

Indian Industrial School

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as soon as possible The Department should put this school in shape to fulfil its function as an educational institution. At present it is a disgrace .

At the time the children died practically everyone was sick so that it was impossible for us to bury the dead. There was no one here to dig graves in our own school cemetery. I thought the best thing to do was to have the undertaker from Red Deer take charge of and bury the bodies. This was done, and they now lie buried in Red Deer. The charges for this extra accommodation ~~xxxxxxx~~ amount to about \$30.00 a child; that is for the four who died here. In view of the emergency and the totally unexpected nature of the case I shall be glad if the Department will bear part of this expense. I believe the total undertaker bill is \$130.00. I instructed the undertaker to be as careful as possible in his charges, so he gave them a burial as near as possible to that of a pauper. They are buried two in a grave.

It is of course needless to say that of school life has been entirely upset. The children are still weak and not fit for work, the school-room is closed and will not be open for at least another week. It will possibly be Christmas before we shall be into our usual routine again. In the meantime we shall do our best.

Yours Truly,

J. D. Woodsworth
Principal.