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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,

DOMINION OF CANADA.

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D. H. KEELY, General Superintendent.

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No. _____ Dated Winnipeg. 21. 12. 1903

Received at Saddle Lake

To Indian Agent, Saddle Lake

Principal should lay information before magistrate and get warrant to give Police to bring back deserted pupils

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GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
COMMISSE OF CANADA

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

Indian Office

At

Saddle Lake

4 Nov.

1903.

MEMO

Rev. Father Balle,
Principal, Blue Hill's Bd. Sch.
Saddle Lake.

Dear Sir,

I saw Peepukis on Saturday last, and he promised to take his boy back to school, immediately.

Monday Redcrow agreed to place his two boys back in school without fail. I went over to the mission to see you, but you were engaged. I hope these boys are now back in the school.

Redcrow's grievance with regard to the children was, that the boy Solomon had a sore on his head and limb and he thought the same was not receiving proper attention hence he was keeping boy at home feeling better.

He complained about the food the children were getting, saying that with exception of bread & potatoes they did not get sufficient to eat, and that they rarely got anything in the shape of meat.

Kindly

John D. Miller

1905

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

14 Mch. 1903.

In your reply refer to

No. 122/64

*and date of this letter and
address*

Hon. David Laird,

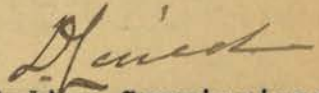
Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, Man.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th. ultimo, and to authorize the discharge of pupil No. 44, Wm. Paskweyak, of the Blue Quill Boarding School, to take effect on the 31st. instant.

Yours truly,


Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Blue Quill Indian Boarding School,

Saddle Lake,

Sask.

1914

THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES

OF ALBERTA

RECORDS

1914

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

14 Mch. 1903.

In your reply refer to

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*and date of this letter and
address*

Hon. David Laird,

Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, Man.

Rev. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd. instant re providing funds for the purpose of enlarging the accommodation at the Blue Quill Boarding School, and to say that this has been attended to in the preparation of the Estimates for next fiscal year, and I will be able to inform you before the expiration of the present fiscal year whether the amount asked for has been voted by the House.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Blue Quill Indian Boarding School,

Saddle Lake,

Alta.

L.- Dic. Mn.

Post Office Department, Canada,

Ottawa. March 17th, 1903

Sir/--

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of a petition signed by Messrs Ambroise Grey, Alexandre Lambert and others of Saddle Lake, Alta., praying for the establishment of a post office in the Indian Reserve, Saddle Lake West, and, in reply, to inform you that the subject of the petition will receive due enquiry and consideration.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

Reverend,

R. Leon Balter,

Principal of B.Q.B. School,

SADDLE LAKE, Alta.

Alberta Department of Education

1900-1901

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

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ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER



ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.

Ottawa 20th March, 1903.

Revd Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I beg to say that the Department has under consideration the question of providing for an increased number of pupils at Blue Quill's Boarding School, and also making a grant for the purpose of enlarging the school building. It is, however, doubtful whether the same can be provided for.

Your obedient servant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Reddy".

Deputy Supt. General,
of Indian Affairs.

Revd Leon Balter,
Principal,

Blue Quill's Boarding School,
Saddle Lake, N.W.T.

OLIVER GOOD MANOR, 1903.

May 11,

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant,
I beg to say that the Department has under consideration
the question of providing for an increased number of
places at the White Mountain School, and also making
a grant for the purpose of enlarging the school building.
It is, however, doubtful whether the same can be provided

Very cordially,
Yours,
J. H. McCall

Minister of Education,
Ottawa, Ontario.

of Indian Affairs.

24-1000-1010

Principal,

White Mountain School,

White Lake, N.B.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

1 Apr. 1903.

In your reply refer to

No. 122/64

and date of this letter and
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Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Rev. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th. instant re shortages in the payment of the grant, and to enclose a copy of a letter from Ottawa which I trust will satisfy you as to same. If you will send a supplementary report of the attendance during the September quarter, viz: 9 pupils for 61 days, the same will be duly forwarded to the Department for payment.

Yours truly,

D. Laird
Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Blue Quill Boarding School,

Saddle Lake,

Alta.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, 24 March 1903.

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th. instant enclosing a copy of a letter from the Principal of Blue Quill's Boarding School relative to certain shortages in the per capita grant to that institution for the last three quarters.

In reply I beg to say with reference to the quarters ending 30th. June and 30th. September 1902, that the full grant as called for by the returns forwarded was paid. The June quarter return, after being computed by this Department was also checked by the Auditor General's office and passed as correct. The September quarter return was also very carefully checked and in neither case is any balance found to be due this school. There are several pupils on both these returns who are under the age limit of seven years and consequently only receive half the grant, which may account for the shortage claimed by the Principal,

On the December quarter's return a grant was asked for 153 days attendance for each of the following nine pupils:- Nos. 056, 057, 058, 059, 060 (under age limit), 74, 75, 76 and 77. These pupils were admitted to the school on the 1st. August, 1902, but were not included in the return for September quarter, although they were in attendance 61 days of that quarter. In his return for December quarter, the Principal asked for a grant covering 153 days attendance for them, - or from August 1st. when they were admitted to the 31st.

December. The Department could only pay for the 92 days during which they attended in December quarter and before the Principal can receive the balance for the 61 days they were in the school during the preceding quarter, he will be required to forward a properly certified supplementary return covering the attendance of the nine pupils in question for that period.

The Indian Commr,
Winnipeg, Man.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours obt. servant,

(sgd.) J.D. McLean
Secretary.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71-220



House of Commons

Ottawa, April, 16, 1903 *190*

Rev. Leon Balter O.M.I.,

Saddle Lake, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 16th to hand, being petition for post office at Sacred Heart, West of Saddle Lake, with yourself as Post Master.

I am placing the petition before the Post Master General and asking for its most favorable consideration.

Yours respectfully,

Frank Oliver

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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IN ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE

ON THIS CASE PLEASE QUOTE

No. File No. 6944.

Post Office Department, Canada,

*To Mr. Oliver, Esq., M.P.,
N.B. Walter, Esq.,
Winnipeg*
L.- Dic. Mn.

Ottawa, April 20th, 1903

Dear Mr. Oliver,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing a petition from the Reverend R. L. Balter, O.M.I. of Saddle Lake in your District, praying for the establishment of a post office on the Indian Reserve, at or near the Sacred Heart Church, 6 or 7 miles west of Saddle Lake.

In reply, I desire to say that the Inspector at Winnipeg was requested on the 17th ultimo to furnish an early report on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Oliver, Esq., M.P.,

House of Commons,

OTTAWA.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.220

To information of
G. Mr. J. A. Oliver
P. Oliver



Ottawa, 15th., May, 1901.

My dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 13th. inst., enclosing a communication from the Rev. Father Grandin of the Indian Boarding School, Saddle Lake Reserve, asking for a closed mail bag for the use of the Mission, and in reply have much pleasure in informing you that I have this day given instructions to have your wishes in this matter carried out,

Yours sincerely,

James Litherland

Acting Postmaster General.

Frank Oliver, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.

Ottawa, 16th May 1903.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that you have been recommended to the Postmaster General as a fit and proper person to be appointed to the Postmastership of Sacred Heart in the Electoral ~~County~~ of Alberta in the Province of _____ and Dominion of Canada, and that, if you are prepared to furnish the necessary security, your appointment to that office will take place in due course.

The Inspector of the Manitoba Money Division, Mr. W. W. McLeod will furnish you with all necessary instructions with regard to the security required.

It will be further required that you and any person whom you may desire to employ as an assistant, shall, in conformity with the Post Office Act, before entering upon any Post Office duty, subscribe to the Oath (or Declaration) of Office, the necessary forms for which purpose will be supplied to you by the Post Office Inspector.

I am, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

W. L. Gaultier

Deputy Postmaster General.

To The Reverend
Leon Balter,
Sacred Heart,
Alberta.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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[20-V-1903]

ESTABLISHMENT OF POST OFFICE.

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT.



No.

POST OFFICE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,



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SIR,—

I have been instructed by the Postmaster General to take steps for opening a
Post Office at Sacred Heart Section 29
in the Township of 62 Range 13 W 4 and for placing you in
charge thereof.

I enclose herewith some oaths of office, one of which you will please take and subscribe
before a magistrate and return to me. Any person assisting you in the duties of your office
should also take and subscribe one in the same manner, which should afterwards be forwarded
to me.

The law requires that every person entering on the office of Postmaster should give
approved security to the Department in such amounts as the Postmaster General may determine.
Such security may in your case be given ~~in either of two ways: (1) By means of a private
Bond signed by yourself and two sureties good for the requisite amount; or (2) by means of~~
an assessment system which the Department has established under statutory authority.

~~If you choose the former mode you will be so good as to send me, as early as practicable,
the christian and surnames (at full length), and the residences and occupations of two respon-
sible parties willing to become bound with you in the sum of Four Hundred Dollars for the due
performance of your duties, giving at the same time (at full length) your own christian name
or names, together with the nature of your profession or occupation, in order that full
particulars may be inserted in your Bond.~~

~~If, however, you prefer the assessment system mentioned above, the Department will
insure you in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars at the rate of 40 cents per \$100 per annum,
and will deduct the annual premium of 80 cents from your salary warrants.~~

So soon as your oath of office has been duly signed and returned to me, and the necessary
security has been furnished, I shall forward to the Postmaster of Saddle Lake
the necessary Books, Papers and instructions for opening your office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Recd: Leon Baller

Postmaster (clerk)

W. W. McLeod

Post Office Inspector.

at Sacred Heart
on Saddle Lake

ESTABLISHMENT OF POST OFFICE

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

POST OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT OFFICE

I have been instructed by the Department of the Interior to advise you that

the following appointment has been made:

Post Office at _____

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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Post Office Inspector's Office
Winnipeg, Man.

18 Aug 1903

Dear Sir

Will you please state whether the Sacred Heart
Post Office went into operation as intended on the
15 June 03 - and whether Mr C F Stewart the
Contractor has performed the service regularly
and satisfactorily since that date.

Yours truly

W. W. McLeod

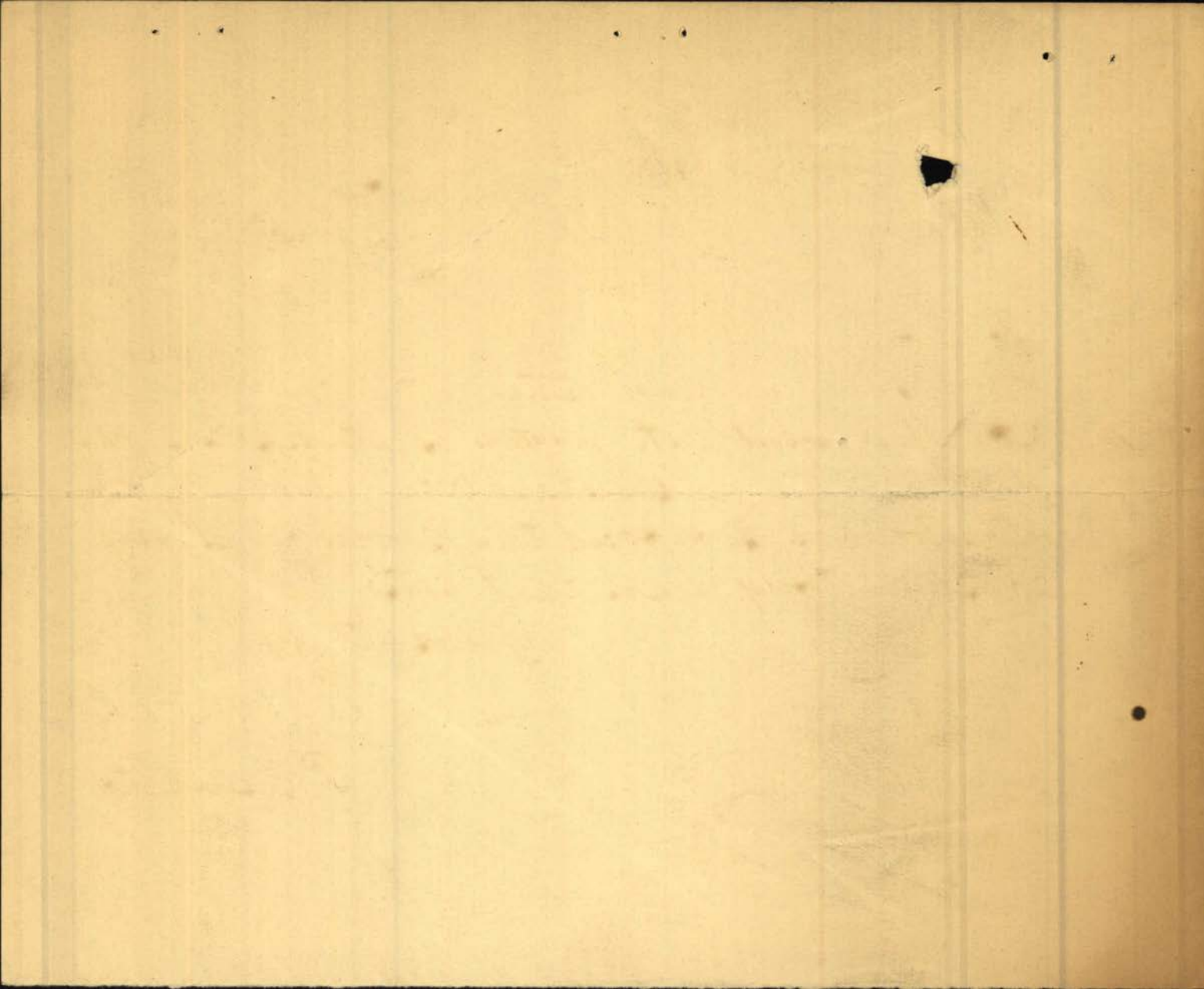
P. O. Inspector.

Postmaster

Sacred Heart

Alta

Reply



The Postmaster is required to read this Letter very carefully, and keep it in a convenient place for Reference.



Post Office Inspector's Office



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SIR,—

I am instructed by the Postmaster General to take steps for opening a Post Office at Sacred Heart Section 29 in the Township 58 Range 13 W4 on the 15th instant and for placing you in charge thereof.

I enclose herewith a supply of *Postage Stamps*, estimated to be sufficient for two months. It will be your duty to use the money you receive from their sale for the purpose of renewing your stock, which must at all times be maintained at a point equal to the public requirements. Both stamps and cash, as being the property of the Post Office Department, are to be held subject to the order of the Postmaster General.

When further supplies of *Postage Stamps* are required you will obtain them by making application to the Postmaster at Winnipeg to whom you will send the proper Requisition, accompanied by the amount of cash necessary to pay for the Stamps ordered. Each Requisition should be made for a sufficient quantity of Stamps to supply your office for at least one month. You will please be very careful not to purchase stamps from any office except Winnipeg because, if you do, the amounts you so obtain will not be reported to the Department, and the Department will consequently not be able, in fixing your salary, to credit you with the full Revenue of your office. Even were such irregular purchases reported, the Department could not take account of them in fixing your salary, as they would already have been counted in fixing the salary of the Postmaster from whom they were bought.

On retiring from office, as Postmaster, you will be required to pay the value of the *Postage Stamps* sent to you by the Department as a Credit Supply. Any *Postage Stamps* remaining in your possession will be accepted as part of the amount.

Your *Salary*, to commence with, will be at the rate of \$10 per annum, which you will receive quarterly by "Warrant" direct from the Department. The Warrant, after being receipted and stamped, may be cashed at any Money Order Office in the Dominion or remitted to the Post Office above mentioned as cash for the purchase of *Postage Stamps*.

I have forwarded to the Postmaster of Saddle Lake a set of Books, Forms, &c., for the use of your office, which, if you will call on him, he will deliver to you with such instructions as will enable you to commence your duties on the date mentioned.

You will correspond, or exchange mails, with the following offices only :—

With Fort Saskatchewan once per week
in a locked and labelled bag by the Courier
passing between Fort Saskatchewan and Saddle Lake

Any Letters, Papers, &c., you may receive for other offices forward on
Fort Saskatchewan excepting matter for
Saddle Lake which forward in the Way Bag matter for

When you have Registered Letters for despatch, use the Registered Letter Bill (No. 23 B.), and enter the addresses thereon.

Paul de Meis and White Fort Lake you will forward on Saddle Lake

The "Acknowledgment" at the bottom of the Bill is to be filled up by the Receiving Postmaster, and returned by first mail to the Despatching Office.

When there is no Registered matter to despatch, the ordinary Letter Bill (No. 22 B.), which is smaller than the Registered Letter one, is to be used. This Bill requires no acknowledgment.

In the Book supplied to you for the purpose, you will enter, each day, the total amount of *unpaid postage* on letters received for delivery at your office, and the amount of the unpaid postage on letters re-directed at, and forwarded from, your office. And you will also enter in the same book the amount of the unpaid postage on letters sent by you to the Dead Letter Office, and the dates on which you purchase Postage Stamps from the Postmaster above mentioned and the amount of each purchase.

An Office *Stamp and Seal* will be sent to you as soon as they can be obtained from the manufacturer. Meantime postmark by writing the name of your office, and date, on letters sent and received.

A mail key is sent you herewith, and you will please be careful to see that it is neither lost nor misplaced; it should *never be left within the reach of any person not immediately connected with your office.*

The Postmaster at Saddle Lake will afford you such information and assistance as may be necessary to enable you to perform correctly the duties of your office.

Wm. Leru Baller
Postmaster

W. W. McLeod
P. O. Inspector.

Sacked & sealed
1883

Wm Saddle Lake Alta

EXTRACTS FROM GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. The following explanation of the terms used in the *Letter Bill* and of the mode of filling it up, is given for your guidance, together with the following extracts from the General Regulations :—

2. *Postage on insufficiently paid matter.* In this item include only the unpaid postage to be collected on letters, &c., for delivery at the office for which the Letter Bill is made out.

3. *Missent and re-directed.* In this item include the amount of postage on insufficiently prepaid letters, &c., addressed to your office, which you have been requested to re-direct elsewhere; also the amount of postage on insufficiently paid letters, &c., which may have been missent to your office, and erroneously charged in the Letter Bill.

4. The postage rate on letters passing between one place and another in Canada, is two cents per ounce or fraction thereof.

5. Every communication, notice, or other document, written, or partly written, is to be considered as a letter, unless specially excepted from the application of letter postage. The exceptions referred to are noted under the head of *Third and Fourth-class matter*. The sending of a letter, or any communication or document, subject to letter postage, in an open cover, does not in any way diminish its liability to the letter rate of postage.

6. No mutilated Postage Stamp can be accepted in payment of postage, nor should any soiled stamp be used, as it is impossible, in many cases, for the Post Office to distinguish a merely soiled stamp from one previously used and cancelled.

7. *Registered Letters.* These are letters for which receipts are given by the Post Offices at which they are handed in, of which a record is kept during their course through the mails, and for which a receipt must be taken before delivery. They are, therefore, letters to which a special degree of security is given. Registered Letters are subject, in addition to the ordinary postage, to a special registration fee of five cents, to be prepaid by stamp. Registered Letters should always be kept in a secure place.

8. *Registered Letters for despatch* must be entered in the Registered Letter Book, and in the Registered Letter Bill (No. 23 B.); and the date of receipt, and of despatch, must also be entered in the Registered Letter Book.

9. A Registered Letter received for delivery at your office, should be entered in the Registered Letter Book; and you must obtain the signature of the person to whom the letter is delivered, as a receipt for its delivery; and the date of delivery must also be entered.

10. Every Registered Letter posted at your office, for despatch, should be postmarked, sharply, once on the front, and twice across the flaps on the back of the envelope.

11. Every Postmaster should take the precaution to appoint an Assistant, so as to prevent the office being left without a duly qualified person to perform the duties in case of the necessary absence of the Postmaster.

12. Letters posted to be sent by mail are to be carefully stamped with the *Date Stamp*, on the face or address side, with the name of the Post Office, and the date of the day on which they are actually posted. In performing this operation care should be taken to avoid interfering with the address.

13. Every letter should be stamped or postmarked, with the *Date Stamp*, when *deposited in the office*, even though it should afterwards necessarily remain several hours, or days, before it can be despatched.

14. Be particular to obliterate every Postage Stamp attached to letters, and other mail matter, posted at your office. And if you receive letters, &c., on which the Postage Stamps have not been fully cancelled, deface them at once.

15. A letter once posted becomes the property of the person to whom it is addressed, and must be forwarded according to its direction. *On no account can a letter, after having been posted, be returned to the writer.*

16. A Postmaster at whose office a letter is posted to be forwarded, or through whose office a letter is passing in course of post, has no discretionary power with regard to its delivery. His duty is simply to forward it to destination, and on no application, however urgent, can he depart from this rule.

17. No information can be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office except to the persons to whom they are addressed, and to the senders when enquiring respecting delivery. Postmasters are not permitted to furnish any information respecting the names or addresses of persons who receive correspondence at their respective offices.

18. Letters posted without any address, or addressed imperfectly, and letters unpaid, or insufficiently paid which cannot be sent unpaid, should be put under cover to the proper *Branch Dead Letter Office*.

19. Letters which have been posted, having Postage Stamps affixed thereon which appear to have been previously used, are to be postmarked and transmitted to the proper Branch Dead Letter Office, with the words "Stamp previously used" being written across the face of the letter.

20. If a letter is forwarded under cover to a Postmaster with a request that he will re-post it at his office, the letter on being re-posted should be endorsed with the words "Posted at..... under cover to the Postmaster at....."

21. The rate of postage on a letter addressed to the United States is the same as upon a letter addressed to any place in Canada, two cents per ounce, and no letter not prepaid at least one full rate of 2 cents will be forwarded.

22. *Request Letters.*—A request letter is one bearing the name and address of the sender of the letter on the face of the envelope, with the request for direct return, if not delivered. Such requests are to be promptly complied with by the Postmaster at the office of destination, subject to the regulations on page vi of the Postal Guide.

23. Money should never be sent through the Post Office except by means either of a Money Order, Postal Note, or of a Registered Letter.

24. When the numbers of a Newspaper, or Periodical, sent from an office of publication in Canada, have remained in a Post Office in Canada uncalled for, during four weeks, or have been refused, the Postmaster will notify the respective publishers, on the proper form (No. 67 B.), which form is to pass free of postage; but the papers or periodicals are not to be returned. If the newspaper continues to arrive after the notice has been sent, the Postmaster will notify the Publisher, in the same way, a second time, specially calling his attention to the first notice given. A Postmaster may dispose, at his own office, under the safeguards prescribed by the Department, of all undelivered ordinary newspapers of Canadian origin.

25. You will be very careful not to allow your supply of Postage Stamps to run out, for it is imperative that every Postmaster shall be able, at all times, to supply Postage Stamps to persons transacting business at his office. No mail matter is to be prepaid by money, that is to say, Postage Stamps must be used for prepayment of postage rates on all mail matter.

26. You will find the Postage Rates on Letters, Newspapers, &c., addressed to places within the Dominion of Canada, and to Great Britain, the United States, and Foreign Countries, Registration Fees, &c., &c., in the Official Postal Guide.

27. The date of receipt should be stamped, with the *Date Stamp*, upon the upper right hand corner of each Letter Bill received.

28. It is the duty of every Postmaster, and forms a part of the obligation he assumes on accepting appointment, to provide adequate office accommodation for the convenience of the public, and for the transaction of the Post Office business entrusted to him. You are also to furnish a sign with the words "POST OFFICE," in conspicuous letters, to be put outside the office; and a LETTER BOX, accessible from the street, or road, so that letters may be dropped into the office at all hours. You should also furnish a lock-up desk, cupboard, or other suitable receptacle, in which letters and other mail matter may be kept whilst awaiting delivery.

29. All Blank Forms, Books, Envelopes, *Date Stamps*, Stamping Material, &c., required for your office, must be applied for by Requisition to the Controller of Postal Stores, Post Office Department, Ottawa, on the forms of Requisition provided for the purpose, and you must always be careful to see that the supply of requisites for carrying on the work of your office is not at any time allowed to become exhausted.

30. The *Date Stamp* should be occasionally washed with turpentine, or soap and water. Common writing ink must never be used as a stamping material, as it corrodes the steel. The Indelible Stamping Ink furnished by the Department, only, should be used. In the event of any of the Office Stamps becoming defective, or the type of the Date Stamp being mislaid, or lost, a communication reporting the fact must be at once addressed to the Controller of Postal Stores, Post Office Department, Ottawa.

31. Read carefully the Regulations contained in the annual Official Postal Guide, and inform yourself fully as to the classification of mail matter, and the charges on each class; also the Regulations bearing upon the treatment of matter mailed at your office, to the end that proper and accurate information may be given by you, when applied for by the public.



Letter of Appointment to Postmastership.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA.

Ottawa. *14th November 1903*

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the
Postmaster General has been pleased to appoint you to be Postmaster of
Sacred Heart in the Electoral County
of *District of Alberta* in the
Province of _____ and
Dominion of Canada.

You are, therefore, hereby authorized to exercise all the functions
and discharge all the duties appertaining to the said office, according
to law.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. C. Miller

Deputy Postmaster General.

The Reverend
Leon Baltes
Sacred Heart
Alberta.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

18 June 1903.

In your reply refer to

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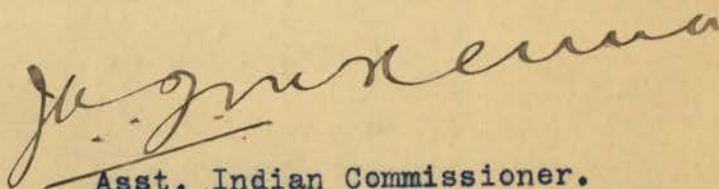
and date of this letter and
address

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

Sir,

I have your letter of the 11th. instant,
asking the discharge of pupils No.45, J.B.Little
Crane and No.76, George, of the Blue Quill's
Boarding School, and I authorize same.

Yours truly,


Asst. Indian Commissioner.

Principal,

Blue Quill Boarding School,

Saddle Lake Alta.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

10 July 1903.

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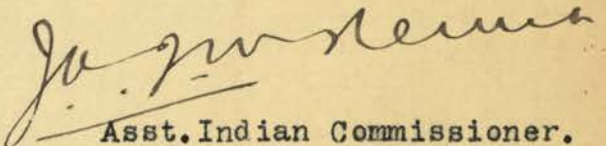
and date of this letter and
address

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

Rev. Sir,

In connection with the quarterly return of
the Blue Quill Boarding School for June quarter, I
notice that no Returns of Admissions and Discharges
have been forwarded. If none have taken place during
the quarter the return should be sent in marked "nil".

Yours truly,


Asst. Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Blue Quill Indian Boarding School,
Saddle Lake, Alta.

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Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

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

Winnipeg,

12 Aug. 1903.

Rev. Sir,

I am in receipt of Mr. Inspector Chisholm's report upon the Blue Quill Boarding School and must say that it is considerably at variance with the quarterly returns for the June quarter recently received from that school. The grant is claimed for an average of 44 pupils in steady attendance, whilst the Inspector only found 31. The returns do not contain any remarks as to a certain number who have been away for more or less lengthy periods and for whom the grant is claimed in toto. I understand from the Inspector that an amended return was to be forwarded and I expect this will be done at an early date. Except for say three weeks which the Department is willing to allow as holidays to the pupils, once in the year, without cutting down the grant, all absences should be explained in the Remarks Column, and the exact number of days attendance should appear in its proper place with a remark what holidays were taken, (should it be the case), with my authority, quoting date of same.

I should like to have a list of all those that are are present absent, the length of their absence, and the likeliness of their returning to school. I do not see why their names should remain on the roll if they are not likely to return, and steps might be taken to cause a number of them to come back.

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Principal

Blue Quill Boarding School,

Saddle Lake,

Alta.

Let it be understood that the above is not a

copy of the original but a copy of the copy

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the Secretary of the Navy and is not to be

used for any other purpose than for the

purpose for which it was made.

Very respectfully,
 J. M. Smith

Chief Clerk of the Navy

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I beg to caution you against any agreements which provide for the children leaving the school before the Department is disposed to grant their discharge. Pupils are to be taken in for a period which will ensure such a training as will enable them to make a decent living after their discharge and will justify the Department for paying for their keep in the meantime.

The Principal reports that the girls' dormitory is larger than the boys', whilst the boys are and have been always in the majority. The air space in the boys' dormitory is in consequence much smaller and inadequate. Would it not be possible to put the boys in the girls' dormitory and let the girls occupy the other without interfering too much with other arrangements?

The Inspector suggests that the training given the girls is more real and practical than that imparted to the boys and that it is advisable that the attendance of this sex be increased as rapidly as possible. I beg to commend this to your consideration.

Yours truly,


Indian Commissioner.

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Office of the

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

Winnipeg,

21st. August 1903.

Rev. Sir,

I have your letters of 4th. and 13th.
Instant.

Pupil 6I, Joseph Quinn, has been in
school only since 1900, and cannot be able to
~~leave~~ ^{read} very well yet. Would it not be advisable to
let him remain in class another year ?

You may discharge No. 039, Isabella Nabeak-
sett; but I must ask how you omitted her
name from your March return.

No. 04I, Susan Horsethief is also discharged.

Yours truly,

D. Laird
Indian Commissioner.

Principal,

Blue Quill Boarding School,

Sacred Heart P.O., Alta.

Office of the

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

Winnipeg,

11 Sept. 1903.

Rev. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th. instant, in connection with the quarterly returns of the Blue Quill Boarding School, for June quarter, and as I had expected from Mr. Inspector Chisholm's report that I would be provided with an amended return, am somewhat disappointed at receiving only certain explanations as to absentees during said quarter. The Inspector's report being in the hands of the Department, I may be called upon at any time to explain why your return and the Inspector's report are so much at variance. In the case of almost every pupil registered, you have asked for the full grant, whilst a good many without leave were away, besides the Chippewyan pupils, whose absence was authorized by wire. As far as I am concerned, I am willing to drop the matter, but for your future guidance, I will remind you that children may not be allowed to be absent without obtaining authority from this office.

As to such pupils who were allowed home on account of sickness of a contagious nature, viz.

Principal,

chicken pox

Blue Quill Boarding School,

Sacred Heart P. O.

via Edmonton, Alta.

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chicken pox, I am of the opinion that it was injudicious to take such action and run the chances of spreading the disease through the reserves; it would have been better to place the sick ones in some isolated quarters at the institution.


You mention having given provisions to the absentees-I must say that the feeding of Indians out of school is a matter which should fall upon the Indian Agent, who looks after these matters, and that children who are understood to be inmates of Boarding Schools are maintained there in order to facilitate their attendance in class, the foremost object of these institutions, and the mere feeding and clothing of same in school or otherwise fails to meet the purpose intended.

Granting that the full grant has been paid, for the June quarter, and that the Department does not intend to make any reduction, after consideration of the Inspector's report (which I do not know), it must be strictly understood in regard to the September quarter, that the grant will be paid for only such pupils as have been in attendance and for the exact period during which they have attended.

Of the pupils now absent, I should like to know the names of those which are not likely to return and should therefore be discharged, and the names of those who although unwilling to return might be caused to come back by such means as may be available.

No.033, Emilia Sinclair, may be discharged, since she is to marry in the near future. On the 21st. of August the discharge of No.019, Isabella Nabeokut, and No.041, Susan Horsethief, was authorized and that of No.61, Joseph Quinn kept pending.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. C. Smith", written in dark ink.

Indian Commissioner.

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

27th. Oct. 1903.

In your reply refer to
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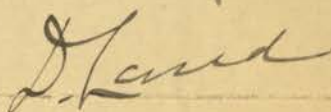
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Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Rev. Sir,

In reference to the quarterly returns of admissions and discharges of pupils, I beg to request that you will see that all the columns are filled with such information as is asked by the headings. The nature of discharges should be given and the dates of the authority for discharges quoted. All the columns of the quarterly returns should also be properly filled in, as the Department insists upon receiving this information.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner.

Principal,

Blue Quill's Boarding School,

Saddle Lake, Alta.

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At

Saddle Lake.

3 November 1903.

MEMO

Rev. Father Rallier
P.C. Mission.

Dear Sir,

This is to introduce Mr. Wickham,
of the Vermilion Iron Mines. He will be very glad
if you will give him any information about the
black point near Father Grandin, located
near Paddy's Crossing. Perhaps Brother
Bows would know. Mr. Wickham would
like to have the Indian Pilot, take him there.

If you will kindly send some Indian
to find the Indian who will pilot him
there, and if you can put Mr. Wickham
on the proper road it will greatly
oblige.

Yours truly,

Geo. G. Mann,



John W. Miller

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Hon. David Laird,
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Winnipeg, Man.

Winnipeg,

17th. Nov. 1903.

Rev. Sir,

I have your letter of the 4th. instant about two pupils who have repeatedly deserted from the Blue Quill Boarding School, and asking whether you may threaten to have them sent to an Industrial School. I do not think they should be transferred to an Industrial School, if it were not likely that they should remain at school at least two years. If the boys are not over sixteen and in good health we may send them to an Industrial School, if you cannot retain them in your school. But do not threaten them--we do not wish our Industrial Schools to be looked upon as prisons.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner.

Principal,

Blue Quill Boarding School,

Sacred Heart P. O., Alta.

