

November 17, 1919.

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of a communication from Commissioner Graham, in which he states that on a recent visit to the Sarcee boarding school he found conditions to be very bad, the school neglected and in a filthy condition, the children untidy, the school closed on account of the absence of the teacher in Calgary, and the whole institution presenting a very unsatisfactory appearance.

Incl.

I am sending herewith a copy of the instructions to Agents, in which I have marked the clause dealing with the question of the inspection of boarding schools. From this you will see that the Agents should visit and thoroughly inspect the boarding schools within their jurisdiction at least once every three months, monthly visits to be made, if practicable, in order that any matters needing immediate attention may be dealt with, also that short reports should be made after each of these visits.

I find, on inquiry, that you have not been sending in reports on this school. It is desirable that monthly reports be made for a time, owing to the condition in which the institution is found to be, and I would ask that you inspect the school once every month, and forward your reports to the Department through the office of Commissioner Graham.

Yours truly,

Deputy Superintendent General.

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