

are reasonable, and that the cost for the maintenance of these institutions is not excessive, when compared with the cost of maintaining similar institutions in the North-West Territories, which is, exclusive of the salaries of the staff, \$135 per pupil. The salaries of the staff amount to \$5,155 per annum. The cost of maintenance in the two institutions which the Bishop of New Westminster proposes to establish would be \$130 per annum for each pupil and official. The cost of the buildings will not, from Mr. Superintendent Powell's estimate, it is anticipated, be as great as the cost of the industrial school buildings in the North-West Territories. With regard to the fees to be charged for Indian boys attending as day scholars at the industrial school for boys proposed to be established by the Bishop of New Westminster, namely, \$1.50 per month, the undersigned is of opinion that \$1 per month should be sufficient for each boy attending as a day scholar.

Will the Superintendent-General please instruct the undersigned as to including the necessary amount for these institutions in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1885-86.

Respectfully submitted.

L. VANKOUGHNET,

Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, G.C.B.,
Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, 18th March, 1885.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, recommending that a sum be placed in the Supplementary Estimates to assist the Indian industrial schools established in British Columbia by the Bishop of New Westminster, and referring me to a letter of the bishop addressed to Dr. Powell, the Indian Superintendent of British Columbia, which you kindly left with me when you called at the Department recently.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the matter will be brought, at an early date, under the consideration of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

I have, &c.,

L. VANKOUGHNET,

Deputy Superintendent-General Indian Affairs.

J. A. R. HOMER, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, 20th March, 1885.

SIR,—I beg most respectfully to draw your attention to some correspondence of a recent date upon the subject of educating the Indians in British Columbia, and the establishment of schools in furtherance of that object; and to solicit an assurance, if possible, that some steps will be taken in that direction during the present Session.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

EDGAR CROW BAKER, M.P.

Right Hon. the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, 23rd March, 1885.

MEMORANDUM.—With reference to the letter of the 20th instant, from Mr. Edgar Crow Baker, M.P., referring to correspondence of recent date on the subject of educating the Indians of British Columbia, the undersigned begs to refer the Superintendent-General to his memorandum of the 18th instant, on No. 1 file, No. 14676, which is now before him.

L. VANKOUGHNET,

Deputy Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, G.C.B.,
Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.