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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF INDIAN ANCESTRY

Name John [REDACTED] Address God's Lake Narrows, Man. Age 18

1. How old were you when you stopped going to High School? 18
2. What grade were you in at that time? IX
3. Where was the last High School you attended? Portage Collegiate Institute
4. Where were you living at that time?
 - (a) At home _____ (Check one)
 - (b) In a Residential School ✓
 - (c) A private home away from home _____
5. Did you quit during the school term? yes (Yes or No)
 or did you fail to return to school in the Fall? no (Yes or No)
6. Why did you quit High School? I didn't like the principal the way he talk to us.
7. What could have helped you stay in School? I rather take some other kind of course.
8. Did anyone try to get you to go back to School? yes
9. How did your parents feel about you stopping School? They were sorry about it.
10. Have you been able to continue in High School courses by correspondence? yes (Yes or No)
11. Would you like to return to High School or some other course now? some other course
12. What kind of work would you like to do? I would like to be a barber.
13. Have you applied to the Supervising Principal for your area for an opportunity to complete your training? no
14. Other comments you would like to make: Like I said in question number 7, I rather take some kind of course. I don't intend to go back to school to Portage la Prairie, if I take some kind of course I know I can stick to it

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Name [redacted] Address Island Lake Age 17

1. How old were you when you stopped going to High School? 17
2. What grade were you in at that time? 8
3. Where was the last High School you attended? Prince (Charles P. to P.)
4. Where were you living at that time?
 - (a) At home _____ (Check one)
 - (b) In a Residential School ✓
 - (c) A private home away from home _____
5. Did you quit during the school term? no (Yes or No)
 or did you fail to return to school in the Fall? yes (Yes or No)
6. Why did you quit High School? To help my mother at home
7. What could have helped you stay in School? If somebody was here all the time to help my mother
8. Did anyone try to get you to go back to School? No - because Florence's mother said she couldn't go back
9. How did your parents feel about you stopping School? Parents felt, under circumstances, there was no alternative
10. Have you been able to continue in High School courses by correspondence? No (Yes or No)
11. Would you like to return to High School or some other course now? Yes
12. What kind of work would you like to do? Secretarial work.
13. Have you applied to the Supervising Principal for your area for an opportunity to complete your training? No
14. Other comments you would like to make: It wasn't my idea for quitting school. It was my parents. With my dad at the Inn, Mom couldn't work for herself because she gets sick and is very weak. I would like to go to school after my dad comes home and what he thinks about it. I can't go back now.

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Name [REDACTED] Address ISLAND LAKE Age 20

1. How old were you when you stopped going to High School? 18
2. What grade were you in at that time? 9
3. Where was the last High School you attended? Portage la Prairie
4. Where were you living at that time?
 - (a) At home _____ (Check one)
 - (b) In a Residential School ☒
 - (c) A private home away from home _____
5. Did you quit during the school term? no (Yes or No)
 or did you fail to return to school in the Fall? no (Yes or No)
6. Why did you quit High School? Too old to continue school for there were a lot of pupils younger who want to attend school and stay at the Res. School.
7. What could have helped you stay in School? better marks in my subjects.
8. Did anyone try to get you to go back to School? no
9. How did your parents feel about you stopping School? They agreed that I was too old for school.
10. Have you been able to continue in High School courses by correspondence? no (Yes or No)
11. Would you like to return to High School or some other course now? yes I would
12. What kind of work would you like to do? mechanic for out-board motors.
13. Have you applied to the Supervising Principal for your area for an opportunity to complete your training? yes
14. Other comments you would like to make:

He says his marks were good at first and he did not see the last ones.

He also says he is happy to be with his own people and going back to school or working "outside" would mean "separation" from them.

He wants us to know he is not unhappy here at all, but feels he must try to get further training and has indicated the same to the Supervising Principal.

I have told Silas that this is very good that he is happy here. Because all people must leave home in search of jobs. But they can do well only if they have a happy community to which they will always want to return. So I think it is very significant that Silas is not wanting to run away as did the Prodigal Son, but, like so many, has to go away in search of a living. It thus makes "home" that much sweeter and gives the departed a greater security in an unfamiliar and often hostile world.

W. B. Millard