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# Gordon's Indian Residential School School Narrative

This School Narrative summarizes documents that provide an over-view of the history and administration of the school.

## NAME OF SCHOOL AND VARIANTS

| 1886<br>1889<br>1893<br>1926<br>1969 | Gordon School [GDC-006556] Gordon Boarding School [GDC-006559] Gordon's Indian School [GDC-005970] Gordon's Indian Residential School [GDC-064122a] Gordon's Student Residence [GDC-010976, GDC-019523]          |
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| CHRONOL                              | OGICAL HISTORY   |
| 1876                                 | Day School opened on western boundary of George Gordon Reserve. [GDC-012753, GDC-012755, GDC-012755a, GDC-031647, GDC-010976]  |
| 1888                                 | Day School building enlarged to provide accommodation for boarders. [GDC-011458a-e, GDC-006559, GDC-010976]  |
| 1895                                 | New two-storey stone school building constructed. [GDC-005972, GDC-006566, GDC-011282]   |
| 1911                                 | Operational Agreement signed between the Bishop of Qu'Appelle and the Federal Government for the future maintenance and management of Gordon's Boarding School. [GDC-051000]                                     |
| 1915                                 | New frame structure added to the school. [GDC-011277]  |
| 1921                                 | Cadets introduced at Gordon's IRS. [GDC-011274a]   |
| 1922                                 | New modern school building constructed. [GDC-011272a, GDC-010976]  |
| 1929                                 | Boarding school burned down. New building erected. [GDC-006537, GDC-006539, GDC-006540, GDC-006544a, GDC-006549, GDC-006550, GDC-005883, GDC-010976]   |
| 1946                                 | Administration of the school transferred from the Diocese of Qu'Appelle to the Indian & Eskimo Welfare Commission of the Anglican Church of Canada. [GDC-017343, GDC-008660, GDC-008731, GDC-017646, GDC-008704] |

| 1947-1953 | School closed for long periods due to water and mechanical problems. [GDC-007097, GDC-008660, GDC-001306a, GDC-012676, GDC-017670]  |
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| 1956      | Classroom block, with a basement auditorium, was constructed separate from the main building. [GDC-007197, GDC-016169, GDC-015040, GDC-010976]  |
| 1957      | First pupils sent to high school at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. [GDC-005478]   |
| 1958      | Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides and Brownies formed at the school. [GDC-012666, GDC-0016039, GDC-016039a, GDC-016038, GDC-012702, GDC-040335]   |
| 1962      | Operation Agreement signed between the Missionary Society of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Federal Government. [GDC-045052]   |
| 1965      | Additional school block constructed, with gymnasium. [GDC-005400, GDC-012675, GDC-001264]   |
| 1969      | Government assumed direct responsibility for the administration of the school. The boarding portion became known as the Gordon Student Residence and the classroom portion the Gordon Day School. Domestic staff came under federal jurisdiction. [GDC-014542, GDC-014541a, GDC-008705] |
| 1973      | The Gordon Band entered into its first Tuition Agreement, with the Last Mountain School Division. [GDC-035013]  |
| 1975      | Advisory Board of the Residence was formed. [GDC-000111]  |
| 1978      | New admissions policy goes into effect at the residence. [GDC-005835]   |
| 1985      | The Advisory Board members proposed a student policy drafted by the Education Authority [GDC-005265, GDC-005265a]   |
| 1996      | Gordon's Student Residence was closed and the main building demolished. [GDC-064015]  |

## MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL

## Dates managed by Church

1876 - 1946 Gordon's IRS was managed by the Anglican Church of Canada, under the auspices of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle. [GDC-006556, GDC-006774a, GDC-006560, GDC-051000, GDC-008745, GDC-005994a]

1946-1969 Gordon's IRS was managed by the Indian & Eskimo Welfare Commission, and later the Indian School Administration, of the Anglican Church of Canada. After 1969, the Anglican Church provided Chaplaincy Services to the school. [GDC-017343, GDC-008660, GDC-045052, GDC-008731, GDC-017646, GDC-008704, GDC-000111]

### Dates managed by Government

1969 - 1996 Gordon's IRS was administered by the Federal Government from April 1, 1969 until its closure in 1996. [GDC-014542, GDC-014541a, GDC-008705, GDC-019523]

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS

## Dates owned by Church

Not applicable.

### <u>Dates owned by Government:</u> 1888-1996

- A Mission day school had existed on the western boundary of the Gordon Reserve since 1876. In 1888, the Government converted this day school to a boarding school by enlarging the school building. [GDC-012753, GDC-012755, GDC-031647, GDC-031648a, GDC-011458a, b, c, GDC-006559, GDC-010976]
- New two storey stone school building constructed. It was located on the Gordon's Reserve, close to the centre of the western boundary line. [GDC-005972, GDC-006566, GDC-006575, GDC-006576, GDC-011282]

In addition to classroom and residential facilities, Gordon's IRS had stables and other outbuildings, as well as a farm and a garden. [GDC-006560, GDC-006576, GDC-011277, GDC-011277a]

- New frame structure added to the school. [GDC-011277]
- New modern building constructed. [GDC-011272a, GDC-010976]
- Building burned to the ground. Remaining were a horse barn, a cattle barn, staff residences, a poultry building and a laundry building. A new building was erected on the site. [GDC-006537, GDC-006539, GDC-006542, GDC-006542a-f, GDC-006554, GDC-016544, GDC-011262a, GDC-011262b, GDC-000431a, GDC-005883]
- A new classroom block separate from the main building was constructed. [GDC-

007197, GDC-015040, GDC-010976]

- An additional school block, with a gymnasium, was constructed by the Government. [GDC-001264, GDC-010976]
- 1996 Gordon's Student Residence was closed and the main building demolished. [GDC-064015]

### LAND

### **Location**

The Gordon's IRS was located within Treaty 4, on the west side of the Gordon Reserve, six miles south of the Town of Punnichy and eight miles north of Regina. [GDC-006556, GDC-006580, GDC-010976, GDC-034115, GDC-051385a]

### Dates owned by Church

Not applicable.

### Dates owned by Government

1888 - 1996 The 10 acres of land on which the Gordon's IRS buildings stood was owned and maintained by the Crown. [GDC-007038, GDC-010975a-d]

## PHOTOGRAPHS, PLANS AND OTHER MEDIA

| Undated | Basement and First Floor plans and Front Elevation of Gordon Indian Boarding School. [GDC-019604, GDC-019605, GDC-019606]   |
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| 1887    | Rough plan showing Indian Reserve land claimed by the Church. [GDC-006774b]   |
| 1888    | Plan of proposed addition to convert George Gordon Reserve day school to a boarding school. [GDC-011458c]   |
| 1921    | Front and Left Side Elevation and Basement, Ground Floor and First Floor plans of Gordon's Indian Boarding School. [GDC-010966, GDC-010967, GDC-019608, GDC-019609]                                 |
| 1929    | Architect's drawing of Front and Rear Elevations of Gordon's IRS. [GDC-010968] Drawings of layout of Gordon's School, showing where flames were seen during fire of February 1. [GDC-006542d, e, f] |
| 1938    | Site Plan and sewage disposal details for single staff residence at Gordon's IRS.   |

## [GDC-010972] 1940 Floor plans of Gordon's IRS. [GDC-007079c, d] 1946 Plan of school and vicinity to accompany report on water supply for Gordon's IRS. [GDC-008068b] 1947 Plan of Township 27, Range 17, West of the Second Meridian. [GDC-006819a, b] Plan of Ground Floor of Gordon's IRS [GDC-010969] 1950 Layout of Buildings, Gordon's Anglican Indian School. [GDC-007210a] 1955 Site Plan, four-classroom Indian day school at Gordon's IRS. [GDC-010971] 1958 Drawings for Plumbing and General Renovations at Gordon's IRS [GDC-019615, GDC-019616] 1959 Photograph of two boys from the Gordon Reserve wrestling at the Trappers Festival in Prince Albert. [GDC-054247] 1962 Proposed plan for auditorium/gynasium at Gordon's IRS. [GDC-010974] 1964 Drawing for Ground Floor plumbing, heating and ventilation for new four classroom day school with auditorium. [GDC-019600] Drawing for area lighting for four classroom day school. [GDC-019601] Floor plan of four classroom day school with auditorium/gym at Gordon's IRS. [GDC-019602] Site plan of four classroom school with auditorium/gym. [GDC-010973] 1970 Diagram of Gordon's School Track and Field Meet, plans of basement, main, third and fourth floors of Residence, and plan of layout of buildings. [GDC-015465, GDC-015466, GDC-015469, GDC-015470, GDC-015472, GDC-015473, GDC-015473a, b, c, GDC-018323, GDC-018324, GDC-018325, GDC-018326] Basement floor plan for Gordon's Student Residence. [GDC-011250a] 1972 Plans of basement, main, third and fourth floors of Gordon's Student Residence. [GDC-011234b]

| 1974 | Gordon's Student Residence Site Plan and main residence floor plan. [GDC-017249]  |
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|      | Diagram showing land surrendered for us of Gordon School. [GDC-010975c]   |
| 1979 | Photographs of first school on Gordon's Reserve, first school built on present site, and current school buildings. [GDC-010976] |
| 1988 | Diagram for Punnichy High School Emergency Fire Drill Procedure showing school layout. [GDC-017011]                             |
| 1988 | Photograph of Gordon's Student Residence. [GDC-005562b]   |

1990s Photograph of Gordon Residential School. [GDC-064015]

## STUDENTS FROM OTHER RESERVES

Note: Day school students came only from Gordon's Reserve.

| DATES     | BANDS   |
|-----------|---|
| 1886-1928 | Day Star, Fishing Lake, James Smith, John Smith, Key, N.T. (Northwest Territories), Nut Lake, Piapot, Sturgeon Lake, Poorman, Yellow Quilt, Keys, Keesekoose, Muscowequan.  |
| 1929-1942 | Day Star, Fishing Lake, James Smith, John Smith, Key, Nut Lake, Poorman, N.T., Sturgeon Lake, Piapot  |
| 1948-1960 | Peepeekeesis, James Smith, Ochapawace, One Arrow, Kahkewhistehew,<br>Battleford, Keesekosee, Leask, Key, Split Lake, Poorman, Mistawasis, Pelly,<br>Cote, Fishing Lake, Poundmaker, Whitecap Sioux, Splitriver, York Factory,<br>Carry the Kettle, Sweet Grass  |
| 1961-1967 | Wesley, Chiniquay, Bearspaw, Peepeekesis, Cowessess, Ochopowance, Kahkewistshaw, Carry the Kettle, Sakimay, James Smith, Sweet Grass, Poundmaker, Split Lake, Mistawasis, Whitecap Sioux, Fisihg Lake, Key, One Arrow, Cote, Khakawhistechew, York Factory, Keeseekoose, Churchill, The Pas, Shamatwa, Lac La Ronge, Peter Ballantyne, Jos Bighead, Okaneses, Island Lake, White Bear, Little Black Bear, Non-Treaty, Red Earth, Moose Woods, File Hills, Fox Lake, Shoal Lake, Day Star, Little Pine, Little Red River, Loon Lake, Montreal Lake, Poorman, Sturgeon Lake, Thunderchild, Sandy Lake, Muskowequan, Muscopetung |

| *1968-1975 | Carry the Kettle, Cote, Day Star, Fishing Lake, James Smith, Kahkewistahaw, Keseekoose, Kinistino, Lac La Ronge, Little Pine, Little Red River, Little Black Bear, Maple Creek, Mistawasis, Montreal Lake, Muscopetung, Muscowequan, |
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|            | Non-Treaty, Ochapowace, Okanase, Pasqua, Peepeekisis, Peguis, Piapot, Poorman, Sakimay, Standing Buffalo, Star Blanket, Thunderchild, White Bear   |

<sup>\*</sup>Information for these years was obtained from Quarterly Returns, Nominal Rolls and Student Lists in the Gordon's IRS document collection

### RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

### WRITTEN AGREEMENTS

- 1911 Operational Agreement between the Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Government of Canada for the future maintenance and management of Gordon's IRS. [GDC-051000]
- 1957 Agreement to lease fields to west of the public travelled road, signed by the Principal of Gordon's School for the Church of England. [GDC-017856]
- 1962 Operation Agreement between the Missionary Society of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Government of Canada for the operation of Gordon's IRS. [GDC-045052]
- 1970 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1970 to August 1971. [GDC-043565]
- 1972 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1972 to August 1973. [GDC-012065]
- 1973 Tuition Agreement between the Board of School Trustees of the Last Mountain School Division and the Gordon's Band and the Government of Canada. [GDC-035013]
- 1973 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1973 to August 1974. [GDC-064016]
- 1974 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1974 to August 1975. [GDC-064017]

- 1976 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1975 to August 1976. [GDC-005599a]
- 1978 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period April 1978 to March 1979. [GDC-005582]
- 1979 Agreement for Transportation of residence students to and from Punnichy, Saskatchewan on a daily basis. [GDC-009273]
- 1980 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period January to December 1980. [GDC-014652a]
- 1981 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period January to December 1981. [GDC-014653a]
- 1981 Agreement for Transportation of residence students to and from Punnichy, Saskatchewan on a daily basis. [GDC-009274a, b, c]
- 1981 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period January to December 1982. [GDC-023625]
- 1982 Tuition Agreement between the Board of Education of the Wadena School Division #46 and the Indian of the Fishing Lake Band and the Government of Canada. [GDC-035016]
- 1985 Draft Tuition Agreement between the Board of Education of the Last Mountain School Division #29 and the Indians of the Gordon Band and the Government of Canada. [GDC-035010]
- 1985 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1985 to June 1986. [GDC-017292a]
- 1988 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1987 to June 1988. [GDC-043566a, b]
- 1990 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1989 to June 1990. [GDC-012762, GDC-012762a]

1990 Contract for Chaplaincy Services provided to the Gordon's Student Residence by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle for the period September 1990 to June 1991. [GDC-012764]

## DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO SCHOOL INCIDENTS

#### Convictions:

- An employee is charged with attempted buggery and buggery against boarding pupils at the Residence. He is convicted and sentenced. [GDC-010362a, GDC-010367, GDC-010369a]
- An employee is convicted of common assault on a girl pupil. Two months after his conviction, he was still at the school, because the Principal had difficulty replacing him. [GDC-007324, GDC-10373]
- Inquiries into the case of pupil suffering from a sexually-transmitted disease reveals incidents of buggery and other sexual behaviour at the school. The pupil confesses that he was buggered by an ex-pupil of about 19 years of age who was hired as a supervisor. The Supervisor was sentenced to six months in jail. [GDC-010362a-h, GDC-007326, GDC-010363, GDC-010364a, GDC-010365, GDC-010366, GDC-010367a-g, GDC-017643a, GDC-010368a, GDC-010370a, GDC-010371, GDC-010372a]
- c. 1954 A staff member is sent to jail for tampering with Indian boys in his charge. [GDC-005039]

A Supervisor is fined for making a pupil pregnant. [GDC-005039]

- A former Principal is arrested in New Brunswick. He is charged with the sexual assault of 13 male students at Gordon's IRS. He pleads guilty. [GDC-026641, GDC-043567]
- The following suggestions of abuse, arranged chronologically, comprise all known identifiable complaints and/or allegations received by Government officials and all available information regarding the follow-up and outcome.

### Incidents (Sexual)

1955 The Principal of Gordon's IRS reports that over the past two years, some staff members have been either sexually abusing pupils or sexually involved with Indian men on the Reserve. Some parents are objecting to sending their children to the school and the female staff members feel that the immoral behaviour of some employees reflects on them. [GDC-016161, GDC-005039]

- 1956 Four girls charge the Principal with inappropriate touching and inappropriate behaviour. The Principal is cleared of the charges, but informs the Government that he no longer wishes to work at the School. [GDC-005040, GDC-005040a, GDC-005042, GDC-005043]
- 1961 Senior staff members have suggested that an individual was having immoral relationships with some of the boys in his care while he was employed as a Boys' Supervisor at Gordon's IRS. These allegations were confirmed by several of the students he abused. The Church authorities removed him from direct contact with the boys and advised the Principal to keep an eye on him. He later transferred to another school, from which he was dismissed. He was listed under the Church's Confidential Character Code as unfit for further employment. [GDC-005045]
- 1975 A Child Care Worker received a written reprimand for taking students out of residence without consent and for having students visit his private staff room. He was informed that there had been gossip regarding his involvement in drinking and homosexual activities with the students at another reserve. [GDC-005046a]
- 1987 A Child Care Worker at the residence was suspended pending investigation for sexually harassing a number of female students. [GDC-005103c, f]
- 1987 A janitor at the school made sexual advances to a female student. Criminal charges were laid. [GDC-005123]
- 1988 A Subpoena to a Witness was issued in the case of sexual assault on a female student. [GDC-005242a]
- 1988 An employee was suspended pending investigation into alleged sexual harassment of female students. [GDC-005133, GDC-005124, GDC-005125, GDC-023188]

### Incidents (Physical)

- 1923 Allegations are made against an employee at Gordon's IRS for ill treatment of the children. [GDC-006508, GDC-001171, GDC-006507, GDC-006509a, GDC-006510, GDC-006511, GDC-006515]
  - A Parent wishes to return a boy to the school, but wants assurance that the Principal will not strap the boy again. [GDC-001163]
- 1938 It is reported that, as punishment for truancy, the Principal had students confined to a cell, lashed, fed bread and water and given short hair cuts. The Principal explained that the children were placed in the infirmary, not a cell. [GDC-005027, GDC-005052, GDC-005051, GDC-005050, GDC-005049a, GDC-005049c, GDC-005027, GDC-009304, GDC-009302, GDC-009303]

- 1940 The General Superintendent of Indian Agencies received a report from the School Inspector stating that the teacher of grade 1, was locking the children in the classroom [GDC-051336a], and the Kindergarten's classroom was being operated in the basement [GDC-051331
- 1941 Questions are raised regarding the humanitarian qualifications of the current Principal of Gordon's IRS. According to information gathered, the students were terrified of him. [GDC-017551, GDC-011618]
- 1957 The Superintendent of Education received reports that the Principal of Gordon's IRS was cruel in his punishment of students. The Principal resigned. [GDC-005058, GDC-005057, GDC-005502]
- 1958 A Parent informs the school that his children will not return to the school because they are allegedly being strapped daily by a female employee. [GDC-005059, GDC-005060]
  - The Parents of a pupil complain to the Principal that a supervisor strapped their child with a brush and left marks on his body. The Principal gave assurance that this would not occur again. [GDC-005061, GDC-005062]
- 1967 A Gordon's IRS staff member informs the Principal that he witnessed a Child Care Worker striking a student on the face and kicking him in the side. The student alleged that he had been beaten with a stick just prior to this. The student had marks and welts on his body. [GDC-005064]
- 1970 The Senior Boys' Child Care Worker slapped a student across the face. [GDC-005067]
- 1975 A Child Care Worker was reprimanded for using bodily force in order to discipline the students. [GDC-005070]
  - A complaint was made by a parent alleging that a school employee used excessive force in disciplining a student at the residence. [GDC-005068]
  - A student was examined by a doctor after having allegedly been struck on the left ear by a school employee. [GDC-015240a]
- 1977 The same Child Care Worker was reprimanded and given notice of suspension for physically assaulting a student and causing bodily harm. Another Child Care Worker, alleged to have struck a student on the head with a stick, was told that any physical abuse would not be tolerated. [GDC-005069a, b, GDC-005073]
- 1978 A Child Care Worker was reprimanded for injuring a student with a broom and reminded that the use of physical force against students would not be tolerated. [GDC-005074a]

- 1980 An incident report alleged that a student had been hit by the driver of the bus. [GDC-005151]
- 1984 The grandfather of a student alleged that his grandson had been hit at school. [GDC-005083]
- 1985 Students alleged that a pupil was thrown around by a teacher. [GDC-005085]
- 1986 A teacher was accused of shaking and throwing a student. [GDC-005094]
- 1986 A complaint was received about an employee getting too rough with a student. [GDC-005092]
- 1986 It was reported that an employee was pushing the children when he wanted them to do something. [GDC-005093]
- 1987 A student alleged that her supervisors slapped her across the face. [GDC-005096]
- 1987 A Child Care Worker was alleged to have used unnecessary physical force in handling students. [GDC-005203, GDC-005202]
- 1987 A Child Care Worker allegedly banged a student's head against a wall. [GDC-005207, GDC-005206]
- 1988 A student claimed that he was constantly being slapped or picked on by a residence employee. [GDC-005208, GDC-005209]
- 1988 Allegation is made that a Child Care Worker used physical force against a student. [GDC-005215, GDC-005218]
- 1988 A student accused a teacher at the Punnichy High School of slapping his face. Both student and teacher later agreed that it was really just a tap on the mouth to express disapproval of the students words. [GDC-005219, GDC-005219b]
- 1990 An Advisory Board meeting held in December notes an oral reprimand issued to a Child Care Worker for unnecessary and unethical use of corporal punishment. [GDC-000249e]
- 1991 A school employee choked and pushed a student. [GDC-005141]
- 1991 Complaints were made against a child care worker, including an allegation that he used the bigger boys to discipline the smaller boys in the dorm. [GDC-005148]
- 1991 A residence employee received a written reprimand for unethical and unnecessary use of corporal punishment of students. [GDC-005154, GDC-005153]

- 1992 Students were made to kneel in a child care worker's office holding 15k weights. [GDC-005166]
- 1993 An employee allegedly threw a student around. [GDC-005168]
- 1993 The residence Administrator suspended a child care worker for unethical and unnecessary use of corporal punishment of students. [GDC-005184, GDC-005184a]
- 1993 A Teacher's daily plan book recorded a complaint by a student that an employee had hit him. [GDC-005171]
- 1994 An employee was accused of kicking a pupil. [GDC-005174]

### Incidents (on Student by Student)

- 1945 A pupil is sent to the Psychopathic Ward of the Regina General Hospital after he stabbed another student at the school. [GCD-010614, GDC-010614a, b]
- 1955 A student attacked another student with a carving knife while working in the kitchen. [GDC-000495]
- 1956 A student was admitted to the Qu'Appelle Indian Hospital after repeatedly forcing himself sexually on other boys. [GDC-005175a]
- 1959 A student was referred to the Fort Qu'Appelle Indian Hospital after passing sexual notes and drawings to girls in the school. [GDC-005044]
- 1963 A Corporal Punishment and Detention Log, kept at the Gordon's IRS, reveals a number of physical and sexual incidents between students. [GDC-005053]
- 1986 It was reported that a male student was physically abusing a female student. [GDC-000611]
- 1986 A female student accused a male student of kissing and touching her. [GDC-005182]
- 1986 A number of students claimed to have been bothered in a sexual as well as physical manner by bigger boys in the Senior dorm. [GDC-005227]
- 1987 A student was accused of stripping another student in the dorm and hiding her pyjamas. [GDC-005199]
- 1987 A Subpoena was issued in the case of sexual assault on a student. [GDC-011585]
- 1988 The Principal of the Punnichy High School recommended the supension of a student

- pending the results of an investigation regarding an alleged sexual assault on another student. [GDC-005229]
- 1988 It was reported that a female student was sexually assaulted by another student at the residence. [GDC-005231, GDC-05231a]
- 1988 One student was sexually assaulted by another while she slept. [GDC-005232]
- 1988 Three students were strapped for blacking out other students. [GDC-005214]
- 1989 A student attempted to choke another student during an argument. [GDC-005172, GDC-005172b]
- 1990 A student was grounded for hitting another student. [GDC-005246]
- 1990 A student alleged that his friends were threatening and hitting other students. [GDC-005236]
- 1990 An investigation was carried out into a sexual experimentation incident involving male students. [GDC-005251, GDC-005253, GDC-005249]
- 1990 Three girls tied up and whipped another girl with wire hangers. [GDC-005173]
- 1992 A student was discharged for touching/grabbing younger students in their private parts. [GDC-005278]
- 1992 Boys in the Intermediate dorm were behaving in a sexually threatening manner to a student. [GDC-005276]
- 1992 Information was obtained on the background of a child who was being sexually aggressive toward other students. [GDC-005282, GDC-005286]
- 1993 Two boys were making sexual advances to other boys in the dorm. [GDC-005288]
- 1993 It was recorded in a daily record book that a student had been severely beaten in the dorm. [GDC-005161]

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Gordon's Indian Residential School was supervised by Public School Inspectors [GDC-011275, GDC-011274, GDC-011272a]; and the Committee of Indian Work of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle [GDC-064122a]
- In 1939, a student ran away from the Gordon's Indian Residential School and froze to

- death before he was found. [GDC-028466, GDC-009318a, b, c, GDC-028474, GDC-009280a, GDC-009265, GDC-0028489, GDC-009306]
- From 1975 on, the Gordon's Student Residence had an Advisory Board composed of members of the Gordon Band. The Board advised the Residence Administrator on the operation of the residence and assisted in formulating policy on a variety of items affecting the students and staff, including admissions policy, staffing and student discipline. [GDC-000111]
- On January 9, 1989, the Punnichy Elementary School informed Parents and Guardians of a personal safety program being implemented in Grade Two. This program addressed the issue of sexual abuse. [GDC-016532, GDC-016532a]
- In 1991, a member of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations was informed that the Government would be working with aboriginal communities to address healing related to past child abuse in the residential schools. In that year, too, the Government released a formal protocol respecting child abuse. It included guidelines for identifying and reporting child abuse cases. Theses guidelines were sent to all residential schools. Inservice training was provided for staff, including those at Gordon's. [GDC-005881, GDC-043567, GDC-05247, GDC-005247a]
- Gordon's IRS provided a range of extracurricular activities for its students, including hockey, skating and other sports, movies, a Cadet Corps, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, W.A., traditional Indian dancing, a boxing club.[GDC-005478, GDC-012666, GDC-031121, GDC-014984, GDC-040944, GDC-014662, GDC-010256, GDC-016268, GDC-011224, GDC-017720a, b, GDC-017854, GDC-005576, GDC-006184, GDC-010976, GDC-018006, GDC-025959, GDC-007680a, GDC-011353, GDC-010318, GDC-010318a, GDC-025051, GDC-034412, GDC-005879, GDC-034935, GDC-019523]

## PRINCIPALS / ADMINISTRATORS

| Name                      | <u>Position</u>  | <u>Tenure</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Rev. Owen Owens           | Principal        | 1886-1896     |
| Rev. Charles F. Lallemand | Principal        | 1896-1897     |
| Rev. Mark Williams        | Acting Principal | 1897-1898     |
| Rev. Mark Williams        | Principal        | 1898-1904     |
| Rev. J.W. Harrison        | Principal        | 1904-1906     |
| Rev. Norman Browett       | Principal        | 1906-1907     |
| Rev. Mark Williams        | Principal        | 1907-1910     |
| F. Dudley Ward            | Principal        | 1910-1911     |
| William Anson Monk        | Principal        | 1911-1912     |
| Rev. H.W. Atwater         | Principal        | 1912-1925     |
| Rev. J.T. Davies          | Principal        | 1925-1926     |

| Rev. John King Irvin<br>Rev. Maurice C.T. Percivall | Principal<br>Principal  | 1926-1928<br>1928 |
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| Rev. Frederick Stanford                             | Principal               | 1928-1930         |
| Rev. R.W. Frayling                                  | Principal               | 1930–1945         |
| Rev. David L. Dance                                 | Principal               | 1945              |
| Rev. Parry  | Principal               | 1945              |
| Mr. Fergusson                                       | Principal               | 1946              |
| Mr. Mayo  | Principal               | 1946-1952         |
| Rev. N.D. Pilcher                                   | Principal               | 1952-1955         |
| Rev. A.E. Southard                                  | Principal               | 1955-1957         |
| Rev. J.J.T. Johnstone                               | Principal               | 1957-1965         |
| Rev. Noel Leslie Goater                             | Principal               | 1965-1968         |
| Mr. William Peniston Starr                          | Principal/Administrator | 1968-1984         |
| Gerald Michael Worth                                | Acting Administrator    | 1984-1985         |
| Gerald Michael Worth                                | Administrator           | 1985-1990         |
| Herman Noel Blind                                   | Acting Administrator    | 1990              |
| Herman Noel Blind                                   | Administrator           | 1990-1996         |

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