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Prince Rupert, B. C.  
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Re: Mrs. M.A. Hutchinson  
Teacher for Metlakatla

The above-named experienced teacher applied direct to Mr. Neary at Ottawa, for a teaching position in this Agency. She was referred here with a view to her appointment at Kitkatla. Mrs. Hutchinson was interviewed by Mr. Bailey and informed him she did not wish to occupy a teacherage with another teacher. I thereupon contacted Miss Monckton, and secured her consent to a transfer to Kitkatla. Mrs. Hutchinson accepted Metlakatla and all papers have been forwarded to your office.

It is now found that the Terrace District School Board refuse to release her and I attach herewith a letter from the Secretary of the Terrace School Board.

I appealed to the School Inspector for her release on the grounds that her experience would be most worthwhile in the Metlakatla School, having in mind that proposed enfranchisement of this Band and the continuation of the School under the direction of the Prince Rupert District School Board.

Yesterday afternoon, I discussed this matter in detail with School Inspector Ferguson of Telkwa, whose district includes Usk. Mr. Ferguson stated that the Terrace School Board were adamant that they did not give her a release and that if she left, otherwise, she would be reported to the Department of Education at Victoria. I have today written to Mrs. Hutchinson requesting a decision in writing as to whether she intends to resign or not. I have just received your Army Signals of December 3 as follows:

"Confirm transfer Monckton and appointment of Hutchinson to Metlakatla" .

Miss Monckton was in to see me on Saturday and is very definite as to her desire to move to Kitkatla. There are 28 children on the roll at Metlakatla and she finds all grades quite a burden.

I do not think she gets on with the parents at Metlakatla

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