

Oblates of Mary Immaculate - Hobbema
Hobbema School and Mission
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[In this notebook, the writer focused primarily on the ministry of the Oblate fathers].

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October 19, 1953

Joanes, etc., come to inspect the cadets.

November 9, 1953

Visit from Mr. Waller. Visit from Chief Minde and Larocque.

November 11, 1953

Holiday. Cadets go to Wetaskiwin.
Bingo for children.
Children sleep in new small dormitory.

November 16, 1953

Inspector White visited upper class.

November 23, 1953

Inspection of cadets. [Follows a list of dignitaries].
Father L. C. Latour and our staff and the cadets (boys and girls) at a large banquet. The inspection was very successful! Everyone is happy.

December 1, 1953

Mr. Buck, Chief Engineer in Ottawa, Hughes Atkinson, come to visit the school. They admit the need for a new school.

The dentists!

December 10, 1953

Miss Breton comes to help the 4-H Club.

December 14, 1953

This is the last cadet parade for the year 1953.

Visit from Mr. Wild.

January 3, 1954

Father G. M. Latour and Mr. Baril pick up the children from Pigeon Lake. The others arrive with their parents.

January 8, 1954

Father Latour and Mr. Baril go to Sunchild Cree. They return with 5 children.

January 13-14, 1954

X-Ray

[Many results of hockey games].

January 17, 1954

St. Joachim's kids come here to play: 3-3. Films.

January 25, 1954

Inspection of the cadets. M. Gagnon.

January 29, 1954

Visit from Mr. Waller, inspector.
The children go home.

February 15, 1954

Inspection of the cadets. Films.

19 February 1954

Children go to their families.

21 February 1954

Children all return.

March 18, 1954

Final game between the Blackfoot & Hobbema. 7-5 for Cluny. 60 of our children go.

March 19, 1954

The children go to their families.

March 21, 1954

The children return.

April 4, 1954

Amateur hour in the evening; very well rendered. Some Indians talk to children.

April 14, 1954

Visit from Mr. Wild.

April 19, 1954

Chief Minde's party. We go to his party. The Sisters make the cakes. The chief is very pleased.

April 25, 1954

Return of the children. Father Allard goes to Pigeon Lake. The children all return.

April 26, 1954

Fathers Allard and Roy pick up the children from Sunchild Cree at Rocky Mountain House.

May 7, 1954

Children with their families.

May 10, 1954

Children return. Film: "William Tell".

18 May 1954

Mr. Waller visits the school.

21 May 1954

Mr. Waller finishes his visit.
The children go to their families.

May 22, 1954

Father G. M. Latour will drive the children to Winterburn and Rivière-qui-Barre.

June 1, 1954

Mr. White, Inspector of Provincial Schools visits Grades I - II - III.

June 2, 1954

Grades IV, V are visited.

June 3, 1954

Visits Grades VI, VII, VIII, IX, X. He dines here.

4 June 1954

The children go to their families.

6 June 1954

Fathers Latour, Allard and Lechasseur go to the graduation of Kathleen Minde, Ermineskin Indian in Red Deer. Two other Indians from Cardston also graduated.

June 10, 1954

Inspection of the Cadets, very successful.

June 17, 1954

Photographers come to photograph the cadets & cadettes.

June 18, 1954

Children go to their families.

25 June 1954

Distribution of prizes & departure of the children.

June 26, 1954

Father G. M. Latour drives children to Rocky Mountain House.

June 30, 1954

Grade IX children finish exams and leave for vacation. Mr. Baril drove the Buffalo [illegible word] to Wabamun.

July 21, 1954

Accidental death of Patrick Littlechild.

July 22, 1954

Visited Pat Littlechild's grave with the Sisters.

August 10, 1954

Indians come to work at the cemetery.

August 23, 1954

Father G. M. Latour goes to Red Deer with the 4 girls who will enter St. Joseph Convent: Dorine Buffalo, Ivy Buffalo, Grace Swampy and Agnes Littlechild.

August 27, 1954

Fathers Allard and G. M. Latour went to Edmonton to place the 4 Grade X boys. St. Antoine College accepted them.

September 5, 1954

Father G. M. Latour goes to Edmonton to arrange for the admission of the 4 boys who are to go to St. Anthony's College.

September 6, 1954

Agnes Littlechild, Grace Swampy, Ivy Buffalo and Doris D. Buffalo enter St. Joseph Convent, Red Deer. Fr. Latour will drive them.

The children enter.

September 15, 1954

Five boys leave for S. Anthony College in Edmonton.. Father Allard will drive them.

October 4, 1954

Father Allard will drive the children to Rocky M. House.

October 5, 1954

Children go home for convention time.

October 29, 1954

Children are with their families.

November 1, 1954

The children return to school.

November 3, 1954

Cadets go to Wetaskiwin; others have film: "Lourdes".

November 11, 1954

Armistice! Films at 3. Evening games for all!

November 12, 1954

The children go home.

November 14, 1954

The children return.

November 15, 1954

Mr. Waller comes for a few minutes to see the Gr VII-IX class. He is opposed to moving the school from Samson Church to Ermineskin. It is a prejudice!

November 18, 1954

Mr. Ridgeway comes to inspect the books.

November 22, 1954

Fr. Rhéaume comes to dinner. Recording of Cree hymns.
Inspection of cadets by M. Gagnon.

November 26, 1954

Children go home.

December 3, 1954

Mr. Waller comes to inspect for a few minutes.

December 10, 1954

The children in their family.

14 December 1954

Around 1:25, Waller comes to snoop again. He wants to know the names of the children who passed the grade IX exams in June.

19 December 1954

Christmas concert at 2 p. m. Many, many parents attend. Mr. and Mrs. Wild, Nurse Lamoureux, etc. Children doing very well. Distribution of gifts. Bonco at 7:30.

December 28, 1954

Indian meeting to organize Catholic Indian League. 10 adults.

January 3, 1955

Classes start again. Some children are missing.

January 14, 1955

Children go to their families.

January 16, 1955

The children return.

19 January 1955

Father Allard goes to Wabamun with Joe D. Buffalo. His daughter does not return.

January 28, 1955

Children go for weekend. Fathers Allard and Latour drive the children from Pigeon Lake.

February 14, 1955

Crooks shows films to Cadets.

February 18, 1955

Children go to their families. Father Allard and Father Lafrenière at Pigeon Lake driving a group of children.

February 22, 1955

Several children are absent.

February 25, 1955

Some children go to their families. Film.

February 27, 1955

The children return.

March 5, 1955

Edmonton Indian School children play here; they win by 4-3.

March 7, 1955

Flu epidemic. 118 in bed. Classes closed.

March 8, 1955

Samson's counselors come here for supper after seeing Waller who tells them that the children are going to the public schools! ?

March 17, 1955

Mr. White, School Inspector, comes to visit the older children's class and grade V.

April 17, 1955

Mr. Baril goes to pick up the 3 children from Rivière-qui-Barre. Fr. Allard goes to Pigeon Lake. All children return from Easter vacation.

April 26, 1955

Concert at 8 p. m. in honor of St. George feast. Present at the banquet: Father Provincial, Fathers. G. Michaud, L. Devic, Turcotte of McMurray, Ed Rhéaume, S. Gagnon of Good Fish Lake, P. McMahon of St. Albert, Fr. G. Roussel of Lac Ste Anne, Fr. Prat of Rivière-qui-Barre, Mr. Bourque, Bro. A. Kacel. Many friends attended the concert which was very well performed by the children. All the guests and the Provincial and Principal expressed their great satisfaction. Chiefs Minde and Saddleback spoke to the children and encouraged them in their studies.

April 27, 1955

The same concert was given to the parents. It was snowing; not enough parents.

May 2, 1955

Mr. White, Inspector, arrives at 9.30 a.m.

Annual inspection of cadets at 2 p. m. Major George, Captain Allen Crook, etc. Cadets parading. Good success. All seem satisfied with our Indians.

May 3, 1955

Mr. White finishes his visit today.

May 5, 1955

At 6:30 a.m. arrived Director of Indian Affairs, Mr. Jones. Mr. R. F. Battle and Mr. Wild. Visited the school. We should have been [illegible word] ten years earlier: consultation with interested persons. When a place for day school will be chosen.

May 7, 1955

Cadets go on expedition with Fr. Allard, etc. ...

May 11, 1955

The children go to their families.

May 20, 1955

"Achievement Day" 4-H. Children present a small concert; some parents come.

Mr. Wild, Chief Dan Minde and Francis Bull. The judges, Miss [illegible word], Dixon. They express their very great satisfaction with our children.

May 23, 1955

Cadets paraded to Ponoka, some girls also. Boys received \$10.00. Girls received \$2.50.

May 26, 1955

The Knights of Columbus come to school. A concert is given for them. They were quite surprised at [illegible word] our children. It was a great experience for them and for our children too! Mr. Wild, Chiefs Minde and Cattleman from Montana and 50 guests.

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