

On a Report dated 17<sup>th</sup> of October 1892, from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs stating that it is advisable to make a change in the manner of carrying on those Industrial Schools in the North West that are wholly supported by the Government. The cost of these Institutions is larger, it is thought, than that for which they might be conducted, and with a view to more economical management it is advisable and necessary to adopt some method which would relieve the pressure of the present expenditure.

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expenditure, and at the same time keep the schools up to an equal standard of efficiency and usefulness.

The Minister considers that when the whole cost of an Institution is directly borne by the Government the same economy by those in immediate charge is not used as would be employed under other conditions; demands under the present system, are frequently made for articles and supplies, whereas if the amount to be expended were to take the form more of an Annual per capita grant more effort in the

the way of economizing would be made.

The Minister states that the actual cost to the Government, as shown under the head of Industrial Schools, does not represent the total expenditure which the present system entails, as there is a small expense in the purchasing and inspection of supplies to be added.

The accounts for the past year (1890.91) show that the per capita cost of each child at the Industrial Schools under consideration was:

Di' Appelle	_____	\$ 134.67.
Baltimore	_____	175.45.
		<u>High</u>

Bigu River \_\_\_\_\_ \$185.55.

The rate per capita, it is thought, is higher than it would be if a prudent system of economy were exercised. And that the best way to effect the desired decrease would be to place the schools under a per capita grant system similar to that now in operation at Elkton and St. Pauls under the Church of England, <sup>Authorities</sup> St. Boniface and Kootenay under the Roman Catholic Church, <sup>Authorities</sup>. The per capita system under which these schools are operated by the religious bodies has been found to work satisfactorily.

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The Minister therefore recommends that at the following be applied to the Industrial Schools in operation in the North West Territories, and to such other similar Institutions as may hereafter be established, as soon as, in the opinion of the Indian Department, said Institutions are in proper running order, at rates to be fixed upon as being fair and just, viz:-

The buildings are to be kept in repair jointly by the Government and the management, the former to furnish the material and the latter

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to perform the labour.

All books and appliances, that is, maps, globes &c for educational purposes, to be provided by the Government.

All charges for maintenance, salaries and expenses to be paid by the management, out of the per capita grant.

The management not, in any event, to charge children or their parents for being allowed to attend such institutions.

The Government to pay to the management an annual grant for each pupil up to the number authorized by the

the Indian Department as represented by the Commissioners at the following rates:-

De'Appelle _____	\$115. 00.
Regina _____	120. 00.
Battleford _____	140. 00.
High River _____	130. 00.

For this consideration the management shall agree to conform to the rules of the Indian Department, as laid down from time to time, and to keep the schools at a certain standard of instruction, dietary and domestic comfort, and that the Inspectors and Officers of the Indian Department may at any time inspect and

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Report upon the Institutions.

Payment to be made only for children authorized by the Commissioner to be admitted, and in accordance with the scale now governing payments to schools under the per capita system, which may be altered from time to time to suit circumstances, and no children, white or Indian, are to be admitted save under authority of the Commissioner.

The Minister deems it desirable to put this system into operation after a reasonable time is given to the Church authorities, and  
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He recommends that the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1893 be fixed as the date upon which the per capita allowances shall commence to be payable.

The Committee submit the above for Your Excellency's approval.

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Approved Oct 22/92

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