

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

REQUISITION FOR SUPPLIES

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Requisition No. ....

Order No. ....

To The Departmental Purchasing Agent, Ottawa,

Please furnish the following Supplies for use of Brandon Indian Residential School

Vote 516 Primary 10 Object 691 Date Required At once

Ship to Rev. O.B. Strapp, Principal, Brandon Residential School

Mail Invoices to Mr. R.S. Davis, Regional Supervisor  
538 Dominion Public Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Purpose for which required Fence around Brandon Residential School Property.

Quantity		Unit Price	TOTAL
170	Rods Paige Wire Fence #9 guage - 4' per 100 yds.	76 60	130.22
1	Field Gate 4 ft. x 16 ft.		19.40
4	Corner Posts	9 10	36.40
160	Fence Posts and fence Hooks for same 6'	73	116.80
			<u>302.82</u>

Steel Posts recommended for fence as they will not need replacing.

Note: Regional Supervisor Davis did not state from whom he secured the above prices.

P.O. 46751  
15/8/49

*[Signature]*  
DEPT. PUR. AGENT  
*[Signature]*  
June 30 1949

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

- (1) Group requisitions for equipment, supplies, and material according to commodity, i.e. books, stationery, printing, electrical goods, hardware, machinery, provisions, transportation equipment, etc.
- (2) Avoid issuing requisitions for one item only, except in cases of emergent necessity.
- (3) Furnish exact details of product required.

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, June 29, 1949

Mr. R.S. Davis,  
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,  
538 Dominion Public Building,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Re: Brandon Residential School

Your File 209-11A.U.

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, the Departmental Purchasing Agent has been requested to secure the fencing and posts used at the above school.

~~W. J. Phelan,~~  
Chief, Education Division.

PP:MMcN

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PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 24-10

Portage la Prairie,  
Manitoba.

495 6th July, 1949

*[Handwritten initials]*

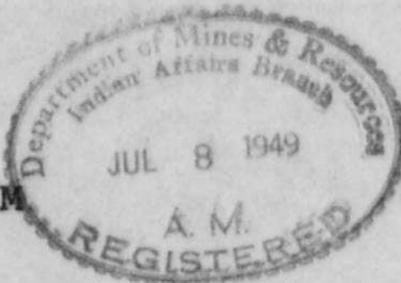
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

Re: Brandon School.

Mr. Strapp recently stated no painting had yet been started inside the school building and added this work should be done in July and August when most of the children are absent.

The condition of the roof was also brought to the Department's attention but to my knowledge no repair work has been started. The roof should really be repaired prior to the interior decorating.

*A. G. Hamilton*  
A. G. Hamilton,  
Superintendent.



AGH/JM

c.c. R. S. Davis,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa, July 11, 1949.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, LANDS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Re: Brandon Indian Residential School

We desire to refer you to our memorandum of May 19th regarding certain repairs required at the above school.

On memorandum dated June 13th you were forwarded a quotation for redecorating the dormitories.

We received a letter dated July 6th from Supt. Hamilton which reads as follows:

"Mr. Strapp recently stated no painting had yet been started inside the school building and added this work should be done in July and August when most of the children are absent.

The condition of the roof was also brought to the Department's attention but to my knowledge no repair work has been started. The roof should really be repaired prior to the interior decorating."

It would be appreciated if you would advise us what action is being taken regarding the above school.

Acting Director.

PP:MMON

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REV. A. LLOYD SMITH, D.D.  
CHAIRMAN

# Board of Home Missions

The United Church of Canada

299 QUEEN ST. WEST  
TORONTO 2 B, ONTARIO

REV. GEORGE DOREY, D.D.  
SECRETARY

REV. MALCOLM C. MACDONALD, D.D.  
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

REV. JOHN R. LENG, B.A., B.D.  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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Attention: Colonel B.F. Neary,  
Superintendent of Education

July 8th,  
1949.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Colonel Neary: Re: Brandon Residential School

Dr. Dorey is on holidays, so I am attending to his correspondence. In connection with the barn to be built at Brandon, we have a wire from Mr. Strapp, which reads as follows:

"PLAN AND PRICES SUBMITTED TO OTTAWA FOR STEEL AND CONCRETE BARN BEATY EQUIPMENT TWO MONTHS AGO STOP IMPERATIVE YOU PUSH THIS PROJECT AS CANNOT OPERATE THIS WINTER UNDER PRESENT BARN CONDITIONS."

I find on looking through the correspondence that Mr. Strapp wrote you about this matter on November 17th, and again on February 11th. I also notice that Dr. Dorey was in Ottawa either the latter part of November or early in December and discussed with the Department the matter of the rebuilding of the barn.

The delay in getting action is causing great concern to Mr. Strapp. We shall appreciate it if you can do something to get the matter started, and also if you will communicate with Mr. Strapp, giving him some assurance along this line.

Dr. Dorey will not return to the office until the beginning of August.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*delay until after report*

MCM.MLT



*M. C. Macdonald*

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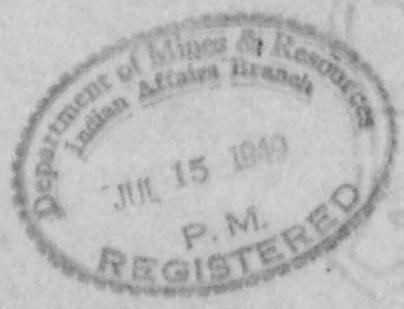
Canada Brandon July 12-49

Dear Colhear,

Sorry but I am probably troubling  
the wrong man. If so will you forward.

I am concerned about the new barn  
for the Residential School. The hardships of  
last winter should not have to be repeated.  
The season is passing and a start should  
be made without delay if at all possible.

Yours hurriedly  
J. Bernatchez



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July 18th, 1949.

Rev. Malcolm C. MacDonald, D.D.,  
Associate Secretary,  
Board of Home Missions,  
The United Church of Canada,  
299 Queen St. West,  
Toronto 2 B, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

Re: Brandon Indian Residential  
School

I am in receipt of your letter of July 8th regarding the telegram which you received from the Reverend Mr. Strapp in connection with a new barn at the above school.

The only firm quotation which we have received amounts to \$30,000.00. We feel that a suitable barn could be provided for a much less amount.

I may add that we have incurred considerable expense at this school in recent months, and there is other necessary work which has to be done, and as a result, funds are not available at the present time for the erection of a barn. However, we are making enquiries with a view to ascertaining if we can erect a barn for a much less cost than that stated in the quotation which we have received, and if so, we will endeavour to obtain funds in the supplementary

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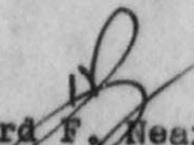
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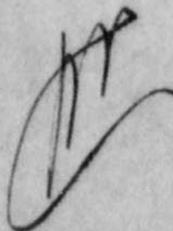
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estimates. As you know, we are not in a position to give definite assurance that such funds will be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

  
Bernard F. Neary,  
Supt. of Indian Education

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AIR MAIL

July 18th, 1949.

J.E. Matthews, Esq., M.P.,  
Brandon, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

I received your letter of the 12th instant regarding the construction of a new barn at the Brandon Indian Residential School.

Owing to the necessity of providing funds for the completion of the Principal's residence and for other necessary repairs which will shortly be carried out at this school, we have no funds available at the present time for the erection of a barn.

We have received one quotation in an amount of \$30,000.00. It is felt that it might be possible to erect a barn which would meet the requirements of the Brandon School for a smaller amount, and we are presently in communication with Regional Supervisor Davis regarding the matter.

If we can obtain a more favourable quotation, it is our intention to submit the matter to the Minister with a view to having the amount required included in the supplementary estimates.

Sincerely yours,

  
Bernard F. Neary,  
Supt. of Indian Education

PP/ST

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July 18th, 1949.

Mr. R.S. Davis,  
Regional Supervisor of  
Indian Agencies,  
538 Dominion Public Bldg.,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Re: Brandon Indian Residential  
School

The Department is being urged to erect a new barn at the above school this year. Owing to the expenditure on the Principal's residence and the further fact that there are other repairs at the school which are now receiving the attention of the Lands & Development Services Branch, we have not the funds available at the present time for the erection of a barn.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a quotation which we have received, but I am inclined to feel that the barn that would meet the requirements of the Brandon School might be erected at a much smaller cost.

I would appreciate it if you would give the matter your careful consideration and let me have your recommendation. If it is possible to erect a barn at a reasonable figure, we might be able to secure the funds in the supplementary estimates.

PP/ST  
Enc.

  
Bernard F. Neary,  
Supt. of Indian Education

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416 Post Office Building,  
Regina, Sask.  
July 8, 1949

Attention: Mr. Chas. H. Buck.  
Re: Indian Residential School, Brandon,  
Manitoba.

In accordance with your letter of June 10, 1949 I have made an inspection of this school and beg to report that the work now required may be referred to almost entirely as maintenance, which has apparently been deferred for at least several years. The school building generally is in the worst condition of any that I have visited to date and it is impossible to furnish you with definite cost estimates covering the many items that now require attention.

The major, but by no means the most important, matter that should now be attended to is the interior decorating of the school. Practically the whole interior of the school is badly in need of decorating and this is a matter that, according to the Rev. O. B. Strapp, Principal, has been under consideration for some time. Apparently several estimates covering interior decorating have been obtained and submitted to Indian Affairs and I am forwarding herewith a copy of the latest which was obtained from Crane Bros., Brandon. This estimate, in the amount of \$2,862.35, covers only those rooms that are most urgently in need of painting and this work, at least, should be done this year. The work could be done by Crane Bros. on the basis of the estimate submitted, or estimates could be obtained from other Brandon Contractors who might be asked to tender on the items covered by the Crane quotation.

*Handwritten:* A.T.D. OK

The following additional items also require immediate attention at this school:

(1) The classrooms, although not included in the Crane estimate, are in need of attention. The plaster is badly cracked in places and should be repaired. Three 4' X 8' pieces of Ten-Test should be supplied for attachment to walls for use as notice boards in order to eliminate future damage to the walls.

(2) The walls of the boys' and girls' playrooms were lined with "V. Joint" between the floor and the lower level of the windows. This "V Joint" has been broken out and the plaster beneath gouged out at every break. New "V Joint" could be installed but

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the same thing would no doubt happen to it in a short time. It is therefore recommended that the walls in these rooms be faced with cement from floor to window level. This work will have to be done before the painting of these rooms could be finished.

(3) The drinking fountain in the girls' playroom is in such bad shape that it can no longer be used and has been disconnected. A new fountain should be installed.

(4) The taps for the wash basins in both the boys' and girls' washrooms are all in bad shape and all need replacing. The taps on the bath tubs are in a similar condition. New taps should be supplied, 50 for the wash basins and 8 for bath tubs.

(5) The toilets in the boys' and girls' lavatories are likewise in bad condition. The old type of toilet installed here is anything but sanitary and I would suggest that new toilets be installed.

(6) Many of the window sills are in very bad shape and some will have to be replaced in those rooms to which the boys have access.

*order* (7) The tables in the pupils dining room were covered with linoleum which is now full of holes which have been carved therein. These tables should be recovered with masonite or similar material. For the purpose 16/pcs. each 2'6" X 8'0" are required.

✓ (8) A number of the composition stair treads are badly cracked and should be replaced. One or two can be considered dangerous at present.

(9) The plaster and woodwork in the vestibules is in bad shape and should be repaired.

(10) The plaster above the toilet in the boys' dormitory is in bad shape and the toilet needs a new seat.

(11) The cement floors throughout the building need patching in many places.

(12) The insulation on the steam pipes should be renewed in a number of places, especially in the boys playroom.

(13) Main Roof - The felt covering is exposed in many places, the flashing is loose in places and the cement around the stone coping now appears to be mostly sand and needs renewing. The two ventilators have the louvres broken out and as these ventilators no longer serve any useful purpose they should either be removed or have the louvres boarded up and the ventilators made rain proof.

(14) The tops of the two chimneys over the boiler room are in very bad shape. The cement mortar has fallen out between the bricks for some distance below the chimney tops and the stone coping and upper bricks may fall before very long.

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(15) The brick facing over the tile at the N.E. corner of the laundry is badly cracked and the bricks are beginning to fall off. The condition of the tile can not be ascertained until the brick facing is removed.

The wall at this corner of the laundry building is butted against by a concrete retaining wall which holds up the earth approach to the barn. To repair the laundry wall it will be necessary to dig out a portion of the earth fill and break out a section of the concrete retaining wall.

(16)

Laundry Roof - This roof is in about the same condition as the main roof on the school building. The joints between the stone coping must be renewed and the ventilators which are no longer used should be removed.

(17) In the laundry the plaster on walls and ceiling around ventilators is badly damaged from the water which has leaked through around the ventilators. The insulation on the steam pipes needs renewing. The water storage tank for the school water supply is located in the laundry room. This tank was never painted and is now badly rusted. The scale should be cleaned off and the tank painted.

(18) The hot water heater for the staff water supply is now out of commission. The sections are in bad shape and need replacing. This heater is a Gurney No.907, Cottage Boiler.

From the above you will note that the work that should be done at this school requires the services of painters, roofers, bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers and perhaps a steamfitter, also that certain jobs must be done before others can be proceeded with. The painting can be done on a contract basis but most, if not all, of the other work will have to be done on a day labour or cost-plus basis.

In view of the above it is hereby recommended:

- (1) That a sum of not less than \$7,500.00 be provided for the purpose of completing as much of the above work as possible during the present season.
- (2) That a contract for the painting of at least those parts of the building covered by the Crane estimate be awarded as soon as possible.
- (3) That arrangements be made immediately for the purchase of materials locally and the employment of the skilled labour necessary to complete the work which must be done in the interior of the building before the painting can be completed.
- (4) That a local builder be employed to repair the chimneys and roof copings and to remove the ventilators. This work can hardly be done on anything other than a cost-plus basis.

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- (5) That, after the work covered by (4) has been done, a local roofing contractor be employed to make the necessary repairs to the roof. This will also have to be done on a cost-plus basis.
- (6) That authority to arrange for the work and supervise same be issued either to the Regional Supervisor, Indian Affairs, Manitoba, or to this office.

The above work will require a certain amount of supervision and same could, if desired, be handled from this office, in view of the fact that it is necessary to pass this school several times each month while enroute to the Riding Mountain National Park.

While at the Brandon School the Rev. O. B. Strapp advised me that the wooden water tank at the source of the school water supply was badly in need of replacement, also that the pipe line from the spring to the tank was badly clogged. He stated that the situation at the spring had been previously investigated by engineers of the Engineering and Construction Division and it was his understanding that plans had been made for the installation of a new concrete tank at the spring.

In view of Mr. Strapp's understanding I made no investigation at the spring and am submitting no estimate on the repairs that are apparently necessary at the source of the school water supply.

Supervising Engineer.

Encl.

The Chief,  
Engineering & Construction Division,  
Lands & Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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CRANE BROTHERS  
Painters and Decorators  
Brandon, Manitoba.

July 5th, 1949.

Mr. W. W. Perrie,  
Supt. Engineer,  
416 Post Office Bldg.,  
Regina, Sask.

Dear Sir:

Re: Indian Residential School

We wish to submit the following estimate on material and labor as per your request.

Material

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY GALLONS OF PAINT @ \$6.25	\$875.00
FIVE GALLONS VARNISH @ \$8.00	40.00
FIVE GALLONS TURPENTINE @ \$1.60	8.00
ONE GALLON ALUMINUM @ \$6.50	6.50
	<u>\$929.50</u>

The cost of labor would be TWO THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS (\$2,862.35)

Yours truly,

CRANE BROTHERS  
(Sgd.) A. H. Crane.

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Painters and Decorators,  
Brandon, Manitoba.

July 5th, 1949.

Mr. W.W. Perrie,  
Supt. Engineer,  
416 Post Office Bldg.,  
Regina, Sask.

Dear Sir:

Re: Indian Residential School

We wish to submit the following estimate as per your request,  
We will supply all material and labor for:

Basement

Hallways one coat Semi Gloss, also walls ceiling and radiator.  
Varnish wood-work.

Girls playroom - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Wash room - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Cloak room - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Laundry - walls ceiling woodwork one coat paint.

Pupils diningroom - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Staff diningroom - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Boys playroom - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Boys wash room - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Boys toilet - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Back doors and entrance - paint doors interior and exterior two coats.

Landing ceiling, two doors and frames two coats paint.

Main office - walls ceiling and radiator one coat, woodwork varnish.  
Reception room - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint,  
varnish woodwork.

Matrons Office - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint.  
Varnish woodwork.

Utility Room - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint.

Boys reading room - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint.

Girls reading room - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint.  
Varnish woodwork.

Sewing room - walls ceiling and woodwork and radiator one coat  
paint. Varnish woodwork.

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Re - Indian Residential School - Cont'd

Hallways - walls ceiling and radiators one coat paint. Varnish  
woodwork.

Front doors - Paint outside doors two coats paint.

Second Floor

Boys dormitory - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Boys dormitory - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint  
(third floor)

Infirmary ward-west - ceiling and woodwork and walls one  
coat paint.

Salarium - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Dispensary - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Hall - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Girls dormitory - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Locker Room - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Girls dormitory - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Landing, ceiling and two doors two coats paint.

Bathroom - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

This work will be done with skilled labor and all material used  
will be first grade for THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED  
AND NINETY ONE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$3,791.50)

Trusting this estimate meets with your approval, we remain,

Yours truly

CRANE BROTHERS  
(Sgd.) A. H. Crane

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
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DIVISION

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Major MacKay  
For your information and  
direction, please.  
Director  
DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
LANDS AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BRANCH  
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QUOTE FILE I.A.1480-4

Ottawa, July 19, 1949.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Repairs to Roof,  
Brandon Residential School,  
Manitoba.

With reference to your notation dated July 13th on memorandum of July 11th from the Indian Affairs Branch in respect to repairs to the roof of above school, we have received a report from Mr. W.W. Perrie in which he includes the following comments on the roof:-

1. Cost  
2. Items  
3. Approved  
4. Done

- (a) Main Roof - The felt covering is exposed in many places, the flashing is loose in places and the cement around the stone coping now appears to be mostly sand and needs renewing. The two ventilators have the louvres broken out and as these ventilators no longer serve any useful purpose they should either be removed or have the louvres bearded up and the ventilators made rain proof.
- (b) Laundry Roof - This roof is in about the same condition as the main roof on the school building. The joints between the stone coping must be renewed and the ventilators which are no longer used should be removed.
- (c) That a local builder be employed to repair the chimneys and roof copings and to remove the ventilators. This work can hardly be done on anything than a cost plus basis.
- (d) That, after the work under item (c) has been done, a local roofing contractor be employed to make the necessary repairs to the roof. This will also have to be done on a cost plus basis.

Department of Mines & Technical Surveys  
Indian Affairs Branch  
JUL 22 1949  
A. M.  
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We agree that the work should be on a cost plus basis, as until repairs are actually under way, the extent of the work to be done cannot be safely estimated.

May it be pointed out that repairs made now may have to be repeated on other portions of the roof in four or five years and inspection and further repairs made at that time. Should funds be available it would be good policy to decide on a 20-year guaranteed roof now and avoid further vexation in this respect for years to come.

Should roof repairs however be decided upon, may we be advised if it is desired to have this Division arrange for the work and supervision or by Indian Affairs through their Regional Supervisor in Manitoba.

We attach a copy of the complete report for the information of the Indian Affairs Branch.

R.A. Gibson, Esq.,  
Director,  
Lands and Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Chas. H. Buck  
For Chief, Engineering and  
Construction Division.

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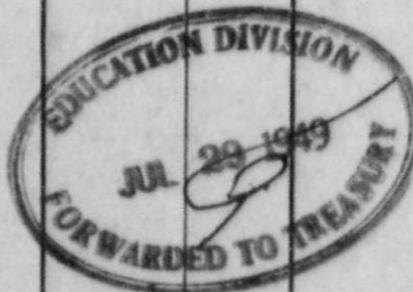
OTTAWA, ONT., July 29 1949

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Department of Mines & Resources,  
220 Queen Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Our Order # 14-7-49

DATE	INVOICE	DEBITS		CREDITS	BALANCE	
	A 12027					
July 22	12 Playground Balls	26	40			
	12 Playground Bats	19	20			
	4 Handballs	3	00			
	C.N.X. Ppd. Voucher Att'd.....	1	88			50 48
	To: Rev. O.H. Strapp, Principal, Brandon Indian Res. School, Brandon, Manitoba.					



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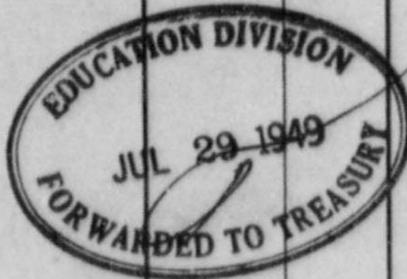
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Major MacKay:  
For your information and direction,  
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*R.A. Gibson*  
Director,  
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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION  
DIVISION

DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES  
LANDS AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BRANCH

4399

Ottawa, July 21, 1949.

MEMORANDUM



Re: General Repairs,  
Brandon Residential School,  
Brandon, Manitoba.

On June 10th Mr. W.W. Perrie, Supervising Engineer at our Regina office, was instructed to inspect and report on the condition of the above building. We are now in receipt of Mr. Perrie's report, and after some consideration, have made a separate report to you on items that refer specifically to roof repairs and which was sent to you on July 19th last.

The interior repairs to the building, requiring attention as stated in the report, are of considerable extent, no separate item however, being considered of too an extensive nature not to deserve attention, but added together form a rather deplorable picture of conditions due to lack of maintenance.

The report sums up as follows:-

- (a) That ceilings, walls and floors in classrooms, playrooms and toilets require to be entirely renewed and others to be repaired.
- (b) Window sills require caulking and painting with some to be replaced.
- (c) Toilets, taps, stair treads, insulation on steam pipes and concrete floors throughout all need attention.
- (d) Some brick facing is cracked and needs repairs.
- (e) The hot water heater for the staff water supply, is out of commission and some steam pipes require replacing.

This is a brief summary of conditions at this school, and Mr. Perrie recommends that a sum of not less than \$7,500.00 be provided for the purpose of completing as much of the above work as possible during the present season.

The report further states:-

- (1) That a contract for the painting of at least those parts of the building covered by the Crane estimate be awarded as soon as possible.
- (2) That arrangements be made immediately for the purchase of materials locally and the employment of the skilled labour necessary to complete the work which must be done in the interior of the building before the painting can be completed.

R.A. Gibson, Esq.,  
Director,  
Lands and Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
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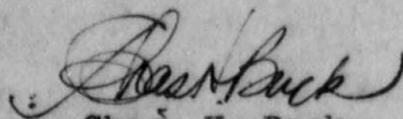
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Should the above work be authorized, it will require a certain amount of supervision. May we be advised whether or not this Division will be required to provide same.

We attach herewith the complete report with a copy of Crane Brothers estimate of \$3,791.50 for the cost of interior painting, which seems fair and reasonable in view of the scattered nature of the work to be done. The remainder of the \$7,500.00 would be expended for the necessary repairs before painting can be done.



Chas. H. Buck,  
For Chief, Engineering and  
Construction Division.

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416 Post Office Building,  
Regina, Sask.  
July 8, 1949

Attention: Mr. Chas. H. Buck.  
Re: Indian Residential School, Brandon,  
Manitoba.

In accordance with your letter of June 10, 1949 I have made an inspection of this school and beg to report that the work now required may be referred to almost entirely as maintenance, which has apparently been deferred for at least several years. The school building generally is in the worst condition of any that I have visited to date and it is impossible to furnish you with definite cost estimates covering the many items that now require attention.

The major, but by no means the most important, matter that should now be attended to is the interior decorating of the school. Practically the whole interior of the school is badly in need of decorating and this is a matter that, according to the Rev. O. B. Strapp, Principal, has been under consideration for some time. Apparently several estimates covering interior decorating have been obtained and submitted to Indian Affairs and I am forwarding herewith a copy of the latest which was obtained from Crane Bros., Brandon. This estimate, in the amount of \$2,862.35, covers only those rooms that are most urgently in need of painting and this work, at least, should be done this year. The work could be done by Crane Bros. on the basis of the estimate submitted, or estimates could be obtained from other Brandon Contractors who might be asked to tender on the items covered by the Crane quotation.

The following additional items also require immediate attention at this school:

(1) The classrooms, although not included in the Crane estimate, are in need of attention. The plaster is badly cracked in places and should be repaired. Three 4' X 8' pieces of Ten-Test should be supplied for attachment to walls for use as notice boards in order to eliminate future damage to the walls.

(2) The walls of the boys' and girls' playrooms were lined with "V. Joint" between the floor and the lower level of the windows. This "V Joint" has been broken out and the plaster beneath gouged out at every break. New "V Joint" could be installed but

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the same thing would no doubt happen to it in a short time. It is therefore recommended that the walls in these rooms be faced with cement from floor to window level. This work will have to be done before the painting of these rooms could be finished.

(3) The drinking fountain in the girls' playroom is in such bad shape that it can no longer be used and has been disconnected. A new fountain should be installed.

(4) The taps for the wash basins in both the boys' and girls' washrooms are all in bad shape and all need replacing. The taps on the bath tubs are in a similar condition. New taps should be supplied, 80 for the wash basins and 8 for bath tubs.

(5) The toilets in the boys' and girls' lavatories are likewise in bad condition. The old type of toilet installed here is anything but sanitary and I would suggest that new toilets be installed.

(6) Many of the window sills are in very bad shape and some will have to be replaced in those rooms to which the boys have access.

(7) The tables in the pupils dining room were covered with linoleum which is now full of holes which have been carved therein. These tables should be recovered with masonite or similar material. For the purpose 16 pcs. each 2'6" X 8'0" are required.

(8) A number of the composition stair treads are badly cracked and should be replaced. One or two can be considered dangerous at present.

(9) The plaster and woodwork in the vestibules is in bad shape and should be repaired.

(10) The plaster above the toilet in the boys' dormitory is in bad shape and the toilet needs a new seat.

(11) The cement floors throughout the building need patching in many places.

(12) The insulation on the steam pipes should be renewed in a number of places, especially in the boys playroom.

(13) Main Roof - The felt covering is exposed in many places, the flashing is loose in places and the cement around the stone coping now appears to be mostly sand and needs renewing. The two ventilators have the louves broken out and as these ventilators no longer serve any useful purpose they should either be removed or have the louves boarded up and the ventilators made rain proof.

(14) The tops of the two chimneys over the boiler room are in very bad shape. The cement mortar has fallen out between the bricks for some distance below the chimney tops and the stone coping and upper bricks may fall before very long.

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(15) The brick facing over the tile at the N.E. corner of the laundry is badly cracked and the bricks are beginning to fall off. The condition of the tile can not be ascertained until the brick facing is removed.

The wall at this corner of the laundry building is butted against by a concrete retaining wall which holds up the earth approach to the barn. To repair the laundry wall it will be necessary to dig out a portion of the earth fill and break out a section of the concrete retaining wall.

(16) Laundry Roof - This roof is in about the same condition as the main roof on the school building. The joints between the stone coping must be renewed and the ventilators which are no longer used should be removed.

(17) In the laundry the plaster on walls and ceiling around ventilators is badly damaged from the water which has leaked through around the ventilators. The insulation on the steam pipes needs renewing. The water storage tank for the school water supply is located in the laundry room. This tank was never painted and is now badly rusted. The scale should be cleaned off and the tank painted.

(18) The hot water heater for the staff water supply is now out of commission. The sections are in bad shape and need replacing. This heater is a Gurney No.907, Cottage Boiler.

From the above you will note that the work that should be done at this school requires the services of painters, roofers, bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers and perhaps a steamfitter, also that certain jobs must be done before others can be proceeded with. The painting can be done on a contract basis but most, if not all, of the other work will have to be done on a day labour or cost-plus basis.

In view of the above it is hereby recommended:

- (1) That a sum of not less than \$7,500.00 be provided for the purpose of completing as much of the above work as possible during the present season.
- ① (2) That a contract for the painting of at least those parts of the building covered by the Crane estimate be awarded as soon as possible.
- ② (3) That arrangements be made immediately for the purchase of materials locally and the employment of the skilled labour necessary to complete the work which must be done in the interior of the building before the painting can be completed.
- (4) That a local builder be employed to repair the chimneys and roof copings and to remove the ventilators. This work can hardly be done on anything other than a cost-plus basis.

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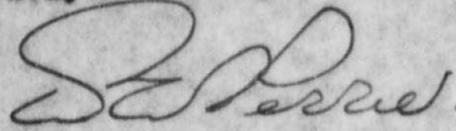
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- (5) That, after the work covered by (4) has been done, a local roofing contractor be employed to make the necessary repairs to the roof. This will also have to be done on a cost-plus basis.
- (6) That authority to arrange for the work and supervise same be issued either to the Regional Supervisor, Indian Affairs, Manitoba, or to this office.

The above work will require a certain amount of supervision and same could, if desired, be handled from this office, in view of the fact that it is necessary to pass this school several times each month while enroute to the Riding Mountain National Park.

While at the Brandon School the Rev. O. B. Strapp advised me that the wooden water tank at the source of the school water supply was badly in need of replacement, also that the pipe line from the spring to the tank was badly clogged. He stated that the situation at the spring had been previously investigated by engineers of the Engineering and Construction Division and it was his understanding that plans had been made for the installation of a new concrete tank at the spring.

In view of Mr. Strapp's understanding I made no investigation at the spring and am submitting no estimate on the repairs that are apparently necessary at the source of the school water supply.



Supervising Engineer.

Encl.

The Chief,  
Engineering & Construction Division,  
Lands & Development Services Branch,  
Department of Mines & Resources,  
Ottawa, Ont.

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CRANE BROTHERS  
Painters and Decorators  
Brandon, Manitoba.

July 5th, 1949.

Mr. W. W. Perrie,  
Supt. Engineer,  
416 Post Office Bldg.,  
Regina, Sask.

Dear Sir:

Re: Indian Residential School

We wish to submit the following estimate on material and labor as per your request.

Material

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY GALLONS OF PAINT @ \$6.25	\$875.00
FIVE GALLONS VARNISH @ \$8.00	40.00
FIVE GALLONS TURPENTINE @ \$1.60	8.00
ONE GALLON ALUMINUM @ \$6.50	<del>6.50</del>
	\$929.50

The cost of labor would be TWO THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS (\$2,862.35)

Yours truly,

CRANE BROTHERS  
(Sgd.) A. H. Crane.

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Painters and Decorators,  
Brandon, Manitoba.

July 5th, 1949.

Mr. W.W. Perrie,  
Supt. Engineer,  
416 Post Office Bldg.,  
Regina, Sask.

Dear Sir:

Re: Indian Residential School

We wish to submit the following estimate as per your request,  
We will supply all material and labor for:

Basement

Hallways one coat Semi Gloss, also walls ceiling and radiator.  
Varnish wood-work.

Girls playroom - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Wash room - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Cloak room - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Laundry - walls ceiling woodwork one coat paint.

Pupils diningroom - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Staff diningroom - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Boys playroom - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Boys wash room - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Boys toilet - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Back doors and entrance - paint doors interior and exterior two coats.

Landing ceiling, two doors and frames two coats paint.

Main office - walls ceiling and radiator one coat, woodwork varnish.

Reception room - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint,  
varnish woodwork.

Matrons Office - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint.  
Varnish woodwork.

Utility Room - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint.

Boys reading room - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint.

Girls reading room - walls ceiling and radiator one coat paint.  
Varnish woodwork.

Sewing room - walls ceiling and woodwork and radiator one coat  
paint. Varnish woodwork.

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Re - Indian Residential School - Cont'd

Hallways - walls ceiling and radiators one coat paint. Varnish  
woodwork.

Front doors - Paint outside doors two coats paint.

Second Floor

Boys dormitory - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Boys dormitory - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint  
(third floor)

Infirmary ward-west - ceiling and woodwork and walls one  
coat paint.

Salarium - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Dispensary - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Hall - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Girls dormitory - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Locker Room - walls ceiling and woodwork two coats paint.

Girls dormitory - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

Landing, ceiling and two doors two coats paint.

Bathroom - walls ceiling and woodwork one coat paint.

This work will be done with skilled labor and all material used  
will be first grade for THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED  
AND NINETY ONE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$3,791.50)

Trusting this estimate meets with your approval, we remain,

Yours truly

CRANE BROTHERS  
(Sgd.) A. H. Crane

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Ottawa, August 10th, 1949.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR, LANDS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Re: Brandon Indian Residential School

Reference your I.A. 1480-4 of July 21st.

We will include in our Supplementary Estimates a sum of \$7,500.00 for the carrying out of the repairs required at this school. We are quite prepared to have the painting done immediately, and in view of the high price quoted by Crane Brothers, would recommend that the paint be purchased through the Departmental Purchasing Agent.

We would appreciate this project receiving supervision of your Branch in view of the large nature of the repairs.

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Director.

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