BLACK DIAMOND St. Michael's SUMMARY

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1929 - 1931 Estimates and sundry correspondence re Church construction.

Rev. A. J. McGillivray appointed to Okotoks, with B.D. as
mission.

(Also) Some construction accounts paid by diocese.
Historical notes. Boundaries.

1936 - 1944 Rev. E. E. Mulvill PP
Financial difficulties. Case of restitution.
"Little Chigago" Mass
Report on buildings, Okotoks and B.D.

Father Bowlen wants a church in south end.

Proposals for Sisters' Hospital at B.D.

1940, - living and parish conditions.

1941-42, Some property south of Okotoks house to be sold

1942, parish difficulties. Lot purchased at B.D.

north of church.

1943 On debt reduction 1944 do. - debt finally paid off.

1947 - 1965 Bishop Carroll gives some historical data. ... the file Plans to enlarge rectory (with 'baba') 1948 - 1953.

1958 - Sale of house (only) at Okotoks

1959 - Heating unit in church

1960 - 1964 Some marriage cases

1964 - plumbing in hall

1965 - Rev. Wm. C. Leonard, P.P.

Mr.John Kerrison

Care of Grown Lumber Co.

Black Diamonds Albe

Dear Sir.

We wish you to give us a price for excevating and put a concrete basement on lot a Block B. Blick Shanning and put The excevation is to be Sift below the present ground level on size inch sencrete wall at above the present ground level on good feeting. A concrete floor in begenent a inches thick a door from outside about the middle of the senth wall Six windows on south and six on north side, to open from the

Desire det und jointe auto with rough floor well laid un the gravel must for congress must be free from chap-

No supply the lumber used for this work, which may be given thrown lumber to. The interfal used for young for concession to be included in what we supply, so that will be used on the

The north side should be 20 ft from north line.

you will please let so know at once by phone if you will be work for and when you could do its
the contract for the building to be placed upon this foundation will be given later on.

Yours respectfully

Bichop of Calgary.

Hr.John Kerrison

Black Diamond

Alberta.

Dear Sir,

No will accept your offer to build the superstructure of the Church at Black Diamend according to the Plan given you, we supply all the material. Your price I understand was \$675.00.

It means erection according to Plan of studing.plates.raiters.bracing.roof sheeting covered with ter paper and shingles. So believe on the roof but a small erose to take its place temperarily;

Outside sheeting on the walls, rough frames for windows on such side and all of the same size but to be covered in by boarding. The boarding of front done so as to be removed and leaving open space for porch or tower as on Plan.

Frame for double doors in front and frame for single door in back and both boarded in.

To be done before the Eath Movember.

Tours truly

Bishop of Calgary.

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Church at Black Dasmond.

Part of superstructure to be exected so ording to a plan

Studding, plates, rafters, bracing, roof-sheeting, covered with ter paper and shingles.

No belfry on roof but a small cross to take its

Outside sheeting on walls or studding.

Frames for five windows on each side and all of same size.

Boarding of front done so as to be removed, lawling open space for parch or tower as on plan. Prame for double doors on front and frame for single door on back, both to be boarded in.

To be done before the 14th of October 1929. We supply all material.

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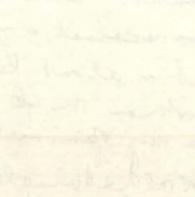
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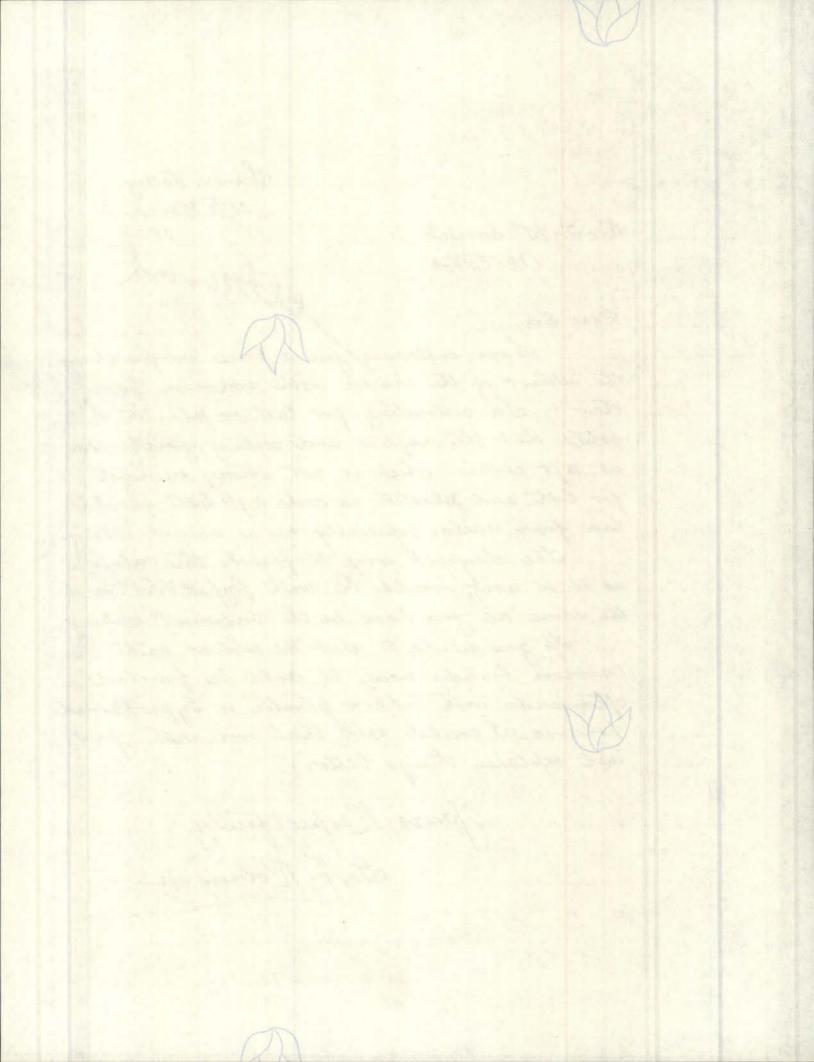




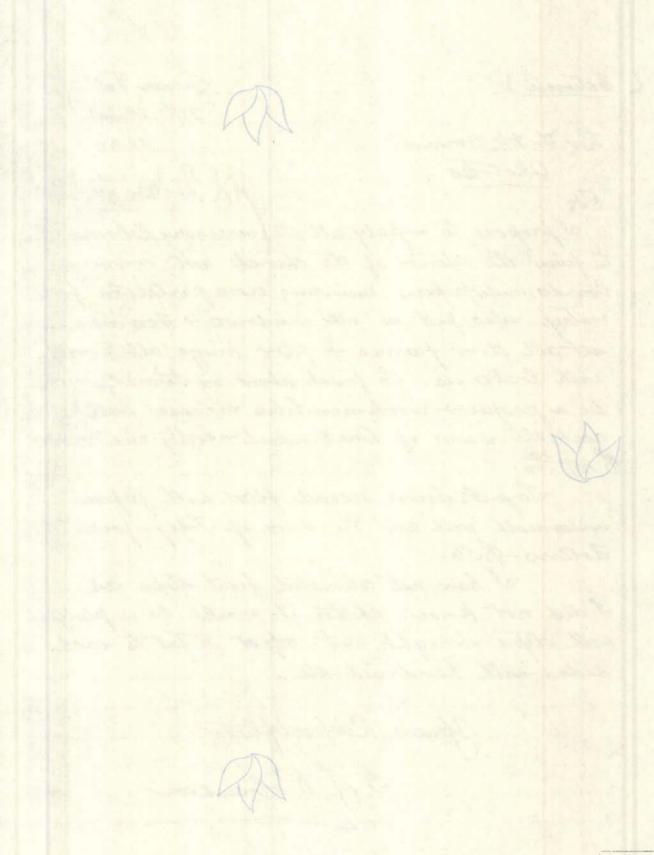




Jurner Valley. 27th March. Rer Fr ME Cornich Okotoko Bl Framond Dear Sir. I am enclosing you a price on furthing the interior of the church with common board etc .- In estimating for lather plaster of notice that the rafters and carling youth are at aft centres. which is not strong enough for lath and plaster, as each + It lath wholl have four nails. especially on a church calling. The chaptest way to furth the culing as it is now, would be with Types Fiber Board the same as you have in the basement culing of you decide to sheet the where with common boards now, it, could be furthed oftenwards with lath & plaster or SyproBrand. however, I could tothe that mer with you and explain things better. Yours Respectfully J. F. Robinson



(Estimati) Jamer. Valley 2/4 March Rev Fr Mc Cornick. Okotoks I propose to supply all the necessary labour to finish the culerior of the churck with commons boards, and paper, including cross partition for vestry. also, put in all windows + Frames. set all door frames + fet + huge all doors with locko etc. To finish above mentioned work in a proper or workmanlike manner will. cost the sum of One Hundred + eighty rive tollars To put down second floor with paper underneall will cost the sum of Fifty - four Tollars \$54. I have not estimated front steps as I did not know. Welter it would be a player with steps straight out of or steps to each side, with handrail ele Yours Respectfully If Robinson



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BISHOP'S RESIDENCE ROSEDALE 910 SEVEN-A STREET, N.W.



CALGARY :

April 1st. 1930

Black Diamond Church

Interior work.

by Mr.G.J.Robinson

Cover inside walls and ceiling, including petition back of alter, with common boards but lined inside with wall paper.

Put in all windows with frames, set door frames, fit and hinge doors with locks etc .

Erect front vistibule 6 x 8 ft and steps from outside leading to it.

Erect platform for altar consisting of 3 steps each 6 in.high by

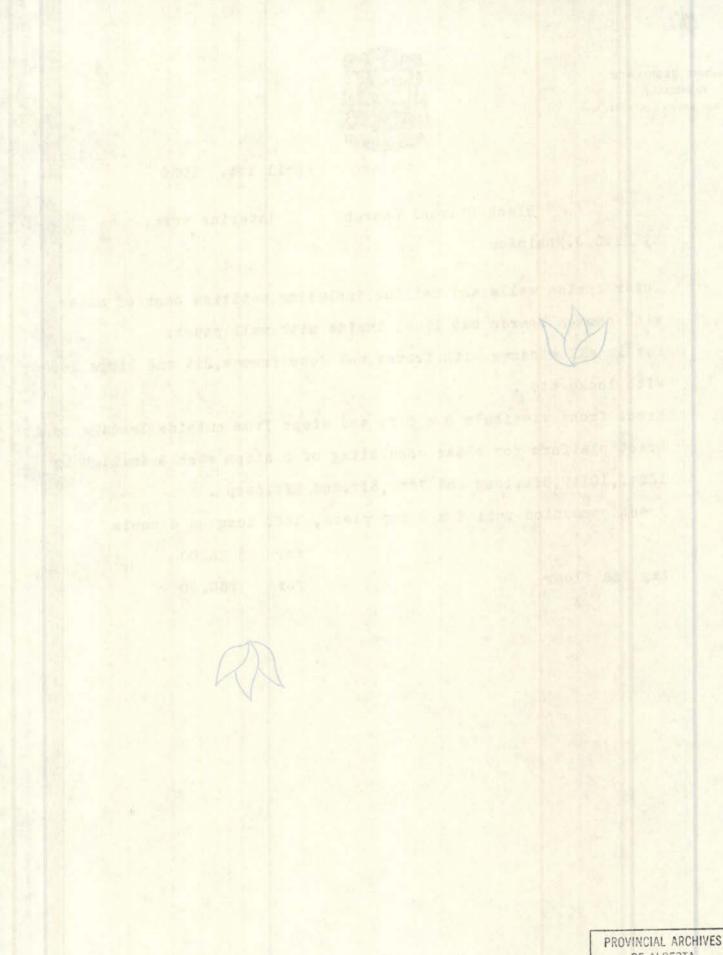
12ft.,10ft.,8ft.long and 7ft.,8ft.and 9ft.deep.

Erect communion rail 2 x 8 top piece, 14ft long on 4 posts

for \$225.00.

Lay 2nd floor

for \$50.00



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Black Diamond - St. Michael's

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The Pasement was used frish as the church and was dedicated to St. Michael by Bishes Kirdl on Sept. 29.

1929. The upper church was completed and dedicated by Bishop Kirdl on Sept. 29.

In Bishop Kirlle on May 11.1930.

Black Diamond & Okotoks

Boundaries:

West - Dioceson West Boundary

North - Two sections south of the line between the 22 and 21st Twps, beginning at the west Discusar boundary and east to the Bow River

East - The line between the 28 = 0 27 : Ranges west of the 4: Meridian south to the northern boundary of section 1 Turp. 20

South. The line one section north of the line between the 20° and 19° Twps I west to including in Range 1 Twp x 20 west of the 5° mention thence south 15 the line between the 19° F.

18° Twps, thence west to the west Discessor boundary

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Correction for Bishop Carroll's notes.

In the summer of 1929m under Father Bowlen's direction erection of a church at B.D. was started. By August 1929 Rev. Neil McCormick was named pastor of Okotoks with B.D. as mission. Construction of the church continued but was directed mainly from the chancery office. Basement was blessed Sept 29, 1929 and work continued on upper structure.

In Feb. 1930 Rev. N. Anderson began serving B.D. and Okotoks from 910 7a St NW until first. following when Rev. A.J. McGillivray was transferred from Munson to be resident PP at Okotoks. Meantime the upper structure had been completed and blessed in May, 1930.

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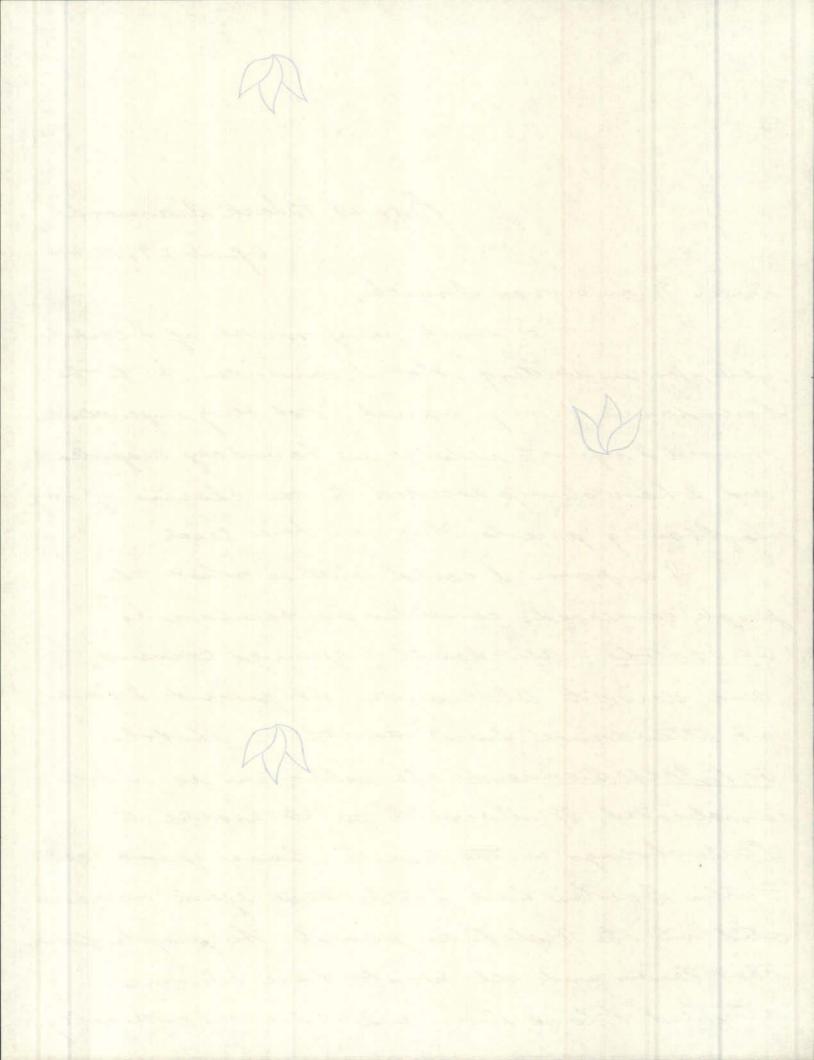




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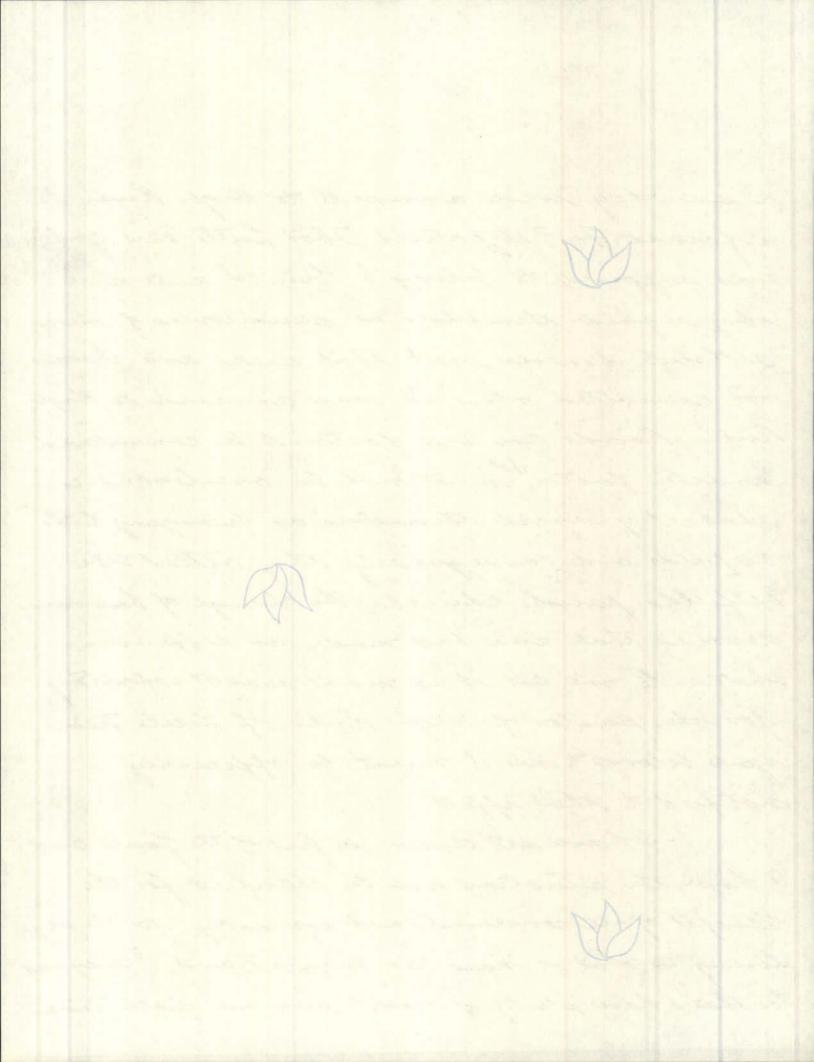
april 29,1944 Dear Monsignor Amith, I doubt very much if I could gene you en writing what I consider to be the boundaries of my parish. not being impendite. mended I refuse to undulge in haundary dispules ! and I have always acceded to the claims of my neighboring priests. Hey were here first. I suppose I could outline what the people carecared; consider as houndaires ax ohotoho - all south of youngs corners and down to aldersyde. at present I have no attendance from south of shortoks. at Black dearnand the setuation es more conflicated. Millainelle on the north to Little chicago in the south Some your ago Father Bowlen Lad Little new york meapons ated into the High Rier parish. The people from that town and all west have always attended Black Deamand Church especially

Box 48, Black Diamond



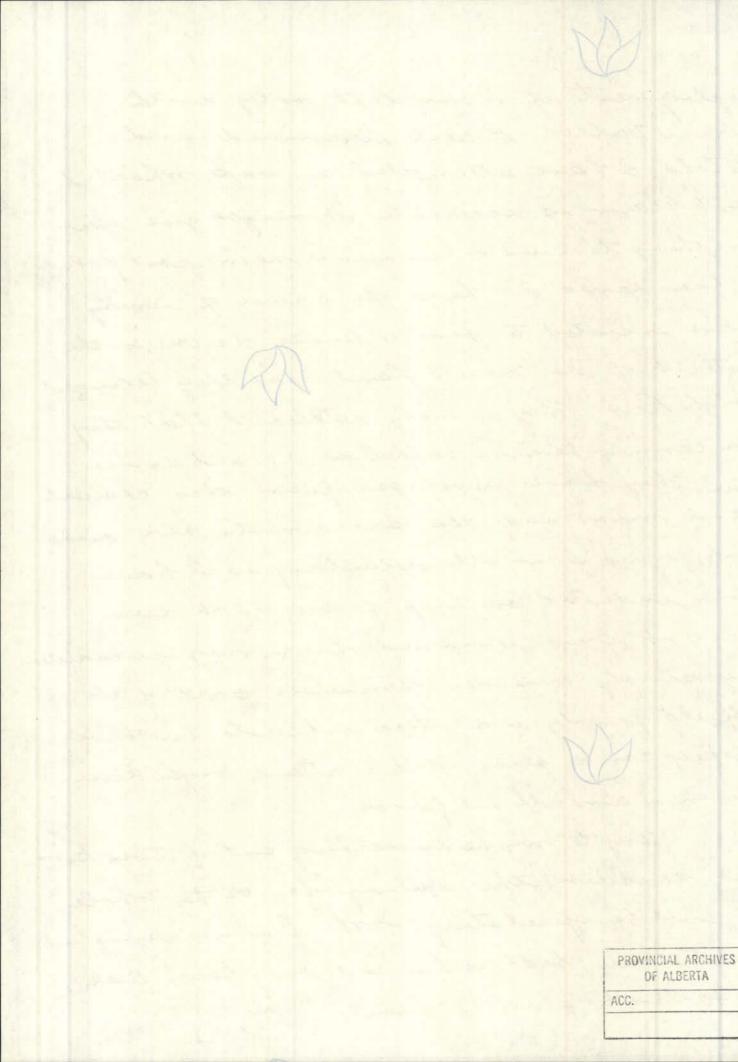
since they were annexed to High River I expound In Fitzpatisch That Little new you was supposed to belong to time I am sur they regard themselves as parisheovers of more although I never visit that area and I was not cansulted when it was annexed to High River Roads are one factor to be considered another factor, must not be oneclocked is that they regard themselves as belonging & the ocifields and consequently they attend the defells parish chirch. The change of have dones down in that area has made no difference Whatever to me but it is most unsot esfactory for the paster of High River of Little new your belongs to me I must be officially notified to that effect.

I have set down a few of the facts and I hope the saturation will be clarified for the Senepis of all conceived and especially for the perfecting in what so now "no man's Land." I may are too that I have plenty of work to give me full time

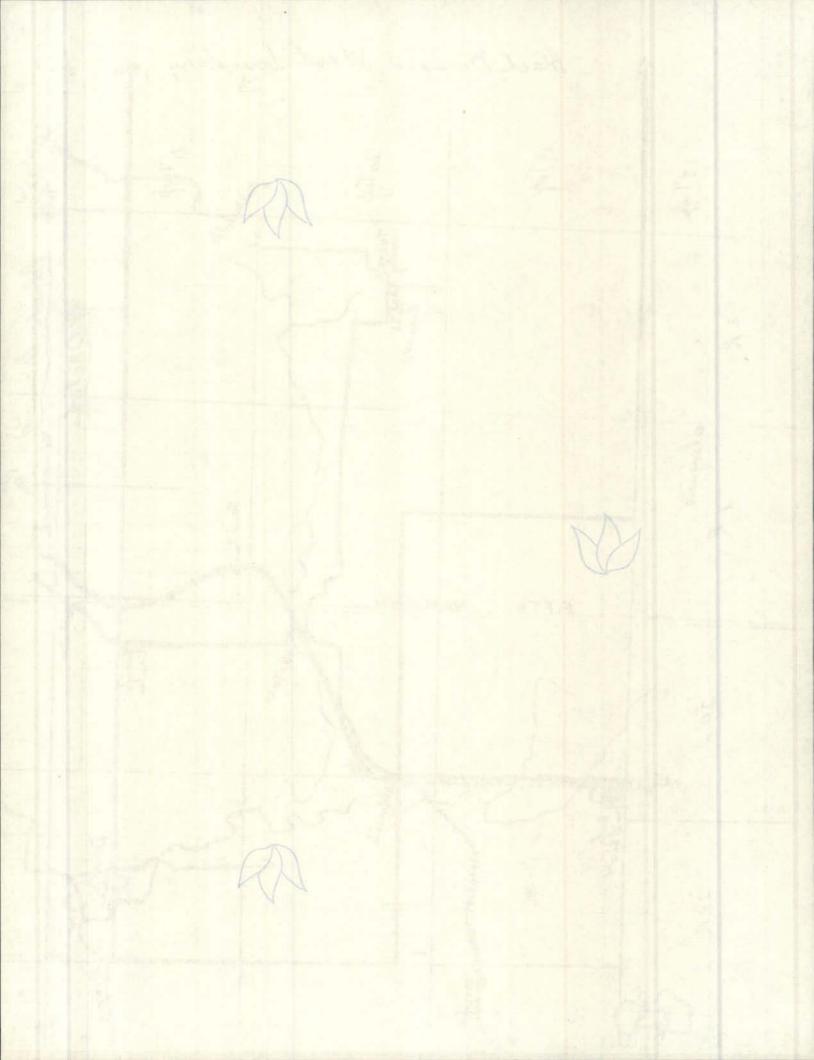


employment if I am left only with Tures Valley. Black Deamond and Olotoko. I have attempted a map which I don't claim is accurate. It might give you something to work on - in your new port folio of Laundanies. To Leep the cause of unity I have insisted to people living down in the district of no man's Land that they belonged to High River . They simply wtohaled that they were coming here nevertheless. I could do no more they have envelopes from this church acted mass and the sacraments here and work for res I, is all voluntary as I have never insisted on Leep from that area. since it was removed from my junisdiction They simply consider themselves part of the oilfield family and their enterests lie here. If they can be persuaded to attend High River church I am all in favor.

don't ronault the young fay or the whole city will be speculating. Father Boulen is caying in chalattetown - hed-widden and very low, ask the Fathers to pray levihem. Eddie

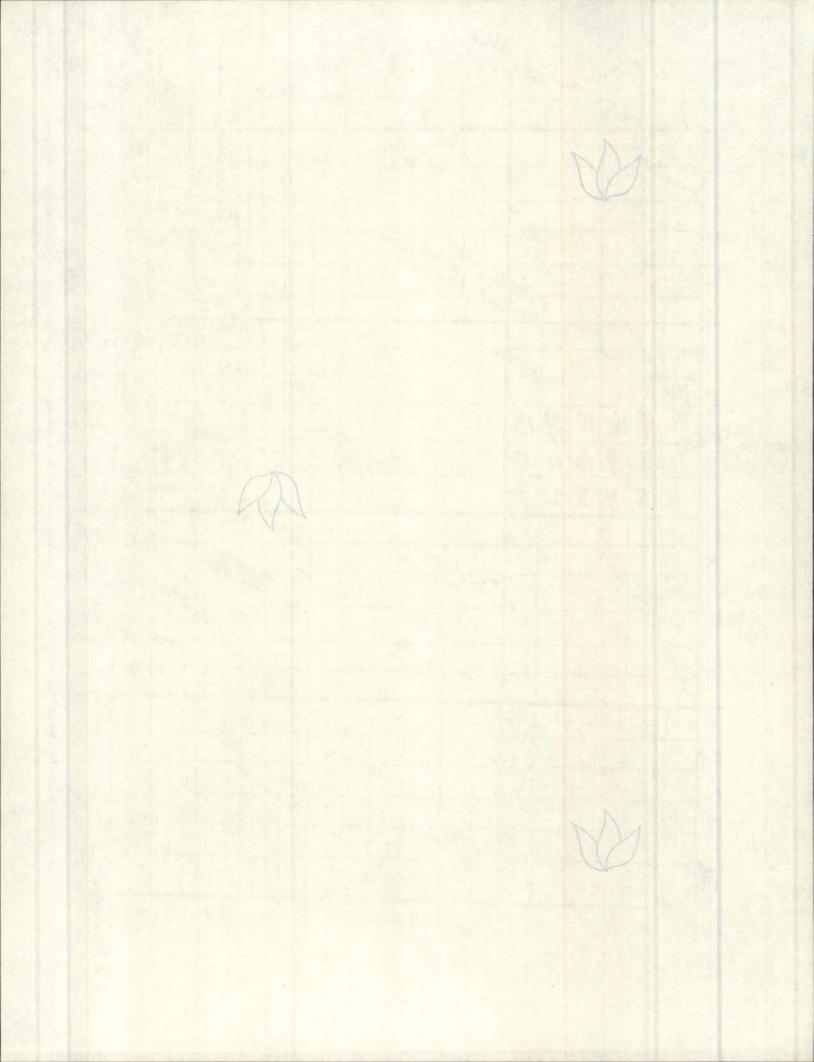


Black Diamond West boundary MERIDIAN



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Historical Notes re parishes

High River

Registers have Baptisms and Marriages from year 1908
for all Missions on C.P.R. from Okotoks south
and for all Missions on C.P.R. from Alderside to Champion

OKOTOKS

St. James Church blessed by Bishop Legal 26 July 1905

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Rev. E. Mulvill, P. O. Box 48, Black Diamond, Alberta.

Dear Father Mulvill:-

I have received your letter of November 1st. Any move to reduce your parish debt will have my best support. But I am not sure whether you are interest more in the debt to the bank or to the discose. In my opinion, the debt to the bank your first obligation.

The diocesan ledger page for black Diamond tells us that there is only one debt. It was incurred in the building and original furnishing of the church. If you would like a copy of the details, I will give it to jou willingly. It began on September 6th, 1929, and by June 10, 1931, the diocese had paid for land, materials, builders, plumbers, etc., \$6665.80. Of this amount the parion paid the diocese \$800 in 1939 and \$100 in 1930. On Docember 15th, 1930 Church Extension contributed \$500, the gift of a once famous Ontarion, named Manning Doherty. Thus the indubt discs as reduced to \$5265.80.

Bishop Kidd met this and himsether similar obligations by borrowing from divers sources, among them the Mathieu outfit (not the Archbishop) which all but wrecked the baskatcheven dioceses. Fortunately blahop Monahan got out of their clutches - (or most of it. I had to meet about \$2000 on my arrival here). To do this he made several parishes borrow from the bank and repay him. Thus on December lat, 1933, Black Diamond paid \$3000 of its debt to the diocese by borrowing from the Bank of Toronto at 6%. If Bishop Monahan had not done this, our condition would have been a sorry one as the bills at Black Diamond and elsewhere had been paid on borrowed money on which the diocese, without any permanent sources of revenue except a dwindling cathedraticum was paying interest, ranging from 6 to 3%. When Black Diamond paid its \$3000, the debt to the diocese was reduced to \$2265.30. Bishop Monahan left a memorandum saying that he agreed to carry this without charging the parish interest until the bank note was paid. This agreement has been kept by the diocese.

The \$3000 note at the Bank of Toronto was reduced to \$2862.81 by December 1936, or about \$140. in principal had been paid in three years. At this date, I consolidated the debts of the diocese in the boyal bank, thereby getting a lover rate of interest, the removal of the mortgages on the churches, etc.

You did not gain much by the consolidation - about \$28.00 in interest in a year. but 5% then, and even now, without any security, is a good rate. You say that you have been paying 55%, but this must be a slip. If it is not, you have been overcharged.

At the time, and for a year or two afterwards, you must remember that I urged the clergy to use the advantages of the arrangement by reducing principal. The bank did not promise to continue the 5% for unsecured loans. Many of the clergy did. Of the 25 or so parishes in the deal at the beginning, more than half are paid off completely several more have reduced their debts considerably. They did it by putting every cent against the debt when the money was available and not saiting for annual or semi-annual payments. Thus they reduced the amount of interest paid. They used what was a real advantage in the plan. - payment at anytime. Mone of the notes have been for a period, although they are renewed regularly. The Bank of Toronto notes were for four or six months.

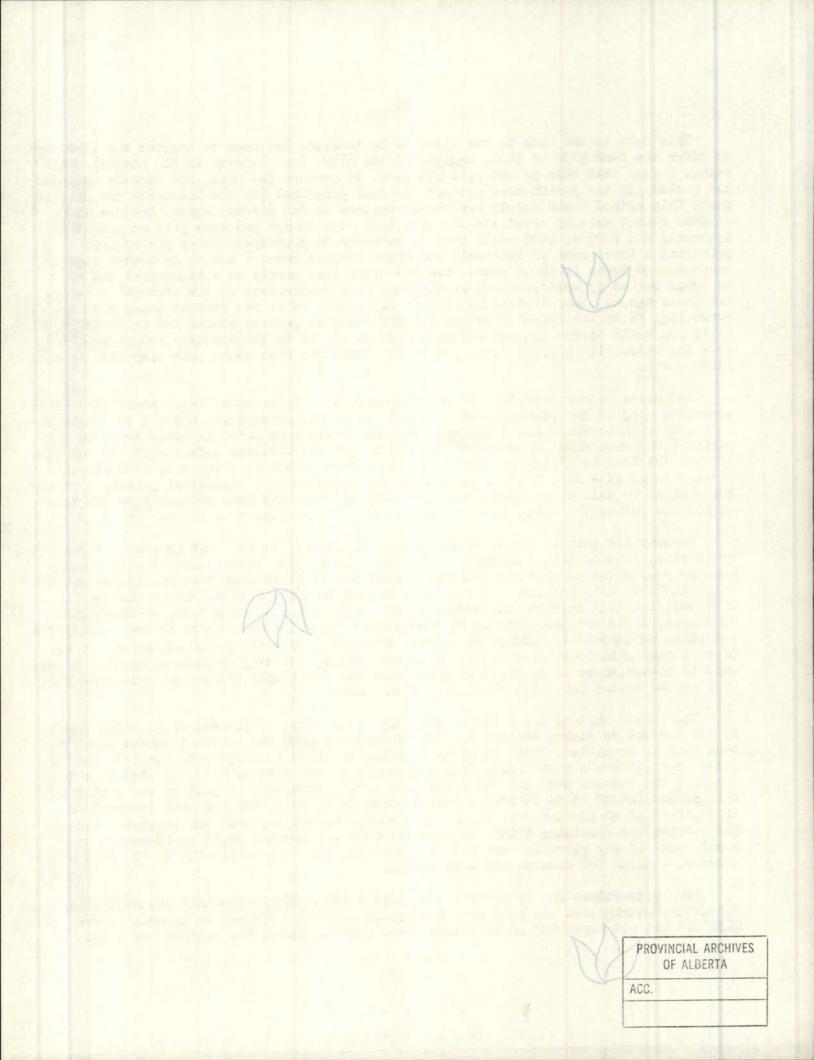
This debt to the bank is the first to be tackled. You seem to suggest two ways, to offer the bank \$700 or \$800. imalieu of the \$1000 (or whatever is the amount) still owing. I fear that this method will not work. To produce the beam, the diocess endowed the parish. If the parish does not pay the full principal (or the interest) the diocess must. This method would merely revert the balance to the diocess again. Besides the diocess cannot morally repudiate the principal even though you have paid an amount interest; and \$300 or \$400 would seem to encreach on principal. Endly you suggest producing a lower rate of interest. You might succeed here. I can do no better the stoom unsecured loans (such as yours. You have your loan morely on a signature) and on loans backed by bonds, cartain stocks, etc. From discussions at the blahops mention, two weeks ago, no other diocese is able to do better. 56 is the present logal rate borrowing; 45 is the agreed rate between the banks on secured loans. And it muld me if you could borrow without security even at 56. It is the diocesan endors an induced the rate. All this, of course, concerns borrowing from banks, loan companies in boat issues, etc.

You quote father Griffin's so as an example of a lover rate. Yes, I admit that he did something mone of the bishops have been able to do; but perhaps you haven't the shole story. Father Griffin borrowed 14800 bet apporthecated to the bank 15500 in bonds owned by perish (1700 more than he borrowed), he had to get the diocesan endorsement and was then offered the loan at 45, the regular rate with such collateral. After some dickering, he got a rate at 32 - ho., I don't know. Probably he guaranteed payment of principal within the year, as he told me he would, more probably his atholic bank manager gave the rate on his own authority moping that no other bank or loan company would hear of it.

lover rate, I am certainly satisfied. You might do it from individuals. I will reputly endors your notes or whatever method you follow - if it is satisfactory. It was an raise (1000 in this fashion, pay off the bank, and then begin to discharge the non-creditor. You will save in interest. . . 1000 at 5% in a year is \$50.00; at \$5,000. Of course, debts are paid chiefly by striking at the principal. Hence the more money you can raise now, should be paid on principal. A campaign to raise funds and knock out the present bank principal seems better to me than merely shifting creditors. However if your new borrowings, and with them pay off the bank.

The second part of the debt due directly to the diocese (*186% ob) is being carried by the diocese, as Bishop Monahan agreed, without changing the parish interest until the bank note is acquitted. This was Bishop Monahan's method in helping the parish, and actual fact, it was a great help. From the outset of the debt to ecomber 1933 (i.e. for 4 years) the diocese paid the interest. Only \$20.20 interest was paid by the parish in this period (\$6000 at 6% is \$360 a year.) Since 1938, the parish has paid interest on \$2000, first at 6% for three years, and then at 5%. Buring the past ten years, the diocese has carried the remaining \$2266. If this interest has counted up, it would amount to a goodly sum. If any mistakes were made in incurring the debt originally on the part diocese, I think the diocese has made amends.

Your suggestions for my reduction of this \$2265 are infortunately not available. The Extension Contribution was paid as I have related above. Contrary to general rusors, Bissaid did not put Expension contributions into general funds. The records are here.



The K. of C. drive actually netted \$17,877.34 of which \$7600.86 was paid for seminarians and the rest to about a dozen missions, such as Arrowsood, Hussar, Raywood, etc. nearly all churches without priests. Seither Sishop Monshan nor myself inherited any of this money, but we did inherit the seminary and church debts it was supposed to have mid completely. The records of all the details of this drive are in the diocesan books.

But the absence of Extension of K.of C. funds does not mean that I will be hard on black Dismond. Every parish thich has met the bank obligation and then turned to the chancery debt has been handled generously. A great deal depends upon how fast will reduce the debt. If it is going to last a long time, you can't expect much, because canthile the diocese is carrying the nebt.

But supposing you here ready to tackle the debt now, I would be silling to wipe out all past interest. Secondly, as the intreat begins according to Bishop Monahan's agreement, with the discharge of the bank note, I would be illing to pay half of current interest. Finally I would match every payment you make on principal by an equivalent amount. This means we start at \$2265. The parish will be charged 2% on half the interest from the date we begin and always on the balance. Then for every \$100, or \$500, or any amount paid, I will pay \$100 or \$500. This is the offer a build give you now. When you are ready to tackle this debt, I may not be able to do so. Get your bank debt cleared first. Then make a deal with me, and it will be as generous as I can make it.

If any of the above is not clear, come again. But success to your efforts.

Yours cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Colgary.



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