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*General Correspondence
French Bay School*

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153978.

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

Ottawa, October 13th, 1894.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Quarterly Return of the French Bay Indian School taught by Miss Helen Cameron for September quarter last which is returned herewith for amendment as Miss Cameron has omitted to sign the certificate on the back of the Report required by the Department from the Teacher.

Your obedient servant

Acting Deputy Supt. General
of Indian Affairs.

James Allen, Esq.
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill,
Ont.

188540
Indian Office,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.,



1897

EXAMINED

[Handwritten signature]
I have the honor to herewith
enclose the Teachers Report for
French Bay School for the quarter
ending June 30th 1897

Also Requisite for Teacher
Salary the amount due on same
date seventy five Dollars \$ 75⁰⁰



I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent

Deputy Supt-General
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

192687

153978

1/11/1897
As per letter
enclosed
Sir

Chippawa Hill Nov 9th 1897

I beg to herewith enclose
 vouchers for the receipt of
 supplies of stationery for the
 French Bay and Saugeen
 Village Indian Schools
 which have been received
 in good condition



I have the honor to be Sir
 Your obedient servant
 John Scofield
 Agent-

Deputy Supt. General
 of Indian Affairs
 Ottawa

School 's Meeting held French Bay
Sept 12th 1898

202065

1 Moved By Luke Kawagum 2nd By David Root
that Samuel Wahlberg be appointed trustee
for the French Bay School in place of the
late Mr. Kason Sogonamy

Carried

2 A Vote taken whether the present teacher
will be engaged to teach school for
another year By the parents of the school
5 In favor of the present teacher
10 Against the present teacher

3 A Vote taken By Trustees
Jesse Root In favor of present teacher
Luke Kawagum " " " "
Samuel Wahlberg Against
Want a new teacher

Henry Ritchie
Secretary

Thomas Wahlberg
Chairman



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202069

Chippawa Hill Sep 15 1898.

Sir

I have the honor to herewith enclose minute of a meeting held by School Section at French Bay Sanguen Reserve

The meeting was called to fill the vacancy made in the Undee Board by the death of Mr. Nashwashogonsby. I do not think they made a good choice but as the school & school affairs is principally managed by the Council & Dept it does not so much matter

I would therefore ask the Dept to sanction the appointment of Samuel Wahbey as one of the Trustees for French Bay School Section

In reference to the vote taken whether or not they retain the present teacher Miss Helen Cameron is conclusive that the majority is in favor of a change

The desire for change being a characteristic of the Indian does not indicate that the pupils would be benefited thereby. The fault the majority has to the teacher is that their school is not progressing as well as the other ^{like} schools on the reserve. This is owing to a great extent to the irregularity of attendance of pupils

In my opinion this teacher is well qualified especially on account of her long experience, & being so well acquainted with the Indⁿ ways which is essential to progress in an Indian school. She perhaps has not the force of character that some teachers have to command & control, but if the pupils attended regular I believe she could do as good a work perhaps better than a teacher without experience in Indian schools which if we made a change we would be likely to get.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedient Serv^t
John Scofield
Agent -

Secretary Dept^y
of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa

Ottawa, 24th September, 1898.

Sir :

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing resolutions of the Saugeen Indian Council passed on the 12th instant.

In reply I beg to say that although it is observed that you do not exactly approve of the appointment of Samuel Wahhezee as trustee for the school at French Bay, the Department does not see sufficient reason to interfere in the matter.

With reference to the vote of the Council that the present teacher of the French Bay School, Miss Helen Cameron, be not engaged for another school year, as the School Inspector speaks well of Miss Cameron's management the Department is not inclined to comply with the resolution of the Indian Council in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. D. McLean

Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill,

Ontario.

Indian Office,

204164

French Bay Nov 14
Chippewau Hill, Ont.,

1898

To the Saugeen Indian Council
Gentlemen

We the undersigned Parents of the
French Bay School wish to say
that our Present teacher be removed and
placed a new teacher in the School in place
of Miss Cameron. We ask the Council
to take action ^{have her} in this matter and
have her removed from the said School

Sine

David Root	John Stephen
Elioh Ahwahongah	Henry Ritchie
John Wahbegona	Wm. MahkKahdabena
Wm. Ahwahongah	James MahkKahdabena
Wm. Kabaskong	Wm. Marquette
David. Ritchie	Thos. Mahbeg
Simpson Ritchie	Peter Ritchie
Paul Williams	
James Ritchie	
Frank MahkKahdabena	

Samuel Mahbeg Trustee

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Hen

Chippawa Hill Nov 22/88

204164

Sir,

I have the honor to herewith
enclose petition from French Bay
School Section Saugeen Indian Reserve
also a motion passed by
the Saugeen Indian Council
held Nov 14th inst-

Motion No 4

Moved by Aphas Kahbey 2nd by Peter Henry
That the Agent forward to the
Dept the petition from French Bay
School Section asking for the
dismissal of Miss Cameron their
present teacher and request the
Dept to sanction the prayer of
said petition

Carried

I may state that I have done all in my
power to reconcile the parents & teacher in this
section but have not been successful. The Dept have
been already informed of my mind in this matter

I may also state that I have had a private
talk with the School Inspector & he thinks
perhaps it would be better under the
circumstance for Miss Cameron to leave
this is also my opinion since I cannot
succeed in allaying the difficulties

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedt Servant
John Daffield
Agent-

Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa

PZB

OTTAWA, 2nd December, 1898.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with enclosure, of the 22nd ultimo embodying a Resolution of the Saugeen Indian Council, asking that the teacher of the French Bay school be dismissed; and in reply I beg to say that in view of the dissatisfaction of the Indians and the recommendation of the Public School Inspector and yourself, the Department thinks it would be well to dismiss Miss Cameron, and you may inform her that her services will no longer be required after the 30th of June next.

The Department would like you to see that a teacher holding the proper qualifications is ready to take charge of this school after the summer holidays.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

John Scoffield, Esq.

Secretary

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill, Ont.

210071

this simply to put you in possession of the facts, believing
that you will give the matter your immediate consideration,
and do what can be done to meet the wishes of the majority.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Jas. Henderson

Associate Secretary.

The Honorable the
Super't General of
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

IN REPLY TO DATE OF THIS
LETTER, AND ADDRESS
TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY
METHODIST MISSION BOARD
TORONTO.

153 948-1
The Methodist Church,
MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,

210071

(Dictated.)

Sch
Toronto, 25th May, 1899.

SCHOOLS
MAY 27 1899

Sir,-

French Bay
524
I have the honor to call your attention to the unfortunate state of affairs now existing in connection with the Indian day school on the Saugeen Reservation. The facts as represented to us are these: Miss Cameron, the present teacher of the school has been in charge for about nine years, and during that period from evidence supplied us it would seem her services have been satisfactory. It appears, however, that an effort is now being made in the face of the protest of the majority of the Indians on the Reservation to have her removed and have another teacher of another denomination put in her place. Miss Cameron is a member of the Methodist Church, and the majority of the Indians belong to the same body. A requisition signed by the Indians both at Saugeen and French Bay has been sent to us expressing the wish that Miss Ellen Cameron be allowed to continue to teach at least until the close of the year. Of course the school receives no grant from the Missionary Society, but the majority of the Indians being Methodists feel that under the circumstances their present teacher ought to be allowed to remain, and that some thing approaching denominational prejudice or preference on the part of the Agent enters as a motive into the attempt now made to discontinue the services of the present teacher. I write

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 MAR 3
 1894
 DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Chippawa Hill March 1st 1894

Sir,

 Has been
 in my
 see me

I have the honor to report the attendance of the French Bay school as visited on the 21st Feb. 1894 and found seven pupils six ^{Ind.} children and one white. A number went home for their dinner and did not return on acct. of the day turning out very stormy. Their studies are principally Read. Hist. Spelling, Drawing and Writing and are progressing fairly well. The teacher is very attentive and if the children would only attend regularly they would make considerable progress. At this school there is considerable inconvenience felt for the want of a supply of wood and no doubt it is discouraging to children coming to school in cold weather. They have to remain as long before the room is heated up.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. A. Allen.

Indian Affairs

H. Reed Esq.

 Deputy Supt. General.
 of Indian Affairs
 Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 29th May, 1899

Sir,

I beg to refer you to my letter of the 2nd December last, in which you were instructed to inform Miss Cameron, teacher of the French Bay school, that her services would not be required after the 30th June next.

Rev. Dr Sutherland, General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society, has written the Department stating that the majority of the Indians on the Reserve would like Miss Cameron to be allowed to continue to teach, and in view of this statement and of the recommendation of Mr Public School Inspector Cleudening, the Department has decided that Miss Cameron may be re-engaged for another year. If the existing dissatisfaction has not ceased by the end of the current year, it may be necessary to make a change after the 1st of January next, and Miss Cameron should be so informed when she is being engaged.

Your obedient servant,

John Scoffield; Esq

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill, Ont.

J. D. McGEARY

Ed.

OTTAWA, 29th May, 1899

Rev. Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant; and in reply I beg to say that the Department's Agent at Saugeen will, in compliance with your request, be written to and asked to continue Miss Cameron's services as teacher of the French Bay school for another year from the 20th proximo and to do his utmost to allay the dissatisfaction which exists among the Indians in connection with this school.

The Department would be glad if you would request the local missionary of your Church to interest himself in reconciling the parents and the teacher of this section, as the unfortunate state of affairs which has existed there is the outcome of the natural love for change inherent in the Indian. I may add that Mr Inspector Clendenning in his last report, states that he would be pleased to see the present teacher kept on.

Your obedient servant,

Rev. A Sutherland, D.D.

Methodist Mission Rooms

Toronto,

J. D. McLEAN

Secretary

215383

To the ^{sup-}General
of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa

Sir - We the
undersigned do agree to
relieve our Teacher Miss-
Cameron at this coming
Christmas. We are anxious
to receive a nother Teacher
to take her place in January
at the request of the Indian
Department. We trust that
our approval will be granted.

David Root. Trustee.

John. S. Mahkoshaga.

John Nawark.

Elijah Mahbegona.

Paul Naswansogonaby.

David Ritchie.

Henry Ritchie.

Elijah Ahwongust.

William Kabaskung.

William Ahwongust.

Henry Ritchie Interpreter

I would recommend that the Dept. sanction the above
request, for reasons previously submitted to the Dept.

I have the honor to be

Yours Obedient
John Deoffield
Depy

Shippawa Hill.

French Bay Oct 24th 1899.

153 978-1

215383

Chippawa Hill



Sir

I have the honor to refer the Dept. to Official letter of the 29th of May last- No. 153 978. and to inform the Dept. that it is not a fact, as stated by the Rev. J. Sutherland that the majority of the Indians on the Reserve would like Miss Cameron to be allowed to continue to teach.

I herewith enclose a request from eleven Indians who are residents of the French Bay School Section desiring that the present Teacher Miss Helene Cameron be dismissed at the end of the present year and another teacher be engaged to take her place.

Will the Dept. kindly advise me in this matter at their earliest convenience as I am expected to give the Teacher one month's notice if dismissed.

SCHOOLS.
OCT 28 1899

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours Obedt Servt
John Scofield
Agent.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

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page's name*

OTTAWA, 6th November, 1899

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ulto. enclosing a petition from the Indians asking to have a new teacher replace Miss Cameron at the French Bay school after the Christmas holidays.

In reply I beg to say that as no improvement has taken place in the management of this school the Department is of opinion that a change of teachers might be beneficial and with this end in view, it would like you to notify Miss Cameron that her services will not be required after the 31st December next.

Dr Sutherland has been advised to the above effect, and the Department would like you to consult with the Public School Inspector for the district with a view to obtaining the services of a ~~man~~ properly qualified teacher, - a Methodist if possible.

The Department has taken it for granted that you advised Miss Cameron of the terms of her re-engagement as set forth in official letter of the 29th May last.

Your obedient servant

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary

J. Scofield
J. Scofield, Esq.
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill,
Ont.

OTTAWA, 6th November, 1899

Rev. Sir,

I have to inform you that the Indians have again petitioned for a teacher to replace Miss Cameron at the French Bay school after the Christmas holidays.

You will remember that Miss Cameron was continued in her position at your request in the hope that the dissatisfaction heretofore existing would cease, but as this is not the case the Department considers that it would be in the interests of the Indians to have a change made after the 1st of January, and I may add that our Agent was instructed to inform Miss Cameron, when she was re-engaged, that unless matters changed for the better she would have to give up the school at the end of the calendar year. *It is not being advised to make the change immediately*

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Rev. A. Sutherland D.D.

Toronto,

Ont.

Secretary

IN REPLY REFER TO DATE OF THIS
LETTER, AND ADDRESS
THE GENERAL SECRETARY
DEPT. INDIAN AFFAIRS
TORONTO.

153978
The Methodist Church,
MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT 215890



(Dictated.)

John
Toronto, 9th Nov., 1899.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., No. 153978, I am under the impression that there is a mistake somewhere. We have no school at French Bay on our list, nor have we any teacher of the name of Cameron. If the teacher in question was continued in her position at our request, it must have been under a misapprehension.

I assume that French Bay is a settlement on the Saugeen Reserve. The Indians there are, for the most part, adherents of the Methodist Church, and if a new teacher is to be appointed I would suggest that in accordance with the provision of the Indian Act a Methodist be selected. If it would be any assistance to the Department we could submit names from which a selection might be made.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

The Secretary of the Department
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

A. Sutherland
General Secretary.

OTTAWA, 13th November, 1899

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant ;and in reply I beg to say that the reason you were written to about Miss Cameron, teacher of the French Bay school was because you had interested yourself in her case, as you will see be reference to your letter of 25th May last.

I should be glad if you would be good enough to submit the names of any suitable persons who would be ~~likely~~ applicants for Indian schools.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Secretary

Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D.

Methodist Mission Rooms

Toronto, Ont.

The Methodist Church,
MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,
216375

15-3978-1



(Dictated.)

Toronto, 23rd Nov., 1899.

Jh

Sir,-

With further reference to the Indian schools on the Saugeen Reserve, I am just in receipt of a letter from the Rev W.B. Danard, the Missionary in charge there, from which I make the following extract:

"At French Bay we need an experienced teacher, and if possible a married man. There is a house there for the teacher to live in. At Chippawa Hill a male or female will do, but it should be one who has had experience in teaching."

In reference to the above, I do not know whether the house spoken of at French Bay is rent free or not. It would be impossible, I suppose, to secure a married man for less than \$400 per annum; but if the Department concurs in Mr Danard's recommendation, and will provide a salary of \$300, I will ask the Board of Missions for a supplementary grant of \$100. When I hear from you on this point I will gladly avail myself of the permission you have kindly given to submit the names of one or more persons suitable for the school at French Bay.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. Sutherland
General Secretary.

The Secretary of the
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SCHOOLS!
NOV 25 1899

OTTAWA, 5th December 1899

Sir,

Lm. L.
ms

In further reference to the appointment of a teacher for the French Bay Indian school, I beg to say that the Department is in communication with the General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society with a view to obtaining the services of a married man, who has had experience in teaching, to take charge of this school, and it has been informed that there is a house on the Reserve for the teacher to live in.

The Department would like you to furnish full information in regard to the house referred to giving the number of rooms, state of repair, ownership, and any other particulars in relation thereto.

Your obedient servant,

J. B. McLEAN

John Scoffield, Esq.

Secretary

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill, Ont.

OTTAWA, 5th December, 1899

Rev. Sir,

Jan 1

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. in reference to the appointment of a new teacher for the French Bay school; and in reply I beg to say that the Department will agree to pay \$300.00 per annum salary to a duly qualified teacher for this school, and it would be glad to avail itself of your offer to supplement the grant by \$100.00 to obtain an experienced teacher.

The Department's Agent at Chippewa Hill, is being written to in reference to the house referred to by the Rev. W.B. Danard, the missionary in charge there and when his reply is received, you will be again communicated with in this matter.

The engagement of Miss Cameron, the present teacher, terminates on the 31st inst.

Your obedient servant,

J. B. McLEAN

Rev. A. Sutherland D.D.

Secretary

Methodist Mission Rooms,

Toronto Ont.

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Chippawa Hill Dec. 1st 1899

Sir

I beg to acknowledge letter of the 5th inst. No 153978. and in reply would inform the Dept that the Teachers dwelling at French Bay is in good repair. has six rooms three down, and three up stairs a wood shed a hand water well & soft water cistern.

About half an acre of a garden plot; enclosed by a board fence. It is six or eight rods from the School house about thirty rods from the Church, six miles from a Post Office and about 7 miles from Southampton. Six miles from the nearest white settlement.

Hoping that this information will be satisfactory to the Dept.

SCHOOLS.
DEC 15 1899

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedt Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

OTTAWA, 15th December, 1899

Rev. Sir,

Jam. L. Mac

With further reference to your letter of the 23rd ultimo relative to the appointment of a new teacher for the French Bay school, I beg to say that the Department has been advised by its Agent, that there is a teacher's dwelling at French Bay with three rooms downstairs and three upstairs, hard water well and cistern. The building is in a good state of repair, is six or eight rods from the school house and has about half an acre of garden enclosed by a board fence.

The Department would be glad if you would endeavor to have a ^{qualified} ~~man~~ teacher take charge of this school after the Christmas holidays.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Rev. A. Sutherland D.D.

Secretary

Methodist Mission Rooms,
Toronto

IN REPLY REFER TO DATE OF THIS
LETTER, AND ADDRESS
THE GENERAL SECRETARY
METHODIST MISSION HOUSE,
TORONTO.

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Leh
The Methodist Church,

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,

217895



(Dictated.)

Toronto, 4th Jan., 1860.

Sir,-

It is my duty to report, that I have not yet succeeded in getting a suitable teacher for the Indian day school at French Bay on the ~~Saugueny Reserve~~. I have been in correspondence with several suitable men, but they are not willing to accept the salary offered. I am still in correspondence with others, but have not received a definite reply. I will lose no time in sending in one or more suitable names when secured.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. Sutherland

General Secretary.

The Secretary of the
Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

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215348



Chippawa Hill Jan 16th 1900.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit to the Dep^t Minutes of General Council meeting held in the Council Chamber Jan 8th 1900

Moved by Peter Henry 2^d by John Naskkawa
 That Joseph Root be appointed
 Caretaker for the French Bay School also that
 Abiah Naskkawa be appointed Caretaker of the
 Scotch Settlement-School

Carried

In regard to this motion I would say that-I would like to be able to recommend these Indian Boys as caretakers of these schools, as it is desirable for the Indians to earn the money that is paid from the Band funds, but as I am sure these ^{Ind.} boys will not perform the duties of caretaking with the promptness & efficiency desired, I cannot recommend them. Nevertheless I will defer my opinion to the wishes of the Dep^t

SCHOOLS,
 JAN 22 1900

I have the honor to be sir
 Your obed^t Servant
 John Scofield
 Agent

Secretary Dep^t
 of Indian Affairs
 Ottawa

OTTAWA, 22nd January, 1900

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant embodying a resolution of the Council of the Chippewa Band, appointing Joseph Root and Abiah Nashkawa caretakers of the French Bay and Scotch Settlement schools, respectively; and in reply I beg to say that the Department thinks that these boys might be taken on trial for a month.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Secretary

John Scoffield
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John Scoffield, Esq.

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill, Ont.

To. G. J. Wallace.

Well, dear sir, you may just report ¹¹² Joseph
to Department. I never said anything to a
teacher before, that were here.

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Mr. Jesse B. Root.

This note was received since I gave my report to your agent.
so was the hell, and fire lit at 8-35 A.M. on the 21st and at 30 min to 8 A.M. on 22nd March
J. J. Wallace

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Longue Reserve, MAR 28 1900

French Bay, March 24, 1900,
To The Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Gentlemen: -

Your Indian Agent,
Mr. John Scuffield, received a report
from me re the work of your recently
appointed caretaker for this school,
and in all probability such report has
reached you prior to this.

Mr. Scuffield informed me, when
I took charge of this school, that your
Department demanded of me a correct
report, giving day and date of the work
of the caretaker, as such caretaker
was simply appointed on trial.
I said to your agent that this
was hardly fair, as he knew

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and acknowledged to me prior to my coming here that no Indian boy could be secured to do the work properly, and it was on his authority that I applied for the position in February before I came here. That if I reported, I must report the facts; and according to his opinion the facts would not be favorable to the Indian caretaker, and hence would naturally antagonize the Indians against me. I have reported in good faith and tried my best to get the little Indian boy to do his best. When he opened the door in the morning and put on the fire and rung the bell within a few minutes of 9 o'clock, the 8 o'clock

hell I mean, and when the pupils and myself were nearly perished with cold, I told the boy I would be compelled to report him to the Department, his father sent me a note, telling me as follows— "Well, Dear Sir, you may first report Joseph to Department. I never said anything to a teacher before, that was here. Mr. Jesse Root." This is the note in full, and shows, when read between the lines, the mailed Indian threat of trouble ahead. Now I am not wanting the job of caretaking for myself, if it can be at all done by some other means, I do not want the ill will of the Indians for the sake of a terribly duller job. If the Department is satisfied I

I am willing to try and do the best-
I can under the circumstances.
I had the Inspector, (Mr Clendering),
a few days ago and he was highly
pleased with the improvement in
the school. He said to me, "Mr Wallace
you have perfect control and
you are going to do splendidly here".
The Department is anxious to get
good faithful teachers for the Indians
and will be pleased at your success.
You may, in fact, have his report
by this time. Now it is too bad to have
my influence blighted just at the
outset. I would suggest that the
Department, by some means, endeavour
to make it understood by the "Indian
Council" that I was but fulfilling

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the mandate of the Department, when I reported, and as a servant of the department was compelled to obey them, otherwise the responsibility would rest upon my shoulders re the care of school furniture &c. for this is what your Agent informed me at the outset.

I cannot be responsible for school appurtenances &c. over which I have no control from 4 P.M. until 9 A.M. not including Saturdays, Sundays and vacations, nor can I assume such a responsibility, when I am deprived of the authority of carrying out the same.

Your humble servant
J. J. Wallace, Teacher, French Bay School

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Gentlemen,

After giving the subject serious consideration, I would beg to say, that so long as the Indians see any opportunity of securing the \$20 salary attached to the position of caretaker, they will be making trouble with the teacher, and would do anything to have him removed, in the hope that a change of teachers would throw the position open and thus give them a chance to secure it.

If the position of caretaker could be attached permanently to the position of teacher for \$325 per annum all this trouble would be obviated for all time. The Indian agitation would cease and it would greatly strengthen

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the hands of the teacher, as they would have no object in creating trouble.

One thing is certain, the efficiency and usefulness of the school and teacher is going to be greatly interfered with if the clock striking remains in the hands of an Indian. They have no clocks and depend on the school bell entirely, so that when it is not properly and regularly rung, the fireman's school is almost lost. I am a life long supporter

of the Reform party and am proud of our success and therefore do not make these suggestions for impertinence but because I know my party is always anxious to do what they consider best. Your humble servant
J. G. Wallace

Report of the work of the Caretaker of French Bay School, Langueen Indian Res.

1900

February 6th

Pupils allowed to re-enter school-room after teacher had left, thus injuring the school property by romping and playing through the room and jumping from desks to desks.

7th

Teacher warned the caretaker against allowing the other children to come in to school-room after dismissal at 4 o'clock to no purpose as the same thing occurred the same evening. Teacher also instructed caretaker to sweep the room thoroughly at night and dust with a damp cloth in the morning. Telling him also, to report the names of any children who refused to keep out of school-room after 4 o'clock.

8th

Teacher compelled to leave his own residence and go to the school-room to protect the school furniture from being smashed by the romping of caretaker himself with a number of other children whom he encouraged to re-enter. Teacher assumed control, sent the children on to the road again, and once more explained to caretaker his duties re care of school-house and school property.

13th

Teacher compelled to go out of his own house into full view on the yard in order to stop the caretaker from running on and over the lids of the school-desks and leaping from the tops of one to the other.

Stone choked with ashes. Caretaker requested to remove same to no purpose.

Floor unclean, no broom to sweep with, no dusting done since caretaker assumed control.

15th

Fire lit at 25 minutes to 8 o'clock and 8 o'clock bell rung at same time

16th

Fire lit at 30 minutes after 8 o'clock and 8 o'clock

bell rung at same time (8:30). Result - no pupils until nearly 10 o'clock, and almost-half a day lost. No burn yet; no dusting done. Any dirt removed is simply left littered in the lobby or ante-room to be carried in again on the children's feet. Ashes not-removed yet.

" 21st Door opened at 35-minutes to 9 o'clock and the 8 o'clock bell rung at 20 minutes to 9 o'clock. Fire lit 15 minutes to 9 o'clock. Result - no pupils until after 10 o'clock, practically almost-half-a-day lost.

" 22nd School-house door opened at 75-minutes to 9 o'clock 8 o'clock bell rung at 13 minutes to 9 o'clock, Fire lit at 10 minutes to 9 o'clock. Teacher compelled to remove the ashes from stove at 8 minutes to 9 o'clock in order to get-stove to draw. Result - no pupils until after 10 o'clock, practically half-a-day lost. No burn yet. no dusting done since caretaker took charge. House getting filthy for want of sweeping properly. Any dirt-removed simply left littered over the front-steps and on the lobby floor. Caretaker reminded of his duty in regard to the ringing of the 8 o'clock-bell and heating of room.

" 23 8 o'clock bell rung at 25-minutes to 8 o'clock and a small fire put-in stove and caretaker goes home again. Result: Room intensely cold and totally unfit for the reception of pupils at 9 o'clock making it dangerous for the health of both teacher and pupils. No burn yet. No dusting done yet. Teacher keeps a dust-rag in his own desk in order to keep his own chair and desk fit for use.

March 1st. Teacher compelled to go in the evening and remove ice from doors of wood-shed and school-house lobby in order to close them

to prevent their destruction by the action of the wind as caretaker (who is only a mere child) is entirely unfit to understand. Taking care of a house or out-houses and cares nothing about their protection. His sole object is to get the money for the parent because he is compelled by the parent to do so. The building is now actually filthy for want of proper and regular sweeping and dusting.

- " 2nd School-room unfit to work in owing to the cold. Fire built; a couple of small sticks put in stove, no more put in until teacher came in at 5 minutes to 9 o'clock, when he had to carry wood from the shed and build the fire himself. Result-no work done until about 9:30 o'clock.
- " 5th. Teacher compelled to sweep dirt out of lobby himself. Room dirty, no dusting done since 6th of February.
- " 6th A cold wet morning, stove choked with ashes, room so cold at 9 o'clock that it is positively a danger to the health to sit in it. No work done until about 25 min. to 10. Children compelled to stand around the stove for warmth. There is first class dry wood in the shed-no excuse for this kind of work.
- " 7th Bell rung 8:10 o'clock. Room cold at 9 o'clock. Caretaker put in a small fire and then left and thus the room was unfit for the reception of either teacher or pupils. Ashes not removed.
- " 8th Stove choked with ashes, teacher again orders caretaker to remove the ashes. Room cold at 9 o'clock. Dirt swept in lobby. A new brown provided on teacher threatening trouble to caretaker's father.

- March 9th 8 o'clock bell rung at 15 minutes to 8. Floor swept in the morning. No dusting done since caretaker took charge on Feb. 6th. Room chilly at 9 o'clock, as caretaker put on a small fire, simply lighting the fire and then returning to his home.
- " 14th Room unfit to sit in owing to the cold at 9 o'clock. Floor not properly swept. No dusting done yet.
- " 15. Temperature of room below zero at 9 o'clock, same as here to fore. Dangerous to the health of both teacher and pupils.
- " 16 Fire lighted at 15 minutes after 8 o'clock ^{at 8 o'clock bell rung.} A few small sticks put in stove at the outset, simply enough to start a fire. The morning being very cold, teacher anticipating the condition things would be in, went to the school-room 15 minutes early and found the fire nearly out, the house intensely cold and the caretaker standing by stove trying to keep himself warm, with out a solitary stick in the room to put in the stove, the stove choked with ashes to such an extent that they were overflowing into the floor, rendering it very dangerous lest live coals should fall on the pine floor and burn the floor out of the house. Both teacher and pupils ~~and teacher~~ were compelled to stand round the stove until the house got heated at about 15 minutes to 10 o'clock. Result one-half the fire now lost. The inner room was fairly well swept the evening before, but the greater portion of the dirt was swept into the lobby or anteroom and left there, no dusting done since Feb. 6th.
- " 19 Caretaker and his brother amusing themselves by running on the tops of the school-desks being joined by other Indian boys who are not pupils. stove choked with ashes. School-room used as a rendezvous for secretly smoking cigarettes and cigars after school hours, leaving the school-room in an

awful state with the foul stench of tobacco and tobacco smoke, the floor and damper of stove being left filthy from the expectoration necessary from the smoking above mentioned. Lobby door and wood-shed door left open. Teacher, in order to guard against the wind breaking down off their hinges, was compelled to go to school-house and close them after the caretaker and the other Indian boys ^{had} left for the night.

- " 20 School-room very chilly at 9 o'clock, no wood in stove nor even in the house. 30 minutes after 10 o'clock before the temperature of the room was comfortably raised. Stove choked with ashes. Room filthy with tobacco fumes from previous night's debauch. No dusting done.

J. J. Wallace
Teacher
French Bay
School.

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Chippawa Hill, March 22nd 1900
John Scuffield, Esq.
Indian Agent.

Dear Sir,

I gave the key of the School House and the matter that you left with me to Abia Yashkewoo requesting him to take the care of the School House at Scotch Settlement and I now send you a report of his work as caretaker during the past month. I gave the key of the School House to him the 20th of February.

Feb. 23rd - The bell rang at 8.10 which was 10 minutes too late and that deceived several of the scholars as they have not all got clocks.

Feb. 26th - The bell rang at 8.20 and the 9 O'clock bell did not ring and some did ^{not} get to school till 9.30.

Mar 5th - Bell rang at 8.15 which caused some of the pupils to be late. One of the ink wells missing out of one of the desks.

Mar 6th - Bell rang at 8.30 and the fire put on too late! It was nearly 10 O'clock before I could get the school opened to-day as the school room was too cold for the pupils.

A meeting was held in the school house to night in connection with church business, when one of the window blinds was torn half off the roller.

Mar 12th - The bells rang at 8.15. School was too late.

Mar 20th - Four boys (including the caretaker) acted improperly in the school by running over the desks, when the caretaker was left to sweep out the school house after 4 O'clock P.M. I had to go back to the school after I went home to prevent them from

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from injuring the School Furniture.

I am sorry that I have to complain but extreme necessity compels me to say that I can not open school in time and proceed with my work successfully unless there is some improvement. I think that a boy is not capable of taking the care of the school.

I remain
Yours humble servant.
John Burr
Teacher.

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Chippawa Hill Nov 27 1900.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
letter of Jan 22nd 1900. No. 153978.

As instructed I took the Indian
boys Joseph Root and Abiah Mashkawa
on trial as Care-takers of French Bay
and Scotch Settlements School Houses

As I could not be present often
enough to form a correct opinion
of how they performed their duties
I requested the teachers to report
to me and I herewith enclose
their reports. On the strength of these reports
and what I have seen, I would recommend that the Care of these
two schools be again transferred to the teachers. In this connection
I would inform the Dep^y that the Indian Council decided that
the Care-takers of the schools & churches on the reserve
should in future supply the brooms.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedt Servant
John Schofield
Agent.

Secretary Dep^y
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

OTTAWA, 3rd April, 1900

Sir,

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo with enclosures reporting upon the work of the two Indian boys, Joseph Root and Abiah Mashkava, lately appointed temporarily as caretakers of the French Bay and Scotch Settlement school houses; and in reply I beg to say that as recommended by you the care of these two schools is to be taken away from the boys and given to the teachers, the remuneration to be at the same rate as that paid their predecessors.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Secretary

John Scoffield, Esq.

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill,

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Chippawa Hill Apr. 18th 1900.

Sir

I have the honor to submit to the Dep^y resolution passed by the Chippewas of Saugeen at a Band Meeting held Apr 12th 1900.

Moved by Henry Ritchie seconded by Peter Henry
That in future there will be no salary paid for the care taking of the French Bay School and Scotch Settlement Schools
That the section scrub the school room once per month and the children sweep it in turn



I have the honor to be sir
Your obedient servant
John Scalfield
Agent.

Secretary Dep^y
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Ottawa, 23rd April, 1900.

Sir:-,

Referring to your letter of the 18th. inst. I beg to inform you that the Department approved of the Resolution passed by the Chippewa Band in Council to the effect that in future no salary be paid for the care taking of the French Bay and Scotch Settlement School Houses and "that the Section scrub the school-room once per month, and the children sweep it in turns."

John L. [unclear]

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

J. Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill, Ont.

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Chippewa Hill May 8th 1900.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge letter of the 23rd ultimo No. 153.978. re - the care taking of French Bay and Scotch Settlements Schools

In reply would inform the Dept. that when I informed the Teachers of the decision of the Dept. on this matter. They refuse to be responsible for the ~~safety~~ and care of the ~~buildings~~ and furniture of the schools before and after teaching hours and as I do not consider the Buildings would be safe in regard to fire nor the furniture from getting broken as they would not be in care of any person in particular who I could hold responsible for the safety of them.

I therefore instructed the Teachers to keep possession of the key and continue their duties as care-takers until I could correspond with the Dept. on the matter

I wish to state that in my opinion there is no one can so conveniently attend to the duties of care-taking as the Teacher and in an isolated school like Fr. Bay or Scotch Settlement. There is great danger from fire. not from the scholars alone but also from other Indians who are in the habit of congregating in the Schools Churches and Council Chambers.

The most strict

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vigilance has to be kept up to prevent them from entering these Buildings after night. And if the keys were in the hands of an Indian who was doing the work of a caretaker without remuneration, he would not consider himself responsible for any damage that might occur.

I therefore would not vouch for the safety of either Buildings or furniture.

Also if the teachers do not attend to kindling the fire, and ringing the Bell at the proper time, I am sure that our Schools on the Reserve, will fail to maintain the standard which they have heretofore held.

Will the Dept kindly give this matter their serious consideration and let me know their decision at their earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA



*Can Council account
a question of Missions
Not at all for
a local opinion
on this. If necessary
I will*

accx

15 May 1900.

Can funds be taken without
a Resolution of Council to pay the
caretakers of French Bay and
Scotch Settlement Schools?



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Chippawa Hill



Sir

I have the honor to state that it is a matter of regret to me to inform the Dept. that the attendance at French Bay School has decreased so much that I would ask the Dept. to advise me in regard to the matter.

In explanation of the above I would say that from the week after Mr. Wallace assumed the duty of Teacher at French Bay ^{School} until the month of May last the average attendance exceeded any three months since I came to the Reserve.

Although the number that should attend had decreased on account of removals from that part of the Reserve from about 30 to about 20. The latter is the number that should attend now I do not expect that number to attend every day but would expect a monthly average of 12 to 15 but for the last month it will not average more than 5 or 6.

I think the cause of the decrease is that in accordance with official letter dated April 3rd last No. 153978 the caretaking of the French Bay School was taken from Joseph Root (son of Jesse Root) and given to the Teacher. This appears to have aroused the antagonism of Jesse Root against the

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Against the Teacher as he at once kept his children away from school and as far as I can learn influenced the parents of other children to do the same.

The Teacher informed me of his neglect of duty as Infant Officer. I had an interview with him, gave him a written copy of what appeared to me to be a Infant officers duty.

I heard no more complaints until the 23rd of May last when the schools were celebrating Conspire Day by recitations & songs from the children speeches from the Elected Teachers & others.

Jesse Root being a Trustee and on the Programme made a speech which the Interpreter informed me was full of resentment to the Teacher.

In June last the Council & I were letting the work of erecting & repairing Culverts in the French Bay section while there we visited the school.

We were in the school a short time when Jesse Root came in & took this opportunity of complaining to the Council accusing the Teacher of unkindness to the scholars and of teaching bad language because he taught the English word "pushey" which has an unmentionable meaning in the Indian language. On Aug the 23rd I was visiting that school section and found Jesse Root's boys with others playing at the Lake. I also found a number of children at their homes, their parents would not give me any excuse for them not being in school.

I notified J. Root Infant officer that if he did not attend to his duties I would report him to the Dept.

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I am informed that the attendance is

attendance is no better but worse some days having only one pupil in school.

The Teacher who appears to be doing his duty in every way is very much discouraged on account of the irregular attendance of the pupils. I believe there is no truth in Jesse Root's complaints, as I informed him that if he could establish any wrong-doing on the part of the Teacher I would report the same to the Dept.

I believe if the compulsory Law were enforced it may have a beneficial effect.

I have the honor to be sir
your Obedt. servt.
John Scofield
Agent.

OTTAWA, 24th September, 1900.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant reporting that the attendance at the French Bay school has greatly decreased and giving reasons why it has fallen off. The Department regrets to learn of the attitude taken by Jesse Root, the truant officer, and thinks that it would be well to make an example of him if he does not send his children to school, as other Indians can hardly be expected to compel their children to go to school, while his ^{are} ~~is~~ allowed to play truant. You will, therefore notify Root that you have been instructed to proceed against him under the Regulations unless his children are sent promptly and regularly to school. Failure to do this will entail his dismissal from office ~~and~~ in addition to the penalties provided by the regulations.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. NOLEMAN

Secretary

John Scoffield, Esq.
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill, Ont.

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Chippawa Hill Aug 21st 1901.

Sir

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I have the honor to refer the Dept- to official letter dated 24 Sep last- No 153978 regarding the attendance ^{of children} and attitude taken by Jesse Root, the Supt- Officer at French Bay School.

I would inform the Dept- that the Supt- Officer sends his own children much more regular than he did previous to the date of the letter referred to, but I am sorry to say that there is not much

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improvement if any in the average attendance. It is difficult for me to account for the small attendance as the teacher appears to do everything possible to encourage regular attendance and his pupils appear to like him.

There may be room for complaint with the Supt- Officer for neglect of duty. He has never reported to me or the teacher of a case of truancy or neglect of parents to send their children to school.

The teacher tells me that he has reported to the Supt- Officer more than once of the nonattendance of pupils and asked him to try and secure their attendance but without beneficial effect. For these reasons I would advise the Dept- to try a change of Supt- Officer in the French Bay School Section, and that each Supt- Officer be supplied with a copy of regulations relating to the education of Indian children.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be sir
Your obedient servant
John D. Moffat
Agent.

Ex'd.

OTTAWA, 29th August, 1901:-

Sir,

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. recommending the appointment of a truant officer for the French Bay school to replace Jesse Rootine present holder of that position; and in reply I have to request that you will be good enough to submit the name of a suitable person for the place and one whom you can depend upon to act promptly in this capacity. On receipt of this information you will be further advised.

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

Asst. Secretary

John Scoffield, Esq:

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill,

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Chippawa Hill. 4th Sep 1901.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
Official letter of the 29th ultimo No 153978.

In reply I herewith forward
resolution No 6 passed by the
Indian Council at their monthly
meeting held on the 2nd inst
naming Luke Kewagmon as a suitable
person for Grant officer for the French
Bay School.

- 6 Moved by Peter Henry Sec. & by Ed. J. Madwiskimund
That we hereby appoint Luke Kewagmon
as Grant officer for the French Bay School Section
in place of Jesse Root at a salary of
eight Dollars per year

Carried.

Certified correct

I would inform the Dept. that Luke
Kewagmon holds the office of Sexton for
the Fr. Bay Church, but as there is no
connection between the two offices and
I consider Kewagmon a good man for
the position. I would recommend
the Dept to sanction the appointment

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I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedt. Servant
John Scaffield
Agent.

Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Ex'd.



OTTAWA, 11th September, 1901

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant forwarding a resolution of Council of the French Bay Band for the appointment of Luke Kewoquon as truant officer for the school section of that reserve in place of Jesse Root at a salary of \$8.00 per annum, and in reply I beg to inform you that the Department approves of this appointment and you are hereby authorized to notify Jesse Root that his services are no longer required in that capacity.

The Department trusts that the new truant *officer* will be more efficient.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Secretary

John Scoffield,

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill,

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Chippewa Hill, March 19th, 1904.

Hon. Mr. Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ont.
Hon. and Dear Sir,

I humbly beg to be allowed to bring to your notice the very small salaries which we, as teachers on the Saugeen Indian Reserve, are receiving and to pray you to raise our remuneration on a par with the teachers in the surrounding White Schools.

During the past three or four years teachers' salaries have advanced substantially in the province. The Inspector of public schools (Mr. Clendenning) informs me that salaries have advanced very substantially in all the schools under his care except the Indian schools. Our families are isolated, we have many discouragements to contend against unknown to those in white settlements. My wife has never been able to leave French Bay or to associate with her own race since last November. Cost of living has advanced rapidly since we came to this Reserve four years ago and notwithstanding all this our salary remains fixed at seventy-five dollars a quarter. I have to support a family of five members on the sum of money I could not accomplish were it not that the Missionary Society helps me a little and the same help had to be extended to Mr. Burr of Scotch Settlement since last midsummer.

I am well aware these conditions might exist indifferently without your knowledge if your attention were not especially directed to them. Knowing your high sense of honor and justice as a public man and a Minister of the Crown I make bold to lay our case before you fully believing the justice of our prayer will lead you to extend unto us what assistance you may see our case deserves.



OTTAWA, 24th March, 1904:-

Recd
The Deputy Superintendent General:-

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With reference to the application of Mr Wallace, teacher of the French Bay Indian school, on behalf of himself and the other teachers on the ~~Saugeen~~ Saugeen reserve for an increase of salary, I beg to say that the three schools on this reserve are entirely supported by the Band, which contributes \$300 annually for the salary of each teacher. This Band has a very large capital and might be able to stand the expenditure of an additional \$150.00 a year out of their interest.

Three hundred dollars is certainly a very small salary for a competent teacher of an Indian school. These schools were originally conducted by the Methodists, who contributed towards their support but the teachers are now wholly dependant on the salary paid by the Department. If it could be raised \$50.00 for each of them, I do not think it would be too much for white teachers of Indian schools in Western Ontario.

I may add that Mr Wallace came highly recommended and is still doing good work.

About two years ago we raised the salary of the teacher of the Moraviantown school and charged the increase to the Band.

Mark B. Russell

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OTTAWA, 5th May, 1904:-

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 19th March last applying on behalf of yourself and other teacher of Indian schools on the Saugeen reserve for an increase of salary, I beg to say that the Department regrets that it does not see its way towards doing anything in this direction at present.

Tom. H. 42
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Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAM

Secretary

T. J. Wallace, Esq.

Teacher French Bay Indian school

Chippewa Mills, Ont:

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Ottawa 25th May 1904

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The French Bay School was visited on May 3. There are ~~30~~ children of school age in ^{the district (11 km sq)} attendance, but the average runs between 12 and 15. The Teacher is very anxious to have an example of persistent truants made. He says he has asked the Agent to act but nothing has been done.

The attendance found consisted of 2 boys and 4 girls. This small attendance probably was to be attributed to there being a funeral upon the reserve to which most of the children had gone. The schoolroom is bright and clean, the Teacher brisk and energetic. He should have a regular attendance of twenty at least. The number of children of school age in this district is quite sufficient to maintain a large attendance, and if the Agent exercises the authority entrusted to him this can easily be done. The Indians themselves would be pleased to see attendance enforced.

The Teacher's house and stable are in good condition and the whole establishment is most creditable, but is not being as effective as it should be because proper control is not exercised. The co-operation of the Agent is needed for the exercise of such control.

Sgd J. A. Macrae

MEX.

OTTAWA, 10th June, 1904:-

Sir,

As the attendance at French Bay school for the past year has been irregular and unsatisfactory, the Department would like you to warn the Indians that unless a decided improvement takes place after the summer holidays, the Regulations will be enforced.

Your obedient servant,

STEWART

Secretary

John Scoffield, Esq.

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill, Ont:-

French Bay, Oct 20, 1907

Mr. Gahagan

Treas. Office 318469

I notified you last night that 6 pupils were out of school. There are 11 pupils out to-day.

Not one child I sent you for yesterday is here to-day.

I have not excused one child.

If every pupil is not here by to-morrow morning I will go to the Agent and report the matter to him and if I do you know just what will happen. Your business is to either get the children here or else go at once to the Agent if they have not a written excuse from me.

Ellen Davis — 3 days
Livingstone Ritchie — 2 days
Sylvester — 2 days
Christence Stevens — 1 day
Melvin Stevens — 2 days
Sarah Kashkewa — 2 days
Maggie Shevonoquut — 2 days
Edna Kewaquom — 2 months
Cater — 1 day

J. Wallace
Teacher

My instructions to you
are; - Either get these
children to school at
once or else lay an
information against
the parents with Mr.
Schofield without delay.
If this is not done then
I will report to the
Agent at once.

L. J. Wallace

French Bay, Oct. 3rd, 1907,
Thomas Wabheze

Tenant Officer,

The following children are
not-at-school. 318463

- 1 Christina Stenens
- 2 Sarah Elsie Mashkema
- 3 Edna Kemagwom

I told you your duty
in this matter yesterday.
If it is not attended to
at once I will report
the matter to the Agent
immediately. I will
take no excuses,

L. J. Wallace

French Bay, Oct. 4th, 07.
Thomas Wahhegee

Tru⁶³ Officer

Sir, — I beg to inform
you that the following children
were absent from school
this week as follows: —
Maggie Kesis away 4 days,
Livingstone Kitchie out 4 days
Sylvester " out 4 days
Sarah Elsie Kaskkenax out 5 days,
Christina Stenens 1 out 3 days
Melvin Stenens 1 " 2 days
Total loss this week 22 days
over

Carried from other side 22.
 Ellen Ahwasquet out 2 days
 James Ritchie out - 2 "
 Gracey " " six 2 "
 Jerry Alter " 1 1 "
 Total loss this week = 29 days

J. F. Wallace
 Teacher -

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Chippama Hill Oct 1907



Schools Sir:-

I have the honor to state that Thos. Wahbegee Truant officer for French Bay School Section Sanguen Reserve has resigned the office, on account of being unable to secure the attendance of the children satisfactory to the Teacher, and in accordance with the Law

I would say that irregular attendance of pupils will apply to every school on the Reserve, especially to the Indian Village as a look over my Report for Sep. last will show French Bay School has a very good average attendance for the year but it has been kept up by the determined efforts of the Teacher

J. Wallace and Truant Officer Thomas Wahbegee who should be commended for the strenuous efforts which has been made to secure the attendance of the children; It has taken too much of the Truant Officers time for the amount of salary \$6.00 per quarter he receives

The enclosed notes sent by the Teacher to the Truant Officer will show something of the time spent and the effort made, to secure anything like regular attendance

I can not procure anyone to do the work of truant officer for French Bay Section at the salary paid Thos. Wahbegee

I think the cause of so much work for the truant officer is that we have not

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Handwritten notes: funds available to truant officer only \$10.00 per quarter Commission of Board of officers

Approved

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have not the sympathy of the parents and guardians, they would rather sympathize with their children, and will not make an honest effort to have them attend.

I have notified all parents & guardians on the Reserve more than once that it is the wish of the Dept to have the compulsory School regulations enforced on this Reserve.

I have also summoned some of them to give reasons why their children were not attending school; they make many excuses such as sickness, want of proper clothing &c. I did not fine any of them as I did not see that any good would be accomplished by doing so.

Immediate action should be taken in replacing the truant officer at French Bay. I think I could get Wahbezee or some one else to take the office if the work was made less, say one day, or one and a half days per week should be all that was necessary, if we had the cooperation of the parents and guardians in securing the regular attendance of the children.

Will the Dept kindly advise me what action I should take in this matter at its earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedt Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

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Ottawa, October 31, 1907.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., advising the Department of the resignation of Thos. Wahbezeo as truant officer for the French Bay school section, on the Saugeen reserve, and stating that you cannot obtain the services of such an officer to replace Mr. Wahbezeo at the salary paid him, namely, \$6.00 per quarter.

In reply I beg to say that, in view of your explanations, the Department will, if the consent of the council is obtained, allow a salary of \$10.00 per quarter to such officer.

There would not, however, appear to be much use in appointing a truant officer, unless action is occasionally taken against the delinquents, by way of example, and it seems hardly fair to expect such an officer to devote all his time to the work. You should be able to arrange with the teacher as to the number of visits he should be ~~etc~~ called on to make.

Your obedient Servant,

S. STEWART

Asst. Secretary.

John McIver, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE 319130

The Duck Lake.

October 25



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. _____
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Ref.: Your Letter _____ 1907 No. _____

SIR:

I Return the enclosed
letter which was evidently intended
for the Agent at Chippawa Hill
M^r Safford. But got into a
letter addressed to me at M^r Safford
your obedient servant
J. M. Safford
Indian Agent

The Secretary Department of
Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Letter redirected
to Mr. Safford

EXTRACT.
ORIGINAL ON

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Shippawa Hill, 8th. November 1907.

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Extract from resolution passed by the Saugeen Indian
Council held on the 4th., inst.



No. I. Moved by Peter Henry seconded by Andrew Ritchie.

That this Council would recommend the appointing of
David Root as truant officer for French Bay School
section at the salary of \$24.00 per year, paid quarterly.
Certified correct. Carried.

In explanation of the above I would inform the Dept.
that Thos. Wabezer did not act agreeably with the teacher
and it was thought best to change the truant officer, I
would therefore recommend the appointment of David Root.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sgd. John Scoffield,

Agent.

Secretary,

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Ottawa, 14th November, 1907.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, I beg to say that in view of the resolution of Council and your recommendation in the matter the Department approves of David Root being appointed truant officer at a salary of \$24.00 a year, in the room of Thos. Wabazer, for the French Bay Indian School.

Your obedient servant.

Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esqr,

Indian Agent,

Chippewa Hill Ont.

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School Sir:-

I have the honor to state in reference to the following resolution that I do not consider it just to engage teachers at a stipulated amount of salary, ground & dwelling free of rent, and after they have been in the service for ten or twenty years, then ask them to pay rent. I cannot therefore recommend the Dept. to grant the prayer of the resolution.

Moved by Hiram Ahyahba Sec^y by Jno Cameron
I That the School Teachers at French Bay and Scotch Settlement Sanguen Reserve be charged \$25⁰⁰ per year, rent for dwelling house and ground, and the Dept. be requested to retain the said amount from their salaries Carried

Certified correct.

In explanation of the following Resolution I would inform the Dept. that the greatest number of the Indians are annoyed at the School Teachers of the Reserve at present; on account of their persistent efforts to secure the regular attendance of

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regular attendance of the children, and wish to force them to resign or bring some cause against them to secure their dismissal.

As far as I can judge I believe the Teachers to be quite competent for the duties required of them.

As to engaging Teachers holding First-Class Certificates, to teach children who to my knowledge, scarcely ever attends school after being promoted to the senior Third Class, would be superfluous, and an unnecessary expenditure. As First Class Teachers in this County are getting from five to nine hundred Dollars salary per year for the above reason I cannot recommend the Resolution.

Moved by Ed J. Madurishmund Secd by Sol. E. James
That we request the Dept. to engage as School Teachers for the Saugeen Reserve only persons who hold a First Class Certificate
Carried.
Certified correct

I have the honor, to be Sir
Your obedient Servt.
John Scofield
Agent.

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Ottawa, January 31, 1908.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., embodying two resolutions passed by the council of the Saugeen Reserve, one to the effect that the teachers of the French Bay and Scotch settlement schools be charged a rental of \$35.00 per year for the residences in connection with the schools; and the other that only teachers with first-class certificates be engaged for these schools.

With reference to the first resolution I beg to say that the Department cannot approve the same, as the salaries paid the teachers would not warrant their being charged rent.

In regard to the employment of only first-class teachers for these schools, the Department would, in the event of any changes taking place, prefer engaging such, provided they could be had for the salaries offered, but as very few teachers who look for rural schools hold first-class certificates, the Department does not consider it would be well to be confined to a choice from that class, and cannot, therefore, approve the resolution as it stands.

Your obedient servant,

John Scoffield, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

Secretary.

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Chippawa Hill Oct 30th 1908
 Received from John Scoffield Ind Agent
 The sum of \$2.00 for services rendered
 as Truant officer in the case of Elijah Honogun
 Band No 7. refusing to send his child to school
 Travelled 10 miles to serve summons @ 10c
 per mile \$1.00 Attending Court - \$1.00

David. Root
 certified correct
 John Scoffield
 Agent

Indian Office

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\$2.00

MEMO

At Chippawa Hill

Oct 30th 1908

Received from John Scoffield Ind Agent
 The sum of \$2.00 for services rendered
 as Truant officer in case of E. Wabegone
 Band No 139. refusing to send his child to school
 Travelled 10 miles to serve summons @ 10c per mile
 \$1.00. Attending Court \$1.00.

certified correct
 John Scoffield agent

David. Root

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Chippawa Mill Nov 17th 1908.

Sir: -

I have the honor to state that I found it necessary to fine Band No 7 Elijah Shonognot for refusing to send to school a child under his care. The family belongs to French Bay section, and live about a mile from school. The boy is eight or nine years old and could attend if sent. I fined him \$ 1⁰⁰ and costs total \$ 3⁰⁰ on the 27th April last, but could not collect the money until after September Payment of Interest Distribution.

I enclose herewith Receipt from S. Root Trustant Officer for \$ 2⁰⁰. Cash \$ 1⁰⁰ = 3⁰⁰

I would also report that I fined Band No 139 Elijah Mahbegona \$ 1⁰⁰ and costs. He also belongs to French Bay Sec. and has been neglecting to send his boy to school. I fined him on Sep the 2nd last but could not collect the money till after ^{the} Bay day.

I enclose receipt for \$ 2⁰⁰ from David Root Trustant Officer also Cash \$ 1⁰⁰ total \$ 3⁰⁰

enclosure

1 x 2 Dominion of Canada No 333692.

Secretary Department
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servt.
John Coffield
Agent.

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No. 291.

Original, for the Depositor.

Bank of Montreal.

OTTAWA.

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Received from

Indian Funds

the sum of

Dollars,

which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate.

Ent'd

Pro Manager.

BANK OF MONTREAL

No. 291.

Duplicate, for Department.

Bank of Montreal.

OTTAWA.

NOV 19

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Indian Funds

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Dollars

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Signed in Triplicate.

Ent'd

Pro Manager.

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Schools

Extract from "Remarks" of teacher of
the French Bay School, on the return
for the quarter ended June 30, 1907.
Original on file no. 153,978

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All the pupils of proper school age attended
very regularly, considering that the itch has
become an epidemic among the Indians of
French Bay, old and young. It is absolutely
necessary that some means should be devised,
if at all possible, in order to stamp out this
loathsome disease. Drastic means, if no other
will accomplish it. The school is simply a
pesthouse at present, awful.

(sgd) T. J. Waller

Teacher

French Bay School

Mrs. Scofield
Indian Agt
Chippawa, Ont.



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Alfred June 24.07
John Scofield Esq
Agent Chippewa Res

Dear Sir.

Scabies (Itch) is increasing prevalent on the Chippewa Reservation and at the Snake Bay School most of the children have it.

I am at a loss to know how to cope with it. The want of changes of clothing and bedding and the general neglect of bathing and body cleanliness are a bar effectual to the treatment of the trouble. There are matters that I am not able to meet efficiently. Scarcity of clothing and vaguer ideas of cleanliness stand in the way of effectual treatment. Perhaps now that the holidays are just at hand some method could be adopted to remedy the trouble.

Yours truly
R. W. Williams M.D.

Chippawa Hill, July 8, 1909.

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Sir:-

A I have the honor to state that ~~Ritchie~~ got into the School at French Bay, Saguenay Reserve, last year. I requested R. W. Williams M. B., Medical attendant for the Reserve to attend to the matter then, and he did so.

But it could not have been entirely got rid of, as it again made its appearance this Spring.

When I first noticed it this Spring, I suggested to the Teacher to send some of the pupils affected home. This he did not seem inclined to do, as it would lower his average attendance.

I wrote to the Doctor and reported the matter. At my next visit to the School, the children had not been sent home, the teacher claiming that it was not his business to do so.

I then interviewed R. W. Williams and asked him to visit the School and send me a written report which I herewith enclose.

I then brought the matter before the Indian Council, which passed the following Resolutions:

Moved by Andrew Ritchie, Seconded by Peter Henry -

That T. S. Mandonoub is hereby appointed to enforce the Doctor's orders in regard to means to be

to be adopted to get rid of the Itch;
and that he be paid \$1.⁵⁰ per day
from the Band Funds for the time
spent in performance of this work.
Certified Correct Carried.

Moved by T. S. Mandowab, seconded by A. Ritchie
"That all families affected with the
Disease called Itch, be supplied with
the necessary quantity of Cotton, Soap,
Carbolic Acid etc.; and that the Agent
retain the cost from their share of
Interest Money next Pay Day."

Certified Correct Carried.

The reason that I asked the Council
to pass these Resolutions is that
neither the Doctor nor I can
get the Indians to attend to the
proper washing of their clothing,
and bathing of their bodies.

As they have not the necessary
changes of clothing, I think it
best to procure it for them and
make them pay for it out of their
Interest Money. The expense for
clothing will not be great.

I would recommend that the
proposed arrangement be authorized
by the Department and I hope to
have the trouble remedied before
the School opens again after
the Summer Holidays.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Obedient-Servant,
John Scofield
Agent

Secretary, Dept.
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, July 12, 1909.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. in reference to the prevalence of Itch in the French Bay school section.

In reply I beg to say that the Department approves of the two resolutions passed by the Council for the eradication of the disease, and you are authorized to see that the Doctor's directions are properly carried out.

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MB*

Your obedient Servant,

SECRETARY

Secretary.

John Seoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153978/1 July 12/09

No. of Account *6 Saugeen*

INDIAN TRUST FUND.

The Department of Indian Affairs,

To *R.W. Williams*

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DATE	AMOUNT.
<i>1909 July</i>	<i>Regarding Itch in School</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>From House to house inspection with Agent John Scoffield re Itch unguent Sulph 12 lbs</i>
	<i>6 00</i>
	<i>6 00</i>
	<i>\$12 00</i>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

John Scoffield

Agent.

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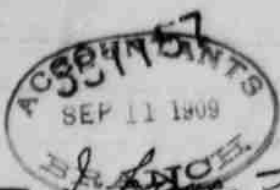
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July 12th/09.

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Ex'd

Chippawa Hill
Sep. 8th/09.

Sir:— I have the honor to state in reference to the enclosed of \$12⁰⁰ rendered by R.W. Williams M.D. that I requested the Dr. to make an inspection of the families in French Bay School Section with me. We visited 15 or 18 houses, in 15 of which one or more had to be treated for the itch. The Dr. supplied them with the necessary medicine and instructed them how to apply it. He also gave me the instructions in writing, which I gave to J.S. Mandowab along with a list of the names of the Indians who were to be treated. He went around and interpreted the instructions & saw that they were carried out. I think the disease is nearly if not altogether eradicated. I would recommend that the account be paid from the Band funds.

Ch. Sec. Sept. 15thSecretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

Sir:—
I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

French Bay, Nov. 5th, 1910.
Jerry Ahwinnuagut out of school as follows.
October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 28, and Nov. 1, 4, $\frac{1}{2}$ day
Total for this current quarter 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days.

J. J. Wallace
Teacher

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Chippawa Nov 8/10

School

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Sir:- I have the honor to state that J. J. Wallace has a great deal of trouble to secure the attendance at school of a child named Jerry Ahonognot. The child is an illegitimate. Is 13 years old and has lived all his lifetime with Band No. 7 Elijah Ahonognot - his daughter is mother of the child - His attendance at school has always been very irregular. Three or four years ago a complaint was laid against Elijah Ahonognot by the Insant Officer on account of the irregular attendance of this same boy. He was summons to appear before me, but did not appear. I had a conversation with him, he promised to send the boy more regularly. I let him off by paying \$2.00 expenses of the Insant Officer. The child has attended fairly regular until the end of the last quarter. On the 22 ult. the Insant Office again laid in-formation ^{against him. Elijah} for the same offence. Being busy in the Office I left the matter over until after Pay Day -

He & two witnesses were summons to appear before me on the ~~22~~ inst, neither he nor witnesses appeared.

As it would be a bad example to the rest of the Indians to try to make a settlement with him. I would request the Dept to kindly inform me what further steps I should take ^{in the case} & I enclose herewith a copy of the Attendance of Jerry Ahonognot for Oct last.

Secretary Dept,
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scoffield
Agent

better she has caused no end
of unhappiness between young
husbands & there wives. Kindly
for the sake of all these young
Indian Children & for the
sake of husbands & wives
living happy get rid of
this man.

I beg Foreman

Yours obediently

Adela J. Copegog

(W. J. Copegog)

P.S. The deputation that called on
~~here~~ you from here is only John Hawk
Walter Symon Concerning Thos Jones
Came without the Bands Consent
they undoubtedly in the pay of
Thos Jones.

Ottawa, November 15, 1910.

Memo. for Mr. Benson.

with reference to Mr. Agent Scofield's difficulty in procuring the appearance of Elijah Ahonoquot on a summons issued under section No. 7 of the Rules and Regulations Relating to the Education of Indian Children, as referred to in his letter hereunder dated the 8th day of November, 1910, I have to say that under section 718 of the Criminal Code the Agent if he is satisfied that the summons was duly served a reasonable time before the time appointed for appearance, may hear and determine the case in the absence of the defendant. Or the Agent may if he sees fit issue a warrant to procure the attendance of the accused, a copy of which form of warrant is hereto attached.

A. S. Williams

Law Clerk.

Copy.

FORM 6.

(Section 659.)

Warrant in the first instance to apprehend a Person charged
with an Indictable Offence.

Canada,)
Province of),
County of).

To all or any of the constables and other peace officers in
the said county of

Whereas A.B., of , (labourer), has this day been charg-
ed upon oath before the undersigned , a justice of
the peace in and for the said county of , for that he, on
on , at , did (etc., stating shortly the offence):
These are, therefore, to command you, in His Majesty's name,
forthwith to apprehend the said A.B., and to bring him before
(me) or some other justice of the peace in and for the said
county of , to answer unto the said charge, and
to be further dealt with according to law.

Given under (my) hand and seal, this day of ,
in the year , at , in the county aforesaid.

J.S., (Seal)
J.P., (name of county.)

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EXD.

Ottawa, November 16, 1910.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant reporting that Elijah Ahonoquot, who was summoned to appear before you for neglect to send Jerry Ahonoquot to school, failed to appear and asking what further steps should be taken.

In reply I beg to say that if you are satisfied that he was duly served a reasonable time before the date set for his appearance you may hear and determine the case ~~in~~ in his absence, or if you see fit issue a warrant to procure his attendance under the provisions of Section 718 of the Criminal Code. A blank form of warrant is sent herewith for your guidance. You will have to make the necessary changes and insert the names and offence and proceed against him.

Your obedient servant,

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

No 153978/1

Nov-16/10

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Chippawa Hill 28 Nov/10



I have the honor to state in reference to the case of Band No. 7 Elijah Ahonognot, that as instructed by the Dept. I issued a warrant and secured his attendance on the afternoon of the 26th inst.

He acknowledged the offence of neglecting to cause the Child Jerry Ahonognot to attend School, in accordance with regulations re. education of Indian Children.

I heard the case — Ahonognot stated in his own defence that the Child had been sent to school, most of the time that he was marked absent on the School Register. That he was an old man and could not provide for the proper education of the Child. He wished the Agent to request the Dept. to relieve him from any further responsibility in regard to the Child's education.

The other evidence heard strongly supported the defendant's statement.

As the defendant disobeyed the summons served on him in the first place and had

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and had to be arrested to secure his appearance, and as he was guilty of the offence I adjudged him to pay a fine of \$2⁰⁰ & costs and gave him one week to pay it in

I cannot advise the Dept. to relieve Elijah Ahonognot of the responsibility of the education of Jerry Ahonognot, who is not more than 14 years old. It would be a bad precedent to others.

The Boy will certainly have to earn his own living and I would suggest that the Teacher, by certificate, relieve him from attending school while he is at work. This would compell him to attend school, when not at work.

I will forward the fine to the Dept as soon as I receive it.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servt.
John Seaffield
Agent.

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Chippewa Hill, Nov. 26th, 1910.

This is to certify that I have had charge of French Bay Indian school for almost eleven years, and during all this time I have never once refused to excuse a pupil from attending school when asked to do so by a parent or guardian.

This is also to certify that Elijah Ahumoguet and his boy Jerry were not moved to the Scumble when my Truant Officer laid the information against Elijah Ahumoguet nor for some time after.

This is also to certify that Elijah Ahumoguet was arrested against my wishes so expressed to Mr. Scoffield in writing, as we realized no good results would follow from the arrest, but that it would engender and create ill-will and animosity against the teacher and his family, when the arrest was not made at the time of the trial.

J. J. Wallace

Teacher.

Chippewa Hill, Nov. 26th, 1910,

Saugeen Indian Reserve,

Sec. of Indian Affairs,

15-3978-1

Attawa, Ontario.



Dear Sir, —

On passing the Agent's office this evening at Chippewa Hill, your Agent, Mr. Scofield called me into his office. On going in I found Constable Henry Ritchie there and with him Elijah Ahumnuquet whom he had arrested under Mr. Scofield's warrant for not obeying a summons issued by the Agent some time ago re sending a boy to school of whom he is the guardian.

The Agent led me to understand that the said Elijah Ahumnuquet acknowledged his fault and had requested the Agent to report a line of defence to the Department, coupled with a request to have the fine remitted and the Department to relieve the said Elijah Ahumnuquet of the duty of sending the boy to school any longer.

As your Agent knows little about the history of Elijah Ahumnuquet's case except the version given by Elijah himself, it seems to me a short synopsis of Elijah's case re school matters will enable the Department to decide this matter not in the best interests of Elijah but in the best interests of French Bay school and the schools in general in this Reserve.

- 1, This is his second offence in disobeying a summons re the education of his children.
- 2, During my 11 years experience in French Bay school, he has given continuous trouble re educating his children.
- 3, He has raised a family of 3 boys and 6 Girls all, almost destitute of education.
- 4, Every possible means was used to get him to obey the Law prior to his being summoned.
- 5, He willfully and persistently endeavoured to over-ride the Law and ignore it evidently his aim being to break the Law down and discount it entirely.

6. He failed to over-ride the Law, and now when he discovers his failure, he attempts to snatch a victory by cringing and pleading for sympathy.
7. He has no necessity for contributing towards the support of any of his legitimate children as they are all grown up and should be able to look after themselves. He has his wife and the boy Jerry an illegitimate son of Elijah Ahumoguet's own daughter and in whose account he was summoned. Thus his family consists of 3 including himself.
8. Mrs. Angus Washkewa, the mother of the boy Jerry, informed David Root, my Tenant-officer, that she requested Elijah Ahumoguet and Mrs. Ahumoguet (her father and mother) to give the boy up to her and her husband and they would keep him and educate him. Elijah Ahumoguet and Mrs. Ahumoguet refused her request.
9. It is said the boy Jerry was sent to school one week but failed to come. I know that he was out of school Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday evening my Tenant officer reported him to the Agent, and the next morning, Friday he was at school bright and early. He then came the following Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. As Elijah had not yet received his summons, imagining the affair had blown over the boy Jerry was out of school again. A few days after this Elijah received his summons which he entirely ignored. His daughter (the boy's mother) and her husband were summoned as witnesses. They ignored their summonses too.
10. Five of Elijah Ahumoguet's children including Jerry the boy in question, attended my school in their time 3 were taken out of school under age, one died and now Jerry is sought after to follow the same course.
11. Jerry is a member of my 2nd Part class, and poor at that.

- 12, I attempted to get Mrs. Elijah Ahwonegnet to send this boy Jerry to school when he was over 6 years of age. My Truant Officer came to me and reported that Mrs. Ahwonegnet declared to him that Jerry was only 3 years old. The Truant Officer told me then that he himself knew Jerry was about 7 years old.
- 13, Taking the children out of school all too soon is a great evil in these schools and to my mind should be discouraged.
- 14, It requires some moral courage on the part of a teacher to brave the ill-will of these ignorant parents who refuse to properly educate their children. Fortunately these ignorant ones are in the minority.

These facts are submitted for the consideration of the Department. The Agent's report may not reach you until later.

It will be in the best interests of my work here for the Department to consider this report as confidential unless it becomes a necessity to return a copy to the Reserve. In such case I am prepared to substantiate every statement it contains.

I have the honor to be your
humble servant-

J. J. Wallace
Teacher

French Bay Indian School,

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

To

April 1st 1911
Rev S.P. McVitty

Sir,

I hereby make application for admission of the undermentioned child into the Mount Elgin Industrial School; to remain therein for such term as the Department of Indian Affairs may deem proper: and I hereby consent that the principal or head teacher of the institution for the time being shall be the guardian of the said child, viz.:

Indian name of child

English name

Age

Name of Band

No. of ticket under which child's annuity is paid

Father's full name and No.

Mother's full name and No.

Parents living or dead

State of health

Religion

Speak English or not

Present state of education

Previously attended school for years.

Signature of Parent or Guardian.

I hereby certify that the above application for admission has been read over and interpreted to the parent or guardian and that the contents were understood by him or her and that I witnessed his or her signature to this document.

*
Signature of Witness.

Form 61.

* Principal or other official of the school must not sign as witness.

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POOR
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153978/1

Ottawa, December 6, 1910.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo reporting the arrest and conviction of Elijah Ahonoquot for neglect to send his grandchild, Jerry Ahonoquot, regularly to the French Bay Indian school.

In reply I beg to say that the Department wishes you to see that the fine and costs are paid and forward it here. You will be good enough to inform Ahonoquot that unless the boy is sent regularly to school in future the Department will have him committed to an industrial school under the Regulations relating to the Education of Indian Children. The teacher of the school will be requested to furnish the truant officer with a weekly record of the boy's attendance and you should instruct the truant officer to report to you for the information of the Department whether this boy is attending regularly or not and if absent for what cause.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153978/1

2 letters

Ottawa, December 6, 1910.

EXE

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo in regard to the case of Jerry Ahonoquot whose grandfather, Elijah Ahonoquot, was arrested and fined for neglecting to send the boy regularly to school.

In reply I have to inform you that it is not the intention of the Department to remit the fine imposed by the Agent in this case, as the Indians must be given clearly to understand that it will not permit parents ^{or} guardians to neglect the education of their children. The Department wishes you to furnish the truant officer with a weekly report on this boy's attendance and the Agent has been instructed to see that the Regulations are strictly complied with.

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Your obedient servant,

CHAMBERLAIN

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,
Teacher,
French Bay Indian School,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

*POOR
COPY*

French Bay, Feb. 9th, 1911.

Mr. David Root,

Truant Officer,

Dear Sir,

The Indian Department at Ottawa sent me the following instructions re Jerry Ahumogwot,
"The Department wishes you to furnish the truant officer with a weekly report on this boy's attendance and the Agent has been instructed to see that the Regulations are strictly complied with."

I beg to inform you, that, since this boy's guardians, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Ahumogwot, absolutely refused to send the boy to school as stated to you by them in person and as so reported to me by you, there is no use in me making weekly reports to you concerning the boy's attendance after this.

You are instructed to report the circumstances to the Agent. When doing so, state to the Agent that Mr. and Mrs. Ahumogwot now claim that the boy is seventeen years old.

Having now carried out my instructions I leave the matter in the hands of the Agent

sincerely yours,

J. J. Wallace

Teacher

French Bay, Feb. 8th, 1911.
Mr. David Root.

Truant Officer

I am informed that Jerry Ahumogut
is at Elijah Ahumogut and that
he is not sick. Please be at
my place at 4 o'clock to night,
to go with me to the agent. I
will do with this boy what the
Department ordered.

Yours

J. J. Wallace

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POOR
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No. 153978/1 Nov 16/10

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Chippawa Hill Feb. 18/11

378518

Sir:-

I have the honor to state in reference to official letters and my letter of Nov. 28th/10 re Elijah Ahonognot-Band No 7, neglecting to send Jerry Ahonognot to school.

I would inform the Dept That Jerry has not attended school one day this quarter.

He has not been legally excused; he is not circumstanced so that he can claim an excuse under clause 3 of the Compulsory regulations.

Band No 7 is guardian & grandfather of Jerry, and has been fined for said neglect, but has not paid the fine as he promised to do. At the trial he asked that the Dept. relieve him of the responsibility of educating the child.

He was notified that the Dept. refused to relieve him, and that he was expected to send the child to school till he was 15 years of age. Band No 7 now claims

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Ottawa

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now claims that Jerry is 17
years old, which claim, ^{I think} can
be easily contradicted,

Band No 7 is an old man and
I cannot collect a fine from him
the cost ^{of sending him to prison} would be considerable
and he has the sympathy of
the Band.

Before proceeding further I decided
to report the matter, and have
the advice of the Dept. as
sending him to jail I think
is the next thing that can be
done

I enclose herewith communications
that will show the actions of the
Teacher L. J. Wallace in the
matter.

I have the honor, to be sir,
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield

153978/1

EXD

Ottawa, February 27, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and in reply I beg to say that in view of the fact that Elijah Ahonoquot, grandfather of Jerry Ahonoquot, is an old man the Department is not disposed to carry out the sentence enforced upon him by you for neglect in educating the boy, but thinks it would be better to commit the boy to an industrial school provided ^{not over fifteen} he is ~~under sixteen~~ years of age. I have to ask you, therefore, to make inquiries and ascertain definitely the age of the boy and advise the Department, when further instructions will be given you.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

No 153978/1 Feb 27. 1911

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Chippawa Hill

Mar. 9th/11

Mr. -

379425

I have the honor to state in reference to the age of the Boy Jerry Ahonognot, that the most reliable authority available is Chief L. S. Mandonoub, whose son George was accused by the Grandmother of the child as being father of said child.

The chief says that the child was born in April 1897.

I came to the Reserve Feb. of the same year, and if my memory serves me right, what the Chief says is correct.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant
John Seafield
Agent.

153978/1

Ottawa, March 24, 1911.

Sir,

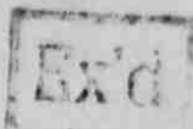
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, and in reply I beg to say that the Department has decided that it would be in the best interests of Jerry Ahonoquot to have him sent to the Mount Elgin Industrial School. You should, therefore, have an application for his admission signed by the grandfather on the enclosed form and forward it to the Department, first having the boy medically examined. As soon as this is done, if the examination is satisfactory, you may make arrangements to have the boy ^{sent} to the school. Should the grandfather not be willing to sign an application the boy may be committed by you as provided for in Sections 9 and 10 of the Regulations relating to the Education of Indian Children. The Department will write the Reverend Principal of the Mount Elgin Institute and advise him that this boy will be sent there. Kindly take immediate action and report.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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Ottawa, March 24, 1911.

Rev. Sir,

The Department desires to send to the Mount Elgin Institute a boy named Jerry Ahonoquot of the Saugeen reserve aged 14. This boy is being neglected as his grandfather will not send him to school. The Department will pay for this boy at the usual rate over and above the number already authorized so long as he remains in the school. I trust that this will be satisfactory.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. S. R. McVitty, Esq.,
Principal,
Mount Elgin Institute,
Muncey, Ont.



Muncy, Ont.,

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March 29

1911

Mr. 580411

ACCOUNTANT

APR 4 1911

Mr. Elgin Industrial Institute

Rev. S. R. McVitty, Principal

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For Sir

In reply to yours of 24th re the
very Abenogant from Pongau. We
will be pleased to make room
for him. It would be well to have
him come soon as possible. He is
April 1st.

Yours Respectfully
S. R. McVitty

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153978/1

Ottawa, April 5, 1911.

Sir,

Referring to official letter of the 24th ultimo
in reference to Jerry Ahonoquet I beg to say that the De-
partment is in receipt of a communication from the Reverend
Principal of the Mohawk Institute in which he states that he
will be able to make room for this boy and asks that he be
sent as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

No 153978/2 Apr 5/11

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Chippawa Hill, 14/11

Sir:-

231546

I have the honor to acknowledge official letter re sending Jerry Shonoquot to the Mohawk Institute. In reply I would inform the Dept. that the guardian of the Boy refused to sign the Application, and before I could arrest the Boy he had left the Reserve. I do not think he will stay away long and as soon as he returns I will arrest him and have him sent to the Institute as instructed. Until he is arrested the Certificate of Health cannot be filled out.

In this connection I would inform the Dept. that I have received a letter from the Rev. S. R. McBitty stating that he is prepared to admit the Boy.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

381685 Chippawa Mill
18th/11.

This is to certify that we the undersigned do promise and agree, that we will use our very best-endeavour to have the child Jerry Ahongnot-Attenuot School every day that School is open, for the full term, until he is 15 years of age, which will be in April 1912. unless excused for the reasons given in Compulsory regulations.

We also agree to pay to Henry Ritchie Constable travelling expenses in searching for the child. 14 miles @ 13cts per mile \$ 1.82

Signature of Mother of Boy

" Grandfather "

" Uncle of "

" Step-father " "

Elija Jane ^{her} X Osheskawa ^{mark}

Elija ^{his} X Ahongnot

Angant ^{his} X Ahongnot

Angant ^{his} X Osheskawa ^{mark}

Witness Henry Ritchie

153978/1, Apr 1st/11

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Ad 381635

Chippawa Nibb
April 19th/11

Sir: - I beg to state in reference to the boy Jerry Shonoquo, that the family connection are against sending him to an industrial institute, and are keeping him hidden from me

They came to my office and asked me to request the Dept to allow them to keep him at home, and signed the enclosed promise to keep him at school if this would satisfy the Dept.

If it does not kindly let me know, and as soon as the Constable can find him I will have him arrested.

I will wait reply

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours Abt-Servant
John Scoffield
Agent.

Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa,

153978/1

Ottawa, April 26, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, and in reply I beg to say that, in view of the definite promise of the relatives of Jerry Ahonoquot to send him regularly to the day school, the Department will for the present withdraw the instructions given you to have him committed to the industrial school. If, however, they do not adhere strictly to this written promise I would ask you to advise the Department and steps will be taken to have the boy committed.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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French Bay, Sangar Indian Reserve

Chippewa Hill, 21st, 1911.

Sec. Department of Indian Affairs,

Chana, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

My Tenant Officer came to me yesterday and informed me that your Agent at Chippewa Hill has arranged to relieve Jerry Ahmewagut from going to an Industrial school as directed by the Department and instead he is to be allowed to attend French Bay school. Instead. I have not been consulted in respect to this arrangement and I strongly protest against it. I have exhausted my ingenuity in a vain attempt to manage this boy and unless peremptorily ordered to do so by the Department I shall not admit him to my school at French Bay. If this boy is permitted to give all the trouble and annoyance he has done and then is permitted to turn the whole business into a burlesque, it is simply useless for a teacher on this Reserve to attempt to enforce the Compulsory Act. Any pupil may give all the trouble possible and then when all arrangements have been completed and said pupil has exhausted every means of opposition and annoyance simply promise to attend the Reserve school and he is turned loose to follow his old tactics and thus the moral lesson is lost so far as others are concerned,

the teacher has been discounted and his hold on refractory pupils mostly impaired and the authority of the Department set at naught.

The point to emphasize is this, "Our object is not simply to look to Jerry Ahumagwah's well being, but to have in mind the great moral lesson we are anxious to teach both pupils and parents and guardians that the Department is determined to see that all Indian children shall be properly sent to school and educated and that no shuffling or avoidance of this regulation will be tolerated by the Department.

As I am entirely responsible for the discipline, success and well being of French Bay School, and as my eleven years of faithful endeavour has not been entirely void of some little success, I trust the Department will see its way clearly to meet my wishes in this matter,

Shall be pleased to hear from the Department addressed to myself as soon as convenient

Your humble servant

J. J. Wallace

Teacher.

153978/1

Ottawa, May 2, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, and in reply I beg to say that when the Department decided to give Jerry Ahonoquot another trial in the day school on the reserve it was not aware that he is hard to manage. It was not considered wise to enforce the regulations under the circumstances, but, should this boy not attend school regularly or should he give you any trouble whatever either while at school or going to and from, I would ask you to be good enough to report the matter to the Department without delay.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,

Teacher,

French Bay Indian School,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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2 letters
Ottawa, May 2^d 1911.

Sir,

Referring to official letter of the 26th ultimo in which the Department withdrew the instructions given you to have Jerry Ahonoquot committed to the Mount Elgin Industrial School I beg to say that the Department is in receipt of a communication from the teacher of the French Bay school and another condition that must be imposed is that this boy will by his conduct give no trouble to the teacher either while at the school or while going and coming.

[Handwritten signature]

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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POOR
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1 French Bay, April 25th
Dear Sir,

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Kindly inform the Dept.
that under the circumstances
I cannot permit Jerry
Ahumogast to attend my
school while I am in charge
Y. D. A. allan

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382560

Chippawa Hill May 1/11

Sir-

I have the honor to acknowledge
official letter re sending Jerry
Shonoquo to School.

In reply I would inform the
Dept. that I notified the teacher
at French Bay School L.J. Wallace
and the boy's mother Mrs Angus
Nashkewa of the Dept's decision
to withdraw for the present the
instruction to send the boy to
an industrial school.

G.J. Wallace has had a quarrel with
Jerry's relations and has refused
to admit Jerry into the school.

They have taken the boy twice to
the school but he was refused admitt-
-ance. Mr Wallace is very obstinate
in the matter, and has written me
the enclosed card. Either of the other
schools on the Reserve is too far from the
boy's home for him to attend. The Scotch
Settlement being about 4 miles, and the Indian
Village about 6 miles from Jerry's home.

I will wait for further instruction
in the matter

I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servt
John Scofield
Agent

Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

382371

T. J. Wallace Esq
Teacher
French Bay

Chippawa Hill
April 28th/11

Dear Sir:-

I have to inform you that I have been instructed by the Dept. of Indian Affairs Ottawa. That in view of the definite promise of the relatives of Jerry Ahonognot to send him regularly to Day School the Dept expects this promise to be fulfilled. If however it is not adhered to strictly I will advise the Dept. of it.

You will kindly admit the Boy into your School and instruct him as in the past.

Yours truly
John Seaffield
Indian Agt.

W. J. Wallace

Apr 24/11

582371

Dear Sir - I understand that Jerry Thonogut came to your school today & that you refused to have him there. I do not wonder at it. But as his friends have signed a guarantee that they will send him regularly to school and I have forwarded it to the Dept. perhaps it will be better to allow him to attend until I receive an answer.

Trusting this will be satisfactory
Yours truly
John Scofield

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Chippewa Hill, Saugeen Reserve,
April 29th, 1911

Sec. Dept. of Indian Affairs 882377
Ottawa, Ontario,

Dear Sir,—

As considerable discussion is being carried on re the legality of the Department's action in committing Jerry Ahumungut to an Industrial School and as to my authority in refusing to re-admit ^{him} as a pupil in French Bay School, I wish to lay before you a history of the Elijah Ahumungut business from the outset up to the present time in order to show the Department that both its action and mine are well and strictly within the Law. In this history I have well in mind Sections 9 and 10 as quoted in your letter to your Agent at Chippewa Hill.

Elijah was 1st. summoned March 5th, 1908 to appear March 7th. He entirely ignored this summons.

Elijah was summoned 2nd time Nov. 5th, 1910 and at same time Jerry's mother (Mrs. Angus Washkewa) and her husband were summoned as witnesses. All three entirely ignored their summonses and not one of the three appeared.

Elijah was arrested and appeared at Agency Nov. 26, 1910 but not one cent of expenses was charged against him by the Indian Constable or by the Agent. Simply a farce.

On or about Dec. 6th, 1910 Department wrote Agent that Jerry would be sent to an Industrial school if he did not attend the Reserve school at once. This was notice of intention to commit Sec. 9.

Your Agent, through Henry Ritchie (constable) notified Elijah of this intention and read and interpreted the Dep. letter to him, and to me as well, on Dec. 12th, 1910, over 4 months prior to the Department's committing him and no objection registered in all this time see Sec. 10.

Elijah Ahmugoot came home from the Sauble with Jerry and I immediately sent my Insant officer to him and notified him that Jerry would be arrested and committed to an Industrial school if not sent to French Bay school at once. Elijah absolutely refused to send him and stated that Jerry was 17 years old when as a matter of fact he was not yet 14 years old. Here untruthful assertions are added to exaggerate his disobedience. This was the 2nd notice of intention to commit, see sec 9; fully 2 months and over prior to committal and no objections registered in all this time, see sec. 10.

Agent received papers in March from Department and instructions to have said papers properly filled up, Jerry medically examined and removed without delay to Brantford Industrial School. If Elijah refused to sign said papers, Agent was charged to commit by Sections 9 and 10 of the Regulations. Henry Ritchie (constable) carried these papers in his pocket until April 7th, 1911, when he called on me and informed me that Jerry's mother (Mrs. Washkema) had consented to sign the papers and had done so that day viz April 7th. 3rd notification of intention to commit, see sec. 9 and 10 of Regulations.

On April 18th, 1911 eleven days after this, the first objection from any source was registered, see sec. 9 and 10 as to 4 days.

Now I submit; Jerry was removed by the Department, from my jurisdiction on the day Agent received instructions and papers for Jerry's committal and forfeited all right to entering any school on the Reserve on and after said date, Your Agent contrary to his instructions allowed him to attempt to enter my school. Twice I turned him away 1st on April 24th, at 10 o'clock and over 5 hours and one-half before the Agent communicated or mentioned his proceedings to me. Agent allowed him to make a 2nd attempt, I again

turned him away and as his conduct has been so vicious and as he has many times during my absence at the noon hour taken from 3 to 5 and 10 of the smaller pupils away with him and as his conduct has a very demoralizing influence on the entire school I cannot allow him to attend this school so long as I am in charge of it. This Elijah Ahvenquist and his family have made trouble for me now for over eleven years, and in ten days this same Jerry would be practising his old tactics did he get an opportunity. As to section 15 of the Regulations — I interpret it thus: —

Where a case presents extenuating circumstances or redeeming features the Regulation would apply, but the circumstances and features in this case are overwhelmingly against the application of section 15.

Evidently your Agent knew it was unfair to me to have this boy admitted to French Bay school again as you will see from the following verbatim quotation of his letter of 24 inst to me, yet he is permitted to come for another attempt the following morning.

"You refused to have him there. I do not wonder at it." In fact I will enclose the Agent's letter to me in its entirety.

I beg to submit that inasmuch as the Department has followed a correct, straightforward and business-like course in this case throughout, Your Agent should be compelled to carry out his instructions in a business like way. I have given my best efforts and thought and time to my work here, I have set the pace for the Reserve but my efforts have been, at times, nullified by the shuffling, hesitating policy of your Agent. Nothing but a vigorous policy, fearlessly enforced is of any value in educational matters on this Reserve.

Yours J. J. Wallace
Teacher

153978/1

Ottawa, May 6, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo with enclosures in further reference to the attendance of Jerry Ahonoquot at the day school.

In reply I beg to say that the Department gave this matter very careful consideration, and in view of the definite promise made by the parents it was decided to withdraw the order for commitment. The boy must be given the privilege of attending your school upon the conditions laid down in letter of May 2nd, last, i. e., that he give you no trouble whatever while at the school or going to and from. Had the Department been made aware in the first place that this boy's character while at the school was altogether unsatisfactory different action might have been taken. However, in view of the fact that the Department has given its word that he will not be committed provided he attend the day school and his conduct be satisfactory, I must ask you to again enroll him as a pupil upon trial.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,
Teacher,
French Bay Indian School,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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Ottawa, May 6, 1911.

Sir,

I beg to advise you that the Department has today written the teacher of the French Bay school instructing him to admit Jerry Ahonquot as a pupil upon the conditions laid down in letters to you of the 26th ultimo and the 2nd instant.

[Handwritten signature]
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Your obedient servant,

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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Chippawa Mill

May 5th 1911

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Sir:—

I have the honor to acknowledge official letter re Jerry Abougnost. In reply I would inform the Dept. that the extra condition imposed on the boy is accepted by his friends who have promised to do all they could with the boy that he may be no trouble to the Teacher. The boy has also promised to do all he can but claims that the Teacher does not treat him as he should. And it is well known how easy it is for a Teacher to find fault and complain of a pupil with whom he is dissatisfied and I am convinced it will not be long before the Dept. will have a complaint from the Teacher against him if he admits him to school at all. I form this opinion by the way the ^{Teacher} ^{proceeds} ^{generally}. It is my opinion that the Dept. might as well commit him at once to an Industrial School.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

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Saugeen Indian Reserve.

Chippewa Hill, May 6th, 1891.

Sec. Dep. Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

382770

Dear Sir, -

I beg to inform the Indian Department that Jerry Ahumagunt's friends have broken their solemn promises to send Jerry to school regularly according to the Regulations, three times in succession already.

Sending a boy regularly according to the Regulations means sending him every day, "for the full term during which the school is open". see Regulations section 1.

"The school must be opened and closed punctually, at the hours ~~appointed~~ approved of by the Department see Instructions To Teachers, Page 1. Quarterly Report.

The hours approved of by the Department are from 9 o'clock in the morning of every legal school day until 4 o'clock in the evening. Each school day to consist of two sessions viz 9 A.M. to 12 A.M. and from one P.M. to 4 P.M. Every teacher being vested with the authority to refuse to admit a pupil to take a seat in the school-room who is not in his or her seat at the opening of the session viz 9 o'clock A.M. and 1 o'clock P.M.

Coming into the school-room and interrupting the classes at any hour of the forenoon was,

and always has been, Jerry's pet methods of annoying the teacher. An appeal to his friends only caused the offensive habit to be aggravated. When I had exhausted all my powers of moral suasion in an effort to correct Jerry's bad habits as a last resource I used the switch. On this being done Jerry's grandmother, Elijah Ahwomogew's wife, actually came into my school and abused me first in the Indian language in the presence of the entire school while the school was in session. Not content with this method of abuse she finally assaulted me and I was compelled to eject her from the room. She refused to go until I was forced to remove her by force. The Department will clearly understand that I am prepared to prove every statement I shall make in my letters. I have been working throughout for this boy's good and the good of the community. In his present environment I can do nothing to prepare him to become a useful citizen. At the very best you cannot hold him in this school long enough now to do him much good. His friends' promises are not worth the paper they are written upon, and no man knows this better than your Agent, for he has tried the promise time and again at Scotch settlement under Mr. Burr. I never allowed it here.

I am convinced the officers of the Brantford Institute will use Jerry well, will do all possible to give him an education and to make of him a useful citizen. My only hope for Jerry is to have him removed from his present surroundings and away from these new friends and placed in some Institute where he will be under kind but firm restraint. The very best Indian parents on this Reserve exercise no control over their children, give them no moral training whatever. Young girls and boys of tender years will leave home and be away for days and the parents know nothing of their whereabouts or what they are doing. The only person on the Reserve who exercises any control over them for good is the teacher. The Agent seldom or never comes in contact with them and they fight shy entirely of the Missionary. The teacher, in day school and Sabbath School comes in touch with their young lives and is the only hope for their uplift. The teacher must be kind but always firm. His authority must not be impaired or his hold on the children is gone. Let me cite a concrete case. Last Saturday and Sunday it was circulated broad cast over this Reserve

that the Department would not allow Wallace to send Jerry Ahumoguet to Brantford and that the Agent was going to send Wallace away and get another teacher. Now I have not had a case of hockey for months until this week. No less than six boys played hockey this week, a direct result of above report.

Now allow me to prove to you how Jerry's friends broke their promise from the moment they tried to get Jerry re-instated into French Bay school. Please do not misunderstand as I never make pretenses. Elijah Ahumoguet started out with the sole purpose of overruling the Compulsory Law and openly and brazenly bragged that he would do so. I simply said nothing but kept the law after him as he drifted towards the rocks. He was doing the very thing I desired he should do, otherwise I would be compelled to expell Jerry from the school for the sake of the other Pupils. The action of the Agent re his friends solemn promises carried out without my knowledge, and without giving a correct and full report to the Department brought, in good faith by the Department, an answer adverse to my plans for

the ~~boys~~ welfare.

Gerry was brought to my school the first morning April 24th at exactly 10 o'clock. I refused to let him take his seat. School had been open one hour. He did not return for the afternoon session. I gave no reason for my refusal to the friend who brought him. The 8 and 9 o'clock bell had been rung. All knew the hour for opening school.

The next morning another friend brought Gerry at exactly 15 minutes after 10 o'clock. This time he came from the home of his aunt who is living in a state of adultery and fornication with the friend who brought Gerry to school. Gerry had about 40 rods to come from this home. Again both bells 8 and 9 rang out. I again refused to allow him to take a seat. He did not come for the afternoon session nor did he come again until May 1st. Another friend brought him the 3rd time. Late as usual. I refused him a seat and he has not been back since.

Elijah Ahumagnot or his friends had evidently no intention of fulfilling either the letter or the spirit of the law. The soul object was to override the law in some way. My truant officer laid the information against Gerry's guardians on October 20th, 1910 over six months ago. Six months lost on Gerry's education.

Jerry now over 14 years of age. If it takes six months to handle a charge of this kind where the Law and Regulations are clearly stated and where plain and imperative instructions are given by the Department for the Law to be strictly complied with, it seems to me that Jerry will be over school age before the Agent could get another information dealt with.

His friends have now had another chance to act squarely and honorably but have sadly failed. I can prove the charge herein laid by my tenant officer who was watching the case carefully and by others as well if necessary.

I have the honor to be
respectfully yours

L. J. Wallace
Teacher

153978/1

Ottawa, May 12, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant in further reference to Jerry Ahonoquot.

In reply I beg to say that the Department is not disposed to take the action suggested in the last paragraph of your letter until the boy is given a further trial. As you predicted a communication has been received from the teacher in which he complains of want of punctuality. I would ask you, therefore, to report at the end of this month and if you then consider it advisable to have the boy sent to the industrial school the Department will act upon your suggestion.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

7 letters

Ottawa, May 12, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and in reply I beg, to say that the Department desires you to give Jerry Ahonoquot and his friends every chance to make ~~the~~ good the promises that they have made to the Department. It is not considered that you should refuse the boy admission to the school because he came late in the morning, but ^{he} should be allowed to take his place in the class-room and the facts ~~may~~ be then reported. In refusing the boy admission to the school-room you virtually exceeded your authority, as there is nothing in the school regulations or in the regulations of the Department that provides for this. Mr. Scoffield has been instructed that the boy is to have an opportunity during this month to make good his promise and it is expected that no obstacles will be placed in the way by you. Should his action and conduct during the rest of the month not be satisfactory the Department will take the necessary steps to have him committed.

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Your obedient servant,

W. J. Wallace

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,
Teacher,
French Bay Indian School,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153978-1

Saugeen Indian Reserve.

Chippewa Hill, May 20th, 1911

Secretary Dep. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

333798

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 12th re Jerry Ahumogwot.

In reply I beg to say that Jerry has been enrolled since May 15th. Your reference as to me placing obstacles in his way instead of angering me, proved rather amusing. Why I should place obstacles in Jerry's way is a mystery to me. I can assure the Department that I am keeping perfectly sweet in so far as any instructions I may have received from the Department is concerned. Rest assured Jerry and his friends shall receive from me every assistance in order to enable Jerry to make good his promise and I shall be delighted at his success.

On April 14th 1910 the Department wrote me as follows: "In view of your lengthy and satisfactory services at this school &c. &c. The Department trusts that you will be able to maintain the high standard at this school which now compares favourably with the white schools in your district." I have acted through this Ahumogwot incident simply and solely with a view of meeting the wishes of the Department as expressed above. This school has steadily improved since that date up to a few weeks ago when this trouble was

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383798

Sir. I shall continue to give this school my best thought and attention, I shall afford the tenant officer every opportunity of examining my register when he calls at the school, I shall give him any information I can in order to assist him when such calls are made, I shall furnish ^{him} with a report at the close of each week similar to the enclosed report which is a copy of the one I sent him last night. I shall forward a duplicate to the Department. When this is done I shall consider myself relieved of all further responsibility re the regular attendance of the pupils.

I trust the Obvancourt affair is now closed to the satisfaction of the Department,
Sincerely, J. F. Wallace
Teacher

May 19th, 1911, French Bay,
Mrs. David Root

Tenant Officer, 383798

Dear Sir,
Kindly allow me to make the following
report for the week ended to-day.

Monday, May 15th, 7 pupils out of school.

Tuesday " 16th, no school.

Wednesday " 17th, 11 pupils out of school.

Thursday " 18th, 5 " " "

Friday " 19th, 11 " " "

Isabella Ahgahban out - 5 days this week
Her Guardian informs me she is playing hockey.

Wellington out - 2 days this week

Evaline " 2 " " "

Scotty " 2 " " "

Sylvester " 2 " " "

Peter Cook " 2 " " "

Ancher Cook " 1 " " "

Ed. James " 2 " " "

Howard " 2 " " "

Grace " 2 " " "

Florence " 1 " " "

Carrie " 1 " " "

Hectorine " 1 " " "

Alfred " 5 " " "

Any information required will be
cheerfully given on calling at the school.
The Register always open for your convenience.

Sincerely yours

J. J. Wallace.

152973-1
Saugeen Indian Reserve.

Chippewas Hill, May 26th, 1911.

Sec. Dept. of Indian Affairs, 383855
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir, —

Please find enclosed copy of report sent by me to the truant officer this evening.

You will notice mention made in said report of one Isabella Ayahbuh a little girl about 8 or 9 years old daughter of Siram Ayahbuh of Scotch Settlement. Her guardian at present is one Joseph Root son-in-law to Mr. Ayahbuh, who resides in French Bay section. She gives no trouble at school when she comes and is a nice little pupil only for this one bad habit of running away. Her guardian is acting very honourably towards the teacher in this matter. He came to me for advice. He informed me that the child was found at 11 o'clock in the night in the bush on the road-side and sleeping soundly. He brought her to school himself last Monday. She came every day this week and punctually at 9 A.M. I referred him to Mr. Scofield. I promised to report the facts as communicated to me to the Department.

Yours humble servant,

P.S. No reply necessary in this case
in so far as I am concerned.

T. J. Wallace.

French Bay, Sanguin Reserve
May 26th, 1911.
David Hunt
Truant-Officer

383855

Dear Sir,

Monday May 22nd Three pupils absent
Tuesday " 23rd Seven "
Wednesday " 24th Empire Day
Thursday " 25th Six pupils absent
Friday " 26th Six "

The following are the names of the absent ones this week: -

Thomas Kemagumie	2	days absent
Edward James	2	" "
Laura "	2	" " ill
Norman "	4	" " ill
Olliver Nashkema	2	" "
Alfred Nashkema	4	" " off Reserve
Wellington Mitchell	1	- - - -
Ida Nashkema	1	- - - -
Sylvester Ritchie	1	- - - -
Howard Ritchie	1	- - - -
Peter Crowe	1	- - - -
Ephraim Bunt	1	- - - - ill

Isabella Ayahboh was found asleep in the big
hill at Satch Settlement so her guardian tells
me, at 11 o'clock at night and all alone. She
has been in school all week. Her guardian
brought her on Monday.

Christopher Kemagumie's daughter has not been
in school yet.

Albert Shimpson's boy has not come in yet.

Sincerely yours

D. J. Wallace

INDIAN TRUST FUND.

The Department of Indian Affairs.

To David Root-Lieutenant Officer

384137

DATE		For neglecting to send children to school	AMOUNT.
		Authorized by Dept. letter No. 153978/ dated Nov 16/10	
1910		Elijah Ahonognot-	
Nov	26	To. travelling $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles @ 10 per mile	85-
"	"	" Serving Summons	25-
"	"	" Attending Court-	50
			160

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and the charges are fair and just; also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada.

John Scofield

Agent.

No 153978/1 Dec 6/10

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Chippawa Hill
May 31 st 1911.

1 School
2 Agent

Sir, —

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I have the honor to state that David Root Irwant Officer for French Bay School Saugeen Reserve, wishes the Dept. to forward to him his costs \$1.60 in the case of Elijah Ahonquot for neglecting to send Jerry regularly to School

The cost \$1.60 was returned from the family share of Band Interest money of Band No 7 March half year 1911. and included in Draft No 1826 amount 274.⁷⁰

I would recommend that the a/c be paid.

a/c 6

Recommended for Payment

Approved 527

JMS

Secretary Dept

13/6/11 Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Sent June 19th

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I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

153978
Saugeen Indian Reserve.

384156

Chippewa Hill, June 1st, 1911.
Sec. Dep. Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

As per instructions contained in Departmental letters as follows: - May 2nd 153978/1. May 6th, 153978/1, May 153978/1 I make the following report on the action and conduct of Jerry Ohmwigunt during the balance of the month of May. (See letter of May 12. 153978/1)

When Jerry was admitted on May 15 I had your letter of May 2 read to him and interpreted by truant officer. It was impressed upon him that he must be at school at 9 o'clock, that he must give no trouble in school or going to and from school. That he must attend to his work at school and obey his teacher. He came to school eleven days in all. Eight days he came in late, three days he came on time. Mr. Scofield visited the school on May 29. He asked me if I would allow him to speak to Jerry. I said most assuredly. He then gave Jerry a lecture and told him he would have him placed in some Industrial School if he did not get to school in time etc. The truant officer being present interpreted to Jerry what the Agent had said. Jerry was not very seriously impressed for he came blundering in

the very next morning late as usual. Jerry does no work in school. He simply lolls around in his seat and keeps all the little ones within reach from their work. I had to take his knife from him to save his seat. He will not go home when dismissed but generally goes to the lake. On one occasion he asked me to go home at 3:30 telling me that Angus Washkewa wanted him to plant potatoes. I gave him permission to go. Instead of going home he walked out of the school room and direct to the lake not even attempting to do it on the sly.

In conclusion, The boy's action and conduct from the teacher's point of view has been very unsatisfactory and injurious to the general welfare of the school.

Your humble servant

L. J. Wallace

Teacher

French Bay School

June 2, 1911.

David Root

Tenant Officer, 384156

Dear Sir,

I make the following report for the week ended to day.

Pupils absent ~~see~~ Monday - 14 absent
Tuesday - 9 "
Wednesday - 10 "
Thursday - 9 "
Friday 11 "

Names as follows -

Ephraim Root - 5 days out Reported ill & Guardian
Gratty Root - 1 " "
Isabella Abghabah - 5 " " Referred to Department
Peter Cullen - 1 " "
Andy " - 2 " "
Ed. James - 3 " "
Lania " - 5 " "
Norman " - 3 " "
Howard Ritchie - 4 " "
Sylvester " - 1 " "
Ellen Ahminger - 1 " " Excused
Beatrice " - 1 " "
Nectarine Stevens - 4 " "
Gracey Ritchie - 2 " "
Wellington Mitchell - 3 " "
Carrie " - 5 " " Reported ill by Guardian
Eveline Washburne - 1 " "
Ida " - 2 " "
Alfred Mamash - 1 " "

over

It seems too bad Mr. Hunt after
my years of faithful toil to see the
French Bay school drifting back
into the deplorable condition in which
I found it some 12 years ago.

You were here on May 29, when Mr.
Saffield was here and there were
just 17 Indian pupils present.

One month or more ago when the
Agent visited this school there were
30 Indian pupils present. Could
you not make some effort to stop
this backward set.

Probably you had better report to
the Agent again.

Yours sincerely
J. J. Wallace
Teacher

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Ottawa, June 9, 1911.

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sir,

The teacher of the French Bay school has brought to the attention of the Department the case of Isabella Ayahbah, a girl about eight or nine years of age, daughter of Hiram Ayahbah of Scotch Settlement. It is reported that this girl is in the habit of playing truant and that on a recent date she was found asleep on the roadside at eleven o'clock at night.

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It might be considered advisable to place this girl in an industrial school and I would ask you to report upon the circumstances.

Your obedient servant,

ED WOLFMAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

(Copy)

French Bay, June 9, 1911,

Respectfully,
Tarrant Officer,

183978-1

384592

Following is my report for week ended
last night

What were absent from school on

Monday - 5 pupils

Tuesday - 5 "

Wednesday - 7 "

Thursday - 5 "

Friday - 8 "

Names as follows:

Abraham B. B. 4 days

Isidore Campbell 5 "

Thos. Pennington 1 "

Peter Cook 2 "

Andy Cook 2 "

Alfred Hancock 4 hockey all week

Nictorius Stevens 2 "

Carrie Mitchell 5 "

Ernestine Washburn 2 " hockey

Ida " 1 "

Michael Moses 1 "

Peter " 1 "

Leanda " 2 " run out 10 days, the limit

Patty Stevens 2 " run out 10 days, the limit

Have just excused one pupil for one day

this quarter. These others never ask to be

excused. So simply as they like. I had

playing hockey entirely stamped out until

the Chumming incident removed all fear

of being sent to an Industrial School. The

pupils now seem to think they can play

hockey with impunity. They may get a jolt before

long. I hope they do. J. S. Wolcott Teacher



No. 153978/1 9th June/11

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Chippawa Hill June 19/11

John D. Coe
June 19/11

Sir:— I beg to state in reference to the child Isabell Ahyahba that she is the daughter of Band No. 11 Miam Ahyahba. Her mother died when she was a few weeks old, she was adopted by John Kashkawa No. 88. by request of her mother before she died & when the child's eldest sister married Joseph Root Band No. 194. Isabell was transferred from the Kashkawa family to Root where she now lives.

I interviewed Root in the matter. He tells me that he cannot control the child and would be glad if she was sent to an Industrial School.

I would recommend that the Dept. authorize that she be sent to an Industrial School.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant.
John D. Coe
Agent.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

copy
Mr. David Root

Insant Officer, 18377

Dear Sir, -

I send you my report for week ended June 16th,

Pupils absent this week as follows:-

Monday - 10 pupils absent

Tuesday - 5 " "

Wednesday - 12 " "

Thursday - 8 " "

Friday - 11 " "

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Names of absent pupils as follows:-

Isabella Ayahlo - 5 days absent.

Peter Cook - 1 " "

Andy " - 1 " "

Norman James - 1 " "

Samuel Ritchie - 1 " "

Sylvester " - 2 " "

Alfred Namash - 5 " "

Hectorine Stevens - 3 " "

Grace Ritchie - 1 " "

Beatrice Humonguat - 1 " "

Michael Muses - 1 " "

Peter " - 1 " "

Francis " - 3 " "

Wellington Mitchell - 3 " "

Carrie " - 5 " "

Milvain Stevens - 2 " "

Evaline Freshkema - 5 " "

Ida " - 5 " "

10 days out this quarter

10 " " " "

" " " "

" " " "

22 days out this quarter

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

11 days out this quarter

16 " " " "

12 " " " "

19 " " " "

18 " " " "

This is the most irregular attendance this school has experienced in years and no excuse for it.

If a written excuse is properly obtained the Compulsory Law allows 10 days absence in any one quarter on certain grounds and 10 days only to any pupil. Here we have pupils all the way from 22 to 10 days out this quarter and no effort being made to remedy it. No excuse given, none asked for by any of these so far as the teacher knows.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Wallace Teacher.

Report
No. 2

183978-1.

Saugeen Indian Reserve.

Chippewa Hill, June 24, 1911.

Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa, Ontario,

Dear Sir,

335356

As I will not have time the latter part of next week I take this opportunity of reporting on the conduct of Jerry Shumway for the month of June. I bore with Jerry's conduct and disobedience throughout the month of May in order to avoid any appearance of placing obstacles in the way of him making good his promise re regular attendance at school. His coming in at any hour of the forenoon had demoralized the whole school until no fewer than 16 pupils came in late on the morning of June 2nd, some coming in as late as 20 minutes to 11 o'clock. The thought pressed itself upon me that the Department concluded that if it compelled Jerry to attend school I was quite capable of managing him when he did come. In this the Department made no mistake so long as I was not interfered with from outside sources. Accordingly on the evening of Friday June 2nd, I informed the school that beginning on Monday June 5th, I would whip every pupil who was not in his or her

place in the school-room when the nine o'clock bell ceased tolling. Moreover I informed Jerry that henceforth every time he failed to have his school work done in proper time and every time I found him interfering with other pupils in the way of keeping them from their work I would punish him severely.

On Monday morning June 5th, Jerry came in late. I made good my promise before I allowed him to take his seat. The next morning June 6th, Jerry came late again. This time I took Solomon's advice Proverbs 14:18. Jerry soon realized he was late for school. This caused Jerry to consider the matter and to such good purpose that he has never been late one solitary morning since, nor have I had a single pupil late since June 6th. That is not all. I have had no trouble with him for idleness &c. I have not had to touch him since for any cause. Not one syllable of complaint has reached me from any of his friends touching my treatment of him. I have a diligent, obedient and punctual pupil in Jerry now and he will come regularly so long as he fears being sent to an Industrial School.

The attendance the week ended last night has

been the best since the second week in May.

There are a few boys who are giving considerable trouble in respect to irregular attendance. It is so near vacation now that it is not worth while taking any action until after the holidays. I find that the fear of being sent to an Industrial School works far better than fining the parents as it touches both pupil and parents and thus directly aids the parent though the Indian parent fails to comprehend this aspect of it.

When the Department gives a parent personal notice of intention to commit to an Industrial School a certain pupil or pupils if not sent to school regularly unless excused as the Law provides ninety-nine times out of a hundred the trouble ends right there and the so mentioned pupils are sent to school right along after such notice is served. It saves putting the parent to expence as well.

Yours humble servant
J. L. Wallace
Teacher

Report
No. I.

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Saugeen Indian Reserve,
Chippewa Hill, June 24th, 1911.

Secretary, Dep. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario,

Dear Sir,

385358

Some time ago I sent the Department a report re one Isabella Ayabwah formerly of Scotch Settlement, later adopted by one Joseph Root who is now the child's guardian and who resides at French Bay. When I sent my previous report the said Joseph Root was desirous to have the little girl sent to an Industrial school and the said Joseph Root informed me that Hiram Ayabwah the child's father was also anxious to have her sent to an Industrial School. The child ran away and was out of school the week beginning May 1st, again the week beginning May 15th again the week beginning May 29th again the week beginning June 5th again the week beginning June 12th, in all five weeks. Joseph Root, her guardian, brought her to school again on last Monday June 19th and she has been in school all weeks. Her Guardian Joseph Root, when I sent my first report, lived back in the bush and the child had no company coming to or going from school. He has now moved out of the bush where the child has company to and from school. He informs me he is going to build near the school house and therefore thinks with my assistance he can keep her in school and would like if the Department would permit him to keep her until he makes another effort along these lines. Hiram Ayabwah, the child's father, also called on me last night, June 23rd to urge the same thing. He informed me that Mrs. Scofield had received a letter from the Department requesting a report on the case and that Henry Ritchie had informed him that the Agent wanted to see him. He said he had not gone to see the Agent but promised me he would go to-day June 24th. These people are trying to

do the best they can in my opinion in regard to getting this little girl to school. If their request meets with the approval of the Department I shall be pleased and I shall do all I can to assist them in carrying out their good intentions. Note further, that from their new residence the child will be within full view of the school and the teacher's residence from she leaves her own door and also in full view of her own people until she enters the school-room.

Would be pleased to have a personal reply from the Department concerning this child's case.

Your humble servant
J. F. Wallace
Teacher
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Ottawa June 26, 1911.

Sir-

Schools see under

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant in reference to Isabell Ahyahba whom you recommend should be sent to an industrial school. In reply I beg to say that the Department approves of your recommendation and you may commit her to the Shingwauk Home under the regulations and after commitment she should be sent there in charge of a reliable person. You will be good enough to advise the Principal of her commitment and inform them that she has been placed there by the Department's orders.

W. L. C.

Your obedient servant

Asst. Deputy and Secretary

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill,
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Ottawa June 28, 1911

Rev. Sir,-

I have to inform you that Mr Agent Scoffield
of Chippawa Mill has been instructed to commit Miss
Isabell Ahyahba to the Shingwauk Home under the regulations
and she may be enrolled as a grant earner at your school
from the date of her arrival there.

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Your obedient servant

J. D. MOLESON

Asst. Deputy and Secretary

Rev. Daniel T. Fuller|

Principal Shingwauk Home

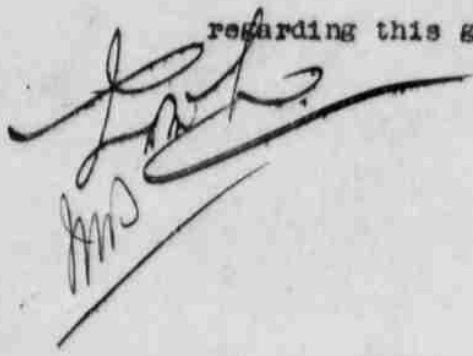
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Over

Ottawa, June 29, 1911.

Sir,

Referring to official letter of the 26th instant, in which you were instructed to have Isabell Ahyahba committed to the Shingwauk Home, I beg to say that a communication has been received from Mr. Wallace, teacher of the French Bay Indian School, in which he states that Joseph Root, her guardian, is moving his house near the school and that he will undertake to see that she attends regularly in future. As Mr. Wallace is of the opinion that Root should be given another opportunity of carrying out his good intentions the Department has decided to defer enforcing the regulations in this case for the present. Mr. Wallace will be asked to send in special reports from time to time regarding this girl after the summer holidays.



Your obedient servant,

J. A. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153978/1

Ottawa, June 29, 1911.

Rev. Sir,

Referring to official letter of the 25th instant I beg to say that a communication has been received from the teacher of the French Bay school in which he states that the guardian of Isabell Ahyahba has promised to see that she attends regularly in future. In view of this promise the Department has instructed the Indian Agent to defer enforcing the regulations for the present. Should the guardian fail to carry out his promise the girl will be sent later to your school.

W. L. L.
Your obedient servant,

W. L. L.
W. L. L.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. B. P. Fuller,

Principal,

The Shingwauk Home,

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

153978/1

Ottawa, June 29, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant in reference to Isabella Ayahbah.

In reply I beg to say that, although instructions had been given to have this girl placed in the Shingwauk Home, the Department has decided to defer action until her guardian has had opportunity of carrying out his promise to send her regularly to school.



Your obedient servant,

EDMUND LEAN

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,

Teacher,

French Bay Indian School,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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4 letter

Ottawa, June 29, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, and in reply I beg to say that the Department is pleased to learn that you have been so successful in disciplining Jerry Ahonoquo.

You may inform your pupils that if they persist in truancy and disobedience the regulations will have to be enforced and they will be committed to an industrial school.

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Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

John

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,

Teacher,

French Bay Indian School,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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Chippewa Hill, July 20, 1911.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit a statement regarding the absentees at the Public Schools on the Tauquen Reserve for the term ending June 30, 1911.

The teachers gave me the following names of children of school age who should be reported for irregularity of attendance, and sent to an Industrial School. The following list contains names, ages, and number of days absent for the term:

French Bay School

Alfred Nawash	- 14 yrs.	- 37 dys. absent
Stephen Muposega	- 6 "	- 31 " "
Beatrice Ahonogood	- 6 "	- 37 " "
Ida Mashkawa	- 7 "	- 30 " "
Jacob Thompson	- 6 "	- 50 " "

Scottish Settlement School

Jerry John	10 yrs.	46 da. absent
Ernest Wahbeyer	15 "	52 " "
Elijah	12 "	47 " "
Bessy	" "	50 " "

A special case should be made of the three Wahbeyer child

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Children whose names appear last in above list. Their mother is dead; their father is a fisherman and is absent from home a great deal. Under these circumstances the children can receive little home care or training, and I would strongly recommend that they be sent to an Industrial School.

In the case of the other seven children whose names appear in the list I would recommend that the Department threaten to remove the children to an Industrial School unless the parents or guardians send them to the public schools with greater regularity.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent

Ottawa, July 25, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant embodying a statement shewing the attendance of certain children at the schools upon the Saugeen Reserve.

In reply I beg to say that the Department approves of your suggestion in regard to the Wahbezee children and I have to ask you to be good enough to communicate with the Reverend Principal of the Mount Elgin Institute with a view to having these three children placed in that school.

The other suggestion contained in your communication is also approved and you may inform the parents of these children that if they do not send them regularly to school upon the re-opening after the summer holidays the Department will have to consider the matter of committing them to an industrial school.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153978/1 July 5th/11.

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Chippawa Mill
Sep 2nd. 1911.

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Sir:—

sch I have the honor to state in reference to Official letter regarding School Children on the Saugeen Reserve that as instructed I wrote to the Rev. Principal of the Moisset Elgier Institute regarding the Wahbegee Children. I requested him to forward to me the proper forms of application if he had room in the Institute to take these Children in. I have not received any reply.

The two Wahbegee Boys should be sent at once to some Institute.

Will the Dept. kindly inform me what further action I should take in this matter.

Secretary Dept:-
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt. Servt:-
John Scofield
Agent:-

Ottawa, Sept. 8th., 1911.

Rev. Sir,-

On the Saugeen Indian Reserve there are three children named Wahbexee, two boys and a girl, whom the Department wishes to have placed in the Mt. Elgin Industrial School as their education on the Reserve is being neglected. The Agent, Mr. Scoffield, states that he wrote to you with reference to these children but received no reply. I would ask you to be good enough to forward him three application forms in order that these children may be sent to the Institute at an early date.

*For
J.M.*

Your obedient servant,

W. J. LEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Rev. S. R. McVitty, Esq.,

Prin. Mt. Elgin Industrial Institute,
Muncey, Ont.

2 letters

Ottawa, Sept. 8th., 1911.

PAID

Sir,-

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten initials]

Replying to your letter of the 2nd. instant I beg to say that the Rev. S. R. McVitty, Principal of the Mt. Elgin Industrial Institute, has been asked by the Department to forward to you application forms for the admission to the school of the three Wahbese children.

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

W. H. MOLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill, Ont.

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Alt. Elgin Industrial Institute



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S. R. McVitty, Principal 589473

Almcey, Ont.,

Sep 18, 1911

Sup. Dep. Ind. Affairs

Dear Sir

In reply to your form of 8th
permit me to say I have no recollection
whether of Mr Schofield having written
about the Berthage Children. I do not
think any such communication reached
this office. I have sent application
forms as directed

Yours Respectfully
S. R. McVitty

3978-1 Sep 7th/11

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Chippawa Hill

Sep 20. /11

389774

Sir,

I have the honor to state re official letter written to Rev. S.R. McVittie Principal of Mt. Elgie School, that he has forwarded to me three applications for admission of the Wahbegee Children into the Mt. Elgie Industrial School

I have had the application for the two boys filed out and will forward them to the Principal with this mail.

The little girl is ill at the present time. She is living with her married sister who promises to send her to school on this Reserve as soon as she gets better.

She is a delicate child and perhaps it would be better to allow her to remain here for the present.

I trust that this arrangement will meet with the approval of the Dept.

Secretary Dept
Of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt.
John Scofield
Agent.

No. 153978-1 Sep 20/11

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Chippawa Hill

Sep 20/11

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Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt.
John Scofield
Agent.

Ottawa, September 26, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant in reference to the admission ^{of} ~~as~~ the Wahbezee children to the Mount Elgin Industrial School.

In reply I beg to say that, in view of your explanations, the little girl may be allowed to remain at home for the present. The boys should be sent at once to the school.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

French Bay Nov. 28, 1911.

John Saffield Esq.,
Indian Agent;

Dear Sir, 356718
Allow me to report to you
with the request that you
report to the Department that
Elijah Cook's two boys Peter
and Andrew are not attending
school with any degree of reg-
ularity. We have used our
best endeavours to induce
him to comply with the law
to no purpose. Once already
we have summoned and
fined him. In my mind the
only course open now is to
have the boys committed to
an Industrial School as the
parents do not seem to be
possessed of enough intelligence
to appreciate the value of an
education. They are two bad
boys and are learning all kinds
of bad habits and will be
eventually a menace to the
Reserve.

Peter absent as follows: -

Oct. 14, 16, 24, 31
Nov. 9, 10, 13, 15, 21, 23, 24

Total 11 days

Andrew absent as follows

Oct. 4, 6, 9, 16, 24, 31
Nov. 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28

Total 18 days

Sincerely, J. Saffield
Agent

French Bay Nov. 28, 1911.

John Sheffield Esq.
Indian Agent,

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356718

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Total 11 days

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Nov. 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28

Total 18 days

Sincerely, J. J. Wallbridge

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Sir,

I beg to inform the Dept that Band No 137. Elijah Wahbegona (or Cook) has left his wife and family, it is reported that he is living in Oveer Sound, and is drinking all that he earns.

He sends nothing to support his family. his wife has asked me different times for help to get her childree food

EXTRACT on 254014-38

The Teacher at French Bay School has complained that their two boys of school age are not attending school regularly. I enclose herewith the Teachers report.

Will the Dept kindly inform me what I should do re this matter

Acton on 254014-31a

I am writing to you about the matter of the woman who has been drinking and is not attending school. I have the honor to bid you adieu. Yours faithfully John Seafeld Agent

Secretary Dept of Indian Affairs Ottawa

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No 153978/1 Apr 26 1911

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Chippawa Mill Dec 14 1911

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Sir, -

I have the honor to state that on my last visit to French Bay School I found that Jerry Ahonognot had been absent 5 days during the month, without permission from the Teacher, of November as follows, 2nd - 9 - 16 - 27 & 28th my visit was on the 28th & he was not expected to be present the last two days of the month.

Kindly let me know what I should do in the matter.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant
John Scoffield
Agent.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Ex'd

Ottawa, December 7th. 1911.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st. inst. in reference to the children of Elijah Wahbegona (or Cook) and in reply I beg to say that it appears advisable to take steps^{to} have these children sent to an Industrial School, if possible. You will be good enough to communicate with the principal of Mount Elgin Institution with a view of ascertaining if he has any vacancies.

Your obedient servant,

J. M. LEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

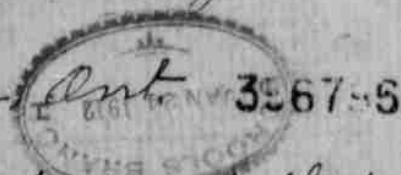
Chippawa Mill. Ont.

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French Bay, Saugeen Reserve
Chippewa Hill, Jan. 20th 1912

Sec. Dep. Indian Affairs,

Ottawa



Dear Sir, —

I beg to inform the department that Jerry Ahmouquet has not been in school since Christmas. He persistently refuses to attend school. The truant officer has called upon his Guardians and friends, who signed the written promise that they would send him regularly, to no purpose. I refused to report him in the December quarter in the hope I could induce him to attend more or less regularly this winter. He did remarkably well in his studies up to December, being about ready to enter the 4th Standard. In fact in order to encourage him I promoted him into the III reader just before Christmas intending to give him special and individual attention as far as possible.

I understand Elijah Wahbagona's two boys Peter and Andrew have been committed to an Industrial School. Neither of these two boys have been in school since Christmas. The father was notified of the commitment and informed that if the children were subsequently sent regularly to school, the

order of commitment would not be pressed. This was done with my approval. Instead of taking advantage of this offer, the parents closed up the house and I am informed went to the vicinity of Paisley. If the Department can find room in any one of our Institutes for these two boys, in my opinion, these two boys should be at once removed from the custody of the parents and placed in an Institute at the earliest possible moment regardless of cost. These boys, especially Peter, the elder one, is incorrigible. They will be back in the spring, three months older and more corrupted than ever in their evil habits to sow the seeds of evil in the minds of other children. This will be nothing short of a calamity.

Ahmonoguat is a big fellow now and will be 15 years old. soon, hence little can be done for him by the Institute. These boys of Wabagoma are still redeemable if placed under proper restraint apart from ~~the~~ their home environment.

Please note — The utmost harmony exists between the teacher and Agent re this matter.

Your humble servant

P.S. Should be very pleased to have a personal reply.

I. J. Wallace, Teacher

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Ottawa, January 24, 1912.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant in reference to the children of Elijah Wahbagona.

In reply I beg to say that this matter will be taken up again with the Agent.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,

Teacher,

French Bay School,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153978/1

2 letters



Ottawa, January 24, 1912.

Sir,

The Department is in receipt of a communication from the teacher of the French Bay School in which he recommends that the children of Elijah Wanbagona be committed to an industrial school. From the letter of the teacher it would appear to be in the best interest of these two children that they should be sent to school and I would ask you to state what steps you have taken in pursuance of the instructions given you in official letter of December 7th, last.

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JMB*

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

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Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

No 153978/1 Jan 24/12

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Chippewa Hill
Feb 8th 1912.
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Sir, - I have the honor to state in reference to the boys of Elijah Wahbegona Band No. 139. that as instructed in official letter of Dec 7th last. I communicated with The Rev. Principal of Mount Elgin Institute, requesting him to forward to me forms of application as soon as a vacancy in his Institute occurs. but I have not yet received a reply.

Since my letter of the 1st of Dec last Wahbegona returned to the Reserve & has taken his wife and family away - I do not know where they are at present. If the boys are sent to an industrial school they will have to be arrested, as their parents are not in favor of parting with them.

I think that the teacher ^{is right} stating that it would be in the best interest of the children to have them sent to Mt. Elgin Institute.

I will report to the Dept. as soon as I receive an answer from the Principal.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

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Mr John Chipfield
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Indian Agent

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The Institute
Munsey
Oct. 6. 12,
Dear Sir:
I fear it is impossible
to take any more papers
at present. We are
just eight up. Will
let you know first.
Very truly
Yours Respectfully
A. B. M. W. W. W.

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No. 153978/1 Jan 24/13.

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Chippawa Hill Feb 7th/12

John
Sir, - I beg to enclose herewith
communication received from
S. R. McVittie principal of Mt. Elgie
Institute re the Boys of Eeljah
Wabegona.

Will the Dept. kindly advise
me in this matter.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

Ottawa, February 17, 1912.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant in reference to the send^{ing} of the Wabegona boys to the Mount Elgin Industrial School.

In reply I beg to say that the statement of the Principal in his post card to you of the 6th instant is correct. They have not at the present time room. If the parents of these children are members of the Church of England the boys might be sent to the Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie. Kindly advise in respect to this.

*For
J.M.
Sub*

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153978/1 Feb 17/12

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Chippawa Mill
Feb 21/12

Sir, - I have the honor to
inform the Dept. that Band No 139
Elijah Wabegona and family, of the
Saugeen Reserve, are members of
the Methodist Church and do not
wish to have their children taught
by the English church.



I have the honor to be sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Scofield
Agent

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 4, 1912.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo in further reference to the sending of the children of Elijah Wahbegona to an industrial school.

In reply I beg to say that it would appear that nothing can be done at the present time. I would, however, ask you to keep in communication with Rev. Mr. McVitty, the Principal of the Mount Elgin Industrial School, and endeavour to obtain for these children the first vacancies at that institution.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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Chippewa Hill

June 28th 1912

Sir, -

I have the honor to state that on complaint of L.J. Wallace Teacher at French Bay School Saugeen Reserve I issued a summons for Sam. Ritchie Band No 107 and Jesse James Band No 35 for neglecting to send their children regularly to school.

They acknowledged the offence and were fined one dollar in each case.

The fines of \$2.00 I herewith enclose 1x2 Dominion of Canada No. 942817.

Cash \$2.00

L.M. on 2-7-12

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Seaffield
Agent.

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa.

ORIGINAL, FOR THE DEPOSITOR.

No. 8730

Bank of Montreal,

\$ 2.00

July 3rd 1912

Ottawa,

RECEIVED from J. Scoffield

on account Indian Funds

the sum of Two Dollars,
which amount will appear at the RECEIVER GENERAL'S credit
with this Bank.

Signed in Triplicate,

Ent'd.

Pro. Manager

DUPLICATE, FOR DEPARTMENT.

No. 8730

Bank of Montreal,

\$ 2.00

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Ent'd.

Pro. Manager

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Order no. 6.

Moved by Jessie Root seconded by
John Nashkane that Thomas Wahlyee
band no. 119 be appointed transient officer
of the French Bay School in place of
David Root. Carried.

David Root the present transient officer
has gone blind and is no longer
able to fulfill the duties and as
Thomas Wahlyee is probably as
good a man as they can get for
the position I would recommend
that he be appointed.



153978/1



Ottawa, December 16, 1912.

Sir,-

I beg to say that the resolution of the Saugeen Council appointing Thomas Wahbsee as truant officer for the French Bay School in place of David Root is approved. The Department will expect you to see that his duties as truant officer are properly carried out.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

John Scoffield, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153978 -



Chippewa Hill, Jan. 1st, 1913.

Sec. Dept. Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

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Dear Sir, -

I beg to direct the attention of the Department to a Resolution passed by the Saugeen Indian Council of the Saugeen Agency in the matter of appointing Thomas Wahbeze to be Inuit Officer for the French Bay Indian school of which I am the teacher in charge.

Just when said Council passed said Resolution I knew not neither did I know that such a Resolution had been passed on the matter of a Inuit Officer interferred with until this afternoon.

I take this, my earliest opportunity, in order to protest against the appointment of Thomas Wahbeze as Inuit Officer of the Indian School at French Bay for the following reasons, viz.

1st Thomas Wahbeze cannot speak the English Language neither does he understand it when spoken by another, hence as a Inuit Officer he is of no use as the teacher cannot communicate with him.

2nd, He was Inuit Officer of French Bay School for some time about four years ago or thereabouts

and his conduct was so detrimental to the best interests of the school that the late Mr. Scofield dismissed him. Every time he entered the school-room the teacher was compelled to cease work entirely until he saw fit to leave owing to a habit he persisted in of running about the room talking to the pupils in the Indian Language the confusion rendering work impossible. Both Mr. Scofield and the teacher instructed him not to do this. The Agent, on two different occasions, when complaint was made, sent for him to the school and with the aid of an interpreter gave him full instructions as to his duties the last time warning him that his prompt dismissal would follow any departure from the instructions then given. He still persisted in disobeying the warning and prompt dismissal followed.

- 3rd, His advanced age renders him entirely unfit to discharge the duties of a Truant Officer.
- 4th, He is a disagreeable, cantankerous, quarrelsome old man with whom no one can get along. His wife cannot live with him and has been separated from him for some years.
- 5, The Teacher at French Bay (J. L. Wallace) did his utmost to try and get along with him.

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and did put-up with him as long as it was possible to endure it, when endurance failed, Mr. Scofield dismissed him and appointed David Root in his stead. David Root gave good satisfaction until total blindness about 12 months ago rendered him unfit to do the work. Mr. Scofield and the teacher consulted and Joseph Mitchell was permitted to act as Truant-Officer under David Root. The Agent and the teacher agreeing to let the matter rest until we could ascertain from actual practice as to the wisdom of appointing Joseph Mitchell permanently. Joseph Mitchell has a white man's command of the English Language, is an intelligent, agreeable and active Indian, and has proven himself after a long test to be the best Truant-Officer I have ever had as yet. He is non-treaty but his wife is treaty. Some of the Indians claim that being a non-treaty Indian bars him from holding the office of Truant-Officer. I fail to find this bar in the Indian Act or in the Compulsory Act. Had Mr. Scofield been aware of what the Council were doing he would not have permitted it for one moment. He knew nothing of it as he was so unwell his

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son kept all business worry away from him by his physician's advice. The Indians took advantage of this to get this Resolution slipped quietly through and sanctioned without the Agents knowledge or mind, knowing full well that the Agents son, who was doing the business, for his poor sick father, would never detect it in time to prevent its sanction by the Department.

For the sake of the school, I humbly beg the Department to appoint Joseph Mitchell as Swant Officer and cancel the appointment of Thomas Wahbeze, as, after a long trial, I, as teacher, cannot get along with Thomas Wahbeze as my Swant Officer for the reasons above given.

Hoping to hear from the Department at its earliest convenience re this matter - I am its humble servant

J. L. Wallace
Teacher,

REC'D.

Ottawa, January 10, 1913.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant in reference to the appointment of Thomas Wahbezee as truant officer for the French Bay School.

In reply I beg to say that the Department desires to allow this matter to stand as it is until such time as the new Agent is appointed and I would ask you to bring it to the attention of the Department as soon as an appointment is made.

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten initials]

Your obedient servant,

W. J. WALLACE

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,
Teacher,
French Bay School,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

*Re-see
Please file*

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Extract from Report of Inspector Charles McGibbon on
the Saugeen Agency, Dated November 25, 1912. Original
on File 254025-31.

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French Bay School.

This is a good school, an attendance of 25, 14
boys and 11 girls. Mr. ^{Walker} is the teacher, and he has
been teaching in this school for 12 years and I consider
him a good man. All children of school age were in at-
tendance. The children do not seem to be as well dressed
as at the other schools or as bright, the reason of which
will be apparent in this report further on.

x x x x



I am your obedient servant

Sgd. Chas. McGibbon,

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

103978
Chippawa Hill, Ont.
Saugeen Agency,
Feb. 4/13.

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Sir:— I have the honor to forward to the Department—the Agents Monthly report respecting the schools on this reserve.

In reference to my remarks regarding the truuant officers of the French Bay and Scotch Settlement Schools, I might state that I have brought to the notice of the Council a remedy for the existing trouble, which they have under their consideration, viz. to appoint instead of three cheap men one good truuant officer to do the work at all schools on the reserve. The wages of the three truuant officers when taken individually are too small but if the total amount were paid to one man we could expect to get an official who would do the work satisfactorily, for all concerned, instead of the old pensioners who at present hold the offices.



I have the honor to be sir,
Your obedient servant.

A. B. Scofield,
Acting Agent

The Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
153978/1

ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER

PLEASE WRITE ON ONLY ONE SUBJECT
IN EACH LETTER.

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA



Ottawa, January 10, 1913.

Sir,-

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In reply I beg to say that the Department desires to allow this matter to stand as it is until such time as the new Agent is appointed and I would ask you to bring it to the attention of the Department as soon as an appointment is made.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. M. Leach".

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,
Teacher,
French Bay School,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

Chippewa Hill, March 3, 1913.

French Bay School, Saugeen Reserve,
Mr. J. D. McLean 421048

Asst. Deputy Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir, —

As requested by your communication of January 10th, 1913. 153978/1, I beg to bring to the attention of the Department the matter of the appointment of a truant officer for French Bay Indian School. The new Agent is now in charge. For particulars please refer to my communication of January 1, 1913.

Permit me to add, that my average is lower this quarter, so far, than it has been for years. This is due to the fact that Mr. Joseph Mitchell a good and faithful truant officer has been displaced by this poor old man Thomas Wolkegee.

This old man, I am informed, has been presuming to act in the capacity of truant officer since the first of the year. He has not been in my school since Jan. 1, 1913 nor in fact for years. He has not approached me in regard to school matters in any form since the late Mr. Scofield dismissed him some years ago, nor do I desire him to do so.

I beg to inform the Department that a member of the Saugeen Indian Council one Levi Wesley, solicited me for my consent to the appointment of his brother, William Wesley, Constable of the Reserve, to be truant officer for the entire Reserve he to have the salaries of the three schools as apportioned for truant officers, that is \$72 a year.

In my opinion such appointment would be unwise and detrimental to the best interests of the schools. He resides near Elsinore some six or seven miles from my school at French Bay.

Mr. Scofield always allowed the teacher to name the truant officer for his or her school. He claimed the teacher bore the responsibility for the regular attendance of pupils and consequently should be given a truant officer who would act in harmony with the teacher.

I beg to leave this matter in the hands of the Department. I shall do my best to carry out its wishes and ruling.

I beg to refer the Department to page 7 Paragraph 5 of the Compulsory Regulations re appointment of truant officers. Indian Councils have no jurisdiction.

Yours humble servant
J. J. Wallace, Teacher.

EX-11

Ottawa, March 12, 1913.

Sir,-

Mr. Wallace, teacher of the French Bay School, has complained of the inefficiency and neglect of the present truant officer and suggests that he be removed and replaced by a competent man.

The Department would like you to go into this matter with Mr. Wallace and report the result of your inquiries with any recommendations that you may have to make.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Thos. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill, Ont.

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EXD.

Ottawa, March 12, 1913.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in further reference to your recommendation for the dismissal of the present truant officer for the French Bay School.

In reply I beg to say that Mr. Agent Stout is being written to in regard to the matter and requested to consult with you.

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Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

over

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,
Teacher,
French Bay School,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Chippewa Hill, Saugeen Agency



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Mar. 12th.

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In reply to your official communication of above number and date, I have the honor to advise you that I have investigated the matter and would recommend that Joe Mitchell be appointed truant officer for the French Bay School, in the place of the present truant officer; his duties to commence April 1st, 1913. I think this would be to the interests of the school.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Y. A. Stout
Indian Agent.

Secy Dept
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



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Extract from the quarterly return of the French Bay Indian Day School for the quarter ended March 31, 1913. Original on File 153978-2

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REMARKS.

The attendance has been irregular the quarter just closed owing largely to the foolish interference of the Indian Council with the truant officer. As your agent has rectified this error we will soon have a marked improvement in the attendance. We have an Indian at French Bay named Peter Moses, non-treaty, with three children of school age and they have not been in school one day this winter. They live one quarter mile from the school. This Peter Moses is a lazy-good-for-nothing fellow whom the department put off the reserve but was later allowed to come on again without the sanction of the Department. His three boys take the other children out of school. He should be disciplined in some way. They are a thieving gang.

T.J. Wallace,

Teacher.

Ottawa, April 9, 1913.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo recommending the appointment of Joe Mitchell as truant officer for the French Bay School in place of Thomas Wahbezes.

In reply I beg to say that your recommendation is approved and Mr. Mitchell may assume his duties on the 1st of May. You will be good enough to advise Wahbezes accordingly.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MCLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No.

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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Sir, -

Saugeen Council Chamber
Saugeen Agency April 4th
1913

Motion No 4

Moved by E. J. Madwischmumuk & 2nd by Richard Moon
that we request the Indian Dept to grant us the
privilege of appointing 3 School Trustees in
each school section on this reserve,
and also we ask the Dept whether an
untreated Indian can act as truant officer
or we do not approve of the appointment of
Joe Mitchell as truant officer for French Bay
school

Carried certified correct

I cannot recommend the first part of this
motion as I am not in a position to tell whether
it would be wise or not I will be guided by the
Dept in this matter, regarding the Truant officer
I went into the matter as there was a lot of complaints
that the former Truant officer was not doing his duty
and Mr Wallace Teacher recommended Joe Mitchell
and he also informs me that his attendance at school
has increased since appointing Joe Mitchell as truant
officer but the appointment does not seem to satisfy
some of the Indians

Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa



Yours truly
J. A. Stout
Agent

EX-11

Ottawa, April 19, 1913.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, with regard to the appointment of trustees for the school sections of Saugeen Reserve and with reference to the appointment of a Truant Officer.

In reply I beg to say, that the Department does not approve of the appointment of the trustees. The fact that Joe Mitchell is not a treaty Indian does not make him ineligible to hold the office of Truant Officer. His appointment must therefore stand for the present.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. MOLEAM

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T.A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,



Chippewa Hill

Saugeen Agency May 6 1913

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No.

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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Sir,

A General Band Meeting held in
The Council Chamber 60 members of The Band
present Chief T. S. Mandonowick in the
Chair

Motion No 1

Moved by John Washtkawa & 2nd by
George Mason that Joe Mitchell be
asked to resign from the position of Trust
officer for Trench Bay School and that
John Mukosoga be appointed in his
place
carried unanimously

Carried

I would recommend that this request be
granted as the appointment of Joe Mitchell
does not meet with the approval of the Indians
and they are making it uncomfortable for
Joe Mitchell and he wishes to resign his
resignation to take effect - The last day of May 1913

Secretary Dept-
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be Sir
your Obedient Servant
T. A. Stout
Agent

153978/1

Ottawa, May 17, 1913.

Sir,-

Referring to the minutes of the meeting of the Saugeen Indian Council held on May 6th, last, I beg to say that resolution No. 1 in reference to the resignation of Joe Mitchell as truant officer for the French Bay School and the appointment of John Mukosoga in his place is approved.

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[Handwritten initials]

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]
J. D. MOLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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Extract from Quarterly Return of the French Bay Indian
Day School for the quarter ended June 30, 1911.
Original on File 153978-2



I desire to draw the attention of the Department to the fact that we have a family here (Peter Moses, non-treaty, 4 children) that must of necessity be disciplined in some way by the Department. They will not attend school. Both children and parents are a thieving bunch, and all your agent and I can do we cannot get them to do better. They are a nuisance and a disgrace to the reserve and must be removed off the reserve to save the other little Indians from their baneful influences. One of these little boys went to Owen Sound last week, stole a pair of shoes and is now in jail. The youngest boy is aged 7, the eldest about 14. This child of 7 was with the older one stealing the shoes.

Sgd. T.J.Wallace.

Teacher.



Ottawa, 17th July, 1914.

Memorandum:

Schools Branch,

If the children referred to in Mr. T.J.Wallace's quarterly return of the French Bay Indian Day School as set forth hereunder do not attend school, action should be taken as set forth in the regulations for compulsory attendance. If these non-treaty Indians have just recently come to the reserve it might be well to have them removed, but if they have been permitted to reside on the reserve for some years I do not think their removal would be the proper discipline for neglecting to send their children to school. I would proceed against them for whatever offence they have committed or whatever regulation they have violated.

A.S. Williams

Law Clerk.

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Ottawa, July 18, 1914.

Sir,-

Mr. Wallace, teacher of the French Bay Indian School, in his return for the June quarter, last, calls the attention of the Department to the fact that there is a family by the name of Moses, non-treaty, who have four children who do not attend school and are a nuisance and a disgrace to the reserve.

The Department would like to be informed as to how long Peter Moses, the head of family, has been residing on the reserve and what steps have been taken to enforce the attendance of the children at school. So long as Moses remains on the reserve his children must be compelled to attend school regularly and you are hereby authorized to put the regulations in force. Any infractions of the law by Moses and his family should be promptly dealt with.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEOD

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Chippawa Hill

Saugeen Agency July 31 1914



IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 153978 / 1
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

18 July 1914

Sir,—

I have the honor to inform the Dept- re Peter Moses a Non Treaty Indian of the Saugeen reserve that the Indian Peter Moses was born on the Saugeen reserve and has resided on the same most of his life time and I have done all in my power to try and have him send his children to school but cannot accomplish it They will go a few days and then stop so the Dept can advise me what steps to take in the matter

*Secretary Dept-
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa*



*I have the honor to be Sir
your Obedient Servant
T. A. Stout
Agent*

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*in Bureau
to note
H.W.*

Ottawa, August 10th, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge your favour of the 31st ultimo, with respect to the neglect of Peter Moses to send his children to school, asking to be advised as to what steps should be taken.

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In reply I beg to enclose a copy of the Regulations relating to the Education of Indian Children, and to call your attention to paragraph 7 of the said regulations, which provide for such a case as the one in question. You should have the truant officer notify this man to cause his children to attend school within three days of such notice as provided by paragraph 6. If he neglects to send his children within the three days the truant officer should make a written complaint before you stating that he had given the required notice and that the offender had neglected or refused to cause his children to attend school as requested. You will then issue a summons to Peter Moses to appear before you on a certain date and unless he can establish the fact that the children are excused from attending school on the grounds set forth in paragraph 3 of the regulations, he should be convicted and the fine or penalty

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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as set forth in paragraph 7 imposed.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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Extract from report of Mr. Agent Stout on the
French Bay Day School for the month of February. 1915.
Original on 153978/7.

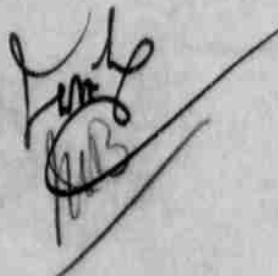
The attendance is good with the exception of
the children of two families that has not attended
regular.

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Ottawa, March 6, 1915.

Sir,-

Referring to that portion of your report on the French Bay School for the month of February, last, in which you state that the attendance is good with the exception of the children of two families that has not attended regular I beg to say that you should instruct the truant officer to see that these children attend school regularly in future.


Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.



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Extract from Report of Field Representative R. H. Abraham
on the Saugeen Agency, dated June 16, 1915.
Original on 458368

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French Bay..

This is a good school building. The school ground is rather too small, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.

The drinking system is poor. Children coming from consumptive families.

They could get good piece of ground for school garden across the road from school which, with the addition of 25 to 30 loads of black muck, which can be secured close by, would make splendid place to conduct experiments

Ask you



Sgd. R. H. Abraham.

Ottawa, June 24, 1915.

Sir, -

In a recent report on the French Bay Day School, Mr. R. H. Abraham recommends that the school grounds should be enlarged. He states that a suitable piece of land for a school garden could be secured across the road from the school.

Kindly advise the Department what would be the cost of purchasing the land recommended by Mr. Abraham.

Your obedient servant

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill,
Ont.

Ottawa, June 4th, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your May report on the French Bay School.

In this report, you recommend that the children of a family, named Moses, be sent to an Industrial school. Kindly advise the Department how many children there are, also their age and sex.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

T.A. Stout, Esq.
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,



Chippawa Hall

Saugeen Agency June 14th 1915

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 163272-7

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

June 4th 1915

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Sir,—

I have the honor to inform
 The Dept. That There are three children
 of school age in The Moos Family
 Peter Moos age 12 years
 Francis " " 8 "
 Girl " " 6 "

The girl is a very bright child and
 The chances are that she will be
 neglected they are contrary Indians
 and their children are allowed to run
 all over and are accused of stealing
 on several occasions



Secretary Dept.
 of Indian Affairs
 Ottawa

I have the honor to be Sir
 your obedient servant
 T. O. Stout
 Agent

Ottawa, June 26, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant in which you inform the Department that there are three children of school age in the family of Peter Moses who do not attend school on the reserve.

In this connection I beg to refer you to official letter of August 10th, last, in which you were instructed to take the necessary action under the Regulations relating to the Education of Indian Children to compel the father to send his children to school. No reply as to whether you complied with the instructions contained therein has been received. You will be good enough to inform the Department as to why you did not carry out the instructions given in the above mentioned letter.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

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Chippawa Hill

Saugun Agency July 3rd 1915

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 163978-1

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

June 24 1915

Sir,-

I have the honor to inform the
Dept. re cost of land suggested by
Mr. Abraham for a school garden at
French Bay School. The land is on
the unsurveyed part of the reserve and
would cost nothing but as the soil
is a very light sandy soil it would
require some good sub-soil to mix
with it before it would be of much
value for gardening. The cost would
be for fencing and preparing the
plot.

Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be Sir
your obedient servant
T. A. Stant
Agent

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

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Chippawa Hill

Saugeen Agency July 3rd 1915

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 153978/1
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

June 26 1915

Sir,

470656



I have the honor to inform the Dept that I have used every influence that I could on Peter Moose to try and get him to send his children to school he would promise and perhaps send them for a few days and then they would stop going I told him that if he could not comply with the school law that I would send him to Gaol and he told me to send him if I wished as he would as soon be in Gaol as any place so you can judge as to his character I had him committed to Gaol for a month some time ago for furnishing an other Indian liquor and he did not mind it any and not being a member of the band you can get no expenses from him the Dept can advise me what action to take in the matter

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

(I have the honor to be Sir
your obedient servant
J. D. Stout Agent

W. H. H. H. H.

Ottawa, July 13, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in reference to the piece of land suggested by Mr. Abraham for a garden in connection with the French Bay School.

In reply I have to ask you to submit an estimate of the cost of fencing this land and of sufficient sub-soil to ^{with} fix the soil to make it suitable for a garden.

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Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

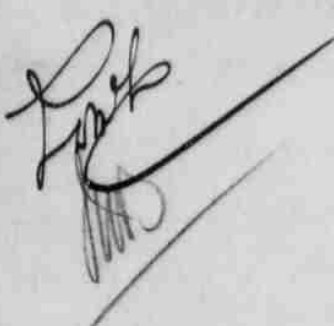
T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

Ottawa, July 26, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in further reference to the children of Peter Moses, who do not attend school on the reserve.

In reply I have to ask you to be good enough to let the Department know whether these children are Protestants or Roman Catholics.


Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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Chippawa Hill

Saugan Agency July 29th 1915

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 153978/1

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Sir,-

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I have the honor to forward to the Dept- an estimate of cost of fixing a garden plot at French Bay School as near as possible the plot to be one eighth of an acre.

To furnishing cedar posts and building fence	\$ 10.00
" 20 rods woven fence	10.00
" 1 Iron gate 10 ft	5.50
" Brace wire & staples	1.00
" 12 Loads of subsoil	7.20
" 4 Loads well rotted manure	6.00
" Ploughing and preparing plot	4.00
	<u>44.70</u>

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa



I have the honor to be Sir
your obedient servant
T. A. Stout
Agent

Ottawa, July 31. 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant submitting an estimate of the cost of fencing and preparing a plot for a garden in connection with the French Bay School.

In reply I beg to say that you may have this work done and the cost should not exceed your estimate of \$44.70.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Chippawa Hill

Saugun Agency July 27th 1915

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 153978/1
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

July 26th 1915

Sir,-

71520



I have the honor to
inform the Dept. that the
children of Peter Jones are
Roman Catholics



Secretary Dept-
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

I have the honor to be Sir
your obedient servant
T. A. Stuart
Agent

Ottawa, August 10, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo in further reference to the children of Peter Moses.

In reply I beg to say that, as these children are Roman Catholics, they can be placed in the Spanish River Industrial School under the Regulations, if their father fails to send them regularly to school after the summer holidays, and you will be good enough to so inform him. The Department would like to have a report from you as to whether these children attend regularly during the month of September. If they do not the Regulations will be put in force.

Your obedient servant,

S. STEWART

for Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

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Extract from Agent's Monthly report on the French Bay
Indian Day School, for the month of September; 1915.
Original on File 153978-7

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The Indian, Peter Moses has not sent his children
any to date and I notified him but of no avail as he says
that he has no control over them. I would recommend that
Peter Moses and Francis Moses, his two boys, be sent to
Spanish as their influence on the other scholars is bad.



(Sgd.) T. A. Stout,
Indian Agent

Ottawa, October 9, 1915.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your report on the French Bay Day School for the month of September, last, in which you state that Peter Moses has not sent his children to school and recommend that the two boys, Peter and Francis, be sent to the Spanish River Industrial School.

In reply I beg to say that you may take the necessary steps under the regulations to have these boys committed to that school.

A supply of application and certificate of health forms is being enclosed herewith and you will be good enough to fill in, in duplicate, all particulars as called for by these forms and have the boys examined by a doctor, who should fill in and sign the certificate of health forms, and when completed one copy should be forwarded to the Department and the other to the Principal of the school.

You will make the necessary arrangements to have these boys sent to Spanish River and the Department will pay the cost of their transport and also of the party who accompanies them on the journey. You can make arrangements to accompany the boys on the journey yourself, or send some other suitable person in charge of them. The Principal will be informed that these boys are being

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill, Ont.

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being sent to his school, but you should communicate with him and inform him of the date when they will arrive. Kindly attend to this matter as soon as possible and inform the Department of the results of the action taken by you. No unnecessary expense should be occasioned and you should forward properly certificated vouchers, in duplicate, covering the cost of transport.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAM

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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REPORT OF AGENT STOUT ON THE SUGEN BAY SCHOOL

As there was a garden plot prepared for this school, Mr. Wallace will have to be instructed what to do with it

Report dated, Jan. 28th, 1916.



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Extract from Inspector's Report on the French Bay Day
School, dated February 3, 1916. Original on 153978-6

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GENERAL REMARKS.

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It would be good also if something could be done for the girls. Of course a man is at a disadvantage unless he knows considerable about domestic science, and Mr. Wallace is specially handicapped by having use of one hand only. As much as possible, however, should be done for the Indian girls.

Sgd. John McCool,

Inspector.

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Extract from Teachers Annual Report for the year ended
March 31, 1916, on the French Bay School. File 160370-22F
Ontario.

An honest faithful truant officer is a great help. French
Bay truant officer is too old for the work. The agent
does the work and the truant officer pulls the salary
for doing nothing.

T. J. Wallace.

Teacher

Ottawa, April 5, 1916.

Sir,-

In his annual report on the French Bay School, the teacher, Mr. T. J. Wallace, states that the present truant officer is too old to do effective work.

If this is so you should appoint another truant officer at once.

Kindly inform the Department of the action you take in this matter.

Your obedient servant

J. D. McLEAN

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Hill,
Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,



Chippawa Hill

Saugeen Agency April 8th 1916
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 153978-1
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER 5th April 1916

Sir,-

I have the honor to inform
the Dept. that I would recommend
the appointment of James Hitahie for to
act as transient officer for French Bay
his duties to date from April 1st 1916
to take the place of the late John Mukonoga

I have the honor to be sir
your obedient servant
T. A. Stout
Agent

Secretary Dept.
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Ottawa, April 12, 1916.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant recommending the appointment of James Ritchie as truant officer for the French Bay School, his duties to date from the 1st instant.

In reply I beg to say that the Department approves of the appointment of James Ritchie as truant officer, for this school from the 1st instant and he will be paid at the same rate as the former truant officer.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippewa Hill, Ont.

Ottawa, November 9th, 1916.

Sir, -

In his recent report on the French Bay day school, Inspector McCool makes special mention of the school garden.

The Department was especially pleased to hear of the success which has attended your efforts in this regard. It is felt that the training in agriculture, received by the children, should prove of inestimable value to them.

Agent Stout was written on the 2nd, instant, and instructed to have the school garden ploughed this fall, and, if possible, to have manure placed on top of the ploughing. It is hoped that the garden has, already, been ploughed and the Department trusts that the garden, will be even a greater success, if possible, next year.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Thomas J. Wallace, Esq.
Teacher,
French Bay School,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

153976-1.

Ottawa, February 26th, 1917.

Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of a report from Inspector McCool, who recently visited your school.

He reports most favourably on your school and the Department is pleased to take advantage of this opportunity to commend you for the good work, which the Inspector's reports shows, you are doing.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAM

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

T.J. Wallace, Esq.
French Bay School,
Chippawa Hill, Ont.

Ottawa, October 2, 1917.

Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of a report from Mr. Inspector McCool who visited your school on the 18th ultimo.

He reports that the garden, owing to your skillful supervision has been a great success. The Department is pleased to take this opportunity of complementing you on your efforts in this regard. Such a garden will necessarily prove an object lesson and should be of great benefit to the Indians.


Your obedient servant

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

T. J. Wallace, Esq.,
Teacher,
French Bay Indian School,
Chippawa Hill,
Ont.

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE



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Chip-hawa Hill

Saugun Agency June 30 1919

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No.

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

I have the honor to forward
to the Dept Agents report of the
French Bay Scotch Settlement & Indian
Village day schools for the month of
June 1919

I have the honor to be air
your Obedient servant
T. A. Stout
Agent

Secretary Dept
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa
Ont

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Extract from March Quarter Return of the French Bay Indian
School. Original on 153978-2

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Remarks:-

No. 28, Nixy Thompeen, is in such a condition
with running sores that he is not fit to mix with other
children.

T. J. Wallace,

Teacher.



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Ottawa, April 13th., 1930.

Sir,-

I beg to say that Mr. T.J. Wallace, teacher of the French Bay Indian School, has reported that Nixy Thompson, a pupil of the said institution, is in a deplorable condition owing to the fact that he is suffering from running sores. The Department desires that you will at once arrange with the doctor to examine this child, as it is said that he should not come in contact with the other pupils. The doctor should give necessary treatment in the case.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T.A. Stout Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Chippawa Hill, Ont.

31-1-1.

Ottawa, July 9th, 1923.

Sir:

As you are aware, Mr. T. J. Wallace has been retired as teacher of the French Bay Indian Day School from the 30th of June, last, and it will be necessary to obtain the services of a qualified teacher to succeed him, to begin duties when the school re-opens after the present summer holidays.

I have, therefore, to request that you will endeavour to obtain the services of a teacher having, at least, second class professional qualifications. It might be advisable to consult the Public School Inspector, as he may be able to advise you. If you are unable to obtain a teacher through the efforts of yourself and the Inspector, you may advertise for one for the French Bay School, and also for the Saugeen Village School.

If teachers having, at least, second class professional qualifications are obtained, the Department will allow salary at the rate of \$800 per annum, which will be supplemented by any bonus provided by law.

The name, qualifications and experience of all applicants should be submitted to the Department for consideration and approval before the appointment is made.

The matter of obtaining teachers for both the French Bay and Saugeen Village Schools should receive your early attention, in order that teachers can be obtained in time to begin duties when the schools re-open after the holidays.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Thos. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Ottawa Hill, Ont.

Waltham, July 3rd, 1923

Thomas Stout Esq.
Chippewa Hill,
Ontario.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that just at
present I cannot tell you of
any teachers for the schools
on the Reserve. Just now is my
busiest time of the year, but
next week, I shall not be
quite so busy. I certainly hope
that good teachers may be
found for both schools.
I fancy a very
good plan would be to advertise
the schools stating the salary.
I do not know what salary
the Department propose to
give and most teachers wish
to know the salary.

Yours sincerely
John Mc Cool

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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

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Chippawa Hill,

Saugeen Agency, July 4, 1923.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sir,—

I have the honour to inform the Dept. that I have corresponded with Mr. John Mc. Cool, Inspector for this district, with regard to teachers for the French Bay and Indian Village Schools. He informs me that he does not know of anyone at present he could recommend and advises me to advertise.

I would recommend that the Dept. authorize the advertising in two Daily papers for teachers for French Bay and the Indian Village School, stating salary as any qualified teacher in this district demands from \$900 to \$1200, and I do not think that I can secure a qualified teacher less than \$1000 per annum that would be satisfactory.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,
T. D. Hunt
Agent.

Secretary, Dept.,
Of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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31-1-1.

Ottawa, July 11th, 1923.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing a communication from the Public School Inspector with reference to the obtaining of the services of teachers for the French Bay and Saugeen Village Schools.

In this connection I would refer you to official letter of the 9th instant, in which you were informed that you may advertise these vacancies, as recommended by you. You may place an advertisement in three issues of two daily papers for teachers having at least second class professional qualifications. You should state that the salary offered is at the rate of \$800 per annum, supplemented by a bonus of \$150 per annum; duties to commence September 4th, next; qualifications and experience to be stated. Applications should be forwarded to the Department before appointments are approved.

We note that qualified teachers in the district demand from \$900 to \$1200 per annum, but I would point out that the combined salary and bonus offered by the Department, amounting to \$950, is considered to be a fair salary, in view of the fact that living quarters are provided for the teachers.

You should place these advertisements as soon as possible, and all applications received by you should be forwarded for the consideration of the Department.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLEAN

J. D. McLean,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

T.A.
T. A. Stout, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Chippawa Mill, Ont.

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