

KUPER ISLAND INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

121 students were listed on the NCTR website in 2021 as having died at the former Kuper Island Indian Residential School:

<https://nctr.ca/residential-schools/british-columbia/kuper-island/>

Adelina Paul	1900-10-10
Adeline Celestine Jones	1917-10-13
Alfred William	1909-09-07
Allen Jameson	ca. 1941
Aloysius Daniel	1922-05-15
Aloysius Wilson	1920-07-10
Amanda Frenchie	1892-12-01 – 1892-12-31
Amanda James	1909-12-01
Amos Johnson	1906-01-27
Andrew Joseph	1938-05-22
Angus Crocker	1902-01-01 – 1903-12-31
Anna Amie	1918-10-19
Annie Pappenburger	1910-01-01 – 1910-01-31
Annie Tommy	1917-06-23
August Jimmy	1894-03-30
August Tseleokanum	1894-02-04
Belinda Marie Jack	1966-11-17
Bernadette Thomas	ca. 1948-01-01
Beverly Joseph	1959-01-01
Bob Pierre	Not known
Caroline Felix	1966-06-02
Caroline Jacob	1892-12-01 – 1892-12-31
Caroline Williams	1920-04-20
Catherine Jacob	1892-12-01 – 1892-12-31
Catherine Johnny	ca. 1915
Catherine Tom	1911-01-14
Celina Thomas	1900-03-01 – 1900-03-31
Charlie Bob	Not known
Christine Harry	Not known
Clothilda Willie	1901-01-01 – 1902-12-31
Cosmas Ya-Epoutle	1891-08-25
Delphina Theoqualt	1920-01-01
Donalda Philip	1933-03-14
Eddie Bob	Not known
Edgar Basil	1909-08-01

Eline Frenchie	1892-10-18
Eliza Louis	1902-01-01
Eliza Page	1900-06-27
Elizabeth Smith	1937-01-01
Ellen Casimir	1908-04-23
Ellen Moses	ca. 1897
Elmer Hardy	1928-02-29
Emile Keith	1908-04-16
Emily Peter	Not known
Emma Williams	1928-01-05
Etienne Harry	1909-07-01 – 1909-07-31
Eva Hall	1922-05-05
Everest Alex George	1940-05-15 – 1940-06-05
Felix Antoine	1892-05-01 – 1892-05-31
Francois Johnny	1894-01-13
Frank Johnny	1898-09-23
George Baptist	1896-01-01 – 1897-12-31
George George	1897-03-06
George Moses (Kuper Island)	1938-02-01 – 1938-02-10
Harold Araneda	1924-02-14
Harry Johnny	Not known
Henry Johnny	Not known
Henry Willie	1917-08-25
Herbert Gabourie	1898-12-29
Ida Tom	1901-06-18
Jasper Mitchell	1924-03-18
Jeannen Joe	Not known
Jim Baptist	Not known
Joe Edwards	Not known
John Baptist Jim	1909-03-01
Johnny Jack	1898-02-07
Joseph Basil	Not known
Joseph Jacob	ca. 1922-07-01
Josephine Jacob	1895-01-30
Josephine Norris	ca. 1897
Jules Tseleskampten	1895-10-01 – 1895-10-31
Lena Ruben	1919-01-01
Lilly Leo Charlie	1936-10-16
Lizzie Johnny	1924-03-27
Lizzie Joseph Edward	1935-06-06
Louisa Williams	Not known

Lucy O'Sheam	1910-06-29
Lucy Peter Norris	1920-01-01
Mabel Moses	1924-10-31
Maggie Bob	Not known
Margaret Louis	1907-12-30
Maria Mclean	1924-10-28
Marie Thorne	1950-12-02
Martha Phillip	1934-05-23
Mary Agnes Johnston	ca. 1907-01-01
Mary Josie Siah	1922-09-03
Mildred James	1935-10-11
Modest Kosteinagant	1894-08-06
Moise Jim	Not known
Nelson Sophy	1959-01-01
Norma Pauline Frank	1948-06-01 – 1948-06-30
Norman Clarence Aleck	1980-06-24
P. Williams (Kuper Island)	Not known
Patricia Marilyn Joseph	1959-01-17
Patrick Joe	1917-01-30
Peter Siah	1934-01-01
Philip Jack	1910-04-01 – 1910-04-30
Pierre Bob	Not known
Raymond A. Brown	1940-12-29
Richard Thomas	1966-06-02
Rosalie Moses	1923-04-30 or 1923-05-05
Rosalina Johnny	1920-01-01
Rosy Michael David	1942-01-01
Samuel Anghame	1893-05-22
Samuel Whonock	1894-09-25
Simon Gontek	ca. 1894-01-01
Simon Tom	1894-01-01 – 1895-12-31
Sophie Baptist	Not known
Sophie Casimir	Not known
Sophie Joseph	1916-05-13
Stanley Frank	1938-03-11
Stanley Paul	1947-12-31
Theophane Johnny	1894-12-01 – 1894-12-31
Thomas Jim	1906-09-22
Tommy Aleck	Not known
Vera Underwood	Not known
Verneda David	1938-01-01 – 1939-12-31

Veronica Classetow Canute	1917-10-15
William Jones	1928-01-28
William Peter	Not known
Willie Henry	Not known

The above-referenced 121 students are not ‘missing’. They are listed below in the order in which they appear on the NCTR website with the following indications as to source material concerning the date of death, cause of death, and place of burial for each student.

(1) Names followed by an asterisk are students for whom the BC Archives has an online death record, although a microfilmed copy of the full death certificate is not available for viewing online. Where a BC death record exists, a copy of the full death certificate also likely exists, and can be ordered at a cost of \$50 per certificate. BC Archives death records can be searched for here:

<http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy>

(2) Names followed by the letter [C] are students for whom the BC Archives has a copy of the full death certificate which can be viewed online at the link above.

(3) The letters DIA indicate that the student’s death was reported in a Department of Indian Affairs Annual Report. DIA Annual Reports can be accessed here:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/first-nations/indian-affairs-annual-reports/Pages/search.aspx>

(4) The letters [CH] indicate that the student’s name and register number are found on a list sent to the Department of Indian Affairs by the principal of the Kuper Island Indian Residential School on 31 March 1916 for the purpose of following up on the occupational success of the students who had been at the school in the quarter century since its opening. Each student was given an individual register number when he/she entered a residential school, and was tracked every quarter by that number until the student was discharged from the school’s register. For the names and register numbers of 170 boys and 113 girls who were registered at the Kuper Island Indian Residential School between 1890 and 1916, see the Canadiana Heritage site at:

https://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_c13916/1993?r=0&s=5

(5) Italicized names in the list below are student deaths which occurred within the period 1941-1950 for which quarterly returns for Kuper Island IRS are extant and were microfilmed by Library and Archives Canada. To access the quarterly returns, go to this link for LAC c-8777, and insert the number 684:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/mass-digitized-archives/school-files-1879-1953/Pages/item.aspx?PageID=2510372&wbdisable=true>

(6) The student's unique register number at Kuper Island Indian Residential School has been added from the extant quarterly returns and DIA inquiries into student deaths where these are available.

Adelina Paul (1900/10/10), [CH]; register #53 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Adeline Celestine Jones* (1917/10/13), 14 yrs old; d. Sidney

Alfred William (1909/9/7), [CH]; register #120 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Allen Jameson (ca. 1941) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: Quarterly return for 31 March 1941 states that **Allan Lucian Jameson**, register #498, 10 yrs old, Beecher Band, entered school 1 August 1939; quarterly return for 30 June 1941 states left school **21 June 1941**; quarterly return for 30 September 1941 states left school **1 July 1941**; see LAC c-8777-00689, LAC c-8777-00699 and LAC c-8777-00707

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00689>

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00699>

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00707>

Aloysius Daniel (1922/5/15)) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: There is a death record for an Aloysius **Dick**, 16 yrs old, who died on that date at Clemclemaluts Indian Reserve]

Aloysius Wilson* (1920/7/10), 11 yrs old; d. Clemclemaluts Indian Reserve [NB: death record states name was Aloysius **Wilseem**]

Amanda Frenchie (1892/12/1 – 1892/12/31), [CH]; register #10 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Amanda James (1909/12/1), [CH]; register #71 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Amos Johnson (1906/1/27), [CH]; register #128; [C]; 8 yrs old; d. Chemainus; typhoid fever; death certificate signed by doctor; DIA Annual Report dated 30 June 1906 states: *Amos Johnson, caught typhoid fever and, I am sorry to say, died on January 27, in the Chemainus general hospital.* [NB: death record states date of death was 1906/1/22; death certificate appears to state 1906/1/27]

Andrew Joseph* (1938/5/22), 16 yrs old; register #402; d. Quamichan Indian village, Cowichan Indian Reserve [NB: BC death record and DIA inquiry state date of death was 1938/3/22] [NB DIA inquiry says physican was Dr McHaffie] [NB: DIA inquiry

says parents wanted to take him to Duncan but didn't take him to hospital as they were advised to do]

Angus Crocker (1902/1/1 – 1903/12/31), [CH]; register #100 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Anna Amie* (1918/10/19), 15 yrs old; d. Somenos Reserve [NB: death record states date of death was **1919/1/1**)

Annie Pappenburger (1910/1/1 – 1910/1/31), [CH]; register #79; [C]; 16 yrs old; d. Saltspring Island; phthisis (one year); death certificate signed by father [NB: death certificate states name was Annie **Pappenberger**] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1910/1/22] [NB: not identified as a student in death certificate]

Annie Tommy* (1917/6/23), 16 yrs old; d. Tseestch [NB: death record states name was Annie **Thomas**]

August Jimmy (1894/3/30), [CH]; register #8 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

August Tseleokanum (1894/2/4), [CH]; register #2 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Belinda Marie Jack (1966/11/17), [C]; 18 yrs old; d. Tzouhalem Road, Duncan; aspiration of stomach contents due to alcoholic intoxication; autopsy; death certificate signed by aunt and coroner; buried Somenos Cemetery, North Cowichan

Bernadette Thomas (ca. 1948/1/1), [C]; 12 yrs old; register #484; Esquimalt #8 Band; d. Nanaimo Indian Hospital; pulmonary tuberculosis (2 months); death certificate signed by aunt and doctor; buried Indian cemetery, Saanich [NB: death certificate states name was Bernadette **Verndina** Thomas] [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1948/6/22] [NB: quarterly return for 30 September 1942 states Bernadette **J** Thomas, register #484, 7 yrs old, Saanich Band, entered school 1 September 1942; quarterly return for 30 June 1948 states admitted to Nanaimo Hospital 13 April 1948; see LAC c-8777-00735 and c-8777-00943:

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00735>

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00943>

Beverly Joseph (1959/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: She and her sister, **Patricia Marilyn Joseph** (see below), drowned when they stole a boat to try to get to a spirit dance. See personal account by Larry Mackey in *A Dinner at Oblate House*, p. 5: [The Times Colonist] spoke of these two young girls who died at Kuper running away from school. Now certainly, they were very lonely, because of the lack of contact with the family. But this was dance season. Now in the dance season. . . . They would what they called kwanning. They would get into this trance, almost. They were just taken right out of themselves in this trance. They would do anything to get to the dance. Well, it's not only the idea of the dance – as Gerry explained, the spirit dance that is so meaningful in a spiritual and freeing and healing

sense – it's also a very powerful community effect. The native elders and the people get together and they stay up all night long at this. It's a very deeply moving, healing, spiritual, communal thing. So of course the kids wanted to get back. They took my boat – the skiff from the back of my boat – and left. But we could do nothing about that – we knew nothing. We stayed up all night looking for those kids, and went everywhere. I've done that many a night on the open sea. Like this other youngster they speak of: I got him, on the log. Again, [he was trying to get] to the dance at Chaminus Bay. He took off, on a log, and paddled almost all the way to Chemainus Bay, to get to the dance and get home. It's just that urge, the drive. You know?]

See also CBC 8-part podcast, Kuper Island,, Episode 3, 'Sink or Swim', about minute 9:50 at:

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/cbc-podcasts/1062-kuper-island/episode/15915786-e3-sink-or-swim>

Bob Pierre (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #143 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Caroline Felix (1966/6/2) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Caroline Jacob (1892/12/1 – 1892/12/31), [CH]; register #1 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Caroline Williams* (1920/4/20), 16 yrs old; d. Pauquachin Indian Reserve [NB: death record states date of death was 1920/4/26]

Catherine Jacob (1892/12/1- 1892/12/31), [CH]; register #2 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Catherine Johnny (ca. 1915), [CH]; register #106 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Catherine Tom (1911/1/14) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Celina Thomas (1900/3/1 – 1900/3/31), [CH]; register #44 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Charlie Bob* (date of death unknown), 10 yrs old; d. Chemainus [NB: death record states date of death was **1933/1/19**]

Christine Harry (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #25 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Clothilda Willie (1901/1/1 – 1902/12/31), [CH]; register #51 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Cosmas Ya-Epoutle (1891/8/25), [CH]; register #33 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Delphina Theoqualt* (1920/1/1), 13 yrs old; d. Nanaimo Indian Reserve [NB: death record states name was **Delphine Teeochqult**] [NB: death record states date of death was 1920/6/28]

Donalda Philip (1933/3/14) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: There is a death record for a **Mary Donalda Tom**, 9 yrs; d. Chemainus, who died on that date]

Eddie Bob (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Edgar Basil (1909/8/1), [CH]; register #126 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Eline Frenchie (1892/10/18), [CH]; register #9 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Eliza Louis (1902/1/1), [CH]; register #36 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Eliza Page (1900/6/27), [CH]; register #42 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Elizabeth Smith* (1937/1/1), 12 yrs old; d. Tsartlip Indian Reserve [NB: death record states date of death was 1937/3/10]

Ellen Casimir (1908/4/23), [CH]; register #83 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Ellen Moses (ca. 1897), [CH]; register #27 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Elmer Hardy (1928/2/29) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: There is a death record for an Elmer Hardy, 12 yrs old; d. Comox on **1933/1/30**]

Emile Keith (1908/4/16) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Emily Peter (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #49 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Emma Williams (1928/1/5) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Etienne Harry (1909/7/1 – 1909/7/31), [CH]; register #139 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Eva Hall (1922/5/5) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Everest Alex George* (1940/5/15 – 1940/6/5), register #468; 12 yrs old; d. Cowichan Indian Reserve #1 (Clem-clemalutz); sent to hospital, then went home where he died 3 weeks after leaving the school; miliary tuberculosis (doctor's report

says TB in family) [NB: death record states name was Everest **Aleck** George [NB: BC death record and DIA inquiry state date of death was 1940/6/15] [NB

Felix Antoine (1892/5/1 – 1892/5/31), [CH]; register #41 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Francois Johnny (1894/1/13), [CH]; register #42 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Frank Johnny (1898/9/23), [CH]; register #85; [C]; 10 yrs old; d. Somenos; disease of lungs, measles; death certificate signed by registrar; mark of Johnny Pilkwelim (father?) [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1898/9/20]

George Baptist (1896/1/1 – 1897/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] DIA Annual Report dated 30 June 1897 states: *I am sorry, however, that I have to record the death of George Baptist No. 66, who died at home of consumption of the bowels.* [NB: date of death cannot have been later than **30 June** 1897]

George George (1897/3/6), [CH]; register #65 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

George Moses (1938/2/1 – 1938/2/10), register #451; [NB: DIA inquiry states date of death was 1938/3/7] [NB: DIA inquiry states was in Chemainus hospital, then sent home to Westholme Indian Reserve during which time he was under care of Dr Swan in Duncan, died at Halalt Indian Reserve]

Harold Araneda* (1924/2/14), 7 yrs old; d. Chemainus [NB: death record states name was Harold **Arenada**] [NB: death record states date of death was 1924/3/14]

Harry Johnny (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #145; 12 yrs old; d. Kuper Island [NB: death record states date of death was **1940/4/2**]

Henry Johnny (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #54 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Henry Willie* (1917/8/25), 8 yrs old; d. Quamichan Indian Reserve

Herbert Gabourie (1898/12/29), [CH]; register #91 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Ida Tom (1901/6/18), [CH]; register #32 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Jasper Mitchell (1924/3/18) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Jeannen Joe (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #82 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Jim Baptist (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: There is a death record for a **Jimmie** Baptist, 21 yrs old, d. Kuper Island on **1929/10/21**; unlikely to have been a student at that age]

Joe Edwards (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: There is a death certificate for a **Joseph Gerald** Edwards of Kuper Island; fisherman; 21 yrs old; d. Trincomali Channel (drowned after falling from boat) on **1963/3/17**; buried Union Cemetery, Saltspring Island; unlikely to have been a student at that age]

John Baptist Jim (1909/3/1), [CH]; register #124 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Johnny Jack (1898/2/7), [CH]; register #73 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Joseph Basil (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Joseph Jacob (ca. 1922/7/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Josephine Jacob (1895/1/30), [CH]; register #17 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Josephine Norris (ca. 1897), [CH]; register #33 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Jules Tseleskampten (1895/10/1 – 1895/10/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Lena Ruben (1919/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Lilly Leo Charlie* (1936/10/16), register #385; 10 yrs old; d. Chemainus hospital; tuberculous meningitis [NB: death record states name was Lilly Charlie]

Lizzie Johnny* (1924/3/27), 15 yrs old; d. Pauquachin Indian Reserve

Lizzie Joseph Edward* (1935/6/6), register #344; 15 yrs old; d. Chemainus hospital; miliary tuberculosis [NB: BC death record states name was Lizzie Edward] [NB: BC death record states date of death was 1935/6/7] [NB: one document in DIA inquiry states date of death was **6 May** 1935; however doctor's report in DIA inquiry states date of death was **6 June** 1935]

Louisa Williams (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #73 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Lucy O'Sheam (1910/6/29) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Lucy Peter Norris (1920/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Mabel Moses (1924/10/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: There is a death record for a Mabel **Semo**, 14 yrs old; d. Chemainus Bay, who died on that date]

Maggie Bob (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Margaret Louis (1907/12/30), [CH]; register #85 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Maria Mclean (1924/10/28) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Marie Thorne (1950/12/2), [C]; 11 yrs old; register #550; Somenos Band #34; d. Chemainus Hospital, North Cowichan; rheumatic fever (other contributing causes listed); death certificate signed by father and doctor; buried North Cowichan Indian Reserve Cemetery, Somenos [NB: quarterly return for 31 December 1950 states that Marie Thorne, register #550; 12 yrs old; Somenos Band; entered school 1 September 1950; died 2 December 1950; see LAC c-8777-01014:

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-01014>

Martha Phillip (1934/5/23) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: The death of Martha **Philip**, register #349, is mentioned in a letter dated 17 July 1934 from Philip Phelan, Superintendent of Indian Education, to H. Graham, Indian Agent. See LAC c-8777-00621 at:

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8778-00621>

Mary Agnes Johnston (c. 1907/1/1), [CH]; register #80 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Mary Josie Siah (1922/9/3) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Mildred James (1935/10/11) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Modest Kosteinagant (1894/8/6), [CH]; register #4 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Moise Jim (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #27 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Nelson Sophy (1959/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Norma Pauline Frank (1948/6/1 – 1948/6/30), [C]; 13 yrs old; register #465; Comox Band; d. Nanaimo Indian Hospital; pulmonary tuberculosis (3 months); death certificate signed by stepfather and doctor; buried Indian cemetery, Comox [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1948/6/9] [NB: quarterly return for 31 March 1948 states N. Pauline Frank, register #465, entered school 1 September 1946; name does not appear in following quarter; see LAC c-8777-00933:

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00933>

Norman Clarence Aleck (1980/6/24), [C]; 17 yrs old; d. Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria; peritonitis (at home, drinking, handling gun, discharged in his stomach); amended to 'suicide with .22 calibre rifle, unnatural misadventure'; death certificate signed by grandfather; buried Shell Beach Cemetery (Ladysmith) [NB: death certificate states name was **Clarence Norman Aleck**]

P. Williams (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Patricia Marilyn Joseph (1959/1/17), [C]; 14 yrs old; drowned Chemainus Bay (lost from open boat); autopsy; death certificate signed by mother and coroner; buried St Ann's Catholic Church Cemetery, North Cowichan

Patrick Joe* (1917/1/30), 9 yrs old; d. Kuper Island

Peter Siah* (1934/1/1), 11 yrs old; d. Vancouver [NB: death record states date of death was 1934/6/25] [NB: LAC c-8778-00681, 682 state Peter Siah, register #340, died at home during the holidays:

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8778-00681>

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8778-00682>

Philip Jack (1910/4/1 – 1919/4/30), [CH]; register #135 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Pierre Bob (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Raymond A. Brown* (1940/12/29), 9 yrs old; register #503; d. Chemainus Hospital; meningitis tuberculosis [NB: DIA inquiry: *Child has always been sickly: During holidays was sent to an Indian home other than his own, his father not taking proper care of him, and as consequence was never fed sufficiently: Rev. John Camirand, Principal*] [NB: DIA inquiry states name was Raymond **Abraham** Brown]

Richard Thomas (1966/6/2), [C]; 16 yrs old; d. gym, Kuper Island Residential School; strangulation (hung himself); autopsy; death certificate signed by father and coroner; buried Westholme Indian Cemetery [NB: death certificate states name was Richard **Murphy Alan** Thomas] [NB: CBC 8-part podcast, Kuper Island, contains many factual errors: <https://www.cbc.ca/mediacentre/bio/duncan-mccue>]

Rosalie Moses (1923/4/30 or 1923/5/5) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Rosalina Johnny (1920/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Rosy Michael David (1942/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED] [NB: quarterly return for 31 December 1941 states that Rosy M. David, register #475,

7 yrs old, Chemainus Band, entered school 15 October 1941; quarterly return for 30 June 1942 states 'Left June 20th, Fishing'; did not return to school; see LAC c-8777-00711, c-8777-00727 and c-8777-00735:

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00711>

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00727>

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00735>

Samuel Anghame (1893/5/22), [CH]; register #48 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Samuel Whonock (1894/9/25) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Simon Gontek (ca. 1894/1/1) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Simon Tom (1894/1/1 – 1895/12/31), [CH]; register #18; DIA Annual Report dated 30 June 1895 states: *I am sorry that I have to record the death of our senior pupil, Simon. On the 12th of May he had an attack of pleurisy and his parents insisted upon treating him at home, where he died on the 18th of May.* [NB: date of death was **1895/5/18**] [NB: See also letter dated 20 May 1895 from principal to A.W. Vowell, RG10, Volume 1346, Canadiana Heritage website] [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Sophie Baptist (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #103 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Sophie Casimir (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #108 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Sophie Joseph (1916/5/13) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Stanley Frank* (1938/3/11), 12 yrs old; register #437; d. St Joseph's Hospital, Comox; tubercular meningitis [NB: DIA inquiry says was attended by Dr J McKee]

Stanley Paul (1947/12/31), [C]; 13 yrs old; register #514; Tsartlip Band; d. Coqualeetza Indian Hospital, Sardis; myocardial infarction (other contributing causes listed); death certificate signed by doctor; buried Coqualeetza Indian Hospital Cemetery, Chilliwack [NB: death certificate states date of death was 1947/6/11] [NB: quarterly return for 31 March 1941 states Stanley Paul, register #514, 7 yrs old, entered school 14 February 1941; quarterly return for 31 December 1946 states '514 former pupil in Sardis Hospital'; see LAC c-8777-00689 and LAC c-8777-00879:

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00689>

<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=img&app=microform&id=c-8777-00879>

Theophane Johnny (1894/12/1 – 1894/12/31), [CH]; register #37 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Thomas Jim (1906/9/22), [CH]; register #125 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Tommy Aleck (date of death unknown), [CH]; register #170 [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Vera Underwood (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Verneda David (1938/1/1 – 1939/12/31) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Veronica Classetow Canute (1917/10/15) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

William Jones (1928/1/28) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

William Peter (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Willie Henry (date of death unknown) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Excerpts concerning student health, student deaths and school conditions at the Kuper Island Residential School from the Department of Indian Affairs Annual Reports

1890

The schools started at Kuper Island in the Cowichan Agency, on Vancouver Island, and at Kamloops, on the mainland, are very much appreciated by the natives, and will undoubtedly do much good. . . .

Early in June, during Mr. Inspector Macrae's visit the industrial school on Kuper Island was opened. At first there was considerable friction - parents uneasy about their children - boys running away; but on my last visit I found things working, not only smoothly, but successfully. A great amount of work has been done by the boys in clearing the surroundings of the buildings, making roads and other improvements, and they also show a wonderful aptitude in learning. Some are already able to do difficult sums in arithmetic. **All seem happy and contented.** The buildings are kept clean and tidy; indeed, great credit is due to the Rev. Father Donckele, the Principal, and to the foreman, Mr. Donahue, for the excellent manner in which they have managed the boys, who a few months ago **were under no parental control whatever** and merely followed the usages of their tribes.

1891

The Kuper Industrial Schools, which were opened last year, have so far been successful, and under the Rev. Father Donckele's management all seem happy and contented. At first there was a tendency to run away on the part of the boys, and to

make complaints on the part of parent, but at present there are **more applications for admission than we have room for. . . .**

The health of the children was very good until the beginning of the summer, when the epidemic commonly called "la grippe" made its appearance at the school. Thirteen children suffered from that disease; happily **all have recovered under the careful treatment of the matron, Sister Mary Joachim. . . .**

Our greatest difficulty at present consists in making the children speak English. Although they understand a good deal of it, **they are always inclined to speak the Indian dialect amongst themselves.**

1892

The Kuper Industrial Schools, which have now been opened for two years, have proved a great success; at first, as before reported the boys could not stand confinement and several ran away, but the action of the principal in not allowing any of these to return had a wonderful effect, and now it is considered a great favour to be admitted and **were the school twice the size it could be filled in a week. . . .**

Health.

During the year several pupils suffered from scrofulous complaints and two West Coast boys from congestion of the lungs; **these last did not recover.** At present the health of the pupils is very satisfactory.

1893

Last year the vacation extended from the 4th of July to the 13th of August, and it proved how much the school is valued by the fact that **on re-opening day every pupil was present, though some had to come about sixty miles,** having been employed on the Fraser River canneries. . . .

Health.

The health of the children in general has been good.

1894

Health.

The general health of the pupils has been good. Six of our boys had an attack of "la grippe," **five of them were treated at the school and recovered, but one was taken home for treatment by his father and died.**

1895

Notwithstanding the fact that many Indians of this coast suffer from pulmonary and scrofulous diseases, yet the health in general has been good. I am sorry that I have to record the death of our senior pupil, **Simon.** On the 12th of May he had an attack of pleurisy and his parents insisted upon treating him **at home, where he died on the 18th of May. It is greatly to be regretted that as soon as a pupil gets sick his parents withdraw him from the school and expose him to die from the want of proper nursing.**

1896

Religious Instruction. - Religious instruction is regularly imparted to the pupils. Their conduct was satisfactory, with the exception of one, who is incorrigible, and three who in the month of November last **attempted to set fire to the buildings**; these boys, when questioned as to the reason for their misbehaviour, said: "We have done so because **we were informed that henceforth the holidays would be abolished.**"

Discipline. - The discipline laid down in the regulations of the department was strictly carried out, and for punishment for occasional infractions **moral persuasion seemed to have better effect than any kind of corporal punishment.**

Health. - The general health of the pupils was better than ever before; although in the fall of the year we were visited by all epidemic of measles, and later on by the whooping-cough, and nearly one-half of the pupils were stricken down with these complaints. They all recovered, owing, no doubt, to the **skilful nursing they received from the hands of the Sisters.**

1897

Health and Sanitary Condition. - The standard of health of the pupils seems to improve. **The new pupils have first to pass a medical examination before they are admitted.** I am sorry, however, that I have to record the death of **George Baptist No. 66, who died at home** of consumption of the bowels. Very careful attention has to be paid to the health of our scholars, as the stamina of their constitution seems to be much weaker than that of white children. Although they all look well and healthy, still the least little complaint is likely to bring on serious sickness and to endanger their lives.

The sanitary condition of a school is now very good; underground drains to carry off the water from the kitchen, laundry and lavatory to the sea, have been constructed, and the ventilation of the dormitories and school-rooms is carefully attended to.

1898

Attendance. - During the year thirty-eight boys and twenty girls were on the roll. Eighteen new pupils were admitted; seven were discharged with the consent of Mr. Superintendent Vowell, and **three died at home** of consumption.

1899

Much good is being done at the Kuper island school where several trades are taught; great credit is due to the Rev. Father Donckele, the principal, and his assistants, the Sisters of St. Ann, who although exceeding the number of pupils for which he obtains per capita grant, still has a **great number of applications for admission** which can not be entertained owing to want of accommodation.

Health and Sanitary Condition. - In the month of August the measles epidemic visited the school. Twelve of our pupils caught the disease, but **all recovered.** Apart from this epidemic the health of the pupils was good.

The sanitary condition of the school is well looked after; the sewerage drains are kept in good order and the ventilation of the dormitories and school-rooms is carefully attended to.

1900

Conduct. - The conduct of all the pupils has been exceptionally good.

Health and Sanitary Condition. - On the whole, the health of the pupils has been good. This year the **sanitary condition of the school has again been improved**, four new patent Philadelphia hoppers were placed on the upper and lower floors, with a regular sewerage drain of vitrified pipes, to the sea. The spacious dormitories and school rooms are **carefully ventilated**.

1901

Health and Sanitary Condition. - I regret to have to report that during the Year **one pupil died at the school and three died at home**, where they had been for a long time on sick leave. We were also visited by an epidemic of mumps from which almost every pupil suffered, and we had two cases of pleurisy and two of pneumonia, which were **successfully treated at the school**.

1902

Accommodation. - The school can accommodate comfortably seventy-five pupils and eight officers.

Attendance. - The average attendance during the year was a fraction over sixty-two.

Class-room Work. - The work in the school-rooms has been very gratifying. The monthly written and oral examinations which were introduced this year, seemed to stimulate the pupils' ambition. . . .

Health and Sanitation. - The health of the pupils was good. **No deaths occurred**, and with one or two exceptions, none were seriously sick. **The sanitary condition is now almost perfect**. The ventilation of the schoolrooms and dormitories is carefully attended to, and the premises are kept scrupulously clean. . . .

Recreation. - Baseball, football, swimming and boating are the principal outdoor amusements of the boys. They continue to take great delight in their band practices. The girls enjoy skipping, swinging and handball. The indoor games for all consist of chess, checkers, dominoes, lotto and picture puzzles.

1903

Health and Sanitation. - The health of the pupils was remarkably good, in fact it has never been better. We had **not a single case of serious sickness**. This excellent state of health, is no doubt due to the good ventilation of the buildings and the improvement of our sewer system, which was so wisely approved by the department.

1904

Health and Sanitation. - On the whole the health of the pupils was good; however, two boys were discharged upon the doctor's advice and **one of them died at home** of consumption, that dreadful disease so prevalent amongst Indians. One girl, whilst attending to the fire in the kitchen, ignited her clothes and got terribly scorched; she was for several months in the **Chemainus General Hospital** and is now well again. Another girl suffered from inflammatory rheumatism. The sanitary condition of the school is very satisfactory.

1905

Health and Sanitation. - The general health of the pupils has been very good. **No deaths occurred during the year**, however, a few children suffered from scrofula and two from incipient tuberculosis. The sanitary condition of the school is excellent and the buildings are properly ventilated.

1906

Health and Sanitation. - During the year two pupils suffered from erysipelas, an epidemic of measles visited the school and prostrated about 30 of our scholars; a few children were also afflicted with scrofula; I had to be sent home on account of repeated attacks of inflammatory rheumatism; **our smallest boy, Amos Johnson, caught typhoid fever and, I am sorry to say, died on January 27, in the Chemainus general hospital.** The sanitary condition of the school is good, the sewerage is excellent and the buildings are properly ventilated.

1907

Health and Sanitation. - The health of the children has been very good during winter. One little girl **became ill soon after her arrival at school and died at home.** One boy suffered from pleurisy, but soon recovered; another boy lost by accident his left eye. The sanitary condition of the school might be improved as far as the location of the buildings is concerned. The buildings are fairly well ventilated, and the sewerage is in good order.

1908

Health and Sanitation. - The health of the children was very good, **One boy showing symptoms of consumption was sent home; a little girl, by imprudence of the parents, developed serious heart trouble and died at home.** The sanitary condition of the buildings - as good as such old structures allow - is wanting in many respects. Ventilation and sewerage have been provided for, as well as could be done under the present circumstances.

General Remarks. - **The Very Rev. Father Donckele, who for 17 years as principal of the school, devoted himself to the welfare of the Indian children, died May 30, 1907. According to his wish, his burial took place at Kuper island. An immense crowd of Indians and whites of all denominations came to testify to their grief and veneration for the departed.**

A proof that the industrial school has become very popular among the Indians of the district is the fact that many **parents, who once were reluctant, now are very anxious to have their children educated at our school**, and many Roman Catholic children **had to be turned away**, or delayed, for want of space and sufficient grant.

1909

The Indians throughout this agency have done fairly well during the past year, always getting good wages. **One of the ex-pupils of the Kuper Island industrial school finds steady employment as an engineer in a local saw-mill, another is engaged as teacher at the Tsawout day school, and giving very good satisfaction.**

While under quarantine, during the epidemic of small-pox, their conduct was very satisfactory.

The work of the industrial and day schools is much appreciated by the Indians, many of the ex-pupils, by their exemplary lives, have an elevating influence upon the other Indians.

The death-rate was lower than in the former year, the principal cause of death being tuberculosis. . . .

Location. - This school is situated on Telegraph bay, on the southwest side of Kuper island, about 5 miles from Chemainus station, on Vancouver island. The scenery of the bay, sheltered on three sides, widening southward into Stuart channel, with a blue mountain range for background, is truly magnificent.

Land. - The land in connection with the school was surrendered by the Penelakut Indians, and forms **part of the Kuper Island reserve.** It extends over an almost square area of 70 acres. Most of it is under cultivation. The soil is good and suitable for mixed farming. . . .

Attendance. - During the year 89 different pupils were in attendance. The average attendance was 75. Two pupils were discharged with the consent of Superintendent Vowell. Eight new pupils were admitted. **One girl, 12 years old, died at the school from meningitis, and one boy, sent home on account of tubercular symptoms, died lately. . . .**

Health and Sanitation. - The **health of the children was very good.** We had a mild and short-lived epidemic of whooping-cough last summer, and of itch this winter. The **sanitary condition of the buildings, although attended to with great care,** is yet wanting in many respects, on account of defective old buildings and their location.

1910

Saanich.

The attendance at this school is also poor, the Indians showing very little interest in the education of their children. The inspector and the agent have impressed upon them the necessity of keeping their children in regular attendance, and it is hoped that their efforts will meet with success. **The teacher, Mr. Daniel Dick, is a graduate of the Kuper Island industrial school,** and is competent to do good work, but it is impossible to attain any measure of success under present conditions. . . .

Quamichan (Roman Catholic).

Miss Magdalene Wilson, a native and graduate of the Kuper Island industrial school, was in charge of this school up to January 24, last, when she was succeeded by Miss Lilly Frumento. . . .

Quamichan (Methodist).

A grant has been allowed this school only since July 1, 1909, although it has been in operation for some years. An inspection was made on January 13, 1910. **The present teacher, Miss Josephine Johnny, is a graduate of Kuper Island industrial school,** and the inspector reports that very fair progress is being made. . . .

Quamichan Day School (Roman Catholic).

Inspected January 13, 1910. There were 24 children of school age, of whom 19 were enrolled, with an average attendance of 9. Eight were present at inspection. **Magdalen Wilson, an ex-pupil of Kuper Island industrial school, is the teacher, and was doing very well. . . .**

Cowichan Day School (Methodist).

Inspected January, 1910. Number present at inspection, 14. Number on the roll, 16, and an average attendance of 10. **The teacher is Miss Josephine Johnny, a graduate of the Kuper Island industrial school.** She had only been teaching a short time, but was doing nicely. . . .

Saanich Day School (Roman Catholic).

Daniel Dick, from the Kuper Island industrial school, is the teacher. Of the 20 children that should attend, 10 were enrolled, with an average attendance of 4. I found only one present. **With the teacher I visited every house and told them that unless they sent their children, the school would have to be closed.** As some of the men were absent from the village, I arranged for a meeting, when Mr. Agent Robertson would be present. **The meeting was held and the Indians promised to see that their children attend more regularly. . . .**

Health and Sanitation. - The **health of the children was exceptionally good** since last summer.

1911

Kuper Island Industrial School (Roman Catholic)

Inspected April, 1910, and February, 1911

One girl died in January of consumption. The others all appeared to be healthy.

I met some of the ex-pupils at Victoria, two at Saanich and three at Cowichan; these were doing well. But at Duncan I heard of four boys who had been in trouble through drink.

Saanich Day School (Roman Catholic)

Inspected January 26, 1911. **The teacher, Daniel Dick, is a graduate from Kuper Island industrial school.** There are fourteen children of school age, eleven being enrolled. The average for the quarter before my visit was only a fraction over two. **I saw the Indians and they again asked that the school should not be closed,** and promised to see that their children attend more regularly. The pupils present had made a little progress, but very little. . . .

Kuper Island Industrial School (Roman Catholic).

I visited this school on December 19, 1910. Rev. D. Claessen is the principal in charge.

The only method of ventilating the building is by means of leaving the windows open to permit of a supply of fresh air.

The general health of the pupils during the past year is reported by the principal to have been good. . . .

As it would take a large amount of money to do the necessary alterations and repairs to these buildings, it would be much more desirable to build a new and modern school, with accommodation for 90 or 100 pupils. A school with accommodation for the number of pupils above mentioned, should meet all requirements of the Cowichan agency for many years. . . .

East Saanich Day School (Roman Catholic).

I visited this school on February 24, 1911. The school is situated on the Tsawout Indian reserve, and **Daniel Dick, an ex-pupil of the Kuper Island industrial school, is the teacher.** . . .

Report of Reverend D. Claessen, Principal of the Industrial School, Kuper Island

Attendance. - During the year 76 pupils were in attendance. The average attendance was 74. Four pupils were formally discharged, 6 pupils were admitted. . . .

Health and Sanitation. - The **health of the children was good**, especially among the boys this last winter.

Recreation. - The boys are very fond of basketball and football and played many games against the best aggregations of white. We ascribe their very good health this year to their continual exercise in these games. The girls amuse themselves skipping, playing ball, boating and bathing, when the weather is suitable. We had occasional concerts with recitations, songs and drills. The boys have a very good brass band and gave selections at exhibitions. Some girls show taste and skill in piano playing.

1912

Quamichan (Roman Catholic).

Miss Douglas resigned her position during the past year and **Mr. Archie Alexander, an ex-pupil of Kuper Island school, who has had no experience as a teacher, was placed in charge.** An effort will be made to obtain the services of a competent teacher. . . .

Kuper Island Industrial School (Roman Catholic).

I visited this school on January 23, 1912 . . .

There were 66 pupils on the register - 37 boys and 29 girls, the grant being for 60. Since my last visit about 14 pupils have been discharged, which has relieved, to quite an extent, the overcrowded state in the girls' dormitory.

The pupils were all making good progress in their studies, and all have enjoyed good health during the past year. **There were no deaths, and the only sickness among them were two light cases of pneumonia.** . . .

Accommodation. - The institution can accommodate from 75 to 80 pupils.

Attendance. - During the year 77 pupils were in attendance. The average attendance was 66; 9 pupils were formally discharged, and 6 admitted. . . .

Health and Sanitation. - A great improvement is noticeable in the health of the children within the past two years. The principles of hygiene in the matter of nutrition, clothing, exercise and ventilation have been closely adhered to.

1913

In this agency there is one industrial school situated on Kuper island, distant from Chemainus on Vancouver island, five miles. Rev. P. Claessen, the principal resigned on the 1st April, 1912, and was succeeded by Rev. A. Urlings. . . .

The conduct of some of the pupils at this school during the year has not been satisfactory and on account of their conduct **a number of them were expelled** from the school. Satisfactory progress was made by the other pupils in the various branches of their studies. **In regard to the ex-pupils** the conduct of some of them has been very satisfactory, then on the other hand the education obtained by some is not used to any advantage, they simply follow the Indian mode of life and **might be termed misfits on the reserve**. . . .

I visited the Kuper Island industrial school on October 24. This school is now in charge of Rev. August Urlings, S.M.M., as principal. . . .

There were 61 pupils on the roll - 33 boys and 28 girls; the grant is for 60. Since my visit in October, 8 of the pupils have been **expelled from the school for breaking out of their dormitories at night**. Four of these were expelled in October, and again 4 were dismissed late in the month of January.

The principal reported that the pupils had been making very good progress with their studies. **Three of the pupils who had been sent to their homes earlier in the year had since died**. Two of these had been quite young. Generally, the health of the pupils had been good.

The buildings were in a poor state of repair, and it is of the utmost importance that they should, at an early date, be **replaced by a new and modern school capable of accommodating at least 100 pupils**. . . .

Health and Sanitation. - **The general health of the children has been very good**. From a sanitary point of view our present buildings are very deficient. By looking well after ventilation and keeping the rooms very clean, we try to obviate as much as possible these defects, inherent to the buildings.

1914

The principal of this school is the Rev. W. Lemmens, who is assisted by a devoted staff.

The pupils have made very satisfactory progress during the past year.

A new building will be erected here in the near future. . . .

When the new school is completed and in operation it will do much to enhance the department's educational system in the Cowichan agency, as there has been for some time past considerable prejudice existing amongst the Indians against the old school on account of **so many deaths having occurred among the pupils, and for this reason they have been very loath to have their children committed to the institution.**

The present buildings are poorly ventilated. There is, however, a good sewerage system and a plentiful water-supply.

The Progress made by the pupils had been fair during the first six months of the year. The general health of the pupils had been all that could be desired and **no deaths had occurred up to that time.**

1915

During the past year, the staff has been handicapped owing to the poor condition of the school buildings, but **the new school, being erected by the department, will soon be completed. The new buildings are situated on a hill overlooking Stuart Channel and they will be finished with all modern conveniences. . . .**

Conditions at the Kuper Island industrial school, the principal of which is Rev. W. Lemmens, have been very favourable during the past year.

There has been an average of 63 pupils, 30 boys and 33 girls on the register. The school receives a grant for 60 pupils. The children have been making excellent progress in their studies during the year and **have enjoyed first-class health. There have been no deaths amongst the pupils. . . .**

A new and up-to-date school is now in the course of construction to take the place of the old building, which was erected in 1892. **The new building is expected to be completed by June 1 next and will have a capacity for 100 pupils. When completed the principal anticipates that there will be no difficulty in obtaining the full number of pupils for which the school has accommodation.**

1916

At this school, the principal of which is Rev. W. Lemmens, the pupils have been making good progress during the past year. . . The pupils **enjoyed splendid health** during the whole of the year, notwithstanding the fact that the weather, during the months of January and February, was very severe. The school receives a grant for sixty pupils and **this number has been kept up continuously.**

Before the present month is closed, the pupils will be transferred to the **new school**, when it is expected that the grant will be increased to at least seventy-five, though the school building has a capacity for 100 pupils. The furniture is being placed in the new school at the time of writing. First-class equipment has been procured for both the classrooms and manual training rooms.

The water-supply for the new school is now beyond any question of doubt.

1917
[WWI. No detailed report.]

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