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Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept. of Mines & Resources,
Ottawa.

Re: Mrs. Mary A. Hutchinson
Metlakatla Indian Day School

Further to my letter of December 3rd, the above mentioned teacher has been forced to withdraw her application for appointment to Metlakatla Indian Day School due to the fact that the Terrace School Board, who is at present employing Mrs. Hutchinson will not grant her a release. Teachers employed for a probationary period have not the right to resign at the end of December from Provincial schools as is the case with teachers having permanent status. Mrs. Hutchinson was engaged by the Terrace Board in September and is consequently in her probation year. The School Board is adamant and the Department of Education, Victoria, would cancel Mrs. Hutchinson's certificate if she did not complete the school year in the employ of the Terrace School Board.

It is recommended that the transfer of Miss Monckton as originally suggested be made effective the first of January. We are endeavouring to secure a teacher for the Metlakatla School.

W.S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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