

March 7th, 1919.

Dear Father Grandin -

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo, in reference to the St. Joseph's Industrial School.

I am not in a position to state at present whether the Department will consider the sale of this building or not. I am, however, referring the matter to His Lordship Bishop McHally within whose Diocese the school is situated.

Yours very truly,

Wm. A. G. H.
Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. H. Grandin, O.M.I.,
Edmonton, Alta.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1A
117657-
1A
MAR 21 1919
MAR 22 1919
520817
St. Joseph's Industrial School,
DeWinton, Alta.
March 15th., 1919.
The Secretary,

Dep't of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear sir,

We are very glad to see that we can so soon give a favorable answer to yours #117657-1A of the 4th. inst. re Mr. F.G. Casey refusing to pay the wages due to pupil Joe Vaney-McDonald.

We have received the cheque of \$48.00 from Mr. Casey covering the amount of wages due to the boy.

We are glad to see that your letter brought Mr. Casey to such prompt action and this may prevent the same to happen in the future and may also encourage our boys towards working out a little more which is in fact both good for their training and welfare by giving them a little more experience in working for strangers and also for themselves.

We are enclosing, for your convenience, a copy of the letter sent us by Mr. Casey when forwarding the cheque for settlement, which letter we hope will clearly show that we were right in whatever we have said on our previous letter.

We thank you very much for the trouble you have taken in our behalf and remain as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

J. A. D. Jones
Principal.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

COPY

DeWinton, Alta.

March 13th., 1919.

Mr. Demers,

Principal Industrial School,

Dear sir,

Since calling at the school sometime since I find there is a possibility of the harness being cut by another man that worked for me, and am therefore giving the benefit of the doubt; and enclose herewith check in your favor for wages due him as per statement previously rendered.

Yours truly,

F.G. Casey

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1A

Ottawa, March 22, 1919.

Reverend Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing a copy of a communication from F. G. Casey, Dewinton, Alberta, regarding the wages due by him to pupil Joe Vaney- McDonald, of St. Joseph's Industrial School, I beg to say that the Department is pleased to learn that he has paid the amount due this pupil.

Your obedient servant

J. D. McLEAN

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. J. A. Demers, O.M.I.,
Principal,

St. Joseph's Industrial School,
DeWinton, Alta.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA



117657-1A
Duncan C. Scott Esq.
Deputy Superintendent General
Dep't. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa

BISHOP'S HOUSE,
CALGARY, ALTA.

March 16th. 1919.

520934

My Dear Mr. Scott

In reply to your communications of Feb. 27th. and March 7th. I can but say that I am willing and anxious to cooperate with the government in its efforts for the betterment of our Indian children, in every way possible, and will take steps to meet the wishes you express in your letter of Feb. 27th. It is with the deepest regret that I learn of unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in a school conducted under the direction of Religious, and I feel that it is owing to the interest taken by the government and the outlay involved, as well as to the good-will displayed by yourself that immediate and energetic efforts be put forth to remedy the conditions that are found deserving of censure.

I saw Rev. Fr. Grandin O.M.I. yesterday, and he informed me that you had asked him whether he was disposed to purchase the school, as it seems he had at some previous time proposed. He seems uncertain about it, however, on account of the expense of projected building operations at St. Albert during this year. He seems anxious, however, to have one of his Fathers in charge of the school.

I expect to be in Ottawa about the 25th. or 26th. of next month, and hope then to see you, and devise a plan to meet your wishes and the requirements of the department.

Very faithfully yours

J. J. Hu

Bishop of Calgary.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

1176571
OBLATE FATHERS

PROVINCIAL HOUSE

~~COR. 10TH STREET & VICTORIA AVE.~~

40488-107th Street

Edmonton, Alta. May 31 1919

L. J. G.

et al.

M. I.

See account of mission
D. Scott Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

523767

Dear Sir,

Notes opposite page 107th Street
I have just returned from a visit to our Indian missions of southern Alberta, and to the St. Joseph's Industrial school of Dunbow, and I wish to lay before you the impressions left on my mind by this visit. On every one of the reserves, Black-feet, Bloods and Peigans, there are many more catholic children of school age than can be accommodated in their respective Boarding schools.

On the Blood reserve alone there are at least 200 catholic children of school age, on the Black-feet reserve the conditions are very near the same. On the Peigan reserve the number of children is not so high, but there are more than enough to fill the boarding school. With these facts in view it is evident that it would be very easy to send to the industrial school in Dunbow enough children to keep it up to the full number authorized. The only thing wanted is to have the commissioner and the Indian Agents help the school, by using their influence and authority with the Indian parents. During my stay on the Peigan reserve, 5 big boys were sent to Dunbow, and a much larger number could be sent from the Bloods, if the Department agents were willing and ready to do their share in the recruiting business.

I must say that my visit to the Dunbow school gave me a very agreeable surprise. The new Principal, Father Demers is the right man in the right place, and he has under him two returned veterans who seem to be the very best men that could be found for the work they have to do. The discipline is perfect, the cleanliness and order in every room, hall, class room and dormitories, are as good as one can wish.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

**PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA**

OBLATE FATHERS

PROVINCIAL HOUSE

COR. 10TH. STREET & VICTORIA AVE.

L. J. C.
et
M. I.

EDMONTON, ALTA.....191

and the children look more happy and contented than ever before. It would be a great pity indeed, if this school did not receive all the help and support necessary from the Dept. Agents on the reserves, and I hope, Dear Sir, that you will see to it that this help and support are given promptly and faithfully. At our last interview in Ottawa, you told me that it was your intention to enforce the regulations making education compulsory among Indians. The sending of 40 or 60 pupils to Dunbow would greatly facilitate the execution of this wise measure, by making room for new boys and girls in the boarding schools, and your agents would not have much trouble with the parents, if the latter were convinced that the Dept. truly meant to have all the children educated in schools. Trusting that you will kindly take my suggestions into consideration, I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully



Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117,657-1A

August 11, 1919.

Reverend and dear Sir,-

I have delayed acknowledging and replying to your letter of May 31, with reference to the St. Joseph's industrial school. I have been in correspondence with the Right Reverend the Bishop of Calgary on the subject of this school, with a view to improvements which I felt must be made before we could adopt any further plans for the future of the school. His Lordship will, no doubt, take the matter up with you in due course. I have assured him that I would co-operate with him in any way to make the institution a success.

Yours very truly,

WCH
Rev. H. Grandin, O.M.I.,
Edmonton, Alta.

Duncan C. M.
Deputy Superintendent General.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

C o p y

Department of Indian Affairs,

August 11, 1919.

Dear Mr. Graham -

means - I has an interview with the Right Reverend J. T. McWally, Bishop of Calgary, on Saturday, and explained to him our views with reference to the educational ~~measures~~ to be adopted in the future on the Blood and Peigan reserves, and the possibility of having only two denominational schools, instead of four, for those reserves. We also spoke of the future of the High River (St. Joseph's) industrial school.

I told the Bishop that I would write you, and ask you to call upon him in Calgary, and discuss those questions with him. After the interview you might report results.

Yours very truly,

Signed Duncan C. Scott.

Deputy Superintendent General.

W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

EXD.

August 11, 1919.

Dear Bishop McNally,-

Incl.

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have written to Rev. Father Grandin, on the subject of the St. Joseph's industrial school. I am today writing Commissioner Graham, asking him to call upon you some time when he is in Calgary to discuss the future of that school, and the boarding schools on the Blood and Peigan reserves.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. T. McNally *W. J. T. McNally*

Rt. Rev. J. T. McNally,
Bishop of Calgary,
Bishop's House,
Calgary, Alta.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1
Encl
Copy to
Evans
and
report
of the
deputy
St. Joseph's Industrial School,
DeWinton, Alta.

July 16th/1919.

526199



Dear Sir:-

I was appointed Principal of this School last February after the death of late Revd.G.Nordmann. On my arrival here I found things in general in very poor shape. Since that time I have worked assiduously for the interests of the Department and the School. I have already got twelve new pupils and the promise of very many more, so that by Xmas. I hope to have the school recruited up to full strength.

We have upwards of five hundred acres in crop, but owing to the abnormally dry year, we are afraid that it will be practically a failure. We have a section of land reserved for hay, but as there has been no moisture the amount that we can cut will be a negligible quantity in comparison to our actual needs. We have 200 head of cattle and 45 head of horses, so that under the circumstances the wintering of these will become a very serious thing indeed.

As you have devoted the best time of your life in the faithful service of the Indians, I appeal to you in the interests of the Department and this School for your advice. To sell at the existing prices would mean a large financial loss, owing to the large amount of stock being thrown upon the market, and to hold them over is the serious proposition that confronts us. In all due fairness to the Department and this School, I don't want to do any thing without consulting you, so that any suggestions you can make, or help you can give, will be greatly appreciated by us.

Hoping to receive an early reply as we are more or less in a quandary as to what to do,

I remain

Your obedient servant

J. A. Cameron Scott
Principal.

Mr. Duncan Cameron Scott

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1

August 18, 1919.

Dear Mr. Graham,-

(Incl.)

W.M.
I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter that I have received from Rev. J.A. Demers, Principal, St. Joseph's Industrial School, which is self explanatory. I would be glad if you would let me have a report on this subject and let me know whether there is anything that we could do to relieve the situation at the school.

Yours truly,

W.M. Graham

Deputy Superintendent General.

W.M.
W.M. Graham, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA



117657-1
OBLATE FATHERS

PROVINCIAL HOUSE

10188 - 107th Street



L. J. G.
et
M. I.

EDMONTON, Alberta...August...20th.....1919.

Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent general
of Indian Affairs

526527

Dear Sir,

I must acknowledge that your letter of the 11th inst. was a surprise to me. As we have been in charge of the St. Joseph's Industrial school since its beginning in 1884, I thought that if there were any improvements to be suggested, you would communicate with me or the Principal of the school. I have not heard from His Lordship Bishop McNally, and while admitting his right to watch over the school which is located in his diocese, or even to take the administration of it, if he thought fit, it seems more than strange that you would ignore us altogether in the matter, the more that you know from me that we have started to improve the standard of the school, since the appointment of Father Demers as principal. I will write later more fully, when I know the intentions of the Right Rev. Bishop of Calgary.

Yours truly

H. Granville
6.10.19

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

**PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA**



117657-1

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

NO. 14-118

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

SC-B

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

REGINA, SASK. Aug. 21, 1919.

526529

Fyle

Dear Mr. Scott,-

I have your letter of the 11th instant advising me of your interview with the Right Reverend J. T. McNally, Bishop of Calgary, when you explained to him your views with reference to the educational means to be adopted in the future on the Blood and Peigan Reserves.

I shall be very glad to call upon His Lordship in Calgary when I am next in that City. I will write you again after I have had an interview.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Patterson
Commissioner.

D.C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

NO. 14-124

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

SC-B

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

117657-1
526687

REGINA, SASK. AUG. 26, 1919.

Dear Sir,-

I have your letter No. 117657-1 of the 18th instant, forwarding a copy of one received from the Rev. J.A. Demers, Principal, St. Joseph's Industrial School, DeWinton, Alta.

In regard to the position in which he finds himself owing to the drought and lack of feed for his live stock, I would suggest that the Reverend Principal be advised to make an estimate of what hay and feed he will have to carry him over the winter period and what number of cattle and horses this would feed, and to sell the balance and set aside the proceeds as a fund with which to re-purchase stock at a later date. The hay situation in Alberta at the present time is so uncertain and the price of hay will, in any event, be so high that I think my suggestion would be the wisest course to pursue.

Yours very truly,

D.C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Wm. J. Mahan
Commissioner.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657/1

September 3, 1919.

Rev. Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 16th, last, in which you inform me of the situation which exists at the St. Joseph's Industrial School owing to the drought and consequent lack of feed for the live stock during the coming winter, and request to be advised as to what is best to be done to meet the situation.

In reply I beg to say that inquiry has been made regarding this matter.

As the crops in Southern Alberta have been almost an entire failure and the feed situation at the present time is so uncertain, the price of hay and feed will be very high. I would suggest that you make an estimate of all the hay and feed you will have on hand for the coming winter and the number of cattle and horses this supply would feed. After estimating the number of stock you can feed it might be well to sell the balance and set aside the proceeds realized thereby as a fund with which to purchase stock at a later date.

As a result of my inquiry this is the only suggestion which I can offer to meet your difficulty, as the Department will be unable to provide the amount of feed required to carry the live stock which you have at present through the winter. I may say that this suggestion meets with the approval of Mr. Commissioner Graham.

I shall be pleased to hear from you regarding your views on the above suggestion.

Your obedient servant,

Duncan C. Scott

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Rev. J. A. Demers, O.M.I.,
Principal,

St. Joseph's Industrial School,
DeWinton, Alta.

file
Lillian re St.
Joseph's Industrial
School replied to
see File 117.657-¹²

Pearson School also
see File 118.153-^{SB}

Blues Inill's School
File 116.859-^{SA}

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

117687

December 10th. 1919.

Dear Mr. Graham,

I should be glad if you would make a valuation of the High River school property as soon as you can conveniently do so. If Mr. Govan is in that district I would suggest that he be asked to make a valuation as well. Valuation might be made on the basis of a long term lease as well as sale.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Campbell
~~Deputy Superintendent General.~~

W. M. Graham, Esq.,
Commissioner,
Regina, Sask.

WMS

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1
(Copy: - original on File No-625.550)

Department of Indian Affairs.
Canada.

Office of the
Deputy Superintendent General
OTTAWA.

File
December 11th, 1919.

530559

MEMORANDUM:-

Hon. Mr. Meighen:-

Memorandum of conversation between the Hon.
the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Rt. Rev. Bishop McNally and the undersigned
on Wednesday morning, December 10th.

The possibility for carrying out the scheme for Indian education in southern Alberta for the Blood and Peigan Indians outlined below is contingent upon Parliament making the education of Indians at residential schools compulsory. If that statutory authority be not given it would not be possible to successfully conduct the system of schools outlined below.

At present the educational establishment for these Indians consists of the following schools:-

Roman Catholic

Boarding school, Blood Reserve.

Boarding school, Peigan Reserve.

Industrial school, High River.

Church of England.

Boarding school, Blood Reserve
This property belongs to the Church.

Boarding school, Peigan Reserve. Buildings belong to the Church.

It is proposed to close the High River school and to dispose of the property; to erect a new industrial school for the Roman Catholic Indians in a locality where agriculture and stock-raising can be properly carried on. When this building is provided it is ~~proposed~~ it is proposed to close the Peigan boarding school. The boarding school on the Blood reserve shall be maintained for the present as the building, with small expenditure, can be kept in a good state of repair. It is desired as soon as possible to erect for the Church of England children an industrial school where agriculture and stock-raising can be taught, and to then close the two boarding schools.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

The reasons underlying these recommendations are as follows. The Department considers it good policy to endeavour to arrange amalgamation between the Blood and Peigan Indians, to sell the reserve of the latter band and remove them to the Blood reserve. A school cannot be successfully operated on the Peigan reserve owing to the nature of the soil, the same applies to the Blood reserve. As the number of schools will be diminished advantage will accrue to the Church, as at present they find it difficult to provide a competent staff, and large schools can be run more economically than small ones.

As for compulsory education we find it is difficult to recruit for the schools under the present voluntary system. There is no lack of children of school age, but the apathy or hostility of the Indians defeats the object of the Department. The compulsory system needs some defence, but as the sanitary standard of our school buildings improves, and the health of the children is carefully safe-guarded, the strong arguments which might arise from that source disappear. It is proposed by legislation to provide for adequate holidays throughout the year, in order that the parents may not be entirely separated from their children.

Duncan. C. Scott.

Deputy Superintendent General.

Prepare comp'y ed'n
and'ts for submission to
Council.

(sd) A. M.



117657-1
MAISON DES PERES OBLATS

10188, 107me RUE.

EDMONTON - ALBERTA



1e 15th. January 19.20.

L. J. G.
L. J. G.

D. Scott Deputy superintendent general **531575**
of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir,

Quite a long time ago, I wrote to you about the Dunbow Industrial school, and you replied that you were in correspondence with the Bishop of Calgary about it. Then I wrote to his Lordship who answered me that he had to see you, and since that time, I had no further information either from you or the Bishop of Calgary. You know that we have recruited a few pupils, and we could get more, but I don't care to do any recruiting until we know where we stand. What are the intentions of the Dept. about the Dunbow school? What is the understanding between the Dept. and His Lordship the Bishop of Calgary. It is not fair to leave us in the dark, and I would be much obliged to you, if you would give a straight answer to my questions,

Yours truly,

H. Legault

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1

A.F.



OFFICE OF

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
OTTAWA, CANADA.

14th June, 1920.

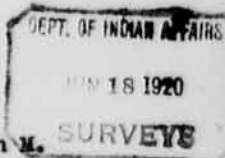


539155

Supp

Dear Mr. Scott,

Township 21, Range 28, W. 4th M.
Reference --211174



Encl.

In pursuance of the general policy of making available as much land as possible for Soldier Settlement, we are making a general check of all records with a view to ascertaining what lands are at present reserved from settlement and whether it is possible to throw such lands open for entry.

Parts of the above township would appear to be reserved for purposes of an Indian Industrial School, and in order that there may be no possibility of discrepancy as between our records and those of your Department, will you kindly indicate on the enclosed plan what lands are required by your Department and return the plan to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Deputy Minister.

D. C. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent
General of Indian Affairs,
O t t a w a.

*Miss B
Lands
Specimen
plan in sec
24 26, 27 are
to be reg'd
for Industrial
School
H*

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1

Ottawa, 21st June 1920

Sir,-

Ip. 21.R.22.W.4.M.

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, No. 211174, I beg to say that the lands shown tinted red on the enclosed plan in Sections 22, 26 and 27 in the above township are required for the Industrial School. The lands shown tinted green were purchased from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and are also included in the holdings of the Industrial School.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. L. ...
Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Frank
The Deputy Minister of the Interior,

Ottawa, Ont.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1



UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

No. R - 2

Ottawa, June 7, 1921.

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

554028

Dear Sir:-

A letter from Rev. Fr Grandin brings to my attention the following facts concerning South Alberta Schools.

The School of Dunbow is in a rather sad plight, as there are only thirty-five children, though there is accommodation for a hundred. Rev. Fr Demers, the Principal, has done his utmost for the recruiting of children, but has met with poor success. There was some talk, last year, of closing the school, but the church authorities were opposed to that step in the hope that Rev. Fr Demers would succeed in his efforts. Now that it is practically decided to build a large school at Claresholme under the charge of the Bishop of Calgary, Dunbow School will fatally disappear, and therefore Rev. Fr Grandin has come to the conclusion that it would be preferable to close the school as soon as possible. I would suggest that the Department makes the formal request to the school authorities and I may say that the latter are ready to close before winter. Of course, there would be a financial situation to be discussed as this property belongs to the Department and as the Church has spent a rather large sum of money and moreover has not drawn any salary for the Principal and his assistants. However, Rev. Fr Grandin believes that it would be easy to reach a satisfactory settlement.

In connection with the same matter, Rev. Fr Grandin wishes to note that the Department is putting off necessary work to the building of the Bloods and Piegiens Schools, as it was its intention to build other schools at different points. The present decision of the Department has in view a very large school that would be a feeder for the two boarding schools of Bloods and Piegiens. The latter should not be neglected and it would be urgent to place them again in a proper condition. To say the truth, it would be more advisable to erect new

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

buildings.

I submit this to your attention and judicious consideration with the hope that you will go fully in this matter and follow the proper course under the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

Joseph Guy S. S.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

**PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA**

June 16, 1921.

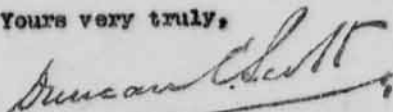
Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th June transmitting to me the contents of a communication you have received from the Rev. Father Grandin.

I am not at present prepared to say when the school at Dunbow should be closed. That will depend largely it seems to me on the development of the plan mentioned by the Reverend Father to erect a large school in southern Alberta. It is not the intention to erect at an early date any boarding schools on the Blood and Peigan reserves, but to keep the present buildings in a fair state of repair.

I trust that this will give you the information that Father Grandin requires.

Yours very truly,



Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. Joseph Guy, O.M.I.,
University of Ottawa,
Ottawa, Ont.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

Kindly address all
communications to
"The Manager"



Cable Address:

Canadian

W. G. B.

117657-1

The Canadian Bank of Commerce
Calgary, Canada.



14th March, 1922.

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE
REFER TO DEPARTMENT A2.

564636

The Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs: Re: St. Joseph's Industrial School.

We understand that the above mentioned School is under the management of the Oblate Fathers, Edmonton, and has been since its foundation.

We assume that it will be in order for us to accept instructions from the Oblate Fathers appointing the Principal or other persons to sign cheques and to generally conduct a banking account in the name of the School.

Yours truly,

Heenan

pro Manager.

DPZ/C.



Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

117657-1.

A2.

OTTAWA, March 20th, 1922.

Sir, -

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, with reference to the account of St. Joseph's Industrial School in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Calgary.

In reply I beg to say that this school is conducted under the management of the Oblate Fathers. This Department contributes only the per capita grant. We assume no responsibility for the financial affairs of the school, but presume it will be in order for your bank to accept instructions from the Rev. Oblate Fathers appointing the principal or other persons designated by them to sign cheques and to conduct the bank account of the school.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier
Russell T. Ferrier,
Supt. of Indian Education.

R. T. F.
Manager,
Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Calgary, Alta.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA



117657-1
University of Ottawa,

Ottawa, Canada, May 16 1922



567150

Mr. Duncan C. Scott,
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

My dear Mr. Scott:-

As a sequel to our recent conversation, I presently make an official demand to the Department, in the name of Very Reverend Father H. Grandin, Provincial of the Oblate Missionaries, for Alberta, for the immediate closing of Dunbow Industrial School.

The following reasons are set forward to legitimate your authorisation to such a course:-

1c. In spite of the over exerting efforts of the Principal, Rev. Fr. Demers, O.M.I., recruiting has been found almost impossible; consequently, the school has been a failure for the last few years. Kindly note that the school is too far from the Indian Reserves for which it is intended and the Indians refuse to send their children so far;

2c. The school is in a ^{deplorable} ~~deplorable~~ condition. Repairs and alterations to place the building in just a fair state would entail a very large outlay (about \$25,000.00). The insalubrity of the laundry is appalling and its unhealthiness has even been the cause of the death of one child, according to the Principal who adds that the Department has always refused to make necessary improvements. (refer Principal's letters of July 30, 1921 and August 10, 1921).

Rev. Fr. Grandin forcibly states that it is useless to believe that he will let the Principal and the Staff overwork themselves in this house which it is impossible to heat in winter, and the sisters and girls risk their life in a laundry entirely unfit for human habitation.

There will be, of course, a readjustment to

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA



L. J. C. & M. I.

University of Ottawa,

Ottawa, Canada. 192

to be made about financial matters, but I think that an understanding could be easily reached between the Department and the Oblate Authorities, and as to the remaining children they could be distributed in different schools in the districts adjacent to their Reserves.

I may add that His Grace Right Reverend Bishop McHally, of Calgary, in whose diocese the school is situated is not adverse to this project. I understand that, if necessary, he would give his approbation to the proposed closing.

I leave these few remarks to your judicious consideration for the prompt and satisfactory settlement of this affair.

Yours very truly,

Joseph Guyon.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3933, file 117,657-1A)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA