

A BUSINESS proposition for the Indians of the BLUE QUILL'S and the SADDLE LAKE Bands to consider. These Indians hold a large area of land and which produces little towards their support. If they will agree to surrender the portion outside of the line on the map it is my opinion the Department would undertake to sell it at public auction and get all it is possible to get for it and sufficient to purchase the following Outfit for the WORKING members of the band, also fencing, etc., herein enumerated:-

A Gasoline Motor for ploughing, threshing, etc.,

The necessary plows, harrows, seeders, rakes, etc.,.

Building for housing all implements. Bored wells at all farms.

" in which to slaughter animals and the distribution of food on a stated day of each week.

Granaries for the storage of seed grain and other grain when it is threshed. Material for fencing, \$5000.00. Grain & grass seed.

A fund of \$15000.00 to be set aside to purchase work horses, wag-gons, harness and mowers for the working Indians who require any of these articles. The cost of such individual purchases is to be repaid in 5 annual installments, without interest, and these payments to be returned to this fund to be again used from time to time when required to assist other working young men in a like manner.

The total outlay for above to be up to \$45000.00

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The remaining portion from sale of the land to be funded and the annual interest thereon to be used to provide:-

A weekly food ration to all members of the band, as follows:-

5 lbs. of flour and 5 lbs. of beef. A monthly ration of one lb. of tea to each member of the band. Note: This is not for those who may be absent from the reserve or for children who are in a residential school and where they are fed, clothed, etc.,.

Operating expenses of the motor when ploughing, threshing, repairs for same, oil, etc. Clothing for aged and helpless, etc.

See over.

Notes: Land is only useful for what it will produce. If not cultivated and seeded it will only grow grass, shrub, timber, etc. Human beings cannot live on grass, shrub, timber or scenery, they must, therefore, cultivate and seed the land to gain a livelihood therefrom. To properly cultivate land one requires power, implements, seed grain, etc., The area of land a single individual can properly cultivate depends on the individual man, on the implements, etc., at his command. Families have been known to live, and live well, on a very small plot of land, a couple of acres, but they cultivated this land with great care and intelligently. Few single individuals can properly cultivate more than 100 acres.

Now the Indians of the Saddle Lake have nearly 400 acres for every man, woman and child or 10 times as much land as an ordinary white farmer could farm with all of the necessary machinery at his command, providing he had plenty of money to buy the machinery. Why do the Saddle Lake Indians cling to land they could not farm one tenth part of if they had all of the machinery they wanted? Why do the Indians who are unfitted for farming, through age or any other reason, ^{go short of food,} when by selling a good piece of it they and their children could get weekly supplies of beef, and flour and tea monthly. The young men could, too, be supplied with working implements, have sufficient land broken for them, seed to put in 40 acres of it, grass seed to grow sufficient hay close to their homes and get food besides. Now the young people when they quit the schools "are up against it" for the want of something to work with and their education in a measure is wasted. Grass, shrub and scenery is good in its place, but the people want food, clothing, etc., and the young men and women want to make homes for themselves on a farm. If land surrendered and sold there will yet be left about 140 acres for every man, woman and child on the remaining portion of the reserve.

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

In your reply refer to
No. **I22/64**

and date of this letter and
address

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

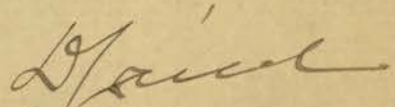
Winnipeg,

28 April 1906.

Rev. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of the 19th. instant and authorize the
discharge of pupil No.037, Philomena Quinn, of
the Blue Quill's Boarding School.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner.

Principal,

Blue Quill's Boarding School,

Saddle Lake, Alta.

28 April 1901

122/01

Dear Sir,
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your
letter of the 19th instant and to advise you
that the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration.
Yours truly,
J. H. McCreary

Indian Commissioner

Respectfully,
R. H. McCreary
R. H. McCreary's Boarding School,
Gladys Lake, Alta.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71,220

Eglise Saint-Pierre, 107 rue Visitation,

MONTREAL, May 26, 1906.

To the Honourable Frank Oliver,
Minister of the Interior
House of Commons,
OTTAWA.

Honourable Sir,

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter forwarded to you by Father Grandin, with reference to Mr. Batty being appointed agent of Saddle Lake Indian reserve in place of Mr. Mann.

Complying with the desires of Father Grandin, I take the liberty of writing to you the following; and in doing so, I do not only comply with the wishes of my superior but am also satisfying a desire to convey to you my personal views concerning Mr. Batty's appointment.

Let me tell you, honourable Sir, that I feel most anxious to discard, at the very outset, any idea on your part, to favor one denomination in preference to another; in other words, to discriminate in favor of the methodists against the catholics. I know you too much, to contemplate for a moment, the idea that you may be actuated in the dispensation of your patronage by any denominational motives.

That you possess in the highest degree the sterling qualities of uprightness and fair play, is more than demonstrated by the universal confidence of your countrymen, and I may say, specially by the Catholics of the whole Alberta. The history of the political events of the last few years, amply bears me out in my contention.

I take therefore the liberty to presume that your choice is dictated either by the personal merit of Mr. Batty or by a consideration having a political bearing.

Right here, let me tell you, honourable Sir, that I entirely endorse Father Grandin's views concerning Mr. Batty's appointment as Indian agent of Saddle Lake reserve.

In doing so, I simply follow the dictates of my mind and take as well in consideration the interest of that Indian reserve which I have known for so many years.

The fact that we are opposed to Mr. Batty's appointment has nothing to do with his being a protestant. The history of our dealings with the agents, since the establishment of the Indian reserves, goes far to prove beyond cavil, that we have never objected to the appointment of a man as agent on account of being a protestant.

As long as he does not interfere in his official capacity as agent, with our religious interests, we simply overlook the fact that he is a protestant, although we are naturally alive to the notion that, in consideration of the number of our catholic Indians on the reserves, we are entitled to a better share of the government patronage in the appointment of catholic agents.

What we have always contended for, and what we do still now, is that the agent, on his reserve, should be fair and just, free from any tendency to discriminate in favor of one denomination against the other. "Fairplay to all !" is our motto. Would to God that the same could be said of certain other denominations.

I could bring instance when an agent has been removed because he was not willing to obey the dictates of the Church of which he was a member.

Can we hope that in Mr. Batty we shall have an agent entirely free and independent ? We have every reason to believe the contrary.

Now, if we take the personal merit of the man in consideration, there is no question that Mr. Bard is ten times more qualified for that position than Mr. Batty. The honourable Minister of the Interior knows him enough to save me from proving my assertion. That Mr. Bard would make an ideal agent, is sure beyond the shadow of a doubt.

To consider the matter from a political standpoint of view, (and here I am speaking as a liberal, having taken an active part in the recent electoral campaigns in the interest of the liberal party), allow me, honourable Sir, to contend that as far as I can see, the nomination of Mr. Bard at the Saddle Lake agency would be a splendid political move.

The honourable Minister of the Interior knows better than any body else, that the catholics of Alberta are more than ever entitled to a liberal share in the official positions of the country. That the Catholics of Alberta were not those who caused anxieties and difficulties to the leaders of the party is well known by any who took interest in the last contests. Can the same be said of many who stand high in the Methodist Church ?

That the Catholics are entitled to a liberal patronage, nobody will deny it, and that they expect it, does not call for any demonstration. Can they say that so far their expectation has been gratified ?

I have been away from Edmonton for nearly six months; it may be that I am not in a position to know what has been done with regard the question of patronage. But from what I hear, I can only infer that the catholic people are far from being satisfied with the way the nomination to official positions has been carried out. There is a feeling that a kind of ostracism is perpetrated against the catholics who apply for, and are entitled to an official situation. Great deception therefore on the part

on the part of the catholic people.

Even the nomination of Doctor Roy as senator, apparently was not looked upon with favor, because the Doctor was not supposed to be a true representative of the french-catholic element. That this idea were not confined only to the province of Alberta, is shown by the fact that many french-catholics of the liberal party in the province of Quebec, spoke to me about it. I was only too glad to dispell any apprehension on that score. Further more, from here, I did all I could to create the impression amongst the leading catholic people of Alberta, that the government should be endorsed and congratulated in his choice, being firmly convinced that the senator would prove a faithful and able representative of the French-Catholic people of Alberta.

Have I succeeded?... I don't know yet. But I am fully satisfied that the appointment of Mr. Bard to the Saddle Lake agency, would be hailed with joy by the catholics of Alberta.

His nomination beside, being a splendid political move, would be of a great benefit to the Indians whose interests could not be trusted to a better and more experienced gentleman.

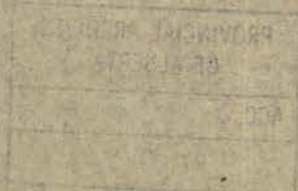
I confess, honourable Sir, that I am rather straightforward in the expression of my views, but I am the more inclined to do it, that in dealing with the honourable Minister of the Interior, I deal with a gentleman who has endeared himself to the esteem and confidence of his fellow-countrymen, irrespectively of creeds and nationalities, by his very straightforwardness and spirit of fair play.

I may add, further more, that my actions in the past should be a sure guarantee that in the expression of my view now, I am simply actuated by the desire of doing good to my friends, and helping the government with the best of my ability.

I have the honor to be,

Honourable Sir,

Your faithful servant,



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

3 July 1906.

In your reply refer **T22/64**

No.

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 20th. ultimo and approve of the discharge of pupil No. 58, Edward Stamp, of the Blue Quill's Boarding School. However, I beg to point out that no boy should be discharged at the age of 14; moreover, no such promise as that mentioned by you should be made.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner.

Principal,

Blue Quill's Boarding School,

Sacred Heart P. O., Alta.

2 July 1901

1875

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, however, unable to give you any definite answer at this time. I will, however, keep you advised of any further developments.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McLeod

Very truly yours,
J. H. McLeod
J. H. McLeod & Co., Ltd.
Calgary, Alberta

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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ACC. 71,220

Alberta Inspectorate,

Gleichen, July 14, 1906.

Rev. Father Dalter,

Principal of Blue Quill's School,

Saddle Lake.

Rev'd. Sir:

In event of a sweep horse power being supplied to operate a pump in the well in use at your school I presume the pump you now have can be attached to the power referred to, can it not ?

I will be glad to know, too, if the sweep power is supplied whether you will undertake to make the connections necessary and cover it with a building so that it can be operated without hindrance by snow during the winter months.

If the Department supplied the wind mill that was over the well I would like to hear that it was carefully taken apart and stored for future use at some point.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Markle

Inspector.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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ACC. 71.220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

20 Sept. 1906.

In your reply refer to

No. 122/64

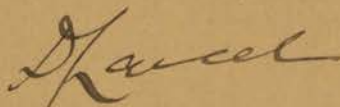
and date of this letter and
address

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

Rev. Sir,

I have your letter of the 10th. instant
and for the reasons given authorize the discharge of
pupils No. 71, Job Breast, and No. 72, Johnny Bird, of
the Sacred Heart Boarding School, in the Saddle Lake
Agency.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner.

Principal,

Blue Quill's Boarding School,

Sacred Heart P.O., Alta.

INCORPORATED A.D. 1670.



Hudson's Bay Company.

Lac La Piche 27 Jan'y 1908

Rev: Father Grandin.
Sault Lake.

Rev. Sir.

Wanted upon Kurishy

deliver the Barrel of oil to Joseph Boncke.

Julian Cardinalle arranged that this man
was to bring on the oil from your mission.

I shall take what is due me out of the Barrel
& if Father Tassin consents will hand the
balance to him or place the amount who owes.

Yours faithfully
Jas. Spence

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Copy of invoice - from.

20 Feb. 1909.

A. Vanderborcht & Wilmont.

154, Rue Verte Bruxelles. Belgium

R. P. H. Grandin, Edmonton Alta. Can. 101.

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Sacred Heart

30 Dec. 1904

To the Secretary

Dept of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir ~

In reply to your letters of the 6th and 21st Dec I beg to say that we have two school rooms, the one 30x30 ft. and the other 30x16 ft. But as we were advised by the Inspector we are to enlarge these one so ~~to~~ give an other 30x30 ft. room ~ As the desks are to be of different sizes, according to the height of the pupils and as we don't know the exact breadth and length of the desks, it would be hard to make a diagram showing the location of the fifty-two desks or twenty-six double separate desks. I think the more advisable would be to allow us to buy those desks ourselves at Edmonton. where we could more conveniently find out in seeing the desks ~~bring~~ ourselves how many of each kind we could take to accommodate the school rooms and the number and size of the pupils. I hope this would spare you any more trouble.

I am your obedient servant

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

216-238800/18

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER



ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.

Ottawa, March 2nd, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

Referring to your communication of December 6th, last, in regard to assistance to enable Pierre Tskwewinls to commence farming I beg to say that inquiry shows that Pierre is, in the eyes of the law, a white man, not an Indian, and, therefore, not entitled to take up a location on an Indian reserve.

The Department is of the opinion that it would be in the best interests of this boy if he could be placed with some white farmer in the neighborhood of the reserve legally to learn farming. Being a white man he is privileged to take up a homestead, which he could not do if an Indian, and in every respect it is thought it would be to his advantage to avail himself of the civil rights and privileges of the whites.

The Department would be glad to hear from you further in reference to this boy.

Your obedient servant,

L. M. Leam
Secretary.

Rev. L. Balter,
Principal,
Blue Quill's Boarding School,
Sacred Heart P.O., Alta.

28800/12

Ottawa, March 2nd, 1911.

Rev. Sir,

Referring to your communication of December

6th, 1910, in regard to assistance to certain persons
known to you, I beg to say that I have

shown that person is, in the eyes of the law, a white

man, not an Indian, and, therefore, not entitled

to take up a location on an Indian reserve.

The Department is of the opinion that it would

be in the best interests of this country to give the person

with some white farmer in the neighbourhood of the reserve

to farm. Being a white man he is privileged to

take up a homestead, which he could not do if an Indian,

and in every respect it is thought it would be to his

advantage to avail himself of the civil rights and privi-

leges of the whites.

The Department would be glad to hear from you

further in reference to this boy.

Yours obedient servant,

Secretary.

Rev. J. E. Butler,
Principal,
Blue Bell's Boarding School,
Edmonton, Alberta, P.O., Alta.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 238800/18

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER



ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.

Ottawa, April 7th, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd ultimo, in which you ask for assistance for Leo Cardinal, an ex-pupil of the Blue Quills Boarding school.

In reply I beg to say that in accordance with the terms contained in the circular of July 2nd, last, this matter should be taken up by you with the Agent, Mr. Batty, and a joint report made as to the character, habits, etc. of this boy. When this is received the matter will be given consideration.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. H. Lewis".

Secretary:

Rev. L. Balter,

Principal,

Blue Quills Boarding School,

Sacred Heart, Alta.

Joe

Calgary, April 2nd, 1900.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst., in which you ask for some more of the same kind of material as the one I have sent you.

In reply I am sorry that in the material which I have enclosed in the envelope of this day, I have not been able to send you any more of the same kind of material as the one I have sent you. I am sorry that I have not been able to send you any more of the same kind of material as the one I have sent you.

Yours sincerely,

John A. Macdonald

Secretary.

Wm. J. Macdonald

Minister

St. John's Building, Calgary.

George Hearn, Esq.



*Reply (if any) to be addressed to
Commissioner of Customs.*

Refer to File

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N^o 69519

Department of Customs

Ottawa, 25th April, 1910.

Rev. L. Balter, O.M.I.,
Sacred Heart, Alta.

Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, asking that a case of printing type in the Indian language may be admitted without duty.

In reply I am to state that the Customs Department can only admit without duty those articles which are mentioned in the tariff as free of duty. This printing type is not so mentioned. In the circumstances the Department is unable to grant your request.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commissioner of Customs.

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W. A. M.
Commissioner of Customs

Salt April, 1910.

Rev. J. L. Belter, O.M.I.,

Sacred Heart, Alta.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of the 18th instant, asking that a case of printing
type in the Indian language may be admitted without duty.
In reply I am to state that the Customs Department
can only admit without duty those articles which are mentioned
in the tariff as free of duty. This printing type is not so
mentioned. In the circumstances the Department is unable to
grant your request.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

Commissioner of Customs.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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ACC. 71.220

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

A.P. 116859/10

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER



ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.

Ottawa, May 9, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, in which you ask for the discharge of Louisa Sinclair, pupil No. 035 of the Blue Quills Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that this discharge is hereby granted. The Department would like to know what standard she has attained in her studies and whether she has been a diligent and faithful worker. If so an honourable certificate of discharge on a new form provided by the Department will be sent her.

Your recommendation that she should be given a sewing machine and other articles cannot be dealt with till further information is received. As called for in official letter of July 2, last, a joint report should be made by yourself and the Agent. It would appear that she is going to live with her parents and the report should deal with their character and the kind of home that the girl will have. You should also state whether she is quite competent to use the machine asked for.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "L. M. L. L." or similar, written in a cursive style.

Rev. L. Balter,
Principal,
Blue Quills Boarding School,
Sacred Heart, Alta.

Secretary.

Louise

116859/10

Ottawa, May 2, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, in which you ask for the discharge of Louise Sinclair, pupil No. 035 of the Blue Gull's Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that this discharge is hereby granted. The Department would like to know what standard she has attained in her studies and whether she has been a diligent and faithful worker. It is an honor--and certificate of discharge on a new form provided by the Department will be sent her.

Your recommendation that she should be given a sewing machine and other articles cannot be dealt with till further information is received. As called for in official letter of July 2, last, a joint report should be made by yourself and the Agent. It would appear that she is going to live with her parents and the report should deal with their character and the kind of home that the girl will have. You should also state whether she is quite competent to use the machine asked for.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

Blue Gull's Boarding School,
Alta.

Bellevue, B.C.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

71,220

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 238800/18

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER



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

Ottawa, May 12, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo in further reference to assistance to enable Leo Cardinal, an ex-pupil of the Blue Quills Boarding school, to commence farming.

In reply I beg to say that as the Agent has made no report as requested through you in official letter of the 7th ultimo the matter will, therefore, have to be postponed until he is heard from.

Your obedient servant,

Tom Lean
Secretary.

Rev. L. Balter,

Principal,

Blue Quills Boarding School,

Sacred Heart, Alta.

338800/13
The Cardinal

Ottawa, May 12, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo in further reference to assistance to Fr. Leo Cardinal, an ex-pupil of the Blue Quills boarding school, to commence farming. In reply I beg to say that as the Agent has made no report as requested through you in official letter of the 25th ultimo the matter will, therefore, have to be postponed until he is heard from.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

Rev. J. J. Belter,

Principal,

Blue Quills Boarding School,

Secord West, Alta.

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, May 18, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 22nd, last, which was inadvertently overlooked.

In reply I beg to say that the Department is not disposed to consider the admission of Pierre Tskewewinis to treaty. The Department is still of opinion that it would be much to this young man's advantage to take up a homestead, or at least to engage for a time with some white farmer in the neighborhood of the reserve. Under existing conditions he is not entitled to receive assistance from the Department, as he is not eligible for location upon the reserve.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. D. L. L. L." or similar, written in dark ink.

Secretary.

Rev. L. Balter,
Principal,
Blue Quills Boarding School,
Sacred Heart, Alta.

Wm

OTTAWA, MAY 18, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 29th, last, which was inadvertently overlooked. In reply I beg to say that the Department is not disposed to consider the admission of Pierre Tassewenda's request. The Department is still of opinion that it would be wrong to this young man's advantage to take up a position, or at least to agree for a time with some other person in the neighbourhood of the reserve. Under existing conditions he is not entitled to receive assistance from the Government, as he is not eligible for position upon the reserve.

Your obedient servant,

Wm

Respectfully,

Rev. H. Beller,
 Principal,
 Pine Hills Boarding School,
 Sacred Heart, Alta.

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

116859/10



Ottawa, December 2, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo enclosing the application for the admission of Emma Lapatak to the Blue Quills Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that this application is approved.

In reference to the efforts being made by Mr. Batty to recruit pupils for the Red Deer School I beg to say that owing to the difficulty experienced in conducting day schools on the reserves in his agency on account chiefly of the scattered locations of the Indians, it was thought advisable to send as many Protestant children as possible to Red Deer where there is good accommodation. Your school has now in attendance over the number provided for and it would not appear necessary for Mr. Batty to endeavour to secure a further number, but, should occasion arise, his services would be available for the purpose. For this reason the Department cannot understand why you should raise any objection to Mr. Batty's work in the interests of the Red Deer school. The schools of this class are maintained for the Indians and the Department is desirous that full advantage should be taken of the facilities provided, and an Agent or other officer who does not endeavour to have the children under his care, who cannot attend day schools, en-

Rev. L. Balter, O.M.I.,

Principal,

Blue Quills Boarding School,
Sacred Heart, Alta.

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



Ottawa, 13th December, 1910.

Rev. Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 8th ultimo in which you state that you have been informed that a pupil, named Eliza Oseemeemas, No. 074 of Blue Quill's Boarding School, who died at the said Institution, willed her funded money to you, I beg to say that the Department will not take action in the matter until the Will which you state was made is transmitted to Headquarters.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. M. Leach".

Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

Rev. L. Balter,

Sacred Heart Mission,

Sacred Heart, Alta.

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Sacred Heart, Dec. 26-1910

To the Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Sir.-

Here inclosed you will find The Statement of the Superior, Rev. Sister Leveille regarding the last will of Eliza Oseema leaving her Treaty money to myself for masses to be said for the repose of her soul, and as I am informed by Rev. Sister Leveille, no suggestion had been made to the child and she made her will with every freedom of mind.

Yours Truly
L. Baller

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*I the undersigned
the witness*
I hereby certify the following statement
to be true and correct.

Elyza Osenna, being very sick, as
she had no direct relatives and as there
could be some difficulty regarding her
^{treaty} money after her death I told her
I asked Elyza Osenna, ^{what} ^{she} ^{wanted} ^{with} her will
regarding ^{the} ^{said} ^{money} and to whom
she ^{wanted} the money to be remitted
she answered at several times ^{in a perfect state of mind} that she
wanted the money to be given to Rev.
Father Balter Pastor of this Parish for
masses to be said for the repose of her soul

S. Liville

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