

OFFICE OF THE
INDIAN AGENT



PLEASE QUOTE
FILE E-1-1

Stuart Lake Agency,
Vanderhoof, B.C.,
January 24th, 1947.

Major D.M. Mackay, Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: your file No. 215-13-5936.

I wish to refer to your letter dated December 3rd, 1946, with reference to the establishment of a Day School on the Stony Creek I.R. As requested, an estimate of the cost of materials and labour required to make the recreational hall suitable for School purposes is submitted hereunder:-

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| 1. Insulated brick siding for sheathing exterior walls - material only..... | 447.00 |
| 2. 30' brick chimney @ \$4.00 per foot including material and labour..... | 120.00 |
| 3. Heater and stove-pipes..... | 125.00 |
| TOTAL..... | 692.00 |

Labour sheathing the buildings will be done by the Band without cost to the Department. The Band have also acquired 5,000 B.M.F. Shiplap and about \$175.00 towards construction of a three room house for use of the teacher. Chief Antoine advises that construction of the house will proceed in the Spring. This project is being undertaken by the Indians of the Band without authority or advice from this Office. It is possible that the Department may have to provide some finishing material and furnishings for the quarters. In addition to the above, desks and other School equipment will be required. The Department will no doubt have data on hand with respect to cost of desks and School equipment.

There are at present 66 children of School age in the Stony Creek Band. 36 of this number are in attendance at the Lejac Indian Residential School, leaving 30 at home who are not receiving the benefit of an education. Referring to paragraph 4 of your letter, may I point out that in event of the establishment of a Day School on this Reserve, it would be very difficult indeed to enforce attendance at Lejac School for those who are now enrolled at Lejac. With the exception of a few orphans and under-privileged children, the parents would emphatically insist on the children attending the Day School.

There is no possibility of securing the services of a teacher in this district for the current term, but Mr. J. Wilson, a teacher at one of the local White Schools is interested, and his services may be available for the 1947-48 term, commencing September 1st next. Mr. Wilson is a Bachelor, age about 50 years and a Roman Catholic. He holds a B.C. Teacher's Certificate, and has taught School in the province for the past 20 years. In my opinion, he is a very suitable candidate for Indian School work. In this connection, will the Department please

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