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## RETURN

To an Address presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to cause to be sent down to this House copies of all Orders in Council and correspondence relating to the closing of the Cache Creek Boarding School.

By Command.

JNO. ROBSON,

*Provincial Secretary.*

*Provincial Secretary's Office,  
29th January, 1891.*

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### PETITION.

CACHE CREEK, B. C., June 27th, 1890.

*To the Hon. John Robson,  
Minister of Education,  
Victoria, B. C.*

SIR,—We, the undersigned trustees and residents of the inland country, beg leave to state that for many years the boarding school at Cache Creek has been the means of much educational good throughout this country.

We have been told that it is the intention of your Government to close the school at the expiration of the present school year.

We earnestly ask that, if such is your intention, you reconsider the question, and allow the inhabitants of this section the benefit of the educational facilities hitherto enjoyed.

Many of us are now sending children to the school, and are well pleased with the progress of the pupils and management of the school, and hope to see the school maintained as a public boarding school.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed)	CHAS. A. SEMLIN,	GEO. S. STEPHENSON,
,,	PHILIP PARKE,	JOHN MCLEOD,
,,	JAS. CAMPBELL,	JAS. HADDOCK,
,,	CHAS. PENNIE,	THOMAS MORGAN,
,,	DANIEL O'HARA,	J. B. GREAVES,
,,	W. B. GLADWIN,	JAMES A. NEWLAND.

VICTORIA, 4th July, 1890.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your petition, stating that you have been informed it is the intention of the Government to close the Cache Creek School, and praying that the same be maintained as a public boarding school.

After a fair trial, it was found that the institution was not a success as a public boarding school, and it was consequently reduced to the standard of an ordinary rural school; and as such it will probably be kept open as long as the attendance required by the Act is maintained.

Should the daily average attendance fall under ten, the Government would not feel justified in continuing it even as an ordinary rural school.

With the information and experience in our possession, we would certainly not be justified in attempting to restore it to its former status as a public boarding school.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed) JNO. ROBSON,  
*Provincial Secretary.*

*Messrs. C. A. Semlin, M. P. P., Chas. Pennie,  
Geo. S. Stephenson, and other Petitioners.*

CACHE CREEK, July 12th, 1890.

*To the Hon. John Robson,  
Provincial Secretary.*

SIR,—I have the honour of acknowledging the receipt of yours of July 4th, telling me of the closing of the Cache Creek Boarding School.

Regretting your act in the matter, I beg to remain,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Signed) CHAS. A. SEMLIN.

CACHE CREEK, July 12th, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—I have learned from the late trustees of the Cache Creek Boarding School that the Government intend to continue the school as a rural one. If so, please state whether or not the Government intend me to remain as teacher of said rural school.

Yours respectfully,  
(Signed) J. IRWIN,  
*Cache Creek, B. C.*

*S. D. Pope, Esq.,  
Superintendent of Education,  
Victoria.*

VICTORIA, 17th July, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 12th inst., I would state that provision was made in the estimates of last session for the payment of the salary (\$60 per month) of the teacher of Cache Creek School, thereby placing that school, as to expenditure, on the same basis as other rural schools.

If the trustees wish to continue the school as a boarding school, there will be no objection. There is no provision for the payment of a matron.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) S. D. POPE,  
*Superintendent of Education.*

*J. Irwin, Esq.,  
Public School, Cache Creek.*

CACHE CREEK, August 31st, 1890.

DEAR SIR,—You are hereby notified that, at the close of next month (September), I intend leaving the Cache Creek School.

I have notified Mr. Semlin, but as it would seem there are no trustees for the school since the Government reduced it to a rural one, I forward the resignation to headquarters.

Yours respectfully,  
(Signed) J. IRWIN,  
*Cache Creek, B. C.*

*S. D. Pope, Esq., LL.D.,  
Superintendent of Education,  
Victoria, B. C.*

