

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

May 11, 1928.

Blood Reserve

Dear Father Beys, -

Reverend Father Therien has presented to me a memorandum on the question of the per capita grant allowed to the residential school on the Blood reserve. I will take this matter into consideration at once and will in due course communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Very Rev. J. B. Beys, O.M.I., Oblate Fathers Provincial House, 10188 - 107th St., Edmonton, Alta.

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Dear Father Therien,

Blood Reserve

I have to acknowledge the receipt of statements of articles, stock and implements which were the property of the Reverend Sisters at Standoff on the Blood reserve and the old Roman Catholic school on the Peigan reserve, and which have been transferred to the new school buildings.

I understand that it is the wish of Reverend Father Beys that the Department should pay for these articles. I am somewhat doubtful whether his wishes could be met, but I will take the matter into consideration, reserving decision for the present.

I am returning herewith the duplicate of letter addressed to me by Father Beys.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Rev. J. A. Therien, University of Ottawa, Ottawa.

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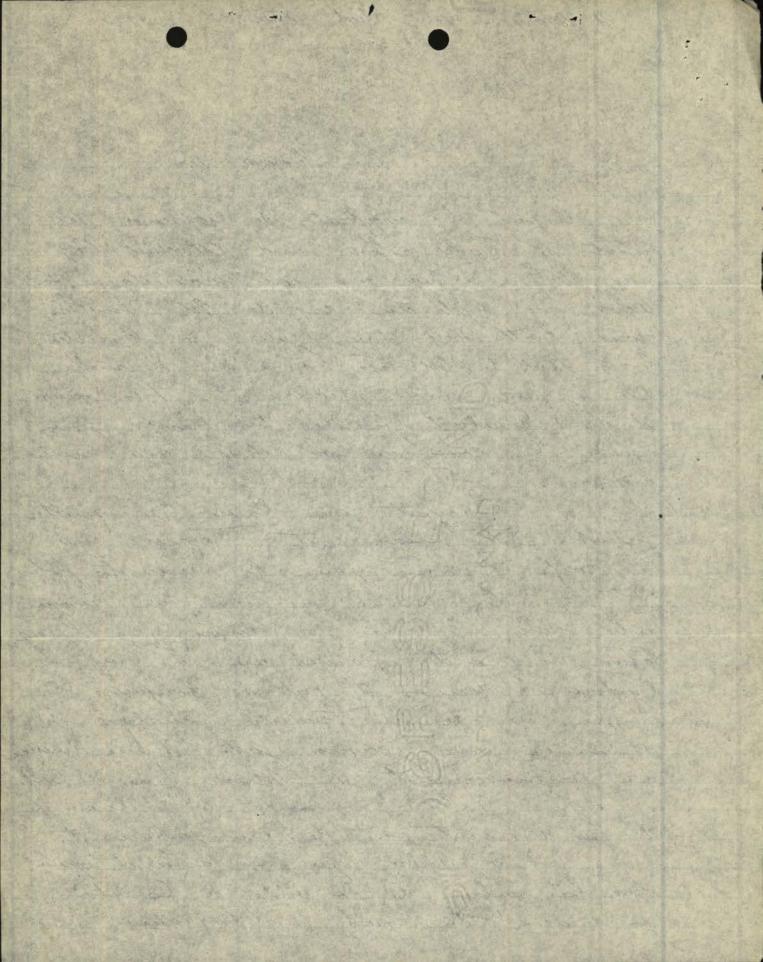
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May2, 1920.

Rev. Father Beys, O.M.I, Provencial O.M.I. Edmonton Alta.

Re: The Department of Indian Affairs and Re: Agnes Crop Ear Wolf.

Reverend Father:

JOHN CORMACK, K.C.

It would appear :-

- (1) Agnes Crop Ear Wolf was born on the 17th day of January 1918, the child of Aloysius Crop Ear Wolf and his wife Roman Catholics.
- (2) The child was baptised on the 7th day of March 1918 according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

(birth and baptismal records herewith)

- (3) Because the child was permitted to stay with an aunt (of no religion) her husband Night Gun assures to have the authority to place the child according to his pleasure.
- (4) Notwithstanding Sec. 10, S.S. 2 of the Indian act and notwithstanding the fact that the child is a Roman Catholic by both birth and paptism, it was placed in the Frotestant school without consulting the wishes of the father or referring the matter to him in any way.
- (5) The father Aloysius Crop Ear Wolf upon the matter coming to his knowledge, sent a protest with a statement of the facts to the Deputy Minister Mr. Scott, statings-
 - (a) That he did not wish to have his child in St. Pauls Anglican School where it had been placed.
 - (b) That his family was entirely Catholic and he did not want his "family divided in religion."
 - (c) That upon learning of the placing of their child

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in the Protestant school his wife "went immediately to the agent to protest but was told that nothing could be done now."

- (d) The parents want this daughter put in "the Roman Catholic school WHERE ARE HEP SISTERS." And he says :-
- (e) "I never renounced my right over my daughter and never signed any papers to that effect." (see his letter of anuary 16, 1928.)

Yet the department takes the extraordinary position that Crop Ear Wolf surrendered his right "TO DETERMINE THE SCHOOL IN WHICH HIS CHILD SHOULD BE EDUCATED." to Night Gun. (see Supt. Ferriers' letter of March 27, 1928) and that therefore, NOTWITHSTANDING THE ACT, THE PRACTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT . THE WISHES OF THE FAMILY, this unquestionably CATHOLIC child is placed in the PROTESTANT SCHOOL and the FAMILY ENTIRELY IGNORED.

For a high handed piece of departmental discrimination and autocraticism this would be hard to beat.

This case should be taken up with the Deputy Minister personally so as to give him an opportunity of rectifying the wrong that had been perpetrated upon this family. And if he does rectify it :#

It should be made the subject matter of an action at law by the parents for the recovery and custody of their child. And at the same time:-

It should be taken up on the floor of the House of Commons so that it might be ascertained whether or not the Parliament of Canada is willing to permit such things to be done in its departments.

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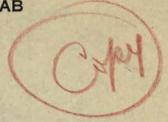
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May 2, 1928.

Rev. Father Beys, O. M. I., Provencial O.M.I., Edmonton, Alta.

Re: The Dapartment of Indian Affairs and Re: Agnes Blood:

Reverand Father:

JOHN CORMACK, K.C.

It would appear:

- (1) Agnes Blood is the 7 year old daughter of Charles Blood.
- (2) Charles Blood is a Catholic burn and raised as such and as ex-pupil of the Dunbow school.
- (3) Agnes Blood was baptised a Catholic as appears by the baptismal record herewith.

Sec. 10 S.S. 2 of the Indian Act provides that:-

"No Protestant child shall be assigned to a Roman Catholic school or a school conducted under Roman Catholic auspices and no Roman Catholic child shall be assigned to a Protestant school or a school conducted under Protestant auspēces."

The Deputy Minister of Justice gives it as his opinion that:-

"A Protestant child means a child of parents who are
Protestants and a Roman Catholic child is one who was
been paptised as a Roman Catholic or is born of Catholic
parents; but the father has a right to direct and regulate thereligious faith in which his child shall be
brought up, and that his wishes must be regarded unless
there is some strong reason for disregarding them."

Notwithstanding the foregoing Agnes Blood has been placed in scho which, apart altogether from the question of law involved, the Protestant school is contrary to the wish of her father.

On January 16th last the father Charles Blood made a statement (copy herewith) addressed to the Deputy Minister setting out the facts and his

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On the same date this statement with another in a somewhat similar case (that of Aloysius Crop Ear Wolf) were forwarded by Rev. Fr. Levern in a letter to the Deputy Minister. also relating something of the circumstances.

This replied to under date Jan. 25th, 1928 by Russell T. Ferrier Supt. of Indian Education (herewith) that he was writing "Mr. Agent Fugh" and that upon receipt of his reply, Father Levern would "be further advised".

No further advise or reply coming Rev. Fr. Levern at the request of the parties interested, on the 12th day of March last wrote again - this time to Supt. Ferrier.

This letter is replied to by Mr. Ferrier under date March, 19, 1928 to the effect that he is still in communication with Mr. Pugh and that "on receipt of his reply" he hoped:-

"to be able to make a decision and the Indians concerned will then be advised."

This is repeated in a letter of Mr. Ferrier of March 27th last (in which the case of Crop Ear Wolf is disposed of.

It would seen that, on the circumstances of the case, there could be only one decision possible.

However whether or not a decision has been made no advice of it has been given. And the matter rests there.

It is quite beyond us to explain why the department arrogates to itself the right todictates to a father in which schoolhist child shall be placed and in what faith his child shall be raised and that in direct conflict with the law.

This and other similar instances of the administration of this idepartment should be exposed and if not remedied should be made the subject

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matter of an inquiry and investigation in the House of Commons.

We believe that the father has a right of action for the recovery of his child but we believe also that in preference to taking this step the matter should be aired in the House with a view to having the situation remedied in that way.

Respectfully yours.

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April 24, 1928.

Reverand Oblate Fathers, Edmonton, Alta.

Reverand Father:

Answering your recent inquiry regarding certain matters affecting Indian children we beg to advise as follows:

In Canada an Indian is a British subject and has all the rights of one save such as are excluded by law, that is to say, by the Indian Act.

In so far as we know or can ascertain an Indian's parental rights are not excluded by the Act, save that under S. 10, S.S. 2, thereof "no Protestant child shall be assigned to a Roman Catholic school or a school conducted under Roman Catholic auspices, and no Roman Catholic child shall be assigned to a Protestant school or a school conducted under Protestant auspices."

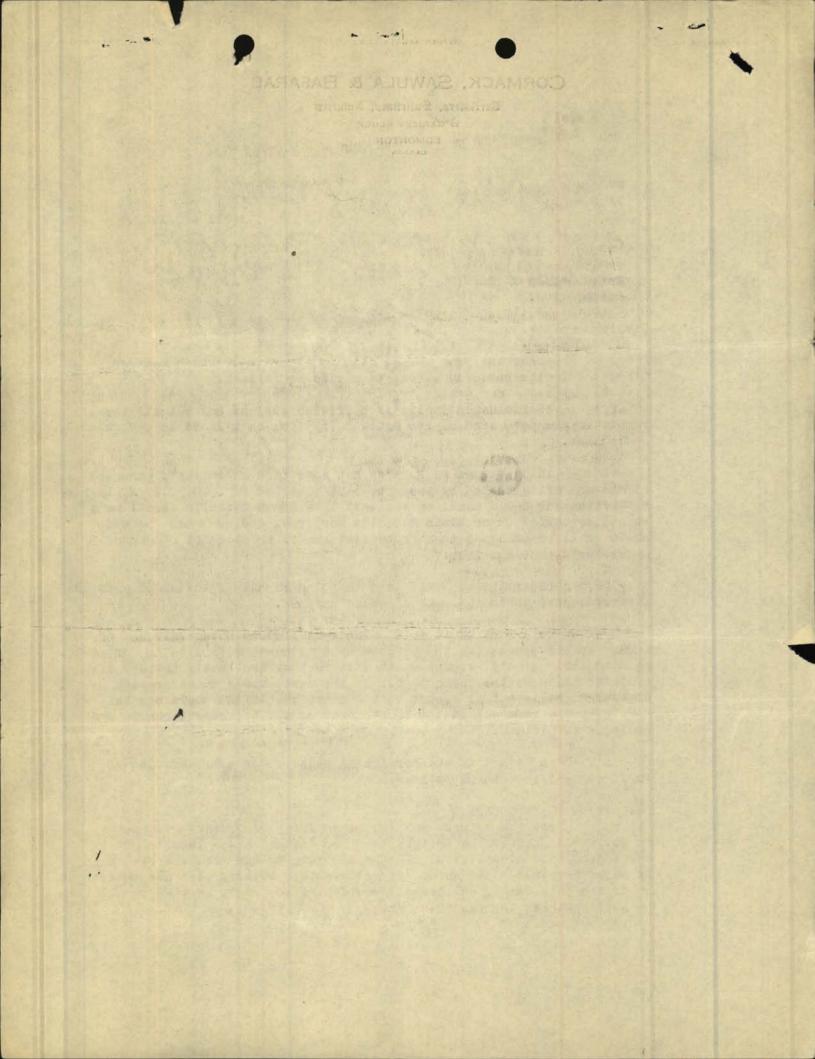
Otherwise it would seem that the rights of Andian parents are paramount just as in the case of white parents.

We are of the opinion also that indians have the right of access to our courts for the purpose of obtaining, establishing, or regaining their rights, except as to matters that are merely matters of administration by the department. In the cases under consideration however we believe that resort to the court should and would not be necessary but that submission to the head of the department, should and would be sufficient.

in regard to the particular cases under consideration we would comment thereon as follows:

Re: IRENE CHIEF MOUNTAIN

How and by whom was she taken from the Sisters and placed in St. Pauls School? We believe that her father has a legal right to her custody and disposition, and the delivery of her from the Sisters, if he so requires. But we do not believe that anybody else has that right. He is the only one we believe who would have the right to take or maintain an action in law in regard to her.



Re: THE DAUGHTERS OF ALOYSIUS CROP and CHARLES BLOOD

We have no doubt but these men are entitled to the possession of their daughters and that any school in which they are placed must be a school of their fathers religion.

The recognition by the department of authority in Night Gun is in our opinion absurd. In the first place CROP MARKED WOLF denies any delegation of authority by him and secondly he cannot, in our opinion, by any such means, deprive himself of his parental rights and authority. In any event the child and child can only be placed in a school of its own (that is presumably its fathers) faith.

Re: MIKE OKA

If it is as the letter of Ferrier states - that "this child is an Anglican" he can only be legally admitted to a Protestant school. If, as the file would indicate, the parents are about to become Catholic, that thereupon would become the religion of the child also, whereupon it would cease to remain eligible for that school and would have to be returned to its parents, for placing in a Roman Catholic School. However until they are Roman Catholics, they are, in the eyes of the law at least, Protestant. And while Protestant their child can only be put into a Protestant school.

It would seem to us that the matter of indian children in relation to Indian schools should be of very easy adjustment and a matter entirely for the decision of the parents. An Indian parent is just as much entitled to the custody of his children as a white parent. And if an Indian child is in a school contrary to, or against the wishes of the parent there is nothing to prevent the parent from regaining the possession of the child and placing it in another school providing that he does not place it in one of another faith than its own (that means of course his).

It is therefore in our opinion, entirely a matter within the disposal of the Indian parent.

Respectfully, yours,

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Points de vue du Département concernant les cas suivants;

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I .- Re Agnès Crop Eared Wolf:

Le Département est d'avis qu'Agnes est bien la fille adoptive de Night Gun; Que celui-ci doit bénificier de la loi conférant aux parents adoptifsles mêmes droits qu'elle confére aux parents naturels à savoir: le droit de disposer decl'éducation de leurs enfants.

Or Night étant protestant a le droit d'exiger qu'Agnès soit mise a l'école protestante.

Aucun document n'existe prouvant que Crop Eared Wolf a donné sa fille à Night Gun de même qu'il n'y en a pas démontrant que Wolf en donnant sa fille à Night Gun a exigé quelle devait être plaéée dans une école catholique. Mais le fait qu'Agnès a été élevée par Night Gun et que celui-ci retirait les annuitées payées à Agnès par le Département prouve à l'évidence que Crop Wolf s'était désisté de ses droits sur sa fille en faveur de Night Gun.

Le Département conteste qu'il y a parité entre le cas d'Agnès et celui d'Irene Mountain.

Dans le premier cas Night Gun est bien le père adoptif d'Agnès de par la volonté de son père, dans le second les Soeurs ne peuvent être considérées comme les méres adoptives d'Irene puisque son père ne s'est jamais départi de ses droits sur son enfant en faveur des soeurs. Le Département reconnait bien que les soeurs ont droit à la reconnaissance de Chief Mountain pour leur charité et dévouement mais ayant a juger le cas a son mérite il ne peut que reconnaitre les droits du père a controler l'éduccation de son enfant.

2.- Re Agnès Blood.-

Le Département reconnait qu'Agnès Blood a été mise à l'écèle anglicane en donnant des informations mensongères. Aussitôt les informations additionnelles reçues, Agnès sera confiée à l'école catholique.

Re per capita grant .-

Le Département admet qu'il y a eu oubli mais nie qu'il y a eu de sa part négligence et surtout partialité. Mr. Scott malgré ses recherches n'a pu rien trouver dans sa filiézre concernant les promesses qu'il avait faites au père Guy en vue dune augmentation de grant pour l'école du père Ruault. Mr. Furrier à la demande de Mr. Scott de faire des recherches a ce sujet a pu trouver sur un memorendum quelquechose indiquant

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2. que le sujet avait été traité entre le père Guy et le Dépar tement. Ayant traduit le passage ayant trait à cette question dans la lettre du père Guy au père Beyes, Mr. Scott fit traduire ce passage en anfglais pour le conserver dans ses files et m'assuvequ'il allait s'occuper de la question immédiatement. Il me donna de nouveau l'assurance que la question avait été entièrement oubliée et que me prisa de croire qu'il n'y avait aucune autre raison à ce retard.

3 ReStock .-Le Département a pris la chose immédiatement en considération et communiquera avec le père Beyes a ce sujet. Toutefois Mr. Scott doute que les désirs du père Beyes soient réalisés.

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Re admission of Irene Chief Mountain.

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Re daughter of CHARLES BLOOD.

Letter of Charles Blood, dated January 16th 1928, to Honorable D.C. Scott, Ottawa, protesting against his daughter being placed in St Paul's Anglican School.

Answer delayed and delayed.

In a letter dated March 27th 1928, Mr. Ferrier preteds that he is still waiting for further information.

If another strong protest is not made and the proper facts brought before higher Officers of the Department, it is to be feared and expected that the decision of Mr. Ferrier, Superintendent of Indian Education, will not be any more favorable to the R.C. School in this case than it has been in the case of Crop Mar Wolf.

There was no Bona Fide Adoption papers given by Charles Blood.

The child was primarily baptised Catholic.

It seems that the child was admitted into St Paul's School under the name of Agnes Plated Hair.

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ST MARY'S R.C. INDIAN SCHOOL. Blood Reserve, Cardston, Alberta.

Re daughter of CROP EAR WOLF.

Letter of Crop Ear Wolf, dated Jan. 16th 1928, to Hon, D.C. Scott, at Ottawa, protesting against his daughter being placed in St Pauks Anglican School.

Letter of Mr. Russell T. Ferrier, March 19th 1928, requesting additional.information.

Letter of Mr. Ferrier, dated March 27th, No 103-1-10, declaring the right of Copp Ear Wolf, Father of the child, put aside (through some lame arguments) and deciding that the child should be left at the St Paul's School.

ANSWER & REFUTATION.

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Crop Ear Wolf, father of the child, by three times declared to Night Gun that his girl should be at the Roman Catholic School, (Repetition of his declaration and statement in his letter to Hon. D.C. Scott, Ottawa, dated Jan. 16th 1928.)

Nevertheless Mr. Ferrier states in his letter of March 27th, that he got information from Mr. Inspector Christianson to the effect that "Crop Ear Wolf had stated that he had no say in the matter, and "that it was up to Night Gun."

This information seems somewhat unreliable, and contrary to the facts.

1) Will of the father, Crop Ear Wolf, manifested to Night Gun, before
the child was cont up to the Calendary Colors and Colors

the child was sent up to any School.

2) Protest of Crop Har Wolf to Mr. Pugh, Indian Agent, when he learned that the child had been placed in the St Paul's School.

3) Falsely presumed that "he evidently surrendered his right"
No papers to that effect had been made by Crop Ear Wolf to
Night Gun, surrendering his right over his daughter for ever.
There was no Bona Fide Adoption.

4) The Principal of St Paul's School has requested Crop Ear Wolf to come and personnally sign the Application Form for Admission for his daughter, which he naturally refused to do. Thereby the Principal of St Paul's School admits that Night Gun had no authority to place that child in St Paul's School, and that Crop Ear Wolf Has that right over his child very evidently.

This daughter of Crop Ear Wolf was primarily baptised "Catholic".

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May 7, 1928

Rev. Father Beys O.M.I. Provencial O.M.I. Edmonton, Alta.

Re! Mike Oka.

Reverend Father:

Strictly speaking, this child belongs to the Protestant School and will so belong until the intention of the parents is carried out and they become Catholics.

Nevertheless if it is a fact that the parents are about to become Catholics and the father has so stated to the department by affidavit it would be absurd to make any change in the meantime, because it would be but temporary and disturb and perhaps confuse the child for nothing. This by reason of the fact that the child would have to be returned to the Catholic School when its parents become Catholics.

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ST MARY'S R.C. INDIAN SCHOOL.

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Re Admission of pupil Mike Oka.

Letter dated March 27th 1928, from Russel T. Ferrier to J.E. Pugh, Indian Agent, Cardston, quoting Section 10(1) of the Indian Act, which provides that no Protestant child shall be assigned to a Roman Catholic School, or vice versa.

But Mr. Ferrier, no doubt intentionally, overlooks the Amendment to the Indian Act, (Oct.16th 1922). According to this Amendment the parents (though Protestants, but now under Religious instructions to become Catholics) signed an Affidavit before the Indian Agent, in the presence of Witnesses, declaring their will to have the child, Mike Oka, placed and educated in the Roman Catholic School, on the Blood Reserve.

In the letter, March 27th 1928, no mention is made of the said Affidavit, which the Indian States he had forwarded to Mr. Ferrier. Now if the Superintendent of Indian Education, who must be acquainted with the Amendment to the Indian Act and with all regulations concerning the Indian Schools, has been supplied with the above-said Affidavit, he must have ignored this Affidavit, and decided the case arbitrarily and unfavorably to the R.C. School.

This last letter, dated March 27-1928, coming after all the previous unjust treatment, tends to leave the impression and conviction that Mr. Ferrier is acting through very unfair dispositions towards the Roman Catholic Schools.

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Oblate Fathers 10188-107th Street Edmonton, Alla.

Re Irene Chief Mountain.

Is the girl still at the Hospital, under the care of the Sisters?

Or has she been taken and admitted into St Paul's School?

In this case, who took the girl away from the Hospital?

Did Chief Mountain, the father of the child, give any orders or take any action in the removing of the girl from the Sisters?

Nobody else, anyway, had or has the right to remove her from the Sisters.

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1. Re Irene Chief Mountain This child is not any longer under the care of the Sisters, she was transferred in the St. Paul's School Church of England February last, by decision of Ottawa. Cannon Middleton Principal accompanied by Chief Mountain went for the child. The Sisters were notified of the decision taken at Ottawa by the Agent of the Reserve. 2. Re Mike Oka. The parents have not yet become catholies but have made clear their decision to join our church; I had began giving them instruction, the Spring work coming all on a rush has stoped this for the time beeing. Both parents have been baptised catholiss when children, were educated in the protestant School. The father knowever never was much in School and has not learn to speak English. In confirmation of their decision to become catholics they want their boy Mike to be brought in our church, and to that effect have signed an Affidavit before the Agent of the Reserve as Justice of the peace and two witnesses, which affidavit was forwarded to Ottawa with the admission forms, but seem to have been ignored.

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Révérend et Bien Cher Père Thérien:

Je crois que vous avez conduit les affaires au mieux. Il ne faut brusquer qu'à la dernière extrémité pour les raisons les plus graves et quand nous serons bien sûrs de notre affaire. Je désirerais bien qu'avant de remonter et malgré mon grand désir de vous revoir parmi nous vous réussissiez à avoir une décision favorable pour le remplacement du stock des Soeurs chez les Bhood et les Pieganes. C'est pour nous une chose bien importante. Vous pourrez si vous le jugez a propos communiquer a Mr Scott ma lettre Anglaise; mais si vous la croyez trop forte ou de nature à plutôt embarrasser las négociations, ne la montrez pas, Je me félicite de vous avoir envoyé car sans avoir tout obtenu, vous avez obtenu quelque chose et éxercé une influence au Département.

Peut-être il serait mieux de ne pas communiquer ma lettre et de traiter doucement avec Mr Scott au sujet de l'achat ou du remplacement de ce stock.

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Mr Boileau vous aura probablement écrit au sujet de Giroux comme remplacant du Juge Beck. Je ne crois pas que nous ayons la moindre chance de réussir. Mais vous saurez bien ce qu'il y a à faire en la circonstance.

Avez vous pu faire appuyer un peu ma demande d'une passe au C.N.R Je n'ai encore rien recu; mais je n'en suis pas surpris.

Je vous remercie de tout coeur de la mission de dévouement

que vous avez accomplie.

Au plaisir de vous revoir bientôt et croyez moi votre tout affectueusement reconnaissant en N.S. et M. Imm.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

May 29, 1928.

Dear Father Beys:

Blood Reserve

With reference to my letter of the llth instant, concerning an increased per capita grant for the Blood Indian Residential School, I wish to inform you that on October 12th, last, Mr. Indian Agent Pugh was requested to have the Reverend Principal prepare a statement of the extraordinary expenses at the school and to forward this to the Reverend Father Guy. Our files do not show any record of this statement, so you will understand why an adjustment has not been made.

I have decided that a grant of \$165 shall be allowed as from July first, last, and I have asked Mr. Ferrier to make the necessary adjustment. The Reverend Principal will receive a cheque for the arrears in the near future.

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Deputy Superintendent General.

Very Rev. J. B. Beys, O.M.I., Oblate Fathers' Provincial House, 10,188 - 107th St., Edmonton, Alta. with the reason of the trade of the little and the a . Tract the of 2 to bed to more a lea and of the angert comes, and are both areas for its 100 to 12 to 15

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Révérend et Bien Cher Père:

Pourriez vous me faire connaître d'une manière certaine, si votre école a reçu qualque chose, en stock ou mobilier, de l'école de Dunbow, lors du démembrement de cette dernière.

Si vous avez quelque document écrit à ce sujet, vous voudrez bien m'en faire parvenir au moins copie.

Je vous fais cette demande parceque le Département prétend que le stock de vos écoles provient, au moins en grande partie de là.

Il est donc très important pour nous et pour les Révérendes Soeurs que nous puissions répondre à cette assertion.

Votre bien religieusement dévoué.

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ST MARY'S R.C. INDIAN SCHOOL. BLOOD RESERVE, CARDSTON, ALBERTA.

Re Government Grant.

The present Grant is \$155.00.

In a letter from Hon.D.C.Scott to Rev.Father J.Guy, dated November 1927, an increase of \$10.00 was intimated to act retroactively from July 1st 1927.

So far no increase has been granted.

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According to the Blue Book report for 1926-1927,

Church of England School, per capita: \$140.00 & \$155.00

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

February 7, 1928.

Reverend Sir, -

Blood Review

I am informed by the Indian Agent for the Blood Reserve, who has general supervision over the residential schools and all other activities on the reserve, that you have objected to his investigating the conduct of Mr. E. J. Smith, an employee of the school, and that you stated that you would endeavour to have his duties confined to looking after the mechanical and material part of the school; that this action had to be taken in the case of nurses, and that our inspectors have been reported for similar action; and that you stated that you would not accept an inspection by Inspector Christianson; and that you would have your Superior, and if necessary, the Bishop, present at an investigation.

I have to ask you for an immediate explanation of this statement. I have every confidence in Agent Pugh, and I take a serious view of the statements that he has made.

Yours very truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Principal,
Blood Indian Residential School,
Cardston, Alberta.

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Dear Mr. Scott:

In an interview I had yesterday with Rev.

Father Ruaux, Principal of the Blood Indian School, he communicated to me, the letter You addressed to him on the 7th inst.

The Rev. Father asked me to answer to same, as he did not feel inclined to write on his own behalf.

I made a careful inquiry about the accusations brought against Father Ruaux, and I think, I may safely state the following as the real facts:

Lo Rev. Father Ruaux never objected to inspections or investigations from Department Officials. We could hardly expect anything else from a man who has been 18 years Principal of one of our biggest Schools and probably the most difficult to manage.

20 Rev. Father Ruaux objected to investigations or inspections as some have been conducted lately, both by Mr Christianson and Mr Pugh. If my informations are true, and I have every reason to believe they are, no one could blame the Principal for his objecting to same.

30 The mention about nurses was never made according to the statement of the school staff who assisted to the interview between Mr pugh and the Principal.

40 It must be added that in the heat of the discussion, Rev. Father Principal may have said words that went beyond what he had really in mind. On the other hand his meaning may have been misunderstood. The sad fact remains that relations between the Agent and the Principal are strained. I am working to promote amongst them a better understanding and expect to be helped by the Department in this purpose, as no good can result without broad minded cooperation.

I am, dear Mr. Scott always Yours sincerely.

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St.Mary's R.C.Residential School, Cardston, Alberta. 4 avril, 1928.

Reverend Pere J.B.BEys, O.M.I.? Superieur Provincial.

Mon Reverend Pere:-

Ci-inclus copie du jugement passe a Macleod par le juge MacDonald; Mr. Smith gagne son appel, la decision du magistrat de Cardston est cassee et le pere du garcon condamne a payer tous les frais. Je ne sais pas s'ils ont intention de faire un nouvel appel, cela me surprendrait.

En ecrivant a Ottawa vous n'oublirex pas de mettre en evidence la maniere d'agir de l'agent Mr. Pugh, venant a l'ecole faire son enquete au sujet de ce cas precede et suivi d'une bande d'Indiens au moins une vinghaine et n'ayant meme pas la politesse de me telephoner a l'avamce pour fixer avec moi une entrevue; au contraire tout ce monde à prenant possession de l'ecole comme s'ils etaient chez eux, derangeant employes et enfants de leur travail excitant tout le monde sur la Re-serve et surtout les enfant s de l'ecole, qui depuis ont ete plus ou moins hors de controle, desertant a chaque instant et pour essayer de remettre l'ordre et la discipline l'agent avec la police montee envoit deux de nos garcons a l'ecole de Lebret sans meme me consulter, enun m mot, faisant tout pour tourner les Blood contre moi et mon ecole et ruiner notre oeuvre. N'oubliez pas non plus qu'il ne fut jamais ques-tion entre l'agent et moi des "Travelling Nurses" C'est une affaire sortie de sa tete pour influencer le Departement. Je n'ai jamais dit non plus que si Mr. Christianson venait inspecter notre ecole, il ne serait pas recu; j'avais peut-etre mentionne en conversation que je n'admettais pas qu'un Inspecteur du Departement Indien vienne sur la Reserve et se serve de son titre et de sa position pour travailler contre nous comme Mr.Christianson l'a fait par le passe et que j'ai rapporte a Ottawa en dernier .Ces gens-la ne connaissent rien en fait d'education et viennent nous dicter les reglaments les plus ridicules, jusqu'a vouloir refuser a mon maitre d'ecole le meme droit de corriger les enfiants en classe que n'importe quel maitre d'evole de la Province d'Alberta possede dans sa classe.Plutot que de se fier a nous pour remplir nos devoirs on nous soumet a la surveillance d'in a nous pour remplir nos devoirs on nous soumet a la surveillance d'in dividus que le Departement est oblige de renvoyer les uns apres les autres pour incompetence ou malhonnetete. J'ai deja vu cinq agents de la Reserve des Blood renvoyes pour l'une ou l'autre de ces raisons.

J'espere que vous ne tarderez pas a ecrire a Ottawa parceque je suis convaincu que l'on retient la-bas mon cheque pour n'avoir pas repondu a la lettre de Mr. Scott et je suis dans un pressant besoin d'argent, j'avais demande une avance sur le cheque du trimestre finissant le 31 mars, non-seulement on ne m'a pas repondu#, mais j'attends encore le cheque de ce trimestre, nous sommes deja au 4 mai, je n'ai jamais recu de nouvelles non plus de l'augmentation promise au Pere Guy avec effet retroactif du ler.juillet 1927.

Concerhant le cas d'Irene Chief mountain, je n'avais pas l'intention de reclamer cette enfant mais de montrer au Departement Indien que si dans son cas on ne considerait pas l'adoption Bona fide et que le pere pouvait la reprendre pour la mettre a l'ecole protestante, pourquoi Aloysius Crop ear wolf est-il traite de maniere differente alors qu'il m'a jamais signe de papiers donnant legalement son enfant a Night Gun mais si vous pensez que nous avons le droit de reclamer cette enfant allez de l'avant

Je recois de Lebret une invitation d'assister a l'ordination de quelques Scholastiques, je vous demande l'autorisation d'y aller, je crois que cela me ferait du bien, si tant est que je puis m'absenter d'ici pour quelques jours.
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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

March 22, 1928.

Dear Father Beys, -

Blood Reserve

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 16th. Before taking any further action in the case on which our correspondence arose, I shall have to await the outcome of the prosecution of the case taken by the Indians against Mr. E. Smith, an employee of the school. I was informed that an appeal might be taken from the sentence of the police magistrate, but I have no definite information.

I beg to assure you of my continued interest in the school and my intention of continuing to co-operate closely with you, having always in mind that the authority of the Department must be maintained.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Superintendent General.

Very Rev. J. B. Beys, O.M.I., Oblate Fathers Provincial House, 10188 107th Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

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10188, 107me Rue Edmonton, -:- Alberta.

May 4th 1928 192

L. J. C. et M. I.

Dear Father Thérien:

In sending You to interview Mr Scott, on our several grievances, I would like Y ou to state that as a consequence of the process started by Mr Pugh against the disciplinarian of St Mary's School, some Indian Families want to start prosecution on account of some of their children having been sent to Lebret school and transfered there from St Mary's School. We have been able up to now to persuade them to accept the decision of the Indian Agent.

We must state however that the prosecution of Mr Smith was a very bad exemple given to the Indians. In fact the judge has fully recognised that the disciplinarian was not to blame. He has however differed to pronounce a sentence which would become a general

ruling for such institutions.

All fair minded people must recognise that Mr Pugh could easily have settled this matter with the Principal in a quiet way, if

he had use some courtesy towards the school staff.

Re. the stock of the Sisters, it is necessary to state that same had been bought by the Sisters who were in charge of the adm inistration of the old schools both on the Blood and Peigan reserves. When we took possession of the new schools, the Oblates became real administrators. The Rev. Sisyers transfered their stock to the new schools, but asked for a very moderate compensation. We Oblates cannot purchase same or give said compensation to the Sisters. We therefore would ask the Department to see about this situation. We understand that the Department could not probably compensate the Sisters for said stock, unless it is properly examined as to its value. We would on the other hand, take care of said stock, if the Department was ready to replace same.

Wishing You a good trip and asking You to offer to Mr Scott our deep appreciation and gratefulness for his devotion to our

work , I remain Dear Rev Father Yours Sincerely.

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Re: Smith, Disciplinarian at St Mary's, Bloods.

The case should have been settled aut of Court, if both the Indian Agent, Mr. Pugh, and the Principal Rev. Fr. Ruaux, had had previously a proper understanding; and Mr. Pugh might have acted with a little more deplomacy and courtesy towards the School.

Re: Two pupils sent to Qu'Apelle School.

Rev.Fr, Ruaux had nothing to do with this case, as he was not in the Court when the decision was given in the presence and it may be presumed under the instructions of the Indian Dept. The Indians on the Reserve reported quite displeased.

Re: Property of the Sisters from the old Indian Schools:

How to proceed for the new Schools at Onion Lake and Saddle Lake, judging from the decidion that would be given in the case of the new schools already occupied at the Bloods and Piegans.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

June 22nd. 1928.

Dear Father Beys,

With reference to our previous correspondence on the subject of educational affairs on the Blood reserve, I have to inform you that I have noted the result of the case which arose out of the disciplinary measures used by an employee of the Blood Roman Catholic School. Notwithstanding the acquittal of Mr. Smith I am constrained to say that I am strongly opposed to punishment carried out by this method and I should hope that it will be the last occasion on which such an incident would occur. If there is any recurrence I should insist immediately upon the discharge of the offending official. In the present instance I may even yet decide that that is the best course, but the matter will be held in abeyance. I should like you to convey to the principal my strong disapproval of Mr. Smith's conduct.

When I was on the Blood reserve last summer I endeavoured to moderate the feeling which exists on the reserve with reference to recruiting pupils and I asked both principals to make an effort to accommodate themselves to the circumstances, and before pupils were drafted to the schools, to discuss the matter with the Indian agent in order that no difficulties should arise. I asked Mr. Pugh to use his best endeavours to satisfy the principals and it was understood that all matters should be freely

Very Rev. J. B. Beys, O.M.I., Oblate Fathers' Provincial House, 10188 107th. St., Edmonton, Alta.

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discussed between these three gentlemen. I think if my suggestions were followed we should have less trouble. I know that you will join me in the wish that these difficulties should moderate and entirely disappear.

With very kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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