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D. M. J. 1.18.01 POLICY FOR EX NEW DENVER

PETITION / MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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There is great need for such a school in eastern B. C., with such a vast waiting list, for up to four years, to enter Woodland, we request this school be opened as soon as possible.

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Mrs Lillian Cochrane	2198 Topping St Trail BC
Mrs Jessie Routledge	1120 - 2nd Ave Trail.
Mrs Cathy Woods -	1652 Cedar Ave
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Name	Address
Mrs. A. H. Green	Box 296 Trail B.C.
Gertrude Krauskopf	Oasis B.C.
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BRITISH COLUMBIA WOMEN'S INSTITUTES
INCORPORATED UNDER THE SOCIETIES ACT

Arrow Park INSTITUTE

Arrow Park, B.C.
December 29 1959.

Dear Sir,

The members of the Arrow Park Women's Institute made a motion that the Secretary write to you, to suggest that the New Denver school, formerly used for Doukhobor children, be used for a school for retarded children.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs) Mary Sherrington
Secretary-Treasurer

I did not answer this letter
Hon

Mrs G.G. Cumming — 36 Hazelwood Drive
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NAME	ADDRESS
Anna Gill	111 Ritchie Ave Trail BC
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Marvin Gloss.	1304 2 Ave Trail B.C.
Mary Finn	1424 Moran St. Trail.
Mrs Alex Crombie	2072 3rd Ave Trail
Mrs J. L. Goodrick	1345 7th Ave Trail
John Goodrick	" "
Mabel Blackway	302 Kootenay Ave. Trail.
Muriel Leonard	370 Schofield Rd.
Guy Leonard	" "
Dorothy Reynard	3243 - Isloe Crescent.
Mrs G Hill	Suite 21 7th Ave Trail
Mrs L. Gordon	11-1095 7 Avenue
E Johnstone	" "
Ella Lorne DeLong	303 Kootenay Trail BC
Dorothy M. Mitchell	130 8 Second Ave.
Ina Dunsmore	1306 " "
Mrs. W. A. Curran	18 Hazlewood Dr.
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October 5th, 1951.

Mr. E.R. Adams,
Supervisor,
Drawer 40,
New Denver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I would like to thank you for the help which you gave us on the occasion of our recent visit to the Sanitarium at New Denver. The information which you were able to give us was of great assistance.

I would also like to thank yourself and Mrs. Adams for your kindness before leaving.

Yours sincerely,

A.M. Gee, M.D.,
Director of Mental Health Services

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October 1st, 1951.

Dear Mr. Pennington: New Denver, B.C.

As requested, Mr. Matheson and I visited the Sanitarium at New Denver on September 26th.

It is not felt that this institution is suitable for any use in the Mental Health Services. I am enclosing herewith a description of the property together with some thoughts as to its future use. Two copies of this are enclosed.

I discussed the matter with Mr. Turnbull at the time of his visit here, and suggested that the institution could remain in the Department of Welfare for the care of the resident Japanese who are aging and who will need care in the very near future.

Some photographs are also enclosed showing the different units.

Yours very truly,

A.M. Gee, M.D.,
Director of Mental Health Services.

R.A. Pennington Esq.,
Deputy Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Encl.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF
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OFFICE OF
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
VICTORIA, B.C.

10th August, 1951.

Dr. A.M. Gee,
Director of Mental Health Services,
Provincial Mental Hospital,
Essondale, B.C.

Dear Dr. Gee: New Denver.

The Hon. A.D. Turnbull informed me today that the New Denver unit, which has now been transferred by the Federal Government to the Provincial Government and which has been used for many years for the accommodation of Japanese T.B. patients, may shortly become available for other purposes.

The number of Japanese being treated in the unit is decreasing and it is the intention of the Department of Health and Welfare to transfer the remaining patients to Vancouver as soon as this can be arranged. I understand the transfer may take place around the end of the year.

I told Mr. Turnbull that we were most interested in this property but had not yet appraised it objectively. It will be impossible for me to get away until after the Royal Visit and I suggest that you and Mr. Matheson,and possibly Dr. Caunt, take an early opportunity of going to New Denver to ascertain whether the unit would be a suitable one for seniles. If your report is favourable, provision can be made in next year's estimates for its operation and there would be time to have any alterations made that may be necessary.

Yours very truly,

R.A. Pennington,
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OFFICE OF PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
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COPY FOR THE INFORMATION/ATTENTION OF:
Dr. A.M. Gee

SCHEDULE A
April 1, 1949

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27th November, 1950.

The Honourable A.D. Turnbull,
Minister of Health & Welfare,
BUILDINGS.

Dear Mr. Turnbull: New Denver.

The Honourable W.T. Straith has handed to me for attention your letter dated 17th October, and in discussing the matter with him this morning he suggested that I might write to you and inform you that we are definitely interested in the buildings presently occupied by the Japanese T.B. patients.

These have not been examined objectively by officials of the Provincial Mental Health Services but I hope to be able to arrange this in the Spring. I understood you to say that in any case they would not be available to us for at least another year.

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The Honourable W. D. Black,

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Deputy Provincial Secretary

March 26th 53

Re: New Denver

With reference to our recent discussion, I am submitting herewith a report made by Dr. Gee in September, 1951 following his visit to New Denver when he was accompanied by Mr. Matheson.

Dr. Gee is careful to warn that the beauty of the area, as evidenced by the photographs, should not be allowed to mislead.

You will note that his definite recommendation is that we do not consider using this building for any purposes in the Mental Health Services. Obviously we could not accommodate seniles in shacks, and the main building, which might house a maximum of fifty patients, would have to be practically rebuilt inside, and then it would not conform to the standards to which we desire to adhere.

The reverse of the photographs identify the buildings.

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The Minister is expressing an interest in this property. Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate the file. I wonder if you could let me have a copy of the report that you made following your visit to New Denver in 1951 together with any other pertinent information that you may have on your files.

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PHOTOGRAPHS















Front Main Bldg.



Rear Main Building.



Shacks to rear main Bldg.



Nurses' Home -



Laundry and Japanese shacks.



Frank Lawn -

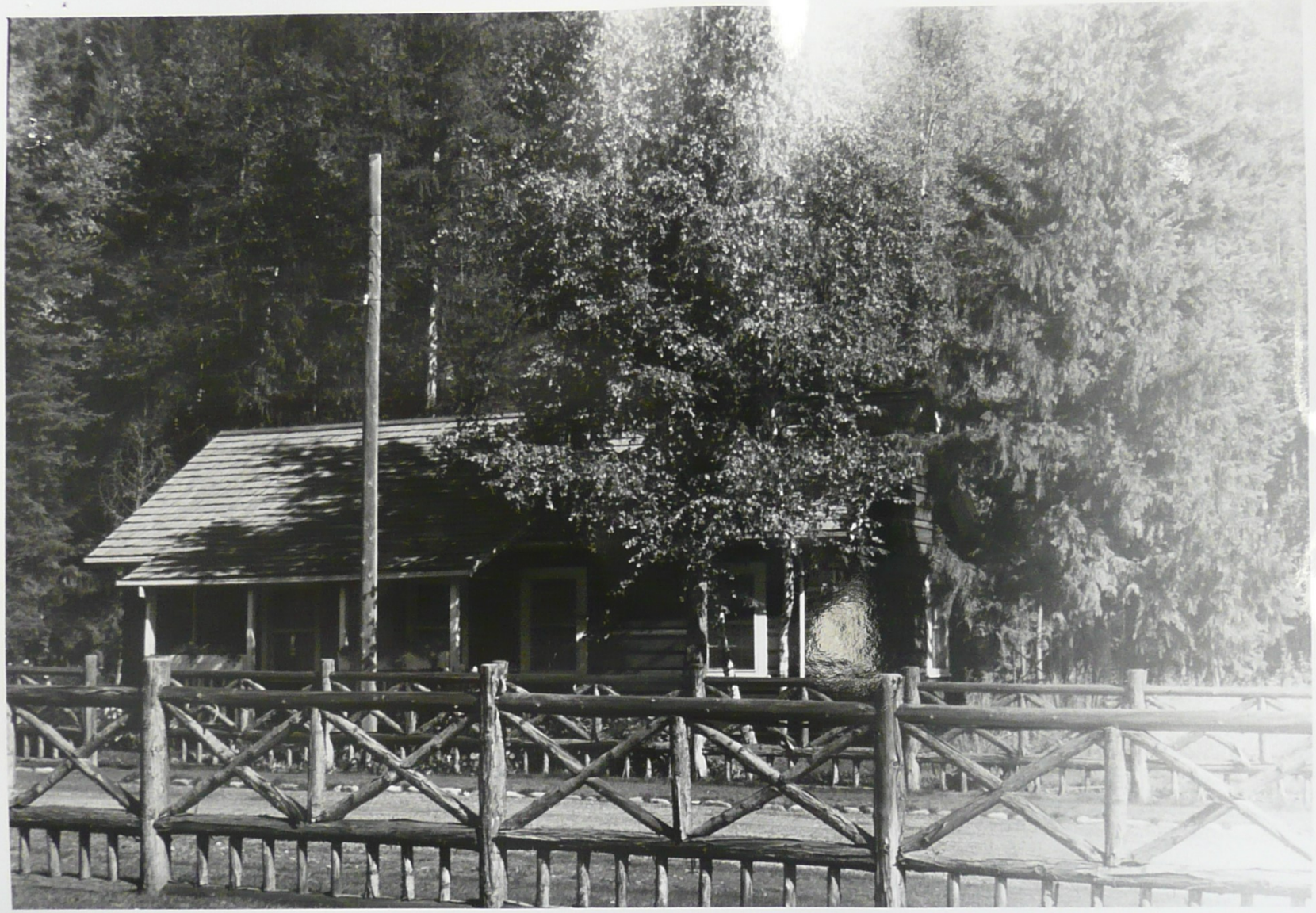


Front Lawn with Lake

in foreground -



Small Pavilion



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