

Most Reverend Archbishop O'Leary
General Hospital, Edmonton.

Jan. 6, 1935

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Your Excellency,

I was very proud to receive your letter and I thank you in the name of all: Fathers, Sisters and Children for the good wishes there-in contained and we now feel that with your fatherly blessing we have started the New Year right.

We are all very sorry to hear that you are ill and in the hospital.

We know that of all your large flock, Your Grace loves best the children for have we not, like all the children of Northern Alberta, had ample proof of this in your affectionate and kind manner towards us and in the great solicitude shown for our welfare.

So we have thus fearlessly

come, your Indian children of the Blue Hills School, to offer you our prayers that Our dear Lord may soon restore your health and give you the strength to continue your sacred duties.

During this month we promise to say the prayers we have written down and before the Crib we will often implore the Infant Saviour to spare our dear Archbishop for many more years.

Your humble Indian children
per Catherine Shert.



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The Indian Children,
Blue Quills School,
St Paul, Alberta.

Dec 20, 1914

My dear Children:

This is just a short note to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I hope you have all been well during the year that is coming to its close; and I hope that you have all been trying to help one another to be good. At this time of the year you are all wishing one another a happy new year, and I hope you mean it in a very real way.

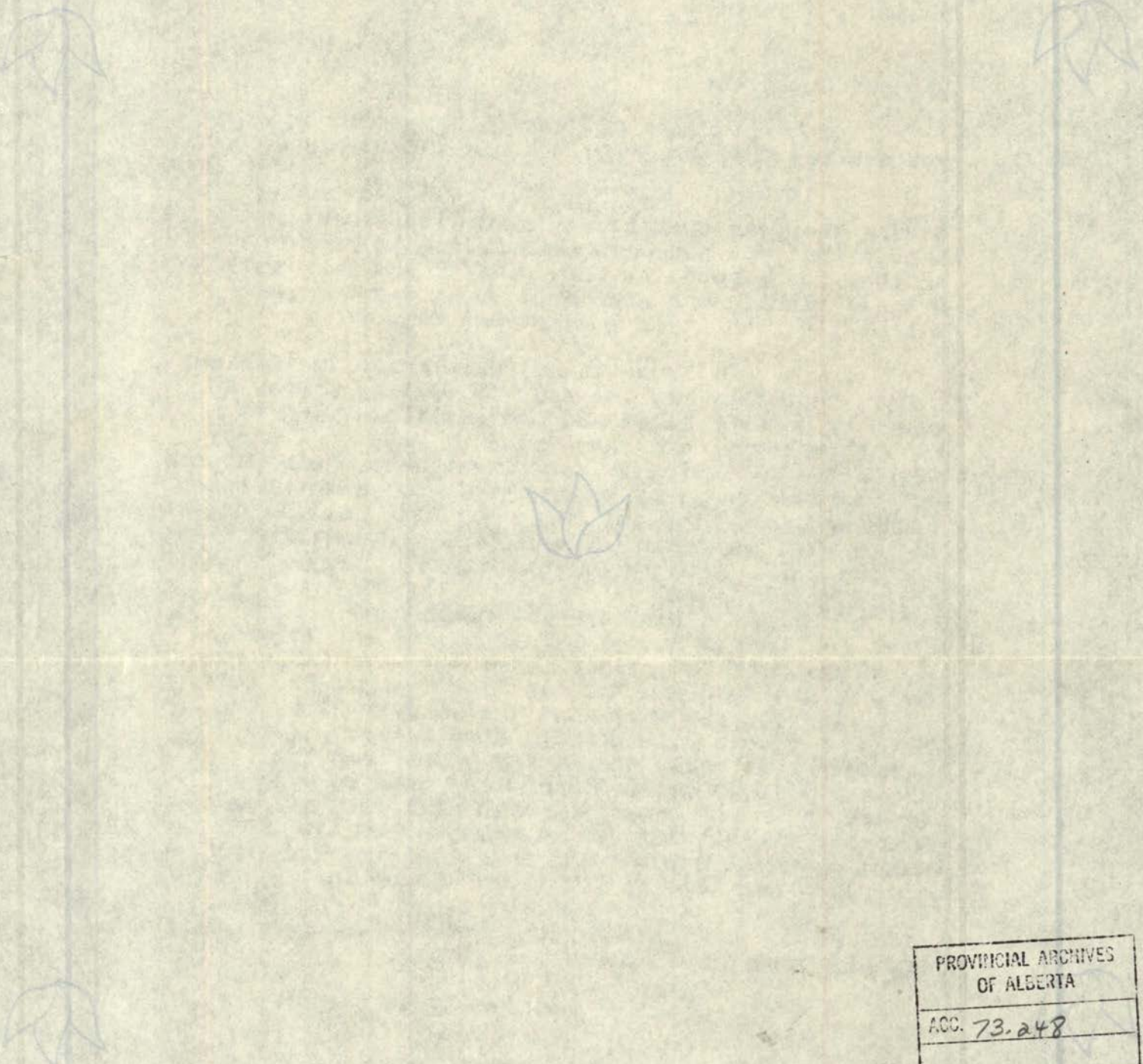
There is not much sense in wishing others that they may be happy if we stop there. It would be so much nicer and better if we tried to make them happy, and then tried to keep them happy. Boys and girls going to school can make their parents and teachers happy by making good use of their time, learning some thing new every day that will be useful to you when you return home, learning some thing every day that will make you better men and women all through life.

You boys and girls have such a wonderful chance to get a good education. Indeed, there are very few places where the boys and girls have such a splendid chance. That's shame it would be if you did not make good use of your time, and learn to become good people, good farmers, good carpenters to build houses for yourselves, good neighbors so as to be willing and able to help others, good at everything that will help you to make a better living for yourselves here on earth, and a good and happy death when the time for that comes, as sure it will for every one of us.

Praying that God may bless you all,
and all your kind teachers, I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

Secretary of Education.



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Blue Quills Res. School
St. Paul, Alberta
Dec. 12, 1941

Your Excellency.

On behalf of the staff and the boys of Blue Quills School, I wish to extend to you the season's greetings. We thank you for your fatherly interest in our school, we try to do our best here at school and later on to become good workmen and be farmers in our reserves. We are greatly pleased every time you visit our school and I hope you will visit us again.

Yours very Sincerely,
Patrick Gladue

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Jan. 15th 1940

I, NORMAN HUNTER, freely agree that my daughter Annie Hunter and my two sons Allan, John, now in the Blue Quills Indian Residential School, St. Paul, become Catholics if they so desire and by the fact be baptized.

My children have been placed in the Blue Quills School St. Paul by myself without any pressure of no one and this was done from my own free will.

NORMAN HUNTER

WITNESSES: -

Jonas Cardinal

Lloyd Cardinal.



L.J.C. & M.I.

Blue Quills School

St. Paul, Alta.

On this 19th day of May 1940, we undersigned priest, have baptized Annie Hunter and Allan Hunter from the Good Fish Lake Indian Reservation. The Baptism has been administered to the said children only after they have requested me to do so and from their own free will.

Blue Quills Indian Residential School

per
L. Balter, O.M.I.
Principal

This document sent to the Indian Department through our local Indian Agency "Saddle-Lake"



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Dec 18th 1940

G. Pant. Schmidt Esq.
Inspector of Indian Agencies
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir:-

I send you herewith a copy of a letter just received from Mr. J.H. Boerse "Acting Indian Agent" Saddle-Lake Alta, and my answer to him.

In this letter he says: "Word has just been received from Ottawa.." As he does not give any name, I am writing to you directly asking you to be kind enough to communicate its contents to the Indian Department, Ottawa.

In the letter from Ottawa, it is said: "The father of this boy Allan Hunter, is still recognized as a Protestant" But the fact that Mr Norman Hunter has placed his children in a Catholic School, consenting that they become Catholics if they so desire, and be baptized, goes to show, that he is not a disbeliever in the Catholic Religion, but rather belongs to that category of people who put the Protestant and the Catholic Religion on the same level, with rather a tendency in favor of the Catholic Church, and want to be free to send their children in the School of their own choice.

I don't know what is the intention of the Indian Act. But I suppose it is not the intention of the Indian Act to go against the Natural Law which gives the Parents the right to have their children instructed and educated in the school of their own choice.

We did not take any steps to have these people bring their child in our school. The child was brought here by his own mother and the father of the child before two witnesses Mr Jonas Cardinal and Lloyd Cardinal signed a statement saying that he freely agreed that his son become a Catholic and be baptized if and when he desired so. This document has been sent to the Indian Department long ago. The child after instruction has asked to be received in the Church. The child thus having been baptized with the consent of his father, having made his first communion and having been confirmed belongs to the Catholic Church and therefore being a Roman Catholic Child, his place is here in the Blue Quills School which is a Roman Catholic School, according to the spirit and the letter of the Indian Act.

Is it not for the survival of a true Democracy, the freedom of the people that the whole British Empire and Her Allies are fighting for? and if the father of a family has not the right and is not free to put his child in the school of his own choice, then what would such a Democracy amount to?

Another remark may be made: During the holidays Mr Hunter and his family assist at the Catholic Service in the Catholic Church whenever the missionary is visiting the Reserve. If these people were really

L.J.C. & M.I.

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disbelievers in the Catholic Religion, they would not act that way.

In conclusion, I once more make application for the admission of Allan Hunter, a Roman Catholic Child, in the Blue Quills Roman Catholic Residential School, at St. Paul.

With best wishes of the Season
Yours very truly

L. B. Alter O.M.I.
Pine

Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ontario

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the application of the Indian Act, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
The Minister of Indian Affairs



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Saddle Lake
Blue Quill

Blue Quill School
Saint-Paul, Alta

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Le 27 août 34

à son Excellence Mgr H. O'Leary
archevêque d'Edmonton.

Excellence,

J'ai lu dans le Western Catholic que la confirma-
tion à Blue Quill School était fixée au 17
septembre. Ce doit être sans doute une erreur,
puisque vous-même avez fixé la date au 19 sept.

J'aimerais mieux cependant savoir la date exacte
au cas où vous auriez changé. Voulez-vous avoir la
bonté de me laisser savoir la date à laquelle
vous viendrez à Blue Quill?

Permettez agréer, Excellence, les sentiments de
ma filiale obéissance

Henry Ross

Rev. Frs. Anglin
Saint-Paul.

Alta

N. B. Peu importe le jour du 17 ou 19 sept.
Quand votre Excellence viendra, nous serons prêts.

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Blue Quills

Blue Quill Boarding School
St Paul

A Son Excellence Mgr J. H. O'Leary,
Evêque d'Edmonton.

Monsieur,

Ayant été nommé tout
récemment Principal de l'École-pensionnat
des Indiens "Blue Quill" - qui se trouve
située dans la paroisse de St Paul, je
me demande quelle est l'étendue de ma
"juridiction"?

1^o Puis-je entendre et absoudre les
Indiens des différentes Réserves, de passage
à l'école?

2^o Supposé que des blancs viendraient
se présenter à mon confessionnal puis-je
les entendre et absoudre?

3^o Le Dimanche nous avons la Grand
Messe, sau asperges? Est-ce que votre Grandeur
pourrait nous permettre de chanter l'asperge
et aussi d'eucensei les "oblats" et l'autel.

Il me semble que cela aiderait beaucoup la
piété et la dévotion de nos petits Indiens.

J'ai trouvé l'esprit des Enfants très bon.
et j'espère avec la grâce du Bon Dieu
et le secours de vos prières, MONSEIGNEUR
maintenir ce bon esprit.

J'ai été on ne peut plus heureux
MONSEIGNEUR, en apprenant que notre très
Saint Père le Pape vous avait donné
un Coadjuteur pour vous soulager et
vous aider à supporter la responsabilité
d'un si étendu Archidiocèse.

En vous souhaitant MONSEIGNEUR,
une Heureuse et sainte année je vous
demande très humblement de bien
vouloir me bénir ainsi que le personnel
de l'école et surtout mes chers petits Indiens.

L. Ballester
M. I.

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R. P. L. Balter

le 8 janvier, 1937.

R. P. L. Balter, O.M.I.,
Blue Quill Boarding School,
St-Paul,
Alberta.

Rév. et cher Père,

Je viens de recevoir votre lettre, et je vous remercie de vos bons vœux à l'égard de mon Coadjuteur et aussi à mon égard.

Au sujet de votre juridiction - cette juridiction est territoriale, non pas personnelle. Par conséquent, vous pouvez absoudre les différents Indiens de passage à l'école qui désirent se confesser. Vous pouvez absoudre de plus les blancs qui se présentent à vous pour la confession.

Les dimanches, non seulement pourriez-vous, mais vous devriez avoir l'Asperges. Les facultés du diocèse vous accordent la permission d'avoir les encensements à la Grand'Messe sans diacre et sous-diacre quand vous célébrez la Messe "in Festibus tamen duplicibus primae aut secundae classis, Dominicis et quando Missa cum cantu celebratur coram SSmo Sacramento solemniter exposito".

Priant Dieu de vous bénir,

Je demeure,

Votre tout dévoué en N.S.,

Archevêque d'Edmonton.



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le 29 août, 1934

R. P. Jos. Angin, O.M.I.
Blue Quill School
St. Paul, Alberta

Cher Rév. Père,

Je viens de recevoir votre lettre. Le Western Catholic a fait une erreur à l'égard de la date. La date est le dix-neuf (1934). Je vais aller le 19 pour rester pendant la nuit ou à l'Ecole ou à St. Paul. Le matin suivant j'aurai la Confirmation à l'Ecole. Après le dîner je partirai pour Muriel Lake.

Triant Dieu de vous bénir, je suis

Votre tout dévoué en N. S.

Archevêque d'Edmonton.



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December 18, 1934.

Blue Quills

Most Reverend Archbishop O'Leary
Edmonton, Alberta!

Your Excellency,

The souvenir of your visit that stands out most vividly in our memory is that of your departure.

Once again, we see in the bright September sunlight the auto circling around the long line of children while your Excellency with hand raised in blessing smiled a last farewell.

The house seemed very big and lonely after you left us as when the father of a family goes away. Truly, it was Our Lord who gave us this manifestation of His love and care for us in thus revealing Himself in you, His Chief Pastor.

Coming back now to my main reason in writing to you which

is to wish your Excellency in the name of our Principal, Reverend Father Angin, Reverend Father Bouchard, Sister Superior, the Sisters, the other members of The Staff and the pupils of this school a Happy Christmas and a Holy and Prosperous New Year.

In spirit, we, the above mentioned, kneel and ask your paternal blessing for the New Year.

Your humble Indian children,
per Catherine Shirt.



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Miss Josephine Pasquini,
Blue Quill Residential School, Dec. 17, 1936
St. Paul,
Alberta.



My dear Child,

I received your kind letter offering me the best wishes of Father Baltor, the Grey Nuns, the members of the Staff and all the children. In return I humbly beg God to bless you one and all and to grant you a very happy and a holy Christmas.

Kindly tell the Principia, Reverend Father Baltor and the Superior of the Grey Nuns that it is my desire that you have a very special holiday during this Festive Season as a gift from me.

I remain,

Yours faithfully in Christ,



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Reverend Sister Superior,
Blue Quills Convent,
Saint-Paul, Alberta.

28th Dec 1935

Reverend and dear Sister,

His Grace received your beautiful spiritual Bouquet and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year and requests me to offer you his sincere and heartfelt thanks.

I am glad to say that the Archbishop is making excellent progress towards recovery. He often remarks that it is mostly due to the many fervent prayers that are being said for his intention. He sends a special blessing to you the Sisters and the children at this joyful season.

Vous souhaitant une heureuse et sainte année,



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22nd. December, 1934.

Miss Catherine Shirt,
Blue Quills Residential School,
St. Paul, Alberta.

Dear Catherine and Students:

I thank you very much for your good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I have a pleasant memory of my visit to my dear little children at Blue Quills, where I found such a peaceful and happy spirit. Best of all, I found the children obedient and faithful, and I was greatly consoled by this fact.

In return I ask God to bless the Priests, the Sisters, the Staff and the Students and I hope that the Divine Babe will shower upon all His choicest gifts and blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours very sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop of Edmonton.



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December 23, 1937.

Master Simon Houle,
The Reverend Sister Superior,
Blue Quills Residential School,
St. Paul P.O.,
Alberta.

Dec 23, 1937

My dear Simon,

I received your very kind letter offering me the greetings of the Oblate Fathers, the Sisters, the members of the Staff and of the children. I am very grateful to you all for this message and for your prayers. In return, I ask the Divine Child of Bethlehem to shower upon you and all His choicest blessings and to grant you a very happy and a holy Christmas.

Would you kindly tell Rev. Father Miller, the Principal and Rev. Sister Superior, that it is my desire that you have a very special holiday during this festive season as a gift from His Grace Archbishop O'Leary and myself.

I remain,

Yours in Christ,



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Blue Hill's Pres. School.

St Paul, 3 Mai 1938

A son Excellence
Monsieur J. H. MacDonald,
archevêque d'Edmonton,

Monsieur,
L'année dernière nos enfants
étaient malades en grand nombre je n'ai osé inviter
votre Excellence de venir confirmer nos enfants
avant les vacances. Je voudrais savoir si votre
Excellence pourrait venir vers la fin de ce Mois
ou au commencement du Mois de Juin, ou bien
si nous devons attendre votre prochaine tournée
pastorale dans ce district.

En priant votre Excellence
de bien vouloir nous venir, je demeure

votre humble serviteur en N. S.

L. Boller
S. M. I.

May 6, 1938.

Reverend and dear Father:

Your letter of the third instant
to hand yesterday, asking when it would be possible to go
there for the Confirmation of the Indians, and stating you
would prefer a Sunday at the end of May or the beginning of
June.

There are so many engagements about
that time which I cannot very well escape, that it may be diff-
icult to arrange satisfactory dates. However, I am offering as
a tentative date, Friday May 27th.

Trusting that this day will be satis-
factory and praying that God may bless you all - Priests, Sisters
and Children,

I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

Archbishop of Edmonton.



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Saddle Lake, mission Alberta
Le 25 Avril 1939,

A son Excellence H. Macdonald
Archevêque d'Edmonton

Monsieur,

Madeline Bald Heat,
catholique de la mission de
Good Fish Lake, marié devant
le ministre protestant, il y
a vingt ans? demeure
seule maintenant par la
mort de son mari.

Et maintenant desire
pratiquer sa religion catho-
lique - Monsieur, pourriez
vous me donner les journaux
de l'abandon de son excom-
munication espérée.



Daignez, Monseigneur me
benit et tous mes chers
Indiens - Merci

Pere T. Bouchard
S. M. M.

Saddle Lake, minor
Alberta

Aug - 1877.

April 26-29.

+ J. H. Massé.



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18 August, 1939.

Rev. T. Bouchard, O.M.I.,
Saddle Lake,
Alberta.

Rev. and dear Father:

The Archbishop has granted the petition contained in your letter of August 10, "dummodo digna reparatio fiat".

You did not ask for a dispensation in order to revalidate the marriage. Would you please let me know whether or not the couple want the dispensation. If so I shall make out the document and get the Archbishop to sign it.

Wishing you all of God's Blessings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Rev. W. E. Doyle.



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26 Oct, 1939

Excellence:-

Nous vous faisons parvenir la contribution de nos
 enfants indiens a l'oeuvre de la Propagation de la Foi.

Soeurs-----	7.00
Filles-----	2.29
Garçons-----	3.06
Ecole-----	<u>2.69</u>
	15.00

Sincerement votre en N.S. & M.I.

*W. Balter
D.M.*

Dear Father Balter:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your cheque for \$15.00, to hand a few days ago, for the Propagation of the Faith.

May I ask you to kindly convey an expression of my gratitude to the Sisters in charge, and also to the boys and girls for their donations. I am very grateful, but the Lord alone can reward them the way they deserve.

Praying God to bless you all,

I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

Archbishop of Edmonton.

Nov. 1, 1939.



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
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SaddleLake Alta Dec 17/40

Sir:-

Word has just been received from Ottawa
Re Allan Hunter, and I quote their letter in part:-

"The father of this boy is still recognized as a Protestant.

Very careful consideration has been given to this matter and it is felt that to admit him to the Blue Quills School would be contrary to the intention of the Indian Act. Under these circumstances you should request the Principal of the Blue Quills School to return the boy to his parents.

This I believe explains the situation.

Yours truly

J.H. Beerse

Acting Agent.

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Rev. Mr. Walter O.M.I.
Principal of blue Quills School
St. Paul, Alta.

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L.J.C. & M.I.

Dec 18th 1940

J.H. Beerse Esq. "Acting Indian Agent"
Saddle-Lake Indian Agency"
Saddle-Lake, Alta.

Sir:-

Re Allan Hunter

Yours of the 17th ins. received.
Before taking any steps Re Allan Hunter,
I beg to inform you that we are sending to the
Indian Department Ottawa more complete in-
formations and please wait result of same.

Yours very truly

L. Balter. C.M.I.

Principal



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Blue Quill's Res. School
St Paul 23 Dec. 1940

à Son Excellence

Monsieur J. H. MacDonald, D. D.
Archevêque d'Edmonton.

Excellence,

Je me permets de faire
parvenir à votre Excellence une série de
documents qui parlent d'eux mêmes. Et
je serais reconnaissant si vous pourriez écrire
du Département Indien à Ottawa pour défendre
nos droits. Il me semble que le cas est bien
clair. La chose est très importante. Nous avons
plusieurs enfants qui sont dans le même cas.

Je profite de cette occasion pour offrir
à votre Excellence mes meilleurs vœux
de Bonne année et de solliciter votre
Benediction pour moi et tout le personnel
de l'École.

L. Baller, o.m.i.
Principal.



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Blue Quills

December 16, 1942

Master Ernest Collins,
Blue Quills School,
St. Paul, Alberta.

Dear Ernest:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 12th instant with its kind expression of sympathy for me in my illness, and the assurance of the prayers of the Fathers, Sisters and children that I may keep well in the future. It was very kind of you indeed to write, and I am glad to have this occasion to write you in expression of my thanks, along with my Christmas Greetings.

Thank you very much also for telling me of the progress that the children are making in the study of their religion. When we are small, we all think that religion means just saying our prayers and going to Mass. But it means a good deal more than that. It teaches us to be good people, good citizens of the country, kind and helpful to one another and faithful to our obligations. Those who are faithful to the principles of their religion can always be depended on to do their duty more than those who have had no religious training. So it is very important, no matter what your occupation will be later on, to know your religion and to have the courage to live up to it wherever you may be.

Give my kind regards to all the Fathers and Sisters at the school, along with my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Tell all the children that I am very thankful for their prayers, and give them my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Archbishop of Edmonton



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... what decision
you have come to I have
heard anything yet and
would like to build it
^{home}
any before winter on some
quarter if it is to be opened

Yours very truly
Joe Latour
Flatbush

Jan 15

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