

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Circular No. 103

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER



Dear Sir :-

I write to advise you that I have received a telegram from the Deputy Superintendent General at Ottawa which reads as follows:-

The following telegram has been received by

His Excellency, begins, "The King has issued no orders but has intimated his intention of attending a service of thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey on July 7th and expressed the hope that his peoples throughout the Empire would join in this act in their own churches," end.

It is His Excellency's wish that the contents of this telegram be communicated to the Indians throughout the country, as he feels sure they would wish to join with His Majesty in this act of thanksgiving. Would you kindly pass this message on to the Indian Agents and Principals of all residential schools.

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1. Graham. Indian commissioner.

Rev. Principal. Sacred Heart Indian Residential School. Brocket. Alta.

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Sacred Heart Indian School, Brocket, Alta, June 18, 1929

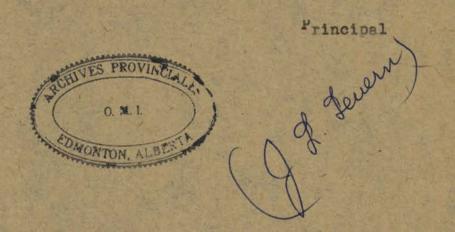
W. M. Graham, Indian Commissioner,

Regina, Sask.

Dear Sir,

In the last Estimates for the Beigan Agency, an item was included for a cold Storage to be built for our School, and I hope that it is granted. Our Cook has been telling me lately that she has more trouble than ever with the milk, cream, butter & meat, because there is no cool place at all in the school, therefore, I will be very much obliged if you will kindly see that it is built as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Pencil Drawings to be made by Children 6-8 5-17 years old
(By 10 children of each age, if possible).*

Subjects:—

1.—A MAN.

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2.—A WOMAN.

3.—A Man RIDING A HORSE, or other familiar Animal.

4.—A Man's Face (full-face or profile).

Drawings to be made in pencil from memory and without help.

All four drawings should be made on one sheet of paper, and each paper should have written on it the age, sex, and race or tribe of the child.

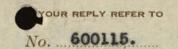
All drawings, whether 'good' or 'bad,' or merely 'scribbles,' should be forwarded.

^{*} It is not meant that more than 10 at each age would not be very welcome.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA



Ottawa, June 12, 1929.

Reverend Sir:

The Department of Education of the University of Liverpool, England, is making a comparative study of the drawings of aboriginal children who have never been taught to draw. It is hoped that interesting light will be thrown on racial differences of perception in early years. Our Department has been requested to cooperate, and I write to ask you to assist by having your first year pupils prepare unassisted drawings, as indicated on the enclosed leaflet. The Department would be grateful if you would strictly follow the instructions of the leaflet and forward the results to me before the summer vacation.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier, Supt. of Indian Education.

Rev. J. L. Levern, O. M. I., Principal,

Sacred Heart Indian Res. School, Brocket, Alta.

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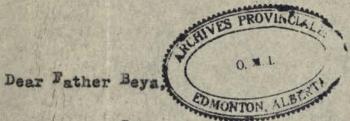
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. OTTAWA.

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June 6, 1929.



I have your letter of the 20th ultime, with reference to the ownership of the live stock and agricultural implements at the Sacred Reart and Bloods Indian Residential Schools.

As you are aware, these institutions are conducted on a partnership basis-some of the equipment is supplied by the Church and some by the Department. The shools are financed by Department Grant, and, from time to time, replacements to stock and implements are made from the earnings. Therefore, I believe the equipment must be considered school property.

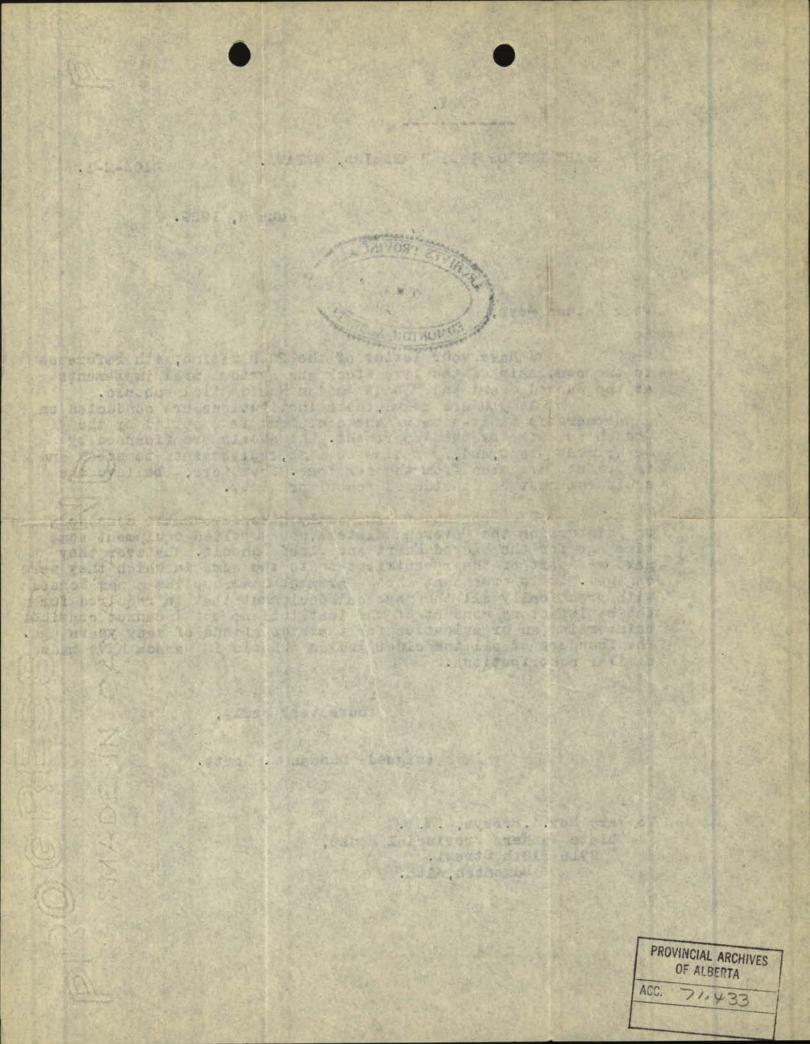
The Department can hardly give favourable consideration to reimbursing the Reverend Sisters, who supplied equipment some time ago for the Sacred Heart and Blood Schools. Whatever they gave was part of their contribution to the work in which they were engaged. It is true that the Department now supplies a new School with practically all the physical equipment that is required for the satisfactory conduct of the institution; but I cannot consider reimbursing an organisation for their donations of many years ago. The founders of all the older Indian Schools in Canada have made similar contributions.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Duncan C. Scott.

To Very Rev.J.B.Beys, O.M. 1.
Oblate Fathers Provincial House,
9916-110th Street.
Edmonton, Alta.

SEARCH THOUSENESS



Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta,
June 1, 1929

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22 ultimo, No II6-2-I, and to say in reply that the larger girls do all the milking, every day from the first of July till the beginning of September, and once a week during the rest of the year, and always under the supervision of an experienced Sister. They work also in the kitchen and are taughtwhat to do with the milk, how to make butter, etc.

Hoping that this will be found satisfactory, I

remain, dear Sir,

Your faithful servant,

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AGENT

Peigan Agency, Brocket, Alta.

May 30th. 1929.

Sir. -

In regard your request that the pepartment allot the school the quarter adjoining the school land on the north west corner I have a reply from Commissioner Graham stating that the pepartment at the present time is not prepared to do this.

Yours very truly,

Vancaster H.C. Lancaster, Acting Indian Agent.

Rev. Father Levern, Brocket, Alta.



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Ottawa, May 22, 1929.

Reverend Sir:

The Department is desirous of learning if the older girls at the Sacred Heart Indian Residential School are being trained in milking cows. As most of the graduates of your school will return to reserves that are largely farming communities, it is very important that the girls be fully competent in this particular. The Department expects that the older girls, under proper supervision, will be given a course of instruction in milking, and I shall be pleased to learn that suitable arrangements have been made.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean,

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Rev. J. L. Levern, O. M. I.,
Principal,
Sacred Heart Indian Res. School,
Brocket, Alta.

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The Honourable Duncan C. Scott,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I was very sorry to learn yesterday the sad news of the death of your dear wife, and I wish to unite myself with all those who, from each province of Canada, are sympathizing with you in your bereavement. How sad and lonely this world must look to you now that the one who has been your devoted and beloved companion for so many years has left you: it is with all our hearts that the Sisters and myself we share in your sorrow.

This earth has been called with good reason indeed a valley of tears: but our christan faith reminds us of a better world where we will meet again and forever the ones whom we have loved on earth! May this consoling truth be an alleviation of your great affliction! At the same time, we are offering our humble prayers to our heavenly Father and beseeching him to have come passion on you and comfort you.

Begging you to believe in the sincerity of our condolence,
I remain, dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

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REGINA, SASK., March 25th, 1929.

Dear Sir: -

I am today returning the exhibits which you so kindly sent for the Canadian Folk-Song, Folk-Dance and Handicrafts Festival, and trust that you will find everything in good condition.

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the Festival was a great success and that the handicraft work of our Indian children created a great deal of interest and favourable comment. This work was a very much appreciated feature of the Festival.

Again thanking you for your exhibits,

I remain,

Yours truly

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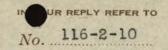
W. M. Graham, Indian Commissioner.

Rev. Father J. L. Levern, O.M.I., Principal; Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta.

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Ottawa, March 23, 1929.

Reverend Sir:

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 16th instant, with reference to the application of a 16 year old girl, which has been forwarded by Rev. Leo Sullivan, of Empress, Alta. I am sending the application to the Indian office at Brocket, asking for a report and recommendation. It is necessary to know something of this applicant's physical and mental fitness. The initial steps in connection with these special applications should be taken at the office of the Indian Agent, who is fully informed regarding the Department's wishes.

Your obedient servant,

Russell T. Ferrier. Supt. of Indian Education.

Rev. J. L. Levern, O. M. I., Principal, Sacred Heart Residential School, Brocket, Alta.

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Sacred Heart School, Brocket, Alta, Mach 16, 1929 H? Lancaster, Acting Agent, Brocket. Dear Sir, With reference to our recent conversation, I beg to submit you the present application for the use of one more quarter of section in connexion with our school, - that is the quarter given up by Dick Pard and adjoining the North West quarter of the School Section. My reason for making this application is that we would like to do some more breaking; but by doing that we are going to run short of pasture and hay land for our stock. - In fact, when this site was picked up for our school, I had asked for one section and a half because we thought that one section would not be sufficient. Now, the mentioned quarter is vacant; it is close to the school, it is not well fit for farming because it gets flooded by the outlet from Neil Yellow Wings' spring and ours, - and this is exactly the reason why Dick Pard has abadoned it. But it is the right kind of land that we need: it would furnish us with a good supply of hay, and besides, we could turn our cattle on it. use of two Sections of land, and so I hope that I will not be consi-

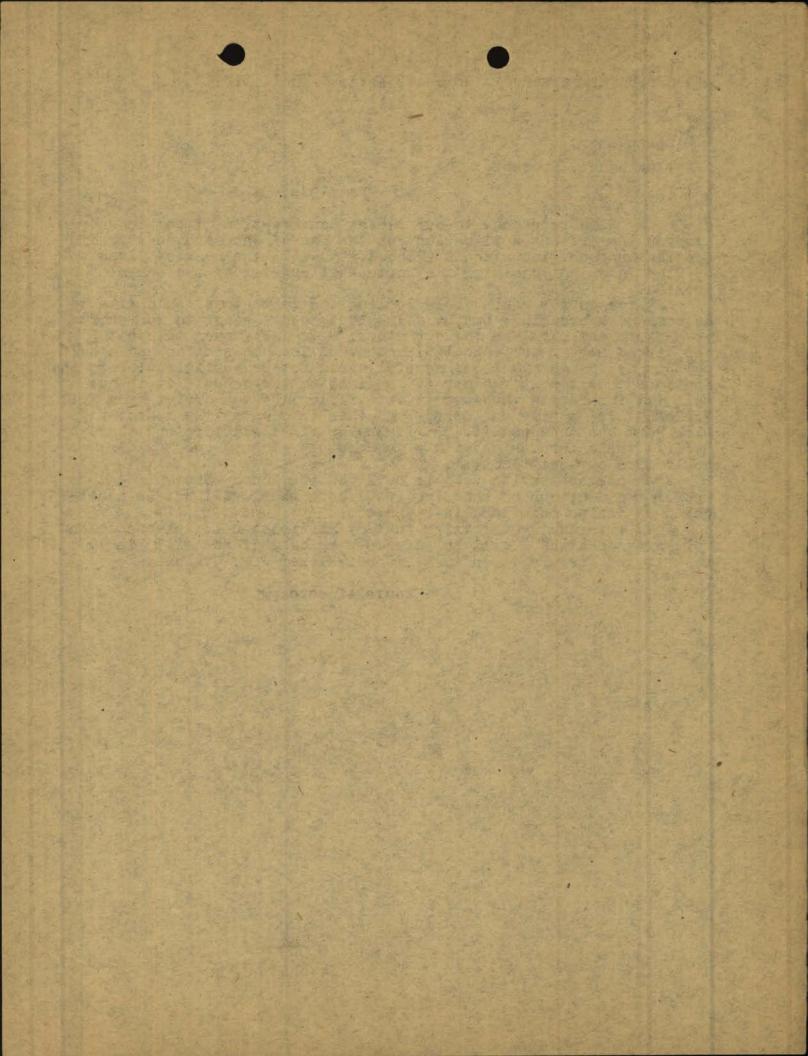
Each one of the two Schools built on the Blood Reserve got the

dered as asking more land than I need.

I am sure that you realize that my application is reasonable and well grounded I and I will be very much obliged if you will kindly back it and forward it on to Mr. Commissioner W.M. Graham.

· Yours sincerelyy

Principal (M)



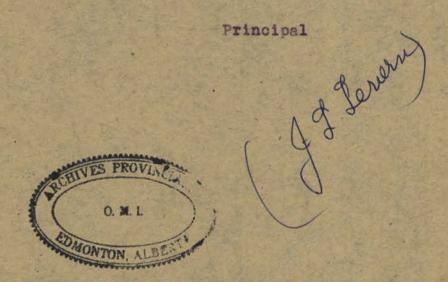
Sacred Heart Indian School, Brocket, Alta, March 16th, 1929

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

Dear Sir,

With reference to your kind letter of January IOth,
No II6-2-4, I beg to say that the "Book of Knowledge "has
not arrived yet. I presume that this delayis caused by some
oblivion in carrying your orders and I wish to tell you again
that we will be very glad to receive it.

Yours sincerely,



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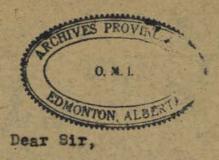
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Sacred Heart Indian School, Brocket, Alta, March 5, 1929

W.M. Graham, Indian Commissioner, Regina.



With reference to your kind letter of the I5th ult.

No I00-40, I am glad to tell you that I have shipped to-day
a few exhibits to your address.

Hoping they will be found satisfactory, and thanking you again for the interest you are taking in our work, I remain, dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

Principal

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GREAT-WEST CANADIAN Folksong, Folkdance and Handicrafts Festival Regina, Sask. March 20 - 23,

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

In connection with the exhibits for the above described festival I am enclosing 6 tags and 2 entry forms. Kindly send one list in parcel with exhibits and the other list in separate envelope to me.

Exhibits should be sent to me at 54 Canada Life Bldg. and should reach Regina by March 16th.

If articles are for sale be sure to mark prices on tags.

Also be sure to enter name of school or Reserve on tage.

More tags and forms will be supplied if they are required.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

I am,

Yours truly.

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Indian Commissioner.

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Sacred Heart Indian School, Brocket, Alta, February 12, 1929

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



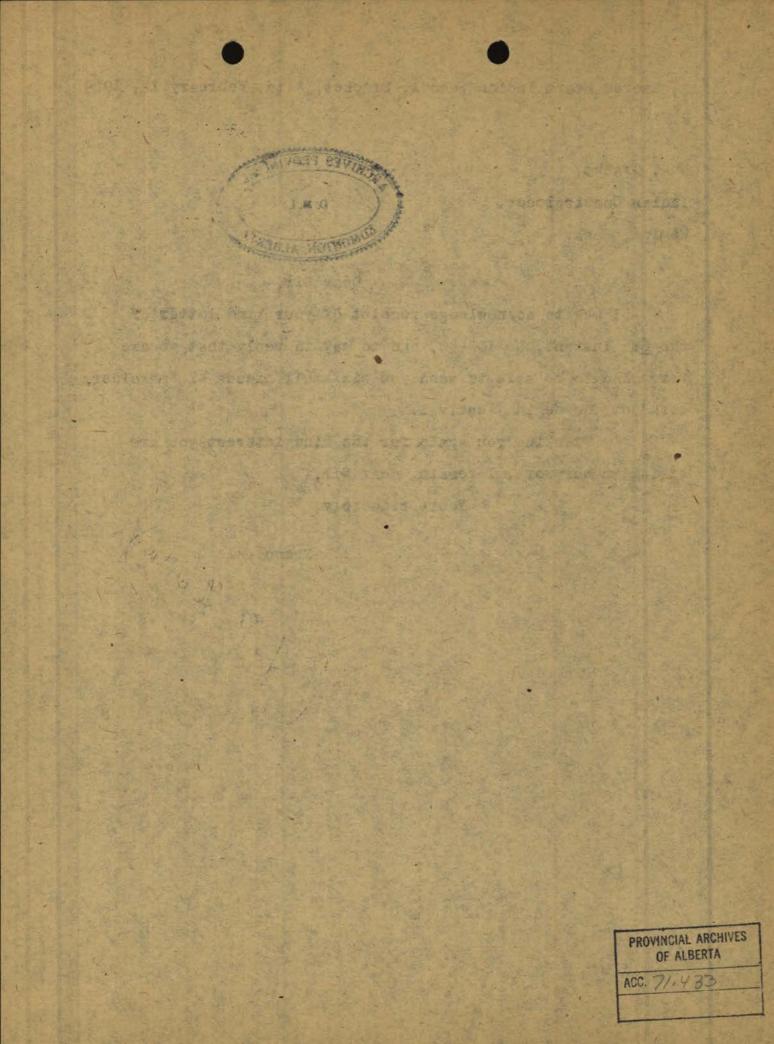
Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of the 6th instant, No IOO-4C, and to say in reply that we are very glad to be able to send you six small pieces of Embroidery work for the Regina Festival.

Thanking you again for the kind interest you are taking in our work, I remain, dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,

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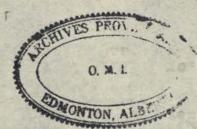
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DREGINA, SASK. 6th. February, 1929....

Yours very tru

Indian Commissioner.



Dear Sir:-

There is to be a Great-West Canadian Folksong, Folkdance and Handierafts Festival held in Regina about the middle of March, at which exhibits of handwork done by people of the various nationalities in the province are to be shown. These nationalities will include Poles, Austrians, Germans, French, English, Scandinavian, and others, and it is thought that it would be nice to have the work of the Indians represented in this exhibit. I am, therefore, writing you this letter with a view of ascertaining if you could have half a dozen pieces of embroidery work prepared. We do not require anything very large, but it must be the very best work you may have on hand or could have prepared by that time. If you have any reall nice pieces in the line of cane baskets or raffia work I should like to have them also. I shall be glad if you will acknowledge this letter and advise me as to what you can do in the matter.

Rev. J. Levern, Principal, R. C. Indian Res. School, Brocket, Alta.

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Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta, January 26, 1929

The Secretary, Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.



I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour 66 the the 3d instant, No II6-2-5, and to say in reply that the refills have just arrived. You will find the account enclosed herewith, certified correct and signed by me.

Thanking you most sincerely, I remain, dear Sir, .

Your faithful servant,

Principal

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Ottawa, January 10th, 1929.



Reverend Sir, -

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I beg to say that an order is being placed for two pieces of Asbestoslate blackboard, each piece 8 ft. long by 3½ ft. wide, with the necessary chalk trough and moulding.

A set of the "Book of Knowledge" is, also, being ordered for the Sacred Heart Indian Residential School.

Your obedient serwant,

Russell T. Ferrier. Supt. of Indian Education.

Rev. J. L. Levern, O.M.I.,
Principal,
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Ottawa, January 3, 1929.

Rev. Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I beg to say that we are today placing an order with the LaFrance Fire Engine & Foamite Limited to supply refills for 4 - 22 gallon fire extinguishers and also refills for 8 - 1 quart fire guns in use at the Sacred Heart Indian Residential School. The above firm have been requested to make early shipment and to forward their account. in duplicate, to you. Upon receipt of the refills, you should certify the account as follows: "Goods received. Prices charged fair and just." You should then forward the account to the Department in order that payment can be made. the refills arrive, please arrange to have them inserted in the fire extinguishers and see that the extinguishers are in good condition and ready for immediate use.

Relative to your request to have a local boiler inspector inspect the boilers at this school, I beg to say that you may arrange to have this work carried out. You should obtain an account, in duplicate, from the Inspector covering the cost of his services and also a report on his inspection. These you should hand to your local Indian Agent to be certified and sent to the Department.

In future, I shall be pleased if you will forward requests of the nature contained in your letter through the office of your local Indian Agent.

Rev. J. L. Levern, O.M. I., Principal,

Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta. Your ebelient servant.

J.' D. McLean,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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