

St Antoine

18. 37

Cher F. Provincial

La raison que vous me donnez au sujet
du frère Germain est très plausible.
je suis content de la réponse pour la
lui communiquer, Ce frère viendra à la
retraite. j'ai réussi à congédier M^r
Gagnon, mais il réclame un salaire
de 6 mois à \$25.⁰⁰. Je lui ai
donné un chèque de \$50.⁰⁰. j'ai écrit

au P. Pratt à ce sujet, la réponse
est qu'on ne lui doit rien & c'est ainsi
qu'aboutissent les engagements sans contrat.
Si cet homme vous écrirait vous
sauriez à quoi vous en tenir; Un tiers
de nos enfants ont la rougeole, j'espère
que tout sera sur pied avant le 30.
Je commence à aimer ce genre de
travail. Au revoir.

E. Paré

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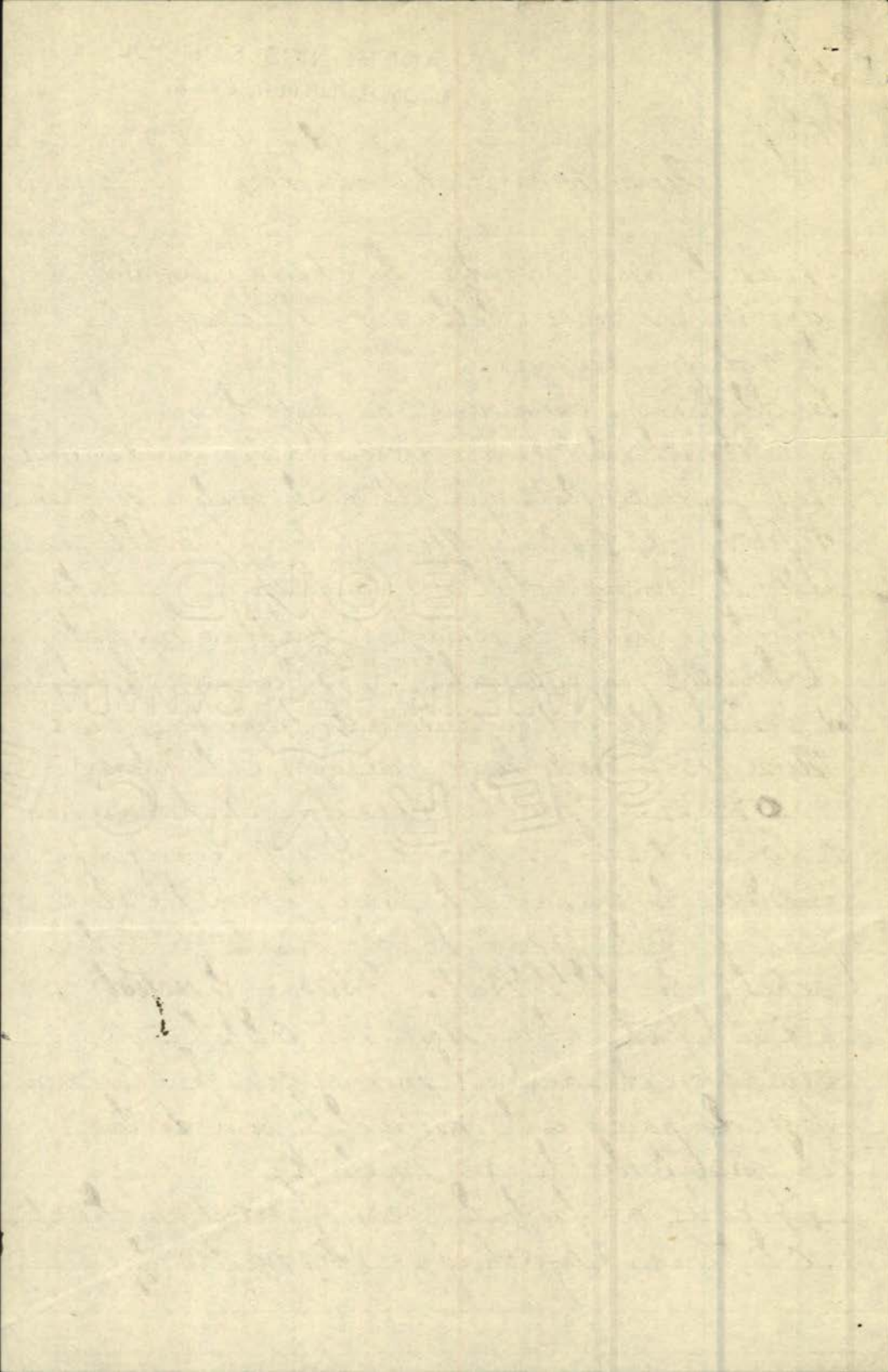
ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
LLOYDMINSTER, SASK.

28-1-38.

Mon Révérend et bien cher Père

Vous trouverez ci-joint le chèque demandé
par votre dernière lettre, je le charge à
la rubrique Voyages.

Je m'apprête à prendre connaissance du rapport annuel
qui devrait être remis, je crois à l'honorable Procureur
Vous pourriez constater que cette école, malgré son gros
déficit de 8.000. Mai. fait son possible pour
aider la Province, et il ne faudrait pas que les
inspecteurs fassent la remarque: "L'Eglise ne fait
pas beaucoup pour cette Ecole". Vous connaissez le salaire
des sœurs, elles sont payées tous les trimestres depuis
juin 1937. mais leurs arriérés est encore
30 £ 3.51. Gaulb's 2.000.00. Ashdown 2.000.00
+ Tabah. 1.000.00. Je ne puis par conséquent
employer le revenu de la ferme, et de l'école
pour faire le paiement de quarts de section
achetés par C. P. Trust. Puisque l'achat
a été fait, et au nom des Oblats, je
crois, qu'il vaudrait mieux que le Procureur
fasse le paiement annuel, pour éviter
le gros intérêt au Trust Co.
L'école a fait le gros frais d'amélioration
clôtures, défrichage. etc. sur ces $\frac{1}{4}$.



Comme j'ai dit au P. Larou.

C'est juste que l'école paye l'impôt qui sont de 220.^{us} pour l'usage.

Un pâturage, et si il y a un surplus des revenus futurs se sera facile à remettre au M.R.P.P. Oblots une partie du Capital remboursé. Puisque cette rente a été faite, je ne vois pas pourquoi nous hésiterions à aider l'école, à l'instar de l'achat de terres fait par le P. Delmas.

Mais c'est impossible pour moi, en donnant la part de Oblots, et supportant un millionnaire, de faire, actuellement, les paiements annuels, sans se payer l'impôt.

— La commune. En C.P.R. est clair. Le P. Pratt la achète une parcelle annexée aux quarts de Section du Trust, ils sont anxieux de délivrer le Titre, je leur ai écrit d'attendre votre décision, car l'école n'est pas incorporée, et ne peut posséder.

Je crois que vous êtes au courant de ces anciens tracasseries et ces quelques lignes sont écrites pour vous diriger et vous exposer mon humble opinion pour le futur. A votre conseil. Je décide. Tout est calme après les fêtes. et recueillez le salut fraternel de votre petite Commune.

Votre tout dévoué N.S.M. E. Pascal

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

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25.2.35.

Ref. P. O. Sanglois. omi
Provincial.

Mon Révérend et bien cher Père.

En réponse à votre lettre du 20 courant. Re.
projet de frères converti Polonais pour remplacer
les engagés civils dans les écoles Indiennes. En théorie,
c'est évident que la Province en aurait le bénéfice,
mais en pratique, question de langues, critique, etc.
Ici, il y a déjà 2 frères, et c'est tout ce que
le local peut contenir avec deux Pères, et cela
à moins de changer tout le système; sans peut-être
un frère qui serait boulanger et surveillant de
nuit au dortoir des garçons, fonctions actuelles
de M^r Sorrain, ancien engagé et très sérieux.
Salaire \$50.⁰⁰ par mois. Le frère Sacroix. omi
est jardinier en été, et gardien de nuit en
hiver. travail facile. Le frère Germain omi
est chargé des machines. et lui aussi a une chambre
mais dans le dortoir.

M^r L. Duelllette, ancien et honnête de confiance
mécanicien, reste dans une maison bâtie par
le Département. c \$65.⁰⁰ par mois.
Arsène Cardinal, Indien et marié. logement privé
bâti aussi par le Département. c 25.⁰⁰ par mois
est le surveillant des garçons pendant le jour.
De Veyrac et Ricard son bon frère. Une maison
en bois rond, en partie construite à ses frais.

DECEMBER 1900

ADAMANTINE

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et située près des étables, sont les manœuvres
de la ferme, et étables. Salaires. De l'exerc.
25.⁰⁰ Ricard. et Garçon le Duellotte 19 ans. # 112.⁰⁰
chaque, par mois. Total # 189.⁰⁰ par mois.
Il faut vous dire que nos enfants sont jeunes.
par conséquent pour le moment il nous faut cette
dernière main d'œuvre; du reste les parents Indiens
semblent opposés à voir leurs enfants travailler sur
la ferme toute la journée.

De ce chef, pas de local, et vu que ces engagés
en dehors se nourrissent eux-mêmes et
achètent leur denrées. viande, pain etc à
l'école, cet item réduit beaucoup les dépenses
de salaires. Je suis satisfait de nos engagés
pour le moment, et c'est délicat par moi de
faire allusion aux changements, et aussi de
répondre exactement aux questions demandées.
Ce que je suggérerais c'est un jeune Père pour
remplacer le P. Leaton, quoique nous l'aimons beaucoup
mais c'est le local qui fait défaut; du reste
le P. Rhéaume vous a exposé cette situation.
Je crois que les âmes doivent passer avant les
affaires matérielles, qui à mon point de vue
s'améliorent. Veni et Vide.

P.S.

Votre tout dévoué

Après réception de chèques # 600.⁰⁰Je m'is - devoir de
remplir le défaut
M. Hoey.

C. Pascal.

omr.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.270

June 38

June 9, 1938

Chief P. Harper,
Onion Lake, Sask.

Dear Sir,

On my coming to Edmonton yesterday I found your letter without date or signature asking the return of Father Pratt to the school. I shall certainly consider it seriously but am too new in the position to state definitely what I shall do, and unfortunately I am presently so busy that I cannot visit immediately your district. I think that in the mean time things may go for the best.

I thank you sincerely for the interest ~~that~~ that you have taken in the whole affair.

Yours Sincerely in J.C. & M.I.,

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
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Juillet 1938.

Missions Ecole St Antoine et Onion Lake.

Réponse au questionnaire sur le Conspectus Miss. Ind. Prov. Alta Sask.

II.....Personnel Religieux

I..Actuellement:

- Trois Pères Oblats dont un est missionnaire sur un territoire de 50 milles carrés, un deuxième est assistant à l'Ecole St Antoine et missionnaire de Réserve Indienne du Lac d'Oignon.....Un troisième est Principal ou directeur de L'Ecole St Antoine.
- 2..Deux Frères dont l'un est mécanicien et l'autre jardinier et gardien de nuit en hiver.
 - 3..La Congrégation des Soeurs de l'Assomption de la Sainte Vierge de Nicolet s'engage à nous donner le personnel nécessaire pour l'enseignement des enfants Indiens à l'Ecole et surveillance des filles pour ouvrages, etc. 13 Soeurs.
 - 4..Prêtres origine française....2
Prêtre origine Canadienne française...1
 - 5..Frères 1 Français, 1 Canadien.

VII.....Edifices:

Onion Lake, vieille mission à 7 milles de l'Ecole St Antoine: Une ruine et pas d'Eglise pour les Indiens des alentours. Cette mission, assez florissante jadis, avant l'incendie de l'Ecole, dirigée par les Soeurs de l'Assomption, avec l'Eglise chapelle, est maintenant une ruine. Il faudrait trouver les ressources pour y construire une Eglise et une résidence pour un ou deux Pères. L'Ecole construite par le gouvernement à 7 milles du centre n'a pas le logement pour une communauté. Plus que jamais, allons au peuple et surtout, allons parmi les Indiens pour rivaliser avec les protestants

Dans cette superficie de 50 milles carrés, ne possède pas les les édifices suffisants pour continuer le beau travail des anciens Oblats.

IX.....Ecole St Antoine, Adresse: Via L^{dy}minster ?Sask.....Capacité: 120 enfants Indiens--filles et garçons, actuellement nombre 122. Cris et Montagnais. ---Réserves--Onin Lake--Frog Lake-- Long Lake-- Le Goff--Cold Lake--Island Lake

X.....Communions Pascales...235
Communions de dévotion environ 13000.
Mariage....12

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XI..... Cette mission est éloignée des chemins fers (30 milles au sud et 20 milles à l'est) séparée de la rivière Sask. Un bateau flottant ou bac, traverse les voyageurs; les côtes sont d'un accès impraticables pendant les saison de pluie et au printemps; danger de la glace fondante----- Dans nos réserves, chemin d'Indiens dans la brousse à travers les marais. J'admire le sacrifice des missions de notre grand McKenzie mais il ne faut pas oublier les plus à plaindre, nos Oblats travaillant dans la demie-Civilisation. Nos Indiens n'ont pas ici le privilège des grandes chasses et de la pêche du nord; aussi c'est la pauvreté même sur toute la ligne.

XII..... Salaires: 2 Père et 2 Frères --- \$170.00 par mois.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
E. Pascal S.M.J.
For..... Principal

Réponse au questionnaire sur le
CONSPECTUS MISSIONUM INDIANARUM PROVINCIAE ALTA-SASK.

I.-Superficies.- 50 milles carés.

II.- Personnel Religieux.
Cf.Rapport du P. Pascal.

IV.-Population.

Lac La Grenouille 110 Catholiques

Lac d'Oignon 259 catholiques

Lac La Pêche 327 catholiques

Petit Lac des Iles 60 catholiques.

Frenchman Butte 85 catholiques

Hillmond 40 catholiques

Hewitt's Landing 25 catholiques

Tulliby Lake 30 catholiques

V.-Mutationibus in numero catholicorum:

5 baptêmes d'adultes

VI.-De divisionibus ecclesiasticis:

A.-Diocèse de Prince Albert:

Lac d'Oignon, Petit Lac des Iles, Butte des Français Hillmond
Hewitt's Landing.

B.-Diocèse d'Edmonton:

Lac La Grenouille Lac La Pêche, Tulliby Lake.

XDe Vita et Fructibus spiritualibus

185 communions pascales 500 communions de dévotion par année 5
mariages au Lac La Grenouille. Pour reste cf. Rapport du P. Pascal.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.220

Saint- Walburg, Sask. Dec. 27 1939

Saint-Anthony Indian School, Lloydminster, Sask.

The educational phase of this institution has been receiving its proper attention, The distribution of the pupils, and the allocation thereof to the staff seemed quite satisfactory. The staff is well balanced, and are doing good work. While they have a fair supply of reference and seatwork material, there is still need for primary material.

The practical training given the pupils in this school should prove of value. The girls are being given a fine training in practical home economics, and some of the work seen was of high standard. This work consisted of fancy work, sewing, knitting, the making of suits and dresses and general cookery around the kitchen. The boys are not being neglected

The older boys spend considerable time in practical work on the farm and have done a lot of work and fret work. This phase of work is being extended this year by the installation of a manual training shop and some modern equipment. The school is to be complimented on the number of prizes the pupils took for their work at the various exhibitions and fairs in the province during the past year. Music in the school is of high standard.

Yours faithfully

W.D. Brennan

Inspector of schools

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Inspector's Report

Saint- Anthony Indian School

Date of visit Oct. 31 1939

Grades V, V1, V11 , V111

Enrolled 14 13 5

Present 12 12 4

Teacher : Soeur Celine du Carmel
Taught last term in Thunderchild . Delmas. Sask.

Convention attended . North Battleford, 1936, 37 ,38

General Comment : In Grade V,with the exception of three pupils,the results in a test in arithmetic were good,and only two pupils showed weakness in spelling. In Grade V1 test in spelling and arithmetic brought quite satisfactory,results also,the only weaknesses noted in each grade being of the type that would diasapear with a good drill. The pupils in Grades V V1 V111 showed a good grasp of the fundamental rules of language. As the teacher was new to this school,her work was kept under observation for a part of the afternoon,and the impression gain of her work were quite favorable. The blackboard was used to advantage in checking arithmetic,and the pupils were made to raisen out the problems for themselves under her supervision. In a check of seatwork in history and geography the pupils showed a good grasp of the material under discussion, were interested, and took active part of the lesson. Some very nice project and art work had been done, and the boys were starting manual training, There was a fine exhibit of work done by the boys and girls in this room.

This teacher had her work well prepared, kept the pupils constantly at work, made good use of board and her time, and aroused good pupil response. The classroom reflected her pleasant manner, and she seemed to have no difficulty with discipline. She looked like a capable teacher who new what was expected of her, and how to do it well. She accepted willingly all suggestions made her.

Inspector's Report

Saint-Anthony Indian School

Date of visit Oct . 31 1939

Grades	11	111	1V	
Enrolled	18	11	10	
Present	18	111	10	39

Sister Lucie de Lyon

Taught last term in above	
Total teaching experience	28
Service in Indian School	14
Convention attended	None

General Comment : As this teacher has been in this school for several years, the time was spent checking the work of the pupils. In Grade 11 the writing was average to good the exercise books were neat and well checked, only one pupil showed weakness in arithmetic, and they were in good condition on the work covered in reading. The teacher was advised to give them more silent reading and to make a start into Book 11 as soon as possible.

In Grade 111, the average to good, the pupils was in excellent condition in spelling and arithmetic, and they were in good average condition in reading. They would benefit from more silent reading drill.

In Grade 1V, the writing was average, the pupils were in good condition in Arithmetic, all but two pupils were in fine condition in spelling and they showed a good average grasp of the fundamental rules of language. It was evident that this teacher continued her good work and that her pupils were progressive.

The relations existing between teacher and pupils were good, and the pupils showed good industry. The teacher gave sometime to desk supervision of pupils work. She is quite conscientious, and always ready for help,

Inspector's Report

Saint-Anthony Indian School

Date of visit 31 Oct. 1939

Grade 1 1
Enrolled 33
Present 30

Teacher: Sister Saint-Hermas

Thought last term in above

Total teaching experience 22 years

Service in Indian School 22 "

Convention attended None

General Comment: The time spent in this classroom was devoted to the check of the work of the pupils to note their progress since my last visit. The grade was divided into two groups.

In Grade 1 Jr, the printing and writing was average to very good, most of the pupils did well in arithmetic, and in reading they were in good condition in the work covered, being quick to recognize the words and good average on getting the meaning. Some of the superior pupils in this grade and some of the weaker ones in the senior grade might be group together in a grade by themselves, with advantage to all concerned.

In Grade 1 Senior. The writing and printing was average to good, with the exception of her pupils, they were all advanced in number work, and were good average in reading, although a few of the pupils were beyond their due to time lost. The teacher was advised to divide the pupils into small groups for reading so that more attention might be given to individual needs. The pupils sang nicely, and were well trained.

The teacher got along well with her pupils being like a mother to them. She had her work well prepared, made good use of her time, and use of her time, and use pictures and illustrations to advantage. There was no doubt that she was doing good work.

Some primary seatwork material is badly needed in this room.

1. The first part of the report is a general statement of the situation.

2. The second part is a detailed account of the work done during the year.

3. The third part is a summary of the results of the work.

4. The fourth part is a list of the names of the persons who have been connected with the work.

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7. The seventh part is a list of the names of the persons who have been connected with the work.

8. The eighth part is a list of the names of the persons who have been connected with the work.

Inspector's Report

St, Anthony's

Indian School.

Date of visit Oct.31, 1939.

Grades Kindergarten.

Enrolled 19

Present 19

Teacher Sr. Laurette de Marie

Taught last term in .. above school
Total teaching experience 6 years.
Service in Indian School 5
Conventions attended none

General comment.... This is the beginning grade, and the pupils were divided into two groups. The junior group was seen in drills on number work, reading, printing, and phonics, and the methods used looked effective. In the senior group lessons were carried on in reading and number work. In all the above work the teacher made fine use of flash cards, objects, pictures, etc., all of which incidentally she made herself. The pupils entered into the drills with interest and enthusiasm, and, as the play idea was used to advantage, the lessons were profitable. All work put into books was neat and carefully checked. The teacher had her work carefully planned, and effectively organized, she made good use of her time and of illustrations material in her teaching, and kept the pupils gainfully employed all the time. She was very conscientious, and showed much resourcefulness. Her lesson and drill periods were short and snappy, and one subject was followed by an opposite type one so as to prevent fatigue. Excellent teacher-pupil relations seemed to exist in the classroom. All suggestions made were accepted with willingness. This Sister is a capable primary teacher.

There should be more primary seatwork material provided for this room.

W.D.Brennan

Inspector of Schools

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... 27. Janvier de l'année

Total teaching experience	6 years.
Served in last school	" "
Attendance at school
Tenure last term in above school	

Minister of Education

Mrs P. H. Routhier
Provincial

10 Mai 41

Cher P. Provincial

N'ayant pas eu les facilités ordinaires, à cause
des mauvais chemins du printemps pour venir à Edmonton
et discuter de vive voix sur la nécessité de changer
notre vieux tracteur; propriété de S. Ecole, je
me fais un devoir, pour me conformer à la règle.
de vous soumettre l'achat que je viens de
faire. S. Ecole a payé comptant un tracteur
nouveau Modèle. McCormick Deering. W. B.
avec Pneus; La raison de cet achat immédiat.
- Récolte compromise sur la ferme des oblat.
et S. Ecole, manque de main d'œuvre - terrain
trop léger pour charmes à cheveux - et
surtout S. offre de \$400.⁰⁰ pour un tracteur
qui nécessite des réparations de plus de \$200.⁰⁰
- Vu ces motifs, et raisons, je demande
à votre conseil de vouloir approuver cet
achat, et dépenses de \$1.000.⁰⁰ pour
Standard Tracteur. W. B. délivré par la
C^{ie} et déjà payé comptant avec les produits
de la ferme.
Votre tout dévoué

R. E. Gascas Omi
primpe

Petit Lac des Indes: visiter plus souvent.

Passer Muddy Lake aux P. Allemanes.

Chaque missionnaire résident à Grison Lake Village.
Constituer district.

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

Union Lake,
Sask.

March 16=1938

Rev. U. Langlois, O.M.I.
9916=110th St.
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Father Langlois:

I feel it is my duty to come and thank you very sincerely for the kind reception you have given me and also for the sincerity you have shown in listening in to my grievances and petition in behalf of my people and of all the Indians of the Indian Agency Union Lake.

I thank you also for the assurance given me that Father Pratt be brought back here soon and in the very near future. My people are very grateful to you for this promise and we all hope that you will keep your word and you will materialize soon as you can. Our most ardent desire is that Fr. Pratt be brought back here with us and be given the very function and work as before and this before the children be sent home for the Summer holidays, because if it is not done so, it is much to fear that many will not come back as the parents are very much displeased with the present situation. When you come to visit us, you will see by yourself what my people will say to you and you will judge by yourself that my visit to you lately was not based only upon sentiments. I have stand for the heavy expenses required by my trip to Edmonton only for the benefit of our School and our Religion, and I am very sorry to see some of my people turning down their religion but you how the Indians are.

We are all rejoicing at the thought that Fr. Pratt be with us soon as your promise ~~has been given~~ has been given and we all know that a man of your situation keeps always his word. Father Pratt coming back to us and taking back his work with the same capacity and function as before everything will cool down, the misunderstanding will vanish as he knows well the Indian ways and knows how to treat the Indians and knows how to reason with them. We all want him back very strongly and with the same power and work as before and no criticism will be heard as when he was here with us. We will be prepared to meet you at your next visit.

As you asked me, we will pray for the Oblate Fathers for their good work amongst the Indians. Hoping, Dear Father Langlois, that this letter will find the very same reception and result than my visit and if this does so happen we shall all be happy.

Yours very truly,

P. Harper, C.M.I.

For all the Indians of this Agency.

Dear Chief,

I acknowledge your letter of the 16th inst. and I recall with ^{great} pleasure ~~the~~ kind visit you paid me.

~~My~~ The sentiments of gratitude and profound attachment you profess for Rev. F. Pratt are certainly gratifying and ~~certainly~~ show about best your true appreciation of his devotedness.

As to his return amongst you, I repeat here what I told you: that I'll ~~try my best~~ to grant your request as soon as circumstances will permit. ^{this might be, I do not know, but be sure I'll keep your demands before my eyes.} We have more ~~than~~ one mission and one school to look after, and by the time we have appointed all the missionaries and the Principals ^{and make the changes necessary} to keep up the good work, we are bound to make some nominations that are more or less according to the taste of everybody. So I ^{beseech} ~~request~~ you ~~take~~ ^{take} this into consideration and give us a little latitude in our choice, being convinced that we have nothing so much at heart as your happiness, the good of your children and the ~~salvation~~ ^{redemption} of your immortal souls.

I hope you'll help us in our difficulties with your ~~present~~ prayers and your staunch faithfulness to your religion. On my next visit to your Reserve I'll make it a part of my program to see you and your councillors. In the meantime I count on you and your councillors to smooth things for F. Pratt who is very devoted and whom you all will love when you have learned to know him and got accustomed to his ways.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71-220

March 25

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Mr. J. Harper, Chief,
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With my best regards,

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC.

Union Lake,
Sask.

April 18=1938

Rev. Father Langlois O.M.I.
Provincial
9986==110th St.
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear good father Langlois:

I have just learned of your nomination to the high office of Bishop of Arrouard, to fill the place of Bishop Guy.

I might be the first Indian chief to come to present to you my most sincere congratulations for the nomination and there, you will labor among my Indian people. You seem to love the Indians and seem to have at heart their interest, and this I found that out when I spoke with you, in my last interview. I rejoice with many Oblates Fathers for your nomination, but at the same time, I start to fear that the promise you made to me to bring back with us here soon Father Pratt may not come through, or your proposed visit to us may not take place.

We were all ready to meet you in a body, and clearly to put before you not only as one man but the majority of the Catholic and even Protestant Indians.

We have absolutely nothing against Father Pascal as a priest but he is not the man for this place and this school, and as you know well the Indians when they are not well pleased with a priest, they turn away from the Church, for many years, and also refuse to give away their children and even in their pride give them away to the Protestant school. I have put clearly as possible all the reasons we had while speaking to you in Edmonton and on this you promised me very solemnly that you will give us back Father Pratt and to take ~~his~~ ^{his old work} as he did in the past. if your ^{promise} is kept, I can assure you, Father Langlois that very serious consequences ~~may~~ follow, and next fall many children will be away from the school, as Father Pascal is not well liked and does not understand the work and the Indian ways.

If I write to you, it is in favor of our school and religion, and I can tell you Father ~~Langlois~~ Pratt being well liked here can do much for the benefit of our Religion. Please Father Langlois don't abandon us or break your promise.

As I told you in my letter, following my return here, the Indians came to see me for the news and I told them that he was coming back because Father Langlois has promised me that. if this again is not realized, it will make the situation very hard for Father Pascal or any other priest not knowing the Indians here.

I ask you dear Father Langlois to help me with my people and help me to keep them with our Church and to remain good. The things are not going very good here, especially since they know you promised to give us back Father Pratt. they want him back very soon and

before the summer vacation.

Also do not believe that I am alone in the desire to have Father Pratt back here, but all my people here and also all the Indians of the Onion Lake Agency. If you come you will find that out by yourself.

Hoping dear Father Langlois, that you will see your ways before leaving your work as Provincial to grant us our request and give us back immediately Father Pratt and this we shall all be grateful to you. Just say the word "YES" and everything will be O.K.

We will all pray our heavenly Father to give you all his grace for your new work as Bishop and that you may work many years for the good of our people, the Indian People of Peace River District.

An answer from you Father will be received with joy.

With the assurance of our poor and humble prayers, we remain your Indians
And Dear Indian People

Per *P. Harper*.

Chief

Onion Lake,
Sask.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 171,220

Onion Lake,

May 16=1938

Father L. Larose O.M.I.
9986 110th St.
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Father Larose:

You must remember well last Spring when you came to this school at Onion Lake, and talked to us all Indians, you promised us to do all what you could to help when it will be necessary, after hearing our reasons to keep with us Father Pratt as our Principal and priest.

You told us also to accept Father Pascal and to give him a chance and if the things were not running good with the Indians after a while to let you know it, and you would do all what you could to help us to bring back Father Pratt here and to give him his very same work at the school.

I am sorry to let you know that things are not running very good here, my Indian people, refuse to do what he is supposed to do and everything seems to be upset here since Father Pratt left.

The way I see things now it will be very hard next fall to fill this school as the parents are very disgusted with Father Pascal, he has no way with the Indians and seems pleased to contradict them to displease them. Many are already out of the Church and some went to the Protestants on account of him. This is not what they should do but you know how the Indians are and I cannot reason them to do good with Father Pascal. Many Indians having children of certain age at this school will not bring them back and what I fear is that they may obtain a day school and then what will become of our Boarding School for our children?

As a Chief I know personally that the Indian Department is more in favor of a day school than a Boarding school and if this school has not the fair number of children certainly a day school will be granted to this Reserve. It is time that something be done to bring back Father Pratt here immediately. I am sure he will bring back the people to the Church and also will dispose them in favor of the school. I know enough my people to say that they do what they mean especially when they are not pleased with a priest. We used to have a good number of children when Father Pratt was here but now the children are not coming as they have been in the past years and next year many will not return, especially the children from the Thunderchild Reserve will not come back next fall unless Father Pratt is here on time to have the parents well disposed in favor of the school. When I went to speak to Father Provincial this spring I told him many facts and give him all my reasons why we want Father Pratt back and he has promised me for sure that he would be back in May. Nothing was heard of since and I am told at the school that the new Father Provincial is not yet appointed. Will you please relay to the new Provincial our request and ~~see~~ see that our desire be realized.

As a priest we have nothing against Father Pascal we only find that he is not fit to work with the Indians and he cannot understand their ways and mentality.

Hoping that you will see that your promise to help us if things were not running good be useful and brings results,

I am,

Yours very devotedly,

P. Harper

"Chief"

Onion Lake, Sask.

June 7th. 1938

Rev. Father Provincial,
Edmonton,
Alta.

Dear Father Provincial:

I have been told lately at the school of your nomination as Provincial replacing Bishop Langlois.

Perhaps you may find surprising of receiving a letter from me in behalf of all the Indians of this Onion Lake Indian Agency. The reason for doing so, must not by now be unknown to you because Bishop Langlois must have certainly left to you for your personal consideration the result of my interview with him late this spring, and also my letter that followed the said interview.

Bishop Langlois has solemnly promised to me and by me to all my people to grant our request that is to send back Father Pratt here as Principal and to do the very same work that that he was doing while Principal, we mean the very same function.

I have given to Bishop Langlois all the reasons for Father Pratt's return here and after hearing me he solemnly promised me that he would do so and even told me to tell all my people to expect Father Pratt soon and also to pray for the Oblate Fathers.

Why we want Father Pratt is that he knows us well and also knows well how to deal with the Indians. Father Pascal has no ways with the Indians. Many children will not come back next fall also some of our people went to the Anglican Church because they cannot agree with Father Pascal. Bishop Langlois was very sorry when he heard that and it is why he promised me and my people to send back Father Pratt. Having been called to go to Gravelbourg as Bishop, he could not then keep good his promise and I believe that he expected his successor will carry it through.

If Father Pascal long here as Principal next September he will have very hard time to get back his children and even now they are not numerous as they should be, the parents are holding them in the hope to see Father Pratt back here.

We have nothing against Father Pascal as a priest but he is not fit to work with the Indians and especially in school here where he has to deal with all the parents.

I am sorry to see my people falling away from the Church, since my return from Edmonton last March two families have left our Religion. I am a Catholic myself and I always try to help my Church and in this case I only see one way to the thing up is to have Pratt back here.

Father Lapere must have received a letter from us and he knows well what objections we put forward when Father Pratt went away. At the time he told us if the things were not running good he would do his utmost to have Father Pratt back and it is why we wrote to him after knowing that Father Langlois was gone to be made a Bishop. I made a special trip to Edmonton to see Father Provincial and he received me very politely and promised me to send back our desired Father and this before the end of the year, because if he is not here to have the children well disposed before going home many will not come back.

I know enough my people to prove what I mean.

Hoping Dear Father Provincial that you will see your way to send back immediately Father Pratt and by this to help me keeping my people with the Church and to have this school full of our children.

Believe me always,

Yours very sincerely,

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• Family of: 900,000,000

[C. 07/1938]

Dear Father Provincial:-

For the second time I come to Edmonton to see the Provincial in behalf of my people and of my School at Onion-Lake. I am, and we are poor people, and we gladly make the sacrifices only for the benefit of our Religion and our School.

When I came this last Spring I was well received by Father Langlois, then and ~~we~~ I went back with the promise that my request was granted. I hope, and we hope, that to-day again we will be well received and obtained from your kindness, and the love you have for us, poor Indians, the realisation of our request.

This request is not a question of sentiments from me as Chief or a little group of Indians from our Onion-Lake Indian Reserve but we come here, once more, in behalf of all my people and our people of Onion-Lake and the surrounding Indian Reserves.

The petition and papers, left by me last Spring, to Fr. Langlois, concerning our request, and our coming again here must be a sincere proof of our ardent desire to have what we request from you, be granted and this ~~for~~ the honour of our Religion and School. If in your kindness and love for us, our request is granted we shall be always be grateful to you and to the good Oblate Fathers.

- 1) ...Fr. Pascal is a good priest, but is not the man for the Indians. He has no ways with them, and by his doings, turns down the Indians from their Religion and put a very strong obstacle for the welfare and future of our School. We have two schools closed by, and always there is a fight between the two, for the children and by the fact our catholic children are much exposed to go to the Anglican School, if the parents are dissatisfied, and you know how the Indians are. We need a priest that knows the Indians knows their ways, and be good to them. Fr. Pratt has proved in the past that he loves us, has known us, has understood us, and has done much for the benefit of our people and school. He is our man, and we want him back at his old job, and everybody is crying for his return. If you ever come and speak to our Indians you will see by yourself how true this is. Fr. Larose, when Fr. Pratt left, was a witness of our opposition to his leaving, and he himself presiding our meeting hear our reasons and arguments but had no power to act but only felt sorry of this removal.
- 2) Fr. Pratt's return has been solemnly promised by Fr. Langlois to me as Chief, this last Spring, and all my Indians are expecting that result soon. Fr. Larose also, when he was here has promised us to do his utmost to have Fr. Pratt back with us.
- 3) This request to have Fr. Pratt back with us is the desire of all the Indians even the Protestants and also of all the Indians of the Onion-lake Indian Agency. To this effect a petition was given to Fr. Langlois and signed by all the Indians of the different Reserves.
- 4) Fr Pratt has helped the Indians but has never given anything for nothing. Always he used to get his money back with hay and wood. Sometimes the Indians were hard up and they came to him for help, he understood their needs, helped them but again lost very little as I know of, because everything was marked in the book and he used to get paid with hay and wood.
- 5) Many, next September, will not return back their children, because they are dissatisfied with the present Principal. I have here Alex Stick. also his brother, who have children of school age: they refuse to send them to the school, unless Fr. Pratt return to us as Principal of the School and in his old position that, when he left, then the children will be given him and admitted.

I fear, Dear Fr. Provincial, very much that the request for day Schools be granted, and you know as well as I do that the Dept. is more inclined towards day Schools than Boarding Schools. As Chief, I know enough my people to say that they will do as they say, and that what will be the result for our old Onion-Lake Boarding School? I am an ex pupil and I have always worked for my school and I am still willing to do the best for my school and religion and it is why I come to-day, to see you, in

their behalf. Already few of my catholic people have gone from the Church and^{are} attending the Anglican Church. If this goes on long, certainly after a certain time they will think very little of their Catholic Faith and the Religion will suffer much here. It hurts me to see some of my people and good people falling away from their religion and seeing them refusing to send them to our school. As their Chief I have experienced many difficulties since Fr. Pratt left and when I talked to them they always say: "When we have a priest that understands us, he is always taken away from us and replaced with another one, who looks only for money and does very little to help us and for our souls. This is very painful to hear, and it is why, Dear Fr. Provincial, I strongly request you, in behalf of my people, for the benefit of our Catholic School, and their Catholic Faith, to give us back Fr. Pratt as Principal and to work for us as he did in the past for the benefit of all.

- 6) When Fr. Pratt came to take charge of the School there was practically nothing, and nothing was in order, we could see that clearly ourselves, us Indians, and when he left, the place was just starting to look like a decent place. Also, it was only when he was here that we had real results from our School regarding the Children, and the Indian Dept. expressed very openly its satisfaction in a few official letters kept at the Indian Agency Onion-Lake. Dr. Hill had always very cordial relation with Fr. Pratt while he was principal of our School, and he will be only too pleased to see him back as he often says.

This is all that I can say by writings, and I think it covers all the ground which I wanted to speak about. If you so desire, I will be very please to answer verbally all the questions that you may feel like to ask me and also my two companions. We came here only for the sole purpose of helping our Religion and School and not to hurt Fr. Pascal as a priest as I said before he is a good priest, but not knowing our language and ways, cannot do much for us, and sure you will charitably understand our position and the reason of our request.

Therefore, my request is very urgent, and being only a short time Provincial, you will not refuse to grant me once again my request for the benefit of my School and the Religion of my Indians. Fr. Pratt is needed badly here as Principal of our School, and not, as I heard, Fr. Moulin be, a travelling missionary and of this I am expecting from you, Dear Father Provincial, a favorable reply.

I will pray for the Oblate Fathers. This was Bishop Langlois' request from me and my people.

With your blessing and the promise of my request to be granted in behalf of all of my Indians

I am

Yours very truly

P. Harper

Chief.

J. Harper

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA	
ACC.	71.220

Union Lake Indian Reserve,

October 18th. 1938

Rev. Father Routhier "Provincial"
2916==110th St.
Edmonton, Alta.

Reverend and dear Father Provincial:-

We are anxiously looking forward for your return from Rome and lately we heard that you were on your way back to Edmonton.

Excuse me Reverend Father Provincial, if I take the liberty to-day to write to you again. My intention is to know from you directly when you will be able to come to visit us as promised. This will allow me to see my people and have the meeting ready and prepared.

Our desire is the same as over a year ago, and we still strongly desire to have back Father Pratt in charge of this school. You see Reverend Father Provincial, that this desire is not only a straw pile fire but has lasted more than a year and still greater than ever.

We have appreciated what Father Pratt has done for this school and what were the results. When it was known that he was removed it was an universal explosion of protest from the Indian Agent to the last of the Indian of this Reserve.

The last events, and using the Police to have children brought back to the school and have created a very unfavorable feeling towards this school and is growing every day. The Religion suffers from this state of affairs and I thought it was my duty to let you know this. If it goes on like that long, certainly this Indian Agency where Anglican Protestantism is very strong and efficient, and what all those young children after school graduation with a Protestant formation will be for our Religion.

If you cannot come, and if you think it will be advisable to do so, I may go down there to Edmonton to meet you and discuss with you the things over. I am ready to go over this expense once more and this shows how anxious we are all to see Father Pratt back and in charge as in the past of this school.

If I do not get the results this time, it will be my last appeal and probably the of my business with the Oblate Fathers of this school. Hoping Reverend Father Provincial to receive from you a very favorable reply,

Believe me always,

Yours very truly,

P. Harper

"Chief"

Cannot say date yet. Will let you know later. probably in about one month



St. Anthony's School
Loyminster Sask.

January 16-1939

Rev. Father Routhier O.M.I.
"Provincial"
9916-110 St.
Edmonton Alta.

Dear Father Provincial:-

No doubt Fr. Pascal must have told you about the letter he opened addressed to me; this happened 2 days before he went to Edmonton last, and for this we had quite an argument. As we all know this is a serious case and he does not realize that, by the way he tried to bluff me. He claims that you had given him the permission to do so, but after referring the matter to the Superintendent of Postal Service at Saskatoon this is simply not right. It may not have been the first one he opened.

It was on Jan 4th - 39 when I went to the smoking room to see if there was any mail for me. Fr. Pascal and Fr. Gauthier were there and I could see that Fr. Pascal was quite vexed in fact he spoke to me quite rough. He said I want to know the contents of the letter it comes from Hobbema again. I simply answered "alright" but when I came to open the letter it was sticky with fresh paste and anyone could have seen that the letter ~~was~~ had been opened and sealed again. so after reading the letter I went up to him and said it is no use for you to read the letter now you have already seen it. he said "how do you know?" well I said

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look at the sticky paste - He said he didn't but I said I'll send to the Postmaster General they will know if this had been opened and sealed again well then, he said it was Fr. Gauthier who opened it but never read it. I says that's funny open a letter and not read it. I went to Fr. Gauthier's office and ask him if he had opened one of my letters he said "no," but Fr. Pascal just told me you opened the letter, I said to him, "well," he says but I did not read it it's the Father that read it. Then I knew for sure it had been done just the way I thought.

I am not very surprised about this as I have experienced things far worse than that from the same community. I also want to mention here that whatever has been done to my knowledge will not go out to be broadcasted.

Fr. Pascal promised me he will not open my letters any more, but since he had permission from you I suppose he will have to continue.

To tell the truth Dear Father I have never worked nor try to influence the Indians to have Fr. Pascal out of the School, what I have wrote to Fr. Pratt about few little things are true and are not ashamed either, I think there is a lot misunderstanding on both sides.

I have always defended Fr. Pratt but most of the Staff ^{here} started to criticize him as poor as he stepped out of the house (School). and they will do the same if Fr. Pascal goes away. I also did my very best last fall help Fr. Pascal to have the children back to school. I even took the police around at his request, this I did not like.

Best wishes to you Father and I wish you all the success.
Yours truly
Arsene Cardinal

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

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Union Lake, Sask.
April 22/39

Rev. Fr. Routhier C.S.C.
(Provincial)
9916. — 110 St.

Dear Father Provincial:

Under very special circumstances I was forced to resign my position at the School as Boys' Supervisor, This I did with great sorrow and against my will but I did it because I thought it was for the best of both parties.

May I say also that it is surprising how much the Indians all around this district are keeping a good souvenir of the former principal Fr. Pratt, and how much they still desire his return, but your answer last winter was not very favorable.

It exists on the Reserves a very great uneasiness and a kind of feeling not at all favorable to our R.C. School and also to our Religion. Fr. Pratt's departure has created a great loss for the Indians which loss can hardly be made for.

I am not saying these things to influence you or to make any request but by taking the liberty of letting you know that I quit the School. I thought it proper to insert in this letter what every one here sees and thinks. Be sure Fr. Routhier that I will remain faithful to my Religion and do my best for it.

I am yours very obliged

Arne Cardinal

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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May 3, 1939

Mr Arsène Cardinal,
Onion Lake, Sask.

My Dear Arsène:

I have yours of April 22nd in which you make known to me your resignation from the staff of the School at Onion Lake. I hope that you have not made a mistake in resigning your position for which you had some very fine qualities, and I appreciate the note that you have inserted in your letter re your continued faithfulness to your religion. I beg you to pray, as I do, that things may settle down for the greater welfare of the Indians for whom we are laboring.

Thanking you again for your kind letter and wishing you luck in your work, I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

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I beg to ask from your Department
to have my son Lloyd admitted in
the P.C. School, the reasons I would
insist upon are.

That before I was legally married (that is
this last spring) with the woman I was living
with I had had her child brought by
the P.C. Church, as the woman was baptised
P.C. Being myself very sick, and in the hospital
and having no relatives to take the child
then 3 years of age. The Cath. Church was kind
after the refusal of my own church to keep the boy.
Then I sign papers: that my boy will
be brought up in the faith of my ~~now~~
legitimate wife.

The Boy is in the P.C. School of
Onion Lake, and I would consider as a favour
from your Dept to meet my wish, as well
as the wish of my wife. We have my
boy admitted in the P.C. School
with the approval of our acting Agent

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ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
LLOYDMINSTER, S.A.S.

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