

The Gabriola School District 1872–79 —Source Documents

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Source Document File 1872

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-001-72	BCA	June 29, 1872		John Jessop
GR-1468: Board of Education (Brd.Ed.) Mf B4715: School inspector's diary: Box 3 file 1				
Went to Nanaimo by canoe, rained heavily. Arrived 6:30 pm.				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-002-72	BCA	July 1, 1872		John Jessop
GR-1468: Board of Education (Brd.Ed.) Mf B4715: School inspector's diary: Box 3 file 1 p.13				
<p>Started for Gabriola Is at 5:30 am with canoe and Indian. Travelled down one side and up the other – Settlers (moving??) to establish a school district. There will be some difficulty in locating a schoolhouse as the to[two] settlement[s] are from three to seven miles apart. And the center of the island being entirely (??) from any residence.</p> <p>In the North, there are Penberthy - 2 children, Heath 1, (??) shortly to locate 4; South, McGuffie 2, Chapple 3, Magnus Edgar 2, Kemp 1, Gray 2, Dignen, 5, Stubbens who is on Mudge Is. wants send 2. Twenty four in all.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-003-72	BCA	July 1, 1872		John Jessop
Sessional Papers: First Annual Report of the Superintendent of Education for the year ending July 31 st , 1872, published September 1872.				
<p>Visited Gabriola Island on 1st July where the settlers are taking steps to establish a School District; as among the twenty-four children on the island, there are some 15 or 16 of school age. The two settlements are from three to seven miles apart, and the centre of the island being at present unoccupied, there may be some difficulty in locating the school house.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-004-72	BCA	August, 1872	John Jessop	
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ?				
NOTES: Letter not located. Petition referred to in BL-006-72. Rev. 1				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-005-72	BCA			
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Mf B2018, Corresp. IN:				
<i>Rough map showing names and number of children that may date from this time.</i>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-006-72	BCA	August 19, 1872	Charles Good	John Jessop
GR-0526: Provincial Secretary Corresp.IN: Box 4, 537/72				
<p>Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a petition from the settlers of Gabriola Island asking the Lieut. Governor to create a school district on that Island.</p> <p>For the information of His Excellency in Council, I beg to state that in Gabriola there are fifteen children of school age—Emrich's three being still at Nanaimo—he is, however, preparing a house for his family on his farm & is preparing to move over to the island this fall. Stibbings [with two children] lives on Mudge Island which should be incorporated with Gabriola for school purposes as it is but a few rods across from the one to the other.</p> <p>The children are all half-castes—Gabriola is about seven miles in length and not more than two in width—Mudge is only a few hundred acres in extent.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your very obt. servt. John Jessop, Supt. of Education.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-007-72	BCA	August 29, 1872	John Jessop	A. Roche Robertson
GR-1445. Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: Mf 2017				
<p>Sir: I am directed by the Lieut. Governor to acquaint you that, for School purposes, the Islands known severally as Gabriola and Mudge have been incorporated and created a School District under the title of the Gabriola School District.</p> <p>I have the honour to be Sir, your obedient servant A Roche Robertson, Prov'l Sec'y.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-008-72	BCA	August 30, 1872	Settlers?	John Jessop
Sup.Ed. Corresp. OUT: ?				
NOTES:				
Letter not located. Instructions on how to proceed				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-009-72	BCA	September 21, 1872	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar Richard Norris
Sup.Ed. 1872. ...Mf B2017				
<p>Sir/ At a public meeting of the elector of Gabriola Island the following officers were elected. Magnus Edgar (Chairman) Thomas Dignen - school trustee Thomas McGuffie - school trustee Harry [Henry] Heath – school trustee</p> <p>Yours truly, Signatures: Richard Norris (secretary), Magnus Edgar (chairman)</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-010-72	BCA	October 3, 1872	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar Richard Norris
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: Mf B2017: Edgar to Jessop				
<p>Sir</p> <p>At a special meeting of the electors of Gabriola and Mudge Islands, held for the purpose of selecting a site for the School House.</p> <p>It was proposed that two schoolhouses be erected, the one for the North end of the island and the other for the South. Carried by majority.</p> <p>The place chosen for the South was at the foot of the ridge. (South side)</p> <p>That for the North on the ridge between the houses of H.Heath and Le Buff.</p> <p>It was further proposed that provided that if only one School House be erected in the neighbourhood of Rock Creek. --- Carried by majority</p> <p>Yours respectfully, Magnus Edgar (chairman), Richard Norris (Secretary)</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. This letter has a postscript, BL-011-72. Rev. 1</p>				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-011-72	BCA	October 3, 1872	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar Richard Norris Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: Mf B2017: Edgar to Jessop				
<p>The voters were a little in disorder, when the School House was proposed to be at Rock Creek, part of them having left.</p> <p>We undersigned think it would be out of the way. There are no roads, no settlers in the neighbourhood, and that if the school was built there, no children would be able to attend.</p> <p>We think that at present the only fit place is the first site chosen at the foot of the Ridge (South Side). There is only one child over 5 years old at the North end.</p> <p>Signed: Magnus Edgar, Richard Norris, Richard Chapple</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. This is a postscript to BL-010-72. Rev. 1</p>				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-012-72	BCA	November 1, 1872	John Jessop	Thomas Degnen
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: Mf B2017: Degnen to Jessop				
<p>Sir</p> <p>I take the liberty to write to you concerning how school affairs are carried on here at Gabriola Island after calling a meeting of the Electors of the trustees to choose a place for a school house. There (was) three sites proposed. First one by Chapple's on John Kemp's ranch. 2nd by myself on the Ridge close to the Beautiful Spring of water and half way to McGuffy's and myself, there was William Hoggan at Rock Creek on the centre of the island.</p> <p>Chapple was the first voted for by the electors present and they (?) gained the majority by one vote over me then Rocky Creek was (???) And everyone present was in favour of knowing at the same time that not (?) at children on the island would attend it as it is too far off of everyone and no roads to it.</p> <p>On receiving Mr. Robson's letter,¹ there was a meeting of the trustees. Mr. McGuffy, Heath, and myself for at final consideration of the subject when we commenced talking, McGuffy was asked his opinion, he said that as he lives in the center he was to leave it to Heath and myself to set it. Now, sir, that was it made there between Heath, McGuffie, as McGuffie now wants the school house on his ranch. Heath said he thought McGuffie was the best place for a school house. I asked Heath is he wants his children there to school he said he wants not one that is the only child there is on the upper end of the island and it is only two years old.</p> <p>I then asked him what he wanted the school house at McGuffie's for and he said he wanted it or the meeting house I told him it was for the benefit of the children finally Health agreed to have the school at the ridge. Supposing the school to be at McGuffie's it would leave nine children out of it.</p> <p>Sir, at our first meeting, Hoggan said that whatever ranch the school house was built on, it would make the ranch \$300.00 more valuable and since that McGuffie is doing his best to get it at his place. It is my opinion that the school house should not be built on any mans ranch as long as we can build it in the center of all the children and alongside a never failing stream of water.</p> <p>Sir, as you have been fairly ever the island and visited every known place where there are any children I humbly submit this to you. Judgement has that you will agree with me in thinking that the ridge is the most convenient place for a site and there will be nothing permanently settled until I hear from you.</p> <p>Until then, Believe me to be your obedient servant,</p> <p>Thomas Dignen</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. John Robson (future Provincial Secretary) was probably a clerk in the Provincial Secretary's office. There may be a copy of the letter referred to here in the Provincial Secretary's office, but it could not be located.</p>				

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BL-013-72	BCA	December 6, 1872	Lieutenant Governor	Thomas McGuffie
GR-0526. Prov. Sec'y Corresp. IN: Mf B11313, 864/72: McGuffie to the Governor of BC				
<p>To his Excellency the Governor of British Columbia Sir Your Petetioners of Gabriola Island School District do hereby apply for a grant for the Sum of four Hundred Dollars \$400 for the purpose of Erecting a school House in the above District. And your Petetioners will ever pray Etc. -- Signed: Thomas McGuffie [??? of] Treasurer.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-001-73	BCA	January 6, 1873	Thomas McGuffie	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: Mf B08503. 415/73, Jessop to McGuffie				
<p>T McGuffie Esq, [?Dear Sir]</p> <p>I have the honor to inform you that a grant of \$300 for building a school house in Gabriola Island has been made by His Excellency in Council [?&] [?that] amount, therefore is at the disposal of the trustees when required for that purpose.</p> <p>[signature illegible, probably Jessop].</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-002-73	BCA	January 16, 1873	John Jessop	Robert Stubbings
?? Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: Mf B02017				
<p>Proceedings of meeting held at Gabriola School District for the purpose of electing three trustees.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magnus Edgar proposed by Thos. McGuffie to fill the office of trustee for the ensuing term of 3 years. Seconded by Richard Chappell. Carried. 2. Robert Stubbings proposed by Henry Heath to fill the office of trustee for the next ensuing term of two years. Seconded by John Kemp. Carried. 3. John Kemp proposed by Richard Chappell to fill the office of trustee for the next ensuing term of one year. Seconded by Robert Stubbings. Carried. 4. Magnus Edgar proposed as Sec'y & Treasurer. Accepted. <p>Chairman, JW Pemberthy,¹ [?Sec'y] R Stubbings</p>				
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<p>1. "Pemberthy" is a common alternative spelling of "Penberthy". However, genealogical sources favour "Penberthy", and there used to be a hamlet "Penberthy Cross" in Cornwall.</p>				

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BL-003-73	BCA	February 8, 1873	Executive Council	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: Mf B08503. 479/73, Jessop to Executive Council				
<p>...Any additional expenditure will have to be provided for from local sources, either by voluntary contribution or a small monthly [?rate?] on pupils [illegible]....</p>				
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BL-004-73	BCA	February 11, 1873	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar
?? Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: Mf B02017: Edgar to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am instructed to write to you that we shall be much Oblidged (<i>sic</i>) to you if you can send the money to build the School house as nothing can be done until it comes and the spring is coming on and we would like to have it commenced.</p> <p>Hoping if it is convenient with you as soon as you can & Oblidge (<i>sic</i>) I remain Dear Sir, Your Obedient Servant Magnus Edgar Sect'y</p>				
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BL-005-73	BCA	February 16, 1873	John Jessop	Robert Stubbings
?? Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: Mf B02017: Stubbings to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Having been requested by the Majority of the electors of Gabriola and Mudge Islands School District to offer myself as a candidate for teacher of the above district, I wish to tender my Resignation as trustee, with your approval.</p> <p>Your obedient servant, Robert [?J] Stubbings.</p> <p>Signed John Kemp Trustee " Magnus Edgar Trustee</p>				
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BL-006-73	BCA	February 17, 1873	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: Mf B08503. 490/73, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>In answer to your letter of 11th inst, I regret to say that I shall not be in a position to provide the [?sum] [?amount]of your grant for building School House till the beginning of next month. Nothing can be obtained from the Government till the "Supply Bill" receives the assent of the Lieut. Governor at the close of the session. Your grant together with several others, [?have] to be revoted on account of not being [illegible] before 31st December last.</p> <p>I think I may guarantee you the money in two weeks, for the mean time can you not go on with the building?</p> <p>[signature illegible, probably Jessop]</p>				
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BL-007-73	BCA	February 26, 1873	John Jessop	Robert Stubbings									
?? Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: ? Stubbings to Jessop													
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Having been requested by the Undersigned Electors of Gabriola and Mudge Islands, I offer myself as candidate for school teacher for the said District. I beg respectfully to do so, trusting that you will find me duly qualified.</p> <p>I Remain Sir, your Obedient Serv't, Robert Stubbings</p> <p>Signed:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Thomas Degnen;</td> <td>Magnus Edgar;</td> <td>Robert Gray;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Norris;</td> <td>Marcus Roe;</td> <td>John Kemp;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Henry Heath;</td> <td>William Hoggan</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>					Thomas Degnen;	Magnus Edgar;	Robert Gray;	Richard Norris;	Marcus Roe;	John Kemp;	Henry Heath;	William Hoggan	
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Richard Norris;	Marcus Roe;	John Kemp;											
Henry Heath;	William Hoggan												
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BL-008-73	BCA	March 3, 1873	Robert Stubbings	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: Mf B08503. 512/73, Jessop to Stubbings				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I have the honor to acknowledge the [?receipt] of your communication of 26th ult.</p> <p>In reply I beg to state that it will be necessary for you to qualify as a School teacher before you can be appointed to the school (See section 23 of School Act). I send you herewith my Report; on pages 28-30 of which¹ you will find a list of examination questions upon which Third class [?certificants] were examined last year—It is only right for me to inform you, however, that the exam to [?be set] [?next] will be more difficult.</p> <p>As you will not have an opportunity of [?_____ing?] an examination till July there will be no necessity for you to resign your trusteeship till that time and not then even should you fail in obtaining a certificate. A careful perusal of my report pages 21–23 respecting an examination will give you further instructions—I may just say, however that correct spelling will be required in the lowest grade of certificate...</p> <p>I have &c..., John Jessop</p>				
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1. Example questions are in BL-009-73.				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-009-73	BCA	August 1872		
<p>Sample questions from the Sup. Ed. Report for School year 1871/72. Some were likely included in BL-007-73: Jessop to Stubbings</p> <p>No. 1 – Arithmetic: Time three hours. #5. Divide 85 lbs. 7 oz. 15 dwt. 1 gr. by 67. #17. If 20 men can perform a piece of work in 12 days, how many men could perform another piece of work 3 times as great in one-fifth part of the time? #18. Find the present value of \$4800 due in four years, without grace, at 5 per cent. per annum.</p> <p>No. 2 – Geography: Time two hours. #7. Give the eastern boundaries of all the continents, and specify the countries and capital cities. #11. Describe the several motions of the earth.</p> <p>No. 3 – English Grammar: Time two hours. # 6. How many degrees of comparison are there? Name them, with examples. #12. How many moods have verbs? and name them.</p> <p>No. 4 – English History: Time two hours. # 2. Who was the greatest monarch of the Plantagenet race? #11. What was the greatest event in the reign of George III?</p> <p>No. 5 – Vocal Music: Time one hour. #8. Name, illustrate and define dynamic characters used in vocal music.</p> <p>No. 6 – School Organization and Government: Time, one hour. #1. On what should obedience, particularly in young children, be based; and what expedients would you employ to produce it?</p> <p>No. 7 – Composition: Time, one hour. Males – Influence of Canadian Pacific Railway on the future of British Columbia. Females – Write what you know of “Dolly Varden”.</p>				
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BL-010-73	BCA	March 21 or 31, 1873	John Jessop	Robert Stubbings
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN:				
NOTES: Letter not located. Question about dismissing teachers. BL-012-73. Rev. 1				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-011-73	BCA	March 25, 1873	John Jessop	Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN:				
NOTES: Letter not located. Question about when the school would open. BL-012-73. Rev. 1				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-012-73	BCA	April 17, 1873	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: Mf B08503. 565/73, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Magnus Edgar Esq - [?Sec'y Treas?]</p> <p>I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr. Chapple dated 25th ult.& one from Mr Stubbings dated [21st or 31st?] ult—In reply I have to inform you that the amount of your grant (\$300) has been paid over to Mr. A. Young of Nanaimo—subject to your [?order] as soon as the school house shall be properly completed.</p> <p>I shall not be in a position to answer Mr. Stubbings letter till after the next meeting of the Board of Ed, a which will be held [?some] time during the [?month]—I may just say, however that the present school term is now so far advanced that it is not likely your school will be [?opened] till after the summer vacation.</p> <p>I send you five copies of the [?___ed] School Act. Please hand one each to the other Trustees—Mr. Chapple will find that his question with regard to dismissal of teachers is answered in [? Sect 7].</p> <p>[illegible: prob. Jessop]</p>				
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BL-013-73	BCA	May 16/17, 1873	Prov. Sec.	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: Mf B08503. 627/73, Vol.1, p.237, Jessop to Prov. Sec.				
<p>...16th Started for Nanaimo [?Harbour] by Str. <i>Emma</i> from Esquimalt at 10 am – [?landed] at Nanaimo at 2 am.</p> <p>Saturday:</p> <p>17th Went to Gabriola Island by canoe got there with some difficulty—strong head wind—Examined new school house & held meeting with Trustees² —Got back to Nanaimo at 6 pm.</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Jessop's "timesheet" sent to the Provincial Secretary. 2. No record of this meeting has been found. It's not clear how often Jessop may have 'dropped in' to Gabriola, or how often someone from this area might have visited the Education Office while in Victoria. If such visits were at all frequent, there might have been less need for letters, and we can only guess what that meeting with trustees might have covered. 				
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BL-014-73	BCA	September 1873		
Second Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia, 1872–73				
<p>GABRIOLA ISLAND – This island, together with Mudge, were incorporated as a school district last autumn; since which time a school house has been built; but the Trustees have not yet been able to procure a teacher.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-015-73	BCA	1872–1873		
GR-01468: BC Bd. of Ed., Mf B04715 Box 2 (roll 939). Register of Teachers' Certificates				
<p>NOTES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Register was kept up to date by the Board of Education, and included information from appointment date, to termination date, for every teacher. 				
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BL-016-73	authors			
MISSING CORRESPONDENCE				
<p>We first became aware of missing correspondence in Jessop's letter of April 17, 1873, when he refers to two letters from Gabriola which we couldn't find in the Superintendent's orrespondence IN (GR-1445). Later, we discovered that there were no letters at all from Gabriola to Jessop in the 2½ years between early March of 1873 and August of 1875. There is a similar, smaller gap in Jessop's Correspondence OUT (GR-0450), from April 1873 to January 1874.</p> <p>We consulted with one of the archivists at BCA who suggested that several boxes of the Superintendent's records might have been mislaid during their transfer from the old Parliament buildings (the "Birdcages") to the present legislative buildings (opened in 1898).</p> <p>So, we learned to read between the lines in Jessop's correspondence; found mention of Gabriola in the records the of the Board of Education (GR-1468), including the diaries of the provincial school inspectors, the register of teachers certificates, and the annual reports of the Superintendent of Schools from 1872 on. Further afield, the Provincial Secretary's office (GR-0526), which supervised everything, had copies of many other reports in which Gabriola was mentioned. Stretching still further, we found reference to many of the actors in the Gabriola school drama in the searchable database of the BRITISH COLONIST, and in the NANAIMO FREE PRESS. All these sources helped to fill the gaps in the Superintendent's Gabriola correspondence.</p>				
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Source Document File 1874

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-001-74	BCA	January 12, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 891/73, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Mr. Edgar Esq Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose herewith a cheque for \$25.00 in aid for building the teacher's residence. Return voucher as soon as possible.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-002-74	BCA	January 17, 1874	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN:				
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Letter not located. BL-003-74.				Rev. 1

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BL-003-74	BCA	February 2, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 912/73, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir</p> <p>In reply to your note of the 17th ult., I beg to state that it will be necessary for us to have a statement of [?receipts/results?] & expenditures before I can recommend any further grant for finishing [?the] school house. It seems to me that your desks and benches for such a small room, cost entirely too much. However, when I know what your indebtedness is I will do what I can to pay it off.</p> <p>From the [a/cs - ?accounts?] sent [?down] it seems to be \$54.25, but nothing is said as to whether there is any cash [?in/on] hand.</p> <p>The Board of Education have already decided that no increases of salary can be made to teachers holding temporary certificates till they become properly qualified under the School Act. Salary can be [?sent] [?up] [illegible] in two [???] weeks provided I get the signed vouchers in advance.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-004-74	BCA	March 2, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 66/74, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Mr. Magnus Edgar</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I herewith enclose cheque for \$177.25 salary for teacher Jan. & Feb. \$80—incidental expenses for [?the] current year [?ending] [?Dec.] [??] \$40, & \$57.25 which I [?worked/costed] out to be your present indebtedness.</p> <p>The amount granted for [incidentals] [?should] cover all [?sundry] expenses connected with the school & also insurance policy for say \$300 on your school premises.</p> <p>The government will consider the Trustee [?Board] [?responsible] for accidents [3 illegible words] the school property [?remains] uninsured [3 illegible words]. If I can assist you in [?this] matter by getting the insurance effected I shall be happy to do so. The cost of the policy can be [?discounted] [illegible line] [illegible] granted for incidentals when you receive the cheque.</p> <p>[?Should] [?money] be [?required] under the head of [6 illegible words] it can only be obtained by special requisition & expended after being [?approved] by the Lieut. Governor in Council.</p> <p>Please return with as little delay as possible the [?accompanying] voucher, & also others that you may receive from time to time throughout the year. I shall [??????] with your request and forward salary [???] [????] this hereafter.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-005-74	BCA	March 23, 1874		John Jessop
GR-1468: Board of Education (Brd.Ed.) Mf B4715: School inspector's diary: Box 3 file 1: Mar.23, 1874				
<p>Started for Gabriola Island at 7am.</p> <p>Landed at Heaths and then over to Whites and McLays—[?across] to Hoggans & then to McGuffys by canoe—[?over] to the schoolhouse calling at Chapples and Edgars.</p> <p>Found 16 children in attendance—Register shows an average of 13 from 1st of January—every pupil within reach of school has attended regularly. Classes making gratifying progress in reading, spelling, & arithmetic – Grammar & geography just commenced.</p> <p>The whole school started with (1st) book last autumn. One class now reading fairly in 2nd reader. The teacher, Mr. Seneker, is very painstaking & is deserving of great credit.</p> <p>Parents also (in great contrast with other districts) are much interested in the school & careful to keep up the attendance. <u>Children in district 22.</u> Mar.24 Went to Harewood...</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-006-74	BCA	March ?, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 110/74, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir I enclose cheque for \$34.75 and insurance [???] making \$40 teacher's sal[?ary] for March. I shall bring the ques[?tion] of an increase in [illegible] salary before the Board of Eduation tomorrow even[ing?] Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
NOTES: 1. A letter requesting an increase in teacher's salary is missing. Rev. 1				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-007-74	BCA	April 27, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 144/74, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Mr. Magnus Edgar Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque for \$125 ___ salary of teacher [?month of] [?April] \$50 & \$75 for fencing , building, wood shed &c___ If the settlers [illegible x 3] [illegible x 3] after spring work is done,[to assist in] putting up fence, you [?might] be able to spare more than \$20 for a wood shed—At any rate you must do the best you can until the [illegible x 2]. [illegible x 3] May & June will be paid on my return from the Interior. Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
NOTES: Rev. 1				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-008-74		May 9, 1874		James McLay
NANAIMO FREE PRESS				
<p>Gabriola Island</p> <p>To a large number of our readers this island is known as the "Big Island", and as many of these have never even visited it although so near, yet take an interest in farming generally, it may not be uninteresting to give some slight description of it.</p> <p>Many who see these grey beetling cliffs facing the town might think it an unhospitable, barren island with nothing but gloomy pine trees on its surface, but this is not so, and though not above seven miles on its longest line, and two or two and a half on its broadest, there are many patches of rich swamp and alder bottom, and it contains no less than nineteen settlers, viz., (going from the E. end to the W.,) Messrs. Degnen, Dick, Gray, Martin, Kemp, Magnus Edgar, Chappel, McGuffie, Easson, Hoggan, McLay, Hall, LeBoeuf [Le Boeuf], Goss, Caulfield, White, and Heath, seventeen of whom are in constant occupation of their claims and hard at work.</p> <p>Their stock consists in all of some four hundred and fifty or perhaps five hundred head of cattle, besides a horse which we mention because it is in the habit of visiting a neighbouring island for summer quarters, and is on friendly terms with the cattle thereon much to the disgust of the gentleman who owns it.</p> <p>They have also numerous pigs and fowls, and supply us with butter, eggs, potatoes, turnips, and a considerable quantity of oats, not to say anything of the very excellent beef it feeds.</p> <p>Of the settlers, the older ones of course have done most work, as the Messrs. Hoggan, whose dwelling house, garden, barn, and buildings are a model of neatness, comfort, and good workmanship. They are on the borders of a lake which they have lowered considerably.</p> <p>Amongst the others, Messrs. Magnus, Degnen, Gray, McGuffie, Chappel, and Kemp, much good and substantial work has been done, and the more recent settlers are quickly following suit. The Messrs. Martin, the last pre-emptors, are about to begin the cultivation of hops which Mr. Jonathan Martin thoroughly understands.</p> <p>An efficient Public School, with Mr. Seneker as teacher, has existed for some time, and the main want at present is a regular mail service with Nanaimo. COM.</p>				
NOTES:				
1. COM was James McLay.				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-009-74	BCA	June 29, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 177/74, Vol.3, p.330, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir Enclosed you will find cheque & voucher for two months salary. May & June. \$100. I also send Yearly Reports. Please get Mr. Seneker's assistance in filling them up & return one copy to this office at your earliest convenience. Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-010-74		July 18, 1874		
BRITISH COLONIST, p.3				
NOTES:				
1. Results of Teachers' examination.				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-011-74		July 31, 1874		
THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, p.28				
<p>GABRIOLA ISLAND: This school is just entering upon its second year of usefulness, under Mr. J.E.L. Seneker. The pupils are regular in their attendance, and are making rapid progress in their studies. When the school was opened, a year ago, all the children of various ages commenced with the First Book of Lessons. A short time since, they were supplied with Third Readers, arithmetics, geographies, &c. Educational facilities are duly appreciated in this district; trustees and parents act in concert with the teacher, thus securing the best possible return for moneys spent for school purposes.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-012-74	BCA	August 3, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 234/74, Vol.3, p.330, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque & voucher for July salary of teacher. Your Annual Report has not yet come to hand. I am anxious to get it as soon as possible. Yours very [?truly], John Jessop</p>				
NOTES:				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-013-74	BCA	August 31, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 385/74, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque for \$40.47, & receipt for \$9.53, amount of books [?sold] in school to July 31st, making \$50 in all—salary for August. Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
NOTES:				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-014-74	BCA	October 8, 1874		John Jessop
GR-1468: Board of Education (Brd.Ed.) Mf B4715: School inspector's diary: Box 3 file 1 p.51: Oct. 8, 1874				
<p>Went to Gabriola Island in canoe—At school in the afternoon. Thirteen children in attendance—all half breeds. Second-class reading and spelling very good. All in first Reader last spring. First Reading classes making fair improvement. Whole school a fair knowledge of the Map of North America. The first times in arithmetic well recited. Grammar just commenced. Children orderly & well behaved & making good progress. School opened & closed with prayer. Over to the northern end of the Island in the evening. Six children of school age too far away to attend school. Advised the erection of a small Schoolhouse this fall was to commence school in early spring. Promised to recommend \$100 in aid. Two white and four half breed children in this portion of the district. Travelled 20 miles in canoe & 10 on foot. Stayed at Hoggan's for the night.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-015-74	BCA	October 20, 1874	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 482?/74, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Magnus Edgar Esq Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque & voucher for teacher's salary for month October \$50. A small parcel of books &c were sent up last week which I hope came safely to hand. Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Source Document File 1875

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-001-75	BCA	January 10, 1875	John Jessop	John Seneker
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN:				
NOTES: Letter not located. BL-002-75.				
				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-002-75	BCA	February 1, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 45/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Mr. Edgar Dear Sir I send you herewith teachers salary for January \$50.00. Will you kindly send back the voucher as soon as possible? Give Mr. Seneker my thanks for his letter of the 10th [16th?] ult. Am much pleased to find that the school is getting along so well. Yours truly, John Jessop</p>				
NOTES:				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-003-75	BCA	March 24, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 152/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Magnus Edgar Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque for salary of teacher month March \$50. You will also find renewal receipt for insurance on School house. Next month I shall be able to forward your usual grant for incidental expenses. Yours truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-004-75	BCA	March 31, 1875		John Jessop
GR-1468: Board of Education (Brd.Ed.) School inspector's diary: Box 3 file 1 p.66: Mar.31, 1875				
<p>March 31st To Cedar School...thirteen pupils—six of whom live too far away to reach the school & are consequently boarded near the school house—without them the school would have to be closed. Held a meeting at 1 pm but few of the parents present. Returned to Nanaimo in the evening</p> <p>April 1st Went to Gabriola Island. Found 14 [?16] pupils in school. All making admirable progress under Mr. Seneker. Attendance all through the winter very good.</p> <p>Lectured at 3 pm—nearly all the parents of the children present and several others—about 35 in all.</p> <p>Went back to Nanaimo in the evening. Met a heavy squall & reached the harbour with difficulty at 8 pm.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-005-75	BCA	April 22, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 204/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose herewith cheque for salary of teacher month of April—\$50.</p> <p>As you have school funds on hand the grant for incidental expenses will not be paid till later in the year. You will therefore defray such expenditure out of money that you have on hand.</p> <p>Salaries for May and June will be paid immediately on my return from the mainland which will be about 25th June. I shall meet [?correspondence] at different points while away – letters addressed as usual will find me.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-006-75		July 3, 1875		
BRITISH COLONIST, p.3				
The following Oddfellows have been elected as office bearers for the ensuing six months: Jas. McKay Sabiston, NG; John E. Davis, VG; J.E.L. Seneker, Rec. Sec; W.E. Webb, (re-elected) Treas.; Frederick Wild, Permanent Secretary.				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-007-75	BCA	July 8, 1875	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN:				
NOTES:				
Letter not located. BL-008-75.				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-008-75	BCA	July 12, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 274/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq, Dear Sir</p> <p>Your note of 8th inst. arrived duly to hand with voucher enclosed.</p> <p>We will do the best we can in the [?this] matter of another teacher next week & I shall be able to let you know who we may be able to send up.</p> <p>You will find blank Reports this mail as I am not sure that you have any of them. I could not send them last week for want of time before steamer left [?on] [?his/its] way [?running] & they were only printed the day before.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-009-75	BCA	July 26, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 302/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq, Dear Sir</p> <p>A young man named Gregory who took examination [?work/week] & [?came] within a few marks of getting his certificate is desirous of taking your school so that he may have an opportunity of working up for another year. The Board of Education have given him permission to teach & perhaps you [?could] not do better than to engage him. Let me hear from you in this matter by return steamer.</p> <p>You will receive five vouchers with this note, which please sign & return as soon as possible. I shall then fill up these as required from month to month to end of year & send you cheque direct from Treasury. In order to do this vouchers must be provided <u>in advance</u> . This arrangement will save me some work & obviate the necessity of keeping a special bank a/c.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-010-75		July 31, 1875		
FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, p.94				
<p>Gabriola Island.—An attempt was made early in the past school year to give the few children on the northern part of this island a portion of the teacher's time; but it failed, in consequence of the settlers not being able to agree upon a site for the second school house.</p> <p>All the children living on the south-eastern extremity are attending school pretty regularly, and have made tolerable progress. A change of teachers occurred at the commencement of the present term; the former incumbent having gone East on a visit.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-011-75	BCA	August 2, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: ??/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir</p> <p>I wrote you last week respecting the bearer of this note, Mr. M Gregory, whom I will leave the pleasure of introducing himself to you. He is anxious to get to work, & thinking that you were desirous of having the school reopen as soon as possible.</p> <p>I have concluded to send him up before hearing from you in reply to my note of last week. You will, I am sure, assist him in every way to make the school as successful as it was under Mr. Seneker; &, I am inclined to think, nothing will be wanting in his part as a teacher.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-012-75	BCA	August 3, 1875	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Edgar to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>Your letter of the 26th July came to hand, and with regard to the School teacher it is advisable Mr. Gregory should come at an early opportunity should you [<i>?acquiece(sic)</i>] in the matter.</p> <p>I send the Report filled up, as also the vouchers with my signature attached according to your wish, as I understand by letter.</p> <p>The School House has been painted and whitewashed and is ready for re-opening upon the teachers arrival.</p> <p>Yours truly, Magnus Edgar</p>				
NOTES:				Rev. 1
1. This letter is the first in the Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN file since Feb 26, 1873.				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-013-75	BCA	August 4, 1875	John Jessop	Charles Brook
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Brook to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>If you have not yet obtained a teacher for the School on this Island, I beg to offer myself for the position. You are perhaps aware that I have taken up land at the Northern extremity of the Island, & am now engaged in hop raising. As there is but little to be done the first Autumn and Winter, and as my funds need replenishing, I should feel greatly obliged by receiving this appointment until such time as you are able to obtain a certificated instructor. Your kind compliance with this request will assist me materially in my present circumstances and I assure you the duties incident to the position will be carefully attended to.</p> <p>Thanking you for past favors.</p> <p>I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obliged servant, Charles Seymour Brook</p> <p>p.s.</p> <p>Before Mr. Seneker left, he informed me that the School Trustees were quite favorable to my taking charge of this School.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-014-75	BCA	August 16, 1875	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>When the little "Maud" passed the Dredge boats & we had taken a farewell glance (to some a longing look) at Victoria with her Church Spires & Business houses, I sat down & said to myself where am I going, & what am I going to?</p> <p>Now as "Josh Billings says" "Natre will have its corse." & like the rest of human nature I formed many a grossly enlarged idea of my soon to be seen place of labour.</p> <p>On landing at Naniamo (<i>sic</i>) I saw Mr. Planta on the wharf in "real life" with all that jolly, nervis (<i>sic</i>) activity, which is peculiar to none but Mr PLANTA. With his generous assistance I was enabled that evening to secure an Indian Canoe to convey me to Gabriola Island the following morning. The trip was a pleasant one being the first time I ever entered a canoe.</p> <p>On landing here I was received very kindly by Mr. Edgar who took me to the school house an object in which my imaginings had surpassed the reality for I surely expected to see one about twice the size.</p> <p>As the trustees thought it rather short notice to open up on Thursday we concluded to open up on the following Monday with the Neighbors assurance however that the attendance would be small during the harvest.</p> <p>Monday came & I found that I had been overrating the library qualifications of my school. But after considering the length of time this school has been open, & taking in the fact that they (the scholars) could scarcely understand any English when they commenced, one must conclude that they have done remarkably well.</p> <p>My present attendance is about ten to thirteen. The trustees told me I would have a rough lot to deal with & I find as I am most happy to say that though the children are wild <by nature> they are not at all incontrollable (<i>sic</i>). I think I am doing <u>well</u> for the <u>people</u> whether it will pay me or not. ...¹</p>				
NOTES:				
1. There follows a list of needed supplies, BL-015-75.				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-015-75	BCA	August 16, 1875	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
Part of BL-014-75				
<p>I have on hand: Spelling books 6; Second readers 6; Arithmetic Elem. 2; In good condition 19 [?]; And one set of charts ?? of the first reader badly worn.</p> <p>I want: Elementary arithmetic 6; Easy lessons general geography 6; First Readers part –II; Slates 12x19 inches or there about; Copybooks 48; Pencil chalk by box 2; Slate pencils by box 4; New register by all means 1; Fifth reader for myself 1; School bell 1.</p> <p>If you have no bells for the public be so kind as to send one of your own purchase a good Sized one to be my private property and we will settle afterward. Nanaimo has [no?] school bells for sale.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-016-75	BCA	September 2, 1875	John Jessop	Charles Brook
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: Brook to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>Your esteemed favor of the 25th Ult. Came safely to hand, but owing to my residence on Gab. Island I did not receive it until too late to reply per return mail.</p> <p>During, the last two weeks I have been suffering from inflammation of the lungs & the latter portion of that time have resided with Dr McInnes, whose able treatment has about restored me to my usual health.</p> <p>I intend d.v.¹ to start for Salt Spring Island by tomorrows Steamer which arrangement will enable me to commence my duties on the following Monday the 6th inst.</p> <p>Regreting (<i>sic</i>) that my sickness should have caused any delay.</p> <p>With many thanks you past favors.</p> <p>I remain, Dear Sir, Very respect[llly] yours, Cha. S. Brook</p>				
NOTES:				Rev. 1
1. <i>Deo volente</i> – God willing				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-017-75	BCA	September 6, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 452/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque for salary of teacher for month August \$40. Did Mr. Seneker settle his book a/c with you before leaving? If he did not, I must make a memorandum of it & attend to the matter when he returns to BC. Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-018-75	BCA	November 1, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.:				
NOTES: Letter not located. BL-019-75.				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-019-75	BCA	November 16, 1875	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Edgar to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir In reply to your letter of the 1st I beg to state that the school is progressing, very very well under Mr. Gregory the attendance is 17 46 when they are all there and the average was 13 for last quarter. Yours very truly, Magnus Edgar</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-020-75	BCA	December 1, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 828/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque for \$40 teacher salary for month November. Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-021-75	BCA	December 3, 1875	Capt. Wake	John Ash
GR-0540: Prov.Sec'y: Corresp. OUT: Vol. 5, p.218, Ash to Wake				
<p>Sir</p> <p>With reference to your letter addressed to Mr. Sproat I have the honour to inform you that the Steamers leave San Francisco on the 10th, 20th and 30th each month for Victoria.</p> <p>The Cabin fare is at present \$25. but as there is frequently an opposition boat running fares occasionally come [?down] as low as \$?? for [?Cabin] and \$5 Steerage.</p> <p>I have the honor to be</p> <p>Sir</p> <p>Your obedt servant, John Ash</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-022-75	BCA	December 3, 1875	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am sorry to be compelled, as it were, to complain of an apparent lack [of] active interest on the part of the S.S. [South School] in general.</p> <p>They have not built steps, fence, or house for me to live in, nor have they dug a well; all of which they not only could, but should have done since July last. The School House stands as destitute & unchanged as it did when I first took the key, with the trifling exception of a trap door in the ceiling & a window in the garret, both of which I cut in to make a sleeping apartment above.</p> <p>In so far as I am permitted (<i>sic</i>) to judge the school is progressing. The scholars sing well, play lively & study diligently. I can ask no more.</p> <p>Please send to my address: First Readers Pt II, 2; Copy Books 48.</p> <p>Yours in Trust,</p> <p>OM Gregory</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-023-75	BCA	December 8, 1875	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Edgar to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>In reply to your letter of the 29th I beg to state that the improvements about the school is not done yet—when it could have been done we could not get lumber and the then bad weather set in and it is not done yet—and there is no place for the teacher to stop in.</p> <p>He is sleeping above the schoolhouse.</p> <p>He went to stop in that house that Mr. Seneker was in and [?we were] to pay Mr. Chapple three dollars for one month thinking to have some place put up for him and there was none put up—and he stopt in Mr. Chapple's house about 3 1/2 months time and he wants \$12 and we have not payed him yet - and that will be about the half of the 23 dollars for residence and no residence yet.</p> <p>And we would like to know what we shall do and if we can put any of the money we have on hand for an addition to the school-house for the teacher to stop in. I think if we had the material the settlers would put it up.</p> <p>Hoping to hear from you</p> <p>Yours very truly, Magnus Edgar</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-024-75	BCA	December 29, 1875	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 864/75, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>M. Edgar Esq</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose herewith cheque for salary of teacher for month of December, with voucher for same, which please return as soon as possible. The last voucher came duly to hand.</p> <p>Remember your annual meeting second Wednesday in January. Give notice for it accordingly.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-025-75	BCA	December 30, 1875	Trustees	Orlanzo Gregory
<p>School House Gabriola Island To the Trustees of S.S. Gabriola Island If gentlemen, you do not build, or cause to be built a suitable house for a Teacher's residence, & make the necessary improvements or [?limit] the time when they shall be made; I will resign on the 31 March 1876. I remain, gentlemen, your most obedient faithful servant, OM Gregory</p>				
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BL-001-76	BCA	January 12, 1876	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-?: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ?: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>Today the school meeting was attended by about a dozen parents coming from both ends of the island, the proceedings of which you will learn shortly by trustee's report.</p> <p>Since the trustees chanced to leave my notice to them in the school house, I enclose it to you; but state with pleasure that they promised to day to perform what circumstances have so boldly demanded of them ever since my persevering predecessor first took the reins.</p> <p>I have been waiting patiently for you to come & inspect my school, pronounce me a deserving teacher and raise my Salary to \$50. per mo. for the remaining six months. But alas! you never came. & without wherewith to rest my head, else than pay half my salary for my board.</p> <p>I am labouring on for a cash compensat'n that would have been a disgrace to me in pick & shovel days; not to speak of the more pleasant toil between the plough handles.</p> <p>This neighborhood says I am as well deserving of a reasonable sum as any who has come before. I do not know how this may be but leave it for your more worthy judgment.</p> <p>I am not at all satisfied with the, I was going to say, actions; but will say stingy lack of action that has hitherto pervaded the whole section.</p> <p>We have some newcomers causing the necessity if not the possibility of demanding a school on the other end of the Island.</p> <p>I have been carrying on a Sunday School here ever or nearly since I first came. But to use the vulgar expression the people had taken me up for a chinaman & had I taught every day in the week & preached on Sunday, they would not have made me comfortable for it.</p> <p>They seem to think since they got the written note that they have mistaken their man & [?may] do better in future.</p> <p>I say in truth, OM Gregory</p>				
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BL-002-76	BCA	January 12, 1876	John Jessop	John Kemp
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Kemp to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island School Meeting</p> <p>Moved by T Degnen & seconded by J Martin that JW Pemberthee (<i>sic</i>) take the chair. Taken accordingly.</p> <p>Moved by J Martin & seconded by T Degnen that J Kemp act as Secretary and treasurer for the coming three years. Elected accordingly.</p> <p>Moved by T Degnen & seconded by R Chappel (<i>sic</i>) that J Martin act as Trustee for the coming two years. Elected accordingly.</p> <p>Chairman, JW Pemberthy John Kemp</p>				
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BL-003-76	BCA	January 14, 1876	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Edgar to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>In reply to your note of 30th, we had a meeting on 12th and I read your two last letters at the meeting— there is nothing more done yet—they the trustees intend to build a house for the teacher.</p> <p>I hand over the money to Mr Kemp Sec & Treas as you will see from returns.</p> <p>Yours very truly, Magnus Edgar</p>				
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BL-006-76	BCA	April 22, 1876	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. OUT: ??:				
<p>Mr. Edgar Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque for salary of teacher for the month of April, \$50.00. As you have school from ?? the grant for incidental expenditures will not be ?? 'til later in the year. You will therefore defray such expenditure out of money that you have on hand. Salaries for May and June will be paid immediately on my return from the mainland which will be about 25 June. I shall meet correspondence at different points while away—letters at least as usual will find me. Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-007-76	BCA	May 14, 1876	John Jessop	Capt Wake
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??:				
<p>Gabriola [near?] Nanaimo, May 14, 1876 [crest of undetermined significance] To John Jessop Esq.:</p> <p>As I perceive a schoolmaster for Nanaimo is wanted, I [?...]to mention to you...Gregory as a young man of many excellent qualities, moral, upright and a good disciplinarian, and if he is qualified for the Office it may not be possible to make a better selection. [?...]</p> <p>What is wanted at Nanaimo is a man who can manage the Boys and Girls and [?...] keep on good terms with the parents, Trustees, as may be. Regular attendance can be second to [?...]. I remain...yours, B.A. Wake</p>				
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BL-008-76	BCA	May 15, 1876	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-?: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ?: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>School House, Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>I can only express my regret that the Government Treasury should be so nearly exhausted as not to admit of more prompt measures in matters which would appear to be trifling to them while they are so great importance to a private individual circumstanced as I am.</p> <p>On hearing that the Nanaimo Teacher had resigned and that the selection of a suitable successor was left to you, I would say that as I have a well founded idea of the cause of failure resting both with Mr. Planta and Mr. Young, I would take the school on the same conditions that Mr. Planta held it</p> <p>Not wishing to accept of any less per month, as I should intend to give more satisfaction. Nanaimo needs a Hoosier School-master¹ for a commander, but, if perchance there should be a few pupils there who are so advanced in any branch in which Mrs. Young can instruct better than I, I would with pleasure give them over to her, as a mixed or naturally formed school is in my mind far superior to an artificial division which nature so definitely points out to be detrimental.</p> <p>Waiting for an answer.</p> <p>I remain as ever, OM Gregory</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>Presumably a reference to a character in the once popular novel, <i>The Hoosier Schoolmaster: A Story of Backwoods Life in Indiana</i>, by Edward Eggleston published in 1871.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. 2</p>				

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BL-009-76		May 31, 1876		
NANAIMO FREE PRESS				
<p>TEMPORARY</p> <p>Mr. Gregory, the teacher at Gabriola Island will take charge of the Nanaimo Public School for a short term. Captain Wake will supply his place on Gabriola Island.</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. 1</p>				

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BL-010-76	BCA	May 31, 1876		
Extract from Visitors' Book cited by Capt. Wake in BL-019-78.				
Captain Wake took charge of the School.				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. 1</p>				

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BL-011-76	BCA	June 11, 1876	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>Nanaimo</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I have delayed writing under the impression that you were away from your Office.</p> <p>I have given Gabriola over to the fatherly care of an old Captain O. H. M. S. during the present month, and am now trying my hand on Nanaimo which I can manage much better than many seemed to expect, better even than I expected myself.</p> <p>Please let me know if it will be convenient to send the Salary for the past & present mos. at the end of the present month not waiting for me to come to Victoria as I may sail from here direct to S. F^{co} [San Francisco]</p> <p>Gabriola will be vacant at the end of the School year.</p> <p>Yours as ever, O.M. Gregory</p>				
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BL-012-76	BCA	June 14, 1876	John Jessop	John Kemp
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Kemp to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I wright to inform you that our teacher have left us and gone to Nanaimo to teach School. And Captain Wake, R. N. is caring on the School for a month which I hope you will have no objection to [h]is teaching. We have expended the money and we are \$18.00 in det—we have got a nice house for the teacher.</p> <p>Mr. Gregory will settle with you for the book he as sold. Book to the value of \$11.29 3/8. Book left in Captain Wake charge \$1.94 3/8.</p> <p>Yours truly, John Kemp</p>				
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BL-013-76	BCA	June 30, 1876	John Jessop	John Kemp
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Kemp to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I wright to inform you that we had an election on [Friday] June 30th that myself, Martin, Chapple were elected again as trustees. There were only six attended the meeting.</p> <p>The voters wish me to recommend Capt Wake R. N. to you as a teacher as he would like to teach the children as he takes a great interest in them.</p> <p>I received \$11.29 for books from Mr Gregory.</p> <p>The voters wish me to ask you for a little more money for school improvements.</p> <p>Yours truly John Kemp</p>				
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BL-014-76	BCA	June 30, 1876	John Jessop	Thomas Degen Henry Heath Jonathon Martin
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??				
<p>Prepose by T Dignen and second J White that the old Trustees remain in office.</p> <p>Signed: Thos Dignen, H E Heath, Jonathan Martin</p>				
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BL-015-76	BCA	July 4, 1876	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-??: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??:				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>The trustees have asked me to continue in charge of the Gabriola School, which I shall be glad to do if it meets your approval – for next session.</p> <p>I took charge for last month to enable Mr. Gregory to undertake the Nanaimo School, and like the work better than I expected. The children are doing their best and I am becoming attached to them; therefore I shall be very glad to continue their Teacher until I am able to have my own family with me.</p> <p>Faithfully yours, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-016-76		July 31, 1876		
FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, pp.104–105.				
<p>Gabriola Island—This school is still progressing satisfactorily. The teacher, who took charge in September of last year, left on 30th April, after doing good work for eight months.</p> <p>I have not yet visited the district since its present incumbent entered upon his duties; but trustees and others report favourably of its management. Was in the school on 26th February; sixteen children were present; the classes, in the branches usually taught, did remarkably well; pupils were well-grounded in their several studies, showing that instruction had been thorough so far as attempted.</p> <p>A teacher's residence has been built, and several other school improvements made during the year. Returns from this district give the school population as 17. This does not include the families on the north-west part of the island, now numbering about ten children of school age. Five of these are at the lake, not more than four miles from the school house, some of whom, in good weather at least, ought to be able to attend.</p> <p>Names on school register number 17; the average was 11.2 ; irregular attendance, more than one-third; cost of pupils on register, each \$32 94; taking average attendance, it was \$50; whole amount expended \$560.</p>				
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BL-017-76	BCA	August 7, 1876	John Jessop	Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: Chapple to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>We wish to know weather Capt Wake is to continue on or have you any one helse to Send for it time too know. Plese ancer this as soon is you can.</p> <p>I remain yours truly</p> <p>Richard Chapple</p>				
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1. Chapple was Cornish, hence perhaps phonetic spelling reflecting his accent.				

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BL-018-76	BCA	August 7, 1876	John Kemp	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 586/76, Vol. 3, p.330, Jessop to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Capt. Wake is authorized to go on with the School till such time as we have a qualified teacher in want of a situation. Please ask him to sign the vouchers accompanying this note & return them to this office when July salary will be paid.</p> <p>I must deduct \$11.29 - the book money received from Gregory, which you will please turn over to the Captain.</p> <p>I cannot at present [?provide] any more [?such] for improvements—So far as I [?am] [?any] [?judge], the school grant will be more than exhausted by the close of the year.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-019-76	BCA	August 8, 1876	John Jessop	Capt Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola [vicinity] Nanaimo</p> <p>Dear Mr. Jessop</p> <p>Not having heard anything to the contrary, I thought it best to comply with the wishes of the Trustees and accordingly opened the Gabriola School after the recess.</p> <p>I shall be glad to hear that my doing so is approved of.</p> <p>I remain dear Sir</p> <p>Faithfully yours, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-020-76	BCA	August 16, 1876	John Jessop	John Kemp
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Kemp to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I received your letter 7th August - you stated in your letter for me to get the Captain to sign the voucher as you did not send any. I could not get him to sign. I will hand over \$11.29 to the Captain.</p> <p>Yours truly John Kemp</p>				
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BL-021-76	BCA	August 28, 1876	John Kemp	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 643/76, Vol. 3, p.349, Jessop to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I was surprized to find from your note of the 16th inst that the vouchers have not reached you. They were mailed with my letter of 7th inst in a separate package.</p> <p>I [?now] enclose them—Ask Capt Wake to return them without delay, as no more salary can be paid till they are in hand.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-022-76	BCA	September 7, 1876	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 693/76, Vol. 3, p.363, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your Vouchers are to hand, but they are useless. All I require you to do is to sign at the lower right hand corner and leave the rest of the sheet <u>blank</u>—I will then fill them up & get cheques [?from] the [--?--] & forward to you [?from] [?month] [?to] [?month].</p> <p>Please sign & forward the enclosed as soon as possible [?as] [?no] [?more] salary can be paid till they come to hand.</p> <p>The Government requires vouchers properly signed before cheques will be issued.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-023-76	BCA	September 18, 1876	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 724/76, Vol. 3, p.371, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose herewith cheques for July & August salary \$80.</p> <p>The item of \$11.29 [?for] [?books] will be deducted from salary [?for] [?current][?--].</p> <p>Please send [?down] the number of pupils [?in/on] your register - distinguishing boys & girls -- also the [?largest] number in attendance, [?that] is the [?greatest] [?number] present on any one day since [?reopening].</p> <p>[Illegible lines of closing]</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-024-76	BCA	September 23, 1876	John Jessop	Capt Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island, Nanaimo Dear Sir The number of Children on the register of the Gabriola Scool is 19. Boys 13 girls 6. The attendance 8 boys 4 girls. This is the greatest attendance since midsummer. Yours faithfully BA Wake</p>				
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BL-025-76	BCA	October 5, 1876	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 751/76, Vol. 3, p.381, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir I enclose herewith cheque for \$28.21 & receipt for \$11.79 making \$40 in all -- amt salary for month September. Your last note containing information respecting the school came duly to hand, for which [?please/pray] accept my thanks. Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-026-76	BCA	October 20, 1876	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>Normal School, San Jose, California</p> <p>My Most Worthy Superintendent</p> <p>I little dreamed of applying to you for a school until the end of our school year, but as I have been unfortunate in money matters, I come to you and ask again as I did before for a school without having a certificate to show for it; but as I felt confident that I would have passed last July had I tried & as I have been attending the State Normal ever since, I trust I am far better fitted to enter on the pleasant labour of an instructor than I was before and I am sorry I can not go on here till I complete the course for I fear if I get settled up there I will never get into another college or rather will never get in college again.</p> <p>I am willing to take any school you may offer & trust wholly to your experience and judgement in getting a school which I can do well in.</p> <p>I would rather not go back to Gabriola as it is dangerous crossing to & from Nanaimo & beside that I grew very weary of it before & fear I would do so again though I must say I left just when things in connection with the school was being righted & my plans in the school [?room] were but half carried out.</p> <p>Perhaps I can interest you with a few words about the Normal. The number of pupils now attending is about 345 or 350; there are 8 classes & by the machinery or government of the school, these classes move all at the same time to different rooms where teachers wait to receive them—the Teaching is an improvement on that of most of our teachers I know—I have picked up ideas that I should have had before in order to instruct well.</p> <p>The teachers all make their work so interesting by lecturing on those interesting points which ordinary text book leave out that it would be a real punishment to be shut out from the class during an exercise. I have long been studying a method of teaching which would do away entirely with corporal punishment & I have concluded that the best way is to make the work so interesting that it would be a great [?punishment] to be sent off from an exercise & I [?thus] punish in that way in preference to any other.</p> <p>This School admits pupils from 15 years upward in age & requires for its graduating [?classes] 3 years. The diploma is good for the state.</p> <p>About 40 students graduate yearly & they are mostly ladies. In the school now there are about 300 ladies & 46 or 50 gentlemen. When we get among the ladies, we are nearly lost to a stranger wishing to find us, though we are right at home ourselves.</p> <p>If there is any especial information you wish about the School, I will be most happy to furnish it my address is an [-?-ers] to page 2.</p> <p>Hoping to hear from you soon</p> <p>I close, OM Gregory</p>				
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BL-027-76	BCA	October 30, 1876	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 827/76, Vol. 3, p.408, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I herewith enclose cheque for October salary \$40.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-028-76	BCA	November 22, 1876	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 882/76, Vol. 3, p.427, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Please sign & return the enclosed vouchers as I find I have [?none] on hand for the current month.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-029-76	BCA	November 28, 1876	Orlanzo Gregory	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 883/76, Vol. 3, p.427, Jessop to Gregory				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your letter of 20th ult. reached the office while I was very much [-?-ded] in keeping the Printing establishment supplied with "copy". I only got the Report off my hands yesterday.</p> <p>[?In reply] I have to state that since [you/r] [?sep--] several [?teachers] of [?high] qualifications have [?accepted/occupied?] [?these/posts?] & two are still waiting for situations.</p> <p>At present, I know of no openings anywhere. Should an opportunity offer of getting into work again after the new year, I will [----?----] [--?--]</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-030-76	BCA	December 2, 1876	John Jessop	Capt Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Nanaimo BC Dear Mr. Jessop</p> <p>I return herewith the Vouchers and have now to ask you to do me a favor. I am expecting my Son to arrive at San Francisco in a weeks time and dread the possibility of his falling short of money. May I ask you therefore to send immediately 20 dollars out of my Salary either by Post Office order or cheque to the care of of [sic] my Friend:</p> <p>Lovill Squire PO box 776 San Francisco</p> <p>and to send me the remaining 20 as soon as convenient.</p> <p>Faithfully yours BA Wake</p>				
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BL-031-76	BCA	December 9, 1876	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 915/76, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir (Capt. Wake RN, formerly addressed as BA Wake Esq.)</p> <p>Your note with enclosures only reached me last evening. As it happened there has been [?delay] in payment of salaries so that the vouchers were in time for being filled up with the rest.</p> <p>I shall [?forward] P.O. [Post Office] [?order] to Mr. Squire on Monday by a [?direct] str [?steamer?] for \$20 in accordance with your instructions. The balance you will find enclosed.</p> <p>I shall take the presumption to register this letter.</p> <p>Yours very truly John Jessop</p>				
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BL-032-76	BCA	December 16, 1876	John Jessop	Lovell Squire
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Squire to Jessop				
<p>Box 776, San Francisco PO Sir I beg to acknowledge receipt of your remittance of \$20 which I have handed to Mr G.F. Wake in accordance with instructions from his father Capt. W. I am Sir Your obedient servant Lovell Squire</p>				
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BL-033-76	BCA	December 19, 1876		John Jessop
GR-??: School inspector's diary: p.145: Dec.19, 1876				
<p>Started for Gabriola Island at 7:20 by canoe—Reached the school at 10 o'clock—Twelve pupils in attendance—Very quiet & orderly. Heard all the classes—Improvement not as marked as on former occasions. Children not as much interested in their lessons. Attendance likewise falling off in numbers—Instruction not as efficient as formerly. The teacher, Capt. Wake, is evidently doing as well as he can, & his influence for good over the half breed children, of whom the school is entirely composed, is very considerable. A small house for the teacher has been erected since my last visit. Gave the children and parents [?nine/some?] of whom were present a short address [---?-ed] [?the] school at 1 pm. Got back to Nanaimo at 7.</p>				
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BL-034-76	BCA	December 19, 1876		John Jessop
Extract from Visitors' Book cited by Capt. Wake in BL-019-78.				
<p>Heard all the classes during the forenoon. Most pleased with the good order of the pupils and their attention to lessons. Recitations fairly satisfactory.</p>				
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BL-001-77	BCA	January 8, 1877	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 20/77, Vol. 3, p.453, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>You will find cheque enclosed for Dec. salary [?] \$40.</p> <p>I forward by this mail six vouchers. These you will please sign and return to this office for future use.</p> <p>As the time your son was in Victoria was, I presume, too short for him to call on me I forwarded your note to him back to [?Nanaimo].</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-002-77	BCA	January 8, 1877	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 31/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I have not yet received the pay for December for which I have signed.</p> <p>Is there likely to be a continuance of such an unsatisfactory state of affairs.</p> <p>Faithfully yours, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-003-77	BCA	January 8, 1877	GLOBE editor	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: -/77, Vol. 3, p.463-4, Jessop to GLOBE ¹				
<p><u>The Teaching Profession in British Columbia</u></p> <p>The great number of letters which I am constantly receiving from teachers in all parts of the Dominion east of the Rocky Mountains asking for situations and information respecting British Columbia, oblige me to take this method of informing my numerous correspondents, and others whose inclinations would lead them westward, that it is, and will be, impossible for me to [?answer] their [?many communications?]</p> <p>So far every competent teacher arriving in this Province has been provided with a situation at from \$50 to \$125 per month. The schools, however, are now all [?supplied]. Of course changes are constantly occurring here the same as elsewhere, but with only 42 schools and 52 teachers, those changes must necessarily be few, and the supply therefore will easily be kept up.</p> <p>It may be stated further in obtaining Public School teachers that the great difficulty [?under] which we have been labouring for three or four almost from the commencement of our present system of Education, obliged us to put forth vigorous efforts to induce young and promising pupils to enter the profession. Those efforts are likely to prove successful, so that hereafter British Columbia, to a great extent at least, will be in a position to provide her own teachers.</p> <p>By giving this communication an insertion among your "Notes on Education" or elsewhere in your widely-circulated journal, the teaching profession will obtain information which may obviate disappointment [?--ied] ?unavailing regrets in the future.</p> <p>It might be advisable, more-over for some of your provincial contemporaries especially in New Brunswick, to notice these facts, in [--?--]that then readers among the teachers may govern themselves accordingly.</p> <p>Yours very respectfully, John Jessop</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. This letter has not been found in the Globe & Mail archives.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-004-77	BCA	February 5, 1877	John Jessop	John Kemp
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 75/77: Kemp to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>The Parents of the children are frequently laying complaints that the children are not learning anything and they wish you would remove Capt Wake the Teacher.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Kemp</p> <p>Signed: Thomas Degnen, Magnus Edgar, Jonathan Martin, Richard Chapple</p>				
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BL-005-77	BCA	February 5, 1877	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 74/77, Vol. 3, p.471, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>[?By] [?calling] [?in/on?] [?Mr] [?Mundell] of Nanaimo¹ you will get a [?Record of Progress] book & monthly summary [?forms] for the use of your [?school]. The latter are to be made out [?in] duplicate—one copy to be sent to parent or guardian, the other to be retained in the book.</p> <p>You will please commence using them as soon as practicable.</p> <p>Enclosed you will find cheque for January salary \$40.</p> <p>Your vey tuly, John Jessop</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. Mundell was a teacher in Nanaimo in 1877</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. 1</p>				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-006-77	BCA	February 12, 1877	DAILY TELEGRAPH editor	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: -/77, Vol. 3, p.473, Jessop to TELEGRAPH				
<p><u>New Brunswick Teachers and British Columbia</u></p> <p>My attention has just been called to an item which appeared in your journal early in January respecting the departure from St. John of two lady teachers for British Columbia.</p> <p>As the erroneous impression thus created may easily be productive of serious disappointments, if not corrected, I beg to state that as far as [?my] information goes, there is no [?foundation] whatever for the assertion that those parties have been provided with situations as teachers in this province.</p> <p>Allow me to refer all interested in this subject to a communication addressed to the Toronto "Daily Globe", written before your paper containing the paragraph in question reached this city.</p> <p>Yours &c, &c, John Jessop</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. 1</p>				

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BL-007-77	BCA	February 12, 1877	John Kemp	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 83/77, Vol. 3, p.474, Jessop to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>In reply to your note of 5th inst I beg to state that the matter therein mentioned shall be laid before the Board of Education as soon as practicable. [?It] is possible that before [?the] meeting of Board I shall again visit Gabriola Island.</p> <p>At present we have no one put in Capt Wake's place. It is likely however that more teachers will arrive shortly.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-008-77	BCA	February 12, 1877	John Jessop	Alfred Raper
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 95/77: Raper to Jessop				
<p>Nanaimo</p> <p>My Dear Sir</p> <p>Could you kindly oblige me by informing where ????? I could obtain a supply of the authorized text school book such as in general use in the Public School at a reasonable price As I have the children here in [---?---] for them.</p> <p>Yours in haste with kind regards, Alfred Raper</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>Alfred Raper operated a book and stationery store in Nanaimo at this time. He had married Sarah Flewett of DeCourcy Island in Nanaimo on August 16, 1875. Their first child Emily was born in Nanaimo in 1878. The family spent time farming on Gabriola, before moving to Texada in the early 1890s, where they became miners. Emily grew up to teach in the Gabriola School. She never married, and died in Victoria in 1936.</p>				
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BL-009-77	BCA	February 20, 1877	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 106/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>It would be a great convenience if you could send my Salary by the Mail on Tuesday as there will be no Mail till the following week.</p> <p>I should be glad if you could supply 2 dozen of the Dominion copy books.</p> <p>Faithfully yours, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-010-77	BCA	February 20, 1877	John Jessop	Alfred Raper
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 107/77: Raper to Jessop				
<p>Sir</p> <p>My reason for writing for those Book prices is this.</p> <p>Mr. Mundell, I understand has decided not to trouble with books and I did hereforto give Hibben & Co's branch store at Nanaimo the benefit of them, now if they are to be sold exclusively at the Stationers &c. &c we shall keep them.</p> <p>We have a large number of applicants for Books. Every week they say they cant get them at the Schools. Therefore I wrote you for particulars with thanks.</p> <p>I am Yours truly, Alfred Raper</p>				
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BL-011-77	BCA	February 20, 1877	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 110/77: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>San Jose, CA</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am informed by Mr Chappel a Gabriola Island school Trustee that if I want that school I will do well to write to you. To be sure I thought he might have let you know when they had selected their teacher, but to avoid delay I here state that I will again fill that vacancy to the best of my abiity which I trust is somewhat greater now than it was when I left.</p> <p>Though I am scarcely ready to go from this [?comunity] now having just entered the J.O.G.T also the J.O.O.T. and not having thoroughly learned the ways of these orders still I think it better for me to grasp at the oppportunity while it is offered than to delay fearing it may not be offered soon again.</p> <p>California is well filled with teachers and San Jose is a city of schools. The Normal at present has I think a few less than 400 pupils. There is a preparitory [sic] department also a training school in the basement. But the school has now only gotten nicely at work [?is] far from being complete. There is in it some materil [sic] and in the State some ambition from & by which a fine Museum will be constructed.</p> <p>When a teacher is wanted in any part of the state the Trustees have only to tap the great Reservoir when their man runs out to assume his responsible position.</p> <p>When a teacher is out of employment he or she finds a comfortable home among literary associates while waiting and working in the Normal till called for again.</p> <p>I hope the day is not distant when BC will support a Normal School though I must say she has advanced rapidly in the past few years in regard to Educational matters.</p> <p>As there is not room on paper to say more about the Normal School and as I may be up there in a few months I will leave further description of it for my part of the library exercises in the teachers association.</p> <p>In good health & wishing my Countrymen the same blessing, also longing to get back among them.</p> <p>I remain yours truly</p> <p>Orlanzo Gregory</p>				
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BL-012-77	BCA	February 26, 1877	John Kemp	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 91/77, Vol. 3, p.480, Jessop to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I have delayed answering your note of 5th inst. expecting a meeting of Board of Ed last week. As no meeting has yet been held I can only say at [--?--] that your request shall have due consideration by the Board as soon as a meeting can be obtained. This will probably be some time during the present week.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-013-77	BCA	March 3, 1877	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 107/77, Vol. 3, p.484, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I forward by [?Tuesday's] [str?-(steamer)] [?this] [?day] copy books as requested in your [?note] of 20th ult.</p> <p>Cheque for Feb salary is enclosed.</p> <p>An application signed by Kemp, Dignan, Edgar, [?Martin] & Chapple, asking for a change in the teachership [?has] been sent. [-?] [--?--], [?will] [?leave] the [---?---] [?a] [?next] meeting of Board of Education will be held about 13th inst.</p> <p>Please let me hear from you by the [--?--] [--?--]</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-014-77	BCA	March 5, 1877	Orlanzo Gregory	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 115/77, Vol. 3, p.486, Jessop to Gregory				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your letter of 20th ult.is to hand. Mr. Chapple was somewhat premature in stating that the Gabriola school was vacant. Capt Wake is still teaching. The trustees however have asked for a change; but the application has not yet been laid before the Board of Education.</p> <p>When the matter has received the [?consideration] of the Board I will inform you of the result</p> <p>Yours truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-015-77	BCA	March 10, 1877	John Jessop	Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 130/77: Chapple to Jessop				
<p>Sir</p> <p>I receved [sic] aletter from Mr gregary and he want for me to inform you that he wood come back here again if you would gev him the chance. I think that he wood do verry well and I think the children wood learn abit better than the are now.</p> <p>Plese try what you can do for him.</p> <p>I remain yours truly</p> <p>Richard Chapple</p>				
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BL-016-77	BCA	March 11, 1877	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 123/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>The application referred to in your letter of the 3rd (which only reached me this morning) has surprized, and grieved me. Not one of the persons who ask for a change has seen ever given me reason to suppose I did not perform my duties to their his own satisfaction (if I except the remark made by Dignen after your examination & when his girls certainly did not answer questions, as they might have done if their attendance had been regular).</p> <p>It appears that on Monday (when I was detained at Nanaimo) there was a meeting on the island but although Kemp called at my House next day I heard nothing about it till the Friday when I called at his house and unintentionally woke him out of sleep.</p> <p>He then told me there had been a meeting & another school master had been applied for.</p> <p>I am satisfied that an examination of the School will prove that I have done my duty although very badly supported by some of the parents.</p> <p>I remain faithfully yours,</p> <p>BA Wake</p> <p>p.s.</p> <p>I have received the copy books. I should very much like to know what specific charges these people make against me if you will kindly send me a copy of their letter. I will for the Childrens sake do what I can to satisfy the Parents, but I am at a loss to know of what they complain - BAW</p>				
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BL-017-77	BCA	March 22, 1877	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 127/77, Vol. 3, p.496, Jessop to Wake				
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BL-018-77	BCA	March 27, 1877		John Jessop
GR-1468: School inspector's diary: pp.160–1: Mar.27, 1877				
<p>Started for Gabriola at 6 am in canoe—arrived at 9:30—Found 11 pupils in school—none [?below] [?second] [?book].</p> <p>Reading & spelling fair—Arithmetic not satisfactory—Geography & Grammar somewhat better. The teachers methods not very good but his moral influence is very considerable.</p> <p>Children's [?conduct] well [?looked] after & great pains taken to [?inculcate] right principles.</p> <p>Register & Progress [?books] well-kept. Complaints against Capt'n Wake as teacher. Some of the parents desirous of a change.</p> <p>Went over in the afternoon to Penberthys & Heaths, calling at Hoggans. About six children [?there/three?] of school age. [?Promised] them [?part] [?time] from the other end of island if they [?would] [?provide] a room for the teacher. Penberthy & Heath promised to consider the matter.</p> <p>School house on one acre of John Kemp's land. Preemption claim – no certificate of improvements yet—Will do all he is asked to do [can] in securing the [?ground] for school purposes.</p> <p>Reached Nanaimo at 6 pm.</p>				
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BL-019-77	BCA	March 27, 1877		John Jessop
GR-1445: Mf B018 521 Corresp. IN: next to page dated Jan.11,1878 <i>recto</i> , 1877 <i>verso</i>				
<i>Rough map of Gabriola</i>				
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BL-020-77	BCA	March 29, 1877		John Jessop
Extract from Visitors' Book cited by Capt. Wake in BL-019-78.				
Recitations in reading, spelling, arithmetic, geography & grammar manifest a good degree of progress. Pupils [?however] rather afraid to speak out in class. All very orderly and attentive to lessons.				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-021-77	BCA	April 1, 1877	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 13?/77, Vol. 4, p.3, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose herewith cheque for March salary \$40.</p> <p>If you [-?-] [?excite] a little [?emulation/consultation?] - a [?desire] to excel among the pupils in your classes I think it would [?rub] off some of the opposition that is [?now] [?arrayed] against you as a teacher. Perhaps this might be done by [?making] [?them] [-?-] places in class & by getting them interested in the months or seasons.</p> <p>I am anxious to hear that the people are again satisfied with the [?conduct] of this school.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-022-77	BCA	April 24, 1877	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 245/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am sorry to inform you that the attendance at this School has decreased beyond what is usual at this Season when the Children are employed on the farms.</p> <p>There being only 4 Children in attendance on the Tuesday after Easter [April 3], I postponed the opening till Wednesday.</p> <p>Several of the Children are apparently withdrawn from a determination either to have me removed or to break up the school.</p> <p>The letter you received asking for my removal appears to have been written at the instigation of Magnus Edgar. You will probably hear from Mr. Kemp on this subject and he may be better able to account for the conduct of his neighbors than I am.</p> <p>Two more Children have joined and I hope the suspension of the others is only temporary</p> <p>Attendance since Easter: April 4th 4; 5th 0; 6th 0; 9th 5; 10th 4; 11th 3; 12th 4; 13th 4; 16th 1; 17th 3; 18th 1; 19th 2; 20th 4; 23rd 1; 24th 4.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir Your Obedt Servant, BA Wake</p> <p>p.s.</p> <p>I enclose the copy of a Circular I sent to the Trustees. BAW I propose to present myself for examination as a Teacher the first opportunity. BAW</p>				
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1. The copy of the Circular is BL-023-77.				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-023-77	BCA	April 9, 1877	Trustees	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 245/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Copy To the Trustees of the Gabriola School</p> <p>I regret having to call the attention of the Trustees to the remark registered by my predecessor a short time before resigning his charge into my hands: "I feel that my exertions are at a discount through a lack of active interest on the part of Parents"</p> <p>Signed OM Gregory</p> <p>The Trustees must be aware that neglect of the duty of Parents to send Children to School may result in the closing of the School.</p> <p>BA Wake Teacher</p>				
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1. Sent under cover of BL-022-77.				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-024-77	BCA	May 5, 1877	Trustees	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 247/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Copy To the Trustees of the Gabriola School</p> <p>The Teacher feels it his duty to request the attention of the Trustees to the unlawful means by which some illiterate persons are combining to remove him from his office.</p> <p>In the absence of the person principally concerned in the education of the Children these persons, as you are aware, assembled on the 5th Feby and by reresentations which have since proved unfounded by a strict examination, induced one of your body to sign, and another to write a letter to the Superintendent of Education requesting him to remove the Teacher, Captain Wake, from office in [?his] absence.</p> <p>Captain Wake is given to understand that the conspirators declared on this occasion that if their wishes were not complied with they would withdraw eight children from the School. The Teacher respectfully requests that the Trustees will give notice to the Parties concerned.</p> <p>The Trustees must be aware that if any Teacher fails in his duty that they have the power to remove him through a majority of the School board.</p> <p>How far it may be lawful for parties to combine to drive a gentleman out of the situation to which necessity has driven him is an [?issue] that will be tried if they succeed in a design which will compell the Teacher to appeal to the law[?s] of his Country against the opression of [?those] persons whose [?dearest] interests he has by the blessing of God and the utmost diligence to serve.</p> <p>BA Wake Teacher</p>				
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BL-025-77	BCA	May 17, 1877	John Jessop	John Kemp
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 251/77: Kemp to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>We had a metting [sic] on Thursday 17th of May.</p> <p>R Chapple complain of the Teacher of not keeping time on Tuesday after Easter. The children were sent home, and Wednesday one lesson, and therefore he do [?not] think it wourth [sic] sending them.</p> <p>M Edgar complain of three days the same as R Chapple.</p> <p>M Edgar came to the School to inquire the reason that [?the/se?] children were sent home before the time the teacher told him that he would use his one [?own?] discretion.</p> <p>Degnin complain of [?h]is children of not advancing in their learning is reason that the teacher is not keeping School according to the act.</p> <p>Yours truly John Kemp Richard Chapple, Jonathan Martin</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. Signatures appear similar to each other.</p>				

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BL-026-77	BCA	May 19, 1877	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 256/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>At a meeting in the School House to enquire why the Children of Edgar Chapple and Degnen had ceased attendance at School, the following is the substance.</p> <p>Richard Chapple stated that his Children had been sent back home two days; Magnus Edgar that his had three been sent home two (three) days; then and when he came to the school to enquire the reason that the Children were sent home before the time, the Teacher told him that he would use his own discretion.</p> <p>In reply to these allegations I beg to state that on the Tuesday in Easter week, Chapples & Edgars Children being the only scholars present, I postponed the opening till Wednesday and on that day after giving them their lessons sent them home after dinner.</p> <p>Degnen He asserts that his Children are not advancing in learning—and I confess they have not progressed to my satisfaction and it is no fault of theirs, they are [?quiet] intelligent and docile, but inasmuch as the Parents have permitted the Eldest girl to be absent from her class 107 times since last midsummer, the second 97 times, and the youngest 101 times.</p> <p>My utmost efforts (which have been cheerfully given) have failed to give satisfaction. The fact is that whilst [--?--] illiterate people wish to havecheerfully given) have failed to give satisfaction.</p> <p>The fact is that whilst [--?--] illiterate people wish to have their children educated, they begrudge the time that is necessary to teach them.</p> <p>To carry out the Education according to the act is a great consideration with me as I propose locating my family [?on/in] the next island and I cannot but regret that my neighbors fail to appreciate the efforts the Government are making to bestow an Education on their Children.</p> <p>I am promised a full attendance on Monday and I trust you will not be troubled with any more complaints.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Dear Sir Faithfully yours BA Wake Teacher</p>				
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BL-027-77	BCA	June 11, 1877	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 209/77, Vol. 4, p.31, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your letters of 24th April & 19th May with enclosures reached me while travelling in the upper country. This accounts for delay in replying. I am also in receipt of the minutes of a meeting held on 17th May.</p> <p>In the face of the hostile attitude [?assumed] by the trustees & [?Dignan], it would not be advisable for the Board of Education to insist on your continuance in the school.</p> <p>The probabilities are that the attendance will fall so far below the requisite average as to necessitate it being closed at the expiration of [?the/is] term.</p> <p>In view of such a contingency you cannot exercise your own discretion as to whether you will qualify for a situation elsewhere, should one be obtainable.</p> <p>Salary for May and June will be payable this week, from today.</p> <p>Should you decide not to attend examination, the cheque will be forwarded [?in/on] the 3rd July.</p> <p>I shall be glad to get the Annual report as soon after [?writing] [?the] [?Instructions] of trustees as possible.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-028-77	BCA	June 30, 1877	John Jessop	Trustees
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 395/77: Trustees to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I write you to know if you had a letter from Mr Kemp on the 17th of May. We had a meeting on that day and told you how we were getting on with Cpt Wake and we have no answer yet, and another meeting yesterday and not a very agreeable [<i>sic</i>] one about getting another Teacher for the next Term. If you have received it that will tell you how things are going on with us and if not I will let you know.</p> <p>Mr Gregory is [<i>sic</i>] been writing Mr Chapple and you an Mr Chapple got a post card today from him saying he had no answer from you about coming to take charge of our School. Mr Gregory wants to come back and yesterday, all was willing for him to come only Mr Kemp, we know what he is and we have had a good tryal [<i>sic</i>] of Capt Wake.</p> <p>Mr Chapple and Rr Degnen wishes me to write this and let you know that we would like Mr Gregory or some other teacher. we have had a good deal of trouble and disturbance about him turning the Children home from School and using his own discretion and it is only commencing of discord and trouble with us all to Keep him on any longer and the Settlers cannot afford to let their Children go to school and learn little or nothing, you know how it is yourself.</p> <p>Hoping to hear from you by return of Mail</p> <p>We remains [<i>sic</i>] yours Truly</p> <p>Magnus Edgar, Thomas Degnen, Richard Chapple</p>				
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BL-029-77	BCA	July 2, 1877	Orlanzo Gregory	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 227/77, Vol. 4, p.86, Jessop to Gregory				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Absence in the upper country, since then much press of business since my return a few days ago in preparing for teachers' examination, [-?-] [--?--] are my excuses for not replying to you [?until] 11th May [--?--]. Your [?prior] letters were answered as they came to hand.</p> <p>Candidates for certificate this week number 40—as several of [?those] will be in want of situations all the schools in the Province will be supplied at the commencement of next term.</p> <p>As far as Gabriola is concerned, I think it is more than probable that it will be closed for want of the necessary attendance. Should this not be the case, a new teacher will be required as Capt. Wake [?not] being [a?-r] to examination is intending to retire. Had you have come up & taken the examination [--?--] you would have been in a position to apply for [?Gabriola] or any other situation that might have offered. I hope however you may do better in Oregon.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-030-77	BCA	July 5, 1877		Capt. Wake
Paper read to the Teachers' Convention, July 1877				
<p><u>Colonial Education ---Education by the Colony, for the Colony</u></p> <p>How to master the difficulty is an important question wherever empty churches proclaim the polemic or quarrelsome character of the piety around. The religious difficulty commenced with the fall of man. It is the difficulty we find in hiding ourselves from God's presence.</p> <p>In education, indigestible theology has under Satanic influence done the part of forbidden fruit and made an apple of discord of all theology, and with a mistaken view of a peaceable solution of the religious difficulty the legislature shuts up the Bible, unwittingly, no doubt, but to accommodate the understanding of a Godless democracy.</p> <p>The word secular slides downwards to the brink of the bottomless pit. Until sounder wisdom prevails in the Councils, our duty as teachers is to carry out the school act without the Bible, and this is imperative till a better act or a different interpretation releases us.</p> <p>Under existing circumstances for a teacher to do otherwise is to break the law. It is not easy to understand how the great political maxim of the greatest good to the greatest number accords with shutting up of the Word of God: but perhaps few things accord better with the evil designs of our spiritual adversary than the resignation of office by any honest teacher when the religious difficulty crops up against some of his own dogmas, making forbidden fruit of his favourite prayer. However unrighteous the decree it is nothing more than the lips that any human mandate can close. The breathings of the spirit may become all the purer for the flames kindled by discord and sore beyond the reach of human power.</p> <p>It is true the discontinuance of a prayer and a chapter from the bible at the opening and closing of schools has an unwholesome appearance: but up to the present time no authority has ventured to the Lord's Prayer, which asks for all we are forbidden to ask for in the words of the other prayer, and a prayer which, thank God, has so far prevailed over the religious difficulty may reasonably be looked to for giving a right tone to the most arduous as well as to the most sublime of the labours of our school teachers. Let, then, the Lord's Prayer be repeated by the whole school with a solemn pause till all is hushed but the beatings of the heart, and we may thus at the opening and closing of school secure the great end of all prayer--the Divine Blessing.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the successes we aim at are sometimes very different. We are too apt to plume up a few bright intellects and to overlook our duties to the great mass of the dull and stupid, and there is many a blossom born to blush unseen, many a gem hidden under clods which the school teachers may turn up if they plough in the full assurance that the vineyard is the Lord's, and not merely debating ground for the trustees of the school who, however worthy of respect, are not everywhere incapable of hitting upon measures which incline in the wrong direction and take the wandering sprit of the school children further and further from Him whom all good Mothers teach their children to call "Our Father."</p> <p>Education or anything else which puts the Almighty out of place or gives Him any place out of the rotary system upon which all creation appears to be based is very apt to send us away whirling in a wrong direction, for there is no standing still on any part of the globe.</p> <p>Compulsory education, which pays no regard to this, is criminal in so far as it carries out by volume a process hazardous to the great end for which the Christian is born.</p> <p>There is a downward tendency in all forcing which makes it very difficult to drive our...</p>				

...neighbours children to school; but the difficulty would be at an end even with parents of the most abandoned character, if the real blessings of education were more clearly defined. To this end let education, and especially Colonial education, take higher ground than upon which the pedagogue stands. Education was not the first object that God placed before women's eyes.

Work was what man was bidden to do and why should not education do something to enable the rising generation to cope against the evils which the disobedience of our first parents brought upon the world?

Secular education is surely an opponent to formation of good habits. It is good habits that are wanted; habits that may reclaim all that is lost in dawdling at the desk in too many cases.

A radical change of system may be demanded for the accomplishment of so great and so desirable an end. Existing institutions that are working well it is wrong to meddle with; but they are not so abundant as to give any assurance that the colony would not be greatly benefited by the industrial feature which has not only produced great results in this country but in many parts of the United States.

Without greatly disturbing the present elements, an educational system might be applied to the requirements of the colony, which is it produced anything like the results it has under the observation of the writer could scarcely be purchased too highly.

There are gentlemen in the colony capable of organizing such a system and most gladly the writer place at their service what experience he has in the matter.

A few years ago, the difficulty of manning the British Navy was immense; long after the days of press gangs, when the HMS *Queen Charlotte* was commissioned, the writer had to pick up in the the lowest haunts drunken fellows and take the chance of how they might turn out when sober. Not many years afterwards, he saw at Hong Kong on board HMS *Queen Charlotte*, a number of the flue young fellows who had been sent out from the training ship under the charge of one of their own body. These boys were much prized to fill the vacancies of seamen on board Her Majesty's ships.

This removal of one of England's greatest difficulties owes much to Lord Northbrook's advocacy of a system and analogous of what is now proposed, which may be understood by a reference to his letter when secretary to the Admiralty.

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BL-031-77	BCA	July 12, 1877	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 245/77, Vol. 4, p.49, Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>The communication dated 17th May referred to in your letter of 30th ult did not reach me till return from [?mainland] about three weeks ago, & since then unusual press of work has prevented me from attending to it.</p> <p>I have replied to all letters sent by Mr Gregory - but [not?] having presented himself for examination he is not eligible for a school in this Province. In case Capt. Wake should resign, as he will do if a majority of the parents wish it, there [?are] plenty of qualified teachers available for the situation.</p> <p>Your report makes a better showing than I expected, as for some time past I have been afraid the attendance would fall below the minimum number required by law for the continuance of the school.</p> <p>I expect to hear from the island again shortly when [?such] action will be taken with reference to the [?teachership] as may be considered advisable.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-032-77	BCA	July 12, 1877	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 429/77: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>Sams Valley, Jackson Co., OR [Oregon]</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>On receipt of your welcome letter of 2nd inst I would say that I will be ready to take Gabriola by the first of Sept. My term expires here on the 20th Aug. I will leave for Victoria & am willing to stand a private examination though I hold a Second Grade for this county.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Orlanzo Gregory</p>				
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BL-033-77	BCA	July 15, 1877	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: ??: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Herewith I enclose a memo to shew that the application for my removal is not approved of. I believe every person on the island would readily sign it with the exception of Edgar & Chapple but I thought it best to make as little stir as possible, not wishing to be a bone of contention amongst my neighbors.</p> <p>Faithfully yours</p> <p>BA Wake Teacher</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. The attachments are BL-034-77 and BL-035-77..</p>				

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BL-034-77	BCA	July, 1877	Jessop	Trustees
Attachment 1 to BL-33-77.				
<p>Gabriola Island</p> <p>A requisition to remove Captain Wake the Teacher being about to be laid before the Board of Education... We the undersigned inhabitants of Gabriola Island hereby signify our disapproval of the same.</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>John Kemp and Jonathon Martin Trustees of the School; James McLay</p>				
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BL-035-77	BCA	July, 1877	Kemp	Capt. Wake
Attachment 2 to BL-33-77.				
<p>To the Trustees of the School, John Kemp</p> <p>The superintendent of Education informs me that complaints against me will be laid before the Board for their consideration. With reference to these complaints, I beg to state for your information and guidance, that if the conduct of Messrs Edgar & Chapple in this matter is approved of by the Majority of Parties concerned in the Education of the Children on the Island, I shall be prepared to resign the duties of an office which however highly qualified for, it would be impossible under these circumstances to fulfill</p> <p>I am Sir your Obed Serv't</p> <p>BA Wake Teacher</p>				
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BL-036-77	BCA	July 21, 1877	John Kemp	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 284/77, Vol. 4, p.62: Jessop to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose herewith cheque for \$40 -- grant for incidental expenses for current year - the difference between indebtedness according [?to] [--?--] & amt [?now] forwarded will, of course, be cash on hand.</p> <p>As a majority of the trustees are now in favor of retaining Capt. Wake as teacher I presume he will go on with his work; & I hope get along more harmoniously than heretofore.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-037-77	BCA	July 31, 1877	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 477/77: Edgar to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I received your letter of the 12th and was oblidged [<i>sic</i>] for answer, you told us Capt Wake would resign if the majority of the parents wished it and that you expected to hear from the Island shortly.</p> <p>We went to Mr Kemp to see if he was going to write you and he told us Capt Wake had to go round and see who was for him and who was against him. Now Capt Wake has not been to neither Mr Degnen, Mr Chapple nor me. He went to Mr McGuffie but he would not sign his petition and to men on the upper end of the Island men that had nothing to do with it - but they would not sign it.</p> <p>Now Mr Jessop it is [<i>sic</i>] been our Children that has kept the school going as the register will tell - not Kemps neither Martins. Some of them never sent till Capt Wake turned our Children home from school because there was only four, but he could keep it with 2 or 3 after that.</p> <p>We want some explanation from you whether we are going to have another teacher or not. You state that the majority of the parents is to have some say in it. Then you state in Kemps the majority of the trustees. Now if two men is going to rule the distric [<i>sic</i>] then you must let us know, the way it has been going on might do a little while but not long. There will have to be some change.</p> <p>Mr Chapple & Mr Degnen wishes me to writ [<i>sic</i>] this to you, please to awnser [<i>sic</i>] this before the term commences.</p> <p>Yours truly, Magnus Edgar</p>				
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BL-038-77		July 31, 1877		
SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, pp.19–20				
<p>Gabriola Island.—Dissatisfaction with, and opposition to, the teacher in this district, which have existed for the greater part of the year, appear to be almost laid aside, and in their place it is to be hoped that confidence, good-will, and mutual respect will spring up.</p> <p>Although his method of imparting instruction is somewhat defective, from want of professional training, yet painstaking industry and great influence over the children, which is exercised for their good, should more than counterbalance what may be considered objectionable in other respects.</p> <p>School population on the island now reaches 30; of these, 19 are in attendance, giving an average of 12; eleven are reported absentees; some of those, however, are not living within reach of the school. The parents of those children have repeatedly had the offer of half-time tuition, if they would provide a room for that purpose, but so far they have not availed themselves of it. Percentages of irregularity and non-attendance are 36.85 and 36.6 respectively. Expenditure, \$520; cost of pupils, \$27 37 and \$43 33 on enrollment and average.</p>				
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BL-039-77		July 31, 1877		
SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, p.10				
<p>The following is the result of the last examination:—First-class A: ...Second-class A: ...; Second-class B: ...; Third-class A: ...; Third- class B: ...B. A. Wake.... Five candidates failed in the examination, and one withdrew before its completion.</p>				
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BL-040-77	BCA	August 6, 1877	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 356/77, Vol. 4, p.86: Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Enclosed herewith you will find cheque for \$37, which with receipt for books sold \$3 make up salary for July \$40.</p> <p>Please sign & return accompanying vouchers for next five months.</p> <p>I have a letter from Edgar, to which I shall reply today, stating in substance that you did not canvas the district to ascertain whether there was a majority in your favor or not. He asserts the contrary. Would it not be advisable to test this matter thoroughly regardless of the ill feeling which such a course would engender?</p> <p>With two of the trustees in favor of retaining your services, the matter is virtually out of our jurisdiction; but those opposed seem determined not to let it rest.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-041-77	BCA	August 6, 1877	Magnus Edgar	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 360/77, Vol. 4, p.87: Jessop to Edgar				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>In reply to your letter of 31st ult I beg to state that the [?occations/ --tious?] difficulty with your teacher is now virtually taken out of the hands of the Board of Education by [?two] of the Trustees being in favor of retaining him in the school, so we can take no action in the matter against the wishes of a majority of trustees.</p> <p>If Capt. Wake is still willing to canvass the District thoroughly & abide by the results one way or the other, I shall be glad to hear of such a [?course] being taken.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Jessop</p>				
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BL-042-77	BCA	August 14, 1877	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 529/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola School House Dear Sir</p> <p>In reply to your letter of Augst 6, I return the Vouchers signed for next five months.</p> <p>With respect to the suggestions of Magnus Edgar that I should have canvassed the district to ascertain whether there was a majority in my favor. Although I have every wish to comply with the wishes of any person concerned in the education of the Children under my charge, I cannot think what is proposed would be a proper proceeding for a Teacher or to go beyond what I did in sending you a paper signed by two of the Trustees and the only magistrate on the Island¹ condemning Mr Edgars conduct.</p> <p>Yesterday Mr Edgar brought me your letters to read. I cannot help fearing that if either you or I were to play into the hands of this contumacious individual [?or] of the [?Ignour] (who I am told are agitators in this matter) so far as to put the young girls of this island under the charge of a batchelor [sic] we should [?raise] a hornet's nest, if nothing worse.</p> <p>I remain Dear Sir Faithfully yours BA Wake Teacher</p>				
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1. James McLay JP.				Rev. 1

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BL-043-77	BCA	September 22, 1877	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 421/77, Vol. 4, p.110: Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose [?herein] cheque for \$42, which with [--?--]'s receipted bill ([--?--] last month) make up salary for August \$50.</p> <p>Yours very truly John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-044-77	BCA	October 3, 1877	John Jessop	Dep. Prov. Sec
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 623/77: Dep. Prov. Sec. to Jessop				
<p>Provincial Secretary's Office , Victoria Sir I have been instructed to inform you that you have been granted three months leave of absence on full pay dating from the 10th Inst. I have the honour to be Sir Your obedt Servt [illegible signature] AE Dep. Prov. Sec.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-045-77	BCA	December 3, 1877	Capt. Wake	Robert Clemitson
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 595/77, Vol. 4, p.164: Clemitson to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir Enclosed you will find cheque for November salary, and some blank vouchers. Please sign the vouchers and return them as soon as possible, as the supply signed by you some time ago is exhausted. I am, Dear Sir Yours truly AM Clemitson</p>				
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1. R.M. Clemitson was Deputy Superintendent of Education.				

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BL-046-77	BCA	December 6, 1877	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 711/77: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Dear Sir Will you be so good as to order for the Gabriola School three dozen dominion copy books and a Register the present one will only last till Christmas and we are out of copy books. Yours faithfully yours BA Wake</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-047-77	BCA	December 21, 1877	John Jessop	John Seneker
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 20/78: Seneker to Jessop				
<p>Clear Spring [?Acres] Greene Co., Tennessee</p> <p>Respected Friend</p> <p>Many months have elapsed since I took up my line of march over the Rockies & far away to the Sunny South. You remember it was my intention to return. Since then I have decided otherwise.</p> <p>Though the ["Fates"? / "States"?] may decree, that I revisit the shores of Vancouver, yet for the present I can make more & enjoy life to a higher degree here. I am at present teaching [?Head?] [sic of?] a very flourishing school. I am also reading medicine besides.</p> <p>As I have told you my father is growing old & having near a thousand acres of very fine land, the superintendence of which devolves on upon me & my brother.</p> <p>Why should I return to Gabriola! I now move in a different sphere & am altogether a different person. But I am growing egotistical. Should you see any of my quondam friends give them my regards.</p> <p>I would be pleased to see your last Reports. Also please send me some of your local papers. I have not heard from BC for months.</p> <p>Let me hear from you [&/I?] will write more at length</p> <p>Yrs in [?haste] &c JEL Seneker</p>				
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BL-048-77	authors			
Notes on John Seneker				
<p>The 1900 census lists a JEL Seneker in Sullivan County, Tennessee, giving his age as 52 and estimated birth date as May, 1848. Family members included Maggie, 49; Beverley, 21; Eststel [Estelle?], 18; Alla [sic], 15; and Lorena, 14. Records for 1870, 1890, and 1910 could not be found.</p> <p>Here, our knowledge of Seneker ran out again, and the tale of his part in Gabriola's school history was shelved until the summer of 2010, when a Google search for his name turned up a book with an unlikely title: 102nd Anniversary Edition: <i>Frontier Experience or Epistolary Sesquipedalian Lexiphanicism from the Occident</i>, by J. E. L. Seneker. First published in 1906, it was edited by Thomas R. Stone, and reissued in 2008. Its vocabulary features seldom-used multisyllabic words, and must be seen to be appreciated. The Amazon site allows viewing of selections, including a photograph of Seneker, a preface by the editor, prefatory remarks by the author, one of seven letters, and an historical appendix which answers many of our questions about him (and, of course, raises others).</p> <p>From the preface, we learn that "Mr. Seneker was born John Elias Lafayette Seneker on May 3, 1848. His parents were James King Seneker and Elizabeth Bushong, and he had five siblings. He married Louisa Margaret (Maggie) Dulaney and they had four children: Oliver, Beverly, Estelle, and Lorena. He died in 1916 of empyema. Mr. Seneker was apparently most well known as being a long-time Superintendent of schools of Sullivan County, Tennessee, and generally being prominent in educational circles in eastern Tennessee.</p> <p>In "Prefatory Remarks by the Author", Seneker explained that he decided, "after acquiring all the booklore I then deemed necessary...to spend several years in the far west... While in Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico in 1872, he kept copies of his correspondence, which later served as the raw material for this book. The first letter, from November, 1872, preceded his arrival on Gabriola by less than a year.</p> <p>An extensive Appendix, consisting of excerpts from an historical catalogue of schools and super-intendents in Sullivan County, begins with a quotation from Superintendent J.E.L. Seneker: "True learning is that which takes hold of the child, awakens him to thought and action, and causes him to depend on himself" and mentions his teaching in Canada, in Hawkins County, and in Greene County, and goes on to describe the history of his contribution to education in Sullivan County.</p> <p>The Sullivan County Court elected him Sullivan's Superintendent of Schools in 1893, and he was subsequently re-elected every two years until 1915. He held this position during a period of transition in public education from indifference to education, to a public awareness of the needs of an adequate system of public instruction. He supervised the transition from one-room community schools to consolidated schools managed by a seven member boards of education elected on a county wide basis....</p>				

...When Seneker was first elected, schools were crowded and understaffed; many of the teachers had been given certificates after taking only the reading exam. He set out to ensure that all teachers were properly licensed after examination in spelling, writing, arithmetic, reading, history, and geography. When short of teachers, he arranged emergency certificates for teachers to fill vacancies. A County Teachers Association was organized in 1893 -- parents and other interested parties were welcome to attend, and many parents did so. He wrote a handbook setting out the recommended course of study from the first to the eighth grade, and developed a points system for grading schools.

In 1907, the State of Tennessee established a Board of Education to replace the district directors of Sullivan County's one-room community schools and provided funds to begin replacing and consolidating the old log schools into modern frame buildings. Benches were replaced with comfortable desks, and libraries were added.

In 1908, Seneker began sending reports of his school inspections to local newspapers in order to inform and involve the public more in the decisions being made about the education of their children.

That Seneker's contributions to the Sullivan County schools resemble many of Jessop's efforts in BC is obvious. There are several possible explanations: Was the young Seneker so influenced by Jessop's ideas that he tried to replicate them in Tennessee? Could Jessop have continued as his mentor by mail, even after losing his position in BC? Was Seneker influenced by those 'half-breed' children who did so well in his classroom? Were educational reforms and other social changes "in the air" everywhere at the time? Did better and faster mail communications promote the spread of these ideas?

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BL-001-78	BCA	January 14, 1878	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 37/78: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola School House Dear Sir</p> <p>It would be a great convenience to me if you could send my Salary for the current Month so that I may receive it at Nanaimo on Saturday 3 Feby. If not inconvenient I should be much obliged if you will deduct <u>5 dollars</u> and pay the same to my son George who will present this. I hope you have had a pleasant trip, and a safe return—</p> <p>I remain, Faithfully yours, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-002-78	BCA	January 17, 1878		Charles J Unonices
Extract from Visitors' Book cited by Capt. Wake in BL-019-78.				
<p>Visited the School on Gabriola Island questioned the Pupils in History, Geography, Grammar Spelling & Arithmetic & found the Answers to be very satisfactory. All the Pupils showing great attention and answering the various questions with [?precision] and promptitude.</p>				
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BL-003-78	BCA	January 21, 1878	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 32/78, Vol. 4, p.192, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>If at all practicable the request contained in your note of 14th inst shall be complied with with regard to sending current months salary to Nanaimo by 3rd Feby—Should it not be [?payable] that week [?the] [--?--] [?situation] shall be attended to --.</p> <p>My trip east has been one of unalloyed pleasure & gratification - [?am] [?now] fairly into the harness again -. I [?sincerely/myself?] hope you have [---?---] [?more] [?easily] than [?previously] in school [?matters] --.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-004-78	BCA	February 4, 1878	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 70/78, Vol. 4, p.206, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Enclosed you will find cheque for \$45 - which with \$5 advanced to your son here make up salary for January \$50—Please let me know how many pupils you have entered in register since reopening—Also average attendance for last month.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-005-78	BCA	February 10, 1878		Robert Clemitson
School inspector's diary ¹				
<p>Sunday, Feby 10th. Attended service in the morning. In the afternoon, engaged an Indian to take me over to Gabriola Island. Landed at Edgar's about five p.m. and stayed there all night, having taken steps to notify the settlers of an examination for the following day.</p>				
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1 R.M. Clemitson was Deputy Superintendent of Education.				

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BL-006-78	BCA	February 11, 1878		Robert Clemitson
School inspector's diary				
<p>Reached Gabriola school a few minutes before opening hour, and introduced myself to the teacher.</p> <p>Exercises began punctually at 9:30, with eleven pupils present. School room by no means a model of neatness. Teacher apparently painstaking & conscientious, and exercising a good moral influence over the scholars.</p> <p>Examined classes in Reading, Spelling History &c. Reading not good—Spelling somewhat better. Writing fair. Answering in History neither ready nor accurate. Arithmetic up to, and including, compound rules, not quite up to the mark. Definitions in Geography and Grammar, fair. Blackboard requires re-coating.</p> <p>Fair attendance of visitors. Heard complaints of parents respecting the non improvement of their children and teacher's reply. Considerable animus displayed on both sides. Advised the cultivation of more friendly feelings and the co-operation of parents and teacher.</p> <p>Am inclined to think complaints against teacher somewhat exaggerated. Teacher labours, however, under the disadvantage of being to some extent new to the work—consequently producing less result from a specific amount of teaching than would be the case with one specially trained.</p> <p>Returned to Nanaimo in the evening.</p>				
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BL-007-78	BCA	February 11, 1878		Robert Clemitson
Extract from Visitors' Book cited by Capt. Wake in BL-019-78.				
<p>Spent the whole day in School, found 12 Children in attendance, all of whom were orderly, and attentive to their work. Examined the classes in Reading, Spelling, Geography, Grammar &c In most of these subjects the Scholars acquitted themselves fairly. The teacher was pains taking and industrious.</p>				
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BL-008-78	BCA	February 12, 1878	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 102/78: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola School House Dear Sir</p> <p>The number of children now on the Register is 16. The average attendance in Jany 8.005 (the roads having been almost impassable for Degnens four children). The largest attendance 13—We are in want of books viz: Third Readers - 3; First Readers 1st part 3; 2nd part 3.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-009-78	BCA	March 2, 1878	John Jessop	John Seneker
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 49?/78: Postal card Seneker to Jessop ¹				
<p>Rheatown, Tennessee. March 1st 78</p> <p>Mr. Jessop</p> <p>I wrote you some months since but have as yet rec'd [?an/no?] ans[wer?]. I enclosed stamps for you to send me a few papers—May be it did not reach you— I am now teaching. Gettng on very finely—Where is Brook² & how are [?you] getting on—would be glad to [?hear] from you.</p> <p>Resp—J C S Seneker</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. Cancellation stamp from Rheatown dated Mar. 4. Victoria cancellation stamp dated Mar. 23. Front of card addressed to John Jessop, Supt. Schools, Victoria, British Columbia via San Francisco, CA.</p> <p>2. Brook is Charles Brook(e), who lived for a while on Gabriola during Seneker's tenure as teacher there (1873-1875).</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-010-78	BCA	March 15, 1878	John Jessop	Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 162/78: Chapple to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>I am requested by Digman and Edgar too wright two you two know wither you have any objections too Gregory on the next turm if he pass the Board for we intend two have a Change of Some kind and I hope that you will not object too it, not that we wish to do the old man any harm but we are doing the Children far moor harm than him.</p> <p>Please aswer this, I remain yours truly, Richard Chapple</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-011-78	BCA	March 18, 1878	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 126/78, Vol. 4, p.229, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I did not find out till too late that your signed vouchers [?were] all filled up—hence the week's delay in forwarding the cheque—This, of course, will not happen again for [?some] [?time] [?to come] [?at] [?least]</p> <p>The cheque for Feb. salary \$50 is [-?-] enclosed.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-012-78	BCA	March 25, 1878	Richard Chapple	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 143/78, Vol. 4, p.233, Jessop to Chapple				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>In reply to your note of 15th inst. I beg to state that I can take no action in the matter [?referred] to unless asked to do so by [?a/the?] majority of the trustees. By referring to [?35th] section of School Act¹ you will see that [?the] trustees must take the ini[?tia-] tive in effecting a change [?in] the teachership.</p> <p>If Mr Gregory [?should] qualify at next examination [?he] [?would] be in a position to take Gab[?riola] [?should] [?a] change be [?decided] on, [?or] any other situation that he [?should/might?] be able to obtain.</p> <p>Yours very tr[?uly], John Jessop</p>				
NOTES:				
1. Jessop is indicating that this provision in the Public School Act, 1879, was already effective in March of the 1877/78 school year. See BL-002-89, 9(34).				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-013-78	BCA	April 1, 1878	John Seneker	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 2??/78, Vol. 4, p.241, Jessop to Seneker				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your letter reached here last fall while I was away on a visit to the Eastern Provinces. After my return late in January the [?new] School Report was [?sent] to your address which I hope arrived in due course.</p> <p>Since you left the Coast a DepY Supt of Ed was appointed which enabled me to obtain three months leave of absence—I am sorry to say, however, that in the general [?retrenchment] that has been [?inaugurated] my [?deputy] has been cut off & I am again alone in the work.</p> <p>I am very [?much] pleased to find that you are [?still] "[?getting] along very [--?--]" _ I wish you every possible success—I have entirely lost track of Brook[?e/s?] -- he left here for [?Sou/Nor]thern California where I am afraid he succumbed to the terrible [?obsession/disease?] that so nearly carried him off here.</p> <p>[?The] [?state] of things in your old School District are not at all satisfactory—The old gentleman¹ who has been there for nearly two years will probably have to leave at the expiration of this term—Will send you further reports as they are issued.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
NOTES:				
1. The 'old gentleman', born January 1813, was 65 at the time of writing.				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-014-78	BCA	May 13, 1878		D.W. Gordon [MLA]
Extract from Visitors' Book cited by Capt. Wake in BL-019-78.				
<p>...was pleased to find such marked indications of progress amongst the Scholars and clearly attributable to careful Cultivation and [?Discipline] Teacher [?Manners?], and Department of Scholars unexceptionable.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-015-78	BCA	June 3, 1878	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 245/78, Vol. 4, p.268, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose herewith cheque for May salary \$50.</p> <p>You will [?know] by advertisement in "Colonist" that the Teachers' Examination is to be held this year in New Westminster commencing on Wednesday 11th prox—Complaints have been made for some years past by Mainland teachers of the unfairness of bringing them all the way to Victoria—hence the present arrangement.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-016-78	BCA	June 17, 1878	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 305/78, Vol. 4, p.286, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am purposing to visit Nanaimo on Tuesday of next week & will hold an examination for High School on Wednesday 26th—If you have any pupils far enough advanced to [?pass] the examination, or to make a creditable [?showing], I shall expect to meet them on Wednesday morning.</p> <p>They are [?given] [?their] [?dire/instru/ctions?] same day—Probably Edgar, Kemp or some other settler [?can/could] make it convenient to go over with them.</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-017-78	BCA	? May–June, 1878		John Kemp
Extract from Visitors' Book cited by Capt. Wake in BL-019-78.				
<p>In my capacity of Trustee of the Gabriola School I have attended the half yearly examination of the Scholars and am satisfied that under the present Teacher the Children have made fair progress in proportion to their attendance and that my own boy is as far advanced as I can expect him to be.</p>				
NOTES:				Rev. 1
1. Date is a guess. The original extract is undated.				

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-018-78	BCA	June 28, 1878	John Jessop	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 324/78: Gregory to Jessop				
<p>Occidental Hotel, Victoria, BC To The Honourable Body, The Board of Education Gentlemen, I desire admittance to the coming Examination as a Candidate for a Certificate of Qualification. Most Respectfully Yours: Orlanzo Gregory</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-019-78	BCA	June 29, 1878	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 345/78: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Gabriola School House, Nanaimo Dear Sir I have just been informed rather to my surprize that the plot which originated with Edgar and Chapple more than a year ago to remove me and appoint a Teacher of their own is still in progress. I thought the result of repeated examinations had convinced these people that my duties are properly performed but I am told that for the express purpose of getting a majority of the Trustees against me they have contrived to get themselves both elected. I was not a little astonished to find Chapple is [?under] the impression that "if Mr Jessop had his [?wish] Captain Wake would not be here". Which I only believe so far as to imagine [?you] may possibly wish me a better fate. However I trust you will kindly favor me with any original communications you may receive on the subject [?and] also a copy of any correspondence you may [?find] necessary to [?have] [?with] these illiterate men [?about] the Teacher of the Gabriola School [---?--] [--?--] [?through] their own appointed Secretary. I remain dear Sir, Faithfully yours, BA Wake, Teacher</p>				
NOTES:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a postscript to this letter written on June 30, 1878. See BL-020-78. 2. See also attachments BL-010-76, BL-034-76, BL-020-77, BL-002-78, BL-007-78, BL-014-78, and BL-017-78. 				
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BL-020-78	BCA	June 30, 1878	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 345/78: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Sunday</p> <p>I have [--?--] been informed that Edgar & Chapple have got Mr. Kemp Secretary to write a letter which he signed as Secretary and <u>not as approving of my removal</u> (of which you are aware that both he and Martin disapproved as I believe every body else in the island except Degan who is anxious to have Mr. Gregory back for [three words crossed out].</p> <p>I don't know if they [?have] obtained any other signatures but I am sure they will not be scrupulous how they obtain their ends and I trust I may rely upon the support of the Board under the assurance that I have faithfully performed the duties of Teacher under very trying circumstances. BAW</p>				
NOTES:				
1. This a postscript to BL-019-78.				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-021-78	BCA	July 8, 1878	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 356/78: Wake to Jessop				
<p>The Chairman of the Board of Education, Victoria</p> <p>Sir</p> <p>Inasmuch as the Examination at New Westminster [?would] considerably increase the inconvenience and expense of going through that ordeal I request that you will do me the honor to move the Board to allow me the same priviledges accorded to some other Candidates—in consideration of the Expense I have already been put to.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, BA Wake Teacher Gabriola School</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-022-78	BCA	July 11, 1878	John Jessop	Colin McKenzie
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 360/78: McKenzie to Jessop				
<p>Victoria</p> <p>My Dear Sir</p> <p>The Examination here is progressing favourably, the number of candidates being just twelve and these are the two Camerons, two Holloways, C. Russell, A. Gowen, Mrs. Fisher (7 ladies), Newbury, Baker, Flett, Clyde, and Captⁿ Wake (5 Gentlemen).</p> <p>Mrs. Ward of Angela College called at my house this evening and said that she had intended to have gone in for examination but pleaded want of knowledge of time and place as a reason for not attending—I told her she was too late for the examination as two days had already passed.</p> <p>I have nothing further to say except that the Arith: and Gram: papers were considered very difficult by the candidates here and I don't think any of them did remarkably well at least in the former paper.</p> <p>Dr. Tolmie paid us a visit this afternoon for a few minutes and promised to come up again on Saturday afternoon to hear the Reading and also at the same time to try and bring up Mr. Robertson.¹</p> <p>Believe me to be, Yours very truly, CC McKenzie</p>				
NOTES:				
1. Alexander Rocke Robertson, Provincial Secretary.				Rev. 1

Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-023-78	BCA	July 12, 1878	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 401/78, Vol. 4, p.322, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>At a special meeting of Bd. of Ed. just held your letter & enclosure of 5th inst. received full consideration. In reply thereto I am instructed to state that the Gabriola Public School is to [?be] closed for the present.</p> <p>Your [?term] [?as] teacher will therefore [?cease] at the [?co-p-?-tion] of the present month. I regret that this action should have to be taken; but there seems to be no other alternative under existing circumstances.</p> <p>As I have no proof of [?the] illegality of the [?recent?] meeting I [?can] [?not] set aside Mr. Chapple's election [?as] trustee. Before a [?reopening], arrangements will be made for a division of the teacher's time</p> <p>Yours very truly, John Jessop</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-024-78	BCA	July 27, 1878	A. Rocke Robertson	John Jessop
GR-0526. Prov.Sec. Corresp. IN: 268/78: Jul. 30, 1878				
<p>Sir:</p> <p>I have the honor to forward the appended memorial passed unanimously at the late Teachers' Convention held at New Westminster & transmitted to Me by the secretary Mr. James A. Halliday.</p> <p>I have the honour to be Sir, your obt servt, John Jessop</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. The memorial is BL-025-78.</p>				

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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-025-78	BCA	July 16, 1878	A. Rocke Robertson	James Halliday
Attachment to BL-024-78 (July 27)				
<p>To the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the Province of British Columbia</p> <p>We the Public School Teachers of this province in Convention assembled this sixteenth day of July 1878, respectfully beg to approach your honorable body with feeling [<i>sic</i>] of Loyalty and Confidence & by this our petition humbly pray that, whereas rumors exist respecting important changes in the Educational Department of this province, you will after mature deliberation retain intact the present admirable Public School System and that you will keep Educational Matters wholly separate and apart from politics for we feel & know by experience in this and other provinces of the Dominion that any change in the administration of the School System whereby Educational Matters may become dependent on the vacillations of policies would retard progress, and strike a serious blow at the root of the Free School System of the province.</p> <p>Signed on behalf of the Convention, James A. Haliday Hon. Sect.</p> <p>New Westminster July 16th 1878.</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p>				

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BL-026-78	BCA	July 29, 1878	Capt. Wake	Richard Chapple Magnus Edgar
Copy filed as having been sent to Jessop by Capt. Wake under cover of BL-019-78. The date however suggests otherwise.				
Dear Sir We the Trustees of Gabriola School hereby give you notice that your Service is not required any longer as School Teacher. Yours truly, Richard Chapple, Magnus Edgar				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-027-78	BCA	July 30, 1878	John Jessop	Thomas Elwyn
Attachment to BL-024-78 (July 27). Also GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 401/78: Elwyn to Jessop: Jul. 30, 1878				
Sir: I am directed by the Hon: Provincial Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26 th instant, with School Teachers' memorial appended. In reply, I am instructed to state that such memorials are most irregular and mischievous, and, if officially instigated, are eminently calculated to impair the public service. The Hon: the Provincial Secretary observes that it is wise in practice to leave questions of public policy, and the direction of public affairs to those whose duty it is to deal with such matters, and who are solely responsible for the manner in which they are dealt with. I have &c, F.? Elwyn, Dep. Prov. Sec.				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-028-78		July 31, 1878		
SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, p.189				
Gabriola.—Inspection, 11 th February, 1878—Enrolled: Boys, 11; girls, 4; total, 15; average, 10. Present, 11. The school was by no means a model of neatness. The black-board requires to be repainted. The reading of the scholars was not good, though their spelling was somewhat better. The progress made in writing, grammar and geography was fair, but the answering in history was neither ready nor accurate. The teacher is apparently painstaking and conscientious, and exercises a good moral influence over the scholars.				
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BL-029-78		July 31, 1878		
SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, p.180				
<p>Two examinations of candidates for certificates to teach were held simultaneously at New Westminster and Victoria, and of the 25 who presented themselves all obtained certificates, namely: 2 First Class Grade A, 3 First Class Grade B, 1 Second Class Grade A, 7 Second Class Grade B, 11 Third Class Grade A, and 1 Third Class Grade B.....</p> <p>The candidates in order of merit stand thus:—J. H. McLaughlin, ...[14 others], O. M. Gregory, ...[5 others], B. A. Wake, ...[3 others].¹</p> <p>...Temporary certificates still continue to be granted, and unavoidably so. It would, however, be advisable in future to limit their issue to those teachers who have taught satisfactorily in the Province, and who have through ill-health or other reasonable cause failed to come up for examination, and to certificated teachers from other British possessions who have not had the opportunity of qualifying. In order to discourage the practice, it would be necessary, in all cases, to grant only the lowest salary to teachers holding such certificates.</p>				
NOTES:				
1. From which we can infer both Gregory and Wake earned Class 3A certificates. Rev. 1				

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BL-030-78	BCA	July 31, 1878	A. Rocke Robertson	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 374/78, Vol. 4, p.315, Jessop to Prov. Sec.				
<p>Sir</p> <p>I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of yesterday respecting Teachers' Memorial. In reply to second paragraph thereof I beg to state that the memorial in question was not "officially instigated" so far as the Supt of Education was concerned. I merely stated during the session, when the subject was under discussion, that, as Chairman of the Convention, I could see nothing awry in thus memorializing the Government.</p> <p>The gathering was a large & representative one composed of a majority of our best & most enthusiastic teachers; It will, I hope, be readily conceded that their varied experiences in different countries, & their unanimously expressed opinion in Convention assembled, are at least entitled to a fair consideration on the part of the authorities [?above] responsible for the management of the educational interests of the Province.</p> <p>I have the honor to be your very obt svt, John Jessop</p>				
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BL-031-78	BCA	August 1, 1878	John Kemp	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 376/78, Vol. 4, p.316, Jessop to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>After a long [th--?--ed] [?consideration] of your school [?matters] at a meeting of Bd. of Ed. late yesterday, I was instructed to ask you for a statement of charges against your teacher & also for an expression of opinions on the part of parents [?sending] to the school as to whether or not they desire a change.</p> <p>When this information comes to hand definite action will at once be taken by the Bd. Of Ed.</p> <p>In the meantime, Capt Wake will go on with the school as [?formerly]</p> <p>Yours very truly: John Jessop</p>				
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BL-032-78	BCA	August 1, 1878	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 377/78, Vol. 4, p.317, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I enclose herewith copy of note just written to Mr Kemp—you will observe that specific charges must be made against you, & that an expression of opinion is required from the parents before further action can be taken with reference to your [?removal]</p> <p>On this question we [?also] want all the parents in the district to say "yes" or "no". It will be [?your] [?duty] therefore to get a [?request for] [?action] in your favor as [?numerously] signed as possible.</p> <p>Yours very truly: John Jessop</p>				
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BL-033-78	BCA	August 1, 1878		various Settlers														
Copy filed as having been sent to Jessop by Capt. Wake under cover of BL-019-78. The date however suggests otherwise.																		
<p>We the undersigned inhabitants of Gabriola, and islands in the vicinity, are anxious to retain the Services of Captain Wake as Teacher of the Children in the Gabriola District.</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Baldwin H Wake;</td> <td>James McLay J.P.;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard P Norris;</td> <td>Theodore Leboeuf;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David SR Roberts;</td> <td>James Rollo;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jonathan Martin, Trustee;</td> <td>Thomas McLay;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael Manly;</td> <td>James Jamieson;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thomas Jamieson;</td> <td>William M Flewett;</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Kemp, Trustee.</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Baldwin H Wake;	James McLay J.P.;	Richard P Norris;	Theodore Leboeuf;	David SR Roberts;	James Rollo;	Jonathan Martin, Trustee;	Thomas McLay;	Michael Manly;	James Jamieson;	Thomas Jamieson;	William M Flewett;	John Kemp, Trustee.	
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<p>NOTES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The handwriting is that of Capt. Wake. 2. BL-026-78 identifies Chapple and Edgar as two of the three Trustees. This letter of support is signed by (among others) two others who are also identified as trustees—Jonathan Martin and John Kemp. 																		
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BL-034-78	BCA	August 5, 1878	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 419/78: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>By the papers I enclose [?you] [?will] [?see] that the Gabriola people are all but unanimous in my favor, and that Chapple and Edgar have taken upon themselves to dismiss me. Chapple is not considered to have been legally elected as Trustee, the Voters at the North end having received no notice of any meeting for the Election of a Trustee.</p> <p>I am promised a hut in the a central position for the Children at the North end of Gabriola, and would suggest that on alternate months or weeks these Children (of whom there are 10 or 12 [?utterly] neglected at present) should have the benefit of the Teacher.</p> <p>It would be better to have one of the Trustees on the North end and if you wrote again to Kemp to call a meeting for the Election of a Trustee it could be easily managed.</p> <p>I remain dear Sir, Faithfully yours, BA Wake</p> <p>p.s. At the Meeting [?where/when?] [?Chapple] was Elected Trustee, McGuffie & Degnen were the only persons present besides two of the Trustees and Chapple himself. The others complain of insufficient notice and I doubt if any report of the proceedings as regards the Election was made to you as they only borrowed one sheet of paper from me and on that wrote for my dismissal.</p>				
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BL-035-78	BCA	August 5, 1878	John Jessop	Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 420/78: Edgar & Chapple to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>We notified Capt. Wake on July 29th that his service's [sic] were not required any longer as Teacher. And they will not open school till [sic] they get another Teacher.</p> <p>The Children reports there [sic] Teacher sleep during School hours. The parents say that it better to keep the children home as they do not learn anything at school.</p> <p>Yours truly: Richard Chapple, Magnus Edgar</p> <p>Sent by John Kemp, Treasurer.</p>				
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BL-036-78	BCA	August 8, 1878	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 437/78: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I have the honor to report for the information of the Board that I have this day received a copy of the Specific Charges Messrs Edgar and Chapple were directed to make against me. In defending them I am in some difficulty inasmuch as the charges are against 2 acts of the Trustees beyond the control of the Teacher. Although in the copy they have furnished me with, Messrs Chapple and Edgar have omitted to sign themselves Trustees. It is they who have dismissed the Teacher without the Sanction of the Board, against the Wish of a large Majority of the District, and without the support of a single individual.</p> <p>Their determination not to open the School till they get another Teacher is equally insupportable. I can only express my regret that the Parents of two of my most promising pupils, Annie Edgar and Joseph Chapple, should have thus committed themselves, and by way of excuse assure the Board that the two complainants are the most ignorant men in the District, who through insufficient notice of the Annual Meeting have Elected themselves Trustees.</p> <p>The same excuse is all I have to offer for the irregularity of reporting to the Board the tattle of their Children about the Teacher instead of adjusting [<i>sic</i> adjudging?] the complaint in a proper manner.</p> <p>The Extracts from the Visitors' book enclosed herewith will I trust satisfy Members of the Board that during the two Years I have been employed in [<i>their</i>] service that I have not slept at my post.</p> <p>With regard to what the Parents say about it being "better to Keep their Children home, as they do not learn anything at School", I can only say that acting on this principle Edgar has kept his Eldest Boy 215 times from my lessons and his younger Brother has now caught him up. Chapples Eldest Boy has been absent 111 times. When Robert Gray left the island he sent his Son to lodge at Edgars for the benefit of my Teaching. James Gray only left my School in February and he was one of the few who passed the High School Examinations at Nanaimo.</p> <p>In expressing my regret that the Board should be troubled with any disorder in the District where I have undertaken the duty of Teacher (at the request of the complainants themselves). I venture to suggest that if the Superintendent of Education will request Mr. Kemp to call a meeting for the Election of a Trustee in the place of Richard Chapple—and authorize me to open a School at the North end of the Gabriola and, Teach there on alternate months or weeks (as may be found most advantageous) a considerable improvement may be effected without expense to the Government.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir</p> <p>Your Obedt Servant BA Wake</p>				
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BL-037-78	BCA	August 12, 1878	John Kemp	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 398/78, Vol. 4, p.322, Jessop to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your letter of 5th inst & enclosures are to hand. I was instructed at a special meeting of Bd. Of Ed. [--?--] [--?--] to inform you that in [?con-] [?sequence] of the trustees and a majority of parents refusing to send to the school it is to be closed for the present.</p> <p>Before a reopening it is likely that arrangements will be made for a division of the teacher's time between the two extremities of the island.</p> <p>I regret very much that a necessity should occur for this course of action.</p> <p>Yours very truly: John Jessop</p>				
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BL-038-78	BCA	August 12, 1878	Capt. Wake	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 401/78, Vol. 4, p.322, Jessop to Wake				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>t a special meeting of Bd. of Ed. just [?held] your letter & enclosure of 5th inst received full consideration. In reply thereto I am instructed to state that the Gabriola Public School is to be closed for the present. Your [--?--] as teacher will there for [?cease] at the [?completion] of the present month.</p> <p>I regret that this action should have to be taken, but there seems to to be no other alternative under existing circumstances—As I have no proof of the illegality of the recent meeting I cannot set aside Mr Chapples election as trustee.</p> <p>Before a reopening arrangements will be made for a division of the teacher's time.</p> <p>Yours very truly: John Jessop</p>				
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BL-039-78	BCA	August 16, 1878	John Jessop	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 448/78: Wake to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Having received your letter of the 12th informing me of the results of a special meeting of the Board of Education. I have to request that you will favor me with the minutes of a transaction which has evidently been achieved without the members of the meeting being in due possession of the facts of the case, with which they were called upon to deal.</p> <p>It is impossible they could have been for it was only on the 8th that I received a copy of the charges the complainants were instructed to make against me, and I had no opportunity of posting a reply till the 13th. That a special meeting should be ready to give effects to any measure of retrenchment is perfectly intelligible, but I trust you will pardon me for suggesting that it cannot legalize the mischievous acts of ignorant men who through insufficient notice of the annual meeting elected Richard Chapple a Trustee and then proceeded to discharge the School Teacher for the express purpose of making room for another who they were desirous to have.</p> <p>You must be aware that these persons whose acts have to be dealt with did me the honor after a short probation to apply for me to be the Teacher, that I have since qualified for the office and given satisfaction to all who have visited the school.</p> <p>The complainants neither visit the school nor show any interest in anything except the discharge of the Teacher.</p> <p>I beg respectfully to call your attention to recent enactments for the protection of the School Teacher which your mode of dealing with the resolution of the Special Meeting makes null and void and at the same time inflicts upon me the additional penalty of throwing away past labour by scattering the Children I have taught faithfully and patiently for upward of two years and in whom I naturally take a more than common interest.</p> <p>Before I can submit to this treatment I claim the right of being heard in defence of the charges Richard Chapple and Magnus Edgar have been instructed by you to make against me.</p> <p>Whilst the School remains closed on your responsibility, I am prepared to do whatever I may be able towards giving instruction to the hitherto neglected Children at the North end of Gabriola and if you will kindly favor any suggestion of mine, so far as to request Mr. Kemp to call a meeting of the entire School District to take the present circumstances into consideration The Board of Education would then be in a position to judge how far it is necessary for the Superintendent of Education to deprive the Children of the advantages the Government have so handsomely provided and which it still remains my duty to supply to the best of my ability.</p> <p>I have the Honor to be, Sir, Your Obedient Servant, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-040-78	BCA	August 20, 1878	John Jessop	James McLay
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 454/78: McLay to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>The settlers of the North half of Gabriola Island are anxious that Captain Wake may be retained as Teacher. Therefore we beg that you may authorise him to open a School upon this end. It must be apparent to you that we are entitled to have the Teacher for a time at least, as the Children here has never had the least benefit of a School yet.</p> <p>There are more Settlers on this end then [sic] there is upon the other, and quite as many school Children there being fourteen. The Teachers as well as ourselves are aggreable [sic] that the School may be opened in one of the empty Cabins here, so that for the present, the Government would be at no expense in that respect.</p> <p>As you have got the names of the most of those that wish Cap'n Wake as Teacher, There will be no use in having them added here. I believe there are only a very fiew [sic] against him and am of the opinion that even they have no just cause of complaint—</p> <p>hopping [sic]you will take a favourable view of our case</p> <p>I remain, Sir Your Ob'nt Ser'vt: James McLay</p>				
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BL-041-78	BCA	August 23, 1878	John Jessop	John Kemp
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 472/78: Kemp to Jessop				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Edgar and Chapple wish me to ask you to send a Teacher. They were going to advertise for a Teacher But Mr. OM Gregory have made an application for the school.</p> <p>Yours truly, John Kemp</p>				
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BL-042-78	BCA			
Daily Colonist, Sunday, August 25, 1878				
<p>THE ATTACK ON THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION</p> <p>The ferocious assault by the Premier on the Superintendent of Education on Friday was one of the most disgraceful incidents of the session. The coarse and undignified language used by Mr. WALKEM towards an old and faithful public servant, who has devoted the best years of his life to founding a system of education that will remain an enduring monument to his genius and assiduity, meets with universal condemnation.</p> <p>The Premier seemed to revel in scandalous revelations of the influence of the lobby in the days of the Mc-CREIGHT Government (of which Mr. WALKEM was a member, by the way), and his imputing improper motives to a former colleague (Mr. A. R. ROBERTSON) in appointing Mr. JESSOP was in keeping with his savage assault on the Superintendent.</p> <p>Mr Drummond improved the opportunity to air his pigeon [<i>sic</i>] English and enlighten the House as to the sort of man he should like to see hold the office; but the hardest thing he could say about the Superintendent was that he knew hime when he "dragged out a miserable existence teaching school at \$40 a month." What a pity Mr. DRUMMOND did not avail himself of the opportunity to attend that \$40 school!</p> <p>There is no telling how or where the scandal would have terminated if Mr. HELGESEN had not, in a few well chosen remarks, recalled the Premier to a sense of his propriety and put an end to the cowardly assault made under shelter of the privileges of the House on gentlemen who are not in a position to defend themselves. It will require stronger testimony than Mr. WALKEM has yet adduced to shake public confidence in Mr. JESSOP.</p>				
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BL-043-78	BCA	August 25, 1878	Provincial Secretary	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 424/78, Vol. 4, p.332, Jessop to Prov. Sec.				
<p>Sir:</p> <p>I have the honor to place in your hands my resignation of the office of Superintendent of Education for the Province of British Columbia, which it has been my privilege to hold for nearly seven years. I am [?constrained?] to take this step in consequence of the observations made by the Hon. the Premier in the Legislative Assembly on Friday last.</p> <p>I regret that the Hon. the leader of the Government thought fit to take the [?unusual?] course of attacking my official reputation in the House of Assembly [?instead of?] [?having?] in any way or at any period, intimated to me that my work was not satisfactory. At the same time I feel assured that [?an/on?] inspection of what I have done educationally, as shown by School Reports in the Sessional papers, every candid & honorable mind will come to the conclusion the the Premier's remarks were un[?war/cons?]antable.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir your very obt. svt., John Jessop</p>				
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BL-044-78	BCA	August 28– September 9, 1878		Colin McKenzie
Eighth Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia, 1878–79, p.161				
<p>...At the commencement of the school-year this department was under the direct supervision of a Board of Education. This board consisted of seven members, and included the Superintendent of Education, who was also ex officio Chairman and Secretary of the Board.</p> <p>On the 26th August, John Jessop, Esq., who then held this position, handed in his resignation to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary. Mr. Jessop's resignation was accepted on the 28th of the same month. The voluntary resignations of the Board of Education and of their Chairman led to my appointment as Superintendent of Education on the 9th September, 1878 ...</p>				
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BL-045-78	BCA	September 9, 1878		Colin McKenzie
Eighth Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia, 1878–79, p.161				
<p>...I have striven during that time [School year 78/79] to promote in every possible way the best educational interests of the Province, and have endeavoured to carry out the spirit and letter of the School Act. Every attempt to alter or improve the previously existing state of things has, however, met with strenuous and determined opposition from some quarter or other, and not less from teachers than from others.</p> <p>Under the former regime, these as a body were allowed the utmost freedom and latitude in the internal and external management of their schools, and the quotation "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes" not inaptly describes the state of affairs as it then existed and so far as it concerned them.</p> <p>They chose their own time for opening their schools, absented themselves when they pleased and on trivial grounds, and closed their schools early or late as it suited their convenience; children went to school from the beginning to the end of the year, and in most cases, except perhaps the teacher, no one, whether parent, trustee, superintendent, or board knew what progress was being made or what was the actual condition of things. The annual reports of trustees in the parts filled in by teachers were full of inaccuracies. Teachers to this day manifest the utmost reluctance to make corrections to these reports, and in some cases evince a sublime indifference as to whether they are made out at all. ...etc. etc.</p>				
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BL-046-78	BCA	August 28, 1878	Provincial Secretary	John Jessop
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 426/78, Vol. 4, p.334, Jessop to Prov. Sec.				
<p>Sir</p> <p>I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of this day's date informing me of the acceptance by His [?Honor?] the Lieut. Governor of my resignation of the office of Supt. of Education.</p> <p>Before [?retiring?] from Education office, I have to request that some person be appointed to take an inventory of Government property in my charge & give me a receipt therefor.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir your obt. svt., John Jessop</p>				
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BL-047-78	BCA	August 29, 1878	George Walken	Magnus Edgar
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 482/78: Edgar to Walken				
<p>Hon. JA Walken [Premier]</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>We have been for some time most in want of a School teacher on this Island. Captain Wake not suiting a Majority of the Inhabitants. A Young Man, Mr. Gregory, has now come to the Island who whom we have employed and whom we would like to have appointed as teacher here.</p> <p>Hopng you will confirm our action in the matter [?We are] Sir yours very respectfully</p> <p>Magnus Edgar trustee Jas Harold¹ pro Rich'd Chapple</p>				
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1. We have no record of a James Harold on Gabriola. He lived in Nanaimo.				

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BL-048-78	BCA	September 9, 1878	Bd. Ed.	Trustees
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 481/78: Trustees to Board of Education				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>We the Trustees of Gabriola Island School desire to know whether Capt. Wake has been dismissed from our school by the Superintendent or not. We desire to know this because we have hired a Teacher to go on with the School thinking Capt. Wake had been properly discharged, and expecting you would sanction the appointment of O M Gregory whom we have elected.</p> <p>When the School was opened by OM Gregory on Monday, 2nd Sept., Capt. Wake entered his protest saying he was not discharged & evidently believing he is under pay at the present time. We desire you to sanction the appointment of O M Gregory and give Capt. Wake a Written Discharge as he will not recognise any other.</p> <p>Capt. Wake would perhaps get one child to attend a greater part of the time if he were to open again on this end of the Island, all of the other parents here declare they will not send a child to him.</p> <p>The School is closed at present and we are waiting for you to sanction its opening by O M Gregory. We understand that the people at the other end of the Island want a School of their own, but think if they cannot get all of the Teacher's time they would be satisfied with three days out of the week at each end of the Island, the Teacher getting extra pay for the extra time and travel.</p> <p>But we think with Mr. Gregory, who is a teacher & acquainted with the Island, that the districts are too far apart to admit of that theory being put into practice, the Island being nine miles long. The School houses must of necessity be 6 or 7 miles apart.</p> <p>Please answer soon as the Teachers are both waiting anxiously for your decisions.</p> <p>Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple John Kemp Sect. Tres.</p>				
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1. The script in this letter appears similar to that of OM Gregory.				Rev. 1

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BL-049-78	BCA	September 12, 1878	Capt. Wake	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 430/78, Vol. 4, p.342: McKenzie to Wake				
<p>Sir</p> <p>In consequence of the resignation of the B. of Ed. of this Province, the matters in dispute between yourself and your Board of Trustees cannot be referred to that body and the decision at which I have arrived will require the confirmation of the new Board of Ed. to whom, if dissatisfied, you can appeal.</p> <p>After consultation with the head of the Department, I have decided that your appointment as Teacher of Gabriola School ceased with the closing of your school by the [?late] B. of Ed. on Aug 12th and that you are entitled to be paid to the end of that month (31st Aug).</p> <p>However unfavourably you may regard the decision, I would beg you to remember that the paramount object in view by the Government in granting the School fund is the education of the young and that neither your interest, nor mine, nor that of any other can be permitted to stand in the way of the successful accomplishment of that end.</p> <p>Where a teacher and his Board of Trustees fail to agree and where as a consequence the children fail to attend school, the great object of the education grant by the state is not attained and it is a misappropriation of the funds of the Government to continue the salary of a teacher whose misfortune it has been to lose, however [?undeservedly] the confidence of the parents of the children in his district.</p> <p>Regretting to have to decide the dispute against you, I beg to sign myself</p> <p>Your obdt servant: CC McKenzie</p>				
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BL-050-78	BCA	September 12, 1878	Trustees	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 434/78, Vol. 4, p.343: McKenzie to Trustees				
<p>Messrs. Edgar, Chapple, Kemp Gentlemen</p> <p>I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9th Sept: addressed to the B. of Ed. and am directed to inform you that there is no Board of Ed. at present, that body having resigned. So far as matters can be arranged until a new Board has been appointed, the decision of the [?head] of [?the/this?] Department for the present is that Capt. Wake was discharged upon the closing of his school by the late B. of Ed. on Aug 12th and that he is entitled to his salary [?to] 31st Aug.</p> <p>I am further to inform you that Captn Wake has been notified of his discharge and that you are at liberty to proceed to the election of a teacher in place of Captn Wake selecting Mr. Gregory or any qualified and certificated teacher of [?the/this?] Province.</p> <p>Before closing this letter, I would point out to you as a Board of Trustees the desirability of carrying on business connected with your responsible office as much as possible in a spirit of amity and consideration, so as not to jeopardise in any way the important educational interest you seem to have so much at heart.</p> <p>I trust I shall be able to visit you as soon as possible and hope that in the meantime matters will proceed more peacefully than than they have hitherto done.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Gentlemen Your obdt servant: CC McKenzie Sup.Ed.</p>				
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BL-051-78	BCA	September 13, 1878	Bd. Ed.	Trustees
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 500/78: Trustees to Board of Education				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Capt. Wake called a metting [<i>sic</i>] of the voters on the 13th Sept for the want of proper notices being put up. But we put notices up the same as other years and elected a Trustee as you will see by Mr. Jessop report. Capt Wake and six others called our election Null and Void. The act state [<i>sic</i>] that two voters shall lay their complaints within twenty days of the election. Their [<i>sic</i>] were no complaints laid before the Trustees till the 13 Sept.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>Magnus Edgar Richard Chappel [<i>sic</i>] John Kemp Sect. Tres.</p>				
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BL-052-78		September 18, 1878		
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<p>SCHOOL MEETING AT GABRIOLA ISLAND</p> <p>On Friday, Sept. 13th, the residents of the Gabriola School District assembled at the Schoolhouse, pursuant to public notice, to take into consideration the affairs of the School, and to elect a Trustee. There were present Messrs J. McLay, J.P.T. McLay, T. Leboeuf, T. Rolls, J.Foster, W. Flewett, J. Kemp, J. Martin, A. Martin, T. Digman, M.Edgar, R. Chapple and Capt. Wake.</p> <p>After some discussion, Capt. Wake was voted to the Chair, and reminded the gentlemen present that the business before the meeting was for the interests of the children and advised that all animosity be put away.</p> <p>It having been proved that the notices of the Annual Meeting, issued by Mr. J. Kemp, had not been properly posted, and that in consequence the inhabitants of the north end of the Island had no intelligence thereof -- the meeting having been attended only by Messrs. Kemp, Edgar, Chapple and two other persons. It was then proposed by Mr.Flewett and seconded by Mr. McLay "that the sense of the meeting be taken, whether or not the proceedings of the Annual Meeting be declared null and void, and a report be sent to the Board of Education. Nem con. This vote was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman.</p> <p>The second resolution was proposed by Mr. J. Martin and seconded by Mr. McLay "that the meeting is dissatisfied with the conduct of two of the Trustees in closing the school and dismissing the teacher." Carried "nem con."</p> <p>The business of electing a Trustee was postponed for another meeting, when it is proposed to elect one resident on the North end, and to make arrangements in conformity with the views of the Board of Education "for division of the Teacher's time"—the children at the north end of the District having hitherto been utterly neglected. COM</p>				
NOTES:				
1. COM was James McLay.				Rev. 1

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BL-053-78	BCA	September 16, 1878	Bd. Ed.	Trustees
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 503/78: Trustees to Board of Education				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>We received your letter 12th inst addressed to the Board of Trustees. Edgar and Chapple wish to open the School, but we cannot agree, as I think we cannot open the school without the consent of the Board of Education. But we would like your advice; Edgar and Chapple would like to select O.M. Gregory as Teacher.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Kemp Sect. Tres. Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple</p>				
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BL-054-78	BCA	September 16, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 504/78: Gregory to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Isle</p> <p>Dear Friend McKenzie</p> <p>After a verbal engagement with Chapple & Edgar to teach the Gabriola School, I opened on the 2nd Sept but owing to interruption by Capt'n Wake who claimed he was not discharged, I closed after one weeks Service.</p> <p>Since then Capt'n Wake illegally called a meeting which he said was for the purpose of electing a Trustee, but if the Board is already full they could not even get a chance to elect one illegally. Since then, the North End have shown a disposition to reinstate Capt'n Wake and one of the Trustees, John Kemp, seems to be working in their favour.</p> <p>The other Trustees are now going to act on the advice of your letter and call a meeting of Trustees for the purpose of giving me a written appointment and doing business in writing so that the North End people can not interfere further, for you must know that the people at the other end (North end) are entirely out of reach of the School and have no interest in it unless they can get a part of the Teacher's time some time in the future when the Government sees fit to grant them money to build a School House.</p> <p>I write this to let you know the true state of affairs that you may not by mistake give any weight to illegal meetings or proceedings of disinterested parties from the North end.</p> <p>Hoping to continue teaching in a few days and also expecting contention to calm down into earnest labour for educational interests.</p> <p>I remain very truly yours</p> <p>O M Gregory</p> <p>We take pleasure in endorsing the above statement:</p> <p>Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple</p>				
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BL-055-78		September 18, 1878		
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<p>TEACHER WANTED</p> <p>The undersigned request applications for the position of teacher of the Gabriola Island Public School. Salary \$50 per month.</p> <p>M. EDGAR R. CHAPPLE Trustees</p>				
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BL-056-78		September 18, 1878		
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<p>MR. JOHN JESSOP</p> <p>Late Superintendent of Education for the Province of British Columbia, will be a candidate for the representation of Vancouver District in the Dominion House of Commons at the approaching election. His address to the Electors will appear in the next issue of the "Free Press."</p>				
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BL-057-78	BCA	September 21, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Trustees
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 509/78: Trustees to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Island</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>We acknowledge [<i>sic</i>] receipt of your letter of the 12th inst addressed to the Trustee Board. And we called a meeting for the purpose of tranacting [<i>sic</i>] the business of the Trustees of the Gabriola School districk [<i>sic</i>].</p> <p>Magnus Edgar prepose [<i>sic</i>] and John Kemp second that Richard Chapple be elected as Chairman. Magnus Edgar and Richard Chapple advertise in the Nanaimo Free Press on the 18th of Sept for a Teacher for Gabriola School. OM Gregory would most respectfully offer his service as a Teacher for Gabriola Island districk.</p> <p>Richard Chapple move and Magnus Edgar second that OM Gregory Service be accepted</p> <p>Richard Chapple move and Magnus Edgar Second that OM Gregory be appointed and open School on Monday 23rd of September 1878.</p> <p>Yours very truly</p> <p>John Kemp Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple</p>				
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BL-058-78	BCA	September 23, 1878	John Kemp	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 490/78, Vol. 4, p.352: McKenzie to Kemp				
<p>Sir</p> <p>Capt Wake called at this office today and I regret that your unhappy school's differences still continue. At his request I write this note to express to you my apprehension that unless you arrive at some peaceable solution yourselves, the only rational way of dealing with the case will be to close the school for such a period as will be sufficient to enable you at some future day to commence again in a calmer and cooler spirit...</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. Customary salutation, and hence possibly a page, missing. Rev. 1</p>				

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BL-059-78	BCA	September 30, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 522/78: Chapple to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Island</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I Feel it my duty two inform you that Mr. Wake's statement two you was not correct. Therefore I am happy Two inform you that everything is quait since Mr. Wake is left here and Mr. Gregory is making a very good Start in every Study—the children no need of Stamping there feet two wake up Mr. Gregory from Sleeping.</p> <p>I remain your very truly Richard Chapple</p>				
<p>NOTES: Rev. 1</p>				

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BL-060-78	BCA	October 1, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 537/78: Wake to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Nr. Nanaimo Sir</p> <p>At a public meeting of the inhabitants of the Gabriola School district (it having proved that the annual meeting was attended only by two of the Trustees, Richd Chapple, and two others prepared to vote for his election in place of Jonathan Martin who was not present, and that no notice of the time, and place of that meeting had been posted beyond Chapple's door), it was decided that the proceedings of that meeting be declared null and void.</p> <p>Under these circumstances the authority recognized by the inhabitants of the School district as a Trustee [?board] consists of</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">John Kemp Secty & Treasurer Jonathan Martin Magnus Edgar</p> <p>The use of a room having been placed at my disposal at the North end of Gabriola, I propose to give instruction to those Children who have hitherto been unprovided for, and I hope shortly to be in a position to make arrangements for a division of the Teacher's time in accordance with the views of Mr. Jessop in the last communication I received from him.</p> <p>I have the honour to be Sir Your Obedn servant, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-061-78	BCA	October 7, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 540/78: Gregory to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Island</p> <p>Dear Friend McKenzie</p> <p>I had thought I would not need to trouble you to send a Register, but as the Capt.(Wake) has not yet delivered the old one or the Visitors' Book to the Trustees, we think it better to send for a new one. I am using at present a part of an old Register that will not be sufficient to finish the term with.</p> <p>I am glad to report the state of the district as that of peace and quietness in spite of the apparently unceasing efforts of Capt. Wake to create a disturbance. I have Registered Sixteen children and expect three more who intend coming in the Winter. There are two or three others who belong on the Island but are not prepared to come yet that I know of—they not being at home when I went to see them. This gives me a possibility of twenty two with one child (the parent of whom I am sorry to think Capt. Wake has influenced to keep home) makes twenty three</p> <p>I remain very truly yours</p> <p>O M Gregory</p>				
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BL-062-78	BCA	October 10, 1878	John Kemp	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 514/78, Vol. 4, p.362: McKenzie to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I am receiving contradictory statements from Captn Wake and Mr. Gregory and I write to you as Secretary of Gabriola School Board to know who is the Teacher of your school and who are the Trustees.</p> <p>If you have changed the Trustee Board from the ones who were acting as such to Sept 30th, I should like to know by what authority it has been done and on what grounds the change was made.</p> <p>I have the honour to be</p> <p>Yours [illegible]</p> <p>CC McKenzie Supt: of Ed</p>				
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BL-063-78		October 16, 1878		
NANAIMO FREE PRESS				
<p>GABRIOLA SCHOOL</p> <p>The Gabriola School opened at the North end of the island on Monday morning with arrangements for a division of the Teacher's time in conformity with the views of the Education department the Trustees, and the inhabitants of the school district for the benefit of those who on account of their distance from the school house have been deprived of the Teacher's services.</p> <p>By these arrangements the education of upwards of a dozen Children who have hitherto been neglected will be thus provided for the temporary accommodation of a room the public are indebted to Mr. Alex. Clarkson and to several of the settlers who cheerfully gave a days labour to put it in order. -- COM</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. COM was James McLay.</p>				

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BL-064-78	BCA	October 19, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 575/78: Wake to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Dear Sir</p> <p>I am much concerned that there should be trouble in this district where I am the appointed Teacher, but I think by this time you must be aware what a set of lawless men I have to deal with in Chapple, Edgar and Gregory.</p> <p>For two years, they have been attempting to displace me and by omitting to post this notice as [?said] by Mr. Kemp (their Secretary) [?contrived] to elect Chapple as Trustee. Mr. Gregory was then written to & told that the Trustees would dismiss me. Chapple and Edgar having succeeded in closing the School during the month of Augt, Mr. Gregory appeared at the end of that Month and having got the key of the School from Mr. Kemp by [?explaining] that he [?had been sent] by [?Mr. Walkem] & [?Abrams] & that Mr. Jessop "had got the sack".</p> <p>These three worthies proceeded to open the School, putting the big Cornishman to prevent my entrance. Edgar & Gregory cleared out the Teachers desk & put all my property out of the School. On my attempting to enter I was collared by Chapple, & when I threw him off, the door was shut & locked inside. Chapple, as he got up from the [?ground] proceeded to abuse me, calling me a d-d old hypocrite.</p> <p>When the Children were admitted, I forced my way in, & taking my place at the desk, informed all present that I was the Teacher & warned them against the consequences of their lawless conduct.</p> <p>Chapple & Edgar removed the desk & seating themselves at it told Mr. Gregory to go on Teaching. I rang the Bell to dismiss the Children & Mr. Gregory snatched it out of my hand. Chapple has been fined [?for] the assault & bound over to keep the peace, but I am anxious to [?avoid] proceeding against Edgar, although he is much more [illegible] having at a public meeting, falsely & maliciously asserted that Captain Wake was in the habit of going drunk to the School.</p> <p>I have opened the School at the North end with an attendance of 7 on the first day & hope to increase to 12.</p> <p>If Mr. Gregory can be got [?rid] of, I think Kemp [?&] {?Martin] the Trustees [illegible] be in a position to open [?the] School at the School [?house]next month and that I may go on with the Teaching on alternate months weeks or half weeks.</p> <p>There will never be a [illegible] attendance of the Elder Children who are already advanced far beyond their Parents, but I trust with your support I may get all my young neighbours so [?instructed] as to be rather more useful members of society than the lawless fellows who are opposing me.</p> <p>I will not trespass further on your time at present but shall be glad to give you any information you may require in dealing with this [?affair] and [?remain]</p> <p>Faithfully yours, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-065-78	BCA	October 21, 1878	John Kemp	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 537/78, Vol. 4, p.370: McKenzie to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I write again for information as to the names of the Trustees and that of the teacher in your school district. If your Board of Trustees has been changed lately, I should like to know by whose authority it has been done. I hear from other sources that the trouble still continues in your district. I should like to be satisfied on this [?point].</p>				
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BL-066-78	BCA	October 21, 1878	Magnus Edgar	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 538/78: McKenzie to Edgar				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I write for information as to the names of the Trustees and that of the Teacher in your school district. If your Board of Trustees has been lately changed, I should like to know by whose authority the change has been made. I hear from other sources that the school trouble still continues in your district. I should like to be satisfied on this point.</p>				
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BL-067-78	BCA	October 21, 1878	Richard Chapple	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 539/78: McKenzie to Chapple				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I write for information as to the names of the Trustees and that of the Teacher in your school district. If your Board of Trustees has been lately changed, I should like to know by whose authority that change has been made. I hear from other sources that your school trouble still ...¹</p>				
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BL-068-78	BCA	October 22, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 576/78: Edgar & Chapple to McKenzie				
<p>Sir</p> <p>In answer to your last letter, we would say that no change has taken place in the Trusteeship and that Mr. Gregory was appointed Teacher.</p> <p>Mr. Gregory opened the school on the 2nd of Sept'r and after teaching one week suspended business to learn whether Capt'n Wake's statement that he was not dismissed had any truth in it or not.</p> <p>On receipt of your letter deciding that he was dismissed and that we were at liberty to appoint any qualified Teacher we desired we gave Mr. Gregory a written appointment and he began to teach again on the 23rd of Sept. and is still at work.</p> <p>We wrote and told you all about Mr. Gregory appointment before dated Sept. 21st and signed by the Trustees John Kemp, Richard Chapple, and Magnus Edgar.</p> <p>Perhaps you have not received the letter. We are aware that misrepresentations have been made to the Department of Education respecting school matters on Gabriola Island. We would prefer to see you visit the District in person and learn the true state of affairs yourself. If however time will not permit of your coming we will take the liberty of addressing another letter to you on this matter.</p> <p>Yours very truly Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple</p>				
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BL-069-78	BCA	October 23, 1878	Colin McKenzie	John Kemp
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 599/78: Kemp to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>I received your letter of 10 Sept wishing to know who is Teacher of our school. Mr Edgar and Mr Chapple advertise in the Nanaimo Free Press for a Teacher on the 18 of Sept. On the 21 Sept, Mr Edgar and Mr Chapple called a meeting of the Trustees for the purpose of electing a Teacher. O.M. Gregory offered is [sic] services as Teacher and he was accepted by Mr Edgar and Mr Chapple.</p> <p>I would not have anything to do with electing a Teacher As I have nothing against Capt Wake as Teacher. O.M. Gregory commence Teaching on the 13 Sept.</p> <p>You wish to know who are the Trustee and if there have been any change—there have been no change in the Trustee Board, the same as elected in June.</p> <p>Roll of members with date of expiration:</p> <p>John Kemp Sect.Treas. Term expire June 1879 Magnus Edgar expire June 1880 Richard Chapple expire June 1881.</p> <p>Capt Wake called a meeting at the request of some of the voters on 13 of Sept for the want of proper notice being put up, and they called the election nell [sic] and void.</p> <p>I hope to hear from you soon to know what is to be done in the matter As I am not sending my Child to school till I know which Teacher the Board of Education acknowledge.</p> <p>Yours very truly John Kemp Sect. Treas.</p>				
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BL-070-78	BCA	October 25, 1878	Capt. Wake	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 543/78, Vol. 4, p.371: McKenzie to Wake				
<p>Dear Capt'n Wake</p> <p>I am sorry to have to say that I do not consider you in the employment of this office and that of course, you cannot draw pay from the Govt for the school you have started, quite apart from the small number in your school.</p> <p>Furthermore, I cannot allow of any changes being made in the Trustees of Gabriola Island without my permission or concurrence.</p> <p>Believe me to be Yours truly: CC McKenzie Supt. of Ed'n.</p>				
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BL-071-78	BCA	October 29, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 593/78: Wake to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Island nr Nanaimo Dear Mr. McKenzie</p> <p>I am quite aware that in regard to the new School, I am not in the employment of the Education Office. The last communication I had from your Predecessor was to the effect that the School of which I am the appointed Teacher would remain closed for the present, and that when reopened arrangements would be made for a division of the Teacher's time between the two ends of the Island (this being my own suggestion).</p> <p>Since I was violently ejected from my own School by Mr. Gregory assisted by the two most ignorant men on the island, I have been doing my part towards carrying out the above plan and am thankful to have been so far successful as to have obtained a room in a central position for all those Children who have hitherto been deprived of the benefit of the Teacher's services, so that whenever you find it expedient to give them a Teacher, it may be done without additional expense to the Government.</p> <p>For the sake of the poor Children, I am happy to have accomplished this through the good will of the people. The encouragement given to Mr. Gregory by Mr. Jessop is, I am convinced the main cause of the difficulty I have had – I am in.</p> <p>Apart from [?all] emolument there are circumstances which I trust are worthy of your consideration in regard to the dismissal of any Teacher. The complainants were instructed by the Board of Education to make specific Charges against me, and Mr. Jessop assures me that in no other shape has my dismissal been before the board.</p> <p>I have been in the service of the Government since the age of 14, and am well aware that an official cannot be dismissed without some damage to his reputation. Under the Department where you now preside, I have performed my duty with the same fidelity that has up to this time preserved my character from any such reproach and I trust I may look to you for such adjustment as will be fair and honorable to an old officer under difficulties.</p> <p>The remedy for the present state of affairs was in the hands of your Predecessor; he had only to require Mr Kemp to call a meeting for the Election of a Trustee in place of the man who elected himself for the purpose of getting the School for his Friend. It is not too late now to call a meeting for the Election of Trustees in place of those two whose acts were condemned <i>nem con</i> at the last meeting—and I shall be content to abide the issue.</p> <p>I remain dear Sir Faithfully yours, BA Wake</p>				
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BL-072-78	BCA	October 30, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 596/78: Edgar & Chapple to McKenzie				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>We received your letters of the 21st asking for information as to the Trustees and Teacher. In our district their [sic] has been no change in the trustees in our district since the Anual [sic] Meeting on the 28th June. The names of the trustees is John Kemp sec. & treas.; Magnus Edgar & Richard Chapple. The Teacher name is O. M.Gregory and was appointed on the 23rd Sept by the trustees.</p> <p>We wrote you on the 22nd Sept in answer to the letter you wrote to Mr Kemp which he said was private. There is no trouble in the school except when Capt'n Wake comes in and talks to the children without recognising the Teacher and stops a little while and goes away again, and that is the true state of affairs.</p> <p>Please to answer this Believe me to be yours truly</p> <p>Magnus Edgar Richard Chapple Trustees</p>				
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BL-073-78	BCA	October 31, 1879	Orlanzo Gregory	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 551/78 Vol.4 p.372, McKenzie to Gregory				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I send 2 vouchers for you to sign and return. In one of them put in on the body of the voucher your claims against the Govt as Teacher of Gabriola School for the months of Sep and Oct or whatever part of these months you think yourself entitled to draw pay.</p> <p>Have also the accompanying [?slip] of paper signed by the Trustees and fill up the blanks I have left or make out one yourself and have it signed.</p> <p>Believe me to be Yours [illegible] C.C. McKenzie, Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-074-78	BCA	November 4, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 598/78: Gregory to McKenzie				
<p>Sir</p> <p>I read one of the letters addressed by you to the Trustees a few days ago and asking for information. I suppose they told you in answer that I have been Teaching since 1st Sept. except the two weeks that we were delayed, learning of the Capt's discharge.</p> <p>I hope they have given you a satisfactory answer as I have sent an order to on you ro W. G. Reid, Stone cutter of the firm of Mortimer & Reid which I hope you will pay even if you are not just ready to send all of the salaries out for the past two months.</p> <p>But if the Rules or Instructions are so rigid that you cannot pay it yet I would gladly give you two percent if you would advance the am[oun]t from your private purse.</p> <p>The beginners get hard up teaching 2 or 3 [?months] without receiving any Cash especially when we had none to begin on.</p> <p>It would seem from the length of time it takes to get information down to you that I have been Teaching for the last two months that someone is failing to send letters or stopping them on the way.</p> <p>Capt Wake has not been near during school hours for some time. He says he is Teaching on the other end of the Island, but I know the Trustees did not hire him & he therefore has no authority for sending false reports or reports of any kind to you.</p> <p>I need a New Register, the one I have is nearly filled up. The attendance is not so good as I expected as it seems one family has moved away, still we have 18 or 20 in all in the neighborhood & 17 on the Register.</p> <p>I hope you are by this time as well settled down there as we are here.</p> <p>I have the honour to be Sir your</p> <p>Obedient Servant</p> <p>O M Gregory</p>				
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BL-075-78	BCA	November 7, 1878	Colin McKenzie	M. Pearse
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 612/78: Pearse to McKenzie				
<p>My dear Sir</p> <p>In justice to a worthy man who has served his Country for nearly half a Century, & who is willing to serve our adopted Country here, may I request you to read and return to me the Enclosed letter. Captn Wake has been, so far as I can learn, very badly treated by the [?ignorant] Trustees at Gabriola Isld.</p> <p>He has a family coming out to him, & excepting his [?Good] Service Pension of £65: per annum, has really no means of supporting them.</p> <p>If you can do anything for him, in the future, I in Common with his many friends will feel very grateful to you.</p> <p>I remain My dear Sir Yours very sincerely M. Pearse</p>				
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BL-076-78	BCA	November 7, 1878	John Kemp	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 5??/78, Vol. 4, p.377: McKenzie to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I received your letter of 23rd Oct on the [?6th inst] and I hope your troubles are [?at] [?an] [?end] I [--?--] only [--?--] [--?--] [?--] Trustees, yourself, Magnus Edgar and Richard Chapple and as Teacher, O.M.Gregory.</p> <p>I [--?--] in this [?official] [?your] notification of Gregory's [?teachership] signed by yourself, Edgar and Chapple. So far I have done [?my] [?best] to have your school [?kept] [?open] & it [?now] remains [?for you] [?and] [?the] [?other] trustees to [---?---] [--?--] [--?--] [---?--] [--?--] [---?---] to [?make] it [?as] efficient as [?possible].</p> <p>If I had known at the first [?as] [?much] as I do now, I would never have allowed the reopening of your school until you had [?made] arrangements by which [?both] [?ends] of the island [?as well?] are shared equally with [?respect] to the teachers services, and I hope [?it] [?is] not too late for you to take the [?matter] into your consideration. [?A] school with an average of [?--] is not likely to be kept [?opjen] in the present financial [?con]dition of the Province.</p> <p>Believe me to be Yours etc CC McKenzie Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-077-78	BCA	November 11, 1878	Colin McKenzie	James McLay
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 652/78: McLay to McKenzie				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I had information today from Mr. Kemp, one of the school trustees of Gabriola Island, informing me that he had a letter from you saying that the difficulty in the School matter was amicably settled. He appears to think there must be something wrong somewhere as the last letter he sent you he was quite opposed to Mr Gregory being Teacher here.</p> <p>Now we are nearly all of the same mind with regard to Mr Gregory, only a very few [<i>sic</i>] being in his favour, you would see when the names were taken that they mostly went in favour of Captain Wake remaining as teacher.</p> <p>Of course we could not say much if we had been justly delt [<i>sic</i>] with in the matter of electing the last trustee, but as it was the magority [<i>sic</i>] of the settlers had no intimation whatever of the meeting being held, no notice having been posted up on the west end of the Island, I suppose the object was to have an almost secret meeting for the purpose of electing a Trustee so that they could overthrow Captain Wake through [<i>sic</i>] some petty private grudge and not for anything conected [<i>sic</i>] with the teaching of the children.</p> <p>Under (those) circumstances we req(u)est that you dismiss Mr Chapple, the man who elected himself at that time as Trustee, and cause or give instructions that another meeting be held for the purpose of electing another Trustee in an open and fair manner. Or if you think proper, to allow Captain Wake to go on as usual—it dont matter to us.</p> <p>Mr Gregory has through [<i>sic</i>] falshood [<i>sic</i>] and mean action, quite disqualified himself for having children under his charge or ever having the respect of most the people on the Island.</p> <p>I am happy to say that Capt Wake has been Teaching the children on this end of the Island for some time. The first opportunity they have had of attending School and they stand sadly in want of it as some at twelve years of age comenced [<i>sic</i>] in the alphabet. Of course we expect a division of the Teachers time.</p> <p>Hopping [<i>sic</i>] you will take a favourable view I remain Yours Respectr Jas McLay</p>				
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BL-078-78	BCA	November 11, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 653/78: Gregory to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Isle Dear Friend McKenzie Yours of the 31st Oct. Is at hand. Enclosed you will find the Vouchers and slip as directed, except Kemp's signature. He said he had nothing to do with my appointment. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient Servant O M Gregory</p>				
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BL-079-78	BCA	November 13, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 650/78: Wake to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola To the Superintendent of Education Inasmuch as a Teacher cannot be legally dismissed by pers[o]ns usurping the functions of the Board of Education, and the actions of these ignorant men, persons who have attempted by violence to elect a Teacher are condemned by the respectable inhabitants of this district. I hereby gives notice that having done my duty faithfully and carried out the views of the last Board of Education as far [as?] practicable under the circumstances, having opened a School accessible to all those Children on the island who had before been neglected, and superintended the Teaching at my own School by a weekly visit, I feel it my duty to protest against the Salary which the parliament voted for the Teacher and for which I have signed the Vouchers being paid to any other person, and I beg respectfully to inform you that I shall claim it at the hands of those who have illegally attempted to elect Mr. Gregory to the school of which when you came into office I was the appointed Teacher. I have the Honor to be Sir Your Obedient Servant BA Wake</p>				
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BL-080-78	BCA	November 14, 1878	Colin McKenzie	John Kemp
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 651/78: Kemp to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>I received yours of 7 Nov and you hoped our troubles are now ended. I am afraid you will find by Mr. MacLay that they are not likely to be ended by O.M. Gregory's appointment as Teacher as You said in your letter that my notification of Gregory's appointment signed by myself Edgar and Chapple.</p> <p>I had nothing to do with Gregory's appointment as you will see by my last letter.</p> <p>I only signed as Sect. Treas. not knowing better.</p> <p>Yours very truly John Kemp Sect. Treas.</p>				
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BL-081-78	BCA	November 18, 1878	James McLay	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 578/78, Vol. 4, p.387: McKenzie to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I acknowledge receipt of your letter of [11th] inst: and I send you a copy of the Consolidated School Act 1876, by which to guide yourself in the matter of having another election for a trustee in the place of the one you say was illegally elected (Mr. Chapple).</p> <p>You are aware that every thing in ed: matters must be done according to the School Act. I am guided by that and you must also guide yourself similarly.</p> <p>I have your assertion now (nearly 4 months after the events) that no notice was given, of the intended election in June for a trustee, at your end of the island. On the other hand I have a letter dated 13th Sept: and signed J. Kemp, M. Edgar, R. Chapple stating that the notices were put up the same as in other years.</p> <p>As to allowing Captn Wake to go on as usual (by which I understand you to mean that he is to be recognised by me as the teacher of Gabriola School), I have to inform you that the appointment and the dismissal of teachers are in the power of trustees, the Board of Education having only the power of consenting to appointments and dismissals.</p> <p>Capt: Wake was dismissed by a written discharge from a majority of his Board of Trustees and therefore in law, he was dismissed by his Board of Trustees.</p> <p>The late Board of Education consented to this action of the Board of Trustees by closing the Gabriola School and notifying Capt Wake that his salary "as teacher" ceased at the expiration of month of August.</p> <p>In conclusion, I must say that your educational zeal has displayed itself at a rather late day, for had you had the same amount of it somewhat earlier, you would have informed yourself (notice or no notice) of the fact that the School Act required the annual election for a trustee to be held on some day during the last week in June and thus by timely action you might have prevented the election of a trustee obnoxious to you.</p> <p>Believe me to be Yours truly CC McKenzie Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-082-78	BCA	November 18, 1878	Capt. Wake	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 583/78, Vol. 4, p.383: McKenzie to Wake				
<p>Dear Capt Wake</p> <p>I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11th inst. [<i>sic</i>, he means 13th] in which you protest against the salary being paid to O.M. Gregory, although you do not say so, I infer by your doing so that you [?still?] claim the salary attached to the Gabriola School and that you still consider yourself as teacher of said school.</p> <p>I do not feel bound to give you information on facts as well known to you as to myself, but from a spirit of friendliness to you and from a wish to counteract the ill advice you must have received, I set forth the state of the case as viewed not from the opposite standpoint to yours, but as I view it, and as, I believe, impartially.</p> <p>The three present trustees, Kemp, Edgar and Chapple are the legal trustees at present and until they are proved to be illegally elected, and the onus of proving they are not the legal trustees lies with those who say they are not.</p> <p>The proceedings of the majority of the trustees in conformity with the Consolidated School Act, 1876, are legal.</p> <p>On July 29th 1878, you received a formal written dismissal signed by two of the trustees or in law your trustee board dismissed you. The School Act empowers the trustees to appoint and dismiss teachers with the consent of the Board of Education.</p> <p>The Board of Ed. gave their consent to your dismissal when on Aug 12th, they passed a resolution (at a special meeting) closing your school, and at the same time notifying you that your salary "as teacher" would cease on the expiration of August.</p> <p>To put this in a shorter form: The present trustees are the legal trustees. Their proceedings under the School Act are legal. Their dismissal of you was legal, provided they obtained the consent of the Board of Education. That consent was obtained when the Board of [?Ed.] closed the school and notified you that your salary `as teacher' ceased after a certain date.</p> <p>These are the facts of the case and I cannot alter them. Had the case been in my opinion in your favour, you would have received at my hands every tittle of that to which you were by right entitled.</p> <p>Believe me to be Yours [?truly?] CC McKenzie Supt. of Ed'n.</p>				
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BL-083-78	BCA	November 18, 1878	John Kemp	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 584/78, Vol. 4, p.385: McKenzie to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I acknowledge receipt of your letter of [14] inst; informing me that your school troubles have not yet come to an end and that I would see that fact for myself by receiving a letter from Mr. McKay [<i>sic</i>]. You say, in the same letter that you signed a previous letter [?as] [?Secretary] and only as Secretary.</p> <p>I sent you some time ago for your own guidance and that of the other members of your board of trustees, a copy of the Consolidated School Act, 1876. From it you will see that a board of trustees must act by the will of the majority, and that the Secretary must report the proceedings of his board and carry on the necessary correspondence connected with [?his] office as such.</p> <p>You will, I hope in future perform your duties as secretary and treasurer though you may be over-ruled in your own opinion by that of [?your] co-trustees.</p> <p>Believe me to be Yours etc CC McKenzie Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-084-78	BCA	November 18, 1879	Orlanzo Gregory	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 587/78 Vol.4 p.389, McKenzie to Gregory				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I shall likely be in a position to forward you your salary by the next mail, but if I cannot do so then, I trust you will be patient enough to wait a little longer.</p> <p>I hope the school is going on prosperously and that the attendance is good. If not the school will have to be closed again and this time for a longer period.</p> <p>Believe me to be Yours truly C.C. McKenzie, Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-085-78	BCA	November 22, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 670/78: Wake to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola To CC McKenzie</p> <p>I am glad to hear you are favorably disposed towards me & thank you much for giving me your views of the legal aspect of my affairs in regards to the conduct of the Trustees; however, I am bound to say that notwithstanding the weight your position gives, I find opinions totally opposite held by authorities I am equally bound to respect, especially as in my humble judgement they accord with the School Act under which (at the solicitation of the identical parties who are [?now] trying to [--?--] Mr. Gregory I accepted [?this] appointment. If the trustees had determined to dismiss me why did they not inform me when the School closed for the holidays, instead of waiting till Mr. Gregory had passed his examination.</p> <p>As a matter of course, my Salary would not be paid when the School remained closed, although it was no fault of mine, but if my Teaching had come to an end why were not the Vouchers returned, and why did Mr. Jessop in the same letter that directed the School to [?remain] closed for the present inform me that on reopening my suggestion in regard to a division of the Teachers time were to be carried out.</p> <p>Mr. Jessop says I was not dismissed when he left office. The Secretary & Treasurer to the Trustee Board still regards me as the legitimate Teacher and they are not less acquainted with the facts of the case than yourself. Mr. Kemp, who donated the land for the School, takes a degree of interest in the affairs which neither of the other Turstees have ever shown except to get their friend appointed as Teacher.</p> <p>I am always prepared to yield prompt obedience to the orders of a Trustee Board as a corporat[e] body, but when two members whose election is questionable, act so outrageously that their Secretary cannot work for them and they have to employ Mr. Gregory or Mr Harold of Nanaimo to conduct their correspondence with the Education Office, I cannot but feel that some attention is due to the Vox populi which calls for an investigation into the mode of Electing Trustees At Gabriola which is the main cause of the disorder.</p> <p>I remain Dear Sir Faithfully yours BA Wake</p>				
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BL-086-78	BCA	November 25, 1878	Capt. Wake	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 616/78, Vol. 4, p.398: McKenzie to Wake				
<p>Dear Capt Wake</p> <p>I return vouchers that you have signed in advance in answer to your letter of 22nd inst.</p> <p>Believe me to [?be] in haste</p> <p>Yours truly</p> <p>CC McKenzie Supt. of Ed'n.</p>				
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BL-087-78	BCA	November 29, 1879	Orlanzo Gregory	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 627/78 Vol.4 p.404, McKenzie to Gregory				
<p>Dear Mr. Gregory</p> <p>I wish to know whether you occupy the teacher residence belonging to Gabriola and whether the two acres of land belonging to the school are cultivated or fenced. In fact give me all the information you can about the school property.</p> <p>Believe me to be</p> <p>Yours truly</p> <p>C.C. McKenzie, Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-088-78	BCA	December 3, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 689/78: Wake to McKenzie				
<p>To the Superintendent of Education</p> <p>I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Vouchers for Salary which were sent me for signature by your Predecessor shortly before you came into office.</p>				
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1. There are two attachments, BL-089-78 and BL-090-78.				

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BL-089-78	BCA	December 3, 1878	Colin McKenzie	William Flewett Jonathon Martin
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 689/78: Under cover of Wake to McKenzie				
<p>To the Superintendent of Education</p> <p>We the undersigned being anxious to see the School affairs of [?this] District honorable [sic] settled request that you will authorize the Secretary to call a meeting for the Election of Trustees; it having been {it being} the opinion of the Majority of Voters that Richard Chapple was not duly elected the Majority having had no notice of any meeting for the Election of Trustees.</p> <p>Complaints of the insufficiency of the Notice were forwarded to the Education Office in the beginning of August.</p> <p>William M Flewett Jonathon Martin</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. This is an attachment to BL-088-78.</p>				

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BL-090-78	BCA	December 3, 1878	Colin McKenzie	
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 689/78: Under cover of Wake to McKenzie				
<p>EXTRACT OF A REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT IN NANAIMO</p> <p>Mr Gregory volunteered a statement that he came on the advice of Mr. Walkem and Mr. Abrams and was engaged solely by Messrs. Chapple and Edgar with the understanding that he (Gregory) ran the risk of getting paid or not.</p> <p>N.B. Mr. Walkem and Mr. Abrams positively deny the truth of Mr. Gregory's statements.</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. This is an attachment to BL-088-78.</p>				

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BL-091-78	BCA	December 3, 1878	Colin McKenzie	James McLay
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 690/78: McLay to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Island Dear Sir</p> <p>I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th Nov, and stand rebuked [<i>sic</i>] for want of early zeal in School matters here, although not to the extent you infer, as you will see my name in the enclosed document Aug 1 [?E,]</p> <p>Besides I have the excuse that I live about six miles from the School so that neither my own nor any of the surrounding [<i>sic</i>] children has ever had a chance of attending School. That I think is enough to damp the ardour of an ordinary individual a little.</p> <p>You will likewise see enclosed an answer from Mr. Kemp to me, regarding the posting of the notices. If you wish more, it would be an easy matter to give you proof positive that there was no notice put up on this end of the Island. I think I neglected to tell you that it was usual to put up notices at a certain place at this end.</p> <p>With regard to the School act, perhaps we lay too much stress upon the words, (With the consent of the Board of Education). But you say the Board of Education consented to the dismissal of Capt Wake by closing the Gabriola School. Well I must say, it looks a little weak if a School has to be closed for the purpose of dismissing [<i>sic</i>] a Teacher with his salary running [<i>sic</i>] on for some time. But these are points I have got nothing to do with.</p> <p>Yet I wish to remind you that the last letter Mr. Jesop [<i>sic</i>] sent here, he said the School was closed and when reopened [<i>sic</i>] arrangements would be made to open it at both ends of the Island. Now I would like to know why two of the Trustees took it upon themselves to open the School, and for the east end exclusively. Mr Gregory even informed us that he would not Teach on both ends unless his Salary was advanced to Seventy-five dollar per month, which we thought was not likely. And when he said that Mr Walkem sent him here (although he tried to deny having said so afterwards), we thought we saw our promised School receding in the distance.</p> <p>Can we be blamed for taking a little interest in Capt Wake. I am bound to say I sympathize with the Captain as he is an old man and in pecuniary difficulties. He is also a good Teacher and a man of unimpeachable character. The most of the people even at the east end where he has Teached [<i>sic</i>] so long are very anxious to retain him as Teacher.</p> <p>I think if you take the whole of the circumstances into account, you will come to the conclusion that two of these men has kept the anual [<i>sic</i>] meeting secret to be enabled to elect Mr Chapple with the view of overthrowing Capt Wake, and in the bustle and excitement of change in the Educational department, they [?put?] their man in place on their own responsibility, as I am told Mr. Magnus [Edgar] said things were all in a muddle and that they could do as they pleased.</p> <p>Yours truly James McLay</p>				
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1. There are three attachments, BL-091-78, BL-092-78, and BL-093-78.				Rev. 1

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BL-092-78	BCA	December 3, 1878	Colin McKenzie	
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 690/78: Under cover of McLay to McKenzie				
<p>Copy of document sent to the Superintendent of Education, August 1, 1878</p> <p>We the undersigned inhabitants of Gabriola and islands in the vicinity are desirous to retain the Services of Captain Wake as Teacher of the Children in the Gabriola District:</p> <p>Thomas [<i>sic</i>, James is meant] McLay J.P Theodore Le Boeuf James ? [Rollo] Thomas McLay Michael Manley James Jamieson Thomas Jamieson William Flewitt John Kemp Baldwin Hough Wake Richd P Norris David S R Roberts Jonathan Martin</p>				
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1. This is an attachment to BL-090-78. See BL-032-78.				Rev. 1

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BL-093-78	BCA	December 3, 1878	John Kemp	James McLay
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 690/78: Under cover of McLay to McKenzie				
<p>Copy of letter sent November 25, 1878</p> <p>Dear Kemp</p> <p>I had a letter from Mr McKenzie the other day. He appears [?to] think there was a notice [?of] the anual [<i>sic</i>] meeting [?put] up on this end of [?the] Island. [?Now] as we all know [?there] was nothing of the [?sort]. I think it would [?be] the best way for you [?to] send me a note to [?that] effect and likewise [?if] you have occasion [?to] [?write] to Mr McKenzie. [?You] ought to let him [?know] [?likewise] [?as] anything [?may] hinge upon that [?point].</p> <p>Yours truly J. M. McLay</p>				
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1. This is an attachment to BL-090-78.				Rev. 1

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BL-094-78	BCA	December 3, 1878	James McLay	John Kemp
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 690/78: Under cover of McLay to McKenzie				
<p>Copy of letter sent November 26, 1878</p> <p>You want to know [?as] the notices were put up. I posted one by the School and one I sent to [?Degnen] and one to Chapple [?but] I could not tell you [?where] they posted them.</p> <p>Yours very truly John Kemp</p>				
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1. This is an attachment to BL-090-78.				Rev. 1

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BL-095-78	BCA	December 5, 1878	Capt. Wake	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 649/78, Vol. 4, p.411: McKenzie to Wake				
<p>Capt BA Wake</p> <p>Sir</p> <p>I acknowledge receipt of yours of 3rd inst. You ask with whom the responsibility rests—you have not said of what—but I suppose you mean of your discharge.</p> <p>I answer with, as I have answered before, with your trustees and the late Board of Education. You also forward a requisition signed by two persons, W.M. Flewett and J. Martin, asking that another election for trustee be held. In answer, I positively decline to do so.</p> <p>The same request was made, if you remember, to Mr Jessop, the late Superintendent and refused by him.</p> <p>You also forward me an extract from proceedings of Magistrate's Court at Nanaimo. I do not see what that has to do with this office.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir Your obedient servant CC McKenzie Supt. of Ed'n.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-096-78	BCA	December 5, 1878	Jonathon Martin	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 651/78, Vol. 4, p.414: McKenzie to Martin				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I decline to allow another election to be held for [?a] Trustee on Gabriola Island School district.</p> <p>Yours [?truly?]</p> <p>CC McKenzie Supt of Ed</p>				
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BL-097-78	BCA	December 5, 1878	William Flewett	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 652/78, Vol. 4, p.414: McKenzie to Flewett				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>I decline to allow another election to be held for a Trustee on Gabriola Island School district.</p> <p>Yours truly</p> <p>CC McKenzie Supt of Ed</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-098-78	BCA	December 9, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 729/78: Gregory to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Island</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Yours of 29th ult. Came to hand to day, I have to say in answer that I do not occupy the School Residence because B.A. Wake still holds possession and I think intends to keep it till forced from it by law.</p> <p>You speak of 2 acres, but the Trustees say there is but one belonging to the School and that the statement in the Report is incorrect.</p> <p>The School land has not been fenced or cultivated. B.A. Wake fenced a very small portion of it which was not timbered and has used it for a garden for the past two years.</p> <p>Since the School land has not been properly surveyed, I think no one knows where the lines are. With the exception of some axe marks where some one has been cutting wood on the School floor & the floor of the veranda, the School House has been kept in good repair for the past 5 years.</p> <p>The Teachers House, I am sorry to say is in a sad plight now and will not be likely to be improved while B.A. Wake has possession of it. It stands a few steps to the rear of the Schoolhouse and is a cheap building of rough boards. I think a heavy rent should be imposed upon Wake for the use of this building as I think he cuts wood on the floor & in other ways damages the house.</p> <p>All is going on very well now though, I expected a larger attendance than the figures in the accompanying slip show. One family moved away & I do not know whether they are coming back or not.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient Servant O M Gregory</p>				
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BL-099-78	BCA	December 10, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Capt. Wake
GR-1445: Sup.Ed. Corresp. IN: 736/78: Wake to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola School Superintendent of Education Sir</p> <p>In consequence of your refusal to attend to the decrees of the Majority of the District, and the support given to the illegal acts of Richard Chapple and Magnus Edgar, I feel it my duty to resign the Office of Teacher without waiting for the decision of the Board.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir Your Obedn Servant B A Wake</p>				
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BL-100-78	BCA	December 19, 1878	Capt. Wake	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: ??/78, Vol. 4, p.420: McKenzie to Wake				
<p>Sir</p> <p>I acknowledge receipt of your communication of [?10th] inst: in which you send in your resignation of the teachership of Gabriola School. This office, as you know, ceased to acknowledge you as such from 31st Aug, at which time your salary ceased.</p> <p>Your continuing to hold possession of school property after that date or after a reasonable time thereafter will therefore subject you to liability to this Department.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir Yours [<i>squiggle</i>] CC McKenzie Supt. of Ed'n.</p>				
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BL-101-78	BCA	December 2?, 1878	John Kemp	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 668/78, Vol. 4, p.421: McKenzie to Kemp				
<p>John Kemp Sec. Treas. Dear Sir</p> <p>[? missing lines] Mr Gregory informs me that Capt: Wake still holds possession of the Teachers residence at Gabriola. While I do not wish any harsh measures taken against Capt. Wake, you must give him to understand that he is either to give up the residence at once or pay a reasonable rent for the use of the same.</p> <p>The Building is by the Schools-[?Act] under the control of the Lands and Works Department and as such cannot be used for any other purpose than that for which it is intended, namely, for the use of the teacher for the time being, unless otherwise directed by that Department.</p> <p>Believe me to be Yours truly CC McKenzie Supt of Ed</p>				
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BL-102-78	BCA	December 27, 1878	Colin McKenzie	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 7/79: Gregory to McKenzie				
<p>Gabriola Isle Dear Sir</p> <p>I have the pleasure of stating that B.A. Wake has withdrawn from the Schools residence.</p> <p>I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient Servant O M Gregory</p>				
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BL-001-79	BCA	March 20, 1879	Orlanzo Gregory	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: ?/79 Vol.4 p.508, McKenzie to Gregory				
<p>O.M. Gregory Esq Gabriola Is: Pub: School</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Fill up the enclosed papers. Return the Feb. [?one] as soon as possible—the March one at the proper time. Please be as punctual in returning these and similar papers in the future as if the payment of your monthly salary depended upon their [?safe] receipt at this office.</p> <p>Yours truly: C.C. McKenzie, Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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Identification	Source	Date	Addressee	Signatory(ies)
BL-002-79	Statutes of BC	April 29, 1879		
Public School Act, 1879				
<p>9 (15) It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to close schools where the average attendance falls below ten.</p> <p>9 (34) The Trustees of any School District shall, from time to time, select and appoint (from amongst those persons properly qualified,) the Teacher or Teachers in the School District of such Trustees, and may remove and dismiss such Teacher or Teachers on giving at least 30 days' notice to the Teacher or Teachers of such intention of removal and dismissal.¹</p>				
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<p>1. Under the Public School Act, 1872, it had been the duty of the Board of Education “to appoint the Teacher or Teachers, in any School District, and to fix the salary or salaries of such Teacher or Teachers; and, upon good cause shown, to remove the same”. This was amended in 1873 to allow trustees to dismiss teachers, but only with the support of the majority of the Board of Education.</p>				Rev. 1

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BL-003-79	BCA	May 2, 1879	Colin McKenzie	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 375/79				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your letter of 20th March came to hand today having been one month & twelve days coming a distance of 70 miles. I trust I will not be censured for a delay which was not under my control.</p> <p>Yours very truly: O. M. Gregory</p>				
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BL-004-79	BCA	May 7, 1879	Colin McKenzie	James McLay
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 397/79				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>On my own behalf and at the request of the Settlers on this North end of Gabriola Island, I beg to remind you of the great need we have for a School on this north end of the Island, with the hope that you will be enabled, this Spring to make arrangements for the establishment of a School here. It would be superfluous in me to say anything here of the disadvantages we have had to contend with in this respect, as doubtless you know through [sic] former communications just about exactly how we are situated here, But I may let you know that by an increase of Settlers lately, there are 20 children of School age waiting the opportunity of attending School.</p> <p>With the hope that you will not dissappoint [sic] us in this respect I remain yours most respectfully, Jas. McLay</p>				
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BL-005-79	BCA	May 8, 1879	John Kemp	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 362/79 Vol.4 p.584, McKenzie to Kemp				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>[? several completely illegible lines] In the report sent by Mr. Gregory I regret to observe the low average attendance of your school for 1879, namely Jan 10.22, Feb 9.80, March 7.05, Apr 6.55 or an average for [?all] four months of 8.40.</p> <p>The Schools Act 1879, makes compulsory [?the] closing of schools that fall [?below] ten. I shall therefore have [?to] close Gabriola, certainly at the end of June, if not before. I know of only one way in which it can now be allowed to exist and that is by your starting the school required for the northern end of the island as soon as possible and by making the teacher teach weekly [?or] semi-weekly at each of the two schools that would thus be established.</p> <p>Early information on this subject will much oblige.</p> <p>Yours truly: C.C. McKenzie, Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-006-79	BCA	May 8, 1879	Orlanzo Gregory	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 364/79 Vol.4 p.585, McKenzie to Gregory				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Your reports for April, March, and Feb. have arrived. I regret to observe the low average attendance. Under the Schools Act, 1879, it is now compulsory on me to close Schools that fall below the average of ten and unless an improvement and a most decided one is made in the attendance at your school, I must close it from June, if not before.</p> <p>I have written to your trustees on the subject and I trust you will cooperate with them in bringing about a better state of affairs.</p> <p>Yours truly: C.C. McKenzie, Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-007-79	BCA	May 13, 1879	Orlanzo Gregory	Colin McKenzie
GR-0450: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. OUT: 3??/79 Vol.4 p.592, McKenzie to Gregory				
<p>O.M. Gregory Esq Gabriola Is: Pub: School</p> <p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Please to sign these 2 vouchers in the place on the right of the page in which I have written your initials in pencil and oblige me by returning them as soon as you can.</p> <p>Yours truly: C.C. McKenzie, Supt: of Ed.</p>				
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BL-008-79	BCA	May 29, 1879	Colin McKenzie	John Kemp Richard Chapple Magnus Edgar
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 498/79				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>Yours of the 8 inst did not come to hand till the 18th. We called a meeting on the 29th hence our delay in answering you. You will find enclosed¹ the copy of the proceedings of the meeting—also the vouchers.</p> <p>Since we have done all that we can do at present we hope you will advise us if we have taken wrong steps. We will learn as soon as possible on what conditions we can get the temporary house.</p> <p>The place selected by the members of the meeting for a permanent School site is five miles or more from the School-house at the Southern end.</p> <p>We would like to know if you think the teacher had better teach every other week on each end of the Island.</p> <p>Yours truly: John Kemp Sect. Treas., Richard Chapple, Magnus Edgar</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. The enclosure is BL-009-79.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. 1</p>				

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BL-009-79	BCA	May 29, 1879	Colin McKenzie	<i>none—probably Gregory's handwriting</i>
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 498/79 enclosure ¹				
<p>School House, Gabriola</p> <p>At a meeting of the Voters in the Gabriola School District on the above mentioned date it was found that there are Twenty children of the school age at the Northeren [<i>sic</i>] end of the Island.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded and carried that the Alexander Clarkson's house be obtained to be used as a temporary School House. The conditions on which it may be obtained has not yet been learned. Moved by R. Chappel seconded by J. McLeay [<i>sic</i>] that the permanent School-house be situated within a quarter of a mile of the junction of the McLeay [<i>sic</i>] & Le Bouf [<i>sic</i>] roads.</p> <p>Moved by White Pemberthey and seconded by Theodore LeBouf [<i>sic</i>] that the Trustees be requested to desire the Superintendent to forward money for the construction of the School-house and purchase of furniture necessary to carry on the School in the Temporary house.</p>				
<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. Enclosed in BL-008-79.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Rev. 1</p>				

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BL-010-79	BCA	May 30, 1879	Colin McKenzie	Orlanzo Gregory
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 481/79				
<p>Dear Sir</p> <p>The School meeting of the 29th inst passed off very agreeably. The people seem to be united in the determination to keep the school in existence.</p> <p>I am not unwilling to teach on both ends of the Island. Considering the distance between the two houses I think it will be necessary to teach every alternate week in each neighborhood.</p> <p>I would like to know what salary can be allowed for such services as one will be compelled to perform under the circumstances.</p> <p>I mailed the vouchers yesterday. You will find the report for May en-closed.</p> <p>I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, Yours very truly: O. M. Gregory</p>				
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BL-011-79	BCA	June 27, 1879	Colin McKenzie	John Kemp Magnus Edgar
GR-1445: Sup.Ed.: Corresp. IN: 552/79				
<p>In accordance with the Notice posted by the Trustees of Gabriola School District a meeting was held at the above date.</p> <p>Magnus Edgar was elected Chairman John Kemp " " Secretary</p> <p>Moved by John Kemp and seconded by Richard Chappel that Thomas Dignen be elected a Trustee to fill the place of John Kemp.</p> <p>At 4 P.M. the votes were counted by the President. The members present having voted unanimously in favour of Dignen he was accordingly declared by the President to be a Trustee for the ensuing three years.</p> <p>The voters were Richard Chappal and John Kemp.</p> <p>Members Present were Richard Chappal, John Kemp, Thomas Dignen, and Magnus Edgar.</p>				
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BL-012-79	BCA	July 31, 1879		Colin McKenzie
Eighth Annual Report on the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia, 1878–79, p.166				
...Warnings of the consequence of attendance below the legal average, have also been given to the following schools :— Cedar, Cheam, Clinton, Comox, Denman Island, Gabriola Island (not re-opened by trustees after July holidays), Langley, and Prairie.				
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BL-013-79	BCA	February 1879		
Public School Act 1879				
Provision added in new act. 8. For trustees to locate one school in a central position, in the place of two in a district, or to close one of two such schools.				
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BL-014-79	BCA			June Harrison
June Harrison, <i>The four schools of Gabriola</i> , <i>SHALE</i> 11, p.9, May 2005				
...At the start of the new academic year in August 1879, available records show that the school failed to open. Details as to the circumstances of the closure are rather sketchy, but the school remained closed for two years.				
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