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OTTAWA, 15th August, 1905

Rev. Sir,

*For 12*  
*me*  
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant with regard to the financial affairs of the Red Deer Industrial school and the boarding schools at Morley and Norway House; and in reply I beg to say that these matters will be brought to the notice of the Deputy Minister upon his return to Ottawa early next week.

Your obedient servant,

REMOLEAN

Acting Deputy Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs.

Rev. A. Sutherland D.D.

General Secretary

Methodist Mission Rooms,  
Toronto.

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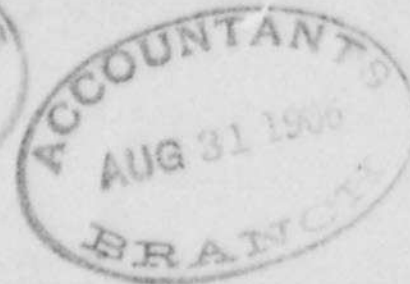
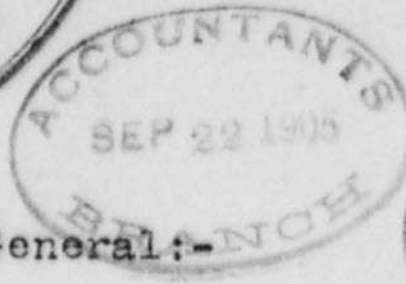


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Department of Indian Affairs,

OTTAWA, 21st August, 1905



The ~~Acting~~ Deputy Superintendent General:-

In referring to a conversation had with you a few weeks ago, Rev. Dr Sutherland has forwarded memoranda of income and expenditure in connection with the Norway House boarding school for the five years 1899-1904 inclusive, which show ~~a deficit~~ an excess of expenditure over the Government grant of \$9786.28. This he attributes to the impossibility of maintaining the school on the per capita grant.

Dr Sutherland, in summing up the financial condition of this and the other two schools referred to (Red Deer and McDougall Orphanage) says that he thinks that the Department might very well bear one-half of the deficiencies that have been incurred. One thing he says is certain, his Church cannot proceed further on the present basis and so far as he is concerned, he would rather abandon these schools altogether than have to provide a large annual deficiency out of money which has been given for a different purpose.

Norway House boarding school is in receipt of a per capita grant of \$72.00 for 50 pupils and there would appear to be no doubt that this amount is wholly inadequate to pay for the maintenance and management of a school in this locality. In fact the boarding school grants are claimed by all the missionary societies carrying on institutions of this class



to be much too low and these societies claim that where they have not already incurred a deficit, their resources have been over-taxed to maintain them. It would appear that the time has arrived that these grants should be readjusted and it would be far better to give them a reasonable living allowance than be called upon to pay deficits, which they claim have been incurred <sup>through</sup> ~~that~~ lack of sufficient funds being furnished by the ~~the~~ Government for their economical management. These boarding schools have all been started in the first instance by the missionary societies who accepted the conditions offered by the Government and it is for the Department to decide whether they will hold them to this arrangement. If the Department recognizes the right of the Methodist Church to be reimbursed for their outlay over and above the per capita grant, every other missionary society in the Dominion carrying on similar work will make like claims, and it would take at least \$100,000.00 to meet their demands.

*Garth Brown*



P.X.H



MEMORANDUM:

Deputy Superintendent General.

The Department could not refuse to consider the liquidation of the deficit at the Norway House boarding school. So far as I am aware there were no special obligations placed upon the Methodist Church with reference to this school. The Department, therefore, occupies its old position in the matter. If we ever come to a re-arrangement of the terms under which these schools are conducted and formulate a definite future policy with reference to schools, and there certainly seems to be likelihood of being able to do this at an early date, there is no doubt that we should have to begin by wiping off all existing deficits, at least so far as they exist by reason of small per capita grant and not owing to mismanagement.

As there is no question of closing the school as there was in the case of Emmanuel College where the deficit was wiped out the other day, I think we might be content to allow the deficit to grow for a few months until we consider the broad question. The claims of this school as well as the others will then come up for consideration.

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*Accountant*

Ottawa, 4th October, 1905.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE  
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
OTTAWA.

H. O.



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Ottawa, October 14th, 1905.

Memorandum,

Mr. Scott.

Dr. Sutherland should be written to and advised that the funds at the disposal of the Department will not permit of the deficit being paid and that the question is still left for further consideration, so that if it is decided to favour payment the sums required can be placed in the Estimates for the coming year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D. S. G. I. A.".

D. S. G. I. A.

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HxH

Ottawa, 16th October, 1905.

Revd Sir,

I beg to inform you that the funds at the disposal of the Department will not permit of the deficit at certain Indian Schools conducted under the auspices of the Methodist Missionary Society being paid, and the question is still left for further consideration.

Your obedient servant.

FRANK PEDLEY

Deputy Supt. General  
of Indian Affairs.

Revd A. Sutherland, D.D.  
General Secretary,  
Methodist Missionary Society,  
Toronto, Ont.

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LETTER, AND ADDRESS  
THE GENERAL SECRETARY  
METHODIST MISSION ROOMS,  
ONTARIO.

**The Methodist Church,**

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,

282706

Dictated - Dr. S.

Toronto, Oct, 19th, 05. ~~168918~~

*S.S.*  
Dear Sir,-

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Oct 21/1905  
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I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours  
of the 16th instant, #168918/1 to the effect that  
the funds at the disposal of the Department will not  
permit of the payment of deficits at certain Indian Schools.  
I notice, however, that the general question is open  
for further consideration, and I shall be glad to talk  
the matter over at some suitable time.

Your obedient servant,

*A. Sutherland*

General Secretary.

The Deputy,

Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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HIXD.

Ottawa, January 18, 1906.

Rev. Sir,-

The return from the Norway House boarding school for the September quarter, last, shows that none of the senior pupils were in the class-room during that quarter. The Principal explains that this was owing to the failure of the teacher who was engaged to put in an appearance.

The Department considers that better arrangements should have been made and trusts that it will not occur again.

It is also noticed in the return of admissions that a pupil was taken in whose age is given as three years. The Department does not consider that a child of this age is entitled to the per capita grant without some very good reasons being furnished for admitting him to the school, and till such information is furnished the grant will be withheld.

Your obedient servant,

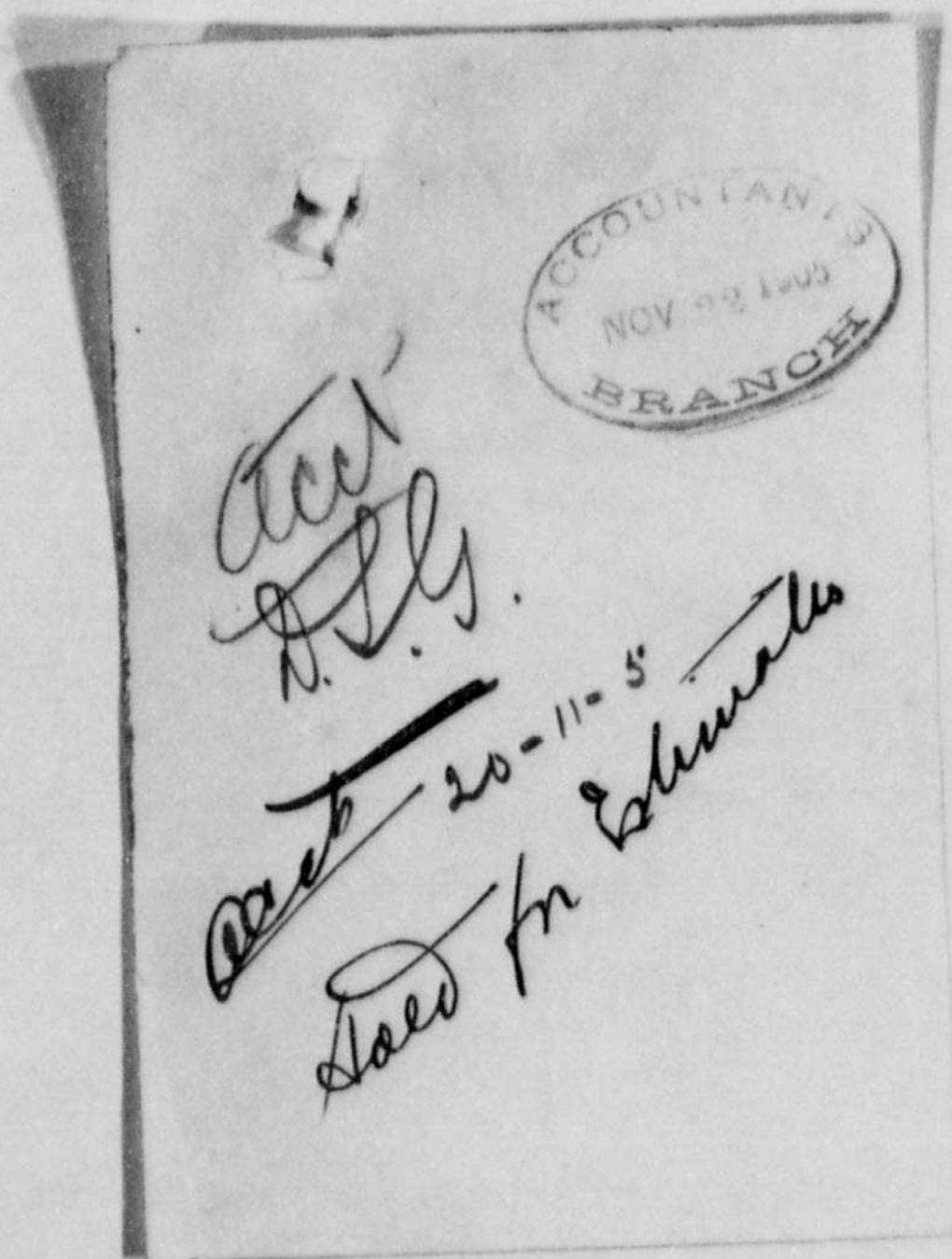
J. H. MOLEAN

Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland,

General Secretary of the  
Methodist Missionary Society,  
Toronto, Ont.





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TO DATE OF THIS  
AND ADDRESS  
AL SECRETARY  
AT MISSION ROOMS,  
TORONTO.

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**The Methodist Church,**

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,

286703



Dictated - Dr. S.

*Toronto,*

Jan 24th, 06 ~~1906~~

TO THE

*Sir*  
Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, #168918, referring to the fact that none of the senior pupils were in the class-room at Norway House Boarding School during the September Quarter, owing to the non-arrival of an expected teacher; also to the fact that a pupil three years of age has been taken into the Boarding School.

I have not been informed of the circumstances which prevented the teacher who had been engaged from arriving at Norway House, but will ascertain the facts as speedily as possible. I will also communicate with the Principal respecting the young child that has been taken in. When information on these points has been received I will communicate with the Department.

I have the honor, Sir to be

Your obedient servant,

*A. Sutherland*

General Secretary.

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

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(Copy)

Norway House, Apr. 9, 1907.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions I have investigated the charge against Mr. Lousley re Charles Clyne. I find that the boy was dressed in a heavy suit of clothes bought from the H. B. Co. less than five weeks before. He had on a pair of woollen under sox and a heavy pair of shanty sox under a good pair of moccasins. He with others were engaged that morning in carrying water from the lake to the house and had an opportunity to warm himself about every five minutes. There was a small hole in his pants and he went upstairs to change them at the time the matron was examining the dormitory. On turning down his bed clothes she found his bed all wet. He seemed to be too lazy to get up at night to use the urinal. When punished for this he would refrain for some time and then start again until again punished. On turning down the mattress this morning the Matron found three pair of pants and two or three shirts (whether two or three is not clear) which had been stolen from the school supplies. She reported this to the assistant principal, Mr. Bell, who went up and with the regulation rubber strap struck Charles Clyne twice over the clothes. The ~~cap~~ culprit evidently got angry and ran away to the bush. He slept out in a shanty that night and came back next day with both feet frozen. The staff did what they could for him and let his people know of the condition of the boy. These relations took him home and refused all assistance from the school staff after the first day. The boy will lose the toes on both feet but the blame in my opinion rests with himself.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd.) C.C. Calverley,  
Agent.

To The Hon. David Laird,

Indian Commissioner.

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(Copy)

via Icelandic River.

Norway House Reserve,

Norway House,

Lake Winnipeg,

Feb. 14.

To The Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir,

I wish to write and inform you or ask if you are aware of the proceedings going on at the Boarding School on this reserve--there is now a boy named Charles Clines lying and will probably not live, his feet and hands being badly frozen and have gone black and unless they could be amputated it is hardly likely the boy will live. I went down to see the boy and found him in a very bad way, and the boy himself told me he was working outside and was very cold only having a thin pair of pants on and he went to put another pair on of his own and for this he was thrashed and was told if he did this again he would be chained up and thrashed and put in prison, so the boy was afraid and ran away and was out all day and night, and this is how he got cold, also where he got thrashed the cold got in and his body began to swell, when I saw him, he is in a very bad way and I don't think he will live. I also think the children are being worked far too hard in the Boarding school, it is very good for the children to be learnt to work, but not so much as they are working them there. I hope that you will kindly enquire into this matter and oblige

Yours sincerely,

(sd.) Chief Sincalir,

Norway House Reserve.

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Winnipeg, 3 July 1907.

Sir,

On the 14th. February Chief Sinclair, of Norway House, (a copy of whose letter I enclose) reported that a boy named Charlie Clines (or Clyne) was severely thrashed at the school, that he ran away and as a consequence was badly frozen. Mr. Agent Calverley was instructed to investigate and his report of the 9th. of April is before me. I send a copy thereof for your information. The matter is a very grave one and to my mind is not disposed of by Mr. Calverley's report.

There are as all men of experience know very many cases in which the cause of the punishment would have been involuntary and there should be very good reason for attributing it to laziness and therefore deserving of punishment. The result of the punishment is shocking. That a boy should so feel the injustice and severity of his punishment as to run away from school and sleep out in weather so severe that his toes were frozen and <sup>that</sup> he will now lose them, is certainly a most serious matter.

These schools are <sup>supported</sup> ~~started~~ out of public monies of Canada for the benefit of the Indians, and such a result as this must be regarded as off-setting much of the benefit which the public expect to flow from the expenditure in the maintenance of the institution.

I should be pleased if you would make a thorough investigation and report. Your report should show what measures were taken for the treatment of the boy by the school authorities and the Agent, and the extent of the injury which the boy suffers.

Rev. John Semmens,  
Insptr. of Indian Agencies,  
Norway House,  
via Selkirk.

Yours truly,

Asst. Indian Commissioner.



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Office of the

# Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.



In your reply refer to  
No. **122/78**  
and date of this letter and  
address  
Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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Winnipeg, 3 July 1907.

*Sub*

Sir,

I send for your information a copy of a letter  
which I have to-day addressed to Mr. Inspector Sem-  
mens, in regard to a very grave outcome <sup>of punishment</sup> inflicted upon  
a pupil at the Norway House Boarding School, together  
with a copy of the complaint of Chief Sinclair and Mr.  
Agent Calverley's report.

Your obedient servant,

*J. A. G. M. M.*  
Asst. Indian Commissioner.

Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.





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TO THE

Ottawa, July 10, 1907.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst., inclosing a copy of a communication addressed by you to Mr. Inspector Semmens in regard to a case of punishment at the Norway House Boarding School, together with a copy of Chief Sinclair's complaining and the Agent's report; and in reply I beg to say that the Department will await the result of Inspector Semmens's investigation into this matter.

Your obedient Servant,

J. D. MOLEAM

Secretary.

*a.s.m.*  
*Hub*  
*P.S.*  
*from*

The Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.



Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.



In your reply refer to 122/78

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Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Winnipeg, 15 July 1907.

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*Schools*

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Sir,

In acknowledging your letter of the 10th. instant respecting the punishment inflicted upon a boy of the Norway House Boarding School, I would say that Mr. Semmens was unable through illness to go to Norway House, and therefore will not for some considerable time be in a position to make the investigation. I thought it well to send a copy of the papers to Rev. Mr. Ferrier, the Superintendent of Methodist Missions, who was on his way to Norway House, so that the matter might be gone into in the meantime by him.

Your obedient servant,



*J. A. G. M. M.*  
Asst. Indian Commissioner.

Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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HIXO

Ottawa, July 30, 1907.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst. I beg to say that the Department approves of your action in sending a copy of the papers respecting the punishment which was inflicted upon a boy of the Norway House school to the Rev. Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, who was on his way to Norway House, so that he might make enquiries into the matter.

Your obedient Servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary.

The Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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I inquired into the cause of a pupil of the Boarding school at Norway house having his feet frozen some time last winter.

The first person I interviewed was the boy himself in the presence of only his mother and an interpreter. I also asked a few questions of his mother and made some inquiries from the Principal of the school, and further requested the boy and his mother that if they had any one else they would like me to hear I would be pleased to do so, but no others came.

The boy is going about the reserve and appears to be in a fair way for complete recovery as far as his general health is concerned. I examined his feet and found all the toes gone from the right foot and three from his left. The right foot is not yet completely healed, but the left about so.

The boy's statement was secured by answers to questions I asked of him and is as follows:-

"My name is Charles Cline.

I am about 17 years of age. My Mother says I was born in the year the soldiers were drowned in Lake Winnipeg. I have been a pupil of the Boarding school eight years. I had my feet frozen some time after the New Years. I was in the woods when my feet were frozen. I left the school for the woods because Mr Bell whipped me. He whipped me with a rubber strap. He hit me two times on my seat without my pants on. He whipped me because I stole a pair of pants. The pants I took were my Sunday pants. This was in the morning after cutting wood and before going to school. The pants I had on were torn. Mr Bell did not say he would whip me again. I did not go to school but ran away to the woods. I stayed there all day and one night. I was not cold during the day. The next day I went to Angus Monia's house. I had nothing to eat from the time I left the school until I got to this house. I did not come back to the school because the whipping made me senseless and I did not know



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know my way back. I knew a little in the morning so found my way to the house. I was whipped before in the school. Mr Bell whipped me when we dug the potatoes. Mr Lousley whipped me last winter. I was doing right all the time I was in the school. There was never any reason to whip me. I told lies sometimes and still lie sometimes. I am not lying now. I stole things at the school sometimes. I stole food but no clothing. I ate the food myself. I wet my bed sometimes twice a week. I was not lazy; it was only when I was a little boy I wet my bed when Mr Bell was in the school. I was before the Indian Agent for running away before this happened. He did nothing to me. He said if I did it again he would put me in a jail. Mr Bell did not say he would put me in a jail nor did Mr Lousley nor did any other at the school. No one ever whipped me at the school but Mr Bell and Mr .Lousley. I had to work at school too hard and too long. I had to work from eight to 9 in the forenoon and from 4 to 6 in the evening, and on Saturday from 8 to 12. On Saturday we bathed at 3 o'clock and I had to help get wood after we were bathed. I blame Mr Bell for my frozen feet, and no one else because he whipped me."

The Mothers Statement.

" I do not blame my son for having his feet frozen. I blame Mr. Bell; he whipped my boy when he did not do much that was wrong. I know nothing about it except as I have been told by others.

Mr Lousley as treated me and my boy well ever since. He has done all for us that he could do. I do not blame Mr . Lousley for any part of the trouble. I have never said so against Mr. Lousley. The school has given me and my boy food ever since his feet were frozen and given my boy some clothing, underwear, socks, moccasins and rubbers."

Mr. Lousley's Statement.

I read over to Mr. Lousley the boy's statement and asked him if it were not true.

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" It is true in the main but very contradictory.

He stole a great deal more than he has admitted and on quite a few different occasions.

When whipped, he had hidden under his bed clothing, two pair of pants, three shirts, two pair of socks. On another occasion he stole a good suit of clothes and ran away taking a number of camping utensils. He has been one of the most dishonest and untruthful boys of the school.

He wet his bed when small and quit it for two years but started again this winter and would stop it for weeks at a time after punishment for it. It was on account of the nature of his bed ~~wet~~ that the stolen articles were discovered.

I never knew M<sup>r</sup>. Bell to whip a boy severely and he usually did it under my instructions but he had no instructions on this occasion; had I given instructions or administered the punishment it would have been very much more severe.

The boy had no good reason for leaving the school. He was well clothed and well fed but whipped more frequently than any other boy. At the time he left his clothing consisted of, one new suit, bought at the H.B.Co., two new suits of woollen underwear, two heavy black twilled canton flannel shirts, pair of ordinary hose, pair of over socks, pair of moccasins. His socks were renewed on Saturday. He ran away on Monday a.m. His socks had holes in them when he returned. He had an overcoat but not on at the time. He grabbed his cap and ran.

I sent for his brother to hunt for him but the brother would not come. I was afraid to send othermen for fear he would see them and take to the bush and thus run a chance of being frozen."

Respectfully submitted.

(sdg) T. Ferrier.

J.A.J. McKenna,

Asst. Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg.



Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.

Winnipeg, 30 July 1907.

In your reply refer 122/78

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and date of this letter and  
address

Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 20th. instant, I beg to enclose herewith for your information copy of a report received from the Rev. Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Indian Schools, giving, without comment, the result of his enquiries respecting the punishment which was inflicted upon a boy of the Norway House Boarding School.

I may add that Mr. Inspector Semmens has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to allow him to undertake a trip to Split Lake, and he will, while passing Norway House, investigate the matter, as previously instructed. I have furnished him with a copy of Mr. Ferrier's report.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

*J. A. Semmens*  
Asst. Indian Commissioner.



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Office of the

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# Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.



Winnipeg, 11th September, 1907.

In your reply refer to

No. 122/78

and date of this letter and  
address

Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

*Schools*

Sir, -

Referring to your letter of 13th July last respecting the case of punishment at the Norway House Boarding School, in which you stated that you would await the result of Inspector Semmens' investigation into this matter, I beg to forward a copy of his report, which has been delayed owing to the Inspector's illness and absence at Split Lake.

The Department has now the facts of this lamentable case before it; and I hope for a pronouncement thereon which will be a guide to the staffs of all our Schools in the matter of corporal punishment. It appears to me that if a boy is incorrigible after one moderate whipping or two, he should be expelled from the school rather than be repeatedly severely punished when it does not prove a restraining discipline.

Shall I instruct the Indian Agent at Norway House to supply during the winter food for the lad and his mother which Mr. Semmens recommends?

Yours truly,

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

*D. Laird*

Indian Commissioner.

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(Copy)

Ref. No. 15.

Office of the

INSPECTOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES.

Lake Winnipeg and Rat Portage Inspectorate,

Stonewall, Man., September 7th, 1907

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter, No. 122/78, of the 3rd of July directing me to investigate the case of Charlie Clyne, a pupil of the Norway House Boarding School, who was whipped and subsequently ran away from School and suffered from cold and hunger.

With your letter was a copy of a letter from Chief Sinclair, of the Norway House Reserve, relating the facts and asking your intervention, and another from Indian Agent Calverly of Norway House dealing with the case.

I also received your letter of the same number dated the 25th of July, enclosing for my information a report signed by the Rev. Thompson Ferrier of the Brandon Industrial School furnishing evidence taken by him from several persons.

In reply I beg to submit the following observations, viz:-

(1) I interviewed the Rev. Mr. Lousley, the Principal of the School, at Selkirk on the 26th of July.

He seemed surprised that the Department should desire any further information on a subject which had already been so well looked into, and expressed the opinion that the circumstances had been very much exaggerated.

He admitted that he had thrashed this boy a great many



many times, indeed more than any other, but contended that the boy deserved all he received as he was the very worst pupil in the School. He was a dirty boy, his statements could not be relied upon, he was a thief, and was generally hard to manage, in fact he was quite undesirable in almost every way.

He further claimed that at this particular time he had no knowledge of the punishment administered by his assistant, Mr. Bell, and had not delegated to Mr. Bell the right to punish the pupils. However, he asserted that he should have punished the lad had he known the circumstances and might have handled the boy more roughly than did Mr. Bell.

He said that he had no further information to offer than that already incorporated in Mr. Ferrier's report.

(2) On the 28th of August I interviewed Chief Sinclair at his own home in regard to this case, and found him still of the opinion that the boy had been overworked and otherwise harshly treated while at the School. The Chief did not seem to think kindly or speak favorably of the work done at the School. I thought I recognized some personal animus on the part of the Chief toward the Principal.

(3) On the 30th of August I met the boy Charles Clyne at Warren's Landing. He was accompanied by his Mother and by his Uncle and Aunt.

I examined his left foot and found that it had been badly frozen and was still somewhat discolored and swollen.



swollen. Three toes had fallen off in the course of treatment, leaving only the two smallest intact. The foot is tender, and pains the lad in cool and very warm weather.

The right foot was in a very much worse condition. All the toes are gone, and the wound at the outer end of the stump has not yet healed, though about six months and a half have passed since the freezing. It requires daily dressing and cleansing. It is inflamed and swollen, and the boy suffers much pain, and can only walk with difficulty.

I also examined the right hand which has completely healed, and found that it is bent at the second joint and cannot be straightened out as the other. All the fingers are inclined inwards from the second joint, and the hand is stiff and comparatively useless.

There are still marks on the back where the sores reported in the Chief's letter were found, but the back is completely healed and will give no further trouble.

The pupil's general health is not good. He appears to have weakened from protracted suffering and the continued discharge from the right foot. He appeared to me to be anemic, disheartened, discouraged.

I was convinced from my interview with the lad that he was not mentally strong and that his will power was correspondingly weak. Although his statements were made with much weeping I considered that allowance must be made for possible over-coloring.

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The testimony offered showed that since the boy  
was



was admitted to the School he had been repeatedly whipped, and had been frequently threatened with various punishments if he transgressed again. He says that he lived in a state of constant dread of the lash. In consequence of this he had no interest in his School work and only desired to run away.

He says that when he left the School he was excited, confused, and indignant, and hardly realized what he was doing. In the darkness of the night which followed, his chattering teeth brought him to his senses, and he made for the nearest house and reached it just in time to escape death.

He stated that after the accident, assistance both in food and medicine was given by the School authorities, but this kindness had been discontinued. He said he was unable to work and expressed regret that his widowed mother must work for him instead of his working for the support of the family.

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(4) Conclusions.

I was forced to the conclusion that the Principal of the Norway House Boarding School is not spending enough time in direct and personal supervision of his charge. He is needed there more frequently than he now visits it. My last inspection report intimated this, and I here repeat it.

Because he is not about, subordinates are tempted to take matters in their own hands, as Mr. Bell did in this case, and may not always exercise the cool judgment which might reasonably be expected from a

Principal



Principal. -----

I think that more effort should have been put forth to have found the boy on the day when it was known that he had run away. The only action taken so far as known was to ask a married brother to follow him. For some reasons the brother considered that the boy would return in good time. -----

It seems but reasonable that an undesirable such as Charlie Clyne should have had an early dismissal. It is hard to understand if he were as bad as represented why he was retained as a pupil. -----

The charge of bed-wetting preferred against the boy may have called for medicine. Perhaps careful medical treatment might have obviated the painful necessity of frequent whippings, and it might have been more in accordance with Christian methods. -----

No defence can be offered for stealing. However it would be difficult to prove stealing unless there were a witness. The fact that the goods were in his bed in the School did not necessarily prove that he put them there or that theft was the intention. In justice to the boy it should be said that he denies knowledge of anything being there which did not belong to him as a pupil, but this statement does not establish his innocence. -----

Wherever blame may lie, the fact remains that a most unfortunate circumstance has occurred which is not likely to promote the best interests of the School, and  
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which does not properly represent the purpose of the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

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Mr. Bell, the person who of his own accord administered the punishment which resulted so unfortunately, has left the service of the School and of the Church which controls it.

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It is clear to my mind that the Department must now make arrangements to support the lad and his mother for the ensuing winter, and I recommend that a bag of flour or its equivalent be allowed them each month from November 1st to June 1st next following.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) John Semmens,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

The Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg,  
Manitoba.

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Ottawa, September 28, 1907.

The Deputy Superintendent General,-

On July 3, 1907, the Indian Commissioner forwarded a communication from Chief Sinclair, of the Norway House reserve, addressed to him, regarding the outcome of punishment inflicted upon a pupil of the Norway House Boarding School, named Charlie Clyne, in consequence of which he ran away and had his feet and hands severely frozen, together with a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Inspector Semmens, directing him to make a thorough investigation and report in regard to the extent and injury suffered by the boy.

Mr. Semmens, through illness, was unable to take up this matter at once, but the Rev. Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of Methodist Missions, who was on his way to Norway House, was requested to make enquiries into the matter. A copy of his report is attached hereto, from which it will be seen that Mr. Ferrier did not consider that he had any good reason for running away, as the punishment he received was not severe. Mr. Ferrier examined his feet and found all the toes gone from the right foot and three from the left, the right foot not being completely healed at the time he examined him, but the left was about so. This was in July, last. He left the school some time in the

early



early part of February and was out one night and came back the next day in the condition above stated.

Shortly after Mr. Ferrier made his report Mr. Semmens held an enquiry into the case and the Commissioner has forwarded a report from that officer, from which it would appear that the boy had been thrashed a great many times previously, but the Principal claimed that he deserved all he received, as he was the worst pupil in the school, being dirty, unreliable, thievish and generally hard to manage, and undesirable in almost every way. He further claimed that on this particular occasion he had no knowledge of the punishment, which was inflicted by his Assistant, Mr. Bell, and that he had not delegated to him the right to punish pupils. However, he asserted that he would have punished the lad, had he known the circumstances, and might have handled him more roughly than did Mr. Bell. Mr. Semmens interviewed the Chief, who was of opinion that the boy had been overworked and otherwise harshly treated while in the school. The Chief did not think much of the work done at the school, but Mr. Semmens thought he recognized some personal animus on the part of the Chief towards the Principal.

Mr. Semmens examined the boy and found that he had been badly frozen and that his condition was about as stated by Mr. Ferrier. All the toes were gone from the right foot and the stump had not yet healed, although the freezing occurred about six months ~~xxxxxxxx~~

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