

CARDSTON - St. Theresa's Church

- 1928 - 1930 Correspondence, Bishop Kidd and Oblate Provincial - cannot serve white people. To contractor Scanlan re proposed church. Purchasing Duce property - 5 letters. Some accounts. Three letters to Fr. Moreau PP. **Beaver Lumber acct.**
- 1932 - 1935 Fr. McCormick to AJH re OMI and territory. To Fr. Salaun re church property. Turcotte re sale of additional land to Duce. Three letters Fr. Salaun to Bishop Monahan, Fr. Anderson, etc. including account of exchange of pastorates, Fr. McCormick-Fr. Salaun. Two letters Fr. Salaun re new car.
- 1936 - 1941 Fr. Salaun to Bishop Carroll, two re Del Bonita, W. Lakes, etc. 1937 reports, incl. that of St. Stephen's, Harrisville. ~~Two~~ <sup>Two</sup> letters Fr. Salaun to Bishop Carroll re Fr. Jacob, W. Lakes & Harrisville. Caustic comments on St. Theresa's Church, etc. Group of letters re Yates family of Del Bonita & baptism. Two letters Fr. Salaun. Inventory of rectory contents.
- 1942 - 1950 Bishop Carroll-Fr. I. Leaver. Sundry correspondence, including history of debt, remarks on Del Bonita, repairs on Harrisville church
- 1955 Bishop Carroll to Fr. G. McLellan, with an outline of history, touching also on Whiskey Gap and Harrisville. Fr. Frappier, OMI and afternoon Mass in St. Theresa's for Indians in the area.
- 1956-58 - Receipts + Disbursements under Fr. Armand Lemire (also for Harrisville + whiskey Gap)
- 1966 Fr. Drouin, OMI, re catechetics.



Oblate Fathers House.

9916

110<sup>th</sup> Street

Edmonton. Alta.

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1928.

To His Lordship,  
M<sup>gr</sup>. J. F. Kidd. D. D.  
Bishop of Calgary.

My Lord. Bishop:

I am deeply touched by your kindness,  
towards Rev. F. Ruau and the Oblates generally.

I quite realise that Rev. F. Ruau needs another Father  
to help him in the immense work to take care of the  
whole reserve and manage the administration of the  
School. My earnest desire is to give him the help  
he needs, as soon as a Father is available for that  
purpose.

I however think that we have enough work for us  
in taking good care of the Indians and would not be  
justified to take charge of other Missions.  
When we have two Fathers at the School, they  
can attend to the Indians in the Cardston hos-  
pital, whenever necessary.



The charge of the white population in Cardston  
itself and in the surrounding missions, we  
must therefore leave to others.

I may add, that these missions would not promote  
Community life, which is required by our vocation  
and which we must try to give to our Father  
as much as possible.

I am sure, your Lordship, will appreciate  
these motives of our Decision.

Begging humbly for your blessing upon our  
personnel and their works, I remain

of your Lordship

the very humble servant in X<sup>o</sup> et Maria Summ.

J. B. Beysmond  
Prov.



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC.

November 2nd, 1938

Mr. P. B. Seanlan  
Building Contractor  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Seanlan:-

I have received your letter with sketch of church for Cardston. The sketch is alright. Kindly let me know your price for a building 26' x 40' and price of building 26' x 40' with addition 18' x 18' to be built of lumber with ceiling of lumber and walls of plaster, finished with lumber on the outside, or stucco, to be put on in the spring. There should be a window in the front over the porch and no gallery. It would be heated with a pipeless furnace.

Please let me have your figures as soon as possible as it will be necessary to begin work on this building immediately, if done this fall.

Yours faithfully

Bishop of Calgary





October 20th, 1928

Mr. James Ernest Duce  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find cheque for One Hundred Dollars as payment on the lot facing the new Indian Hospital in Cardston, purchased from you when there on Monday, October 29th.

We will forward a cheque for the balance through Rev. Father Ruauz, of the Indian School, when you inform him that the transfer is ready. Our incorporated legal title is "Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary".

I am

Yours very truly

Bishop of Calgary



October 1922

Mr. James Stewart  
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Sir:

I enclose for you with this check for the  
amount of \$100.00 the amount of the bill for the  
services rendered in connection with the



work done on the above account. The  
amount of \$100.00 is the total amount  
due you for the work done on the above  
account. The amount of \$100.00 is the  
total amount due you for the work done  
on the above account.

Very truly yours,

Wm. J. Stewart



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC.

October 30th, 1928

Rev. E. Raux, O.M.I.  
St. Mary's I. R. School  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Father Raux:-

I have sent a cheque for One Hundred Dollars to Mr. Duce for the lot we were looking at yesterday. When the transfer is ready, he is to let you know and I will send you a cheque for the balance. It might be well to close this deal through Mr. O'Brien, the Catholic lawyer in Cardston, as this may be the means of getting him interested in the church and getting him back to the practice of his religion.

Wishing you every blessing, I am

Yours faithfully in Christ

Bishop of Calgary



November 15th, 1928

Rev. E. Ruauz, O.M.I.  
St. Mary's I. R. School  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Father Ruauz:-

Enclosed you will find a cheque for Five Hundred Dollars for Mr. Duce, being the balance of the amount due on the lot we are buying for the Cardston chapel. Give this to him as soon as the Transfer has been completed. Try to hurry this matter as much as possible as by delaying we are losing a lot of fine weather.

Wishing you every blessing, I am  
Yours faithfully in Christ

Bishop of Calgary



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA	
ACC.	72.130

December 5rd, 1928

Mr. James Ernest Duce  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find cheque for  
Five Hundred Dollars, the final payment on the  
lot purchased from you at Cardston for the Catholic  
church.

This cheque is a duplicate for the original  
cheque of equal amount which has evidently been lost.  
The former cheque was sent to Father Ruauz, who left  
it at the Cardston Post Office but through some error  
it never reached you. The bank has been notified  
regarding this.

I am,

Yours very truly

Bishop of Calgary

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# The Royal Bank of Canada

INCORPORATED 1869

*Calgary, Alta.*

PLEASE ADDRESS  
ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO THE MANAGER

CABLE ADDRESS "ROYALBANK"

Refer to File 'LC'

April 20, 1929.

Catholic Diocesan Account,  
910 - 7A St. N. W.,  
Calgary, Alberta.

Gentlemen:

We are holding on file here your instructions to  
stop payment of the following cheque:

# 735 - Nov. 15/28 - James Ernest Duce - \$500.00

If it is possible to cancel this stop payment we  
shall appreciate your instructions to do so, as this  
will assist us in keeping our Stop Payment File up-to-  
date.

Yours truly,

*L. Krawshaw*

pro Manager.

*Received April 29. to ~~be~~ continued as  
sent for present as cheque not located.*

*nrc*



The Royal Bank of Canada



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CALGARY, June 7th, 1929.

ALBERTA  
 Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary,

TO J. F. QUIGLEY DR  
 INSURANCE  
 CANADA LIFE BUILDING - CALGARY, ALBERTA

DATE	POLICY No.	PARTICULARS	DEBIT	CREDIT
June 7th	14407 - Reliance	Church & Contents - Cardston	28.50	

THE QUIGLEY AGENCIES LTD.

To the Registrar, Calgary L.T.O.

FEES

4.20

~~4.20~~  
 5.20  
 9.20

Please Recite - Transfer

James Ernest Suice to  
 R.C. Bishop Suice  
 of Calgary

Innocent Jon  
 Registrar

Instructions

Present Value  
 Old Value  
 Increase

Reference Certs.

Remarks

LAND TITLES  
 BALDWIN  
 NOV 26 1928  
 P-A-1-1-20  
 C.B. 45-3

Executions and Assignments

For *A. P. Quigley*  
 Date *Nov 26* 1928

Received by  
 Searched by  
 Checked by

This Slip Must Not Be Detached.

J. F. OUGLEY



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 72.130

PHONES { M4454  
M2648

CALGARY, Alberta, March 20th, 1929.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Calgary,

910 - 7th Street N.W., Calgary, Alta.

TO J. F. QUIGLEY DR  
INSURANCE  
CANADA LIFE BUILDING - CALGARY, ALBERTA

DATE	COMPANY	POLICY NO.	PARTICULARS	DEBIT	CREDIT
Mar. 12	Reliance Ins. Co.	14278	Church - Cardston	\$ 54.00	

THE QUIGLEY AGENCIES, LTD.  
**PAID**  
June 11, 1929  
K

PHONES { M4454  
M2648

CALGARY, Alberta, April 1st, 1929.

Roman Catholic Bishop  
of the Diocese of Calgary.

TO J. F. QUIGLEY DR  
INSURANCE  
CANADA LIFE BUILDING - CALGARY, ALBERTA

DATE	COMPANY	POLICY NO.	PARTICULARS	DEBIT	CREDIT
March 30	Reliance Ins. Co.	14278	Endorsement - Cardston.	3.00	

THE QUIGLEY AGENCIES, LTD.  
**PAID**  
June 11, 1929  
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Right Rev. Bishop Kidd,  
910 Seven-A Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

# Gaspard & Company Limited

SUCCESSORS TO

Western Church Furnishers Limited

SUCCESSORS TO

Revillon Wholesale Church Goods Dept.  
Claude Deschamps Church Goods Company

CHURCH FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES  
SCHOOL FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES

ALSO AT -  
WINNIPEG  
REGINA  
MONTREAL

Shipped by P.P. via Order No. 2930.

1 - Card Prayers after Mass,	.25
1 - " " for Benediction,	.25

Sent to Rev. Doriste L. Moreau, Cardston, Alta.

## PAID

*12-10-29 Whole*  
GASPARD & COMPANY LTD.  
10127-104TH STREET  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

TERMS: 30 days for payment within 30 days or 2 months net.  
3% interest charged on overdue accounts.

Right Rev. Bishop Kidd,  
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REGINA  
MONTREAL

ITEMIZED STATEMENT

Shipped by via Order No.

May 4	Shipped to Rev. Doriste L. Moreau, Cardston:		
	1 - Pr. Handkerchiefs #35/10	7.00	
	1 - Missal Stand Wood, #1	8.75	
	1 - Set Crozier	.75	
	1 - Ablution Cup #1	.95	
	1 - Altar Bell #25	2.00	
	1 - Holy Water Font #600	2.00	
	1 - Sanctuary Lamp #2	6.85	
	1 - Doz. 2 1/2" Candles	1.00	
	12 - Sets Extra Prisms Candles 1 1/2" dia. 7.00	7.00	
	3 - " " " " " " 3 1/2" dia.	3.90	
	1 - Box Wax tapers	.65	
	1 - Box Incense, "Dominical"	1.50	
	1 - Box Charcoal, 100 pieces	.95	
	1 - Holy Water Pot & Sprinkler #25/5	8.50	
			42.10

May 4	Shipped to Rev. Doriste Moreau, Cardston:		
	1 - Jug Mass Wine,	9.00	
			9.00

## PAID

*12-10-29 Whole*  
GASPARD & COMPANY LTD.  
10127-104TH STREET  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

Balance due..... 42.10





May 25th, 1929

Right Rev. Bishop Coadjutor,  
910 Seventh Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

**Gaspard & Company Limited**

SUCCESSORS TO  
**Western Church Furnishers Limited**

SUCCESSORS TO  
Reville Wholesale Church Goods Dept.  
Claude Denis Church Goods Company

CHURCH FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES  
SCHOOL FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES

ALSO AT  
WINNIPEG  
REGINA  
MONTREAL

Shipped by C.P. Express.

Order No. 2930

Shipped to Rev. Doriste L. Moreau, Cardston.

V. 1. Set Candlesticks &amp; Crucifix #6138/14;

25.00

25.00

**PAID**

21-6-29  
GASPARD & COMPANY LTD.  
10127-104th STREET  
EDMONTON

May 2nd, 1929

Gaspard &amp; Co. Ltd.

10127----104th. St.

Edmonton.

Gentlemen,

Please send the following to Rev. Doriste L. Moreau, Cardston,  
Alberta.

Set of Candelabra, that is 6 candle sticks with Crucifix to cost about \$25.00 not more.  
2 small candle holders, to be used for low Mass

Missal Stand of wood, not expensiveWine and water cruets with dish for same

not over \$2.00

Ablution Cup for the altarSmall altar bellHoly Water Font or BasinLamp with ruby glass for 24 hour vigil light

not over \$3.00

One dozen vigil lights2 Sets of Mass candles for the Candelabra of 6 holdersA box, 35 candles of Mass candles No. 4 or No. 6 to fit small holdersOne case, twelve bottles, of altar or Mass wineCard with prayers after Mass and prayer after Benediction of Bl. SacramentBox of tapers for lighting candles.Box of incense. Box of charcoalSmall Holy Water Vess with sprinkler,

not expensive.

You will please forward the above by Express, but the account to

Yours respectfully



May 8th. 1929

Rev. Doriste L. Moreau

Cardston

Alberta.

Dear Father Moreau,

I enclose you a bill or list of things purchased for the Church there and forwarded to you. Please check this over to see that it is alright. If you give you the money there to pay for it alright. If they do not, you may send it back to me. The Candelabra or large candle sticks and crucifix is to go separately. We are sending you from here altar liners, altar stone, missal and a few prayer books for sanctuary boys when you have them, as also a few other things.

I will go by train on Saturday evening and would like to go to Waterton Lakes on Monday morning. If weather was good and nothing to prevent us perhaps we might go on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday I will return to the School for dinner or rather breakfast. Since the Agent seemed so fearful of a priest having a little for his breakfast there, the bishop will not take anything there. On this I am fully decided. However you will say nothing to any person, except that I told you I am returning to the School for my Dinner or Breakfast.

You will find enclosed the cheque \$40.00 for pew repairs and transport of same from the Kesteven Church. The cheque for Morris Brothers I will bring with me.

With kind remembrance to Father Raux, Sisters and blessings to all

I am

Yours faithfully in Christ

Bishop of Calgary.



August 28nd, 1929

Rev. Deriste Moreau  
St. Mary's I. R. School  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Father Moreau:-

I have received your letter of the 20th asking for Mass Intentions and enclose herewith a cheque for Thirty Dollars for same number of intentions all 'Ad Int. Dantium'.

This morning Mr. Jules Despina phoned me about a sight draft for an account you have owed to him. I wish you would let me know about this whether you owe it or not because otherwise he might take it to the bishop.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Jto

Mr. E. W. Stacey, Manager.  
Beaver (Alberta) Lumber Limited  
Calgary, Alberta.

*Aug 28, 1930*

Dear Sir:- re Cardston Account

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. with detailed statement of above account and copy of letter to Father Moreau.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter,  
I am,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.



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Mr. J. H. ...  
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Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the ...



I am sorry to hear that you are unable to ...

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. ...  
...

Very truly yours,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.



I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. H. ...



Carroton, Alta

July 4, 1932.

Dear Monsignor

I enclose ex. <sup>\$</sup>3<sup>10</sup> for living  
reception.

I was wondering how Rev. Langlois' interests  
regarding O. M. I. I presume the South was  
the subject of special interest.

I suppose it could be arranged, in  
case of plans for any changes in this  
territory, to get a few hints from the  
Pastor Carrotonensis et alios Pastores.

I am not sure if I will make the grade  
for the reception.

with every good wish.

Yours very sincerely in the

W. M. Carrick





March 3rd, 1935.

Rev. J. M. Salaun, O.M.I.  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Father Salaun:

His Excellency the Bishop has received your letter of March 1st. The Cardston Property is Pt. of Lot 3, Blk. 34, Cardston 1793 E, and is described in detail as follows:

"Commencing at the North West Corner of said Lot 3 thence east along the northern boundary 60 feet, thence south parallel with the western boundary one hundred and seventy feet, thence west parallel with said northern boundary sixty feet, thence north along said western boundary to the place of commencement. Reserving unto his Majesty all mines and minerals, and, etc...."

Mr. Duce sold this lot to us for Six Hundred Dollars. The price you mention in your letter is quite low, and the Bishop does not understand how this amount was reached. By square feet and also by frontage (on the long side) our figures are roughly \$56.50, which, in view of the circumstances, His Excellency thinks a fair price. Have Mr. Duce make out the transfer and the Diocese will complete its portion. It is to be understood that Registration and all other fees will be paid by Mr. Duce.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Xto.,

Chancellor.

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Refer to No.....

Your File No.....

**L. S. Turcotte, B.L.S.**

**Barrister and Solicitor**

**CARDSTON - ALBERTA**  
Canada

Phone 43

P. O. Box 124

March 11 1933

Roman Catholic Bishop of Calgary,  
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Sir:- Re Transfer to Ernest Duce.

I enclose herewith a transfer for the signature of the Corporation. Kindly sign and affix the seal of the Corporation on the first page. On the second page kindly complete the affidavit before a Commissioner.

As soon as the transfer is completed and returned I will hand the cheque for \$43.00 which I am holding.

It is necessary to have the Duplicate Certificate of Title in of the property in question deposited in the Land Titles Office so that we may register the transfer of this particular parcel of the lot. Kindly therefore deposit the Duplicate Certificate of Title of the Lot in the Land Titles Office in Calgary so that we may complete registration.

Yours truly,

L.S. TURCOTTE

per 

*Title put in L.T.O  
Mar 16. 1933. &  
Completed transfer sent to  
Turcotte. in same day.  
K. R. Anderson*

*60  
17  
900*



$$\begin{array}{r} 96000 \\ 88 \\ \hline 110 \\ 182 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 120 \\ \hline 10200 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 600.00 \\ 570.00 \\ \hline 30.00 \\ 0 \\ 60000 \\ \hline 360000 \\ 60000 \\ \hline 420000 \end{array}$$

Cardston. Alta. 1.  
 March 1. <sup>incl</sup>

My Lord.

I am in receipt of your letter Feb. 24. ultimo in the letter reference is made of lots 31.32.33. at Waterbury Lakes in which the church is built here.

But we spoke in our letter of the western portion <sup>nos</sup> 60 x 170 of Block 34 in Cardston on which St. Theresa's church stands.

So, My Lord, we refer you again to letter of 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo for definite decision. It was sold to the "Corporation" per Mr. Duce, who wants the space referred to in that letter for a lane to go to his house and offers to pay back what was paid to him.

This sum (42.<sup>50</sup>) I think would help to pay the arrears in Insurance and give enough for the next insurance. Said amount will be forwarded to you at once if decided. Besides, all the ordered collections will be taken, if I can get out at all on that day. It won't mean much, but the point of discipline will be safe.

I will try also to spare 15 dollars for cathedral fund. I have been in use to give the Chancery a lump sum, asking beforehand if it was right.

Your decision in regard to the chaplain's salary will be upheld. I will certainly stand by it, and so notify the one concerned.

Very respectfully,

J. Salamy p<sup>re</sup>

Pl Lot 3, Block 34



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC.

Cardston, Alta.,

Mar. 20. 1933.

Dear Fr. Anderson,

I duly received your letter of the 16<sup>inst</sup>.

You find enclosed herewith the cheque of 43.00 duly dated, signed and certified. I was shown also the Registration paper signed and stamped. It would appear now that all is settled definitely in regard to that plot of land, and as you will keep all the papers there, I would call on you if there is any further reference to be made to it. Registration and solicitor fees will be settled by J. A. Dugg.

I think it expedient also to mail to you the papers connected with the insurance on this Church. This all I could find in regard to it.

I made the suggestion of having part of the amount of the cheque to be used to pay the arrears on such policy. But you may see things under a different angle over there. It is the reason why I send you the Insurance papers, so that you decide on what you think best. You may suggest to that Insurance Co. to mail to me a copy of settlement.

After this, we may try to tackle the Principal (6.196.00) one no small amount and a matter of long years. I will not see the end of it, but will do what I can as long as I am able to do some work. In the name of common sense, how can such a thing be allowed to take place?

I told the Bishop when I mailed the Catholic Extension collecting, that about Easter, I would send 2 dollars for infirm and sick Priests fund. Now I will mail 13.00 and that will make the 15.00 justly asked for that fund, and I will make a settlement of that obligation too, for 1933. I am Sunday. I carry out dutifully the mandate you have trusted to me in regard to "Mother".

You have my Best wishes.

J. M. Sabainy p. l. r.





Cardston Alta.

Jan. 2. 1934.

Monseigneur,

Je reçois votre lettre en date du 29 Décembre écoulé.

Merci pour le chèque 1297. de 10 dollars. J'acquiesce les 10 messes immédiatement.  
Quant à la proposition que vous me faites, et toute confiance, voici ce que j'ai  
à vous dire.

La situation que j'ai maintenant à Cardston n'est ni brillante ni intéressante, si vous  
tenez <sup>compte</sup> des lettres que je vous ai écrites à ce sujet. Je l'améliore un peu tous les jours  
mais pour qu'elle soit à peu près sortable, cela me prendra encore une ou deux ans.  
Et alors je compte prendre du repos, avant le repos éternel.

D'autre part, si l'homme que je vous projetez de placer ici n'a pu tenir la place  
où il se trouve actuellement; Il viendra encore moins longtemps l'étrange mission  
que je dessers depuis 1933. Et ce sera à recommencer. Donc peu intéressant, et  
surtout dangereux. C'est l'homme qui fait la mission, disait Mgr de Léonard sans  
le temps et non ~~la mission~~ la mission, l'homme.

Retourner à la mission S-Henri? Il m'y faut pas vingt une minute. Si vous ne le  
savez pas encore, je vous informe maintenant que J.F. Dorey et A. Hochstein  
m'ont dit "to get out and give the younger man a chance" et cela "more seutorico"  
Je l'ai fait, donc mon retour dans une place pareille ne peut plus être envisagé.  
Et certains-là furent prévenus par moi qu'en raison de leurs allures et de leur  
insolence, je serai probablement le dernier prêtre résident de la place.

De plus le clergé de ces régions à trois lettres ou sans trois lettres a réussi à se  
commoder à mes dépens ces 30 dernières années. Je vous le déclare, Monseigneur,  
cette petite comédie est arrivée à son dernier acte. Ces gens-là ne m'intéressent plus.



Si je venais ici à Cardston, c'est que M<sup>r</sup> Cormick me faisait entendre trop en-  
têtement qu'il en avait assez, et comme on t'avait assez de moi à S<sup>t</sup> Henry, j'ai  
cru bien faire de proposer l'échange, puisque je croyais mon successeur plus qu'un  
fié que moi pour mener la barque, d'abord parce que je lui laissai la place nette  
avec 204 piastres. Bref, il n'avait qu'à s'y installer et continuer à faire marcher les  
affaires. Pour Cardston, si vous ne le savez pas encore, je n'ai pu m'y installer qu'en  
dépensant 200 piastres de ma poche.

Le malheur est que le pauvre M<sup>r</sup> Cormick a gâché son avenir dès le 1<sup>er</sup> jour et vous la-  
vez comment. Depuis 3 semaines il dit à tout le monde, même de Bartel, qu'il attend  
son changement d'un jour à l'autre. Vous vous imaginez quelle impression une pareille  
attitude peut produire.

I would like to encourage him, dites-vous: je puis en parler mieux que vous, c'est ce  
que je fais depuis une dizaine d'années et de bien des façons. Il faudrait tout de même  
aussi que le "de Cyfus" montre un peu plus de tact, de mesure, de savoir-faire et de  
persévérance. Ce seront ces qualités d'esprit et de cœur qui le sauveront bien plus  
que telle place où vous pourriez le mettre.

Le malheureux roule de place en place depuis fin 1927. Il est un aigri maintenant  
et il sera difficile à satisfaire. C'est triste et c'est garrant même, mais je n'y puis  
plus rien désormais et quand il me proposa lui-même l'été dernier, de retourner  
à cette butte, je lui répondis catégoriquement "Non", Cardston, surtout en considé-  
rant les circonstances ne vaut pas cher, je tâche de m'y adapter, faites-y autant  
la bar.

Et c'est ma réponse à votre confiance, strictement confidentielle, <sup>aussi</sup> comme entendu.  
Que votre situation ne soit partoujours gaie, je le comprends, Des prières ont été amenés dans l'ouest  
sans grand discernement. Ils s'ennuient et ils enruient. Je n'y puis rien; j'ai accommodé cette  
catégorie d'hommes pendant 30 ans. à 57 ans, j'ai acquis le droit à un peu de tranquillité.

Respectueusement. J. H. Salavin p. h.



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Cardston, Alberta,  
June 14, 1935.

Monsieur,

I was unable to answer back any sooner your very kind letter and your kind endorsement of June the fifth inst.

Now, I send you back the endorsement (to be remailed, if deemed necessary) and the slip the Bank manager gave me this morning and which I sign in case you or else we decide to proceed forward with the projected deal.

Yet I must say that I am in a quandary.

I never dealt like that in my life; I used to pay straight cash, but now, I can't.

Besides, here is my situation from the financial standpoint =

The projected car is "a two door standard Sedan" that's what, I think, they call it, and does not cost initially 922<sup>00</sup> but about 890<sup>00</sup>.

The 1930 Ford I am using is rated 325<sup>00</sup> and I can give 200<sup>00</sup> in cash at once, and there remains the balance to be paid: Why? and How? It would appear, by the paper of the Bank I transmit to you, that it is left to my good faith and to the amount of my present or actual disponibilities.



At present: this is what they will be: After having disposed of ~~it~~  
 there will remain, at my disposal, 37 dollars and eighty-two cents, and,  
 at the moment, I must have unhampered use of all my little funds.  
 You know that in July till the middle of August, I will be busy about the  
 summer catechisms: It means one <sup>day</sup> of the week at "the gap". 70 miles, a mini-  
 mum, one day, at St. Stephen's; 32 miles, also, a minimum: and the Sunday  
 or extra trips (sick calls) besides: that means 4.50<sup>t</sup> for gas and oil,  
 every week and any emergency repair <sup>besides</sup> ~~for~~ that.

to cover that up: I have 25<sup>00</sup> from the Hospital runs: the Mass stipends,  
 and the Sunday collections averaging 2.50<sup>t</sup>: I can't expect any revenue  
 for the moment, from other sources.

In the fall, I hope to be able to do something: I am trying to sell my  
 grey team. I have decided to call on my people for some help, and, I think,  
 they will help; and, in the winter, I make only the trips connected with  
 ministry when I can make them. So they, I will make a point to lessen as  
 much and as fast as possible "cette dette d'honneur" Good Lord in Heaven!  
 the first in my life.

I thoroughly, <sup>dislike the idea</sup> considering my circumstances here, to have the work of the mission  
 tied up on account of that machine; and as well, on account of that, to deal  
 with those banks. and so, an idea came to me, and do not shake me too much





when I unfold it.

You spoke to me, when we met on that 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, about the Revd. Fr. Smith, "the cure de la cathédrale," as being not only a devoted priest but a sensible man. Now, if he can sign a cheque for 375. I will pay the balance to him, besides giving him a little interest on the loan: thus the funds will stay between ourselves. I can take a bank book here in his name putting in it the instalments to the prorata of the actual disponibilities till all is paid up and, of course, that such arrangements does not leak out. And there is an "exposé" as truthful as possible of the whole situation. You were entitled to it because you are our "oversee" and still more because your kind <sup>offer</sup> of help is the first sensible mark of consideration I have received here past thirty years; and I will abide by your decision. The Report asked by your Circular of June the 5<sup>th</sup> in regard to the "Holy Year exercises" will follow within 36 hours.

Respectfully.

J. M. Salainy p<sup>te</sup>



Cardston, Alta.

June 26. 1935.

Monseigneur.

Le nouveau V. 8. Ford 1935. Sedan Standard, est au Garage de l'Eglise St<sup>e</sup> Thérèse. Cardston depuis hier 8.30. P.M.

Il a coûté 897 dollars, sans assurance

Sur cette machine, ont été payés: 325 dollars, valeur donnée de la vieille Ford<sup>1930</sup> plus 200 dollars comptant:  $325 + 200 = 525$  dollars payés.

restent  $897 - 525 = 272$  dollars qui restent à payer, avec 6% d'intérêt. Je commencerai à solder ce reliquat en fuitlet - ci - 25 piastres et ainsi de suite. J'espère pouvoir nous libérer vers Pâques prochaines. Nos braves gens vont m'aider à l'automne et ils me l'ont dit; et ils le feront. Je puis compter sur eux.

Grâce à votre bienheureuse et bienfaisante caution, ce n'est plus tant une affaire de question de bonne foi et d'honneur; c'est un "Gentlemen's Agreement", et Monseigneur, soyez-en Ceni. La Banque fera, en pratique ce que je veux. Si je payer 10 piastres; bene; si je peux payer 80; ce sera bien encore.

Merci. Monseigneur.

J. M. Salain, p.



Cardston. Alta.  
June 1<sup>st</sup> Inst, 1926

My Lord.

1<sup>o</sup> Re the proposed exchange of property at Waterton Lakes, you find enclosed herewith, a clipping from the Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo number of the Sethbridge Daily Herald.

Said clipping speaks for itself and, apparently, settles pretty well, at least for the time being, the question we spoke of the few minutes you were here last week.

If I didn't say more about it, it was because of the churchman who was there standing while we started speaking on the matter.

The "De Cuyus" is a stranger to me and I don't think I ever met him and I disliked the idea of having this man prowling around while we were talking "administration".

11: I was in the new oil "del Bonita" district yesterday for mass.

(the second time) I go out there only on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

Said district is 45 miles East of here; about 36 miles West of Milk River village, about 30 miles South of M<sup>r</sup> Grath. Next time, I go there, is on the fifth Sunday of August.

another topic of discussion, and should you be in need of extra explanation. You know now that I will do my best.

Monseigneur, respectfully.

J. M. Salasin p<sup>re</sup>



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 72.130

Cardston, Alta.

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> inst 1937

Order sent  
per 60

Monseigneur,

Your letter of the sixth<sup>th</sup> inst. came to me about 3 hours ago and with it the enclosure.

To do the work in this district when climatic conditions allow it, we must use between 90 and 100 gallons of gas. quite an item with the accessories.

We distributed fairly well all over the districts, Bibles, Bibles histories, Missals, Catechisms, by now. Ever Del Donita on the 6<sup>th</sup> we drove out there, a boy and myself; a trip indeed, snow on the ground, snow above our heads; we made that trip in 10 hours.

My idea here is to "pool" our good wills and resources; and it works. Del Donita are somewhat left out. So I told the people "We must help the Del Donita people." ("Sure, Father, you go ahead, we help them:"). When you are successful in getting a decent sort of priest for those parts, he will have plenty to do: right now: 40 Baptisms: Absolute or conditional from 5 to 19 years of age. The Annals came. Distributed already with the beginning of an organization: "Two or three on the same book, do not destroy them. We make these the beginnings of a parochial library." I am positive now that the letter "Rerum novarum" was more than welcome, and that ideas will be exchanged over it. We will improve on that too. I would like at 1. Two Diocesan orders 1938. Direct the one who took after that to mail to me these. Now, Monseigneur, you go ahead; we are behind you, to be sure.

Respectfully,

J.M. SALLAUN. *JMS*





2

St. Theresa  
Cardston

Parish of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus  
Cardston, P.O.

PARISH DEBTS.

Purpose of Loan	Date of Maturity	By whom held	Rate of Interest	Interest Dates	Interest Unpaid	Amount of Principal
<u>Notes (Bank and other Loans)</u>						
<u>Mortgages</u>						
<u>Chancery Loans</u>						
<p>The loan from the Chancery to St. Theresa's Church, Cardston amounts then to: 6196.<sup>#</sup>40<sup>+</sup></p> <p>We furnished the church on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1935 with 6 Benches 10 feet long. We Paid 72.<sup>#</sup>95 for them, and we have the receipts.</p> <p>Drawers for vestments and Altar Cens donated by the nuns from Indian Hospital.</p>						
<u>Current Debts unpaid at Dec. 31, 1937 and exceeding \$50.00</u>						
<p>In this place, all accounts are paid at once. There are no arrears to be settled. It is a 35 year old policy</p>						

Pastor.



1  
St. Theresa  
Cardston

Parish or Mission St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus  
Cardston Pa.

To Most Reverend Francis P. Carroll,  
Bishop of Calgary.

Following is my report of the Assets and Liabilities of  
this parish or Mission as at December 31st 1937, viz:

ASSETS

Lot 3. Block 34. Plan 1793E

Land: North St. Mik-aheston South.  
Frontage 60 Feet on Red Crow Street by depth of 170 Feet

" N.B. Strip 60x10 was sold to late "E. DUCE" for 43% used to pay Policy 17828 (Insurance) on Church  
" to "Guigley" Agencies. Policy dropped 3 months later.  
Receipt for same: dated March 22<sup>d</sup> 1935 Signed R.W. ANDERSON

Cemetery:  
acres in None

Cost	Estimated Assessed Value
	480.00
	Not assessed

Buildings:

	Date of Construction	Cost	Estimated Value	Value of Contents
<u>Church</u>	1928-1929	Item from Chancery by Rev. Reces C. not from Cardston	6196.40 <sup>+</sup>	the same
<u>Residence</u>	No Residence.			Priest Uses 2 little rooms at the back of Church
<u>Hall</u>				
<u>Outbuildings</u>	<u>Garage</u>	120 dollars	12.5 dollars	V8. 1935 900 dollars
<u>School (If parish property)</u>				

Other Assets:

Balance at Bank, December 31st 1937 (Current Account)	
Balance at Bank, December 31st 1937 (Special Accounts)	
Invested Funds (Bonds, Notes etc.)	
Automobile etc. (if parish property) <u>Priest's personal property</u>	900 dollars



1912

To the Hon. Secy of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Sir:

1912

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein.



The Bureau is unable to give you the information desired at this time, but will endeavor to obtain the same as soon as possible.



Very respectfully,  
W. A. Rorer,  
Chief Clerk.

Very truly yours,  
W. A. Rorer,  
Chief Clerk.



*St. Stephens*

Parish or Mission *St. Stephen's, Cairns, Pa.*  
(*the Norman Harrisville*)  
*J.M.S.*

To Most Reverend Francis P. Carroll,  
Bishop of Calgary.

Following is my report of the Assets and Liabilities of  
this parish or Mission as at December 31st 1937, viz:

**ASSETS**

Land: *Legal subdivision 5, in Section 2, Township 2  
Range 26, W. 4th Meridian.*  
Frontage *Foot on* *Street by depth of* Feet  
40 acres originally donated by the Department  
for church purposes. Now divided in three.  
Cemetery: 1: *27* acres *South*  
2: *2* acres *for the road taken over by the Department*  
*included in the 3 acres in for church property proper. North*  
10 acres

Cost	Estimated or Assessed Value
\$ Donation by the Interior Department	<i>Nothing definite yet question of property to be settled first to be known later</i>
\$ Cemetery seven acre	<i>When the 27<sup>th</sup> acre has been paid by John Slyshak and transfer legally made</i>

Date of Construction	Cost	Estimated Value	Value of Contents
<i>First church in 1899. I think.</i>			
<i>rebuilt May, June 1907.</i>	<i>275.00</i>	<i>to day 500 dollars</i>	<i>175 dollars</i>
<i>I know I was there</i>			

Buildings:  
Church Re. Building *16x18*  
Residence *addition 10x10*  
Hall  
Outbuildings  
School (if parish property)

Other Assets: *Government paid for land. 2 acres 13. taken for the road, with fencing and wiring. 121.90¢. But Chancery paid taxes on land for ten years.*  
Balance at Bank, December 31st 1937 (Current Account)  
Balance at Bank, December 31st 1937 (Special Accounts) *We change that pretty soon by giving back 135 dollars to be paid by John Slyshak for 27.38. south of the new road. the status of the remaining*  
Invested Funds (Bonds, Notes etc.)  
Automobile etc. (if parish property)

*No account of any part our way is clear*

*10 acres will be settled later. and they, we hope that matters will run normally under order and discipline. as monies for renting of land have been collected and used without proper authority before*

*J.M.S.*



Cardston, Alta.,  
June 11. inst

My Lord.

This is an acknowledgment of your welcome letter of June 8<sup>th</sup> in regard to the Lakes "Waterloo" I just wrote the Revd J. Jacob, of St-Henry's, who will do service there, this summer, to write me as soon as possible, and then, we both go and canvass the situation, so, that when the Revd Jacob goes for your mid-July retreat, he will be in position to hand over to your Lordship a written report of our findings. He will collaborate, but I will write the report myself. And we will do our best; yet it is a pretty hard task to make a good job out of a bad piece of work.

As to "Del Bonita" I can't say anything definite. I don't know the place myself. But when I can offer a decent view of the situation, I will do it. It may take some months yet. For the priest at Cardston, it means a 110 miles trip, both ways.

Well. Monseigneur, Best wishes; when we see our way clear you can rely on us.

Respectfully,

J. M. Salainy p<sup>re</sup>



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 OF ALBERTA  
 ACC. 72.130



Cardston, Alta.

May 19<sup>th</sup> inst. 1938

Monseigneur.

Enclosed herewith Blanks forwarded to us re "Church material standing: and filled, properly I hope, in compliance with your explicit directions.

The following remarks are for your personal guidance.

- I: Those responsible for the erection of St. Theresa's church, Cardston, didn't show very great intelligence neither any competent "savoir-faire" not to speak of mal-administration of funds trusted by good Christians. That building is wearing out, and you will realize it when I state that since January up to now and after the cellar has been constantly flooded. I have tried some repairs and will try some other, when it clears up, but with remote hope of success.
- II: This, call for the eventual appointment of a successor to the present incumbent. on the coming June 11<sup>th</sup> I will be 62. Although, I like it, my physical strength would sooner or later render me unable to cover with the proper amount of efficiency a territory 65 miles long (East-West) especially during the terrible winter driving. We could discuss the matter in the personal interview we could have. Right now, I can say this much; for your peace of mind, do not appoint in a place like Cardston "Any Reverend Anybody". The man who is to come here must be endowed with virtues.

- III: Your insistence of having list with made is very finely and wise. Now, my earthly possessions are: 1: Automobile. 2: Radio 1937. 3: out moded phone. 4: Royal Bank account, 11<sup>00</sup> 05. 5: A Library with a 15.2 dollar mantle piece. 6: Few articles of wearing apparel. and that's all. If you think it is worth to be kept in your vault. Beyond enough to let me know. Also a 30 dollars Chalice. (prix d'arant guerre)
- Now, I don't deprive anybody, and if you could spare some, I would like that some masses are trusted to me. I am just out.

Respectfully,

J. M. Salaun  
b. 1870



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ACC.

I have to relate to you an experience that took place, at the Whiskey Gap, yesterday.

You still remember other experiences of my last Del Bonita trip. The people to whom I will refer, live 6 1/2 miles east of Shanks Lake, <sup>6 miles from</sup> ~~6 miles from~~ Uter, yesterday came for Mass. at the school house, a catholic lady, Mrs David Yates and her two daughters, 11, 12 years, unbaptized, and to whom, I sent, 2 weeks previous, catechism, prayer books and four Catechism by correspondence leaflets sent promptly and gladly by the Catholic Welfare Bureau. I was acquainted only after Mass of the real purpose of her coming. She wanted to have the two girls baptized at once. I told her very quietly that it was impossible for me, at the moment to take the responsibility.

She said: Can I have them baptized at Lethbridge? Answer: I don't see why not; Besides, the Lethbridge clergy is directly the cause of this awkward state of affairs.

Mrs D. Yates said again: My niece was baptized at Milk River, 30 miles East. I answered: I was convinced that the logical place for you people out there was to go to that mission where there is a local resident priest.

He is away east now on holidays. <sup>said the</sup> It don't change, said I, the point of the matter: I am 62 miles from you here, and can't come on week days owing to my duties to the nuns of the Indian Hospital. The priest from Milk River is 30 miles away and could come on week days.

and the woman departed saying: I know you have done your Best, But Baptism is delayed too long, I will have to call on the minister who is to blame? Obviously, those self-styled advisers who were at that said responsible for ill timed, unfortunate, arrangements when, moreover, they are not biased.

He. I have said, this calls for a decision. Respectfully, J.M. Monseigneur

rest to see

Lethbridge Bureau

Cardston Alta  
August 1st. imk 1968

J.M. Monseigneur

I was at the Del Bonita District yesterday July 31st.

Left this filthy Cardston at 8.15 A.M. Had a flat tire on impossible country roads at 10.30. Was ready to go at 11.15, made 3 vitch and was at 11.45 Quetzie, Shanks Lake at 1.10 P.M. arranged everything for Mass at 1.45. Could be very Mass at 2 P.M. Baptized conditionally of her due profession of faith a girl 16 years old. and they a little boy 3 years old. Could have breakfast at 4.45 P.M. Then went with Mr B. Gething 5 miles further east to get acquainted with Mrs David Yates who has girls 12 and 14 to be baptized. Made arrangements and was back



Monsieur...

6 Sept 1938

Your card of August 30. came to me the very day I wrote you about the Del Bonita district.

I thank you for the 25 Masses. Intentions as stated and Memento for the donor will be dutifully carried out. Masses will be acquitted beginning the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.

Now explanations you must have to get a clear view of the Del Bonita case.

1. My first visit to Mrs S. Yates was on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> regular monthly mass at the Gap. She came with her two daughters to mass, at the end of which took place the dialogue you read in my first letter.
2. These people live 6 miles of Shanks Lake, East, about 30 miles from Milk River, 62 miles from Cardston.
3. The priest at Milk River is a perfect stranger to me. I did not know his name and don't know the nature and extent of his responsibilities.
4. Maddey, now of Vancouver, came to my house at Cardston with Bishop Monahan (who left for Regina two or three weeks afterwards). Then, I was directed to attend to that far-flung district which (I actually visit on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when roads are passable). If that Maddey wanted to do some missionary work, there was his opportunity. He had too obviously no qualifications to make suggestions to the lawful authority.
5. Mrs S. Yates address: is. M<sup>rs</sup> DAVID YATES, DELBONITA P.O. ALTA.
6. Essential remark, so not to implicate anybody unduly, that district simply was not extended to, and the Yates case might help in that respect.

ask my Norma Apece at 8.45 P.M.  
Was here at the point. If the print at this place  
was not tied up to the local Bank of money, I  
would not object to go and say Mass at 52  
miles from here. Because I could do it in a week  
days. And people handled properly are good, and the  
Del Bonita people are fine. At this I can't do it.  
Uninteresting as these runs are, we must do the  
right thing. No sensibility here, it is a point of  
duty.

So, Monsieur, you have shown material for me to  
and you know by now the ins and outs of  
the Diocese of Calgary, and your last letters are  
those old "things" who know their place and who have  
a territorial ambition.

at Del Bonita trip cost me 24 dollars 85 cts  
Monsieur. send me few Masses, if you can.

ATM. Inland



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Re. S. Stephens' deed. If you remember I suggested to  
you some weeks ago that when you receive the tax notes  
for the property, be good enough to <sup>send</sup> the prospective  
buyer here would foot the tax notes as first down payment.  
Besides, we have to wait for the crop returns for larger pay-  
ments.

And I carefully keep in one drawer in my desk the power  
of attorney you gave me as well as the deed of transfer.  
When we deal with ruralists, we have to take our time.

In fine, I am not due to Del Bonita before the fifth Sunday  
October the 30th. Evidently, I will abide by your directions.

Respectfully,  
Yours,

J. M. Salain Jr.





Dear Father Malama

Sept 8, 1938

I thank you for your letter of September 5th  
concerning the case. I think  
you are right. I will be right on  
yourself. I don't want to be a  
present time, I have no friends, and I told you I had  
little hope of getting any. I don't want to be  
serving territories far too scattered and wide. I want  
make re-divisions when I get help, and I don't want  
first. Until then, I will have to ask you, with the help of the  
good Lord, to do the best you can with the situation.

The tax-bill for Harrisville has not come. Instead, I received  
to relate for a new-found efficiency, I received only the enclosed  
assessment notice. Now we know on what we are to be taxed. But I don't  
think you need worry about. When the tax-bill arrives, I will let you  
know.

With sincere good wishes,

B. P. Malama



Mrs. David Yates,  
Del Bonita,  
Alberta

Dear Mrs. Yates:

Father Salama of Carleton, who visits your territory on occasion, has written me about your difficulty in obtaining a priest to baptize your children. I regret to learn of this difficulty. Moreover I do not quite understand why you have met with it, especially when you have made such efforts. Would you kindly write me the reason, and I will do everything I can to have a priest visit you and baptize this winter.

I regret that scarcity of clergy does not allow me to send a priest into the Del Bonita territory more frequently. I hope to be able to do so. As I am unfamiliar with the territory, you might tell me how far from Calgary your place is.

With sincere good wishes, and asking God to bless you in your efforts to practice your religion,

I am,

Yours cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Calgary



Mr. J. H. ...  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. ...

I received your letter of ... and  
with great regret. I am not quite sure that I can  
do. The only thing I can do is to ...  
of 22 miles from the ...  
in ...  
to ...  
and that I thought ...  
find ...  
cannot present ...

Thank you very much for ...  
that you are ...

Could you ...  
with me to ...

It is some time ...  
in the ...  
a ...  
has ...  
would like to ...

Sincerely,  
...

Very truly,  
...



Cardston, Alta.  
Juillet. 5. 41

JUL 8 1941

Monsieur.

I do acknowledge the reception of your circular of a few days ago directing us to have special prayers said for the general welfare of this Dominion. On that very Sunday, owing to heavy rains, I didn't go out, and so said prayers requested by you, said in private. The Ottawa protestants are nothing to me. I also received the Epistles and Gospels of the year. (New translation) A gift from you. Merci!

The printing is familiar to me. The old edition has been in use here for these past 30 years. Sure enough; the translation could stand some corrections. The new one seems to be more fluent, clearer, more precise. The new book will have, of course, to bear the test of time. The poor old Ernest Renan used to say: "Sans mille ans, l'humanité défabriquer les livres: Homère et La Bible."

My principal aim at present is to help our good people to make the most of their God-given, and heavenly-given Books, (in sensu litterali) And they seem to appreciate it.

I made either a mistake or an oversight when I declared to the census-taker, a 19th woman of 86<sup>92</sup> and some cents. (the number I gave you) I was in no mood to receive that official (a woman) at 6.30 P.M. when I was having my evening meal. Said woman herself, obviously, was "on the go". I had told her sternly that I would answer her questions, if they were not beyond any limit. In the first figure, I had entered the gifts "ex natura" these good people supply me with, accounting, in money, to about \$250 a year, making the so-called income really 660<sup>00</sup> the figure you have given for us. In fact I settle that 660<sup>00</sup> tax regularly.

Thinking that matter over; possibly, we have not to worry unduly about the financial matter of books, as we are to undergo more than one <sup>year</sup> at every not distant future. Some mass intentions will be welcome. Thank you!

J. M. Voltaire pres.



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OF ALBERTA  
ACC. 72.130



JUL 23 1941

Cardston. Alta  
just had said

Monsieur.

I do acknowledge reception of your note, 14<sup>th</sup> inst concerning the second stipend of those who binak to be given for the Seminary fund.

Last year, I informed you that I never binated in my sacerdotal life, and for helping your vital seminarian institution we made a 10 dollar donation taken from the general funds of these missions, namely, St. Stephen's, and the Cap. Said help should be entered in your books in the name of these two missions, they deserve it. Enclosed you find a 10 dollar bill for the purpose as stated. The ordered collection will be taken, in due time, all the same.

I have said that I never binated. Now, it is my conviction that the local resident priest at Cardston will have to do so on Sundays when he has to be out and have that mass said at the chapel of the Indian Hospital. Routhier from Edmonton, with your approval no doubt, has been at the Indian "Petaudiere" for two weeks. If he don't move one or other of the two stationed at that place for too many years, the case of the O.M.I. is really hopeless. It is not the sending of the "native" J. Lynch, O.M.I. (Pincher Creek) that will help matters. Who, there, will train that youngster for that ministry? Nemo dat quod non habet. The same can be said of that "very strange" La Visitation" reshipped here, some who are not all Catholics are asking themselves why. A situation like this must be dealt with by men who are priests and not by grown up children who are only R.C. Preachers, and I gave you warnings enough these past years. It takes a man with stamina in him to put up with a situation such as this.

Absent from here from July 31 till 14 or 15 of August. Destination. St. Albert.

Yours truly  
M. Calain S.J.



*Sulach*

- 1 bed single .
- 1 mattress
- two blankets
- two comforters
- two pillows
- 1 flat top desk
- three chairs
- four tables small
- one small stool
- one electric floor lamp
- one stove
- one coal kettle
- one tea pot
- one waste paper basket
- one mantle clock
- two coal skuttles
- one small mirror
- one two burner electric stove
- one flat toaster
- one basin
- one pail
- three small basins
- one kettle
- one broom
- two rakes
- one mullage
- eight large plates
- eighteen saucers
- one pyrex dish
- one aluminum dish
- one glass dish
- three frying pans
- one double boiler
- one coffee grinder
- four preserving jars
- eight cups
- one scissors
- one tin cup
- one teaspoon
- one Sunlay Gospel Book
- one sugar bowl
- one hammer
- one kit tools - *6 pieces varied.*
- three gallons altar wine
- one hand sickle
- one blotter pad
- one blanket
- pillow cases (2)
- four towels
- linen (bed & face linen)
- one set door bell batteries

- Missals Rosaries  
Catechisms  
Medals
- CHURCH GOODS
- one laundry bag
  - one robe
  - one mouse trap
  - one soap dish
  - two rolls toilet paper
  - one box stationary

*The above is an inventory  
made by Fr. Harrold  
at Parhaleaux following  
the death of Fr. Sulach  
July 1942*



Cowley, Alta.,  
September 15, 1942.

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll, D.D.,  
910 - Seven A Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:-

Many thanks for your letter and the document for Cardston which I received in the mail yesterday morning.

I went to Cardston yesterday to look into things and told the Superior at the hospital that I will say Mass there and at St Stephen's on Sunday morning. You will likely be relieved to learn that the Superior told me that Father Salaun had been merely giving them Communion on Sunday mornings so that we ought to find it quite feasible to begin having regular weekly Masses on Sundays in the Cardston Church. You may be sure that I myself was quite agreeably surprised to learn that that difficulty is practically solved and that it rests with us only to be tactfully prudent to see that the former precedent of Sunday Mass at the hospital is not re-commenced. I will, of course, say Mass in the hospital this coming Sunday, only because I cannot get to see the people beforehand, but by the following Sunday, the 27th, it looks as if we ought to be able to make a normal beginning for the town of Cardston itself. I will keep you posted on the progress of things till the place begins to function smoothly and then, let's hope, that that part of the Diocese, famous for its Mormons and rum-runners will begin to become the abode of the real "children of God".

Cowley pastorate will be vacant next Sunday. If you are sending a priest, he will be met at the train and be assured of royal hospitality because I am leaving the housekeeper here till I can get settled in Cardston.

Please keep us in your prayers for a little while.

Yours sincerely and respectfully in Christ,

*S. Leaver*

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Very truly yours,  
[Signature]



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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC.

Box 516,  
Cardston, Alta.

Oct 5, 1942

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll, D.D.,  
910 - Seven A Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:-

I received your letter re the School Building at Whiskey Gap on my return here from Cowley. I am glad to hear that the matter is in the hands of Mr. McGuire and the officials at Edmonton. Government officials never seem to be in a hurry but we will have the assurance that the title is safe when the property has been paid for. In the meantime, we can still say Mass in the building despite our lack of ownership and the very inconvenience of the present arrangement will only urge the people to greater efforts for improvement once they have taken possession. I have written to Mr. Herzay at Whiskey Gap explaining the present condition of proceedings and will go down there one of these days very soon to see the people there.

I am enclosing the financial reports from Cowley and its missions and have done what I mentioned I would do in closing the books there by condoning the deficit. As I mentioned a year ago last January, the carrying and indication of the deficit from month to month and year to year was merely for bookkeeping purposes and to show a true state of the finances. I am sorry that I have not been able to send anything in the way of Cathedralium but nemo solvit quod non habet. I was away from Cowley on the Sunday of the Seminary Collection but the priest who succeeded me has likely sent in the returns. If you will keep the accounts open, I will see to it that something is sent in from Cardston and from Harrisville within the next six weeks for the Fund. The same can be said of Whiskey Gap but it might take a little longer because I want to notify them all in advance so that they will be ready.

I have succeeded in procuring a house in Cardston which though quite a distance from the church will do for the time being. Houses are rather difficult to get even in this town. The rent on this one is \$20.00 per month and it was the best one I





could get suitable for our purposes. However, it will meet the need for the time being and I am watching out for something better and reasonable in the meantime. There were one or two nearer to my work but the rents were \$30.00 and 35.00 and I would not think of them. Father Charron was very kind to me in the matter of finding a place and it was through his influence that I managed to get this house I now have. His cooperation is excellent and his help invaluable in getting started in a place like Cardston. Now that I have got settled I will have to pay rent in advance and deeply appreciate the offer of help you have made to me. I thank you particularly for having mentioned it in your recent letter relieving me of the duty of asking you for it.

With regards to the various funds for Harrisville and Whiskey Gap, there is no immediate rush for a settlement there as the weather will soon be such that building will be out of the question and when the time comes for making alterations or repairs to put the Gap building into condition for Mass, I will let you know and keep you informed about expenditures. In the meantime, St Stephen's fund can gather interest and the administrators may cogitate fully and maturely on the Salaun estate.

Things are going well here. There is Mass daily at the hospital at 6.15; on Sundays at the Cardston church (weekly) at 9.00; at Harrisville at 11.00 on the first three Sundays of the month and at Whiskey Gap on the 4th Sunday. I have not as yet decided what to do with the fifth Sunday when it comes. The nuns' confessions are on Wednesday afternoons and I am following, for the present, the list of Benedictions they have here which were approved in Montreal for them by Bisnop Gauthier. The superior does not hold me to these but there is no present reason for making a change and it apparently accomodates them and makes things go smoothly. Adjustments can be made as need requires.

I think this is all I can think of for the present and I will inform you of developments as they evolve.

Yours sincerely and respectfully in Christ,

*Synarius Leves*



December 10th, 1942

Rev. J. Weaver,  
P. O. Box 115,  
Cardston, Alta.

Dear Father Weaver:-

Thank you for your letter of December 8th.

According to the Title Deed for the Cardston church, the property originally consisted of 30ft x 170ft which is part of lot 3, block 84 Cardston 1793E. "commencing at the North-west corner of the said lot, thence east along the northern boundary sixty feet, thence south parallel to the western boundary one hundred and seventy feet, thence east parallel to said northern boundary sixty feet thence north along said western boundary to the place of commencement".

In May 1938 Father Salam wrote that a strip of this property had been sold to E. Duce, at a date unstated, and the price received was used to pay insurance on the church. That this information is correct is evident from the memorandum registered against the title deed:-

"S16' Margaret F. Duce 47K199 - 16 March 1938". Which I take to mean that the southern 16 feet were sold to Margaret F. Duce on March 16th 1938 and that her title to it is 47K199.

It would be well to make sure that the property you think has been taken is not this piece which was sold in 1938. If more has sold later, there is no record on the title which of course does not mean that no sale has been made. We would have to search the title at the Lands Titles Office to find this out.

I have had no word of the Whiskey Gap property. Nor has there been anything about the the conclusion of the Salam estate.

There were no financial records kept by Father Salam, he wrote on envelopes the amount received and its destination. I was present when his rooms were first entered after his death, and all this was handed over to the administrators of his estate for which I received a receipt. Some of this money was marked for the building fund of "L. St. John's", some, I think, for Whiskey Gap, and some was personal. The executors were to deposit the church funds in the church account at Cardston, and when the estate was settled the personal funds I will authorize you to take over the account. The personal funds and gifts to the estate will be used to pay funeral expenses, hospital, etc.

I have been asked by the priest attending Cotley for the financial books? Did you leave them in the rectory?

With sincere regards,  
Yours cordially in Christ,



Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
December 10, 1942,

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll, D.D.,  
910 - 7 A - Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency: -

I am writing to give you the details regarding the slice of land which has been removed from the south end of the church property here and of which I spoke to you on the 17th of last month in Lethbridge. This deduction consists of a strip of land 60 feet by (about) 10 feet, and thereupon has been placed a fence (of sorts and by no means of permanent structure) and the line fence has been advanced north so as to show some sort of possession. How long this situation has obtained I cannot say but I was first informed of ~~the~~ the fact by Father Ruau of Brocket who told me that Father McCormick had either lent or bestowed the piece of property on his neighbor to the south. The irregularity is quite in evidence to anyone observing the lot because our south fence is about ten feet out of line (and to the north) with the south fence of the Municipal Hospital property which adjoins us on the east.

Yesterday I inquired at the Town Hall and they showed me the records which describe the church lot as follows; Lot 3 Block 34; West 60 feet of North 170 feet, Plan 1/93 E. Apart from the above story of the illegal, word-of-mouth transaction and the ocular evidence I have described above, I have also taken the trouble to measure the length of our lot and found it to be about ten feet short of 170 feet. You will note that I do not put down a precise figure for the width of the purloined strip of land.

The Town Engineer informed me that the adjacent lot in question to the south of us is the property of Mrs. Margaret Duce, 37 East 6 North, Provo, Utah. She rents the place to others directly and without any intermediary agent. Now it so happens that one Bishop (sic) Duce extorted \$500.00 from Bishop Kidd for our church property and it seems a shame to think that another Duce might regain possession of a part of it by either theft or prescription. There is plenty of room for a garage on their own property at the south side of their lot at the other side of their house; in fact, there is about 30 feet of vacant frontage for that purpose if they choose to use it. Their property has a frontage of 58 feet and a depth of about 230 feet so that they have no reason to covet about 600 square feet of our little \$500.00 lot, every square foot of which will be needed in case some day it may be found necessary to build a

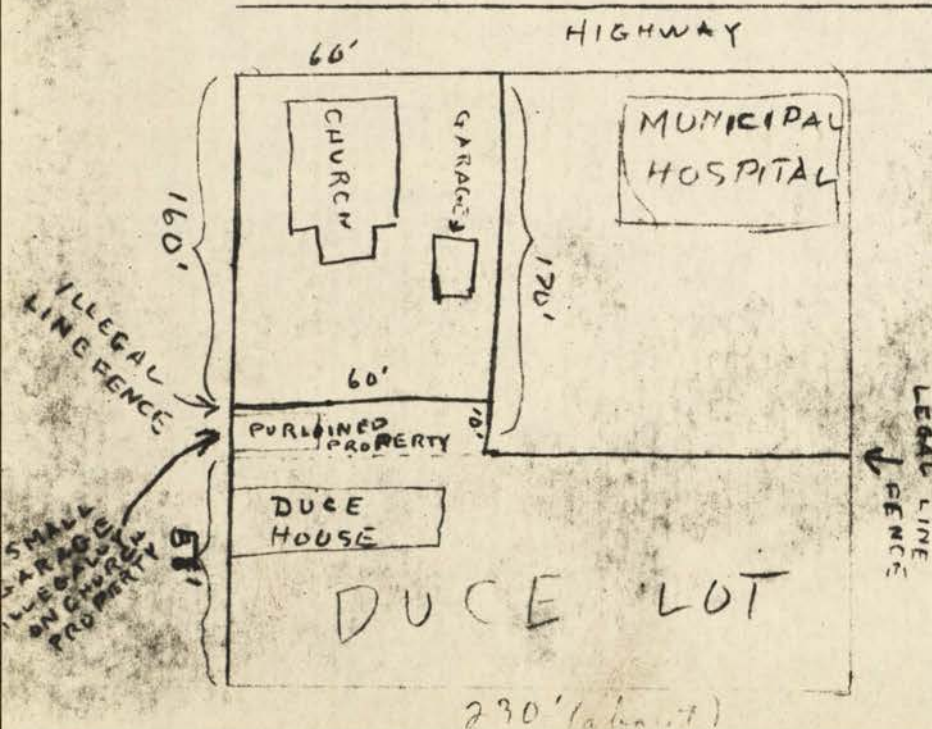


rectory to the south of the church, and there is just about the proper space for one provided the lot is left intact and in its entirety.

I had thought that this matter might be cleared up in the spring when I expected the present tenant to move out but it so happens that he has suddenly bought a house in town and is right now on the point of vacating the property. Incidentally, he is not a Mormon. His decision to move was made so suddenly that I am quite sure that there is no prospective tenant as yet in sight and I think that a speedy communication with Mrs Duce is now in order and will settle the matter with no inconvenience to anyone while the place is vacant. I don't think that we have anything to fear from public opinion here because the Mormons are quite anxious that "Gentiles" among them should get a square deal and this present situation is such an example of injustice - though, perhaps in good faith. I am quite confident that there will be no disagreeable repercussions from any action of ours to regain what is rightfully ours. Perhaps if Mr. J.B. McGuire were to write Mrs. Duce at the earliest convenient moment, she could have the shack of a garage removed to another part of her property and move back the line fence to its proper and legal place before she lets the house to a new tenant.

I am submitting the above for your information with the hope that we will be able to clear up the error satisfactorily, trusting that I have omitted no essential data. In collecting the above details I have been very careful to give no suspicion as to my reason for seeking them. I herewith add a rough sketch of the properties.

### BLOOD - HOSPITAL - PROPERTY



Sincerely and respectfully in Christ,

*A. Leaver*

Ps. Has anything further been done about the School-House property at Whiskey Gap?

*A. L.*



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Dear Sir,  
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and I am sorry to hear that you are unable to visit here, which may change the complexion of the matter coming to a decision. I will await your further instructions.

Mr. Sturges first gave me information about the sale of the property, in 1938. That a sale was reported in the property, in 1933 is evident from the title. I would like to see if I could get more definite information. 1933 would be Mr. Sturges' first year in Calgary. But I will await further word from you.  
Kind regards,  
Francis P. Carroll

Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
March 11, 1943.

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll, D.D.,  
910 - 7a Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:-

I mentioned in my last letter that I would let you know just as soon as the goods arrived from the Extension Society and I got them yesterday: well packed and well chosen. The package came by freight shipped - according to the CPR bill of lading - on February 13th so that it was rather slow travelling but safe. I am certainly quite pleased with all that they sent which includes a small chalice, some vestments, linens (various), Benediction stole and burse and a Mission Kit complete except for the missal and missal-stand (however, these last can be substituted for the time being) and then, besides, a collection of odds and ends including pamphlets and books; two pairs of wool socks for the Father's feet and two pieces of soap for behind the Father's ears. I nearly forgot, also, a very beautiful humeral veil. I wish to thank you very much for your kind suggestion about all this material in the first place. They sent generously and very much more than we asked for or even could have dreamed of receiving.

The weather and the roads have been none too good around here for the past two months. Harrisville has been accessible only twice since the beginning of the year but we will make up for it when the roads straighten out.

Yours sincerely and respectfully in Christ,

*J. Leaver*  
P.S. I wrote Miss Carson & am writing again to thank them for the package etc.



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Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
Nov. 16, 1943

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll, D.D.,  
910 - 7a Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:-

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th regarding Forty Hours Devotion for the Sisters at the hospital here. I have interviewed the Sister Superior and she will be very glad to await your list of dates for the Forty Hour and follow whatever date you assign on that list. We will await its publication.

I hope that the following will not appear "too sudden". I have discovered the possibility of building another room of real convenient size above what I am now using as a kitchen without in any way interfering with the present interior or exterior architecture. It will be a decided asset and is quite necessary in view of the miniature quarters here. You will remember how very small they are. I propose to build a stairway above and in line with the entrance to the basement; the stairway to which is already enclosed and provides an enclosure to the proposed stairway to the second floor. A serviceable floor of common lumber and walls of some light material will provide a comfortable room about 12 X 10. Do you think that you could afford me some financial assistance in this project? It will be a lasting asset and I hesitate to ask the few here for more money after their generous efforts this summer in the exterior and interior decorating of the church. Incidentally, this is the first opportunity I have had to acquaint you with the shingling and painting of the church at Harrisville. It has now a new roof of red and walls of white; the first bit of repair work since 1905, a gem of cleanliness and respectability before the eyes of "the Saints". I would like to begin with the upper room as soon as possible. Would you consider my request?

Yours sincerely and respectfully in Christ, *J. Leaver*

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll, D.D.,  
910 - 7a Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:

Many thanks for the faculty-booklets received in last evening's mail; also for the correspondence between Your Excellency and the Jesuit Provincial. You did send me a copy of your letter to him along with the document of incardination.

I am enclosing a Royal Bank M.O. for \$24.75 being \$5.50 from Cardston, \$14.25 from Harrisville and \$5.00 from the Blood Reserve Hospital, proceeds from the collection for the Propagation of the Faith. I am enclosing the names for the Annals on a separate sheet.

Regarding the Diocesan Faculties and my will and testament, the will, for what it is worth, is at present in my safe-deposit box at the Royal Bank here. If it is a sine qua non that a priest be one of the executors and none such appears on my will at present, I suppose I had better make the change.

In a recent circular letter you asked us to decide for your approval a date for Forty-Hours devotion. Due to local circumstances I find it difficult to decide on any date. The faithful are so few for adoration; the winter weather is inclement and fuel short; the spring and fall are busy for the farmers and the sisters are mostly away during the summer. However, I think that I can persuade the Sister Superior to have the Devotion at the hospital chapel where we keep the Blessed Sacrament and a winter date could be set. I will talk to her about it and write you very soon.

Yours sincerely and respectfully in Christ, *J. Leaver*

Box 31b,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
Oct. 26, 1943.

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Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
November 27, 1943.

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll, D.D.,  
910 - 7a Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency: -

I am writing this from Brocket where, as Father Crepeau has already told you, I am doing a retreat for the pupils and other Indians. I mention this because this is the reason for my delay in answering your letter of the 18th.

Many thanks for your encouragement about Harrieville. It was badly in need of the repairs we gave it and the farmers all helped and thereby nullified the bill for labor though, as usual, they wasted paint to some extent due to their inexperience. Everybody is pleased with the result and the appearance is a source of edification. It cost just a few dollars (1 or 2) over a hundred but we have raised about \$45.00 this fall by voluntary subscription.

With regard to the room above my present quarters at Cardston here, it will in no way affect the appearance of the building either exteriorly or interiorly. I have to add nothing outside or inside of the present lay-out. It is only that I have discovered a space between the sacristy-roof and ceiling large enough for a good sized room by laying a floor over the rafters and putting up walls of light material. However, it will not be cheap in appearance and yet it will be lasting and a real asset. The expenses will be less than a hundred dollars for lumber, paint, lighting apparatus and other accessories and this counts in stairs as well which will run in the stair-well already in existence containing the cellar-stairs which has always been enclosed and lends itself excellently to our purpose. The whole thing is just one of those spaces which architects don't develop because unnecessary to their plans but which are quite inevitable in a building the size of ours here. There is always ample space under a roof with a large span and that space in this case was just disregarded. Perhaps you will have an opportunity of seeing it when you come to St Mary's School on the 8th of next month. Whatever you can do to help me in this will be much appreciated because I don't want to ask the few Cardston people for any more just at this time after the painting of the church this summer. What I am proposing now will always be useful whether in the future the priest lives where I do now or elsewhere.

You asked me about Whiskey Gap and Del Bonita. I have done as you directed this summer while the weather was good. I visited them and I said Mass three times at Whiskey Gap and the last time the attendance was about 20 with 12 Communion; three of the 20, however, ordinarily come to and live nearer to Cardston. At the two previous Masses there was a more handful as they all found themselves busy. This uncertainty of attendance leaves the matter of a chapel still a future possibility.

Regarding the Del Bonita people, I have visited them twice this summer and there doesn't seem to be more than about a half-dozen Catholics; two of them being the wives of non-Catholics without children and two others being an old gentleman, Allen, (living with his Mormon daughter-in-law) and Allen's daughter who is ill with paralysis in Magrath hospital at present and whom Father Dupanloup visits when he goes to Magrath. Your Excellency's anxiety about the Del Bonita Catholics is something of a mystery to me and it makes me wonder whether my knowledge of them is deficient or whether there is somebody down there who grumbles to you without reason. I can assure you that no one from that district has ever come to see me in Cardston and I know that they do come in for shopping and other things. I have done what I reasonably thought was the proper thing and my duty so that I think the good Lord will be not be hard either on you or me in their regard. I hope we will have an opportunity of talking about these people when you come south next month.

Yours sincerely and respectfully in Christ.

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Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
February 20, 1946.

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll,  
916 - 7a Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:-

With this letter I am sending two cheques for the Holy Father's appeal for the children made destitute by war-conditions. One for \$202.83 represents what was collected variously. The second for \$100.00 made out to Your Excellency for this purpose is from Mr. Peter Zubach. The total is \$302.83.

What makes the amount of the returns from here remarkable is entirely due to the generosity and efforts of Mr. Zubach who, besides his cheque, took upon himself the task of going from door to door on the Main street of Cardston, soliciting for the cause. In all, he collected in this way \$138.33 on Saturday evening and Monday morning. This is why I have delayed the returns till today instead of mailing them on Sunday evening. Having come to this country in his early youth from an oppressed part of Europe (Slovakia under Hungary, 1895), Mr. Zubach naturally feels quite keenly the plight of children over there and his feelings have borne fruit in this way. It goes without saying that I am very pleased to be able to send you the enclosed cheques but it is Mr. Zubach to whom the credit is due apart from the increase from Cardston and Harrisville.

In accordance with your request for early returns, I am sending what I have at present but I think there should be a little more later on.

The following is a list of the items and sources:-

Grey Nuns, Blood Reserve Hospital.....	\$ 5.00
St Teresa's, Cardston, . . . . .	54.00
St Stephen's, Harrisville, . . . . .	25.50
Collected by Mr. Peter Zubach, . . . . .	138.33
Donated by Peter Zubach, . . . . .	100.00
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Sincerely and respectfully yours in Christ,

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D. Leaver

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA	
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February 11th, 1947

Rev. E. Weaver,  
P.O. Box 315,  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Father Leaver:-

Thank you for your letter of February 5th. It is well to have the details of the debt in the parish files, so that it can be entered on the annual reports, or at least added as an item. Although there is little hope of getting it back, something may occur whereby some of it may come back, as has happened in a number of other cases.

It seems to me that the Cardston debt is due to the fact that the priest in charge - Rev. D. Moreau - at the time had no more interest in the erection of the church than he has now. He is so uninterested in things ecclesiastical that neither his own family or myself know where he is. He was succeeded by an eccentric - Father Saland. The whole matter is extremely unfortunate as the matter need not have become a debacle.

Briefly put, the land was purchased (\$600.) and the church erected and furnished on funds wholly supplied by the diocese. The land was purchased in 1928 from J.E. Duce. The church and garage were erected in 1929 by S.F. Scanlon, Builder. Apparently the money was handed out to him as he called for it. At least the ledger shows none of the details. Probably his detailed accounts are in the vault. In any case, the total cost of land, building, church goods, etc. was \$6782.40. Of this amount \$500. was contributed by Mrs. J.J. Kenos through Extension Society. In 1933 a strip of the original land was sold back to Duce for \$48.00, this amount being credited to the debt. Thus there is no record of anything being paid by the parish. In 1933 the debt stood at \$6196.40.

To procure this money Bishop Kidd borrowed at stiff rates of interest (5%, 5 1/2%, etc.) The interest should be added to the net debt, but what's the use? Bishop Monahan strained every effort to pay back to the banks, the Mathieu outfit, etc. bills and other similar borrowings. It was better to throw diocesan money away, than borrowed money. At least interest would be saved. When I came into the inheritance, there was \$2490.25 of the Cardston borrowings still owing. I paid that back. Thus Cardston parish owes the diocese \$6196.40 plus accrued interest.



The fact that the diocese paid the borrowings on which Cardston church was erected does not lessen Cardston's obligation. It simply means that money, which should have gone into diocesan enterprises, went into the Cardston debt and into interest on it.

As noted above, Cardston was not the only parish in this predicament. Some of them seemed as hopeless as Cardston a few years ago. But strange to say some inactive debts have come to life. True I have made generous concessions which can now be done since I am not paying interest on the borrowings. It is better to get some of the money back than none.

This is why the auditor will not allow me to write off these debts. And this is why Cardston, even if it is unable to meet it, should acknowledge it.

With sincere good wishes,

Yours cordially in Christ,

Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
Feb. 8, 1947.

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll,  
910 - 7a Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:-

Your letter of the 4th was most encouraging and I wish to thank you also very sincerely for the cheque for \$50.00 which I received along with it. Both will help very much to do the Lord's work here among the "saints".

I would be very glad to have on record the details of the debt connected with the parish here. I always understood that there was a debt between six and seven thousand dollars but have never known the exact amount of it.

Yours gratefully in Christ,

*J. Leaver*



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 72,130

May 23rd, 1950

Rev. I. Leaver,  
P. O. Box 315,  
Cardston, Alberta.

May 23, 1950

Dear Father Leaver:-

I have received your letter of May 22nd. It is a good improvement to construct a cement side-walk on the exposed sides of the church and the best way to do it is with the town authorities. This will give you the necessary permission to go ahead with the project. If you find it difficult to raise the required funds, kindly let me know.

There has been no reply from the Holy See yet about your indult. I hope your health continues to improve.

With sincere regards,

Yours cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Calgary

Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
May 22, 1950.

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll, D.D.,  
910 - 7a Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:

The Town of Cardston is putting in concrete sidewalks and has asked us to co-operate by having a sidewalk constructed along the two exposed sides of the church property here; that is, on the west side and the front. Our west side is about 145 feet in length and the front about 60 feet. They are charging the property-owners \$1.00 per lineal foot and the Town is to pay for the rest. This will entail an expense of a little over \$200 but I am quite sure that I can raise that amount by voluntary subscription.

Would Your Excellency grant me permission to have the Town proceed with this improvement as I think it is necessary under the circumstances.

Yours sincerely and respectfully in Christ,

*Ignatius Leaver*

Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.,  
February 14, 1947.

Most Reverend F.P. Carroll,  
910 - 7a Street, N.W.,  
Calgary, Alta.,

Your Excellency:-

Many thanks for your letter of February 11th with the history and details of the Cardston debt. I had formerly been told by someone or other that it was between six and seven thousand dollars but had no record of it here. I am very glad to have it on file and then, - who knows, - one of these days some generous-minded soul may take a notion to this Canadian mission among the Mormons just as they do and have done to the Chinese missions among the Confucianists. Then again, if places like Leduc, Alta., can change over-night, even Mormon centres can become Catholic "power-houses". And I don't suppose that the fertile Blood Reserve will remain forever stagnant in the hands of the "native sons".

At any rate, it is well to have a clear knowledge of our indebtedness to others even if it produce nothing more tangible than appreciation and gratitude. Someday surely things will be more Catholic in this part of the world.

Yours sincerely and gratefully in Christ,

*I. Leaver*



February 26th,  
1955

Rev. G. McLellan,  
Catholic Church,  
Cardston, Alta.

Dear Father McLellan:-

I am sorry that I missed you on your way to Cardston, and I hope that your first experiences as its pastor are not too discouraging.

I wished to talk to you about the condition of the parish, which I cannot say well put in writing. There are certainly not very many Catholics in the vicinity of Cardston, but the parish area is rather big. There used to be Catholics scattered throughout the area whose presence demanded a mission church (near Harrisville school) and a Mass Station at Whiskey Gap.

Mass was said every Sunday at the Mission church (St. Stephen's - one of the oldest in the diocese), but this was abandoned a few years ago by Father Leaver, because, he said, no one attended. I suppose the church, being unused, needs repair. There is a Catholic cemetery near this church.

Mass was said several times a year at Whiskey Gap, in a school. I remember giving a contribution for purchasing an abandoned school. But nothing materialized and I do not know what happened to the contribution. This Mass station was also abandoned for the same reason.

There is a difference between "no one attending" and the presence of Catholics in these vicinities. It is true, as I was told, that all the Catholics have automobiles and can come to Cardston. But do they come? It may be, of course, that these families have moved away. Or it may be that they have grown careless.

I have seen this process before. The priest gave up going to Carlsbad, because everyone had cars and could come to Carlsbad; and at Sibbald and Chinook in Open parish. Father Gibbons re-opened Carlsbad church and brought back in different families. Sibbald is actually revising a school for a church, and Chinook was re-opened by Fr. Hamilton.

There is a question whether a resident priest should now be kept at Cardston, since the Sisters left the hospital. We are so short of priests. But before closing it, I think we should get a candid survey of the actual numbers of Catholics - good, bad and indifferent - in the Cardston parish. And they could be visited. This is something I thought you might do. You cannot do it now in winter.

Often a priest who has been a long time in a parish becomes discouraged over conditions. Father Stefanski protested against a church in Acadia Valley town. They all had cars, etc. Fr. McCreavy opened the church. It is the most flourishing of all the missions and actually demands enlargement and a resident priest. Whether St. Stephen's and Whiskey Gap should be re-opened, remains to be seen.

I know Cardston, due to its Norman atmosphere, is not good for Catholics. Perhaps they do not exist. I am hoping that you will find out.





In a small parish, church societies are difficult to manage. But we can have a C.W.L. or Holy Name Society with a half dozen members. As far as I know the only society in Cardston is the C.C.B. It would answer many purposes without doubt. But a C.W.L. could act as an altar society, and a Holy Name Society as a men's committee. Both these would help you financially.

I am not suggesting that you organize these societies at once. You first have to discover your parishioners.

I am sure that the revenue of the parish, without some revival, will not support you. The Sisters provided the revenue. Hence, I am willing to subsidize you, to about \$20 a month, if you need it. Do not fear to say so.

I would be glad to continue this discussion, should you come into Calgary, and to co-operate with you in any way you suggest. But I think first we must find out what Catholics are in the parish. If there is no hope of reviving things, we will have to think of removing the resident priest. It would be too bad to have to do this - if there are even indifferent Catholics in the area.

In all my nineteen years here, I have been permitted, as far as I can remember, to make two official visits to Cardston parish - once to St. Stephen's, in Father Salaun's time, and once to Cardston in Fr. Leaver's time. I can only recall confirming at St. Stephen's. No doubt the children were brought to St. Mary's School for Confirmation where I confirm every two or three years. But this is not correct. The law demands that I visit a parish at least every five years. Hence there should be a visit this year, even if there are no confirmations.

With the hope for a new policy at Cardston and for your success,

Yours cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Calgary

P.S. The priest at Cardston has faculties in the diocese of Helena for Catholics living in border settlements (Belt, St. Mary, etc.) - as the priest in Browning, etc. has for this diocese - except for marriages. In the latter case, special jurisdiction is necessary. If there is not a copy of these faculties at Cardston, you get one from the chancery.

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St. Mary's R.C. School,  
Cardston, Alta.  
August 25th, 1955.

Most Rev. F.P. Carroll D.D.  
Calgary, Alta.

Your Excellency,

In my letter of May 25th, I explained the situation of the Indians living on the Reserve behind the Hospital, but close the town of Cardston. Because the Church of Cardston is too small for white and Indian together, I asked the permission to say an Afternoon-mass for them in the Church of Fr. Maclellan, who consents to it. In the answer of May 27th, I was told that the matter would be discussed when you would be coming at Cardston in July. In July everybody was in a hurry and we could not discuss the matter.

To-day I renew my petition for an Afternoon-mass to give to those Indians the opportunity to hear mass on Sunday, because they live too far away from their own church and they have no means of transportation.

On Sunday, Sept 4th, I will be away from Cardston. I have to go to St. Norbert, Man. with the young M. Fox who is entering at our Noviciate. Fr. Levern will take place for one of the Sunday-Masses.

Sincerely yours in J.C. and M.I.

*Clement M. Trappier M.I.*

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Rev. P. E. Carroll, D.D.  
New York, N.Y.

Your Obedient Servant,

In the letter of the 23rd of October, I received  
from you a kind and interesting letter, in  
which you told me of the various plans  
which you had in mind for the future. I  
am glad to hear that you are so  
interested in the work of the Church  
and that you are so anxious to  
do it in the most efficient manner.  
I hope that all your plans will  
be successful.

I have a great deal of pleasure in  
knowing that you are so  
interested in the work of the Church  
and that you are so anxious to  
do it in the most efficient manner.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your Obedient Servant,

Very truly yours,  
Wm. B. Ewing

William B. Ewing

August 30, 1955

Rev. J. A. MacLennan,  
St. Joseph's Rectory,  
640 - 19th Ave. N.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Father MacLennan:-

Owing to Father Fleming's appointment to Coleman, it is necessary for me to transfer you to the Cathedral. This letter, therefore, appoints you as assistant priest to Msgr. Smith at St. Mary's Cathedral. If possible you should be at the Cathedral by September 11th.

I have every confidence that you will continue your excellent work in the Cathedral parish as you have done at St. Joseph's.

With sincere regards,

Yours cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Calgary



The first of these is the  
 fact that the world is  
 not a uniform whole, but  
 a collection of diverse  
 parts, each with its own  
 life and character.

The second is the fact  
 that the world is not  
 a static whole, but a  
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 changing and evolving.

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August 29, 1955

Rev. G. McLellan,  
P.O. Box 315,  
Cardston, Alta.

Dear Father McLellan:-

Father Frappier asks to be permitted to offer an afternoon Mass in your church for Indians living on the Reserve behind the Cardston hospital.

Are there many Catholic Indians so situated? Would they be able to assist and would they assist at your regular Mass? What do you think of the request? Will it interfere with your arrangements? Should I grant it?

I would appreciate an early reply so as to answer Father Frappier.

With sincere regards,

Yours cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Calgary





St. Theresa's Church  
Cardston, Alberta

August 30, 1955

Most Rev. Francis P. Carroll, D.D.  
Bishop of Calgary  
910 - 7a St. N.W.  
Calgary, Alberta

Your Excellency:

Regarding Father Frappier's request for an afternoon Mass in favor of the Indians living behind the Indian Hospital...I am very much in favor of the idea.

I do not know the exact number of Indians in this particular area, but a fairly close estimate would be around thirty families. (I once counted the dwellings.) The number of Bloods moving into a position close to town for Fall, Winter and early Spring is certainly increasing. There are some living in town. (If it were possible some would move right into the Pool Hall!)

As far as assisting at Mass at St. Theresa's is concerned, the average number so far this summer has been five or six individuals (Indians). In wintertime, at least for the part since my arrival, the number of individual Indians would run between fifteen and twenty.

Although any of the Indians are, naturally, quite welcome at our regular Mass, I feel that Father Frappier, with an afternoon Mass, would get more of them out and also do a better job of instructing them.

The request will not interfere with any of our arrangements. Therefore, I think you should grant the request for a trial period at least.

Respectfully yours,



St. Lawrence County  
Albany, New York



Dear Mr. ...  
... Albany, New York

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Very truly,  
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September 2, 1955

Rev. C. Frappier, O.M.I.,  
St. Mary's Reserve School,  
Cardston, Alberta.

Dear Father Frappier:-

In reply to your letter of August 25th, this will grant you permission "pro experimento" for three months, to celebrate an afternoon Mass on Sundays in St. Theresa's Church, Cardston, for your parishioners who live on the Blood Reserve close to the town of Cardston. This permission is granted provided you make arrangements with Father McLellan.

The permission is granted as an experiment (1) to induce your parishioners to fulfil their Sunday obligation, which they could do by attending Father McLellan's morning Mass and without an afternoon Mass; (2) because the arrangement is abnormal. Your parish, like Father McLellan's is territorial. It is not a national parish. If parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish, Calgary, who live near Perpetual Help Church, Calgary, attend or could easily attend the latter church, the pastor of St. Joseph's would hardly go to Perpetual Help Church to say an afternoon Mass for them.

Although I appreciate your zeal, that virtue demands discretion. Hence if your people do not attend the afternoon Mass, the Mass must be discontinued. And they should be instructed to understand that they fulfil their Sunday obligation by assisting at Mass in any church.

With sincere regards,

Yours cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Calgary

Regulations for afternoon Mass enclosed.



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St Theresa



January 26, 1957

Dear Father <sup>arrived</sup> Lemire:-

I have received today your letter of January 22, 1956

parish reports and your cathedraicum. I thank you for all.

You need not be worried about the reports. You have done well for the first occasion. I am pleased to learn you have help in setting-up your system. If Mr. Bernier knows a simple analytic system - in agreement with the various accounts listed on the annual report, he can show you method whereby this annual "chore" consists in adding up the monthly totals and transferring them to the reports. If there is anything you do not understand in the reports, you should ask. The resident parish report can be used to bring the mission figures together. For example: under Misc. receipts, you can place the <sup>total</sup> Ordinary receipts from Whiskey Gap & from Harrisville - and the same for the total Extraordinary total expenses. But this is only for convenience and for checking with the bank account.

It is most encouraging to see the "cura animarum" you are giving your people. I assure you of my sincere appreciation. And I know your efforts will bear fruit. Although the parish is small, what strikes me as unusual is the fact that the baptisms are nearly twice what they were a year ago.

I like your proposal for Whiskey Gap. Would you tell me just how you plan to use the house as a chapel - by removing some of the rooms? How much floor space (approximately) would you have? Is the house very old? I realize that \$1000 is not much for a 5 room house, but once we purchase it, we are tied to it, and it may take another \$1000 to get in shape. Tell me also what you think about it? Will be wholly impossible to get an old school building or even erect a "cheap" chapel? We can create no debts for Whiskey Gap. I am sure Extension would try to help you. What you do is write a letter of appeal and read it



...my understanding... willing too to help you - even though  
...sent \$500... (I have  
...of the exact amount) I... the donation  
...Gap, not  
...probably put me in the famous housekeeper's... success  
...did not get a chapel, but the finest quiet...  
...your efforts. May God help you to persevere. ...  
...faithful when they have, even a shock, as a churching...  
...I will mark down badston for 'Confirmations' and this  
...hope, there will be no hindrances. This will grant you permission  
...Mass as requested "extra ecclesiam".

I hardly know what direction to give you regarding  
invitation. Hermans are noted for their hidden bigotry, but  
what looks like a willing co-operation. Father John Daflavil who  
among them for a very long time, would not lose anything to  
to someone of their hierarchy to take a drink. Arguments and debates  
religion will not help. Nor will any indication that you might agree  
any of their tenets. At the same time St. Paul did not refuse  
the truth to the Greek philosophers - who were just as bigoted. So if you  
think you can manage, there would be nothing wrong with a trial.  
If you had a good  
you see any signs of difficulty, get out of it. That would be the best solution. But  
Catholic layman, able for the task, that would be the best solution. But  
if you try it, success to your efforts. Yet make it plain to your  
own people (who are apt to be scandalized in the real sense of that word)  
just what you are doing. You can do that by asking them what  
they think of the plan - before you tackle it.

Again - my thanks and best wishes  
Yours cordially in Christ  
+ Francis Planché







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M.I.

# Blood R. C. Indian School

Under Direction of The Oblate Fathers

Blood Indian Reserve

Cardston - Alberta

December 28, 1966

Msgr. Lefort,  
Chancery Office,  
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Msgr. Lefort,

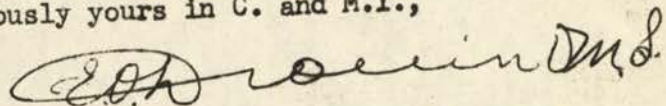
If I happen not to address myself to the right person in the present case, would you be kind enough as to transmit this letter to the proper man? Thank you for it.

As I am relatively new on the job here, would you please tell me exactly what the set-up is as to catechetical teaching in the diocese: the proper courses to follow and the proper textbooks?

I have a further problem. The Central Alberta Indian Teachers' Association and the Southern Alberta one have voted against attending a convention in early January in Edmonton. Instead we plan on having our own convention-institute quite probably in Calgary during part of the week preceding Easter. The members have expressed the desire to consecrate one whole day to studying the teaching of religion to Indian children. As I have been voted in as a man committee to see to the organization of the convention, at least as to discovering speakers, demonstrators, etc., I would like to put out a feeler presently.

I've heard that a team of your men have been organizing catechetical studies or study groups in the past in divers centers. If this be so, how could I contact them and see what they can offer our 80+ teachers who devote their efforts and time to the Indian Children? Further, do you think there might be a possibility that some classes in the Separate School system might welcome some of us to witness model religion lessons?


With my very best wishes to His Grace and to you, I remain  
Religiously yours in C. and M.I.,



Dr. E. O. Drouin OMI, Senior Teacher.

Note added on March 2, 1972

Sr. Annette Potvin SGM, who has special training in Catechetes, directed the seminar



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December 30, 1958

Rev. H. C. Drouin, O.M.I., Senior Teacher  
Blood R. C. Indian School  
Cardston, Alberta

Dear Father Drouin:

Your letter addressed to Monsignor LeFort was received here today. Monsignor LeFort has been gone from here since 1955, but he is still Diocesan Director of Religious Education. He has asked me to reply to your letter.

First of all I have asked the Catholic Information Centre to send you a copy of the order form which will show you the terms in use in the Diocese.

Concerning the help you request and the possible attendance at model religion lessons in the Separate Schools, Monsignor LeFort suggested that you write to Father F. Van Tighen who is Director of Religious Education for the Separate Schools. His address is St. Mary's Girls' High School, 2nd St. and 19th Ave. S.W., Calgary.

Best regards

Sincerely yours in Christ,

William F. [unclear]  
Chancellor



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