B. C.

Dear Mr. Phelan:

I am writing you because I know you will understand our circumstances better than anyone else there, when I tell you of them. Your comprehensive knowledge of residential school work, and the many problems you have had to tackle makes it almost necessary that I should write to you in respect to matters that concern our needs.

We have a full school. The largest number in the history of the school. Of course, I knew this would happen. As you are aware, I have had great difficulty in filling the school since I came. The people, parents of children in St. George's district, have shown very little real interest in school and education until some thirty new pupils came from the north. Now, like all true Indians, they think they are missing something that someone else is getting, and they are flocking into school. I have had to turn many away. We now have a full school of nearly 200 pupils, and we are not adequately equipped to handle that number.

Quite a few boys and girls are lying on the floor instead of a bed at night. I am still waiting for the small dormitory beds and mattresses and blankets which you thought you could get for us while I was with you in your office. I do hope they will come soon. Many of the beds, which we are using have been on the go for so long, they should be either repaired properly or scrapped.

The kitchen stove. It is altogether too small and too antiquated for our crowd. I believe it was taken out of the old school twenty years ago. Having such equipment in such an important department not only makes the work difficult, but causes much discouragement to the staff who have to work in that department, so that we have too many changes, which is bad for the school generally. Surely there must be good kitchen ranges with War Assets that would suit our needs.

Laundry. I don't know how long the

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equipment there has been on the go, but it is not in good shape. And being so far away from any means of getting a proper repair job done on the washer, which is too small anyway, it has become leaky and castings etc. worn and slack. Our electricity is so expensive, we have to use the old flat iron, heated on a little stove. I cannot allow electric irons, for our light bill now is around two hundred dollars a month, which is more than we can afford. We need a steam flat iron machine in order to take care of the work in the laundry. With the staff, we have over two hundred persons whose clothing have to be taken care of.

I was over at the War Asset warehouses in Vancouver recently. They have a lot of material there that we need in the worst way. Chairs and tables and kitchen and diningroom equipment. Our chairs in the Assembly Hall have been knocked around for twenty years, and are the cheap collapsable kind. They have hundreds of these at the war assets at two dollars each. We need fifty very urgently.

It takes every bit of the grant allowance to feed and clothe, pay salaries, which are higher than ever before, and all the rest of the general expenses. We simply cannot buy the things which I have mentioned and which we need so urgently.

Can you do anything for us to relieve the situation. The work is going along fine. I have good workers, and I want to keep them. You want our work to be a success. Please, if you can possibly do something for us, we would be very grateful.

Yours faithfully.

*Chas. F. Howard*  
Principal.

Mr. Phillip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division,  
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, November 24, 1947.

Dear Mr. Hives:-

With reference to your letter of November 2nd, purchase order No. 23770 was placed with Simmons Ltd., Montreal, Quebec, on October 24th, 1947, for twelve single institutional beds, 6 x 3 and twelve mattresses for the above.

We ordered the size stated as they are much easier to obtain than the smaller size.

It is regretted that no arrangements can be made for the purchase of blankets.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Phelan  
Chief, Training Division.

Rev. Canon C.F. Hives,  
Principal,  
St. George's Indian Res. School,  
Lytton, B.C.

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Rev. Canon C. F. Hives  
Principal

Nov. 8, 1947

Lytton, B. C.

Dear Mr. Thelan:

Last week I wrote you in reference to our urgent need of certain articles. Mention was made of a kitchen range to replace the one we now have, and which is quite inadequate to meet the demands made on the kitchen.

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Since writing you I have been over to the War Assets ware houses in Vancouver. I was shown a large kitchen range with two fire boxes and four large ovens. This range would suit our purpose very well. I have no doubt such a range would cost, when new, in the neighbourhood of two thousand dollars, and which we could purchase for \$500.00. It is in excellent shape. The man in charge has reserved it for us pending a reply from you to this letter.

They have also much kitchen ware material and other articles urgently needed here to replenish and replace articles that have worn out or have been broken during the war years.

500  
Would it be possible to have \$800.00 at this time for the purpose of purchasing the kitchen range and other articles for the kitchen, dining-room, and collapsable chairs for the Assembly Hall. Is that amount available in New England Company funds? I am confident that it would be worth while securing these articles at once if at all possible.

I would be very much obliged if you would send me a wire authorizing me to make these purchases from War Assets, to be paid for from New England Company made available in the new future.

Yours faithfully,

*Chas. F. Hives*  
Principal.



Phillip Thelan,  
Chief, Training Division,  
Indian Affairs. Ottawa.

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EVD.

AIR MAIL

Ottawa, November 25, 1947.

Dear Mr. Hives:-

I regret that there has been some delay in answering your letter of November 8th.

It is impossible for us to provide \$800.00 out of our current year's appropriation as it has been practically all assigned due to very heavy demands throughout the country.

However, if you are able to finance it yourself at the present time we have no objection to you spending \$800.00 on the items mentioned in your letter, and as soon as the next payment from the New England Company is received, the \$800.00 will be sent to you.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Phelan  
Chief, Training Division.

Rev. Canon C.F. Hives,  
Principal,  
St. George's Indian Res.School,  
Lytton, B.C.

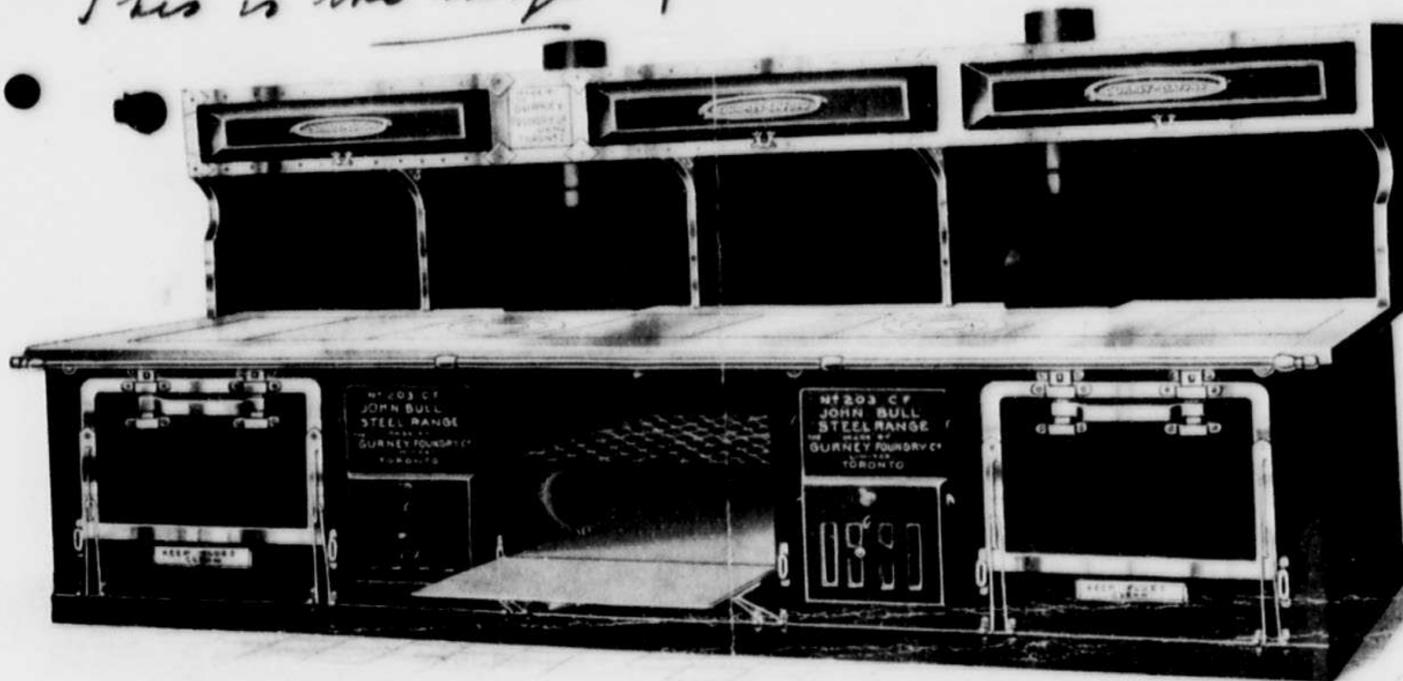
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*This is the range referred to.*



No. 203 C.F. (FRENCH TOP) WITH HIGH CLOSET

## Gurney John Bull Steel Plate Heavy Duty Range

TWO FIRES, THREE OVENS, No. 203

This model is of the same general construction as the other Heavy Duty John Bull Ranges. Among other features of these ranges you will notice the sturdy construction of the oven door braces which permit considerable weight being placed on the open doors without danger of straining.

Simplex grates only. French or English polished top. For use with hard coal, soft coal or wood. Capacity—150 to 200 people.

For Waterfront and Waterback see page 13.

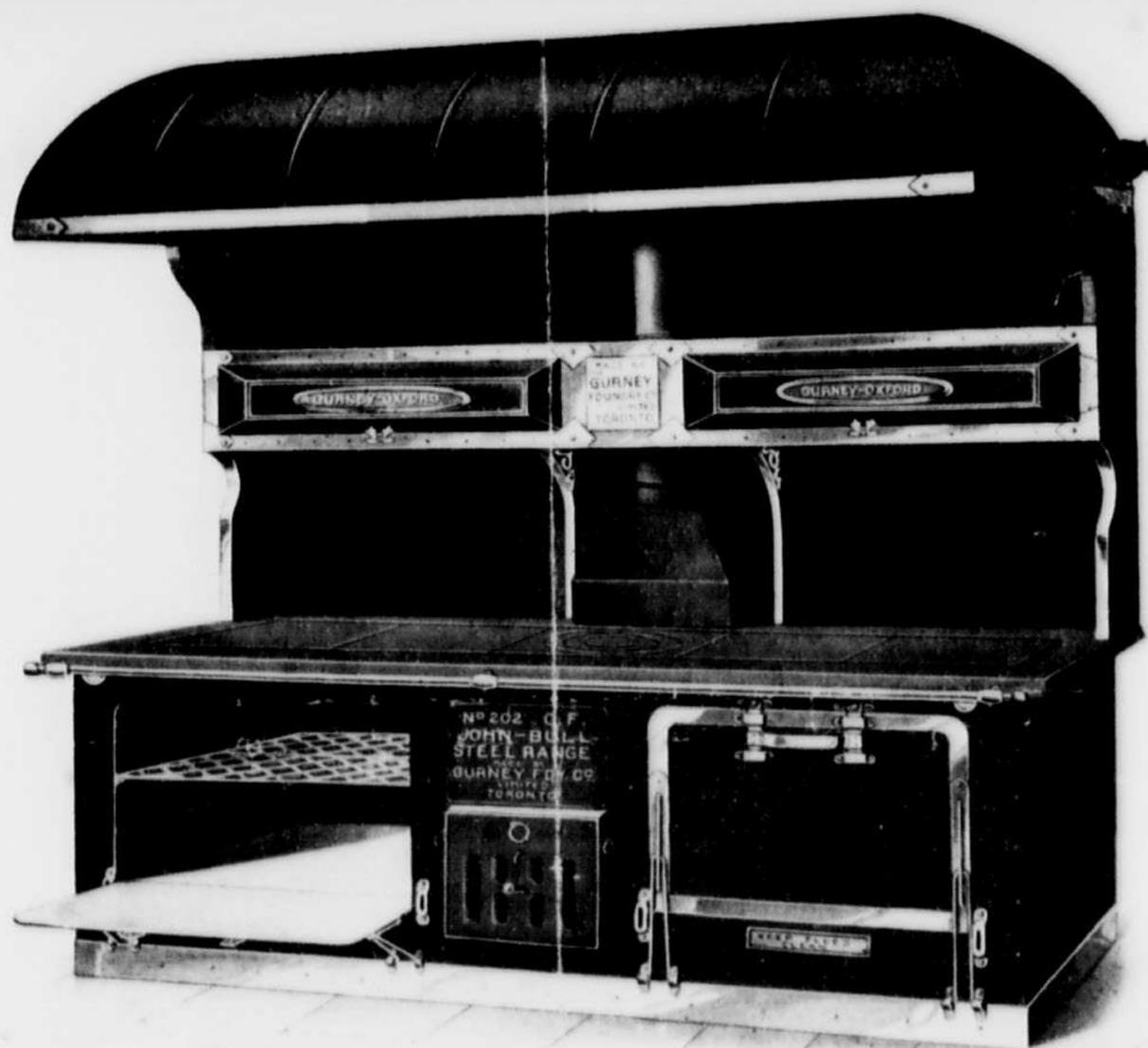
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No. 202 C.F. (FRENCH TOP) WITH HIGH CLOSET AND CANOPY  
**Gurney John Bull Steel Plate Heavy Duty Range**  
ONE FIRE, TWO OVENS, No. 202

The same features that are found in the single oven ranges are incorporated into this type. Cooking top is polished and may be either French or English style.

This range is made with Simplex grate only. Hard coal, soft coal or wood may be used. Capacity—75 to 125 people. For Waterback see page 13.

*For Specifications see Page 15.*

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Rev. Canon C. F. Hives  
Principal

Nov. 22, 1947

Lytton, B. C.

Dear Major McKay:

We are very urgently in need of certain equipment in our school. The most of which can be purchased from War Assets Corporation, if those in charge of sales are approached in the right way, and immediately. I have already investigated this matter with War Assets, and have quotations at hand, which are extremely attractive and reasonable. Moreover, the chance of a lifetime presents itself in this matter, because the material in question is of the very best procurable, and in the ordinary way would be prohibitive to our limited finances.

Our kitchen range is an ancient one, which, I understand, was taken out of the old school over twenty years ago. I can buy one from War Assets, a replica of the cut attached, for \$150.00. I have priced this range at the factory, and find it to be worth, new, over \$700.00. The one at War Assets is good as new. A steam cooker, which would be of tremendous value in our kitchen. Made of cast aluminum and equipt with necessary valves and stand, would be worth approximately \$200.00 new, I can buy for \$50.00 from War Assets. Kitchen equipment, consisting of six six gallon cast aluminum pots, five eight gallon cast aluminum pot without faucets, two gallon kettles, platters, dishups, jugs, pans of all descriptions for kitchen use. Three hundred new white enamel plates, cups, soup bowls, etc. etc. For the most part still in their factory cases, and valued by the Sales Supervisor at \$336.00 bottom factory prices, I can buy the lot for \$150.00. White enamel beds, such as we require in our school. (Twelve of our pupils have been sleeping on the floor for over a month.) I can buy these beds for \$6.00 each. Mattresses, new, in bundles of ten, I do not know the price, but I think they would be \$5.00 each. Chairs, colapseable for Assembly Hall \$15.00 ~~\$1.50~~ each.

I would be very much obliged if you would present this matter to the Department, as something most urgent, and I would appreciate very much immediate action

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as the chance will not last for long, and our need is very urgent.

Sometime ago, the Department sent me a cheque for the amount of \$1,500.00 from New England Company fund. It came at a time when we had to admit fifty new pupils, and much clothing etc was required for them. I am telling you this, in case mention should be made of this grant.

For the purchasing of the material described above, we need six hundred dollars. If that sum is available from New England Company funds, I do not know if any better or more profitable use that could be made of it, and would respectfully ask that a special grant for the amount of \$600.00 be made.

Yours faithfully.

*Chas. F. Hovey*

Principal.

Major D. M. MacKay,  
Commissioner of Indians for B.C.,  
Vancouver.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA



INDIAN AFFAIRS  
BRANCH

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
NO 7-11-4  
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

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CANADA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES



Air Mail

P. O. BOX 70  
VANCOUVER, B.C. Nov. 25th, 1947

Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

I am enclosing a letter dated November 22nd from Rev. Canon C. F. Hives, Principal, St. George's Indian Residential School, wherein he asks that the Department make a special grant of \$600 either from New England Company funds or from appropriation for the purchase of the following listed items which he considers are urgently required at the school and which are immediately available from the War Assets Corporation at prices considerably less than their actual value:

- (1) One only Gurney 3-oven heavy duty range, condition as new, factory price \$700;  
Available for.....\$150.00
- (2) One only cast aluminum steam cooker with valves and stand, price when new approx. \$200.....\$ 50.00
- (3) Kitchen equipment, consisting of six 6-gallon cast aluminum pots, five 8-gallon cast aluminum pots without faucets, two gallon kettles, platters, dishups, jugs, pans of all descriptions for kitchen use. 300 new white enamel plates, cups, soup bowls, etc. Condition new, value \$336.....\$150.00
- (4) White enamel beds, at least 12, available at \$6.00 each.....\$ 72.00
- (5) Mattresses, new, in bundles of ten. Approx. \$5.00 each. Canon Hives does not state how many are required but presumably not less than twenty.....\$100.00

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