



Beyond Indian Hospitals

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CBC INVESTIGATES | 'Canadians would be shocked': Survivors, lawyers describe treatment at Nanaimo Indian Hospital

Thousands were sent to be treated for tuberculosis, but many allege they were abused

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Children are shown attending class at the Nanaimo Indian Hospital in a CBC-TV story from 1964. (CBC Archives)

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Sharon Whonnock's first childhood memory is being transferred from her home in northern Vancouver Island to Nanaimo Indian Hospital in the early 1950s, where she said she spent nearly a decade tied to a bed for almost 24

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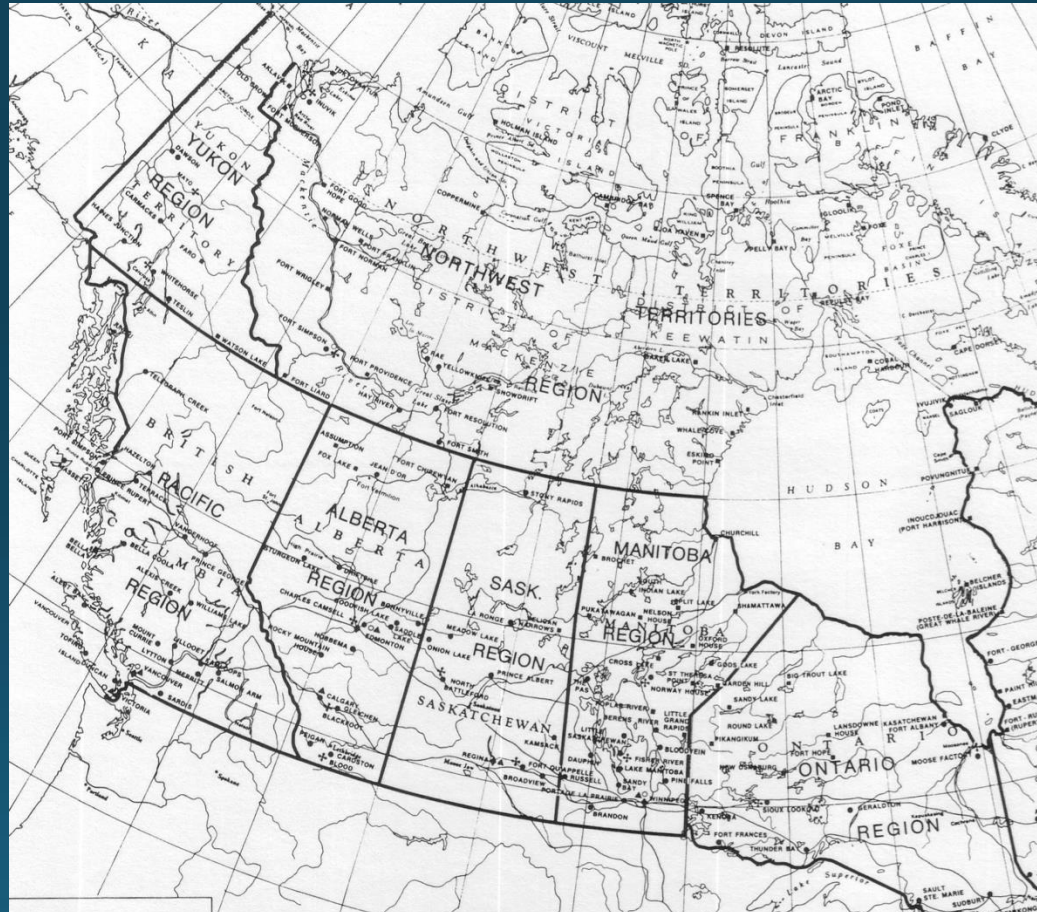


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1945: Indian Health Services



Indian Hospitals

IHS Indian Hospital Facilities in Western Canada, 1947

Indian Hospital	Province	Number of Beds
Dynevor Hospital	Manitoba	50
Fisher River Hospital	Manitoba	30
Fort Alexander Hospital	Manitoba	20
Clearwater Lake Hospital	Manitoba	78
Norway House Hospital	Manitoba	22
Fort Qu'Appelle Hospital	Saskatchewan	68
Peigan Hospital	Alberta	10
Sarcee Hospital	Alberta	n/a
Morley Hospital	Alberta	13
Blackfoot Hospital	Alberta	40
Charles Camsell Hospital	Alberta	310
Blood Hospital	Alberta	45
Coqualeetza Hospital	BC	200
Nanaimo Hospital	BC	210
Miller Bay Hospital	BC	150

**Data based on Canada, Department of National Health and Welfare, Indian Health Services, Annual Report, 1945/46 and 1946/47.*

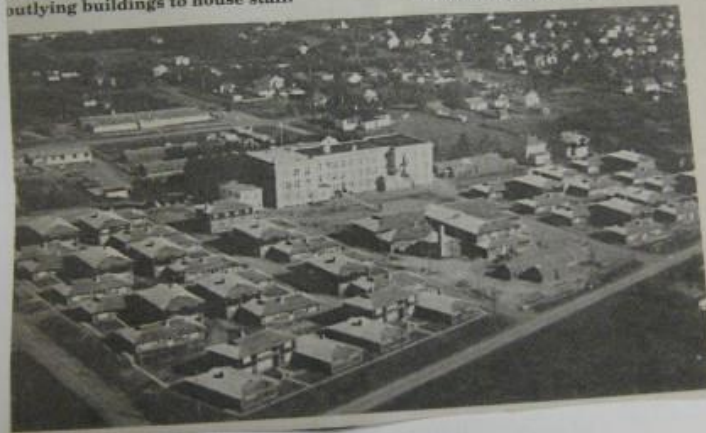
Charles Camsell Indian Hospital



ABOVE: (1914) – The Jesuits opened what is now the Charles Camsell Hospital as a college. It served this purpose until World War II.

BELOW: (1944) – An aerial photograph of the former Jesuit college after it was taken over by the American Army Engineers, who built the additional outlying buildings to house staff.

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Charles Camsell Indian Hospital



Nanaimo Indian Hospital



Nanaimo Indian Hospital, circa 1948

Nanaimo Indian Hospital









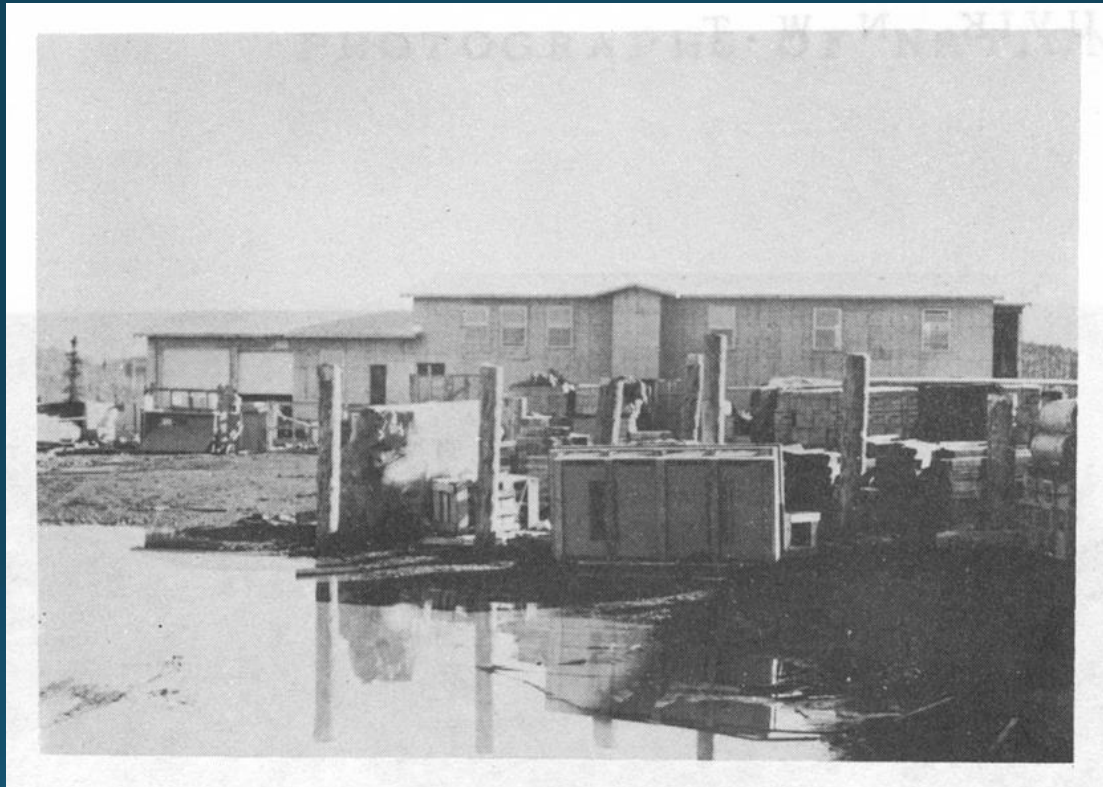
* [REDACTED]	1933	10.9.65	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
* [REDACTED]	1930	3.9.65	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
* HENRY, Albert	1913	9.3.65	Renal T.B.; T.B. Epididymitis Poss. Pulmonary T.B.
JACK, Alice	1901	5.11.65	Pulmonary Tuberculosis Chr. Rheumatoid Arth., hands
[REDACTED]	1958	27.8.65	Primary Tuberculosis, active, non-bacillary
JIM, Julia	1881	31.12.64	Pulmonary T.B., Cer. Adenitis
JOHNNY, Jennie	1913	2.2.65	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
JOSEPH, Samuel	1902	27.7.65	T.B., moderately advanced Pul. Deafness, Blindness, left.
* MITCHELL, Peter	1902	18.4.65	Pulmonary Tuberculosis Prostatic Hypertrophy
* [REDACTED]	1927	4.8.65	Bronchiectasis
[REDACTED]	1954	6.10.64	Pulmonary and Renal T.B.
TUTUBE, Ernest	1914	24.8.65	Rheumatoid Arthritis and T.B.
TUTUBE, Louisa	1896	9.10.64	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
* [REDACTED]	1941	8.9.65	Pulmonary Tuberculosis Cervical Adenitis T.B.
WILLIAMS, Henry	1891	26.5.63	Pulmonary Tuberculosis, far advanced, active, non-bacillary. Fracture right femur

1955	2.1.66	Suspected hepatitis, H.A.U.
1965	12.2.66	Bronchopneumonia
1962	12.2.66	Diarrhoea
1964	10.2.66	Influenza; pediculosis capitis Impetigo
1954	18.2.66	Acute Tonsillitis
1963	22.2.66	Gastro-enteritis
1965	25.2.66	Coryza
1924	27.2.66	Recurrent dislocation of left shoulder
1932	28.2.66	Myxedema, for investigation
1965	1.3.66	Bronchial asthma for investiga- tion; Impetigo.
1965	4.3.66	Influenza
1964	5.3.66	Otitis Media
1960	9.3.66	Infectious Hepatitis
1947	9.3.66	C.O.M. with conductive deafness. G.U. tract for investigation
1965	10.3.66	U.R.I. Impetigo
1957	11.3.66	Influenza
1955	11.3.66	Influenza
1953	11.3.66	Influenza; nose bleeds
1955	11.3.66	Influenza
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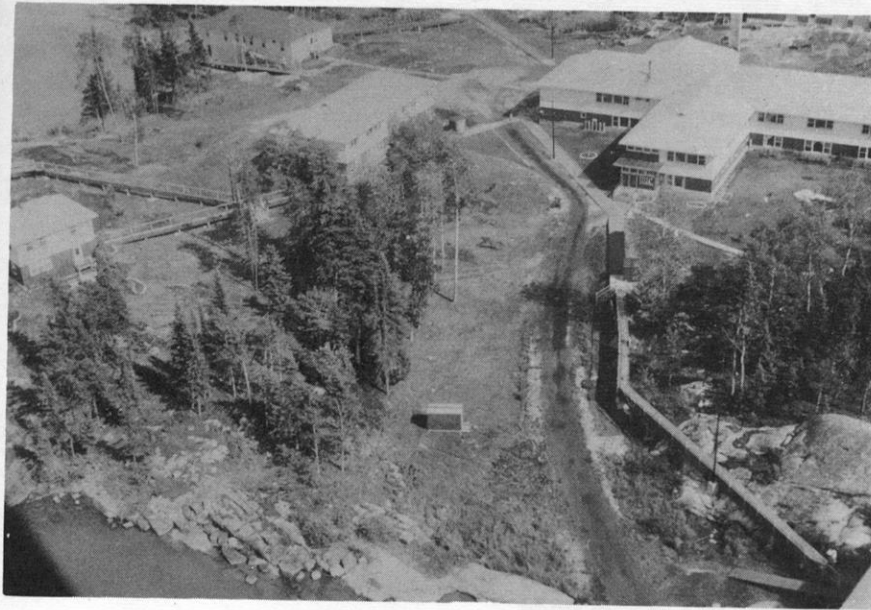
admission Sunny Hill

★		1965	30.10.65	Convalescence, recurrent U.R.I. Impetigo; lice; undiagnosed swelling, groin.
★		1953	18.11.65	Possible Epilepsy, for investigation
★		1965	10.1.66	Well baby; placed in foster home.
W	MISHEAL, Mary	1886	10.1.66	Rheumatoid Arthritis; bed sore
★		1952	12.1.66	Anaemia; Urticardia; Chronic Otitis Media, left
★		1965	18.1.66	Investigation for possible milk allergy; repeated Bronchitis and Pneumonia
★		1955	20.1.66	Boarder for H.C.C.
		1961	20.1.66	Otitis Media, suppurative; neurological consultation re speech retardation; awaiting reports H.C.C.
★		1922	3.2.66	Cystic AdenoCarcinoma left parotid gland, awaiting bed in Vancouver Hospital.
★		1959	4.2.66	Scabies and Impetigo
★		1965	9.2.66	Convalescence following ear surgery
★		1953	15.2.66	Convalescence following cardiac surgery; O.M.

Inuvik Indian Hospital



Norway House Indian Hospital



Norway House hospital
from the air.

Life in an Indian Hospital



All Ages Represented



Lengthy and painful treatments



“Good Times”



Training for a future





Education



Abuse

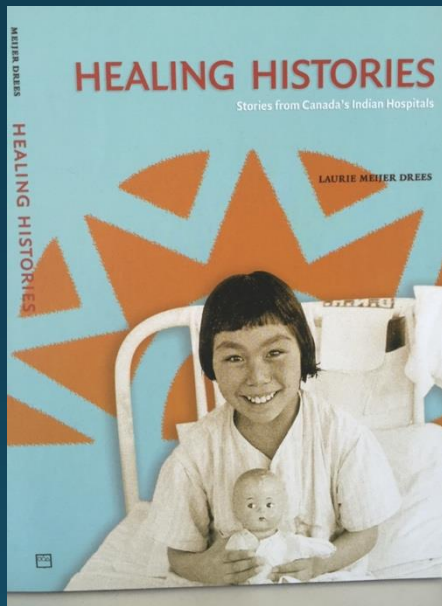




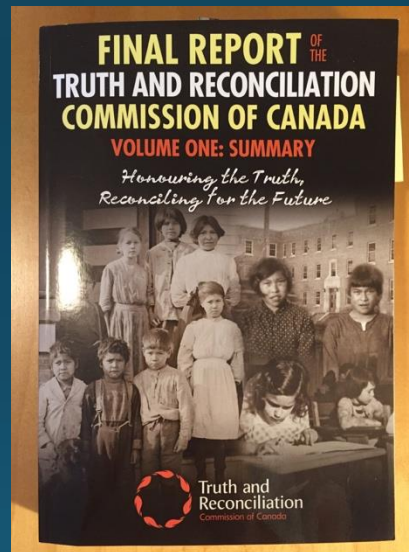
Edmonton IRS cemetery



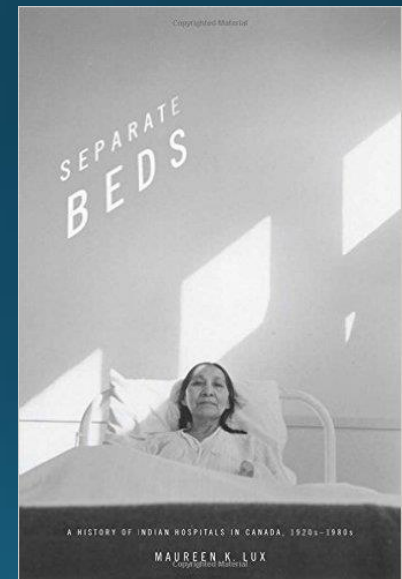
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Indian hospitals and Residential Schools

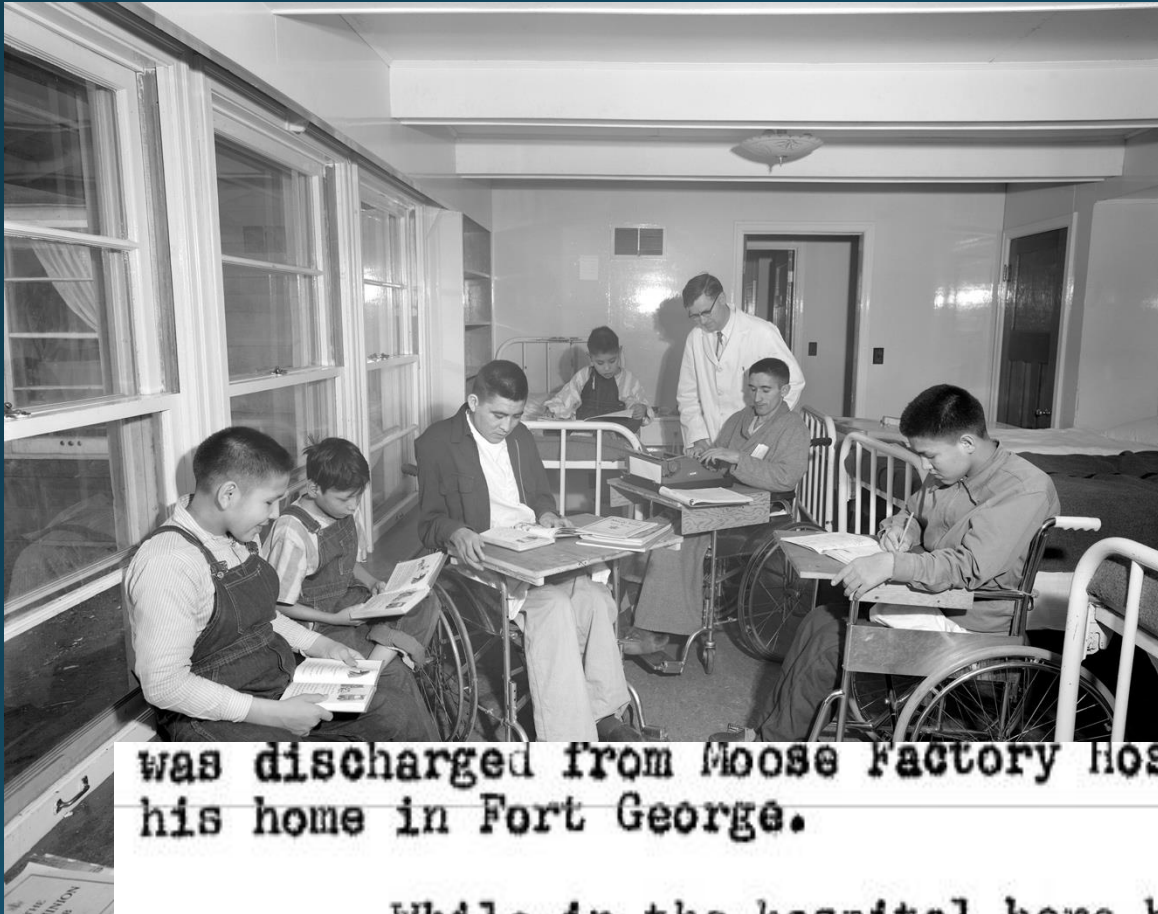


Charles Camsell Indian Hospital



Brandon Indian Residential School

School inside the Indian Hospital



was discharged from Moose Factory Hospital and went to his home in Fort George.

While in the hospital here he has been attending classes and hopes to continue studies in Fort George.

School inside the Indian Hospital

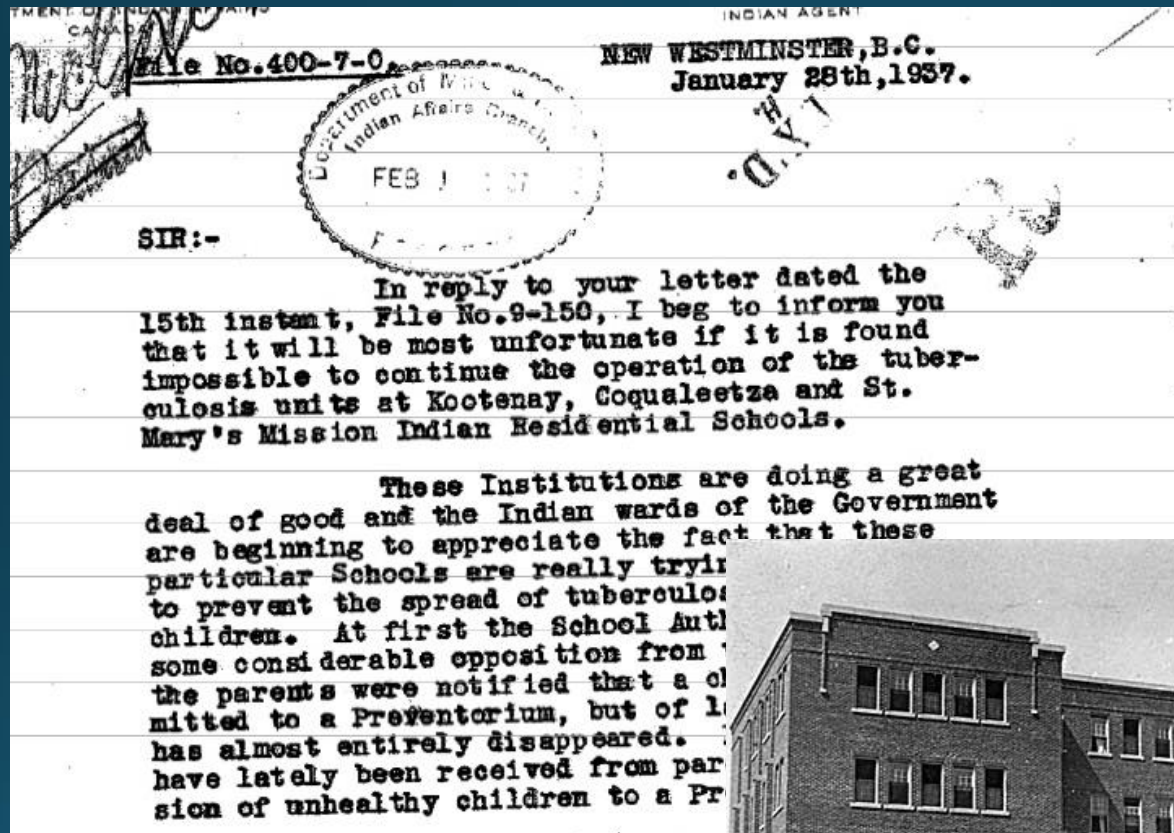
DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION - INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH
PRINCIPAL'S MONTHLY HOSPITAL REPORT

Name of School	School No.	Month	Year
Q. A. PELLE INDIAN HOSPITAL	671	September	1964

PART I

CATEGORY OF PUPILS	NO. OF MONTHS PUPILS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	MORE
"A" INDIAN PUPILS 0-5 YRS.																
"B" INDIAN PUPILS 6-16 YRS.	1	1		3						1	2	2				10
"C" INDIAN PUPILS OVER 16 YRS.																
"D" ESKIMO PUPILS 0-5 YRS.																
"E" ESKIMO PUPILS 6-16 YRS.																
"F" ESKIMO PUPILS OVER 16 YRS.																
"G" OTHER PUPILS																
TOTALS	1	1		3						1	2	2				10

Health Care inside the Residential School




Moving from School to Hospital

I			00	I-10-45	92	60	
I			00	I-10-45	38	22	Q528 transfered to Nanaimo hospital Nov.8
I		Cooking, Housekeep	100	I-11-45	92	40	
I		Sew. Cook,	150	I-12-45	92	30	
				25-1-46	31	20	Returned Dec 1st.
				I-3-46	92	60	

12-2-40	Cook's Ferry	1-10-46			92	1
23-6-40	Shulus	1-1-47			86	In hospital in Lytton 2
28-2-41	Lower Nicola	1-10-48			92	3
17-8-42	Cook's Ferry	"			92	In hospital in Lytton 4
22-2-41	Lytton	"			92	

Moving from Hospital to School

 CANADA	DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH	<i>Kup</i>
	APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL. (To be completed by Agency Superintendent).	
INSTRUCTIONS		167/25-2-887

FORWARD FOUR COPIES TO REGIONAL SERVICE. NAMES MUST BE SHOWN AS REGISTERED ON MEMBERSHIP LIST.

I RECOMMEND / DO NOT RECOMMEND FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (If not recommended or do not recommend)		
I recommend admission of this child on medical grounds. He is very thin and run down and because of past history of T.B. Coqualeetza Indian Hospital is concerned about his health. The parents are separated.		
DATE	AGENCY	SUPERINTENDENT
April 10/64.	Vancouver.	<i>[Signature]</i>
18. COMMENTS OF SOCIAL WORKER OR CHILDREN'S AID OFFICIAL		

Back and forth: Moving between School and Hospital

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	WITHDRAWAL DATE	REASON
<i>Songhees</i>	<i>A. Smith</i>	<i>Sept. 30, 1954</i>	<i>Entering bro of Immaculate Heart School Lake Hill - B.C.</i>
<i>Immaculate Heart School</i>	<i>L. M. Paula, STM</i>	<i>Nov. 25, 1954</i>	
<i>Nanaimo Ind. Hosp. Sch.</i>	<i>D. M. Lucas</i>	<i>Jan. 26, 1956</i>	<i>Discharged from Hospital</i>
<i>Indian Res. Hospital</i>	<i>Paul L. Le Clair</i>	<i>Christmas 1956</i>	<i>illness.</i>
SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP: JR. HIGH GRADES—			

Mixing and Moving: Overlapping Institutions

- Indian Residential School
- Indian Hospital or public hospital
- Foster Care family or adoption (even to US)
- Juvenile Detention or Correctional facility
- Labour positions (from e.g./ from hospital to a job)



“Missing” and dislocated peoples

Consent

Issue of **consent** and the institutionalization / medical treatment of Indigenous people within institutions:

- Disregard for *need* of consent
 - Deliberate *neglect* of consent
 - *Falsification* of consent
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- Was this unusual in this time period? **No.**