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CARIBOO RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

DEATH OF PUPILS

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of

Patrick CHAH

Pupil No. 226

of the Cariboo Indian Residential School at M. Josephis Mission

who died at Wilhims Lake Hospital (place) on Junuary 20 th 1939.

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1	On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? Junuary 16 H 1939
2	On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? Junnury 16 th 1939. At what time of day? Suring the afternoon
3	When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? Sureng Ma
	When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? Suring the Whermon of January 16 to 1939 to C. O Sullwin, disciplinaries. What means were taken to afford relief? Patient pur 16 bed
4	What means were taken to afford relief? Patient but to bed
5.	What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? Salicylates
6.	When was the doctor called? The morning & January 17H 1939
7.	If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? To hospital 1 b. m & January 17/4 1939 in S. C.S. horee's
8.	If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school?
9.	Add any other useful information here.

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	Michael Murph, Ont.
	Michael Murphy Ond.

Note: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED THE DECEASED PUPIL

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do	
consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Latrick C	HHH
have been recorded? If not, you are required to add here any further particular	ılars
which strike you as essential.	
The barent's were not present at the enquiry Ex	
were made to notify them by telegraph but	- they
are up in the hills 125 miles distant and	may
not be within seas of notification for a	long
time.	
2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made	le to
the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.	

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Chairman—Indian Agent.	

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PLEASE QUOTE

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OFFICE OF THE

J. A.

Williams Lake, B. C. January 21, 1939



Sir:

I beg to inclose herewith report of inquiry into the death of Patrick Chah, pupil No. 226 of the Cariboo Indian Residential School of this Agency.

Your obedient servent

H. E. Taylor Indian Agent

The Secretary
Indian Affairs Branch
Department of Mines and Resources
Ottawa

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Ottawa, February 1, 1959.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo enclosing memorandum of inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Patrick Chah, No. 226, Cariboo residential school.

Yours truly,

Supt. of Wellare & Training.

H. E. Taylor, Esq., Indian Agent, Williams Lake, B. C.

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