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School on Bird Tail Creek Reserve.	300 00
Miss Baker, Prince Albert, N. W. T.	300 00
Girls' School, Formosa	400 00
Trinidad Schools (Mrs. Morton)	300 00
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	\$8,530 00

TORONTO, October 1st, 1884.

REV. H. MCKAY'S LETTER TO REV. DR. WARDROPE.

BROADVIEW P.O., Indian Reserve,
August 25th, 1884.

DEAR SIR,—

Since my last letter, the most of my time has been spent about Round Lake, building a house and stable, and preparing for winter. I think I have given you a description of the property we have secured. In the east we have taken up a broken quarter section of land beautifully situated at Round Lake and the Qu'Appelle River, containing, perhaps, 80 acres. On this land we have been building. In the west, about 12 miles distance, we have taken another lot, which is splendid hay land and conveniently situated. We are now about prepared to begin work. Saturday I left the mission house at Round Lake, crossed the river at the ford, passed over the valley, the way leading through fields of wheat and oats, potatoes, etc., belonging to the Indians, then up the high hills, then a beautiful drive of a few miles brought in sight the Indian camps. Here I met with Mr. Flett, and going into a very large tent, found about 30 Indians gathered together, among whom was Oo-oha-pa-hoo-wás, the chief, and a number of his counsellors. The object of the meeting was to discuss school matters and mission work among the tribe. There was much talk and we were well received. The chief did not wish to consent now, but wished to wait for a little. He said, many of my Indians are away, and I would not like to take such a step without consulting them, and more than that, all these things you say are dark to me. I know nothing about them. In my old ways I have a little light, and would it be right for me to throw away the little light and take what is all dark. Others spoke, and in about the same strain.