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DEATH OF PUPILS

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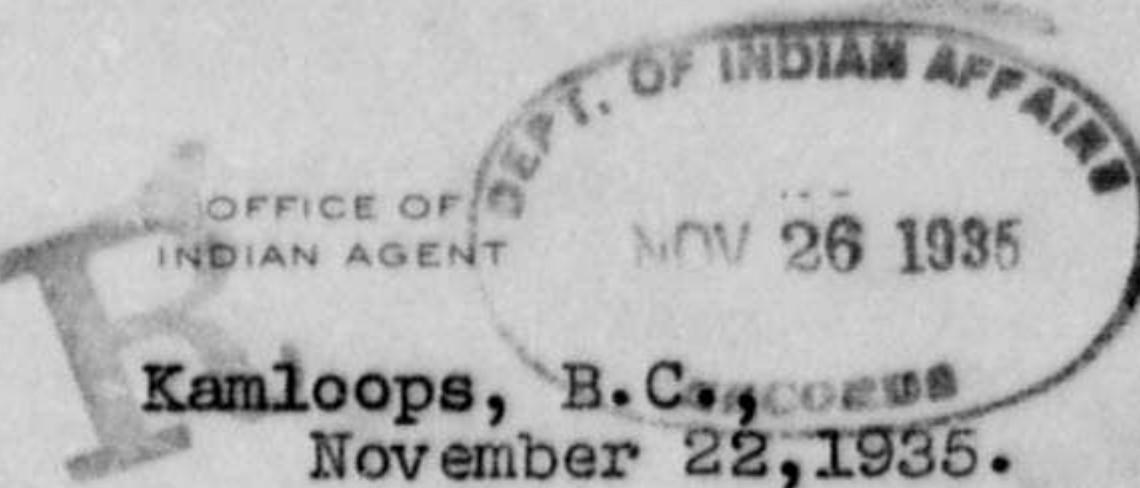
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Dear Sir:-

In accordance with Departmental instructions,
I am enclosing herewith memorandum of an enquiry into
the cause and circumstances of the death of Leslie Lewis,
pupil No. 412 of Kamloops Indian Residential School, who
died at the Royal Inland Hospital on September 24th last.

This enquiry was held at the time of the death,
but as I did not have a supply of Form No. 414 at the
time, the completion of the signed statements were held
up until a supply of these forms was recently received
from the Department.

Yours truly,

W.J. Ferguson
(W.J. Ferguson)
Indian Agent

WJF/S.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of
Leslie Lewis, aged 9 years, 9 months, Pupil No 412,
of the Kamloops Indian Residential School at Kamloops,
who died at Royal Inland Hospital, (place) on September 24th 1935
Kamloops, B.C.

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.

FORM No. 414.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick ~~on September 22nd.~~ September 22nd., 1935.
2. At what time of day? 4:00 P.M.
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the doctor~~?
Brother McGourty
4. What means were taken to afford relief? Called Dr. Tennant who engaged a Registered Nurse to take charge of the case.
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?
3 gr. Luminol and ice cap ordered by Dr. Tennant
6. When was the doctor called? 7:00 P.M., September 22nd., 1935.
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? 9:00 A.M., September 23rd., 1935., by automobile.
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.

Saw patient at 6:00 A.M. September 23rd and did not think there was any immediate danger.

Thos. M. Kennedy, C.M.
Principal

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

I attended..... Leslie Lewis from September 23rd., 1935
to September 24th, 1935..... The immediate cause of death was.....
..... Status Epilepticus.....

The contributory cause of death was..... Boy was recovering from measles
..... which probably determined the onset of epileptic attack.

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes.....

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes.....

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express
your carefully considered views as follows:

The boy was given all possible attention while ill in.....
the school.

Autopsy performed and autopsy report submitted by.....

Dr. A.G. Naismith.

P. S. Tenant M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Leslie Lewis.....

have been recorded? Yes..... If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

Remarks: The Father, Joe Lewis, in the presence of Dr. Tenant and myself gave his consent to the autopsy being performed. The parents were not present at the enquiry.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

As an epidemic of measles was indirectly responsible for this death, it might be well to point out that the sleeping accommodation for 285 pupils in the school consists of five dormitories, which are crowded.

During an epidemic it is impossible to properly isolate the patients and contacts. The need for separate quarters to house sick children is evident.

I agree with the
necessity of having
separate accommodation

W.G. Young, M.M.
Chairman - Indian Agent.

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FOR
PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH
AND
ROYAL INLAND HOSPITAL
A. G. NAISMITH, M.D., D.P.H.
DIRECTOR

KAMLOOPS,
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Nov. 14th 1935

Copy of notes on Autopsy. Body of Indian boy
Leslie Lewis. Service of Dr Ternant
who was present and identified body.

Partial Autopsy. Head only.

An opening the head. Slight congestion with
marked increase in cerebellar fluid was
noticed.

The base of the brain showed accumulations
of serous fluid under the pia mater.

The brain tissue was markedly oedematous.
No evidence of tubercles or any septic condition
found.

Further tissue study was not carried out.
These findings are in keeping with the
clinical diagnosis of Status Epilepticus.

A.G. Naismith

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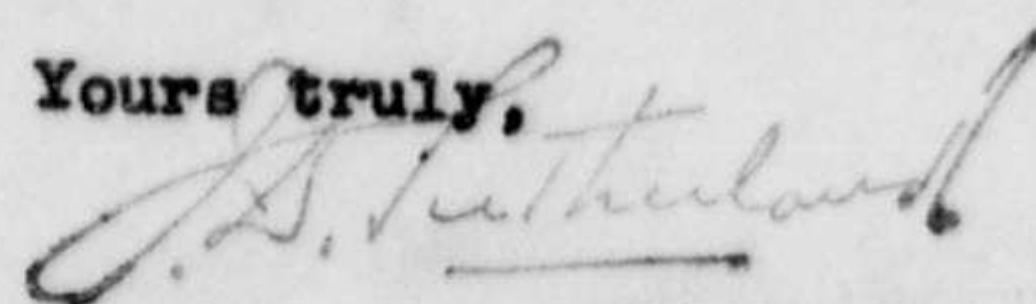
Ottawa, January 16, 1936.

Dear Sir:

In checking the December return of the Kamloops Residential School, it is noted that Agnes Michou, No. 0534, died on December 28th.

The Department has not yet received Form No. 414 - Memorandum of enquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of this girl. This form, properly completed, should be forwarded as soon as possible.

Yours truly,



J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.


W. J. Ferguson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamloops, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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

Agnes nichols, Pupil No. 0534
of the *Stamloops* Indian Residential School at *Stamloops B.C.*
who died at *Inland Hospital* (place) on *Dec 28, 1935*

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.

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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.

Form No. 414.

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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? *Dec. 19 1935*
2. At what time of day? *Evening*
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *To the nurse.*
4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Put to bed and on diet.*
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Milk of magnesia*
6. When was the doctor called? *Dec. 20, 1935.*
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? *Dec. 20, 1935 by automobile*
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.

*Thomas Kennedy, A.M.T.
Principal.*

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.

B. STATEMENT OF THE
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I attended *Augus Mich*
to *Dec. 28th*
Acute nephritis

The contributory cause of death was

Do you consider that the Principal of the school exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to this case?

Did they follow out your professional advice?

If in either respect, you consider them to have been negligent, state your carefully considered views as follows:

The child has received all necessary medical attention.

B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended Agnus Michon from Dec. 20th
to Dec. 28th. The immediate cause of death was.....
Acute nephritis
The contributory cause of death was haemia.

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes.

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

The child had suggestion of mine
She received all reasonable care at the school.

P. S. Tennent, M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....

Agnes Mechow
..... have been recorded? Yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

W. G. W. M.
Chairman Indian Agent.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

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Kamloops, B.C.,
February 4, 1936.

Dear Sir:-

Your file 154-0-23.

With reference to your letter of the 16th ulto., in which my attention was called to the fact that Form 414, covering the death of Agnes Michou, No. 0545, pupil of Kamloops Residential School, has not been submitted to the Department.

In reply I beg to advise that shortly after the death of child and before I had time to complete the enquiry, due to rush of work, Father Kennedy, Principal of the School was hurriedly called away to Manitoba. However, he has now returned and you will please find the completed forms enclosed herewith.

Yours truly,

W.J. Ferguson
(W.J. Ferguson)
Indian Agent

J.D. Sutherland, Esq.,
Acting Superintendent of Education,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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Ottawa, February 10, 1936.

Dear Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing memorandum of enquiry regarding the death of Agnes Michou, No. 0534 of the Kamloops Residential School.

Yours truly,

J. D. Sutherland
J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

W. J. Ferguson
W. J. Ferguson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamloops, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of
Clarina Matthew....., Pupil No.....
of the..... Kamloops..... Indian Residential School at..... Kamloops.....,
who died at R.I. Hospital, Kamloops..... (place) on September 16th 1936.

INSTRUCTIONS

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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? Sept. 4, 1936.

2. At what time of day? Remained in bed morning of Sept 4th

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? nurse in charge

4. What means were taken to afford relief? Kept warm and given light food

5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity?

6. When was the doctor called? Seen by Doctor Sept. 1st and different times after

7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? Sept. 9, 1936 by auto

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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Thos. M. Kennedy, C.M.G.
Principal

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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I attended..... Clarina Matthew from September 1st., 1936

to September 16th, 1936. The immediate cause of death was

Tubercular Meningitis

The contributory cause of death was

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

Child was no doubt developing the disease before admission to school. On September 1st., child was put to bed because she had a temperature. Several days later she commenced to have a headache. On September 9th there was definite signs of meningial infection and she was sent to hospital.

R. S. Kennard

~~W. G. Thompson~~ M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....
Clarina Matthew, North Thompson Band

have been recorded?.....Yes..... If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

Neither Mother nor father attended enquiry as they reside some 65 miles away, but cause of death of child was discussed by Agent with the father, who understood the character of the disease.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

W. G. Vaughan
Chairman Indian Agent.

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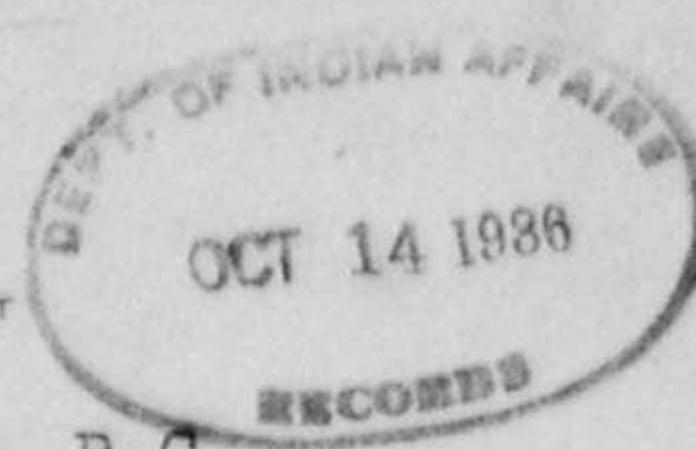
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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF
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Kamloops, B.C.,
October 10th, 1936



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Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith Memorandum of Enquiry into the death of Clarina Matthew, a pupil of Kamloops Indian Residential School who died at Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, B.C., Sept. 16th.

Yours truly,

W.J. Ferguson
(W.J. Ferguson)
Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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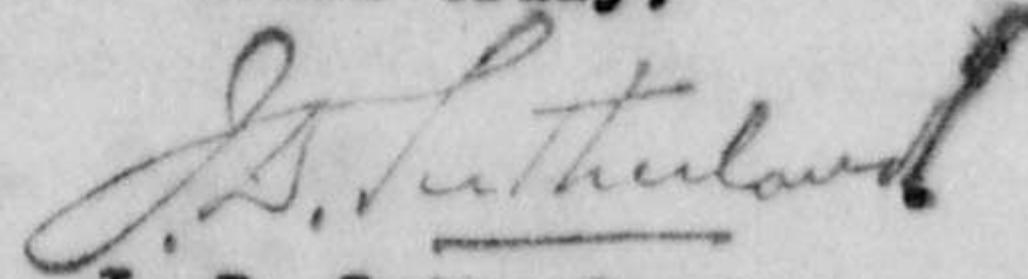
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Ottawa, October 16, 1936.

Dear Sir,-

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing memorandum of inquiry into the death of Clarina Matthew, a pupil of the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

Yours truly,



J. D. Sutherland.
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

W. J. Ferguson, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Kamloops, B. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of
Mary Francois....., Pupil No. O-309....
of the..... Kamloops Indian Residential School at..... Kamloops.....,
who died at..... Kamloops.....(place) on May 13th..... 1937..

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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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 accident?~~? May 3rd., 1937.
2. At what time of day? 7/30 P.M.
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness ~~or accident?~~ To nurse immediately.
4. What means were taken to afford relief? Put to bed and treated as other patients already suffering from measles.
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? Aspirin 5 gr. Mustard plasters, Brandy, etc.,
6. When was the doctor called? The following morning.
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? 2:00 P.M. by automobile, May 10th, 1937.
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.

Died May 13th, 1937.

Thos. M. Kennedy, P.M.
Principal.

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B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL

I attended..... Mary Francois from May 4th, 1937.....

to May 13th, 1937 The immediate cause of death was.....

diately. Sinus Thrombosis.....

The contributory cause of death was..... Broncho Pneumonia, Otitis Media,
Mastoiditis and Acute Nephritis.....

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exer-
cised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil?..... Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions?..... Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express
your carefully considered views as follows:

Owing to presence of Pneumonia and Nephritis, it was.....
impossible to operate on the head to relieve thrombosis.

R. S. L. Laurent..... M.D.

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C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of.....
Mary Francois

have been recorded? Yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

Parents were personally notified of the date of this enquiry, but decided that they did not wish to attend. The father, as Chief of the Band, asked that in future when a child at the school requires hospital attention that the parents be notified at once. A copy of the request is attached to this Report.

~~In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the people of this school.~~

I might add that in this case the Principal sent word by letter to the parents three days before the death of the child, and as no word was received from the child's people, I followed this up on the morning of the child's death with a telephone call to locate the parents. The child's mother and father arrived in the evening, a short while after her death.

W.H. Ferguson
Chairman—Indian Agent.

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Kamloops, B.C., May 14th, 1937.

In connection with the death of my daughter, Mary, while attending Kamloops Indian Residential School, I would request, as Chief of the Adams Lake Band that, in future, when a child of the School is taken sick and requires hospital attention, that the parent or guardian be notified at once.

His

Chief Francois Sampolio
Mark

Witness:

...Beatrice Smith....

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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

KATHLEEN MICHEL, Pupil No. O-551.

of the Indian Residential School at Kamloops, Kamloops,

who died at Kamloops (place) on May 3rd 1937

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 ~~on Sunday~~ April 25th, 1937.
2. At what time of day? 4:30 P.M.
3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness ~~to doctor~~ To nurse.
4. What means were taken to afford relief? Sent to bed and given hot drinks.
5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? Aspirin.
6. When was the doctor called? Evening of April 25th.
7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? May 1st., by auto.
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.

B. STATEMENT

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Thomas H. Kennedy, A.M.S.
Principal.

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

I attended KATHLEEN MICHEL from March 26th, 1937

to May 3rd, 1937 The immediate cause of death was

Nephritis (acute)

The contributory cause of death was Measles and cardiac dysfunction
inks.

Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

If in either respect, you consider them to have been at fault, it is required that you express your carefully considered views as follows:

P. S. Lennant M.D.

J. C. Principal

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