The Indian Horse: Residential Schools

The conditions

The conditions were bad. The punishments also bad. They weren't allowed to talk there native language or disobey the rules. The punishment were either the being beaten with leather paddle or they were forced to eat soap or locked in a basement

The original intent

Residential schools original intent was to wipe the first nations culture off the face of the earth. The Canadian government decided in 1884 to create Residential schools, which are types of boarding schools; they thought that taking away the children to these type of boarding schools would make it so the elders and adults would not be able to teach their children about the culture, or sharing their wisdom with the kids. The kids are their future generations, and our leaders understood that if they take away their future they have none. So making the residential schools would help them succeed bye taking the kids away from their parents and teaching them their culture and how we live, and the parents would have no contact with the parents making it so they have no influence. All that our government did was all to eliminate the aboriginal culture without having conflict and with no battles to be fought, it was smart and genius, but it was a horrible thing that they did.

how students were taken into the schools

Students were taken away from their families and placed into the schools.

They would be taken away from all parts of their past life and forbidden to speak in the first nation language or talk about anything about how they lived there life as a first nation.

The children would also be forced into the schools and taken from the families and many families would try to hind their children so they would not have their children taken away and never see them again.

what the students learned

in residential schools they tried to teach them to be like one of us and taught them how to speak English if they talked in their own language they were beaten. they were also taught Christianity