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Ottawa, April 4, 1919.

Sir,-

The Rev. Father Leach, O.M.I., teacher of the Berens River (R.C.) Day school, in his report for the year ended the 31st of December, last, states that there is no woodshed, no desks, only plank benches, and no private table for the teacher.

As this school has only been in operation since the summer the Department is not prepared to go to much expense towards furnishings until it is seen whether it will be a success, or not.

The Department would like you, when you next visit Berens River, to inspect this school and forward a full report in regard to it. In your report kindly state whether you consider a teacher's desk and pupils' desks should be supplied and, if so, give the sizes of the pupils' desks and the number of each size. You might also furnish a detailed estimate of the cost of erecting a small woodshed in connection with this school.

Your obedient servant,

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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