

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Division " F " Sub-Division REGINA. Detachment BALCARRES.
Province SASK. Date November. 25th. 1939.

File References

Re: Reginald KEEWATIN -(Indian) Juvenile)
Attempted Suicide (270) File Hills Residential
School, Balcarres Dist, Sask. (Asst to Dept of
Mines & Resources (Indian Affairs Branch)

(BALCARRES DETACHMENT CASE)

25-11-39.

Headquarters

1. Relative the above Mr F. Rhodes, Principal of the above school called at this office this p.m. stating that on Friday last during his absence from the school the above named youth had attempted to take his life by hanging, he had however been found in time and no damage to him had occurred.

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2. I patrolled at 6.30 p.m. by pte auto to the said school for the purpose of making investigation, Mr Rhodes produced this lad who had been under guard since the attempt, I questioned this lad as to why he had attempted to take his life, he stated that he did it because he wanted to leave school and that he was mistreated, he later denied this and stated he did it because he wanted to cause trouble and that he had not been mistreated.

Detachment

3. Information obtained at the school was to the effect that Keewatin ran away from the school on Nov. 17th and was returned to the school by his parents on Nov. 21st, he ran away again at 5.30 p.m. that night and his parents reported him at home on the 23rd inst, he was then brought back to school by the staff and kept in his room, on Friday morning one of the staff sent a boy to Keewatin's room to get the dishes he had used when eating, the boy found Keewatin in the bathroom trying to hang himself, he was taken down by Mr Ganner and has since been kept under guard.

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4. Undoubtably there is a movement on foot through the students at this school to cause trouble, the seat of the trouble is unknown, it does not appear that this lad intended to take his life, he states himself he did it to cause trouble

5. Mr Rhodes is going to have Dr Simes make an examination of this lad and no doubt he will be removed to the hospital at Fort Qu'Appelle, due to his age it appears that such is the only action to be taken, however it is suggested that these boys should not be returned to this school, they should if possible be sent elsewhere.

6. For reference see report re: Kenneth STONECHILD, Indian Juvenile, Attempted Suicide at the above school, this boy has since been returned to the school but runs away repeatedly.

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EXPENSE INCURRED, Shown on Form. 93
Period. Nov. 16/30th. 1939.

A/L/Cpl.

Reg. No. 10173. C. Mears.
i/o Balcarres Detachment.

The O.C. R.C.M.P.
Regina Sub Division.
Sir: Forwarded.

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(Asst to Dept of Mines & Resources) (Indian
Affairs Branch)

The O.C., R.C.M.P.,
"F" Division,
REGINA, Sask.

Forwarded for your information and in reference to
your memo dated the 29th ultimo. This is the second case of
attempted suicide by Juveniles at this school. Previous case
is that mentioned in paragraph 6 hereof. Kindly note contents
of paragraphs 4 and 5 hereof.

Extra copies attached for the information of the
Department of Mines and Resources, Indian Affairs Branch.

5-12-39
DJM:HS

C. Rivett-Carnac, Inspector
Commanding Regina Sub-Division

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