

REV. R.C. SCOTT, B.A.

Principal

SCHOOL---CHILLIWACK 4602  
RESIDENCE---CHILLIWACK 4607

COQUALEETZA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
SARDIS, B.C.



April 15th, 1940.

Mr R.A. Hoey,  
Supt. Welfare and Training,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Canada.

*Handwritten signature: R.C. Scott*

Dear Mr Hoey:

Re School Truck.

As I am not just sure whom I ought to write in the above matter, I am addressing my letter to you, and would be glad if you would pass it on to the proper department, if that were necessary; We have nothing in the way of a school truck, except an old 1917 model, Buick which our boatbuilder fixed up with a truck body. The tires are bad this year, although I have got a new set since the truck was first put into commission four years ago. The wheels are "wheezy" and have been cobbled up and last year they gave us a lot of concern. I really do not feel it is right to ask the Camp over seer to use it this year, for it is not safe. The brakes need a lot of expense also to make them safe.

We have not so much use for a truck about the school during certain time of the year, but in the summer, we use it every day to haul water. Two barrels of drinking water have to be hauled every day along the highway from White Rock to our Camp, a distance of about a mile and a half. Then, it is our principal way of getting the children out for picnics or to take their part in soft ball or other games as are arranged from time to time during the summer. When my car is not at camp, and it is impossible for it to be there constantly, there is nothing but this old truck for use to take a child to the doctor, for instance, as is necessary at times during every summer. There will be from 60 to 70 children there again this year, I expect.

When we go to Alberni, it will be necessary for us to have a truck, at least a one ton one, and perhaps a ton and a half would not be amiss. All our coal will have to be hauled from the depot and as this is a mile and a half, and more, it means that a team cannot be used to advantage as it would take so long there would be demurrage on the car, and interfere with the school work of the boys detailed. As we have, or expect to have, plenty of help, it would not pay to have to hire trucking of this kind done. In view of the fact that food and most items we have to buy, will be higher in price, it is likely that we shall have to buy wholesale in Vancouver and have our goods shipped over direct from there to Port Alberni, and then haul them from the Government wharf ourselves. I have been in touch with wholesale firms, and they suggest this as the best way of getting our supplies. I would like to be able to go down with our own truck and haul them to the School. With all the stokers to be supplied, and since we are likely to burn coal in the kitchen range as well, there will be a lot more coal used than here where we use wood for the kitchen stoves and residences. We use our teams as we can put two of them on, and the car is spotted only a block from the school. But in Alberni, as I have pointed out, it will be different.

I trust that it may be possible to include in the equipment for the new school a truck of at least one ton capacity, and perhaps a ton and a half. If it could be supplied for this summer, we could use it as above for our Camp prior to moving over to Alberni. Hoping for favorable consideration, I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Handwritten signature: R.C. Scott*  
PRINCIPAL

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH



Letter No. 39.C.40.

Office of the West Coast Indian Agency,

May 10 1940.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 45

amounting to \$ 2.40 in favour

of Carter's Hardware, Alberni, B. C.

for Floor oil supplied for use of Alberni Day School,  
April 1940.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental

Letter No. 159-1-5 dated April 9, 1940.

Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Indian Agent

The Secretary,  
of Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
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PAY TO..... Carter's Hardware,  
ADDRESS..... Alberni, B.C.

THIS SPACE FOR  
TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE NO.....

DATE.....

VOTE		AGENCY	
ALLOT.	E. R.	AMOUNT	

TOTAL

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT

DATE.....

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
1940.		
May 10	Floor oil supplied for use of Alberni Indian Day School, April 1940.	2 40
	Departmental Letter: 159-1-5, April 9, 1940.	
TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE <i>18-5-40</i> Voucher in duplicate detached for Accountant to pay.		
	TOTAL	2 40

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just, also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

FORM No. I.A. 506  
R. 8420

VOUCHER No. 45

*M. B. [Signature]*  
Agent

DATE May 10, 1940.

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Ottawa,  
July 22, 1940.

EX'D.  
A.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School

With reference to your memorandum of June 28 and my reply of July 3 in connection with the amount provided in the contract for the erection of shelving, storage racks, counters etc. I am today in receipt of a letter from Indian Commissioner MacKay which reads in part as follows:

"The Rev. Principal Scott has just returned from Alberni and informs me that he has settled with Mr. Cornish, the architect, regarding the shelving within the \$500 allotted for this purpose and sufficient for their present requirements, but that no doubt some additional expenditure in this connection will be necessary. This can be better determined after they have moved in."

*C*

*Letter from  
MacKay on  
15/7/40  
PP*

*July 22/40*

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Director.

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Ottawa, July 3, 1940.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR,  
SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING BRANCH.

EXD.  
A.

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School

I have your memorandum of June 28, with reference to the amount provided in the contract for the erection of shelving, storage racks, counters, etc.

The contents of Mr. Mills' memorandum have been forwarded to Indian Commissioner MacKay, who is being requested to have Reverend Mr. Scott proceed to Alberni at an early date and consult your engineer, Mr. Cornish.

*[Handwritten mark]*

*July 4/40*

*[Signature]*  
Director.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, July 3, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I am informed by the Surveys and Engineering Branch that an amount of \$500.00 was provided in the contract for the erection of the Alberni Indian Residential School for the construction of shelving, storage racks, counters, etc.

Construction has now reached a stage where these requirements should be actually known so that the contractor can be instructed accordingly. It has been suggested that you arrange to have Reverend Mr. Scott visit Alberni as soon as possible and confer with Mr. Cornish, the engineer on the job.

The date Mr. Cornish requires is as follows:-

- (a) Storage rooms: Details regarding dimensions and spacing of shelving, storage racks, etc.
- (b) Locker rooms: Details regarding shelving racks used in lieu of pupils' lockers.
- (c) Dairy, bakery and laundry: Details regarding shelving, counters, etc.

When Mr. Cornish has this information he will be able to advise Mr. Scott to what extent the provision of such equipment can be carried out for the amount provided under the contract.

As it will not be long before the carpenters

Major D. M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,  
P. O. Box 70,  
Vancouver, B. C.

have -

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have completed their work at the school, it would be appreciated if Reverend Mr. Scott would make immediate arrangements to consult Mr. Cornish, as suggested above. Please let me know when he has done so.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

*PP*

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DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES

SURVEYS AND  
ENGINEERING BRANCH

June 28, 1940.



Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

Re - Indian Residential School, Alberni.

I am attaching herewith a copy of a memorandum received from the Chief Engineer in regard to the construction of shelving, storage racks, counters, etc., in the above school and which is to be undertaken by the contractor at an estimated cost of \$500.

Construction has now reached the stage where these requirements should be definitely known so that the contractor can be instructed accordingly.

I would be glad if you could make arrangements for one of your senior officers to consult with our Engineer, Mr. Cornish, at Alberni, so that plans of what is required can be prepared in the near future.

Director.

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Ottawa,  
July 29, 1940.

EXD  
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Memorandum:

*[Signature]*  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School

In Vote 196 (99), 1940-41, there was included an amount of \$111,000.00 for completion of the above-mentioned school.

I understand that you have already transferred some funds to the Surveys & Engineering Branch and the balance should be transferred to them as soon as supply is voted.

*[Handwritten mark]*

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*[Signature]*  
Director.

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Ottawa,  
July 29, 1940.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: Alberni Indian Residential  
School

With reference to your memorandum of July 24 I am requesting the Representative of the Treasury to transfer to your Branch the balance of the funds included in our 1940-41 estimates as soon as supply is voted.

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*Stowell*  
Director.

*July 31/40*

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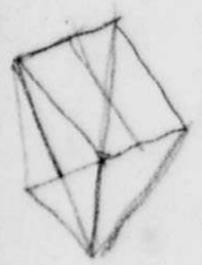
24th July, 1940.



Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

Re: Alberni Indian Residential School.



Would you kindly bear in mind the necessity of transferring to this Branch the balance of the funds included in the Estimates of your Branch for the above school as soon as the balance of supply is voted.

We are holding at present the Progress Estimate for the month of June, totalling over \$14,000, which is due the Contractor and cannot make this payment until the Estimates are passed by the House and the balance of the funds made available.

Vote (146 (99)  
Alberni = 90,500<sup>00</sup>  
20,520  
411,000

*J. M. Wardle*  
Director.

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Ottawa,  
July 24, 1940.

EXD.  
A.

Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your voucher No. 144 covering the cost of rent of water meter for the Alberni Day School for the 6 months ended June 30, 1940.

This voucher is being paid but no further vouchers should be submitted for this service as any charge for water meters will have to be paid by the management of the Alberni Indian Residential School.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

Mr. P. B. Ashbridge,  
Indian Agent,  
Port Alberni, B. C.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH



Letter No. 117.C.40.

*See [unclear]*

Office of the West Coast Indian Agency,

July 11 19 40.

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 144,  
amounting to \$ 15.00 in favour  
of The Corporation of the City of Alberni, Alberni, B.C.  
for Rent of water meter, Alberni Indian Day School,  
6 months from January to June 1940, at \$2.50 per month.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental  
Letter No. .... dated .....

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Indian Agent

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of Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
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*Scholar*

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

August 9th,  
1 9 4 0.

My dear Mr. Phelan:

In the absence of Mr. Hoey, I wonder if you would be good enough to do something for us at the earliest possible moment. We are getting out a little pamphlet on Home Mission work for our General Council, which meets in Winnipeg early next month, and I would like to have an architect's sketch or a picture of the new Alberni School, from which to make a cut. We have one or two snapshots taken by somebody, but they are very poor and would not make a decent cut. We have cuts already of Brandon and Morley, and if we could get one of Alberni, we would be able to show three schools that have been built or re-built for the United Church within the last fifteen years.

Thanking you in advance,

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

RBC.MLT

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Ottawa,  
August 12, 1940.

Dear Doctor Cochrane:

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant I enclose three views of the new Alberni Residential School.

As you are aware the class room building is separate from the main building and consequently I am forwarding you a view of this. I also enclose a view of the combined school and teacher's residence erected at Port Simpson in 1938 and 1939 as I thought you might like to use this.

When you have had your cuts made it would be appreciated if you would return these pictures as they are the only copies we have on hand at the present time.

Yours truly,

Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division.

Rev. R. B. Cochrane, D.D.,  
Secretary,  
Board of Home Missions,  
United Church of Canada,  
299 Queen St. West,  
Toronto 2, Ont.

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Mr. Philip Phelan,  
Chief, Training Division,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Mines and Resources,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

August 28th,  
1940.

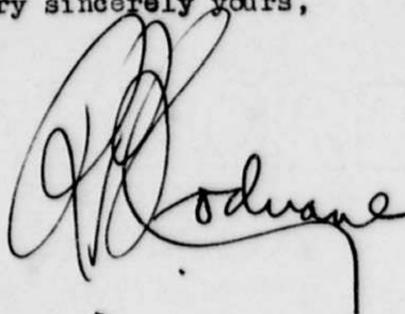
My dear Mr. Phelan:

We are returning to you to-day, under separate cover, the photographs of the Alberni and Port Simpson Schools which you were good enough to send us recently. We shall send you a copy of the booklet in which they appear as soon as it is published.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

RBC.  
MLT.



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*Handwritten scribbles*

Ottawa, August 29, 1940.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR,  
SURVEYS AND ENGINEERING BRANCH:

*EX-10*

Re: Electrical Power Installation,  
Alberni Indian Residential School.

I have for acknowledgment your memorandum of August 28, in which you intimate that instructions have been issued to the contractor in charge of the work at the Alberni Indian Residential School to undertake additional installations and make provision for heavier wiring in the classroom building at the school.

I regret that a misunderstanding seems to have arisen with respect to the necessity for this work. It would appear from recent correspondence that it is the intention of the school authorities to transfer a number of electrically operated units from the Coqualeetza School to Alberni, with the object of making provision for a worthwhile course of vocational instruction at the new building. My understanding is that the original idea was to have provision made for this instruction in the main building.

*JMH*

*Alouley*  
Director.

*Aug 30/40*

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August 28, 1940.

Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

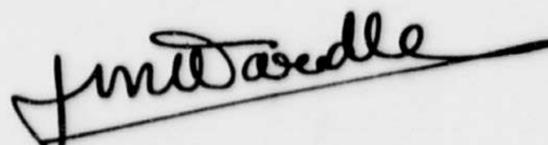
Re - Electric power installations,  
Alberni Indian Residential School.

When the plans and specifications of the above building were under preparation, we were advised by officers of your Branch that no electric machinery would be installed in the classroom building and the electrical layout was prepared on this basis.

We were recently advised by the Superintendent of Welfare and Training of your Branch that authority has now been granted for the transfer of a number of electrically operated units from the Coqualeetza School at Sardis, as well as for the installation of electrical equipment in the new classroom. This involves additional installations, heavier wiring and a re-arrangement of the existing switchboard.

Instructions are being issued immediately to the contractor to undertake this work as an extra work item, funds being available in the amount provided. The estimated cost is \$1,326.89 and which our Architects advise is satisfactory for the work involved.



  
Director.

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Ottawa,  
August 14, 1940.

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Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

I desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your memorandum of August 9 enclosing photographs showing views of the residential school buildings at Alberni, B. C.

*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
- Director.

*August 15/40*

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*[Handwritten initials]*



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SURVEYS AND  
ENGINEERING BRANCH

9th August, 1940.

Memorandum:

Dr. McGill

For your information I am forwarding here-  
with a set of 15 photographs showing views of the  
residential and day school buildings at Port Alberni,  
B.C., during various stages of construction.

*Write - to  
Mr. D. H. to  
Preliminary report  
W. C. Calder - see  
Memo D. H. Calder  
Returned August 22/40*

*J. M. Wardle*

Director.

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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
ALBERNI INDIAN RESERVE  
WEST COAST AGENCY, B.C.



General View  
CLASSROOM BUILDING  
May 15th, 1940

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ALBERNI INDIAN RESERVE  
WEST COAST AGENCY, B.C.



Rear View  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
June 15th, 1940



Side View  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
June 15th, 1940

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Front View  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
June 15th, 1940.

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Detail of Main Entrance

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

June 15th, 1940

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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
ALBERNI INDIAN RESERVE  
WEST COAST AGENCY, B.C.



Excavation and Footings  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
Nov. 27th, 1939.



1st Floor Formwork  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
Jan. 8th, 1940.

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WEST COAST AGENCY, B.C.



2nd Floorwork  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
Jan. 19th, 1940



Formwork and Framing  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
March 1st, 1940.

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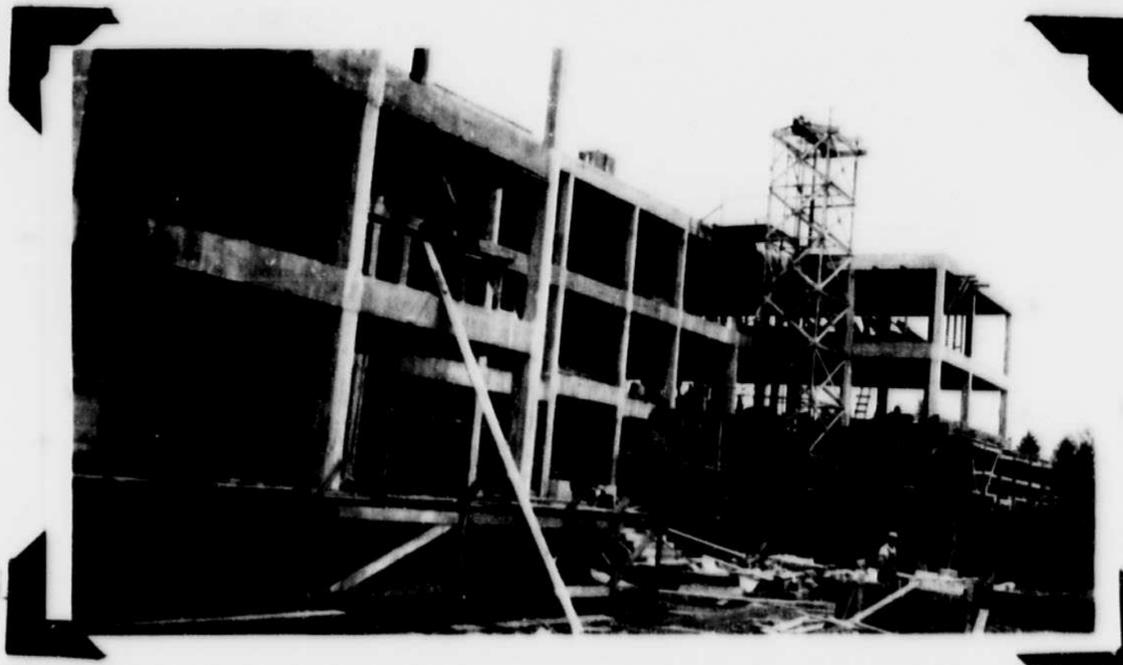
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ALBERNI INDIAN RESERVE  
WEST COAST AGENCY, B.C.



Rear View  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
April 11th, 1940



Front View  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
April 11th, 1940

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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
ALBERNI INDIAN RESERVE  
WEST COAST AGENCY, B.C.



Brick Facing  
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
April 11th, 1940



General View  
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING  
May 15th, 1940

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