BLUE QUILLS
R.C. INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

P.O. BOX 279

ST. PAUL, ALBERTA
le 7 août 1965.

Rév. Père Provincial,
12806 - 113 Ave.,
Edmonton, (Alberta)

Cher Père Provincial,

Voici la liste des enfants de Blue Quills qui ont complété le grade XII de 1958-65, tel que vous le désirez:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1965 | Mary Cardinal | Saddle Lake | Diploma (Partie de Senior matric) |
| | Leona Makokis | " " | Diploma (Partie de Senior Matric.) |
| | Leona Shirt | " " | Diploma (Partie de Senior Matric.) |
| | Louis Lapatac | " " | Diploma (Complète a Edmonton actuellement) |
| | Eric Large | " " | Diploma (Banque: Toronto-Dominion; St.-Paul) |
| | Billy Half | " " | Sr. Matric. (Navy) |
| 1964 | Lucas Redcrow | " " | Diploma (Recreation:) |
| 1963 | Joan Makokis | " " | Diploma(Secretarial course: Vermillion) |
| | Elizabeth Redcrow | " " | Senior Matric. -- 2nd year R.N. |
| | Annie Minoose | Cold Lake | Senior Matric. (Education: 1st year U.of A.) |
| | Shirley Matchatis | " " | Senior Matric.(6 mo. University: married) |
| | Helen Dion | Kehiwin | Diploma(Part Senior Matric.) |
| | Cecilia Dion | " | Diploma (Vermillion) |
| | Madeleine Redcrow | Saddle Lake | Senior Matric. (R.N.) |
| | Pauline Shirt | " " | Diploma |
| | Joyce Matchatis | Cold Lake | Senior Matric. (Married) |
| | Irene Dion | Kehiwin | Diploma |
| | Wilfrid Large | Saddle Lake | Diploma |
| | Jerome Wood | " " | Diploma |
| | Augustin Dion | Kehiwin | Diploma (Part Senior Matric.) |
| | Allan Jacob | Cold Lake | Senior Matric.) |
| | John Janvier | " " | Diploma |
| | Linda Houle | Saddle Lake | Diploma |
| | Lawrence Martial | Cold Lake | Diploma |

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Pour compléter la première liste, voici les enfants de Blue Quills qui ont arrêté l'école aux grades XI, X, IX:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Grade XI: | Harvey Youngchief | Kehiwin. (1965) | |
| | Arlene Cardinal | Good Fish | |
| | Rosemarie Cheecham | Anzac | |
| | Julian White | Saddle Lake | married. |
| | Sylvia Cardinal | " " | |
| | Annie Charland | Cold Lake | |
| | Margaret Lapatak | Kehiwin | Married. |
| | Theresa Marten | Cold Lake | " |
| Grade X: | Marlene Matchatis | Cold Lake | married. |
| | Margaret Badger | Kehiwin | |
| | Bernice McFeeters | Cold Lake | |
| | Doris Makokis | Saddle Lake | nurse's aide. |
| | Evelyn Cardinal | " " | |
| | Emilia Cardinal | " " | |
| | Ned Memnook | Saddle Lake | (1965) |
| | Eric Piche | Cold Lake | married. |
| | Veronica Cardinal | Saddle Lake | " |
| | Irene Cardinal | Kehiwin | |
| | Marian Redcrow | Saddle Lake | to be married. (1965) |
| | Violet Loth | Cold Lake | (1965) |
| Grade IX: | Charlotte Martial | Cold Lake | |
| | Flora Steinhauer | Saddle Lake | married. |
| | Eleanor McFeeters | Cold Lake | |
| | Eric Janvier | Cold Lake | |
| | Esther Lightning | Saddle Lake | |
| | Willard Cardinal | Saddle Lake | |
| | Mike Cardinal | Saddle Lake | |
| | Armand Loth | Cold Lake | (1965) |

Voici maintenant la liste des enfants qui sont attendus pour Septembre 1965.

Grade XII: Frank Large Saddle Lake
Oscar Whickyjack Saddle Lake
Marjorie Makokis Saddle Lake
Susan Makokis Saddle Lake
Alma Janvier Cold Lake
Cecilia Matchatis Cold Lake

Grade XI: Lorraine Cardinal Saddle lake
Alphonse Dion Frog Lake

Grade X: Judy Cardinal Saddle Lake
Melanie Janvier Cold Lake
Shirley Cheecham Anzac
Dorohty Cardinal Saddle Lake
Rosanna Brighteyes Saddle L.
Francis Whiskyjack SaddleL.
Michel Cardinal Saddle L.
Archie Thomas Winterburn.
Sylvia Kakeesim Saddle L.
Theresa Cardinal Saddle L.

Grade IX: Shirley Memnook Saddle Lake
Jean Woods Saddle Lake
Eileen Cardinal Saddle Lake
Florence Cora Minoose Cold Lake
Linda Yvonne Minoose Cold Lake
Mary Rema Cardinal Good Fish Lake
Joyce Jacknife Cold Lake
Edith Jacknife Cold Lake
Elmer Cardinal Saddle Lake
Bernard Makokis Saddle Lake
Eugene Makokis Saddle Lake
Eugene Cardinal Saddle Lake

BLUE QUILLS SCHOOL MEETING SEPT. 10,1970 at 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Father Provincal
Father George Larang
Alice Makokis
Stanley Redcrow
Ruby Whitford
Theresa Gadwa

The people have requested to have a Priest to say Mass and hear Confessions. The Masses are listed as follows:

Masses: 9 A.M. Sundays
Confessions: 8:30 A.M. Sundays
Regular Masses: Just first Fridays of the months 7 A.M.
Confessions will be heard once a month.

Father George Larang will ask the teachers how to arrange Cathecism instructions with their assistance he will be able to help the children. He will instruct the teachers to teach religion.

We are requesting Father Provincal to have Father George Larang to say Mass, and help with Religious instructions for the Blue Quills School.

Yours Truly
Stanley Redcrow

cc. Regional Office, Alberta.
MAIL TO Rev. M.J. Lafrance, O.M.I.

118/6-2-751 (E1)
Linklater, C. (Pers.)

Ottawa 4, January 20, 1964.

Reverend P.H. Lyonnais, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Blue Quills Indian Residential School,
ST. PAUL, Alberta.

Dear Father Lyonnais:

The Minister has been in correspondence with Father Lafrance regarding ownership of the three staff units at the Blue Quills Residential School. Attached herewith is a copy of a letter sent to Father Lafrance on January 16th, 1964, asserting the Departments ownership of these buildings. According to our records, one of these units is occupied by a teacher of the school, a Mr. Clive Linklater, who, apparently has been paying rental directly to you.

Since this unit is Crown-owned, Mr. Linklater should be paying rental to the Crown through deduction from his teacher's salary and it is proposed that such deductions commence as of February 1st, 1964.

Particulars of the accommodation occupied by Mr. Linklater are being forwarded to Treasury Board which is the Agency responsible for assessing the value of the accommodation provided. Pending this estimate, however, the temporary rental of $25.00 per month is being placed on the premises. In addition, Mr. Linklater will be required to pay $5.00 per month for furniture and 5% of his salary for services, such as heat, light and water, etc.

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I would appreciate it if you would inform Mr. Linklater of the above arrangement which will go into effect as of February 1st, 1964.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
R. F. DAVEY

Encl.

R.F. Davey,
Assistant Director, Education.

CANADA

MINISTRE DE LA CITOYENNETÉ ET DE L'IMMIGRATION

Ottawa 4, le 16 janvier, 1964.

Très Révérend Père M.-J. Lafrance, O.M.I.
Provincial
Missionnaires Oblats de Marie Immaculée
9916-110e Rue
Edmonton (Alberta)

Mon très révérend père,

J'ai reçu un rapport de la Direction des affaires indiennes au sujet des maisons occupées par des membres du personnel de l'Internat de Blue Quills.

Le Ministère estime qu'étant donné que l'école de Blue Quills est construite sur des terres dont le titre est dévolu à la Couronne, toutes les bâtisses érigées sur ce terrain sont censées appartenir à la Couronne, qu'elles aient été construites par la Couronne, ou par la direction de l'école à même les fonds reçus de la Couronne ou provenant de l'exploitation de l'école.

Vous vous rappelez sans doute que la même question s'est présentée au sujet de certaines bâtisses de l'Internat de Blood et que nous avions alors adopté la même attitude, estimant que lorsque des bâtisses permanentes sont érigées sur un terrain de la Couronne, elles deviennent partie intégrale de l'établissement scolaire.

Comme la Couronne se considère propriétaire de ces maisons, c'est elle qui doit voir à leur réparation et à leur entretien.

Vu ces circonstances, le Ministère avait déjà entrepris, avant de recevoir votre lettre, de faire les réparations nécessaires.

Bien à vous,

Le ministre,

Guy Favreau

Blue Quills R.C. Ind. Res. School,
P.O. Box 279,
St.-Paul, (Alberta)

August 6, 1965.

Mr. R.F. Battle,
Assistant Deputy Minister,
Department of Citizenship and Immigration,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, (Ont.)

Dear Mr. Battle,

For the past two years, I have been working through regular channels to get action on a gymnasium and accomodation for our High School Boys, to replace an old dilapidated building, which was condemned two years ago by an engineer of the Department, but which we have been obliged to use for the past two years. And as far as I know, we shall have to use it again this coming September though I cannot see fourty boys living in such a place. It is certainly a disgrace to the Department to force us to use such a building, and all those who see it agree that the only solution is to tear it down and build a new gymnasium, especially due to the fact that our boys attend the Public High School in St.-Paul and have to live in such a place.

I have been working through our Agency Superintendent, our Supervising Principal, our Teacher Counsillor and our Regional Superintendent; I have been in Ottawa, and even though promises were made, plans were even drawn up by D.P.W. nothing has been done and we still have to keep using that old building, with more High School students coming in. All other schools are filled to capacity and cannot accept another 170 students.

Therefore, in sheer desperation, I take the liberty to write to you, to find out the cause of this procrastination and see if you can do anything to help us continue our work. Honestly I can hardly face the fact that High School students will have tolive in such conditions starting September 1st, without hope of improvement within the next few months.

I cannot describe adequately on paper the condition of that old building, and I would like you to see it personnally, so that if there are any doubt in your mind about the necessity, I am sure they would be dispelled in a metter of minutes.

The Indian parents are well aware of the above conditions and of the promises made by the Department, and since nothing materializes, they are decided to use the news media to spark some action, pending on your reply.

Hoping that you will give this matter your immediate attention

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

P.N. Lyonnais. O.M.I.

L.J.-C. et M. I.

COMMISSION INDIENNE et ESQUIMAUDE des PÈRES OBLATS
The OBLATE FATHERS INDIAN and ESKIMO COMMISSION

238 ARGYLE, OTTAWA 4, ONT. • TEL. : 236-2307

le 30 juin 1966

Rév. Père G.-M. Latour, O.M.I.,
Provincial,
12806- 113ième avenue,
EDMONTON' Alta.

Cher Père Latour,

Je vous envoie une lettre qui m'a été transmise par l'Indian-Eskimo Association concernant Goodfish Lake. J'ai bien l'impression que ce monsieur McMaster est un "trouble maker" et je me demande comment résoudre la situation.

Est-il possible d'unir les deux écoles dans une situation telle que celle-là? Nous pourrions en discuter durant ma visite de juillet. J'irai en automobile car je veux faire plusieurs arrêts en route: chez les Jésuites en Ontario, Kenora, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Grouard.

Je serai à Edmonton vers le 25 ou 26 juillet.

A bientôt donc.

Sincèrement en N.S. et M.I.,

Guy Voisin, o.m.i.,
Directeur

Le 3 juillet 1966.

Rév. Père Guy Voisin, o.m.i.,
Directeur Général,
238 Argyle,
Ottawa 4. Ont.

Cher Père Voisin:

Je reçois votre bonne lettre du 30 juin quime donne aussi copie d'une lettre de M. McMaster de Goodfish Lake. Comme vous, je crois que cet homme est un "trouble maker". Je rencontrerai le Père Fortier cette semaine à Edmonton car il doit venir aux cours donnés au Collège S. Jean.

Je serai peut-être à Lebret vers le 20 juillet pour rencontrer nos novices.

Nous aurons l'ordination à la prêtrise pour les frères Bowler et Goutier, le 17 juillet à S. Albert.

Il y a beaucoup de propagande contre les écoles indiennes et les églises en Alberta. Est-ce que nos efforts que nous avons fait pour obtenir un propagandiste arriveront en retard?

A bientôt.

En N.S. et M.I.,

Goefges-Marie Latour, o.m.i.,

August 13th, 1966

Mr. R. F. Davey,
Director,
Education Service,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa 2. Ont.

Dear Mr Devay: Re: Your File 1/25-1 (E.1)
Your letter dated August 10th.

Because of health reasons, Father H.P. Lyonnais cannot assume, at present, responsibility as principal of school.
Consequently I wish to propose for your approval Father Simon-R. Gagnon, o.m.i.,--at one time at Ermineskin I.R.S-- as principal of Blue Quills I.R.S. St. Paul, Alta.
and Father Martin Michaud remain as principal of Onion I.R.S.

An immediate reply would be appreciated.

I am sorry for the inconvenience and I thank you for your cooperation,

With personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Georges-Marie Latour, o.m.i.,
Provincial Superior.

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH
DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

CANADA

DIRECTION DES AFFAIRES INDIENNES
MINISTÈRE DE LA CITOYENNETÉ ET DE L'IMMIGRATION

Ottawa 2, August 10, 1966.

OUR FILE NO. 1/25-1 (E.1)
*Notre dossier nº*

Reverend J.M. Latour, O.M.I.,
Provincial,
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate,
9916 - 110 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Father Latour:

This will confirm the following changes in Principals of which we have been advised by Father Voisin.

1. Reverend M. Michaud, O.M.I. presently Principal at Onion Lake to become Principal of Blue Quills.

2. Reverend P.H. Lyonnais, O.M.I. presently Principal of Blue Quills to become Principal at Onion Lake.

3. Reverend LC. Latour, O.M.I. to become Principal of the Ermineskin Residential School replacing Father Paul Hudon, O.M.I.

Yours sincerely,

for R. F. Davey,
Director -
Education Services.

Missionary Oblates of M.I.
Provincial Administration,
12806 - 113 Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. R.F. Davey,
Assistant director of Education,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Davey,

I would hereby respectfully ask you to approve the transfer of Rev. Fr. H.P. Lyonnais, o.m.i., presently principal of Blue Quills I.R.S. as principal of Onion Lake I.R.S., and of Rev. Fr. M. Michaud, o.m.i., presently principal of Onion Lake I.R.S., as principal of Blue Quills I.R.S.

With reference to a previous letter, dated July 15th, would you also approve the appointment of Rev. Fr. L.C. Latour, o.m.i., as principal of Ermineskin I.R.S.

An immediate reply would be appreciated, as the religious authorities of our Catholic dioceses are requesting a list of changes in their respective dioceses.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Fr. G.M. Latour, o.m.i.
Provincial Superior.

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

CANADA

DIRECTION DES AFFAIRES INDIENNES
MINISTÈRE DE LA CITOYENNETÉ ET DE L'IMMIGRATION

Ottawa 2, August 17, 1966.

OUR FILE NO. 1/25-13 (E.1)
Notre dossier nº

Reverend G.M. Latour, O.M.I.,
Provincial Superior,
12806 - 113 Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Father Latour:

I acknowledge your letter of August 13th and accept the following recommendations:

(1) Reverend Simon R. Gagnon, O.M.I. to become Principal of the Blue Quills Indian Residential School.

(2) Reverend Martin Michaud, O.M.I. to remain as Principal of Onion Lake Indian Residential School.

Yours sincerely,

for R. F. Davey,
Director -
Education Services.

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Centre Régional des Soeurs Grises,
9810-165 rue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

19 juin 1968.

Révérend Père G.M.Latour, o.m.i.,
Maison St-Vital,
9916-110 rue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Révérend Père:

Je constate que le contract signé en 1950, concernant les écoles résidentielles de Cardston et Blue Quills est fort désuet. La présente est donc pour vous informer de notre intention de récouvrir ce contract afin de le réétudier.

Dans un avenir assez rapporché je désire m'entretenir avec vous à ce sujet, mais dès maintenant j'aimerais que vous songiez à la possibilité d'abolir la pratique de signer un contract qui nous oblige à assurer un nombre de religieuses chaque année. Etant donné la grande pénurie de sujets, il est de plus en plus difficile de trouver les personnes qui ont les qualifications nécessaires. Annuellement, à une date fixe, les Principaux des écoles pourraient peut-être me faire parvenir une liste des positions ouvertes, indiquant les qualifications requises. Lorsque nous aurons les personnes disponibles nous serons heureuses de le s encourager à faire application.

Veuillez le croire, R.Père, bien que les circonstances nous obligent à reconsidérer notre formule d'apostolat, nous tâcherons de faire l'impossible pour continuer de vous assister auprès de cette portion du peuple de Dieu qui a tant besoin d'âmes généreuses. A L'exemple de Mère Youville nous encouragerons nos religieuses à aller de préférence vers les pauvres.

Bein vôtre en N.S.

Soeur Thérèse Chaloux,
supérieure provinciale.

P.S.Je serai absente du 24 juin au 8 juillet inclusivement.

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Cher Père:

Je n'ai reçu cette lettre que le 23.
Le conseil provincial:

1. n'a pas l'intention de signer aucun contrat avec les religieuses.
2. demande que le salaire adéquat soit payé aux religieuses remplissant une fonction prévue par Indian Affairs. donc faire le chèque de l'ecole directement aux religieuses.
3 vous demande de faire vos commentaires à ce sujet.

il est bien entendu de ma part que je ne prendrai aucun engagement avec la provinciale, c'est au principal que revient ces choses.

bonjour et bon succès.

En N.S.et M.I.

G.M.Latour, o.m.i.,

G.M.Latour, omi

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Mon Rev Père Provincial.

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1- Pour ce qui est du contrat avec les religieuses, il ne serait pas nécessaire d'en signer.

2- Déjà depuis des années, j'ai toujours fait le chèque de l'école directement aux religieuses

Et : à Onion Lake
à Hobbema
à Blue Quills

donc pas de problèmes ici.

3- Pas de commentaires nécessaires puisque nous faisons déjà ce qu'elle réclame.

En N.S. et M.I.
J.A.R. Gagnon

Réunion des Oblats du district de St-Paul tenue à l'Ecole Indienne Blue Quills, mardi, le 28 mai 1968. Etaient présents les PP. S.-R. Gagnon, M. Michaud, G. Lassonde, G. Roussel, G. Tétreault, C. Frappier, V. Lecalvez, C. Chategnier, L.-P. Roy, M. Picotte, O. Maillet, G. Peroni et les Frères L. Détillieux, A. Albert. Le P. Gagnon, supérieur du district, préside la réunion. Le P. C. Frappier est nommé secrétaire.

Le sujet de la réunion portait sur et "autour" des Stes Règles - Guide Revision. No I, Préface, Règle fondamentale.

Introduction.

Comme au temps de Mgr de Mazenod, notre monde passe par une crise de foi et des âmes nombreuses sont abandonnées. Et notre regard sur ce monde est comme à l'origine de la Congrégation, un regard d'esprit de foi. Le zèle des pauvres et la prédication de l'Evangile continuent à animer l'oblat militant. Et c'est ainsi que l'oblat repense la préface des Stes Règles en face du monde moderne, qui est un monde païen dans presque tout ce qu'il nous offre: littérature, radio, télévision...

L'oblat s'approfondit dans ce regard et cette vie de foi, par des réunions et visites, des lectures, en particulier des Etudes Oblates, des revues de documentation. Et l'oblat a besoin de la visite paternelle des autorités: c'est un grand reconfort pour continuer la tâche et aussi pour avoir le temps de discuter de tous les problèmes. Que les supérieurs prennent leur temps dans les visites des maisons de la Province.

Dans les réponses aux questions, voici certaines idées apportées.

2- 1) Par la lecture et l'étude nous nous tenons au courant des besoins de l'Eglise. Il faudrait organiser des programmes à la Radio, à la Télévision; s'il le faut, ayons un lait. Ici les Oblats doivent suggérer aux autorités diocésaines, mais non prendre les responsabilité financières.

Comme les programmes cris à la radio sont très écoutés par les indiens, les Pères du district de St-Paul demandent avec instances à l'autorité provinciale de voir à changer l'heure de ce programme. S'il est impossible de le faire, que ce programme soit abandonné complètement, car un très grand nombre d'indiens manquent à la messe dominicale, car ils restent à la maison pour l'écouter et ensuite, souvent, ne se rendent pas à l'église, car il leur reste que peu de temps pour le commencement de la messe.

2- 2) Les deux grands maux du monde moderne, c'est le matérialisme et la soif de jouir de la vie.

3- Ce renouveau favorise également un meilleur esprit communautaire.

4- Le fait de se rencontrer et d'être ensemble est un très grand enrichissement.

Quant aux autres questions de Guide-Révision, nous pouvons ajouter un "oui" à chacune d'elles.

Approuvé: G. Tétreault. Secondé: L.-P. Roy. C. Frappier

# Raport de la 2e réunion.

Les Oblats du district de St-Paul se sont réunis à l'Ecole Indienne le 11 juin 1958. Etaient présents les PP. S.R. Gagnon, sup., G. Tétreault, L-P. Roy, P. Labelle, J. Goutier et C. Frappier; et les FF. L. Detillieux et A. Albert.

La réunion portait sur "Religieux - missionnaire". Le no II dans "Guide-révision" p. 3 - 4.

Introduction. Souvent dans les petites communautés où un frère est seul avec 2 ou 3 pères, il y a parfois un antagonisme entre le Père et le Frère. Le frère n'était pas consulté, et parfois il était abusé. Situation anormale, puisque le frère a les mêmes obligations que le père.

Voici les réponses principales émises sur les questions.

1- Notre vie religieuse et notre vie missionnaire ne s'opposent pas; l'une alimente l'autre. Notre action nous donne matière à la prière et à la méditation; et la prière et la méditation nous aide à devenir meilleurs missionnaires.

2- Voilà pourquoi les deux se complètent.

3- La vie commune et les voeux deviennent un moyen extraordinaire et très efficace pour alimenter l'action missionnaire. L'évêque, dans son diocèse, travaille avec son clergé diocésain, qui, selon Pie XII et Jean XXIII, se compose et du clergé séculier et du clergé régulier, sur un pied de parité.

4- Parfois, après l'oblation, le religieux ne continue pas son ascension dans le chemin de la perfection; il s'imagine qu'il est stabilisé; alors la faiblesse humaine entre en jeu, et si le religieux ne se réveille pas et ne remonte pas la côte, la glissade peut être désastreuse. Il faut se renouveler sans cesse dans l'esprit de sa vocation par le pratique de l'esprit de foi et la prière fervente.

C. Frappier O.M.I.

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le 28 août 1968, 19

Rév. Père Clément Frappier, o.m.i.,
C.P. 130
Bonnyville, Alta.

Cher Père Frappier:

J'accuse réception de votre rapport et je vous en remercie. Il y a un point qui me frappe:....."les Pères du district de S. Paul "demandent avec instances à l'autorité provinciale de voir à changer l'heure de ce programme. etc....."

Je me demande ce que l'autorité provinciale a à faire dans cette question. Je sais que des Oblats ne sont pas de votre avis à ce sujet.... mais nous en parlerons au prochain conseil provincial du 4 septembre. Pourquoi toujours faire tomber nos problèmes sur le provincial en conseilllllllllll?

J'avais cru vous rencontrer au souper d'adieu de Mgr Lussier.

Tout va bien

Fraternellement vôtre en N.S. et M.I.,

Georges-Marie Latour, o.m.i.,

Blue Quills Residence

le 26 juin 1970

Bonjour Père Levaque,

Il fait bon d'apprendre que vous avez assisté aux réunions de l'association indienne de l'Alberta à Cardston. Je vous suis reconnaissant de m'avoir envoyé les résolutions.

Je veux vous dire ce qui est arrivé depuis votre dernier voyage à Edmonton: 1* le P. S.R. Gagnon a démissionné en date du 19 mai et sa démission sera effective le 31 juillet.

2* Le groupe de Saddle Lake est venu me voir afin d'obtenir un prêtre car ils veulent que leur résidence et école soient catholiques alors je leur ai dit d'en faire la demande officiellement et par écrit.

3* le 9 juin à leur demande, je me suis rendu à une de leurs réunions à S. Paul. leur ai dit: nous ne sommes pas pour vous abandonner, faites vos demandes de prêtre chapelain et d'orienteur et de conseillier etc nous vous aiderons. Deplus promesse a été faite de leur laisser tout ce qui est dans la chapelle s'ils ont un chapelain, leur ai dit aussi que les protestants qui seraient admis dans leur résidence devraient avoir leur chapelain. Mgr Gagnon a admis cela lui aussi.

C'est Louis-Clément qui est à Saddle Lake temporairement. il est bien vu des indiens ayant été avec pendant plus de 10 ans.

Bonjour et bon succès.

Mes voeux et prières.

G.M.Latour, o.m.i.,

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BLUE QUILLS SCHOOL MEETING SEPT. 10,1970 at 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Father Provincal
Father George Larang
Alice Makokis
Stanley Redcrow
Ruby Whitford
Theresa Gadwa

The people have requested to have a Priest to say Mass and hear Confessions. The Masses are listed as follows:

Masses: 9 A.M. Sundays
Confessions: 8:30 A.M. Sundays
Regular Masses: Just first Fridays of the months 7 A.M.
Confessions will be heard once a month.

Father George Larang will ask the teachers how to arrange Cathecism instructions with their assistance he will be able to help the children. He will instruct the teachers to teach religion.

We are requesting Father Provincal to have Father George Larang to say Mass, and help with Religious instructions for the Blue Quills School.

Stanley Redcrow

October 2nd 1970

Mr. Stanley Redcrow,
Saddle Lake/ Athabaska District Office
St. Paul, Alberta.

Dear Friend:

This is to acknowledge the report of our meeting dated September 10, 1970. Many thanks.

Father George LaGrange is very happy with the Blue Quills!

Best wishes to you all.

May God bless you!

Yours truly,

Georges-M. Latour, o.m.i.,

ministration and teaching at this time. However, the young people will in due time be qualified to do so. More important, it would seem that when one is trying to do away with something, one should have sound positive ideas, plans and proposals to offer in its place. Some of us parents are wondering what situations are going to replace the present situation and whether it is going to be better.

A few members on our school committee are making a lot of noise. They complain that some outsiders are not consulting with the Indians which is true but are they themselves setting a good example by not consulting with us parents? Most parents here are in the dark as to what is taking place aside from the broad consultation issue on which we generally agree. Lately our school officials and committees are meeting frequently discussing school matters, I presume.

How can Mr. King, Mrs. Alice Makokis and the Indian school committee encourage this action without consulting the people when many are not aware of what is going on due to poor communication on the reserve? There should be an honest house survey done to find out what the majority want. I think the committees are taking a discriminatory action in not consulting the families. What if we were to lose Blue Quills School due to mismanagement by an inexperienced administrator.

I, personally, would not want to lose Blue Quills School because it is so precious and dear to us especially for our orphan children and others broken and neglected homes.

Skepticism has overtaken me that someone, somehow is making us do away with our school or making a leeway to some buyer according to rumours.

— An Indian Parent

## Disagrees With Journal Headline

Although I am an ordinary Indian housewife with no position in education, I think I still can relate my views.

DISCRIMINATION
ST. PAUL
By HAROLD CARDINAL

This sounded rather harsh, especially on the headlines of the St. Paul Journal. Mr. Cardinal simply meant that we Indians were discriminated on by some authorities for not consulting with us before the final agreement with regards to the shared cost of the Regional High School by the Federal Government.

What assurance have we got that our children will be accepted there as long as the school stands? I, fully agree with Mrs. Isobel Steinhauer when she said, "We are not against education for our children in St. Paul." Most of us know and realize that education is a necessity in this modern day and age although difficulties exist.

There is so much controversy about Blue Quills Residential School. It seems as though Mr. Walter King, a superintendent of education, Saddle Lake/Athabaska District, through the influence of his apparent advisor, Mrs. Alice Makokis, student Counsellor aide, is speeding up the take over administration and teacher staff of Blue Quills by the Indians. I think it would be good if more parents were hired for casual employment there, but I doubt if we Alberta Indians are qualified and experienced to take over full ad-

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July 9th 1970

Mr Stanley Redcrow,
Blue Quills Native Education Association,
Blue Quills Residence
B. 279
Saint Paul, Alberta.

Dear Stanley,

This is to reaffirm what I have said at your meeting, June the 9th 1970 at the Legion Hall, Saint Paul, Alberta.

1* That it has always been the policy of the Oblate Fathers to teach and encourage the Native People to take in their hands their own destinies when ever they are ready.

2* That the Oblate Fathers are not opposed of your decision to take over the administration of the Blue Quills Residence.

3* That <u>on request</u> the Oblate Fathers shall do their very best to present for appointment by the Most Reverend Bishop of St Paul, a chaplain who, in accordance with specific regulations to be determined by the Catholic parents or their representatives and the Bishop of St Paul, shall be responsible for the spiritual welfare of the students and the members of the Residence.

4* That the non-Catholic people should have the same right.

5* That all furniture and objects of the cult now in use in the chapel are the property of the Oblate Fathers and that in the event of the appointment of a Catholic Chaplain, these will remain for the use of the Catholic Community.

6* That, <u>on request</u> by the Native People, the Oblate Fathers will be prepared to help the administration by their counselling, their guidance etc...

7* That it was pointed out the advisibility to require the assistance of female counsellors in the person of sisters with experience in this work.

Wishing you best of luck and reaffirming our sincere and devoted cooperation when requested, I remain,

Yours in Christ and M.I.

Georges-Marie Latour, o.m.i.

Georges-Marie Latour, o.m.i., provincial.

Viste au sujet de l'administration de Blue Qills.

Présents: Stanley RedCrow, Tomas Cardinal et G.M.Latour,o.mi.

Date: le 27 mai 1970.

Les Oblats ne sont pas opposés, ils veulent collaborer et vous aider.
c'est la ligne de direction que nous avons toujours suivie.
Vous devez être prêts, il faut que ce soit un succès.

Eux: demandent un chapelain, qui sera conseilleur spirituel etc.....
un consultant... un rôle d'expert.

Nous: Vous devez en faire la demande. par écrit.
CF Indian Record.

G.M.Latour, o.m.i.,

après la visite.

lors de la réunion du 9 juin à Saint Paul.

je leur dis: la même chose:
le droit des enfants doit êtr respecté: même pour les protestants.
qui devraient avoir leur chapelain.
la chapelle restera telle qu'elle est présentement, si chapelain.
elle pourra servir aux protestants, si Mongeigneur le permet.
J'ai vu son Excellence qui a donné son consentement.

G.M. Latour, o.m.i.

Mrs Messnook.

mr Blackman.

Quinny.

John

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Blue Quills Native Education Association

Minutes of Meeting - Sunday, June 7th, 1970, 2 P.M.

Present: Jonas Cardinal, Stanley Redcrow, Ruby Whitford, Alice Makokis, Emma Steinhauer, Theresa Gadwa. Observers; Vern Makokis and Bill Green.

Purpose: To draw up the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting, June 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Place: The Elks Hall, St. Paul, Alberta.

(To be confirmed by Mr. Redcrow)

1. Tuesday, June 9th.
   - (a) Opening Prayer - Rev. Father Latour
   - (b) Opening Remarks - Mr. Jonas Cardinal
   - (c) Chairman's Remarks - Mr. Stanley Redcrow
   - (d) 'Stage One' - (1) Legal Framework
     - (2) Administration
     - (3) Programme Management
     - (4) Financial Control
     - (5) Personnel Management
     - (6) Curriculum Development

   Workshop to be done in consultation with Mr. Roy Peipenburg and Mr. Clive Linklater

2. Wednesday, June 10th.

   (Continuation of above workshop)

3. Thursday, June 11th.

   Consultation with Indian Affairs Branch Officials:
   - (a) Mr. Mowat - Residences
   - (b) Mr. Max Edwards - Adult Education
   - (c) Mr. Platzer - Personnel Adviser
   - (d) Mr. Don Stewart - Welfare
   - (e) Mr. Vern Boultbee - District Superintendant
   - (f) Mr. Walt King - Dist. Super. of Education
   - (g) Mr. Doug Sobat - Employment and Relocation

4. Friday, June 12th.

   Consultation with other officials:
   - (a) Provincial Department of Education

(b) Civil Service Alliance
(c) Mr. Roddick, Association Lawyer
(d) Indian Association of Alberta
(e) Native Communications Society

Closing Remarks: Harold Cardinal, IAA
Eugene Steinhauer, NCS

Adjournement to be at 4:30 P.M.

Other Business

(1) Financial Arrangements for above meeting:
(Alternatives for Board to decide on)
(a) 12¢ per mile/ or Fare
and $15.00 per diem, 4 or 5 days.
(b) 12¢ per mile for car drivers/ or Fares
and Room and Board.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Mr. Redcrow, 4:30 P.M.

Acting Secretary,

Mrs. Emma Steinhauer.

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Chairman,

Mr. Stanley Redcrow.

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Part 1. Name

The name of this Association shall be the Blue Quills Indian Residential School Association.

Part 2. Aims and Purposes of the Society

1) To educate Treaty Indian children of the Saddle Lake/Athabasca District in grades five to twelve.

2) To provide residence for:

a. Children who live off main bus routes. (more than 1 mile)

b. Children from isolated communities

c. Children of migrating parents

d. Orphans

e. Children from over crowded homes i.e. 2 or more families living in 1 residence

f. Children with health problems i.e. heart problems rheumatic fever

g. Children of irresponsible parents

3) To staff the school and residence with native personnel

4) To administer the school through disbursement of funds allocated to the school by the Federal Government

Part 3. Terms of Membership - Rights and Obligations

L) The members of the society shall be Treaty Indian people of the Saddle Lake District.

2) Their is no restriction on membership, i.e. age or fees

3) (Responsibilities of members)

Part 4. General and Special Meetings, Quorums and Voting Rights

1) General annual meeting shall be held once a year during July to be called by the board of directors.

Special meetings shall be called by the board of directors when required
30 days for general meeting notice
Fourteen days notice by mail shall be given to chiefs, councillors and school committees members of the various reserves.

2) The chairman of the Board or one of the officers shall preside at all meetings

3) A quorum for the transaction of business of any meeting of the members shall consist of not less than 25 members in person.

4) Any meetings of the society or of the Directors may be adjourned at any time and from time to time and such business may be transacted at such adjourned meetings as might have been transacted at the original meeting from which such adjournment took place. No notice shall be required of any such adjournment. Such adjournment may be made notwithstanding that no quorum is present.

5) Every member 18 years or over shall be entitled to vote.

6) At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands and a declaration by the chairman that a resolution is passed, carried unanimously, or by particular majority or loss, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Association, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor of or against that resolution. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to cast a deciding vote.

Part 5. Election of Executive

L. The affairs of the society shall be managed by a board of eleven Directors to be elected as hereinafter set out, plus an executive of four members to be elected as hereinafter set out.

2. Each reserve, those being:

Ft. Chipweyan, Ft. McKay, Anzac, Janvier, Heart Lake Beaver Lake, Saddle Lake, Goodfish Lake, Kehewin, Frog Lake and Cold Lake

shall elect one director for a term of two years. election to be held on each return
The executive, which shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer shall be elected annually at a general meeting.

term of ½ first board be for one year, two years thereafter

3) Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Directors for any reason whatsoever during the period between annual general meetings or in the event that an office has not been filled, the reserve concerned shall elect a replacement. A vacancy on the Executive shall be filled by appointment of a member by the Board of Directors.

4) A Director or officer may be removed from the board or the said office by a two-thirds majority vote by the members present at a general or special meeting.

add 5)

Part 6. Duties and Powers of Board of Directors and Executive

1) To hold regular meetings as they may determine to conduct the business of the Society.

2) The affairs of the society shall be administered by the Board of Directors and the Executive jointly and they shall be empowered to make such rules and regulations in compliance with the rules and regulations of the society as are necessary for the society and its members.

3) The Chairman shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the members of the society and of the Board of Directors. The Chairman, with the Secretary or other officer appointed by the Board for the purpose shall sign all resolutions. During the absence or inability of the Chairman, his duties and powers may be exercised by ~~any~~ the Vice-chairman.

4) The Board of Directors and Executive shall jointly appoint an administrator for the school.

5) The administrator with a screening committee of five selected from and by the board shall hire staff.

6) The administrator shall supervise the staff as a whole and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Board.

7) The quorum of the meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive shall consist of the four officers and at least six members of the Board.

of part 3

8) Travelling expenses and honorarium to Board members and Executive for attending meetings to be discussed and decided at a general meeting of the members.

Part 7. Exercise of Monetary Powers and Audit of Accounts

1) For the purposes of carrying out the objects of the society the Federal government shall grant annually

the total funds necessary to cover operating and maintenance costs. add upkeep renovation & expansion.

2) All money belonging to the society shall be deposited at a chartered bank to be designated by the Board of Directors and Executive jointly and all cheques of the society shall be signed by the Chairman and one of the other officers ~~xx~~ or the administrator as designated by the Board of Directors.

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3) At each annual general meeting the executive shall lay before the society and the Federal government a statement in the form of a balance sheet audited and signed by the society auditor and containing general particulars of liabilities, assets, revenue and expenditures of the society. The auditors for the society shall be

4) The Board of Directors and Executive shall have the right to expend the societies funds to defray the cost of conducting the affairs and business of the society.

Part 8. Custody and Use of the Seal and Preparation and Custody of Minutes, Books and Records of the Society

1) The Board of Directors and Executive may jointly adopt the seal which shall be the common seal of the society and the said seal shall be under the control of the Directors and Executive and the responsibility for its custody and use from time to time shall be determined by the Directors and Executive.

2) The Directors and Executive shall see that all necessary books and records of the society required by the by-laws of the society or by any applicable statute or law are regularly and properly kept and it shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors and Executive to record or cause to be recorded therein, Minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the members and the Directors and Executive.

3) The books of account shall be kept at (Blue Quills) School and shall at all times be open to inspection by the Directors, Executive and a duly authorized representative of government Treasury Board. of Canada Provided However, that the Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what time and places and under what conditions the regulations, the accounts and books of the society or any of them shall be opened to the inspection of members not being Directors, and no member, not being a Director, shall have any right of inspecting any

account or book or document of the society except as conferred by law or authorized by the Directors or by resolution of the members.

Part 9. Amendments to the By-Laws

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the members present at any general meeting or a special meeting of the society.

Blue pencils (verso)

INDIANESCOM
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13 juin 1970

Bien cher Père Tardif,

Un mot à la vitesse pour répondre à votre lettre du 15 dernier. J'ai les deux livres du Père Lavern et j'en ai encore besoin. J'aimerais à les garder jusqu'en Sept et soyez assurés que les Archives Oblate n'en seront pas dépourvues. Ce sont des trésors

qui resteront chez nous i.e. archives oblats
J'arrive du Sud de l'Alberta où j'ai
assisté à l'assemblée annuelle de l'Association
des Indiens de l'Alberta. J'envoie par la
présente une copie des résolutions que je
vous demanderais de donner au Père
Provincial afin qu'il se prépare à placer
le Père Gagnon ---- ou même d'engager
Ragon et Daniels --- Bonjour

Yvon Lévesque