

BAGOT RESERVE

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THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, NATIVE AFFAIRS BRANCH.TREATMENT OF REDACTED -----BY STAFF MEMBER OF RETTA DIXON HOME

While supervising the loading of taxis in the vicinity of the A/ Superintendents residence at 7.20 P. M. a number of children aged about 12 years ran towards me shouting " Quick Mr. Denton, Mr. Waters has gone mad he is breaking REDACTED's arm and kicking him, he wont stop for Miss Shankleton. I then proceeded towards the Retta Dixon Home the children directing me to the boys dormitory, during the time I was walking with the children they told me REDACTED was sitting on his bed when Waters walked up and attacked him because he REDACTED had reported Waters to Mr. Mc Caffery.

On arrival at the Dormitory I found Waters in a position where he appeared to be kicking REDACTED who was on the floor, as I proceeded through the dormitory it was evident that Miss Shankleton and Mrs Waters were restraining Waters. On my arrival at scene I asked Waters, " What is the trouble". He said come up here and " will tell you, he walked away towards the girls dormitory. I said, " Are you hurt REDACTED get up on the bed lad. " Waters shouted get up you your not hurt! The boy got up onto the bed complained of his back and arm. Miss Shankleton said she would see he was alright. I walked with Waters from the building he was white with rage and appeared to have lost all control of himself. I said, What has REDACTED been doing, he said, " He ^{THREW} some boots at me. I said, " that was last night he has not misbehaved tonight. " Waters did not answer me. I returned and said to REDACTED " what have you been doing lad, he said, " Nothing Mr. Denton last night I reported Mr. Waters to Mr. Mc Caffery so tonight he just rushed at me mad like."

I returned to my residence tried to locate the A. D. N. A and then phoned the D. S. and reported the incident. At 8. 5 P.M I again phoned the D. S. and suggested that REDACTED sleep at Mr. Williams' for the night the D. S. offered no objection to this suggestion so I went to R. D. H. asked Miss Shankleton if REDACTED could come over to Mr. Williams and told her Mr. Sweeney had no objection to him going. Miss Shankleton informed me Mr. Waters was at Mr. Sweeneys' and she would prefer to wait his return, I agreed to this and asked Miss Shankleton what had caused the incident, she said. " I only arrived just before you came I do not know exactly what happened. I said, I think it better if REDACTED goes down to Williams' to sleep as he and the children will not continue to discuss the incident during the night. Miss Shankleton, said it is most unfortunate. I said I think it would be much better if the children who are to be punished were taken to your office and in front of another member of the staff told why they are there and the punishment administered in front of a witness instead of this way.

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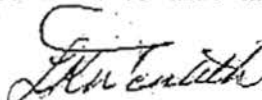
Miss Shankleton said, I will ring you when Mr. Watters returns. I then returned to my residence. At 8. 40 P. M. the D. S. phoned instructing me to forward a report to him to which I replied it was practically complete.

28th. October 1954. I did not receive any phone message from Miss Shankleton on Mr. Waters return but Mr Williams informed me that Anderson arrived at his place at about 9.30 P. M. in a very upset state this morning he has proceeded to work and has bruises on his back and his arm is sore.

Anderson is a lad whose behaviour is always good while in my sight he has my permission to enter this reserve to spend his spare time at Mr. Williams home. Mr. Williams and his employers speak in the highest terms as to his behaviour and I feel he must have been provoked to bring about this trouble.

The discipline of the Retta Dixon children has deteriorated since Mr. Waters has been exercising control over them this is also noticeable to the general public and confirmed by complaints to me over a certain incident on the 18th. September.

I received two complaints from responsible citizens who complained of the overloading and dangerous driving by Waters this was latter taken up by Inspector Mc. Kinnon who thought this driver came under my jurisdiction I directed the Inspector to Miss Shankleton. A Police Officer told me I should watch Waters behaviour on the reserve very carefully I understood him to refer to behaviour with small children or girls. I rang that officer this morning and said, "Why did you ask or suggest I watch Waters behaviour did you refer to small children or girls," He said I did, is there anything wrong I said no just wondered what you meant." I include these statements in my report as I feel they are evidence that this man is not stable enough for the position he holds.



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