

Crowfoot B. School Gleichen Alta N.W.C. Nov. 19 1860

To Mr. J. D. McLean Secty.

Dear Sir

On your request I try to submit the financial report for the
Crowfoot B. School.

	\$	Cts	\$	Cts
For the erection of the school.			4500	00
Received from the Department	2500	00		
For fencing a place			280	00
authorized to build the fence for	200	00		
Equipment and furniture			400	00
Fuel and Light			200	00
Clothing			300	00
Food			400	00
Salaries The Rev. Principal			300	00
Rev. Sister Sp. Matron			200	00
Rev. Sister Clarius Girls teacher			150	00
Rev. Sister Aerie Boys teacher			150	00
Rev. Sister Menard Cook			150	00
Received from the Department on the grant for the School.				
in May	86	77		
in October	188	00		
in November	192	00		
Total	3116	77	7030	00
Balance to be paid	\$ 3913.23.			

Geo. P. J. Davis Secty

Principal

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.270

Gluehen Alberta N. W. C. Nov. 18. 1900

To the Honourable David Laird Esq.
Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg, Man.

Honourable Sir

In reference to yours, N^o 122/1 re destitute orphans to be admitted to the Crowfoot Boarding School, I beg to say, that from so far I have been unable to find where the father of the family was detained in jail, his name is William Ducharme, the cause of his detention in, is that his wife died of bad treatment received from her husband.

The elder child a girl 12 years old and the baby 4 months are already placed, now there is yet three

Toussaint-A. Ducharme	11 years old
William	9
Joseph	7
Douglas	5

The mother, Tatoum, Indian name and Flora Lemire daughter of Francis Lemire was receiving treaty but they can say when she has been quitting the treaty, the band she belongs is Maskaoutken (de la montagne de ^{Montagne} Fondre) and I really believe that Francis Lemire Mrs Ducharme's father belonged to the treaty some years ago.

But for William Ducharme, I cannot say and nobody knows him if he had been a member of the treaty.

The children are all healthy and very good for school. I hope the government will consider the matter, and will permit to have them admitted in the Crowfoot Boarding School and a requisition will be forwarded to me for their care.

I have the honour to remain Honourable Sir

Yours truly
L. J. Denis, S. M. P. Supt.

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ACC. 71-220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North West Territories,

Winnipeg, 20 Nov. 1900. 189

In your reply refer to
No. 122/71
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 13th. instant in regard to the admission of the Ducharme children into School. Owing to their destitute condition I think this leave may be granted; but owing to Crowfoot Boarding School having already nearly its full pay number, the older children at least should be sent to Dunbow. We of course cannot do anything for the baby, but do not object to his presence at school providing no grant is claimed and his name is not on the roll. Only half grant will be paid for Douglas who is only 5 years old. I should be provided with the usual medical certificate.

Yours truly,

D Laird
Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Crowfoot Boarding School,
Blackfoot Reserve,
Gleichen, Alta.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA
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Flushing Jan. 28 1900

To the Hon. D. Land J. C. W. Esq.

Hon. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant and I reply to say that I am sorry to see that the Government does not allow the necessary grant to keep in operation the Day School so necessary at least for unhealthy children. However I today inform you that we will continue the school and I hope that the Government will continue to us the favor of the grant to finish this fiscal year. Then I will draw your attention to this matter in the course of next July hoping a favor of the grant for the rest of this year. I remain with respect

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North-West Territories,

In your reply refer to

No. 122/71

Winnipeg, 21 Feb. 1900. 1

and date of this letter and
address

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

Rev. Sir,

I beg to inform you in regard to the number of boarders at the Crowfoot Boarding School that I am advised by the Department as follows:- "that the unexpended balance of the grant "for the current year may be used for the purpose of paying "for pupils in addition to the ten already provided for up to "the number of twenty-five. The same may be done next year "in so far as the general vote will admit and His Lordship "Bishop Legal, has been so advised. He was also informed that "this concession must not be understood as strictly binding the "Department to provide for more children than have been actually "provided for in the estimates, for at this stage it is not "possible to make special provision in the estimates for "additional pupils, and the number that the Department can pay "for, over and above the ten provided, will be contingent upon "the amount available from the general appropriation."

Yours truly,



Secretary to the Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Crowfoot Indian Boarding School,

Blackfoot Reserve,

Gleichen, Alta.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES OF CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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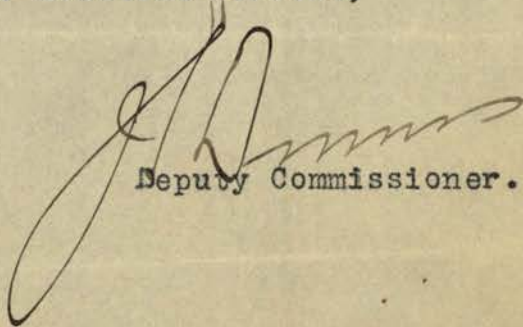
REGINA June 9th, 1900.

DO NOT WRITE ABOUT MORE THAN
ONE SUBJECT IN ANY LETTER

Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, relative to the application of Reverend Father Dains of the Blackfoot Reserve to have a well put down at Cluney, at which point he agrees to complete a small hospital if the well is provided, and also to have a well put down at the Indian boarding school on the Blackfoot Reserve, I beg to say that it is not at all likely that we will be able to meet the Reverend Father's wishes this season, as it is so late now and there has been so much delay in getting well boring machine No.25, in operation, that it is quite certain the foreman will be fully employed this summer in putting down public wells at the points where they are required for the use of the settlers who are suffering from shortage of water supply.

Your obedient servant,


Deputy Commissioner.

A. E. Cross, Esq., M.L.A.,

Calgary,

Alberta.

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Office of the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

11 June 1900.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the Department calls my attention to the desirability of planting trees and shrubbery about the schools, as by so doing an object lesson would be given the pupils which would no doubt be productive of good when they return to their reserves.

I am aware that this has been done at many of the schools, but the work has been performed generally by employees and the children have not been made to understand either the object or the manner of planting or pruning ornamental trees and plants. At other places where nature has provided everything of this kind this has, as a matter of course, been neglected more or less.

I should like you, therefore, to have the children to take an interest in these operations and as an Arbor Day is established, the occasion should be taken to do so, each planting one or more trees and attending to same.

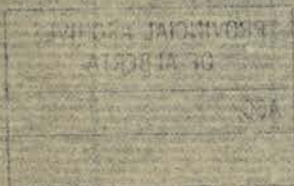
Yours truly,

David Laird

Indian Commissioner.

Principal

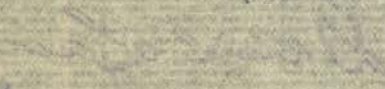
Crowfoot Indian Boarding School,
Gleichen, Alta.



Office of the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario,
17th July, 1941

I am to inform you that the Department will be
reverting to the despatching of printing press and
linotype work, with a view to the fact that the
person would be given the printing press and
revert to the fact that they return to their
I am aware that this has been done at the
schools, but the work has been continued generally by
employees and the children have not been made to
understand either the object or the manner of printing
or printing ornamental trees and glass. At other
places throughout the province, every kind of thing
and this has been a matter of course, been neglected
more or less.

I am sure that you will, to have the children
to show an interest in these operations, as an effort
to be established, the work should be taken to be so,
each plant, one or two lines, and other things.

Yours truly,

Indian Commissioner

Principal,
Ottawa Indian Training School,
Ottawa, Ontario

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ACC. 71,220

Gleichen Alta P.M. T June 22nd 1900

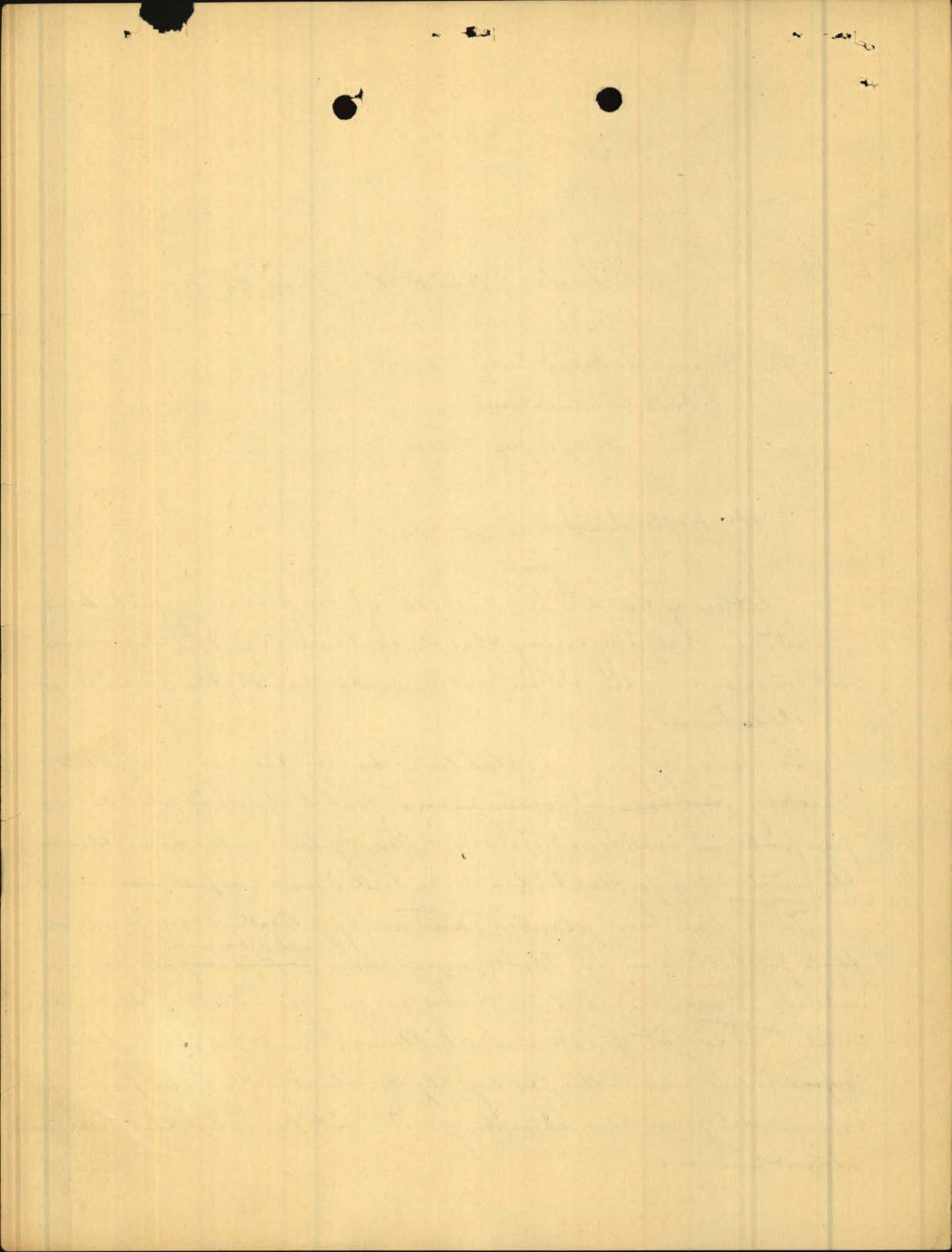
To the Honorable David Laird
Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg Man.

Honorable Sir,

Your letters of the 2nd 7th 11th 12th 13th of the present month are on hand. In reply I beg to say that the children attending day school only on account of illness are not in contact with the boarders for the class hours.

In case of fire, our children know the way to get out quickly in a case of emergency. But I should be glad to get fire pails and axes to be disposed in different places in the house; this being the simplest way for the children to be drilled in a useful way. ^{in a case of emergency} ~~way~~ manner.

Trees have been planted, and an application made up for tools for children as viz. spades, hoes, rakes ^{wheelbarrow} ~~wheelbarrow~~ etc as you understand with the grant we receive we can afford to buy ^{all} that as the ^{think for us} mean is to feed first our children. I should be glad if the Department was willing to supply the school with trees from experimental farm, also shrubbery and fruit trees, ^{as} apples trees and plum trees etc.



In reply to the letter re shortage of payment for the
march quarter. It is said on the copy of the letter, ^{addressed to me.} that it
was "the understanding, that the day school should be closed
immediately upon the opening of the boarding school which took place
on the 29th January." I regret to say that I never been inform, except
at the end of March, of such an understanding ~~and in consequence~~ the expenses

^{to keep the school going on as before and then unpaid.}
For the day pupils attending the boarding school I was on
the impression that the same line of conduct was held for
every school in the same case. That is to say, that the child attending
the ^{day} school regularly should be paid a dollar a month. ~~at this as they do~~
~~here for the church of england.~~ school here on this Reserve.

I have the honor to remain
Honorable Sir.

This being done for an other school on this reserve I thought it was
an understanding with the Government

I have the honor

to be

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA
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Gleichen altho P. M. 6 July 6 1900

To Mr Smart acting Superintendent General.

Dear Sir

We are in a great need of an Hospital ward, in connection with the
the cross-st. boarding school; for pupils who should be isolated.
It is truly a need and when the Honorable David Laird came over recently
the Reserve ~~Doctors~~ have been exposed to him and they have received
the advice Doctor Laferty and ^{the Doctor of the Reserve} Mr. J. H. Wheatley. Your agent here
we have been taking the matter over, and after the explanations given
They all ^{approve the plan and} notice the wants of such of an hospital ward for special
cases to be treated; according to the Doctor's remarker he is not free
to give his cases to the scrupulous cases on account of having not the
accommodation for. Then on the advice of the above ^{mentioned} Gentlemen
I call your attention, as acting Superintendent General and the attention
of the Government, on ~~such a ward~~ ^{that subject} hospital ward for the purpose above
mentioned. ~~So~~ This plan has been submitted to you in April last.
May it receive your own personal approbation and the
approbation of the Government.

Sincerely yours J. J. J. J.

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OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71-220



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Ottawa, 24th July, 1900.

Rev. Sir, -

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant regarding the need of a hospital ward in connection with the Crowfoot Boarding School for pupils who should be isolated; and to inform you that the matter is receiving consideration.

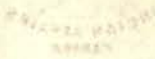
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'L. A. M. Lean'.

Secretary.

Rev. L. J. Danis, O. M. I.,
Gleichen, Alta.

188, 281



Edmonton, Alberta, July 1900

Rev. Mr. ...

I am pleased to receive

the receipt of your letter of the 20th

instants regarding the need of a hospital

and to have you with the greatest

interest for people who should be

and to inform you that the matter is

being considered.

Yours truly,

Secretary

Rev. J. J. ...

Edmonton, Alberta

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Gleichen Alta N.W. 8 July 25. 1900

To the Honorable David Laird
Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg Man.

Honorable Sir

As all the estimates are on your hand now, will you let me know please if there is something for the

as all the estimates are on your hand, can you let me know by next mail if there is something for the projected hospital ward in connection with the Crowfoot Boarding School for the treatment of special case as despondent etc. If not I again recommend the matter to your consideration and I hope you will recommend the matter to the Government. The Superintendent General being back.

I have the honor to remain

Dear Sir

Your truly

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

WM. SAUNDERS
Director,
ANGUS MACKAY,
Superintendent.

DOMINION OF CANADA,

Department of Agriculture.

Experimental Farm for the North-West Territories,

Indian Head, Assa., July 30 1890.

L. J. Daniels Esq.
Principal
No School
Garrison.

Dear Sir.

As our distribution
lists are not yet open I must
ask you to be good enough to
write me again early in 1901. When
I will be glad indeed to enter your
application for such trees shrubs &
fruit seedlings as may be available
to distribution

Yours faithfully
Angus Mackay
Supt.

MINION OF THE DAY

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North-West Territories,

Winnipeg, 31 July 1900.

In your reply refer to
No. 122/71

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 25th. instant, and to say that the Department does not recognize any hospital on the Blackfoot Reserve except that established at the North Camp, and therefore no provision has been made for one in connection with the Crowfoot Boarding School.

Authority has been given to the Agent to purchase fire pails and axes.

Yours truly,


Indian Commissioner.

Rev. Principal

Crowfoot Boarding School,

Gleichen, Alta.

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
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Oct. 10. 1860

To the Honorable D. Sand.

Honourable Sir

I beg to make an application. in favor of a
 destitute family of orphans. The mother died
 3 weeks ago, she was member of the treaty. The father is in
 the jail for the rest of his life. The family is living
 about 30 miles north of Swift Current. The little ones are
 completely abandoned and on my care, but I cannot
 afford to stand such an expense very long. But I hope
 the Government will consider the poor destitute children
 who have a right as member of a treaty to be placed in
 school somewhere and I expect the authorization will be
 granted. If the Government finds difficulty to accept them
 in a boarding school. I may send them to Dunton
 industrial school. as we are so limited in our grant for
 this year. I will be very glad thankful to the Government
 if they were willing to add something for that poor

destitute family

I have the honor to remain Dear Sir

Sincerely Yours

L. J. D.

Gleichen Alta N.W.C. Oct. 6 1900

To the Honourable David Lewis
Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg Man.

Honorable Sir

I have on my care a destitute family in Swift Current. The mother of the family died a month ago. The Father is away in a jail somewhere down East for his life. The mother was drawing or rather was a member of the treaty. To day I am making an application to have them accepted into the Cross-foot Boarding school but of course they should not be included in the ten percent by the grant. I am ready to take charge of ^{them} on that condition that the government will paid right away the grant for them.

Gluehen acta N. W. T. Oct. 16 1890

To the Honourable J. Lind

Ind. Comm. Winnipeg Mon.

Hon Sir:

In Sept: 30th I have admitted in the Crossroads school
Mary Julia Fox Eagle as shown on the medical examination. The
child has been given to an Indian called Stormerow he holds the
ration and pay tickets. The child since her birth has been living
with the above named Indian, but it happens that the mother
claims the trusty money of the child however she is not in possession
of the little one's pay tickets. I told the mother that I will explain
you the matter and you will give the direction to follow
she has been vexed to hear that the little one has been
sent to school without her approval. To day she seems
to be satisfied. The main question is the \$5.00
and I hope you will let me know your decision

Honorable Sir

A destitute family is there living in ^{distress} ~~distress~~.
The children all are completely abandoned. The mother
died 3 weeks ago and the father is in jail somewhere for his
life. as I know the mother was still belonging to
a Treaty at her death and so the children are destitute
of any means of existence I am asking the authorization
to take them in my boarding school on the same rate or
\$6.00 a month for everyone had. They should not be
included to the ten for whom we receive the grant. I
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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
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Dechen alta N. W. T. Oct. 20th 1940

To Mr. Sand.

I call again your attention on the important point for the Indians of having Mr. J. Distbury for agent. The Indians are again to day here to ask me to repeat and reiterate their demand, no body else than Mr. Distbury is wishing for this agency. All the Indians ask him. and personally I fear for our school if Mr. Distbury who, I really believe is truly competent for the position is not appointed. The Indians are determined to not give their children in ~~at~~ the case that an other will be appointed. They also said that the government is always asking them to put their children in school to take cattle and work. All this they are ready to do, but at that condition that my Mr. J. Distbury become their agent. In a way I think it is reasonable for the Indians who ^{are} put their confidence in Mr. Distbury to ask him for their agent.

of course this note is adressed to you ~~and~~
the request of Running Rabbit and the indians
that he represents.

Dear Sir

Sir *[Signature]* for
Running Rabbit

Gleichen Oct. 24. 1920

Indra-ayal:

I took information from many Indians in the
mother of Stoomenaw's adopted daughter.
They all said, it is with the agreement of both
parties, father and mother that the child is in
Stoomenaw's Cove. But Stoomenaw's wife died
few months ago and sent the little one to school.
For the second question, was the mother woman
(the mother I suppose) a commendable character?
She is as the others women of that reservation, we
cannot trust her in any way. But I really
believe that the measure you seem to be
willing to take, to fund the annuities at Ottawa in
the girl's name, may do harm to our little school.
This is because, as yet, because there is few good children
willing to go to school ~~with~~ in the same case, and I fear
that the above measure may prevent them from going
to school on account of their annuities. And in the present
case

as everybody knows it - the indians may
consider that acting so the government is
injuring Stoomenaw's right and they
will prefer that to keep their children
at home.

H.D.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES OF CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO
THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGINA

REFER TO
FILE 4074

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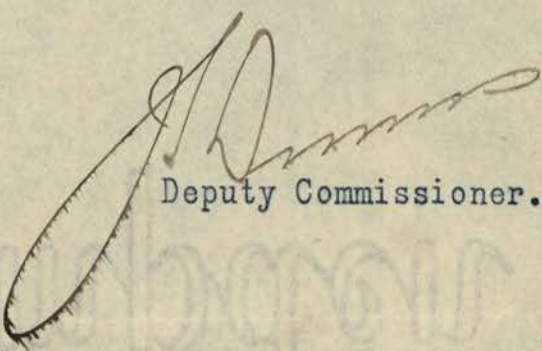
REGINA December 26th, 1900.

DO NOT WRITE ABOUT MORE THAN
ONE SUBJECT IN ANY LETTER

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, forwarding copy of a letter addressed to you on the 7th instant by the Reverend Father Davis of the Blackfoot Reserve, asking to have a well put down near the school on the Blackfoot Reserve, and in reply to say that the Commissioner regrets that he cannot agree to put down this well this year, as our appropriation for wells is now exhausted, and it is so near the end of the year that we could not hope to get the work completed before the fiscal year closes.

Yours truly,



Deputy Commissioner.

A. E. Cross, Esq., M.L.A.,
Calgary,
Alberta.

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NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES
EDMONTON

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NO. 1000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES
EDMONTON

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 11th instant, forwarding copy of a letter addressed
to you on the 7th instant by Mr. Rev. J. M. Macdonald, Minister of
the Protestant Church, asking to have a well put down in
the school on the district of Regina, and to have to be
the Commission to be made, as he cannot agree to the
has not a sufficient, as an expression for which is now
of the same nature as the one which was made at
this and hope to get the work completed before the fiscal
year closes.

Sincerely,
Your obedient servant,

John G. Macdonald

John G. Macdonald
Minister of Public Works
Edmonton

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North-West Territories,

In your reply refer to

No. 122/71

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address

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

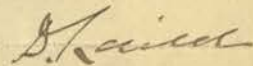
Winnipeg, 23 Jan 1900. 1

Rev. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd. of December last, asking to be allowed to keep the Crowfoot Day School in operation on account of certain pupils whose health does not allow of their admission as boarders, and to say that when the current year's estimates were made it was understood that the Day School would be closed as soon as the Boarding School began operations. I have referred your request to the Department and I am advised as follows,- "No arrangement in this direction can be made until after the 1st. of July next, and I should be glad if you would bring this matter up again after that date."

I should be glad if you would keep this in mind and draw my attention to this matter in the course of July next.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Crowfoot R. C. Boarding School,

Gleichen, Alta.

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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North West Territories,

Winnipeg, 9 Oct. 1900.

In your reply refer to

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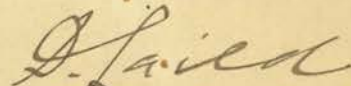
and date of this letter and
address

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

Rev. and dear Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd. instant is to hand communicating the wish of Running Rabbit and other Indians to have Mr. Jos. Disbury appointed Agent for the Blackfoot Reserve. You did right in letting me know their desire, and I hope you will be good enough to explain to them that what they are asking is too much. The Chiefs are the Indians representatives, but the Agent is the Department's officer. The Government pay him and have a right to appoint one whom they have tried and are sure they can trust. Mr. Disbury may be a very good man, but the Government do not know him, whereas Mr. Markle, the Agent appointed, has been in the Department's employ for over fifteen years, and they have found him kind to the Indians and thoroughly trustworthy. Through the Agent's hands all money and supplies for the Indians pass, and the Department needs a man who is experienced in Indian Agency work. The Blackfoot Indians have no cause for alarm; they will not find the new Agent harsh or unjust.

Yours sincerely,



Indian Commissioner.

Rev. Father Danis,

R.C. Mission,

Blackfoot Reserve,

Gleichen, Alta.

Minister of Agriculture

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71-220

North-West Territories
Crowfoot R. C. Boarding School,
Blackfoot Reserve, Glacier, Alta July 1st 1900

The Honourable

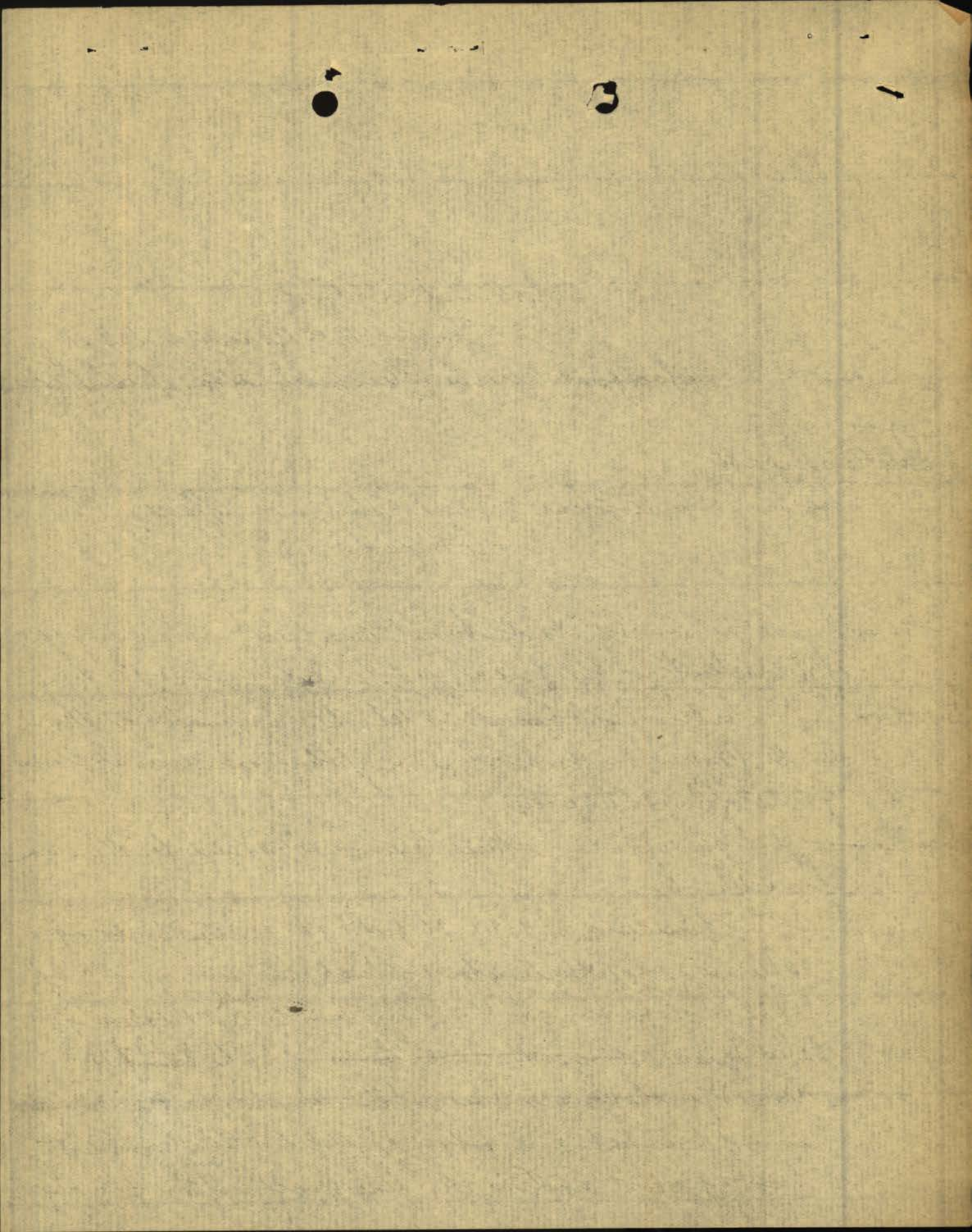
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Sir, — I have the honour to submit my first annual report of this school for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1900.

Location. — The Crowfoot boarding school is situated at the South Reserve on the north side of the Bow River at few yards ^{from the} former agency.

Land. — A little more than three acres is set apart for the use of the school.

Building. — The building is 108 x 36 feet. The centre building is 36 feet square three stories high, and two wings of 36 x 32 in addition to the main building. ^{with} A kitchen of 20 feet square adjoins the main building. The ^{building} school is divided for the convenience of the school. The east wing is not finished, and when completed the Crowfoot boarding school will be the finest institution of the kind



on this reserve. Boys and Girls are receiving good accomodation. The school rooms are large, well ventilated and very well lighted, everything has been ^{arranged} disposed to have a first-class institution

A fine picket fence protects the front of the building.

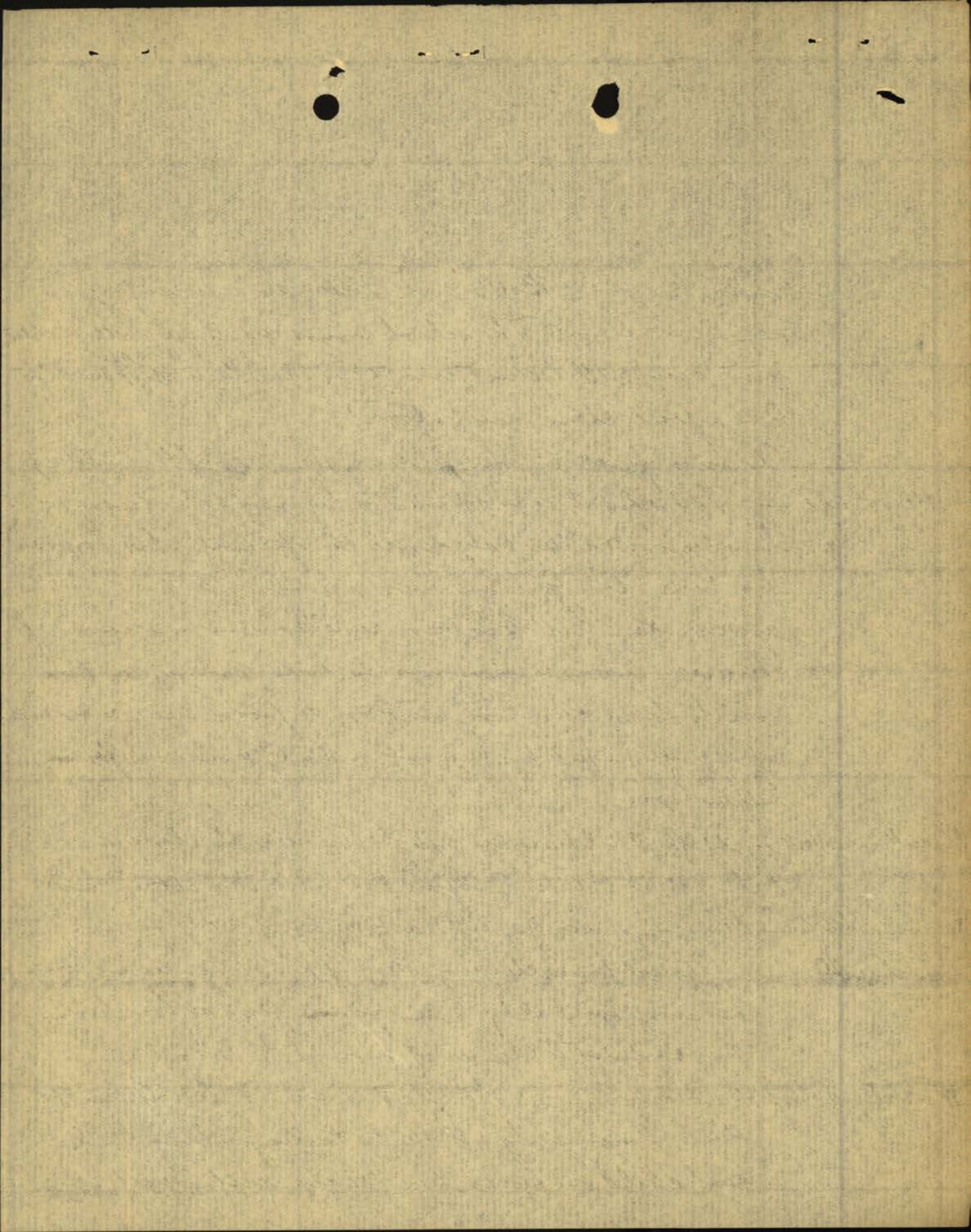
Attendance.— The school was opened on January 25th. Eleven pupils have been admitted only since the opening: six boys and five girls. One girl died two months after her admission and an other girl ^{was} has been sent home on account of illness. Our intention was to take ten for the first year to train them ^{walk} good, and ~~from~~ so far we have succeeded. not a single pupil has been out without permission for ~~an~~ half an hour.

Class Room Work.— As the children are all beginners, the class-room-work does not extend beyond the first two stand ards.

Farm and Garden.— We are fencing ⁱⁿ a garden for vegetables.

Industries Taught.— General house cleaning, sewing, knitting, weaving, washing, ironing and baking. The boys ~~are~~ from so far have been confined to cleaning around the school.

Moral and Religious Training.— No effort is spared to inabriet them thoroughly in the Catholic faith, and to give each child as far as his years will admit a



Thorough grounding in Roman Catholic
truth and faith.

Water supply. - The water is supplied from a river half a
mile away by means of water cart, an application
to the Government is made to dig a well and to
have a hot air pumping engine.

Heating. - The school is heated by stoves, but we will get a
furnace.

Fire Protection. - One fire extinguisher and three fire pails are
kept ⁱⁿ convenient places.

Recreation. - All recreations are taken in open air as much as
possible, even in winter, ^{pupils} they are always kept
in presence of a member of the staff.

General Remarks. - The supply of school material so kindly granted
by the Department has been much appreciated.
A new building will be put in the North Camp near
the C. E. Mission at the request made by the head and
Minor Chiefs of the upper Agency.

It has been possible for the Priest-in whose charge
the mission is, to devote more time and attention to the
Indians than heretofore. We will add this year 10 more
pupils this year.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North-West Territories,

24 Feb 1900.

Winnipeg,

In your reply refer to

No. 122-71

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 23th. ultimo, and to say that owing to the fact that the Department has consented to use the unexpended parts of both Day and Boarding Schools at the Crowfoot Camp, for the purpose of increasing the number of boarders in the latter, it will be impossible to do anything for the Day School at present.

Yours truly,

D. Laird

Indian Commissioner.

Rev. Father Davis. O.M.S.

Principal

Crowfoot Boarding School,

Gleichen, Alta.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North-West Territories,

In your reply refer to

No. 122/71

and date of this letter and
address

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

Winnipeg, March 10th. 1900

Rev. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Admission Returns into the Crowfoot Boarding School, applications and certificates of health, of the following children, and to authorize their admission.

No. 02 Mary Justine Hard Collar

3 Michel Bear Hat

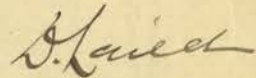
2 Nicholas Anthony Scalp Lock

03 Rosa went to tell (Crow Eagle)

4 Stephen white Buffalo Man.

The applications for the admission of Joseph Henry Little Chief and Anna Little Chief cannot be granted, their state of health being unsatisfactory. These are sent back.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner,

Principal,

Crowfoot Boarding School,

Blackfoot Reserve.

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ACC. 71.220

Indian Agent's Office,

Gleichen

March 14th 1900.

In your reply refer to

No. 6

Ref.: Your Letter

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No.

also to date of this letter.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the Indian Commissioner authorizes the admission of the following children to the Roman Catholic Boarding School.

- N^o 02 Mary Justine Hard Collar
- " 03 Rosa Wreat to till (Crow Eagle)
- " 2 Nicholas Anthony Scalp Lock
- " 3 Michel Bear Hat
- " 4 Stephen White Buffalo man.

I remain

Yours truly

L. H. Wheatley.
Indian Agent.

To The Rev. Father Davis
St. Blackfoot Reserve.

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ACC. 71220

Indian Agent's Office,

Gleichen

14 March 1900

In your reply refer to

No. 22

Ref.: Your Letter

1 No.

also to date of this letter.

Sir,

Below I give you extract from
 Official letter No. 122/71 dated 13th March
 "The Crowfoot Day School being no longer
 "recognized according to the arrangement that
 "it would cease to exist on the opening of the
 "R.C. Boarding School, I beg to say that the
 "issues of beef and biscuits should be discontinued

Yours truly
 L. H. Wheatley
 Indian agent

To The Rev. Father Davis O.M. I.
 So. Reserve

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71220

Gleichen alda N.W. 8. April 19 1900

To the Honorable David Laird
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Honorable Sir

In reply to your letter asking information, about all the appliances in connection with fire escape and protection, I beg to say that there are 3 staircases inside and two engines for fire extinguishing. Two barrels of water are in a back room.

The system of procuring water is Monsieur J. Landeau's cart. Cool oil and matches are kept in an isolated place.

The system of lighting and heating, is lamp, and stoves.

I have the honor to remain

Honorable Sir

Yours Truly

L. J. Davis

O. M. S.

Principal.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.220

Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

In your reply refer to

No. 122/71

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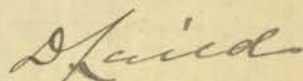
Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Winnipeg, 24 Apl. 1900.

Rev. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd. ultimo in regard to the establishment of an Hospital Ward (for pupils who should be isolated), in connection with the Crowfoot Boarding School, and to say that the matter having been referred to the Department I have been advised that no provision has been made in the Estimates and that nothing can be done in the absence of the Superintendent General.

Yours truly,



Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Crowfoot Boarding School,

Gleichen, Alta.

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I was so acknowledged receipt of your letter
of the 25th. I am in regard to the establishment
of an Hospital Ward (for pupils and school
teachers), in connection with the Government
School, and to say that the matter has been
referred to the Department I am sorry to
say that no definite answer has been given and
nothing can be done in the absence of the
Department.

Yours truly,

Indian Commissioner

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.220

Indian Agent's Office,

In your reply refer to
No. 113
also to date of this letter.

Heichen
April 28th 1890.

Ref.: Letter _____ 18 No. _____

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that the Indian Commissioner in Official letter N^o. 12271 dated 27th April 1900. requests me "to inform the Rev. Father Denis that he is authorized to erect a building to be used for mission purposes upon the site which has been selected by you himself, as shown on sketch, the area to be enclosed not to exceed two chains square"

I am
Yours truly
L. A. Wheatley,
Indian Agent

cc
To Rev. Father Denis O.M.I.
So Blackfoot Reserve.

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OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.220

Gleichen altu N. W. 8 May 11 1900

To the Honorable David Laird Esq,
Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg, Man.

Honorable Sir,

As no Cheque has been received for the Crowfoot day school for January and February as per return. and also the cheques for the R. C. Crowfoot Boarding School for the last quarter I begin to fear they have been misaddressed. Will you please kindly see for that matter as we badly need our money.

As soon as the new grant will be on hand I will be able to provide the school with five creases.

I ask again the permission to go on with the day school with the grant, as it is very difficult to find good children for the boarding school according to the rule of the Government.

Good many children have been promised to me but very few are without sickness or predisposition to consumption.

I hope to hear soon of your

Sincerely yours

L. J. Davis *L. J. Davis*

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J.W. DRISCOLL, MANAGER.
 183 185 187 BANNATYNE AVE. EAST.

Winnipeg, Man., 17th May 1900.

Rev. Father J. Davis,
 Blackfoot Crossing,
 Gleichen P.O.,
 N.W.T.

Dear Sir:-
 We beg to enclose herein Plans of your Boarding School which you gave to our Traveller Mr. Niven to figure on the cost of Heating your School, and enclose with these our Tender for same, amounting to \$561.00. This includes the Furnaces set up ready for firing, but with the understanding that you or your Managers are to haul the Furnaces and all Fixtures in connection therewith from Gleichen, and do all necessary Carpentering work, do all the necessary Excavating and Foundations for Furnaces, providing sufficient room or space that may be required for the Furnaces in Basement so as to place the Furnaces in proper position as shown on plan.

Your Cellar or Basement should be 7 Feet in Height from the Floor to the Joist - 7 1/2 Feet would be still better.

As we have figured this work at a very low figure, we trust that we will receive a favorable reply from you at once.

We would not like to Guarantee to undertake the putting in of these Furnaces later than the 1st. August, and would prefer to do the work earlier if possible.

Enclosures. We are, Yours truly,
 J.W. Driscoll, Manager.

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Gleichen Alta B. M. C. May 22 1900.

To the Honorable David Laird Esq.

Indian Commissioner

Manitoba Man.

Honorable Sir

Yours of the 16th of the present has been duly received, and in reply I beg to say that I received the cheque for the tuition grant for the Crowfoot Day and Boarding school. But I regret to say that the cheque was not covering the returns for day and boarding school. I was expecting \$61.00 for the day school on account of not having been kept open two months without having been officially informed of the decision of the government that the day school was supposed to be closed at the opening of the boarding school. and \$11.00 for the average of work as shown on returns. I have admitted 11 pupils during quarter, but 5 only has been passing their medical admissions and admitted by the department then I was expected to receive the grant dating from the 25th of January, giving a sum total for the five, of \$65.00. when I received only \$25.00.

and I hope the Department - will ~~you~~ refund the balance of \$ 23. as a help
for the support of the rest of the pupils.

We want 4 maps. 2 general maps of the world and 2 of the
Northwest Territory.

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Gleichen Alta N.W. 8 May 22 1900

To the Honorable David Laird Esq.

Indian Commissioner

Winnipeg Man.

Honorable Sir

Yours of the 16th of the ^{instant} present - is on hand. and in reply I beg to say that I received a cheque which is supposed to cover ~~the~~ returns for both ~~for~~ day and boarding school. The amount of the cheque was 86.22.

I regret to say that the sums expected was \$125.00. \$61.00 for the day school as per returns. That is to say. Tuition for January and February \$50.00 the usual grant for day school. and \$11.00 for the average for March. We have been officially informed that the day school was closed in the beginning of March. Consequently I hope the ^{Department} will not find strange that lack ^{usual for 2 months or less} for the grant as I have done expenses to keep the school.

During the quarter I have admitted 11 pupils as boarders. 5 of them passed their medical examination and have been admitted by the Department. They all ^{have} been ^{at} attending the school as boarders for 65 days each. ^{from the 25th of} at the rate of 20 cents a day. This gives you an total \$65.00. ^{to the 25th of March.} being behind 6 pupils for whom we did not receive even the ration. This is to be considered some ~~hardly need~~ ~~in~~ the beginning something to be considered. ~~Hope the government will not find strange that have asked for the balance of the grant as per returns.~~

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Office of the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Winnipeg, Man. 15 June 1900.

Sir,

With reference to the subject of the preparation of the annual report for next year, I beg to remind you that as usual the Department would be glad to receive photographs of Indian subjects in Manitoba and the North West Territories, and I may remark that it would be well for you to use some discretion in taking photographs, for, while many pictures might serve to embellish the report, some might be much more useful than others. An example of pictures of the latter class is a pair taken in different parts of St. Eugene Village, East Kootenay, B.C. The first is of a log hut, without windows called "Old style cottage" - the second - called "A model cottage" is of a neat clapboarded cottage, with several windows.

I beg also to remark that if when obtaining the photographs you could manage to get them of about a uniform size and of the same degree of distinctness, it would be a great advantage in the printing. A reference to the plates in the last annual report will illustrate the point. The plate appearing at page 272 is a very good model; the impression is very clear - it is neither too light nor too dark - and the size of the plate is about right - $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. If photographs are smaller than the size required, then too much white space is left on the page; while, if photographs are so large as to exceed the space afforded by a page, they have to be cut down to the proper size, or else discarded altogether, as is frequently the case with otherwise good pictures, as the Department cannot incur the trouble and delay of reducing them by photography after their receipt at Ottawa.

As the Government Printing Bureau has only a very limited staff to attend to the technical work in connection with the printing of plates, it is highly necessary that photographs intended for publication in the annual report should be received by the Department at as early a date as the manuscript reports - say by the middle of August.

Principal

Crowfoot Indian Boarding School,
Gleichen, Alta.

Yours truly,

David Lewis
Indian Commissioner.

Office of the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, 18 Jan 1900

With reference to the subject of the investigation of the annual
reports for the year, I am to advise you that the Department
will not be able to receive the reports of Indian Agents in
Manitoba and the North West Territories, and I very much regret
that we will not be able to receive any information in making the
reports, while many persons might care to withhold the reports, I
think it best not to make this matter. An example of persons of
the Indian class is a person who is different from the others.

Village of Fort St. John, B.C. The first is of a box but without windows
called "Old style cottage" - the second - called "A model cottage"
is of a most improved cottage, with several windows.
I had also to see the other when carrying the photographs
you had taken of the first of a window also and of the
second of the second, it would be a great mistake in the
photographs. A reference to the last annual report will
illustrate the point. The first - the second - is a very good
model; the impression is very clear - it is better than the first of
any - and the size of the place is also very - it is better than
if the first was smaller than the second, then so much
with the first, left on the page, while, if the second was so large
as to exceed the space allotted by a page, then even so the first
of the first, it is also illustrated in the same way, as is the second
of the second, and the first of the first, as the Department cannot insert
the second and the first of the first, as the Department cannot insert
the first of the first.

The Department will not be able to receive only a very limited number
of the reports of the Indian Agents in connection with the printing of
the reports, it is necessary that the reports be printed for copies
to be sent to the various departments as required by the Department at
an early date in the annual reports - and of the first of
the first of the first.

Very truly,
Yours faithfully,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs

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Gleichen also P.M. 7. July 6 1900.

To the Honorable David Laird
Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg Man.

Honorable Sir.

I have been informed by your Agent of the admission of Benediction Head and Jos. Henry Little chief. I suppose the Government will not make any difficulty to pay for these 2 pupils since the date of their admission in the Boarding school. That is to said for Jos Henry Little Chief since the 24th of January and for Benedet. Iron Head since March the 6th and now from the date of their Medical examination.

I have the honor to remain

Honorable Sir

Your Truly

L. J. Davis (M. I.)
Principal

P.S. I have enclosed a copy of a letter of your agent M. G. Whately informing me that the yearly per capita grant of \$2.00 will be paid for the children attending day school at my mission

L. J. Davis (M. I.)

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Gleichen Alta N.W.T. July 6 1900

To the Honourable J. Law
and Comr.

W. M.

Hon. Sir

In a previous letter, asking to be allowed to keep the Crowfoot Day school in operation on account of certain pupils whose health does not allow of their admission as boarders. You have been advised to say, "No arrangement in this direction can be made until after the 1st of July next and I should be glad if you would bring this matter up again after that date."

Today I am asking again to keep the Day school in operation with the usual grant of \$300.00 a year. I should be glad to draw the attention of the Government to this matter.

L. J. Davis

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RY TOWN SITE TRUSTEES

WINNIPEG, 3rd August, 1901

L. J. Donis, Esq.

Gleichen.

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th ultimo re Lots 3-4-5 Block 2. We are willing, as previously advised you, to convey one of these lots free and sell you the other two lots for \$50 which is one half the regular price.

Yours truly,

L. J. Donis
Land Commissioner.

GRANVILLE TRUSTEES

WINNIPEG 3rd August, 1900

L. J. Doherty, Esq.

Glasgow

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th ultimo re lots
2-4-5 Block B. We are willing, and have already advised you, to convey one of
these lots free and sell the other two lots for \$50 which is one half
the market price.

Yours truly,

John G. Anderson

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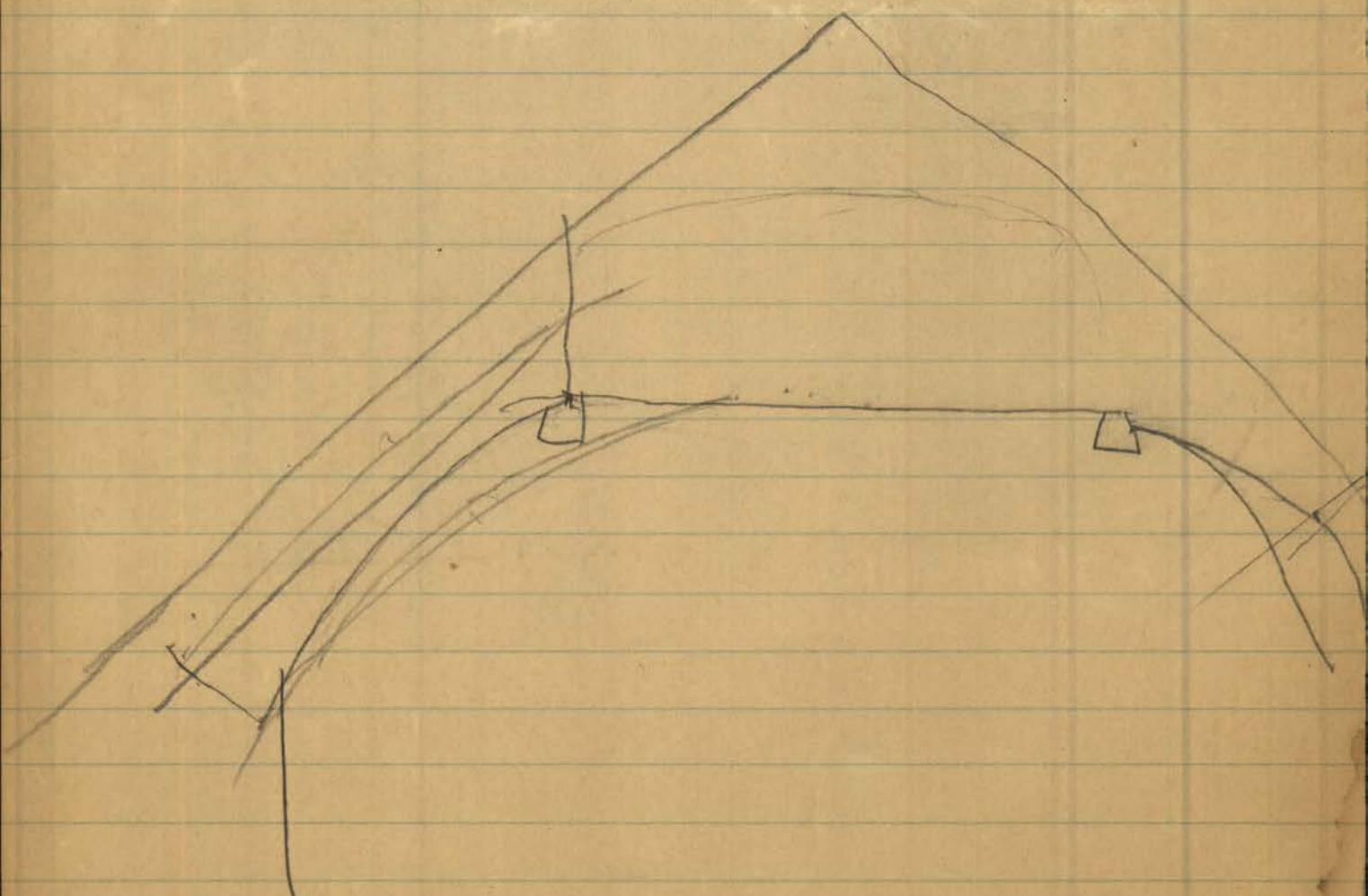
to the Honourable
Mr. David Laird
Indian Commissioner
Minneapolis Man.

Honorable Sir

I beg to submit the following estimates for the next fiscal year 1901 to 1902.

\$2,500.00	for an Hospital.
800.00	to finish the boarding school
500.00	to secure water
600.00	for a furnace Hot Air.
300.00	for a Laundry
200.00	for painting the school.
150.00	for a stable

I also ask the authorization for to take 25 children right away as it is impossible to run a school with ten children at the rate of \$6.00 a month.



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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT

W. R. MACINNES
GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT

WESTERN DIVISION

W. 5th Oct., 1900.

GEO. H. SHAW
ASSISTANT GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT

WINNIPEG, MAN.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO NO.

#10605

Father L. J. Danis,
Gleichen, Alta.

Dear Sir:-

Your favour of the 29th ult.

I have referred same to Mr. Jas. Osborne, our General Superintendent, who will reply direct to you respecting the building you desire to utilize for church purposes.

Yours truly,

G. H. Shaw
A. G. F. A.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT

W. Bell Oct. 1900.

WINDYBAY

#10000



Alberta, 1. 1900.

Windybay, Alta.

Dear Sir:-

Your favour of the 23rd ult.

I have referred same to Mr. Geo. Osborne, our General Superintendent, who will reply direct to you respecting the building you desire to build for your business.

A. G. F. A.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
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Gleichen, Alta N. W. T. Oct. 19 1900

To the Honourable David Laird

Indian Commissioner

Winnipeg Man.

Honourable Sir

Yours of the 18 instant is on hand and
in reply I beg to say that at the opportunity
I will have to go to Swift Current I will be able
to let you know all what you ask about
the destitute orphans.

I profit of the occasion to renew my
application for a small hospital to treat
special cases (scrofulous and consumption)
and I hope the Grant will be voted for
that purpose.

I have the honour to remain

Honourable Sir
In anticipation

L. J. Davis. M.D.

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Gleichen Alta. N. W. T. Nov. 26

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To the Honourable David Laird Esq.

Ludvan Commissioner

Winnipeg Man.

Honourable Sir

Your letter of the 20th instant re
destitute children, ^{as per memo and,} I beg to say that Joseph
and Douglass will be kept at the Crowfoot
Boarding School at the usual Grant the
elder will be sent right away to Dunbar
School. Hoping this will be satisfactory
I have the honour to remain

Dear Sir

Yours sincerely

R. J. Davis, D. M. I.

Principal

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