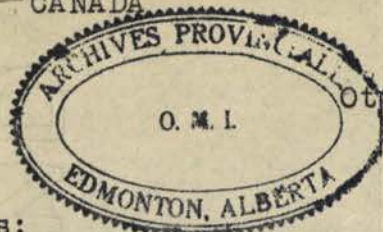


DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA



Ottawa, January 2, 1934.

Dear Father Langlois:

I have your letter of the 21st ultimo, with reference of the present condition of the water supply at the Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, on the Peigan Reserve. I was rather surprised to learn of the lack of water at this school, as, some two years ago, the Department expended the sum of approximately \$3,000 in the installation of an auxiliary water supply system, the work being carried out by the Dominion Water Power and Hydrometric Bureau in Calgary. This supply, as you are aware, was obtained from a spring and piped to the school. It was stated, at the time, that it could supply 6,000 gallons per day, which amount was ample for all ~~of~~ purposes and for providing a reserve supply for fire or other emergencies.

I may add that your letter is the first information received regarding the present condition of the water supply. No doubt, this is due, to a very great extent, to the very limited rainfall during the past summer. It is possible that a good supply of water could be obtained from the former deep well, if it were placed in good ~~position~~ condition. This well was examined at the time the work of installing the pipeline from the spring was performed, and the authorities of the Dominion Water Power Branch stated, at that time, that this well appeared to have almost entirely failed.

However, I may add that the Department is taking up with Mr. Inspector Christianson the matter of the water supply. He is being requested to submit a report with reference to drilling a new Well and an estimate of the cost. I may state, further, that as the Department had no recent intimation regarding the inadequacy of the water supply at this school, no provision has been made in the Estimates for funds to carry out any work in drilling a new well or for other means ~~of obtaining a new well or for other means~~ of obtaining a supply of water.

When a report is received from the Inspector, consideration will be given as to what work can be carried out to augment the present water service at this school.

Your obedient servant,

J.T. Sutherland

Acting Supt. Of Indian Education.

Very Rev. U. Langlois, O.M.I

Oblate Fathers' Prov. House,

Edmonton



PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.433

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY, DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
OTTAWA



YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 150-46

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, January 4, 1934.



Rev. Sir:

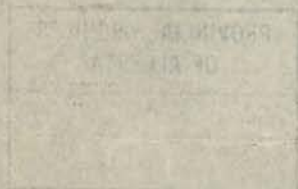
The Department has recently prepared a new "Cash Receipts & Expenditure Book". A copy of this is being forwarded to you under separate cover, and I would appreciate your using same in future.

In this connection, I wish to draw your attention to the Deputy Superintendent's circular letter of September 7, 1933.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

Rev. J. L. Levern, O.M.I.,
Sacred Heart Residential School,
Brocket, Alta.



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
OF ALBERTA

ACC. 71.433

Sacred Heart Indian School, Brocket, Alta, January 8, 1934

H.C. Lancaster.

Indian Agent, Brocket.



Dear Sir,

You remember that two weeks ago I spoke to you about the alert we got here at the school one morning at a quarter past five : a few minutes after the engine had been started, the Sister in charge of the girls remarked in the dormitory some sparks around the 4" sewer Ventilator, just under the ceiling. She ran down at once to the chapel to tell me about it; I went up and I saw sparks indeed between that pipe and the metal ceiling, while we were hearing a sonorous noise on the roof. I gave order to stop the engine immediately, and then the sparks ceased very soon, and the fierce wind went down at about the same time: our trouble was over. As soon as the day light came, we examined all the wire connexions between the ceiling and the roof, but we could find nothing wrong.

We were still wondering what might have caused those sparks, when on Christmas day Mrs. Bad Eagle asked me what was the meaning of the very big light which she saw from her house, one morning, on top of the roof of the school! Before I could answer, Mrs. Mike One Owl and her mother, who were sitting near her, exclaimed at once: "Oh! Yes, we have seen that big light also from Nathan Many Feathers' house." This has given us the explanation of the big noise we heard while we were looking at the sparks : we thought it was due to the fierce wind blowing on the west fire escape or the revolving ventilator on top of the dormitory; but, in fact, it was caused by the flame rushing out of the sewer ventilator!

But this has not explained the cause of the accident : Is there any place under the roof where the insulation cover of the electric wires has been rubbed off under the pressure of the wind shaking the building, establishing thus a short circuit? we hardly think so; or was it just the gas exploding from the sewer? This is what some experts claim, and they suggest that two high ventilators should be put on the sewer pipe line in order to let the gas escape and to prevent the repetition of the same accident.

When this happened, there was six inches of snow on the roof: otherwise, the whole building would have been burnt!"

Such is the reason why I have considered it my duty to write you, so that you may submit the matter to the Department.

Yours truly,

G. J. Gervin





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ACC. 71.433



Missionnaires Oblats de Marie Immaculée

Administration Provinciale

9916-110ème rue

Edmonton -- Alberta



11 janvier 1934

R.P.J.L.Levern, O.M.I.
Brocket, Alta.

Cher Père Levern,

Voici copie de la réponse à notre lettre adressée l'autre jour au Département Indien. Vous pouvez voir qu'ils font les ignorants au sujet de votre question d'eau.

L'Inspecteur Christianson devra passer chez vous avant longtemps, s'il ne l'a déjà fait. Insistez pour ~~quelque~~ quelque chose se fasse, car le personnel et l'Ecole ne peuvent rester dans cette grande pénurie.

Plus j'y pense, plus je regrette que nous ayons entrepris de notre propre initiative le creusage d'un puits. Ce n'est pas à nous à faire ces dépenses. Le Département recherche toutes les occasions de diminuer les allocations, de faire le moins possible pour nos Ecoles; il voudrait nous forcer à les conduire seuls sans son secours. S'il s'aperçoit que nous parvenons à vivre et à faire toutes sortes d'autres choses, avec le peu d'argent qu'il contribue, il va nous laisser de plus en plus à nos propres ressources, nous ne pourrons plus rien obtenir. Je sais bien cependant que quand on est mal pris, qu'on meurt de soif, on tente tout soi-même pour se procurer de l'eau sans attendre le bon vouloir de celui-ci ou de celui-là.

Nous parlerons de tout cela à votre venue prochaine.

Bonjour fraternel à toute votre communauté en Jésus et Marie,

H. Langlois O.M.I.

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PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES
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ACC. 71.433

Brocket, Alta, 28 Janvier 1934

Rev. Pere U. Langlois, Prov. O.M.I.

Edmonton.



Reverend et bien cher Pere Provincial,

J'ai recu votre bonne lettre du 11 ainsi que la copie de la reponse d'Ottawa, datee du 2 courant, et je vous en remercie de tout mon coeur.

Maintenant, je tiens a relever deux phrases de cette lettre: "I was rather surprised to learn of the lack of water at this school..." "I may add that your letter is the first information received regarding the present condition of the water supply..." Il y a la un mystere pour moi: jugez-en vous-meme, apres avoir lu ~~ma~~ ma lettre du 23 Aout a MR. Lancaster, dont vous trouverez la copie ci-jointe.

Une quinzaine de jours apres avoir remis cette lettre a Mr. Lancaster, je recus de lui cte reponse orale: "Le Departement a repondu qu'on ne peut rien faire pour vos animaux; vous en avez trop, vendez-en et payez Nap. Provost vous-meme". -Reponse orale, comme c'est devenu l'usage au bureau de Brocket depuis longtemps, quand il s'agit de correspondance avec Ottawa.

En tout cas, si Mr. Lancaster a reellement porte connaissance de ma lettre du 23 Aout au Departement, la surprise mentionnee plus haut provient d'un pur oubli, et il ne serait pas vrai que "your letter is the first information received regarding the condition of the water supply." Je prefere ne pas faire d'autre commentaire.

Mr. Christianson est venu avec Mr. Fetterle, Ingenieur de Calgary, pendant mon voyage a Edmonton. Comme je vous l'ai dit, le puits est ressuscite, comme il lui arrive tous les hivers pour deux ou trois mois: ce n'est donc pas la une raison pour nous dire que nous avons de l'eau en abondance, car notre longue experience est la pour nous avertir de nous tenir prets a fondre de nouveau de la neige - s'il y en a - non seulement pour les animaux, mais encore pour les besoins de l'ecole. Vous avez vu vous-meme, lors de votre visite de decembre, qu'en desespoir de cause, apres la rebuffade de Mr. Lancaster, et en presence de notre disette d'eau, je me suis vu force de louer une machine a creuser des puits: nous avons fait deux essais infructueux jusqu'ici et couteux, et penibles; mais en toute justice, le Departement ne devrait-il pas au moins rembourser ces frais?

C'est tout pour le moment. Nous sommes tous bien.

Votre humble frere en NS & MI.

(J. J. Gervin)



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA

Ottawa, February 8, 1934.



Dear Father Langlois:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant, with further reference to the water supply at the Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, on the Piegan Reserve, and enclosing a communication which you received from the Rev. Principal, regarding the matter.

Upon receipt of your former letter, dated December 21st, last, the Department requested Mr. Inspector Christiansen to investigate the water conditions at this school and submit a report. He was to consult the representative of the Dominion Water Power Branch in Calgary. Mr. Christensen has replied stating he has arranged that Mr. Fetterly, of the Water Power Branch, would accompany him to Brocket to look into the situation as soon as weather conditions permit. Mr. Christianson stated that it would depend on the weather when they would visit the school and examine into conditions.

It is hoped, in the meaning time, that the school will have sufficient water, as this winter there has been a great deal of snow and several Chinooks in the southern part of the Province, which have melted the snow. Of course, when you take into consideration that the school has approximately 100 head of live stock and that this number of cattle require a great deal of water, there is some possibility of the school being short of water. As soon as the Department receives the report and recommendations of the officer of the Dominion Water Power Branch, the question of providing more water at this school will receive consideration.

I am returning herewith the letters which you forwarded from the Principal of the school, as you may require same for your files.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

J.D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.



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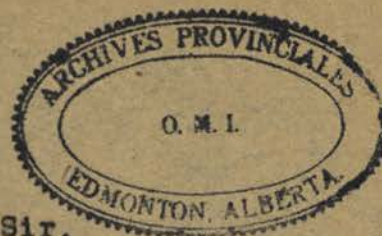
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Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta,

March 6, 1934

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.



Dear Sir,

Last december, we sent you through Dr. Dubuc a requisition for medecines, and we have received nothing yet. I am wondering if this requisition has been overlooked, and therefore I have thought of writing you these few lines. Many of those medecines have been badly needed already for a good while.

If our requisition has been miscarried, please say so, and i will send you another copy.

Yours truly,

Principal.

J. J. Levern





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Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta,

8 Mars 1934

Rev. Pere U. Langlois, Prov. O.M.I.

Edmonton, Alta.

Reverend et bien Cher pere Provincial,

J'ai recu votre bonne lettre du 23 fevrier ainsi que la copie de celle de Mr. Sutherland, datee du 8, et j'ai attendu jusqu'aujourd'hui pour vous repondre parce que nous etions en train de creuser de nouveau: je voulais savoir si nous reussirions a trouver de l'eau ou non. Or hier nous avons essaye un nouveau fiasco: nous etions a 85 pieds, dont une soixantaine dans la roche, quand le cable s'est brise, et c'est la seconde fois que cela nous arrive. Inutile donc pour nous d'essayer davantage avec cette machine d'emprunt: elle n'est pas assez forte pour creuser dans la roche!

Or, il ya un homme de Lethbridge qui a une machine tres puissante, celle-la meme qui a creuse notre puits de 300 pieds en 1926, et qui actuellement est en train de creuser pour des fermiers au sud de Brocket: Il me semble que le Departement devrait le faire venir ici pour continuer notre creusage, -et de plus nous dedommager de nos frais et travaux infructueux. Vous vous rappelez en effet que, si j'ai entrepris ce travail et fait ces depenses considerables, c'est a cause de la situation angoissante ou je me trouvais l'ete dernier par suite de la rebuffage de Mr. Lancaster et du refus d'Ottawa.

Mr. Sutherland dit dans sa lettre que nous avons "approximately 100 head of live stock": or, la verite est que nous n'avons plus que 44 tetes d'animaux, plus les chevaux de travail et 5 cochons. C'est moins que le minimum essentiel pour les besoins de l'ecole, -et alors peut-on en droit m'accuser d'etre trop exigeant en demandant de l'eau pour cette petite bande de betail? Qu'on nous creuse donc un puits dans le champ et qu'on nous donne une pompe et un engin ou un moulin a vent, et cela le plus tot possible.

Il y a autre chose: notre terrain libre, c'est-a-dire non mis en culture ne fournit meme pas un paturage suffisant a ce petit nombre d'animaux; impossible par consequent d'y faire du foin, et d'autre part l'agent m'interdit d'en couper sur la reserve. A Cardton, chaque ecole a au-dela de deux sections de terre et, en plus, pleine liberte de couper sur la reserve des Gens du Sang tout le foin voulu. Vraiment notre situation est trop penible et trop onereuse, surtout dans un temps de crise comme celui que nous traversons, et je crois avoir le droit de demander qu'on nous la rende plus tolerable.

Merci de nouveau pour tout l'interet que vous avez la bonte de prendre a notre oeuvre parmi ces chers Peeganes.

Votre humble frere en N.S. & M.I.



(G. J. Laverne)



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ACC. 71.433

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

FILE NO. 4919

DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

CALGARY, ALTA.

March 20, 1934.



Re Sacred Heart Indian School, Brocket, Alta.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that, subsequent to Mr. Fetterly's visit of inspection to the above named school on January 23 and 24, a full report was sent to Ottawa regarding the water situation.

An answer was received dated March 12 instructing this office to secure the services of a drilling rig for the purpose of attempting to clean out the old well, and mentioning Ben Sill of Macleod, the original driller of the well. The amount available is \$100.

I find that Mr. Sill no longer owns a drilling rig but is an employee of Wm. and Joe Maughan of Lethbridge. This firm has a rig near Pincher Creek.

I have been in communication with Wm. Maughan who lives in Calgary. He states that he can do the work, which may occupy 4 or 5 days, or possibly more, for \$100 provided he and his assistant are provided with board. They carry bed rolls and can sleep anywhere. Difficulty was experienced in persuading him to do the work for this sum.

Mr. Wm. Maughan is today attempting to get in touch with his brother, who is at present in Coutts, to ascertain whether he can finish the work before March 31 as mentioned in the letter which we received from Ottawa.

This communication is for the purpose of informing you of activities, as Mr. Maughan may not hear from his brother today.

Your obedient servant,

Rev. Father Lavern,
Principal, Sacred Heart Indian School,
Brocket, Alberta.

O.H. Hoover
O.H. Hoover.
Engineer-In-Charge.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CANADA

FILE NO. 4919

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DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

CALGARY, ALTA. March 22, 1934.



Re Sacred Heart Indian School, Brocket, Alta.

Sir,-

With further reference to my letter of 20th instant regarding the cleaning of the old well, I might say that Mr. Maughan phoned today that it would be difficult for him to pull tools on the well which his outfit is drilling at present 18 miles southwest of Brocket and do the job before March 31. He is reluctant to try although anxious to do the work. I think it would be inadvisable to hurry the job as it might not be as well done as if there were plenty of time.

I am writing to Ottawa to-day giving them this information. Mr. Maughan stated that he could move to the School about April 15.

As I understand the original letter from Ottawa, we will be able to proceed as soon as possible after April 1st without further instructions.

Your obedient servant,

O.H. Hoover.
Engineer-In-Charge.

Rev. Father Lavern,
Principal, Sacred Heart School,
Brocket, Alta.

Mr. Maughan has since phoned that he can move on to the work about March 31.



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CANADA

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Ottawa, March 26, 1934.

Dear Father Langlois:

With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, I may say that the question of the water supply at the Sacred Heart Residential School has been taken up with the officers of the Dominion Water Power Branch. They suggest that the old well be cleaned, as possibly this would result in securing sufficient water and avoid the necessity of incurring the heavy expenditure required for drilling a new well. Arrangements have been made to have the well cleaned during the month of April, and before taking further action, the Department will await a report regarding the results secured.

The last annual report submitted to the Department by the Principal of the Sacred Heart School states that the school has the use of 800 acres of land on the reserve, of which amount 340 acres is under cultivation. I am inclined to feel that this should be sufficient land to meet the purposes at this school. (X)

(X) Acc. en réponse à une
demande d'augmentation
de terrain, pour faire
pâturage - J. D.

Reports received also indicate that quite a large herd of cattle is kept at this school. As a matter of fact, one of our Inspectors recently stated that he considered more cattle are being kept than are really necessary.

Yours very truly,

J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

Very Rev. U. Langlois, O.M.I.,
Oblates Father's Provincial House,
9916-110th St.,
Edmonton, Alta.

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OF ALBERTA
ACC. 71.433

Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta,

April 12, 1934

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I have just remarked that our Fire-Extinguishers have not been refilled since the 19th of November 1932, while they should be refilled once a year.

We have here four 2½ gallon Foamite Extinguishers and eight 1 Quart Fire Guns No O. Therefore, please supply us as soon as possible with a sufficient amount of ingredients and fluid to refill them.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Principal



G. D. Guelm

SECRET - Confidential
April 1944

The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs

I have just received from one of my friends, who is a member of the
Council of the Department of Indian Affairs, a letter dated April 1944
in which he has informed me that the Department of Indian Affairs
is planning to issue a new set of regulations for the Department of
Indian Affairs, and that the new regulations will be issued in the
near future.

Very truly yours,
Your obedient servant,



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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
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Ottawa, April 21, 1934.

Rev. Sir:



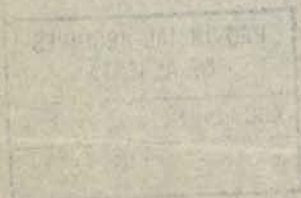
With reference to your letter of the 12th instant, I beg to say that an order is being placed with the Lafrance Fire Engine and Foamite Company, Toronto, to forward the refills required for the fire extinguishers at the Sacred Heart Indian Residential School.

The account covering the cost of these refills will also be sent to you, and you should certify the account and forward it to the Department for payment.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.

Rev. J. L. Levern, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Sacred Heart Indian Res. School,
Brocket, Alta.



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, A. I. I. 1910.



With reference to your letter of the 11th inst. I am to advise you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. The same will be forwarded to you as soon as a decision has been reached.

Very truly yours,
J. A. McLeod,
Assistant Commissioner.

Enclosed for you are two copies of the same.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. McLeod.

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Enclosed for you are two copies of the same.

Very truly yours,
J. A. McLeod.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA
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Sacred Heart Indian School, Brocket, Alta, April 25, 1934

O.H. Hoover,

Engineer-in-charge, Calgary



Dear Sir,

I have received, a good while ago, your two letters of the 20th and 22d of march, Nos 4919, informing me that Mr. Maughan should be here with his machine about the 15th of this month.

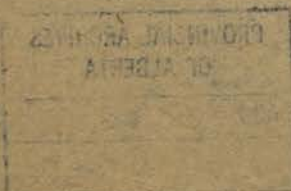
I regret to say that he has not shown up yet; I have even heard some rumour that he is not coming before next fall! I hope that this is not true; the sooner he comes, the better it is.

We will be glad to accommodate him and his man while they will be doing that work. If he happens to come some of these days, I will write you again, and let you know it; if not, please get in touch with him again.

Thanking you, I remain Yours truly

Principal

(J. L. Gervin)





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DOMINION
WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU
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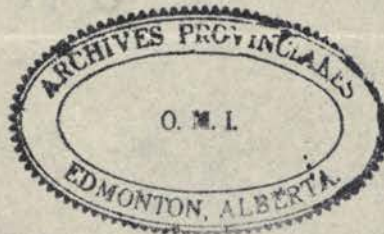
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DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

CALGARY, ALTA.

April 26, 1934.



Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25th instant regarding cleaning out the well at Sacred Heart School.

I just called Mr. Wm. Maughan of the Union Drilling and Development Co., owners of the drilling rig, on the phone, to ascertain when his brother Joe would probably take his rig to the School. Mr. Maughan stated that he had wired to his brother, who has been drilling in Coutts, to inform us when he intended to proceed with the work. He stated that this should occur within the next three or four days. I expect that he should be at the school within the next week.

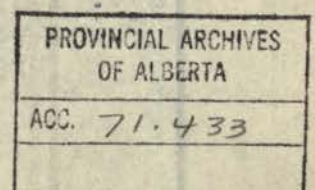
I am sorry that you have been apprehensive regarding the matter, as the delay is probably caused by the wish to finish the present job.

I told Mr. Maughan that Mr. Fetterly wished to be present toward the end of the cleaning-out process in order to be in a position to decide on future procedure in case the experiment proved a failure.

Your obedient servant,

O.H. Hoover.
Engineer-in-Charge.

Rev. Father J. Lavern, O.M.I.,
Principal Sacred Heart School,
Brockton, Alta.



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CALGARY, ALTA.



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FILE NO. 4919

L/H

DOMINION WATER POWER AND HYDROMETRIC BUREAU

CALGARY, ALTA.

May 3, 1934.



Sir,-

By a short report just at hand from our engineer, Mr. W. T. McFarlane, who visited your school on the 2nd inst. he informs me that Mr. J. Maughan expected to have the pump ready to operate that night and he also stated that you would be good enough to inform me in a few days if everything was working satisfactorily.

Before settlement is made with Mr. Maughan, therefore, I will await your communication. I also trust that the water supply will be found to be as desired.

Your obedient servant,

O. H. Hoover.
Engineer-in-Charge.

Rev. Father J. Lavern, O. M. I.,
Principal Sacred Heart School,
Brockton, Alta.



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

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INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

PB CALGARY, ALTA., June 6th, 1934.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO AGENTS AND PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS.

Dear Father Levern:

I am forwarding to you under separate cover Prize List for the Calgary Exhibition. You will find the Indian Exhibit list on Pages 56 to 60, inclusive. I am also forwarding entry forms which are to be sent in in duplicate. Tags are also enclosed and if more are required please advise me. Every School and Indian Agency in the Province is being furnished with the same, and I would ask all school principals to send in as much handicraft work as possible. I would also ask the Agents to send in some Indian bead work, as without this the exhibit would be incomplete.

The shipments should all be addressed to this office, collect, and may be forwarded at any time after receipt of this letter. If any article is for sale, this should be shown on the tag. I trust the Agents will get the fancy-work, &c., in not later than the 6th or 7th of July.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours truly,

Rev. J. L. Levern,
Sacred Heart School,
BROCKET, Alta.

M. Christianson
M. Christianson,
Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Alberta Inspectorate.

P.S. Stickers for school work will be mailed in a few days.

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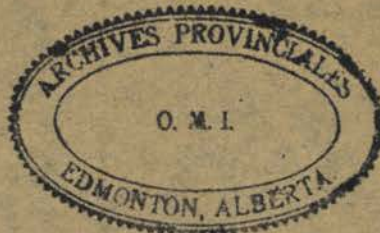
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Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta,

June 7th, 1934

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



Dear Sir,

In accordance with your Circular of the 4th of last month, No. 150-50, I am glad to submit you the enclosed Inventory of our School. I hope that you will find it correct; if not, kindly send me your remarks so that I may make it better next year.

Your faithful Servant,

Principal

(J. J. Levern)





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Sacred Heart Indian Residential School, Brocket, Alta,

June 22, 1934

The Honourable H. McGill,

Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,



I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Circular of the 15th inst., No. I-1-10, and to say in reply that since the opening of this school in 1896 we have always kept the pupils until they reached the age of eighteen years. I beg to say also that, if we are obliged to discharge them when they are sixteen years of age, the only thing to do is to close this small school on this small reserve where there are so few children and where it is so difficult to get them from their parents.

On the other hand, the long experience of many past years has shown that school girls should never be returned single to the reserve, where they would be exposed to too many dangers: the practice that has always been followed is to arrange their marriage during their last year of school and to celebrate their wedding on the day of their discharge. A few exceptions have taken place for different reasons, but in most cases it has been to the detriment of the girls.

As for the boys, I must say that since the Department has obliged us to run a farm in connexion with the school, I do not see at all how we could discharge them at sixteen: They start to work on the farm, as a rule, only when they have reached that age. Then, what would be the use of a farm? No training could be given them in that line, and besides, the grant should be increased in order to enable us to hire extra men to do the work.

Hoping that you will understand these reasons and allow us to continue to do as in the past, I remain, dear Sir,

Your humble Servant,

Principal.

J. G. Severn

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CANADA



Ottawa, June 28, 1934.

Reverend Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, with reference to circular letter of the 15th instant, regarding children 16 years of age and over, in the Sacred Heart Indian Residential School. It is not the Department's intention to insist on the discharge of children simply because they have reached the age of 16 years, but, in order to carry out the Indian Act, Principals are required, when pupils reach the age of 16 years, to apply to the Department for permission to keep them for a longer period.

I would therefore appreciate your forwarding, through the office of your local Indian Agent, a list of the children at present in your school who are 16 years of age and over and who, you consider, should remain in the school. In each case, you should state your reasons for desiring these children to have the advantage of further educational training.

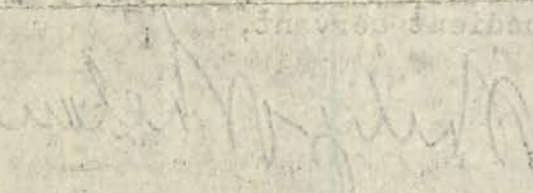
Your obedient servant,

Philip Phelan,
for Supt. of Indian Education.

Rev. J. L. Levern, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Sacred Heart Indian Res. School,
B r o c k e t, Alta.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, with reference to children of the 12th instant, regarding children 10 years of age and over, in the Sacred Heart Indian Residential School. It is not the Department's intention to insist on the discharge of children simply because they have reached the age of 10 years, but in order to carry out the Indian Act, provisions are required, when children reach the age of 10 years, to apply to the Department for action to keep them for a longer period.

I would therefore appreciate your forwarding to the Department the names of the children who are 10 years of age and over and who, you consider, should remain in the school. In each case, you should state your reasons for so doing, and the Department will take advantage of further educational training.

Yours obedient servant,

William Thomas,
For Supt. of Indian Education.

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