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Ottawa, August 21, 1919.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant with reference to the establishment of a school on the Split Lake Reserve for the benefit of the Indian children residing there and stating that there is a building available which was formerly used by the Mounted Police as a barracks, which is vacant at the present time and would serve the purpose of a school building.

In reply I beg to say that by Order in Council of the 4th of May, 1917, this building was secured by this Department from the Royal Northwest Mounted Police for use as a school building.

A request was received from His Lordship the Bishop of Keewatin in November, last, for the establishment of a school at this point. His Lordship stated that the Rev. V. H. Walter, the missionary there, was prepared to undertake the work as teacher and asked to be furnished with a supply of school material. The material asked for was forwarded, and it was decided to give this school a trial. No returns have yet been received and the Department is unable to judge the attendance and the progress which is being made. The Department understands that the school is being conducted by the missionary in the church.

As you state the building referred to above will require some slight alterations and the addition of two large windows and a small porch over the front door and the board partitions removed, at a cost not to exceed \$100.00, the Department will approve of this work being done. You may, therefore, make the necessary arrangements to have the alterations outlined by you completed as soon as possible, and the expenditure for this work should not exceed your estimate.

With reference to the purchase of sufficient desks for forty pupils I have to request that you will also purchase twenty double separate desks of suitable sizes and arrange to have them delivered at the school. You can obtain these desks from the E. N. Moyer Co. of Winnipeg, and they should be furnished at the usual price at which they supply their school desks to this Department. You may also purchase from the E. N. Moyer Co. and have forwarded along with the desks a hylloplate blackboard, three feet by twelve feet, with the necessary chalk trough and moulding.

Kindly inform the Department as to when the alterations

S. J. Jackson, Esq.,
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