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JOUSSARD INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1936

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

Driftpile, Alberta,
March 11th, 1936.

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Sir,

As requested, I beg to submit herewith report of the inquiry held in the death of Agnes Sowan, pupil No. 0155, St Bruno Indian Residential School, which occured October 21st, 1935.

Your obedient servant,

per N. P. L'Heureux,
Indian Agent.

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

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Report of Agnes Lawan. March 5th. 1936

Ag[redacted] Lawan of Lawan River was admitted to St. Bruno Residential School in February 17th 1931 at the age of 6. Health was good at that time.

Child took whooping cough in December 1934. She never regained her former good health, and cough never cleared up entirely.

Began spitting blood in June 1935. Went home for two weeks vacation hoping the change would do her good, but returned in a more debilitated condition.

Sent to Sacred Heart Hospital McLennan October 18th by train, and accompanied by Sister Peter Julian, R. N. who is at present at Wabasca.

Sr Gonzales.
(in charge of the girls.)

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Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of Agnes Dowar, Pupil No. 0155

of the St Bruno's Indian Residential School at Jousaard Alta

who died at McLennan Hospital (place) on Oct 21st 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.

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? December 1934

2. At what time of day? sometime the a afternoon

3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? Sister Superior

4. What means were taken to afford relief? cod liver oil and special diet complete rest in bed.

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

6. When was the doctor called? September last week.

7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? October 18th by train

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.

Failed repeatedly last week

Rev. Paul Serrand
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~~ saw Agnes Sowan ~~from~~ or my previous visits to St Bruno mission 1931 & 1935.

to ..... The immediate cause of death was ..... see Hospital physicians attached report

The contributory cause of death was see Hospital physicians attached report

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:

I visited St. Bruno's school the last week in September 1935. Agnes Sowan had a tooth which was giving her Coonsiderable trouble and I extracted the tooth. Physical examination of her chest suggested Pulmonary Tuberculosis but not in an advanced stage. In my opinion the Pulmonary Tuberculosis followed w hooping cough contracted in Dec 1934

E. L. McIntyre 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 Swan age 9. Swan River Reserve have been recorded? yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

not applicable

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.

H. P. Hemmett
Chairman—Indian Agent.

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DR. W. DESROSIERS
MEDECIN CHIRURGIEN
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
McLENNAN
ALBERTA

McLennan.Alta February 26th 1936

Mr.N.P.L'Heureux Indian Agent.

DriftPile

Alta

Dear Sir

Answering yours of the 22nd instant I beg to state that;

Miss Agnes Sowan female treaty indian was admitted in the Sacred Hospital at McLennan Alta on the 18th of October 1935and that she die on the 21st of the same mounth from tuberculosis of the lungs.

Age 9 years old;T.B.predisposed by birth;Probably specific:
The patient was coughing and spitting blood since june 1935:
The 3rd week of October 1935 the patient getting worst,is brought to the hospital on the 18th of October 1935 after having had a serious heamoptysia the day before.

Examination;Temp.99 3/5 Pulse 100.Resp.24 rate dyspnea.General appearance very poor,patient much underweight.Both lungs,bases and top ,Matity and crepitation,acute congesstion on allsuperfidy of both lungs.
Heart (Soufles a la pointe) bruit de gallop,acute myocarditis.

Treatment;Patient put to bed at compleet rest.Milk diet.Antiflugistine pultaces on chest,camphor in oil.Stokes mixture.Adrenaline in need.Suralimentation (milk only).Aeration and fresh air.

Patient rest till 3'o'clock p.m. on the 18th.when she had a severe heammorragia of the lungs .Ice cap on chest.adrenaline. patient recovers and rest.
19th;pt..rest till3.a.m.then very sever heamorragia again.pt..condition very poor.Pulse 140 Temp. (96 2/5) Heart in acute tachycardia and irregular.Pt.. recover again but very weak.
The 20th. Respiration rapid and irregular.Pt.. slept at long intervalls in the day time and had a better night,
The 21st.Genral A.M. cares camphor in oil./Ice cap on chest. cough mixture. olive oil on chest etc. pt....had a fair day Gen. evening cares pt..resting well till 9 35 o'cLock.Pt..beggin to cough. severe recurrent hemoptysia.Ivisited her very poor condition,no pulse,short breath,she was going Pt...unconscious,at 10 15 o'clock the 21st pt.....expires.

Dr Desrosiers
McLennan
Alta.

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