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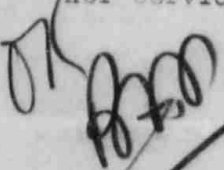
Sir:

I would wish to bring to your attention the valuable services rendered by Miss Helen Howe, the Back Settlement Indian Day School teacher during the year 1929-30 and would recommend that her salary be increased from \$90.00 per month to \$95.00 per teaching month, commencing the first of Sept. next.

Miss Howe took over the school, formerly taught by Miss Dingman, whose service were not entirely satisfactory and has been able during the past year to enforce good discipline, give complete satisfaction and has the confidence of the Indian parents in her work and the pupils have shown marked progress and it would be well for the school that her services be retained with the \$50.00 increase in salary.

Your obedient servant,

A.D. Moore, Indian Agent.


Secretary,
Dept. of Ind. Affs.
Ottawa, Can.

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Ottawa, July 5, 1930.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, requesting an increase in salary for Miss Helen Howe, teacher of the Back Settlement Indian Day School, for the next school year.

In reply I have to say that the Department will approve of an increase of \$5 per teaching month from September 1st, next. This will make the salary allowed Miss Howe from that date at the rate of \$95 per teaching month. Please inform her accordingly, and arrange with her to resume duties when the school reopens after the present summer holidays, on September 2nd, next. It is noted that Miss Howe rendered valuable services during the past school year.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie
A. F. MacKenzie,
Acting Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

A. D. Moore
A. D. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF MR. J. H. SEXTON,
PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR, DATED APRIL
28, 1930, ON HIS VISIT TO THE BACK
SETTLEMENT INDIAN DAY SCHOOL.

*Recd
[Signature]*

INDIAN AFFAIRS
RECORDS
SCHOOLS BRANCH
AUG 1 1930

Original on 7-2-6.

*Wid
[Signature]*

If some plan could be evolved by which some special instruction in Manual Training could be given the boys, they would go out from the school better equipped for living, with a better general education. The teacher might with profit to the girls of the school teach them to sew, darn and patch. The girls would like the work and they would be materially benefitted by the training. Indian children are uncommonly skilful with their hands. Why not do more to develop this special gift? Very little is being done at present to improve them in this regard.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Muncey, Ont.,

July 2nd 1931.

Sir,-

I would beg to enclose Day School Quarterly Return Forms for the six Indian day schools of Caradoc Agency and would request that the cheques of the separate teachers be sent forward to this office, as two of them left the reserve without clearing up their school work and I would wish to withhold their cheques until this matter is straightened out.

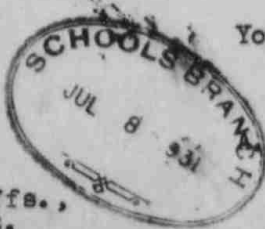
I would also recommend that Miss Helen Howe, teacher of the Back Settlement Day School receive an increase in salary of \$50.00 per annum, this girl being very diligent in her work and her school is progressing rapidly under her directions and I would wish to retain her services. All the teachers of the agency, with the exception of Miss Sproul and Miss Hammond, of the River Settlement and Oneida No. 2 schools respectively, have signified their desire to return to their duties after the summer holidays and Miss Sproul is willing to return if she was to get a substantial increase in her salary, and no doubt she has taken this matter up with Mr. Ferrier, with whom she is acquainted.

Miss Sproul is a very good teacher and her services, if possible, should be retained and I would recommend an increase of \$50.00 per annum in her case if it is at all possible to retain her. Miss Hammond, teacher of Oneida No. 2 Indian Day School left the reserve and did not signify her intention as to whether she was returning or not and I have heard that she is not returning, and I am getting in touch with her immediately to find out if this is true. I am also enclosing requisition for school material forms for the six schools of this agency.

Your obedient servant,

D. Moore
D. Moore, Indian Agent.

Secretary,
Dept. of Ind. Affs.,
Ottawa, Ont.



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Ottawa, July 8, 1931.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing the June quarterly returns of the six Indian day schools in your Agency. Cheques in payment of the teachers' salaries, with the exception of the teachers of Bear Creek and River Settlement, have been sent to you. Cheques for the two schools mentioned were sent direct to the teachers' addresses.

Regarding the request for an increase in salary to Miss Helen Howe, teacher of the Back Settlement Indian Day School, I regret that we have no funds this year to provide the increase asked for. You should ascertain definitely from Miss Howe at the earliest possible date whether she will return and resume duties when the school reopens after the present summer holidays, and advise the Department accordingly.

The Department understands that Miss Sproul, teacher of the River Settlement School, is forwarding you her resignation. When same is received, you should forward it to the Department.

Your obedient servant,

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

A. D. Moore
A. D. Moore, Esq.,
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File 1-6-3

Sir:-

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I would wish to advise you that Miss. Helen Howe, teacher of Back settlement Indian Day school, took sick at her duties on the on October 18th and was rushed to hospital that night and Dr. Dewar her attending physician informs me that she will not be able to return to her duties for at least 4 to 6 weeks.

This school is closed at the present time and I would wish your authority to engage a teacher to take Miss Howes' place during her illness and would suggest the temporary appointment of Glenn Marshman, who holds a 2nd class certificate and lives within a mile of this school and was an unsuccessful applicant for the Oneida schools this summer.

Miss Howe, without a doubt is one of our best teachers and has been very diligent in her duties and I would recommend that her salary be continued to her for a month at least of her illness and that the department pay the salary of any temporary teacher during his or her engagement. Kindly authorize the temporary engagement of a teacher and inform this office what salary will be paid and how it will be paid."

Secretary.
Dept of Ind. Affs.
Ottawa, Ont.

Your obedient servant.

A. D. Moore
A. D. Moore, Indian Agent.



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Ottawa, October 25, 1932.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant, informing the Department of the illness of Miss Helen Howe, teacher of the Back Settlement Indian Day School, and that it will be necessary for her to be absent from her duties for a period of from four to six weeks. The illness of Miss Howe is regretted.

In this connection I have to say, in order that the school will not remain closed, the temporary appointment of Mr. Glen Marshman is approved until such time as Miss Howe is able to resume work. Mr. Marshman will be allowed salary for the period he teaches, at the rate of \$95 per teaching month, less 10% during the present fiscal year. You should arrange with him to begin duties at the earliest possible date - it being understood that his services will terminate when Miss Howe is ready to return.

The Department will continue payment of Miss Howe's salary until November 15th, by which time it is hoped she will have regained her health. When the return of attendance for the current quarter is being prepared, it should show clearly the dates between which Miss Howe was absent. When she resumes duties, you might forward a statement showing the dates between which Mr. Marshman taught and the number of teaching days, when a cheque in payment of the salary due him for his services could be forwarded.

Your obedient servant,

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

A. D. Moore
A. D. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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Mr Thomas Megookin
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa Can

Dear Sir
Just few lines to you in the
regard of mine gran children which
I have hear with me now about the school
then have not been to ~~the~~ school for the Indian
Agent of Muncey do not want them to go
to our school at Back Settlement and I want
want you to help out with and the mother
was my daughter and the children have
no home but with staying the have no home
the mother was member of Band of Thomas and
the mother died one year ago about now and
I would like have them to go to school
som time soon Mr Moore the Inaugent
Don't want them to go to the ~~Indian~~ ^{the} school
and I did not send to school for 8 months
and please look in to this matter
yours truly Benj French Christina P
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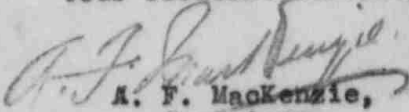
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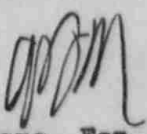
Sir:

A communication has been received from Benjamin French regarding his grandchildren, whom he states you have refused permission to attend the Back Settlement Indian Day School. He states that the mother, who was a member of the band, married a white man, now deceased, and that the children are residing with him.

While the children are half-breeds, it is thought, unless you have reasonable grounds for objection, that they might be permitted to attend the day school, especially as they are residing on the reserve with their grandfather. I would request that you enquire into this matter and inform the Department if there is any reason why they should not be permitted to attend the Indian day school. If you offer no objection, you might advise Benjamin French to have the children attend, on the understanding that he will see that they attend regularly.

Your obedient servant,


A. F. MacKenzie,
Secretary.



A. D. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

File 100-15

Muncey. Ont.

February 28th. 1933.

Sir:-

I would beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter 7-2-1 of February 23rd, with reference to the grand-children of Ben French of the Chippewa Band and will explain in detail the conditions regarding these children being on the Reserve.

Clara French, daughter of Ben, married a white man named William Peterson of London. Ont. about 13 years ago and left the reserve and resided in London. From this union were born three children William, now aged 13 yrs, Clara aged 10 yrs, and Gilbert aged 8 yrs. Mrs Peterson died on January 15th, 1932 and Peterson continued to keep house in London with the help of a house-keeper untill in May conditions at the home became bad and the Children's Aid Society of London. offered to take the children to which step the grand-parents objected and the father continued to keep the children untill the summer holidays of 1932, and in July of that year the two older children were taken to the grand-parents home on the Chippewa Reserve, where they have remained ever since. In November of 1932 the father of the children did take to the French home the younger child and left him there, as he was out of employment and was unable to keep the child. Since the children have been at the home of Ben French the father has only contributed the sum of \$3.00 towards their keep, and they have not seen him since November last. Peterson has always resided in London but owns no property there and has always rented, he has household furniture only.

In September last the grand-parents sent the two older children to a white school at Christina, which is only a mile distant and the trustees of the school complained about them and they were removed from the school, although French advises me that he paid for their books and was agreeable to pay school tax to allow them to continue and still is agreeable to pay any tax necessary.

While recently visiting Back Settlement school the teacher informed me that two of these children came to the school which is over two miles from the French home and the teacher asked

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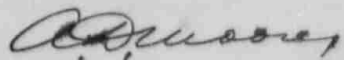
me my opinion as to allowing them to attend and I informed her that as her school was crowded for seats at the present time and as these children were of white parentage I considered that they could not be stopped from attending the Christina school under the circumstances and that as her school had not the accommodation they should be advised to attend the white school, where I knew there was plenty of room. I might add that a couple of Indians also complained to me that these children being white should not be allowed on the reserve. I also seen one of the trustees of the Christina school and talked the matter over with him and informed him of the parentage of these children and that in my opinion they could not be stopped from attending their school, which is so close at hand.

While Ben French is a very good Indian and entirely self-supporting, he did not ask the consent of the Indian Council of the Band or the permission of the Department to allow these children to reside on the reserve in the first place as he should have done and in view of the fact the Department has approved of the removal of other children such as these (Julia Fisher's grand-children, your file 39007 of March 20th 1932 and Lucy Fisher's adopted grand-child, your file 102-7 of Jan 27-33) and in view of the fact that paragraph 3 of your circular 102-1 of July 2nd. 1931 criticized Agents for allowing these outsiders to remain on the Indian Reserves and also in view of the fact that the Children's Aid Society offered help for these children, I would consider that they should be removed from the reserve in the Spring and their father made responsible for their support and keep, for while Ben French can and will support them properly providing he has his health, by allowing them to remain will mean they will to some extent be charges of the department for schooling and medical attention.

The number of Indian children attending Back Settlement school taxes the seating at this school and there is no other Indian school close that these children can attend and if they remain with their grand-parents I consider that they should attend the nearest white school, as many other Indian children do who live off the reserve or on the boundaries of a Reserve.

Secretary.
Dept of Ind. Affs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Your obedient servant.


A. D. Moore. Indian Agent.

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EXD.

March 3, 1933.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo in respect to the grandchildren of Ben French who are unlawfully residing on the Caradoc Indian reserve, and to say that your observance of Departmental instructions regarding such cases is much appreciated.

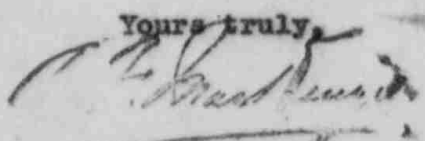
In view of the fact that the Department has already approved of the removal of children, not members of the band, under similar circumstances, the same procedure will have to be followed in the present case.

While the sympathies of the Department are with these motherless children, the fact remains that they have the status of whites and cannot legally be allowed to take up residence on the reserve.

It is felt that they should be permitted to remain with their grandparents until the winter is over when you should put the matter in the hands of the Children's Aid Society of London which is responsible for such children.

You might inform the grandparents of the Department's decision.

Yours truly,



A. F. MacKenzie.
Secretary.

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A. D. Moore, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Muncy,
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Muncy. Ont.

File 42-1

December 12th, 1934.

Sir:-

I would wish to refer you to my letter of February 28th, 1933 and your reply of March 3rd, 1933, file No. 7-2-1 and dealing with the grand-children of Ben French, who were unlawfully residing on the Chippewa Reserve of this Agency and whom the department gave instructions that I should have them removed when the Winter was over.

From information I have now received these children did remove and go to London for a short visit and then returned to the reserve to the home of Ben French where they have been over over a year and where they have been attending a local white school. I am also informed that the white father of these children has taken another woman as wife and is resident in London, Ont. Ben French is a man that minds his own business and lives on the reserve boundary and I only by accident learned that he had these children in his home again.

I am this day advising him that they must be removed to the home of their father in London and have given him two weeks to carry out this order and advised him that if he failed to do so in that time it would be necessary that the police remove them. I considered this order necessary in view of the fact that French will resist this action of removing these children as he has shown by his actions in keeping them at his home, contrary to the instructions I gave him in the Spring of 1933. If this action meets with your approval I would wish to be so advised and if not, what further action you would desire me to take.

Secretary.
Dept of Ind. Affs.
Ottawa. Ont.

Your obedient servant.

A. D. Moore
A. D. Moore, Indian Agent.

These white children should be removed off the reserve permanently

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EX. M.

December 24, 1934.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant with reference to the grandchildren of Ben French I have to advise you that these white children should be removed from the reserve permanently. The department approves of your report in this connection.

Your obedient servant

A. F. MacKenzie

A. F. MacKenzie.

Secretary.

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A. D. Moore, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Muncy, Ont.

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TORONTO, ONT. Nov. 9th. 1936.

Hon. T.A. Crerar,
Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by this Committee to bring to your attention a matter concerning a school on the Indian Reserve at Muncey in Middlesex, known as the Back Settlement school.

This reserve, as you know, has more than 1400 persons living on it, all of whom are Protestants. In the school in question there is employed a teacher- Miss Howe- who is a Roman Catholic. I understand that she has been employed for some time and received her appointment on the recommendation of the Indian Agent Mr. Moore.

From the wording of the Indian Act, this is entirely irregular, as it specifically states that the teacher will be of the religion of the band.

I am requested to respectfully urge that this condition be remedied, and a Protestant teacher placed in this school.

Might we add too, that this is the second complaint of this nature within a few years, a teacher being replaced about two years ago in the Oneida section of the reserve. We do not know the religion of the Indian Agent, but surely some care should be exercised in appointing agents and teachers whose religion is different from every one residing on this reserve. We are informed that the newly appointed R.C.M.P. officer is a Roman Catholic. If that is so, we feel that it is only fair and just to submit that on a reserve where not one soul in 1482 is other than a Protestant, no one but a Protestant should be employed in these official positions.

Yours very truly,

L.H. Saunders,
Secretary.

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Minister's Office
MEMORANDUM

Ottawa, November 19th, 1936.

Dr. H.W. McGill,
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs.

At the request of the Minister, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter he has received from Mr. L.H. Saunders. I would particularly refer you to the third paragraph in the letter.

C.W. Jackson
C.W. Jackson,
Private Secretary.

Enclosure (1).

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November 21st, 1936.

MEMORANDUMThe Honourable the Superintendent General.

I am in receipt of Mr. Jackson's memorandum of the 19th instant, enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. L. H. Saunders, Secretary, Grand Orange Lodge Ontario West.

In August, 1929, Indian Agent Moore submitted three applications that he had received for appointment as teacher at the Back Settlement Indian Day School in the Caradoc Agency (Electoral District of Middlesex West). One of these applicants was Miss Helen M. Howe and the Department chose her as being the best qualified for the position. Mr. Saunders is under a wrong impression when he considers her appointment was recommended by Indian Agent Moore. Miss Howe's application for appointment did not state her religion and it was not until some years afterwards that the Department was informed that she is a Roman Catholic.

Miss Howe began duties at the Back Settlement Indian Day School on September 1st, 1929, and has taught continuously since that time. Reports received from the Public School Inspector, who visits the Back Settlement School twice a year, have always been

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The Honourable the Superintendent General

very favourable. Under these circumstances, the Department has not considered it necessary to dispense with her services.

Referring to the third paragraph of Mr. Saunders' letter, it is presumed that he refers to Section 10 (2) of the Indian Act. I would point out that this section does not apply in the case of the appointment of teachers to Indian schools.

It has always been the practice to appoint a Protestant teacher when the Indians of the Band are Protestant and a Catholic teacher when the Indians are Catholic.

In view of Miss Howe's long and satisfactory service, it is felt that she is entitled to some consideration, and I would therefore recommend that her services be retained until the end of the present academic year, viz.: June 30, 1937, when she could be given due notice that her services would not be required after that date. If she was dismissed immediately, the pupils would, no doubt, be handicapped by a change of teacher in the middle of the term.

J.F.

Howe

Deputy Superintendent General.

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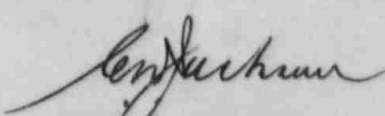


Ottawa, December 4th, 1936.

Dr. H.W. McGill,
Director of Indian Affairs.

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Referring to your memorandum of the 21st ultime, (file 7-2-1) regarding the position held by Miss Helen M. Howe, as teacher in the Indian Day School at Caradoc Agency, the Minister has no objection to your continuing her services until the end of the present academic year. At this time the question of her re-engagement can then be given further consideration.


C.W. Jackson,
Private Secretary.

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Ottawa, January 8, 1937.

MEMORANDUM:

Dr. McGill.

Referring to your enquiry regarding Miss Helen M. Howe, teacher of the Back Settlement Indian Day School, I would point out that in August, 1929, Indian Agent Moore submitted three applications that he had received for appointment as teacher of this school. One of these applicants was Miss Howe, and the Department chose her as being the best qualified for the position. Agent Moore had not made a definite recommendation regarding which of the three applicants should be chosen.

Miss Howe's application for appointment did not state her religion and it was not until some years afterwards that the Department was informed that she is a Roman Catholic.

While the Indian children attending this school are Protestants, none of the Protestant churches takes any special interest in the school.

Regarding religious instruction, our Programme of Studies for Indian Day Schools prescribes "Scriptural Reading, "The Ten Commandments", "The Lord's Prayer" and the "Life of Christ". As far as we are aware, Miss Howe has strictly followed our instructions in this regard.

Public School Inspector Sexton visits the Back Settlement School twice each year. The last inspection was on September 23rd, 1936, at which time he reported regarding the teacher as follows: "A successful teacher of Indian children. Miss Howe is doing good work here. The general management and discipline of this school are of the highest order. The pupils are obedient, but very shy. The teacher has done much to improve their manner and habits".

The Back Settlement School is in the Caradoc Agency (Electoral District of Middlesex West). The Indian Agent is Mr. A. D. Moore, Muncey, Ont. In addition to this school, there are five other day schools in this Agency, at each of which a Protestant teacher is employed.

A.D.
Chief, Training Division.

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January 9th. 1937.

MEMORANDUM

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Deputy Minister -

With reference to the matter discussed in my telephone communication with Mr. Jackson of yesterday, I am enclosing herewith a memorandum submitted by Mr. Phelan of the Welfare and Training Division. This report would seem to indicate that circumstances are not such as would justify the termination of Miss Howe's services. The fact that a person holds certain opinions does not warrant us in assuming that she would attempt to impose those opinions on others, and to treat her as though she had already done so would, in my opinion, be a case of outright persecution, and entirely unwarranted by existing circumstances.

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Director of Indian Affairs.

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Ottawa, February 4th, 1937.

Dr. H.W. McGill,
Director of Indian Affairs Branch.

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Referring to your memorandum of the 9th instant, regarding Miss Howe, teacher of the Bank Settlement Indian Day School, Caradoc Agency, I have discussed the matter with the Minister. He is not desirous that any action should be taken to terminate Miss Howe's services.

C.W. Jackson
C.W. Jackson,
Secretary.



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Thelbourn, Ont.
May 6, 1940.

To Mr. Secretary
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Can.
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Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that
I did not receive the Report
Form for Indian Day Schools
for the Fiscal Year ending
March 31, 1940. As the other
teachers on this Reserve have
received one some time ago
I thought mine must have
been lost in the mail. Please
forward me one if you haven't
already done so.

Yours truly,
Helen R. Howe,
Back Settlement Indian
Day School,
Saradoc Reserve.

Form
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Muncey, Ontario,
January, 7th 1942.

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Dear Sir:

In reporting matters of interest at the
Caradoc Agency during December I would advise as follows:

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Indian day schools were in operation during
the month but were closed on December 19th for the Christmas
vacation. The teachers have been provided with vocational
training materials as well as supplies to enable them to
prepare hot noon day lunches for the pupils during the winter
months. A filtered well was recently dug on the grounds at
the Oneida No. 2 School. The water in this new well is proving
satisfactory both in quantity and purity.

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M.W. McCracken, In Charge,
Caradoc Agency.

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1

Muncey, Ontario,
February 6th, 1942.



Dear Sir:

In the past, the Day Schools of Caradoc Agency have been operating on Eastern Standard Time. In view of recent Government regulations whereby Eastern Daylight Saving Time is compulsory throughout Ontario, I would wish to be advised if the Caradoc Agency Indian Day Schools should change to Daylight Saving Time or still continue on Standard Time.

The Department is no doubt aware that time means nothing to an Indian, and in spite of all the ingenuity of the various teachers, the Indian children are habitually late in arriving at school even when Standard time is in force.

If Daylight Saving Time is to be made compulsory at the Indian Day Schools, the routine of the school will be upset by children who come late.

In my opinion it would be wise to leave the matter as to whether the schools operate on Daylight Saving or Standard Time to the discretion of the teacher, who would be in a better position to decide which time would work most satisfactorily in each section of the Reserve. Kindly advise if the Department approves of granting the teachers permission to operate on whichever time he or she finds most suitable.

Your obedient servant,

M. W. McCracken, In Charge,
Caradoc Agency.

Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Ottawa,
February 10, 1942.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant with reference to recent Government regulations whereby Daylight Saving Time is compulsory throughout Canada. In view of the definite instructions issued by the Government in this regard I believe that all schools on the Caradoc Reserve should operate on Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mr. M.W. McCracken,
In Charge Indian Agency,
Muncey, Ont.

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Back Submittal #1

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Melbourne, Ont.,

June 17, 1942.

1. Returns
2. Submittal

R. G. Hoey,

Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Can.



Dear Sir:-

In your letter to
Mr. G. W. Down, Indian Agent,
at Muncie, Ontario, you stated
that you would appreciate
hearing from me before taking
another school. I regret not
having written before but I
was not aware of the fact,
that you asked me to get in
contact with you as Mr. Down
did not tell me.

You likely have been
informed that to fill in my
teaching year, Mr. Rexil asked
me to assist Mr. Down with
the clerical work in the
Indian Office at Muncie, Ont. I

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consented to do this only when he assured me that my duties, as teacher, would not be required for the remainder of the present term.

As June is drawing to a close, I wish to state that I have no position in view for the coming year. If there is not going to be any school at Back Settlement for the academic year and you know of any position I could fill, I'd appreciate hearing from you. I might say I would like to work near my home, as I have an aged father and it is necessary that I return home each evening.

Yours very truly,

Helen M. Howe.

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Copy sent to Mr. Down

Ottawa, June 22nd, 1942.

Dear Madam:

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I have your letter of the 17th instant in connection with your appointment as teacher of an Indian day school for the academic year 1942-43.

Indian Agent Down was recently written^t with reference to securing accommodation for the coming academic year. If he is successful in that regard, we will be able to authorize you to take charge of this school. However, if accommodation cannot be secured, we will offer you another school later on.

In the meantime, I understand that the Administrative Branch would like to retain your services in Mr. Down's office for the summer months, at least, and I will arrange to have a letter written to you in this regard.

Yours truly,

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Miss Helen M. Howe,
Melbourne,
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Ottawa,
September 22, 1942.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Back Settlement Indian Day
School, No. 378.

The above-mentioned school will re-open on October 1, 1942, and the former teacher, Miss Helen M. Howe, will be in charge. She will be allowed salary at the same rate as previously; namely, \$95.00 a teaching month, plus bonus.

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Ottawa,
October 9, 1942.

Dear Sir:

From reports received it is evident that the Department is not justified in continuing the Muncey Indian Day School in view of the very small enrolment and the still smaller average attendance. I also understand that it has not yet been found possible to re-open the Back Settlement School in the basement of the church.

However, the question of Miss Howe's appointment in your office has not been definitely decided, although application has been made for a further extension of her services which will, no doubt, be granted. In the meantime I am advised that a competition has been advertised for the position. She will no doubt apply.

If Miss Howe is successful in the competition and is permanently appointed to your office, it is our intention to close the Muncey School and re-open the Back Settlement School with Miss Comfort as teacher. If, however, Miss Howe does not secure the position in your office, it is our intention to have her take charge of the Back Settlement School.

My purpose in writing you this letter is simply to outline our intentions in the matter and consequently no attempt should be made to re-open the Back Settlement School or to close the Muncey School at the present time.

Yours truly,

Mr. G.W. Down,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

R.A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

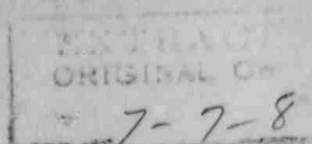
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Muncey, Ontario,
October 13, 1942.

Attention - R.A. Hoey, Esq.



Your File 7-7-8 & 7-4-1-

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Dear Sir,-

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There is also the question of the Back Settlement and Lower Muncey Schools. You will have learned by this time that Miss Helen Howe has definitely decided against applying for the position of Clerk at this Office and will be available for the Back Settlement School when ready. The new desks for this school arrived a few days ago but no other equipment so far. However it is noted in the last paragraph of your letter, that at present the Back Settlement School is not to be opened and the Lower Muncey is not to be closed. I presume you will advise as to future intentions. In the meantime I must take advantage of the Church's offer, if only for the storage for desks and other equipment that, I presume, will be arriving shortly.

I might also say, I agree with your decision to close one school. There is no justification for continuing the Lower Muncey School, but whatever you have in mind, thought should be given to centralization. If that is done, I think the situation could be overcome with a minimum of trouble and to the satisfaction of all concerned. It would certainly blend in with other outlined propositions

You will please advise whether or not I am interpreting the last paragraph of your letter correctly in delaying any action in opening school for the Back Settlement in the basement of the Church until further orders.

Your obedient servant
G.W. Down,
Indian Agent.

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Ottawa,
November 6, 1942.

Memorandum for file:

When Mr. Hoey visited the Caradoc Reserve recently the following arrangements were made with reference to the Back Settlement and Muncey Schools:

1. Arrangements have been made to conduct the Back Settlement School in the basement of the Anglican Church and the Agent was instructed to have the necessary supplies placed there as soon as possible. If Miss Howe does not wish to continue in the Indian office at Muncey, she will re-open the school immediately after the Christmas holidays. In that event, the Back Settlement School will continue in operation until June 30, 1943, at which time the situation should be reviewed with a view to determining if the number of children available justifies the continuance of the school for the academic year 1943-44.
2. However, if Miss Howe wishes to remain in the Indian office at Muncey, the Agent was instructed to close the Muncey Indian Day School before the Christmas holidays and place the present teacher of that school, Miss Comfort, in charge of the Back Settlement School after the holidays.



Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Mr. Helen M. Howe -
School No. 378.

Cheque No. 69401 -

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October Teachers Paylist

Back Settlement #1

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Ottawa,
November 7, 1942.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Back Settlement Indian Day
School, No. 378.

The above-mentioned school has not yet re-opened and no further payment of salary should be made to the teacher until you are further advised by this Branch. I am writing to the Indian Agent to arrange to have him return cheque 69401 for \$92.44 forwarded to Miss Howe in payment of her October salary.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Ottawa,
November 7, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Owing to an oversight the Treasury Branch has forwarded cheque 69401 for \$92.44 to Miss Helen Howe in payment of salary as teacher of the Back Settlement School for the month of October, 1942. I should appreciate it if you would arrange to have Miss Howe return this cheque immediately.

Yours truly,

R.A. Hoesy,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Mr. G.W. Down,
Indian Agent,
Muncey, Ont.

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PLEASE QUOTE
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Muncey, Ontario,
November 11th, 1942.

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Attention Mr. Hoey.

Dear Sir,.

Your File, 7-2-1.

In acknowledging your letter of Nov; 7th,
I have to advise, Miss Howe, is writing direct with reference
to cheque No. 69401.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Down,
INDIAN AGENT.

T.R.L. MacIness, Esq.,
Secretary,
Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont;

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Muncey, Ontario,
November 12, 1942.

Dear Mr. Hoey,-

With reference to your letter to Mr. Down, Indian Agent, re my cheque No. 69401, for the sum of \$92.44, I have to advise that I cashed this cheque at the Royal Bank, Mt. Brydges Ontario, on Friday, Nov. 6th. As the amount of each of my monthly cheques has been different, since working in the office, I did not notice the error. However, since I cannot return the cheque, I hope you can get the matter cleared up without too much trouble.

Yours sincerely,

William M. Howe

R. A. Hoey, Esq.,
Supt. of Welfare & Training,
Indian Affairs Branch,
OTTAWA, CAN.

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*Miss Mary
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Ottawa,
November 16, 1942.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Back Settlement Indian Day
School, No. 378.

With reference to my memorandum of the
7th instant, it has now been decided to
continue payment of salary to Miss Helen M.
Howe, teacher of the Back Settlement School.
She will be paid at the same rate as formerly.

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Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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January 9th, 1943.

Secretary, Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ontario.

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SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION:

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Geo. W. Down,
Indian Agent.

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Secretary, Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ontario.

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Geo. W. Down,
Indian Agent.

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Back Settlement #1
Melbourne Ont,
July 20, 1943.

P. J. Phelan Esq.,
Chief, Training Division,
Dept. of Indian Resources,
Ottawa, Can.



Dear Sir:-

Please accept
my resignation as teacher
of Back Settlement Indian
Day School, Lacadoc
Agency.

Due to having
to take care of my aged
father I'm not able to
continue teaching.

Thanking you
and your Department
for all past favours.

Yours truly,
Jesse M. Howe

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Ottawa,
July 22, 1943.

Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Back Settlement Indian Day
School, No. 378.

The Department has received and accepted the resignation of the teacher, Miss Helen M. Howe, effective July 1, 1943, and no further payment of salary should be made to her.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Ottawa,
July 22, 1943.

Mr. G.W. Down, Indian Agent, Muncey, Ont.

I am in receipt of a letter today from Miss Helen M. Howe tendering her resignation as teacher of the Back Settlement Indian Day School. You may advise her that her resignation is accepted. It would be appreciated if you would consult Inspector Young with a view to ascertaining if he can nominate a teacher for this school. Salary is allowed at the rate of \$95.00 a teaching month, plus bonus.

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Training Division.

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Ottawa,
July 22, 1943.

Memorandum:

DEPUTY MINISTER

Re: Back Settlement Indian Day School,
Caradoc Indian Agency, Electoral
District of Middlesex West, Ont.

We have a vacancy for a qualified, Protestant teacher at the Back Settlement School in the Caradoc Indian Agency. Salary is allowed at the rate of \$95.00 a teaching month, plus bonus. In addition to submitting the matter to your office, we have instructed the Indian Agent to consult the Public School Inspector. If any applications are received you will be advised.

Howell
Director.

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REPORT ON CARADOC INDIAN AGENCY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1944.

Schools;

All schools were visited during the month, and after a general discussion with the teachers it was thought that the 24th, of May, not being a holiday, could be used educationally in a combined display of the work done by the boys and girls of the three Oneida schools and invite the parents. Oneida No. 1 was used and a great crowd turned out. I am sure the parents appreciated not only the work of their children but the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Joblin and their teachers.

During the afternoon Mr. Joblin officially announced his retirement as minister of the Oneida United Church, regretted leaving the boys and hoped that some way would be found to carry on with the Manual Training classes that had been established during 1943. On behalf of Mr. Hoey, the Welfare Branch and the Department of Indian Affairs, I thanked him most sincerely for his interest and valuable time and instruction given to the boys and the schools in general, and hoped that they would all remember Mr. Joblin, not only as their spiritual adviser but, as a gentleman who had given unstintingly of his time in an endeavour to further their education whether it be in play or work. The day finished with refreshments and the teachers deserve great credit for their efforts. I am sure they felt repaid by the large number of parents who came out to show their appreciation. I took a few snaps during the afternoon which are being submitted under separate cover. They will help you visualize the work that is being done.

Geo. W. Down,
Indian Agent.

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REPORT ON CARADOC INDIAN AGENCY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1944.

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Schools;

All schools were visited during the month, and after a general discussion with the teachers it was thought that the 24th, of May, not being a holiday, could be used educationally in a combined display of the work done by the boys and girls of the three Oneida schools and invite the parents. Oneida No. 1 was used and a great crowd turned out. I am sure the parents appreciated not only the work of their children but the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Joblin and their teachers.

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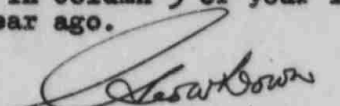
Muncey, Ontario,
July 28th, 1944.

I am in receipt of your letter under date of July 25th, and note your comments regarding salaries with increases to teachers with more than a year's satisfactory service.

I think, as you do, in fact I have pointed out to our teachers, that the salaries paid and being offered by school trustees of the white sections are unusual and that it is only the abnormal times which prompt them to offer such increases. I have also pointed out that the salaries offered are basic and do not carry a cost of living bonus. I think you have been generous enough and I am sure our teachers with more than a year's service will appreciate your consideration.

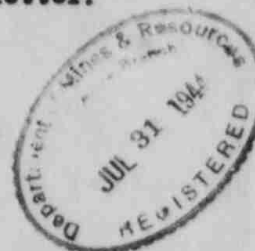
With the authority given, as mentioned in the last paragraph of your letter, I do not anticipate any difficulty in filling all schools. I will follow your instructions and hire teachers only with teaching qualifications, and submit full particulars immediately following engagement.

I would draw your attention to "Muncey Indian Day School" as mentioned in Column 3 of your letter. This school was closed over a year ago.


Geo. W. Down,
INDIAN AGENT.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Dep't of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

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Muncey, Ontario,
November 18th, 1944.

I have received your letter of Nov;
7th, with Mrs. Daisy Thompson's attached. It would
appear that she discussed her problem of transportation
with Mr Phelan, during his recent visit to the Agency
and I do not think he was favourably impressed.

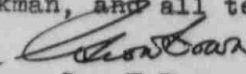
You ask for my comments. To be
fair, I cannot recommend her request unless you would
consider extending the same consideration to all con-
cerned. As a matter of fact the actual distance from
her residence to the Back Settlement School is less than
any other teacher with travel distance. $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles to be
exact. Her husband is a farmer and apparently needs the
family car, he therefore drives Mrs Thompson to school
and returns for her after school. In other words she
bases her mileage on two unnecessary trips as far as
school work is concerned.

Checking other teachers mileages,
I quote.

Mrs Campbell,	one way,	14 miles.
Mr. Reid,	"	9 "
Mrs. Gould,	"	4 "

I think Mrs. Thompson's real grouch
is against two teachers, Oneida No.1 and Oneida No. 3
who were granted an increase of salary on equal basis
with her.

Mrs. Thompson is a good teacher but I
feel we cannot make a transportation adjustment unless we
are prepared to give general consideration which would
include Miss Comfort, Mr. Ryckman, and all teachers with
travel distance.


Geo W. Down,

Indian Agent.

Indian Affairs Branch,
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Wesley, Ont.
March 1/45.
Mr. J. H. Jones & Resources,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Can.

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Dear Sir:

I would appreciate it
very much if you could give me
a statement of the amount of
salary I earned, and the tax
deducted, for the year 1942, as
I was employed as teacher of
Back Settlement, Indian Day
School, Caradoc Reserve. I need
the above information so that
my 1943 tax can be refunded to me.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours truly,

John H. Jones.

P.S. Please forwarded above
information to Mrs. James
Bellevue, R.R.#2, Wesley, Ontario
as I am married now.

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Ottawa, March 5, 1945.

Mrs. James Collins,
R.R.#2,
Mossley, Ontario.

Income Tax Return 1942

In reply to your letter of March 1, I am enclosing herewith copies of the original T4-1942 information slip which was completed and forwarded to the Inspector of Income Tax, Ottawa, for the year 1942.



L.W. McCutcheon
Chief Treasury Officer.

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General Report of Conditions
and Activities, at the Caradoc Agency,
for the Six Month Period ending June 20, 1945.

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Schools and Education

During visits to the various Indian Day Schools one is again impressed with the closeness of the tie-up between schools and general road conditions. One could condemn all schools as inaccessible for at least four months of every year. Attendance, as reported, at the end of each month might appear, and is, sometimes, disappointing but one Spring and one Fall is sufficient to make one sympathize with pupils and teachers.

It has been said, and reported many times, that our schools are well-managed and progress in academic studies reaches a good standard of educational requirement. There is, however, and I have mentioned it in previous reports, plenty of scope and pupil material for advancement in Vocational and Manual Training. Many of our teachers to-day are apt to place this type of training as a "fillein", or a nuisance, which tends to clutter up the class-room. In our rural schools it does perhaps present a problem; this is because the teacher in her, or his, endeavour to supervise seven or eight grades in one room is annoyed and distracted to suddenly hear the screech of a saw, or the pounding of a hammer, or "Teacher, Johnny has out his finger!" or "Johnny has hit his thumb with a hammer!" This type of education should not find its place in the general class-room; neither should a teacher, trained in academics and teaching all grades, be expected to supervise Manual Training.

Some of our most prominent education-
alists of the day have taken time out to stress the necessity of Manual Training in the changing curriculums of basic education. However, to introduce and set up a workable plan under our present teacher system, and present day buildings, would create a major problem. In the near future it is hoped that a new school will be built, centrally located, for the Chippewa and the Muncey Bands. It should be a model school with academic class-rooms, Manual Training class-room, Vocational and Home Economics class-rooms and recreational basement; each fully equipped

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and under the supervision of qualified teachers. There should be a teachers' residence separate from the school, and spacious grounds for school sports and inter-school competitions; and, above all, good roads to get to it. It should not be a question of cost, it should be a question of education.

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Geo. W. Down,
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Muncey, Ontario,
June 27, 1946.

It is recalled that Dr. Moore on his return to Ottawa from this Agency, about three months ago, contacted officials of the Ontario Department of Health and arranged for an X-Ray survey of the Indians of the Caradoc Agency.

The writer feels that the arrangement is worthwhile in that it will determine chest conditions, and provide valuable information to the Agency's Medical personnel. The program, however, of organizing competent assistance has given this understaffed, hectic Office many a headache and much work. In fact I am wondering, if the Medical Service of Indian Welfare is to remain separated from the parent, and under dual administration, whether it would not be advisable to arrange with some eminent psychiatrist for a survey in an endeavour to determine the I.Q.'s and stages of mentality likely to evolve from such confusion. Our Indian Day School teachers have again rallied to our side; this time during their holidays. We are therefore hoping that the Indians will avail themselves of the opportunity of the free service provided. There is however, one point which I would like to stress. We are apt to use the willing horse too often and our teachers feel, and rightly so, that their services should be recognized in some small financial way. They are canvassing the Reserves for the purpose of tabulating families, and also giving two days of their holidays to help with the clerical work during the days of the clinic. I would suggest that they be allowed mileage for their cars, also two days' pay at the regular teachers' salary prevailing.

Geo. W. Down,
INDIAN AGENT.

Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa.

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See under

Ottawa, August 27, 1947.

Memorandum:

1. TREASURY
2. Bulletin Mailing List
3. School Supplies.

In a letter dated August 16, 1947,
Mr. Geo. W. Down states as follows regarding the teacher
at BACK SETTLEMENT SCHOOL: (#378)

"Mrs. Bateman also advises that mail
and supplies are being incorrectly addressed. Her
address is:

Mrs. Gertrude Bateman,
Mount Bridges, Ontario.

This should be used for all purposes including school supplies

[Signature]
Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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1. Records
2. Back Settlement
School



The Archbishop's Room
Bishop Grange Hall

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London, Canada,
31st March, 1948.



R. A. Hoey, Esq., Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Sir:

I am writing to ask as to the prospects of building a new school for the children of the Muncey Reserve in this Diocese. We have been glad to accommodate the Department with the use for school purposes of one of our Churches for the last six years. The time has now come, however, particularly in view of the appointment of a new Missionary, when we need the school for the purposes of our work.

I am aware, of course, of the difficulties in the way of building in these days, but our work on the Muncey Reserve in this particular Church is very much hampered in not possessing sole occupancy of the building.

I earnestly trust that steps will be taken at an early date to provide an appropriate school building.

I am

Yours faithfully,

P. A. Hoey

Archbishop of Huron.

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COMMENTS: Could I have your written report re Canadian White School. I will have to advise Mr Pratt & also answer Bishop		

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Ottawa, 31 March, 1948.

Colonel Neary

Back Settlement School.

This was one of the few schools on the Muncey Reserve which was being conducted on March 25th 1948 because of adverse road conditions. I am in complete agreement with the excellent report submitted by the Provincial Inspector on May 15th 1947. He is to inspect the schools again within a few weeks.

As more black-board space is required, I removed from the old Muncey school the 7' section of black-board and requested the Supervising Principal to have it delivered to the Back Settlement Schools.

Replacement of the burned down school is urgent as the present quarters are a church basement and as the basement is in use by other organizations, it is not possible for the teacher to display the work of children or leave school property, books, etc. in the open. ~~Cupboard~~ space is so scanty that she is compelled to keep the usual perishable supplies in her home two miles away.

Cupboard

The teacher thinks that the allowance for janitor service (\$7.00 a month) is not adequate. In a new building this allowance might have to be re-considered.

It is possible that the old school building available in Caradoc might suffice for a few years or as long as Mrs. Bateman is available as teacher because she does not require a teacherage.

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The available building is about 40' x 32' ~~and the~~ A usable foundation 32' x 24' ~~and~~ is still standing on the old site. It is suggested that Mr. Russell Morrison of Wardsville, Ontario, be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of moving the building in question.

C.A.F.C.

C. A. F. Clark.

*Church at
Back Settlement.*

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*Class at work in the
basement.
All activities must be
carried out with movable
furnishings.*

*Another piece of BB is
to be provided.*

C.A.F.C.

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22 March, 1948

Colonel Neary

Back Settlement School:

Plan, specifications, and bill of materials have been left with Mr. Supt. Down, and I am to return to Muncy on Thursday when the ground will, it is hoped, be drier.

Mr. Down is to approach the present foreman at Mt. Elgin regarding this new job.

A Mr. Kenneth Henry thinks he owns the site of the former school by bequest from his mother. His title is doubted. The site is said to be as good as any.

I see little advantage in changing the site.

C.A. Clark

Please see accompanying map of Caradoc Reserve for site of school and area served.

Better roads would solve some problems. If we could finance a large improvement programme, the Ontario government would eventually return at least half the cost to the Dominion Treasury. C.A.C.

(3) An impassable county road to the Caradoc reserve. The reserve roads have many spots like this which a gravelling, ditching, culvert-building programme could eliminate.

C.A.C.

File, BACK SETTLEMENT S.

21 March, 1948

Colonel Neary:

Back Settlement

Purchase of Old Building from Caradoc

In company with Colonel Randle
I examined this old school (photos
will be available next week).

It is a large (40' x 32') heavy,
old-fashioned building which would
be difficult and probably costly to
move.

Purchase is not recommended,
unless at bargain prices for the building and for moving.
There are not likely to be other customers.

C. W. Clark

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Dimensions: 40 x 32.

Wired (but hydro is
too far from our site).

Interior finish: metal

Very solidly built.

Suggested moving contractor

MR. RUSSELL MORRISON

WARDSVILLE, ONT.

For location (three miles
from our site) please see
map of Muncy Reserve).

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C.W.C.
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Impassable county road
to Caradoc reserve



Church at
Beck Settlement



Class at work in the basement.



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Ottawa, April 12, 1948.

Memorandum:DEPUTY MINISTERBack Settlement Indian Day School

At Mr. Pratt's request, Major Clark recently inspected the one-room provincial school at Caradoc, with a view to having it moved on to the Caradoc Reserve for use as a school building.

He reports that this is a large (40 x 32) heavy, old-fashioned building, with an interior metal finish. It is approximately 3 miles from the Back Settlement, Caradoc Reserve, where we require the school.

Consideration had to be given, not only to the price of the building and the cost of moving, but also the cost of re-establishing the school at the new site. Therefore, we consulted the Lands and Development Services Branch and were advised that a building of this age would not likely stand being moved such a distance unless we were prepared to practically rebuild it on the new site. The vertical members are almost certain to be warped in moving and we are almost certain to have to expend a considerable sum in order to have the building made fit for use as a school.

In addition to these factors, we would not end up with a particularly good school. If you will refer to the attached photographs, you will note that the windows are few and therefore that fenestration would be much lower than

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minimum requirements. This, of course, would necessitate putting in extra windows and would create new problems and expense.

In view of the above, my Superintendent of Education does not recommend the purchase of this building.

We are now investigating the possibility of moving one of the former R C A F buildings from Fingal, Ontario. We have used similar buildings on the Six Nations Reserve and have found them satisfactory. They are light, well constructed and easy to adapt for school purposes. If the Crown Assets Allocation Committee does not declare these R C A F buildings surplus, then I would recommend that we proceed with our original plan of building a new school. The Archbishop of Huron has just written in, requesting that we vacate the basement of the Anglican Church which we are presently using as a temporary school.


Director.



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Ottawa, April 17, 1948.

Dear Archbishop Seager:

I have for answer your letter of March 31st, with regard to the Back Settlement day school. I delayed answering your letter until our Educational Survey Officer returned from an inspection trip which he was making to the schools of the Caradoc Agency.

We now have three separate proposals before us with regard to the replacement of the Back Settlement school. However, I feel certain that we will be able to move out of your church basement this summer. As soon as our plans are definitely formulated I will write you and let you know the date when the school desks, supplies, etc., will be moved out.

Yours sincerely,


Director

Most Rev. C.A. Seager, M.A., D.D., LL.D.,
The Archbishop's Room,
Bishop Grenyn Hall,
London, Ontario.

BFN/MGD

c/c to Mr. Geo.W.Down.

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The Archbishop's Room
Bishop Grange Hall

London, Canada,

23rd April, 1948.

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E. J. R. [Signature]
R. A. Hoey, Esq., Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Hoey:

Thank you for your letter of the 17th. I am, of course, glad to know that the Department finds itself able to move out of the Church basement on the Muncey Reserve and place the children in a school sometime during the summer. It will be a very considerable help to us to have the basement wholly available.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Charles Huron



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Blair 7-1-1
July 1948.

Dear Mr. Henry.



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Since I am on retirement leave and have no official standing with the department perhaps it is not in order for me to write concerning any one employee. However, before leaving my office some of our teachers requested assistance in connection with the completing of their Teacher Questionnaire and Application Form. Miss Johnston, owing to the fact that she does not possess a "Teacher Certificate" found the forms somewhat difficult. She has however, not on the basis of a certified qualified teacher, taught in our Indian schools for many years on the basis of her reputation and ability. She has also taught in white schools, very successfully, on the same basis.

I suggested that she complete the questionnaire in every applicable detail and I thought that her past service and experience, plus Inspector's reports should at least balance what she does not possess on paper.

May I say that Miss Johnston has taught school under my administration at Caradoc and without hesitation I say she is the most capable, most efficient primary school teacher I have met in the

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Indian Service and her retirement
through a technicality would be a loss to
the teaching service of the Caradoc Agency.

Therefore, in my unofficial position,
if I may be permitted, I would recommend
that her grade be, not on the basis of
certificate possession, but ability and
past experience.

Yours Very Truly
G. W. Down

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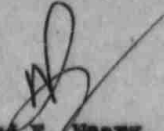
Dear Mr. Down:

I was pleased to hear from you and to note your comments concerning Mrs. Johnston. Apparently, she has made a very good impression also with Mr. Matters and I have a note from him saying that he will discuss the situation at this school with me on his return to Ottawa.

I understand that work has begun on the foundation of the new school at Back Settlement.

With best wishes to yourself and to Mrs. Down,

Yours sincerely,


Bernard F. Heary,
Superintendent of Education.

Mr. G. W. Down,
Blair, Ontario.

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SUBJECT BACK SETTLEMENT

DAY SCHOOL

GENERAL

CORRESPONDENCE FROM JULY 1930

TO

Nov 1948

NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE

TO BE PLACED ON THIS FILE

NOTE: For subsequent correspondence relevant to the subject
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