

Lytton would be an unobjectionable point, and almost as central for the interior as Kamloops. The school might then form one of the three schools contemplated at the interview I had the pleasure of having with you when in Ottawa.

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

J. W. POWELL, *Superintendent Indian Affairs.*

Right Hon. the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, &c., &c.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, 29th November, 1884.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., and a copy of a letter addressed to you by His Lordship the Bishop of New Westminster, of the 8th of November, 1883, relative to the proposed establishment by His Lordship of a school for Indian girls in connection with the Church of England mission at Lytton, B.C.; and as you consider that Lytton would be an unobjectionable point, and almost as central for the interior as Kamloops, at which to establish an industrial school, I have to request that you will communicate with His Lordship the Bishop of New Westminster, and request that you may be furnished, for the information of the Department, with definite information as to the actual assistance which His Lordship would expect the Department to contribute to the institution; also, whether, in the event of the Department agreeing to contribute towards the tuition, instruction in industries and maintenance of Indian boys, say fifty, His Lordship would undertake the management of an industrial school for boys, as well as the one which he proposes to establish for the instruction of Indian girls. Should this Department be expected to contribute towards the erection of the buildings for these institutions, and the future maintenance and repair of the same, it must be understood that they shall be erected upon ground belonging to the Government. In connection with the subject of the establishment of industrial schools for Indian youth in British Columbia, I have to refer you to my previous letter to you, written some time ago, in which I ask you to furnish an estimate of the cost of establishing and maintaining such institutions on Vancouver Island and in the interior, and to remind you that no reply has been received from you, and the information is required before Parliament meets. I have also to mention, in this connection, the statement made in a private letter from Mr. Indian Agent Lomas to you, which you were good enough to show me when you were in Ottawa, and which I returned by mail to you, in which he recommends that an institution of this kind be placed under the charge of the New England Company's agent, upon Kuper Island, which is situated off the coast of Vancouver, and which Mr. Lomas considers would be a good site for such an establishment. It would be well for you to communicate with the agent of this New England Company, and endeavor to ascertain from him on what terms the New England Company would undertake to erect a building at Kuper Island for industrial school purposes, and to educate, train in industrial pursuits and maintain fifty Indian boys and the same number of Indian girls thereat.

Your earliest possible attention to these matters is urgently requested.

I am, &c.,

L. VANKOUGHNET, *Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs.*

J. W. POWELL, Esq., Indian Superintendent, Victoria, B.C.

KUPER ISLAND, CHEMANS P. O., 6th January, 1885.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your communication, relative to the proposed industrial school for Indian children resident in this district, I beg to inform you that I am unable, at present, to form any definite opinion as to the mode of management and cost of such an institution in this place.

No person acquainted with the habits and wandering life of the Indians on this coast can, in my opinion, have any doubt as to the necessity for an industrial school, in which the pupils can have board, clothing and regular, unbroken instruction.

It is well known that the tribes, who are scattered in small bands along the east coast of Vancouver and the adjacent islands, seldom remain steadily for many months