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Dear Dr. Dorey: Re Brandon School

I met Mr. Strapp in Brandon on Tuesday evening and had a two hour talk with him. I think he will come to Brandon but when he was talking to me he had certain grave reservations.

I had met him only once before when he was at the Indian Workers' Conference here some years ago but he seemed to me to have a grasp of residential school administration and I would be quite happy if he were placed in charge.

I am greatly concerned about Norway House and was much disappointed at Mr. Scoates' reply. Rev. A. Huston is in Winnipeg now. He seems to have given up the idea of going to Portage la Prairie. I do not know all that lies behind his statement to that effect but he considers that he is now definitely out of that picture. He spoke to me about taking a white charge and I am sure we can easily find one for him in Manitoba where he wishes to work if he gives up Indian Mission work. I have urged him not to consider taking a white charge and I think he would go to Norway House. If, however, Mr. Strapp does not accept the Brandon appointment, as far as I am concerned, Mr. Huston is the only other person who could take care of it. The Brandon situation is very critical. I feel more depressed about it every time I visit the place. If Mr. Strapp goes to Brandon I think Mr. Huston ought to be offered the Norway House School.

Mr. Strapp told me he would give you his decision re Brandon by phone after he had a chance to discuss the situation with his wife on his return tomorrow afternoon. Will you please wire me his decision and also let me know by wire what you think about Huston for Norway House in the event of Mr. Strapp's going to Brandon. I am sure you will be able to get a wire off to me tomorrow afternoon.

Yours very sincerely,

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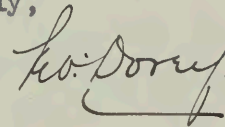
Dear Dr. Cormie: Re - Brandon School

I have not yet heard from Mr. Strapp; consequently I cannot give you any further word. It may be that before the office closes, we shall hear from him, but I am going to dictate this letter now.

Mr. Huston wired to Mrs. Loveys this week and she has told him that there cannot be a change at Portage for six months. I shall wait until we hear from Mr. Strapp before giving any further consideration to Norway House and Mr. Huston.

I am enclosing copy of a letter which has come from Don Scoates, which explains his position.

Yours sincerely,



GD.MLT

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