

June 2, 1915.

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Mr. M. D. Snodgrass,  
Clerk, Kodiak School District,  
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 24th ultimo, with estimates of the Kodiak School Board for the school year 1915-16.

I have noted your explanation as to the needs of the school in the way of additional room, and your remarks with respect to the proposed increases in the salaries of some of the teachers.

With respect to the salaries I regret to say that I donot see my way clear to allow these, since the number of schools has increased within the past year and the funds now available will little more than provide for them. I am therefore obliged to change the estimates on salaries to the same amounts as were allowed last year.

With respect to the need of additional room, I shall include in the requisition, when made, a total of \$450 for this purpose. \$400 of this will be under the head of "Repairs", and \$50 will be added to the Board's estimate for "manual training department". For your further information, and that of the other members of the Board, I give you herewith a list of the items and amounts which I will cover by requisition, at the proper time, for your school for the year 1915-16:

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| 2 teachers 9 months at \$125 per month . . . . .   | \$2250.00      |
| 2 " " " " 90 " " . . . . .   | 2430.00        |
| 1 janitor " " " 40 " " . . . . .   | 360.00         |
| 20 tons coal at \$16 per ton . . . . .   | 320.00         |
| 1 cord wood . . . . .  | 5.00           |
| Lights (4 cases oil at \$4 per case ) . . . . .  | 16.00          |
| Water rent . . . . .   | 20.00          |
| School supplies (including stove, pipe, grates, etc.,<br>\$55, new desks \$55, books, etc., \$75, total of . . . . . | 185.00         |
| Supplies for manual training Department . . . . .  | 150.00         |
| Supplies for domestic science and sewing department . . . . .  | 150.00         |
| Repairs to building . . . . .  | 400.00         |
| Incidentals . . . . .  | 50.00          |
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|  | 6336.00        |
| Less unexpended balance from 1914-15 . . . . .   | 5.43           |
| <b>NET amount to be asked for . . . . .</b>  | <b>6330.57</b> |

It will be noted that \$5 has been added to the Board's estimate for incidentals.

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The requisition will not be made, of course, until all of the reports for the school year 1914-15 have been received and the Treasurer's report for that year has been approved by this office.

I regret that I cannot allow the full amount of the Board's estimate for an additional room; but since the amount asked for is so large, I think it very doubtful if the Auditor at Washington would allow it, and to submit so large an estimate might result in the disallowance of the entire amount, whereas a smaller amount may not be questioned. I cannot assure the Board that the item of \$400 for repairs will be approved by the Auditor, but I believe that it will be. The other items will, I hope, not be questioned by the Auditor, but it must be understood that all items in school requisitions are subject to his approval, and any of them may be questioned at any time.

I would suggest that the officers of the Kodiak school district forward their reports for 1914-15 at the earliest possible date, so that this office may the sooner make requisition for funds for 1915-16 and the Board may know as soon as possible just how much money will be available for use during that year.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

June 2, 1915.

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Mr. F. A. Shumaker,  
Treasurer, Latouche School District,  
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, advising that your district has expended for books and stationery the sum of \$8.51 in excess of the approved estimate, and that the board found it necessary to purchase a bell at a cost of \$12.93, for which no estimate had been submitted. You state that you have on hand in the fuel and the light accounts sufficient surplus funds to cover the two items above mentioned, and ask authority to make a transfer of funds for that purpose.

In view of the statements presented in your letter you are hereby authorized to transfer from the fuel and the light accounts sufficient funds to cover the two items above mentioned. The bell should be taken up under "Incidentals" in your accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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June 3, 1915.

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Miss Ruby Rogers,  
Wenderson, Texas.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 24 addressed to the Governor, together with enclosures. In reply to your request for a permit to teach in the white schools of Alaska you are advised that should you secure a position as teacher in any of the Alaska schools, a permit to teach for the term of two years will be issued to you upon presentation of your first grade certificate from the Southwest Texas State Normal School. This office does not issue permits to teach until the applicant has actually secured a school.

I return herewith the letters of recommendation enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures 2.

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June 3, 1915.

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Mr. H. G. Lull, Ph. D.,  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 29 endorsing Mr. F. X. Karrer for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your recommendation will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

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June 3, 1915.

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Mr. James C. Miller,  
Provincial Director of Technical Education,  
Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 21 with reference to the question of school buildings for rural, village and town schools. In reply I have to advise you that the Educational Department of Alaska has not as yet undertaken to deal with this matter in a systematic way and therefore we have no publications, regulations or codes available for distribution.

I may add that the Alaska school system is in process of development and many reforms and innovations are needed and we hope to modernize our school system throughout within a very short time.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

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June 4<sup>th</sup> 1915.

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Mr. C. C. Hayward,  
Treasurer Thane School District,  
Thane, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your report for the school year 1914-1915 and I beg to call your attention to the fact that you failed to submit with the report receipted bills and subvouchers covering the various items of expenditure shown in the report.

The regulations issued by this office for the information and guidance of school boards require among other things that school treasurers shall submit with their annual reports receipted bills or subvouchers covering the various items of expenditure which are shown in their reports. Copies of these regulations were furnished to the members of the Thane School Board shortly after their election.

It is requested, therefore, that you kindly forward receipts or subvouchers covering the expenditures shown in your report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 4, 1915.

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Mr. Albert Monro Graves,  
Roseau, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 24 with reference to Alaska school affairs, together with enclosure from Mr. G. A. Jeffrey, Secretary to Delegate Wickersham.

In reply I have to advise you that a law passed by the Legislature at its recent session provides for a uniform system of schools for Alaska and the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction to carry out the objects of the law. An Assistant Superintendent has already been determined upon.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

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June 4, 1915.

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Professor Richard T. Ely,  
The University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 25 recommending Mr. Phillip Kewlton for appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your letter will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

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June 4, 1915.

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Honorable P. P. Claxton,  
Commissioner of Education,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to office letter of December 7, 1914,  
I now have the honor to transmit herewith summaries  
of the annual reports of the school boards of the in-  
corporated towns of Cordova and Haines, Alaska, for  
the school year 1913-1914.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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June 5, 1915.

14-3

Mr. James Christoe,  
Cashier, Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Co.,  
Treadwell, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Christoe:

I enclose herewith a form for annual report of school boards of the incorporated towns of the Territory for the school year 1914-1915. While the Treadwell school is a private institution this office would appreciate having a report from your school board should they care to submit it. I shall be glad if you will kindly take this matter up with your school board and explain to them that while this office cannot of course insist upon receiving a report, the information will nevertheless be of interest and value to the office should the board wish to furnish it. I enclose franked and addressed envelope for reply.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
JUNEAU.

June 5, 1915.

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The Clerk of the School Board,

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a form for the annual report of your school board for the school year 1914-15. It will be appreciated if you will kindly fill out the same and mail it to this office in the franked and addressed envelope which accompanies the blank, at your earliest convenience.

Item 12 "Cost of maintenance during the year," is intended to include all expenditures except those covered by Items 11 and 13.

There is also enclosed a form of report of Teachers Employed and it will be appreciated if you will submit to this office, in connection with the annual report above mentioned, a report on this form showing the names and salaries of the teachers who have been engaged to teach during the school year 1915-1916. This information will be of special value to the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction who will be appointed in the near future.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 8, 1915.

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Mrs. Adelaide Beach,  
Care of Washington State Normal School,  
Ellensburg, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of June 2, I am transmitting herewith a circular of information regarding the schools of Alaska. Should you secure a school in this Territory a permit to teach for the term of two years will be issued to you upon presentation of credentials showing your qualifications as a teacher, etc., of some recognized normal school, college or university.

I am,

very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

Enclosure.

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June 8, 1915.

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Professor Robert E. Moritz, Ph. D., Ph. N. D.,  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter endorsing the candidacy of Mr. F. X. Karrer  
for the position of Assistant Superintendent of  
Public Instruction.

In reply I have to advise you that your  
letter will be filed and given consideration in  
due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

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June 8, 1915.

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Mrs. George D. Schofield,  
1811 East Madison Street,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mrs. Schofield:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June first endorsing the application of Mr. Frank X. Karrer for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska. In reply I may say that I have received many excellent endorsements of Mr. Karrer, and yours will be filed and given consideration in due course.

Personally let me say that I was glad to hear from you and that you and the Judge and family are well. I suppose that Judge Schofield will return to Seattle with the closing of navigation on Bering Sea.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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June 6, 1915.

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Mr. F. G. Davis,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 2. I also have received numerous endorsements of your candidacy for the appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction under the law recently passed by the Alaska Legislature. Besides your application I have five others and I am carefully considering the matter of appointment. I may say that all of the candidates are well recommended and show splendid credentials, and it therefore becomes a difficult matter to make a selection. It is my desire that the man appointed shall be thoroughly qualified in every particular, that being the first consideration with me. I had expected to make the appointment in the immediate future but it will probably be deferred for at least another month. In the meantime your endorsements and recommendations will be given careful consideration.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

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June 9, 1915.

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Mr. John Sutherland,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of June 3 I have to advise you that the Boards of School Trustees of the various school districts of Alaska have in their control the preparation of plans for school buildings to be erected in their several communities. For further information concerning the Kenai school building you should address the school board at that place. Trusting that this information will be of service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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June 9, 1915.

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Mr. John Matson,  
Clerk of Board of School Directors,  
Ninilchik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 20 with reference to using the Ninilchik school house as a dance hall.

In the first place permit me to remind you that the primary use of a school house is exclusively for educational purposes, yet this office can see no reason why the building should not be used as a civic center for other purposes having for their object the spread of education and information, such as lectures or public meetings to discuss matters of interest to the people of your community. To use it regularly, however, for dancing I do not believe to be right. There would be no objection on the part of this office if it were used occasionally for such social purposes as dancing provided the dances were conducted with due decorum.

You also ask to be informed as to the "regulations concerning the use of liquor in the school building or on the premises, and if a man should attend a dance in an intoxicated condition, whose duty is it to put him out?" In reply to this I have to say that if any person should attend a dance in the school building in an intoxicated condition, or even is known to indulge in intoxicating liquor in or about the premises, the Board of School Directors is distinctly instructed to immediately close the school building for use for dancing purposes. The drinking of liquor, or the presence of intoxicated men in the school house under any circumstances or at any time, will not be tolerated and you are advised accordingly.

I am,

Very truly yours,

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Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.

June 9, 1915.

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Mr. Charles A. Hand,  
Valdez, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Hand:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 4 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis, of your city, for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction. I have to thank you for the information contained in your favor concerning Mr. Davis. Your letter will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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June 9, 1915.

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Mr. Charles A. Hand,  
Valdez, Alaska.

- My dear Mr. Hand:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 4 endorsing Mr. F. G. Davis, of your city, for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction. I have to thank you for the information contained in your favor concerning Mr. Davis. Your letter will be filed and given consideration in due course.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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June 9, 1915.

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Honorable O. P. Hubbard,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 6 endorsing Mrs. Arthur G. Thompson, of Katalla, Alaska, for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In reply I have to advise you that in my opinion this position should be filled by a man inasmuch as it will necessarily entail laborious work and a great deal of traveling over the Territory at all seasons of the year. I may say that I know Mrs. Thompson very well and have a high opinion of her educational qualifications, but for the reasons above outlined I will not appoint a woman to this position.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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June 11, 1915.

15-8

Henry Disston & Sons Incorporated,  
Post Office Box 1537,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Attention of Assistant Manager of  
Sales - Hardware Department.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of October 15, 1914, addressed to the State Department of Education, Juneau, Alaska, I beg to advise that only a few of the white schools of this Territory provide instruction in domestic science and manual training. Among the schools which provide instruction in these two subjects are those at Ketchikan, Skagway, Kodiak, Longwood (Post Office Kodiak) and Ninilchik.

Some attention to these subjects is given in the native schools of the Territory, which are maintained under the direction of the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith copy of circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which contains among other things a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

The reply to your letter has been delayed by reason of the fact that it has been necessary to communicate with the various schools throughout the Territory to obtain definite information on the subjects above referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 11, 1915.

15-2

Professor Howard McGinley,  
Principal, Kodiak Schools,  
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant addressed to the Governor, recommending the issuance of a certificate to Mrs. A. C. Erskine who has been engaged as primary teacher by the Kodiak School Board.

In reply you are advised that the Governor recently issued to Mrs. Erskine a certificate upon her application and the presentation of her Washington certificates.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 11, 1915.

15-1

Miss Helen Clune,  
P. O. Box 338,  
Leadville, Colo.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd instant in which you express a desire to secure a position in the schools of Juneau or Skagway. The school boards of the various towns in Alaska make their own arrangements for teachers and this office is seldom called upon to assist them in this respect. It is the understanding of this office that the school boards of Juneau and Skagway have already arranged for teachers for the ensuing school year; in fact it is probable that practically all of the school boards have made similar arrangements.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith a copy of circular letter used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which contains among other things a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 15, 1915.

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Honorable Charles A. Sulzer,  
Sulzer, Alaska.

Dear Senator Sulzer:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letters of June 8. In the first place permit me to say that I was pleased to hear from you and that your and Mrs. Sulzer and son arrived here in due course. Certainly it was a pleasure for Mrs. Strong and myself to have met you and Mrs. Sulzer and family and were only sorry that we could not see more of you.

I expect to leave this evening for a trip down the Yukon to Fairbanks and thence to Nome, returning to Juneau in about thirty days.

I note what you say with reference to the Craig school and I have to advise you that it is quite possible this office may be able to assist the school district there in obtaining a better school building and school facilities. I was not aware that there was such a large number of children at that place. The estimates from Craig School District have not yet been received, however. When these have arrived I shall carefully examine them with a view to making the necessary requisition as per your request, should it be possible.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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June 16, 1915.

15-1

Miss Evelyn Mahaffy,  
210 Esklund Avenue,  
Hoquiam, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant addressed to the Governor, making application for a position to teach in the white schools of unincorporated communities in Alaska. In reply I beg to advise that while the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Territory, he does not engage teachers; this is done by the school boards of the various school districts. I enclose herewith a copy of circular letter used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which contains a complete list of the school districts of the Territory. Applications for positions should be addressed to the Clerk of the School Board, in the respective districts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures

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June 16, 1915.

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Mr. Albert Monroe Graves,

Roseau, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication of the 7th instant addressed to the Governor, with respect to your application for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that it is the Governor's intention to appoint an Alaskan to this position and it is therefore impossible to give further consideration to your application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 16, 1915.

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Professor W. F. Parish,  
Superintendent Pacific Public Schools,  
Pacific, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant making application for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Territory of Alaska, was received by the Governor last evening just before his departure from Juneau on a trip through the interior of the Territory. He requested me to acknowledge receipt of your letter and to say that upon his return to Juneau the latter part of next month he will take up the matter of the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction and your application will receive due consideration at that time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 16, 1918

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Professor Frederick E. Bolton,  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant endorsing Mr. William Parish for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska was received on the eve of the Governor's departure on a trip through the interior of the Territory and to Nome. The Governor expects to return to Juneau about July 20 at which time he will take up the matter of the appointment in question and your letter, with others, will receive due consideration in connection with Mr. Parish's application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 16, 1915.

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Mr. William T. Perkins,  
Care of The Northern Securities Company,  
Pioneer Building, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant endorsing  
Mr. William Parish for appointment as Assistant Super-  
intendent of Public Instruction for Alaska was received  
on the eve of the Governor's departure on a trip through  
the interior of the Territory and to Nome. The Governor  
expects to return to Juneau about July 20 at which time  
he will take up the matter of the appointment in question  
and your letter, with others, will receive due considera-  
tion in connection with Mr. Parish's application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 17, 1915.

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American Truth Society,  
1133 Broadway,  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to the State Superintendent of Education, requesting a list of the teachers under his supervision.

In reply I have to advise you that this office is not in possession of a list of the teachers employed in the schools of the Territory. I am enclosing herewith, however, a copy of circular letter which contains the names of all the school districts in the Territory, which will enable you to get into communication with the teachers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 18, 1915.

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Mr. J. W. Bell,  
Clerk, U. S. District Court,  
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bell:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing certified copy of Order establishing the Hadley School District. It is noted that the Order recites that it appears from the petition filed with you in this matter that "the said district contains over twenty (20) children between the ages of six and twenty years;". Sec. 324, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides, among other things, that a school district established under the provisions of the act shall not contain "less than twenty resident white children" etc. In a number of instances, in other judicial division, where the question has arisen, the Governor has held that there must be an affirmative showing by the petitioners (and, obviously, the Order should so state) that the proposed district contains not less than twenty white children between the ages of six and twenty years resident therein. The Order in the Hadley case does not show whether the petition conformed to the law in this respect or not. Will you kindly advise as to this.

It is further noted that in the instructions as to the school election the Order recites that there shall be elected "One Clerk,

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One Treasurer, and One Trustee." Sec. 324, supra, designates the members of a school board as "a clerk, a treasurer, and a director", and while such officers are quite commonly referred to as "trustees", this office has in a number of other instances expressed the opinion that orders establishing school districts under the act in question should adhere to the wording of the statute rather than to adopt other terms.

Information received by this office recently with respect to the Hadley school matter was to the effect that there were only some 13 or 14 white children of school age there, hence it is somewhat important to know definitely whether or not the petitioners made the proper showing under the strict wording of the law.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 19, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Charles Rudy,  
Treasurer Mendonhall School District,  
Mendonhall via Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Rudy:

Upon checking over the estimates which were made out in this office on the 16th instant, I find that I omitted the item "Lights \$15." I have added this item to the original estimates on file in this office and would ask that you kindly add it to the duplicate which you have.

Mr. Bakke, Clerk of the Mendonhall School Board, did not call at the office as it was expected he would do on the 16th instant, nor has he called since. I shall be glad if you will kindly ask him to call at his earliest convenience so that he may sign the estimates above referred to.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 19, 1915.

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Miss Ruth Spence,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, also receipt of Georgia Normal Industrial College Diploma referred to in your letter.

In reply I beg to advise that the Governor is at present absent from Juneau on a trip through the interior of the Territory. He will return to Juneau about July 20 at which time your letter and diploma will be placed before him and he will no doubt issue a teacher's permit to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 21, 1915.

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Mr. Victor H. Dupuy,

Thane, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant endorsing Professor W. F. Parish for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

This matter will receive the Governor's attention upon his return to Juneau about July 20 at which time your letter will be placed before him in connection with the application of Professor Parish. I may add, however, that I believe it is the Governor's intention to appoint an Alaskan.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 21, 1915.

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Mr. Frank G. Davis,

Care of T. B. Carnell,

Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and replying briefly thereto would say that before Governor Strong left Juneau on his trip through the interior of the Territory he informed me that no action would be taken in the matter of the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction until after his return to Juneau about July 20. No doubt the letters of endorsement to which you refer will have been received before that time.

I too am sorry that you did not have time to call at the office while you were in Juneau and hope to have the pleasure of meeting you upon your return in August next.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 21, 1915.

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Mrs. Mary A. C. Gibson,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 15th instant addressed to the Governor, has been received during his absence on a trip through the interior of the Territory. In response to your request I send you herewith a copy of the "Nelson School Act," which provides for the establishment and maintenance of school districts outside of incorporated towns. While the law specifies a term of five months the usual school term is nine months. The salaries paid to teachers in these schools are quite as varied as are the conditions which obtain in the communities in which the schools are situated.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 21, 1915.

15-1

Miss Mary Beatty,  
1115 Fourteenth Avenue,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 16th instant addressed to the Governor has been received during his absence on an official trip through the interior of the Territory.

While the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of Alaska, he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers for the various schools, that matter being left entirely to the school boards.

At the present time this office does not know of any vacancies. For your further information there is enclosed herewith circular letter form used by this office in reply to school inquiries, which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. It might be to your advantage to communicate with the school boards of the incorporated towns although I fear that most, if not all, of them have already arranged for teachers for the ensuing year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 21, 1915.

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Mr. William A. Munly,  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant endorsing Professor F. G. Davis, of Valdez, for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

The matter of this appointment will be given attention by the Governor upon his return to Juneau about July 20, at which time your letter will be placed before him in connection with Mr. Davis' application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 23, 1913.

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Reverend Edward H. Molony,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant endorsing Professor F. G. Davis, of Valdez, for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska.

The matter of this appointment will be given attention by the Governor upon his return to Juneau about July 20, at which time your letter will be placed before him in connection with Mr. Davis' application.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska,  
June 23, 1915.

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Mr. Albert Mauro Graves,  
Roseau, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your card of the 17th instant there are enclosed herewith the only papers on file in this office which appear to answer the description of "printed credentials".

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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June 25, 1915.

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Mr. H. H. Clark,  
Treasurer Hope School District,  
Hope, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your annual report for the school year 1914-1915 reached this office on the 21st instant. The report, with all bills and receipts which accompanied the same, is being returned to you herewith for further consideration.

Your report shows total expenditures of \$1317.96. Upon checking over the various bills and receipts submitted with your report, however, they appear to total but \$1314.01, being \$3.95 less than the total of expenditures shown in your report. For convenient reference there is enclosed herewith a typewritten list of the receipts and bills which accompanied your report. This office is not quite certain as to the amount paid by you on the bill of the Mathison Mining Company dated April 14, 1915. This bill is made out in pencil and totals \$60.34. A notation on the face of the bill, which is made in ink, seems to indicate a credit of \$4.25, leaving a net amount due of \$56.29, and it is assumed by this office that the latter amount is the sum which was paid by you in settlement of this bill. If, however, you paid the full amount of \$60.34 then it would appear that the total of the bills and receipts submitted by you should be \$1318.26. In any event there appears to be a discrepancy between the amounts shown on the various bills and receipts and those which appear in your report.

The distribution which you have made of the various expenditures has been changed in this office insofar as the items "Construction of Building and Equipment" and "School Supplies" are concerned. A distribution sheet (marked 2) is enclosed herewith to show you how the charges on the various bills and receipts have been distributed in this office. This sheet also shows the total amount distributed under each heading as well as the total of all bills and receipts as this office understands them. A notation has also been made on the bills

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and receipts where the distribution made by this office differs from that made by you, the notations in each case being in red ink. Sheet No. 3 which is enclosed is a summary of the totals charged to each heading as reported by you and as rearranged by this office.

It is requested that you kindly examine your accounts and compare them with the bills and receipts submitted with your report as well as with the lists herewith enclosed, and that you kindly advise as to the apparent discrepancy of \$3.95 in the total of expenditures; also making such changes in your report as may be necessary.

Please give this matter your prompt attention and return the report with such corrections as may be necessary together with all receipts and bills at the earliest possible date.

The funds apportioned to your school district for the school year 1914-1915 included the sum of \$1,000 for the construction and equipment of a school building. It would appear from your accounts that the Board used only a little more than half of this amount for the purchase and equipment of a school building. Such portion of the \$1,000 referred to as is not required in connection with the purchase and equipment of a school building will have to be returned to the United States Treasury and cannot be used for other school purposes. If the school board contemplates any further expenditures on account of the building or its equipment which would be properly payable from the funds provided for that particular purpose, they should make specific mention of the same in the estimates for 1915-1916 or in a separate letter addressed to this office on the subject.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

June 25, 1915.

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Mr. C. C. Hayward,  
Treasurer Thane School District,  
Thane, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant transmitting vouchers and checks covering expenditures made during the school year 1914-1915. The checks are returned to you herewith as you will no doubt wish to retain them with your records.

An examination of your accounts shows that the expenditures for lights and for school supplies exceeded the amounts estimated by the Board and approved by this office; the excess payments on account of lights being \$12.98 and that for school supplies being \$106.86. Attention is directed to Regulation No. 9 of the enclosed circular, and an explanation is requested from the Board as to the excess expenditures above mentioned and as to why the Board failed to consult this office before the excess expenditures were made. The fact that the expenditures for other purposes were less than the amounts estimated by the Board and approved by this office cannot be considered as authorizing the Board to exceed its approved estimates for lights and school supplies. The officers of the Thane School District for 1914-1915 were supplied early in the school year with copies of the circular of regulations issued by this office and it is not quite clear why the Board entirely disregarded the provisions of Regulation No. 9.

It is noted that in making payments of the teacher's salary you took no receipts other than endorsements on checks issued therefor. It is requested that in future you obtain receipts for payments of teacher's salary so that the same may be filed in this office with your annual report. In this connection your attention is called to Regulation No. 15 in the enclosed circular. You will note it is only in cases where it is absolutely impracticable to render a receipt that a school treasurer's account will be passed by this office in the absence of such receipt.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosures

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 25, 1915.

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Mr. Erle V. Daveler,  
Clerk Thane School District,  
Thane, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the estimates submitted by the Thane School Board for the school year 1915-1916, it is noted that the Board asks for \$250 for school supplies. In view of the fact that the Board's expenditures for school supplies during the school year 1914-1915 amounted to \$356.86 (\$106.86 more than the approved estimates of the Board for that year) an explanation is desired as to why the Board deems it necessary to have so large an amount as \$250 for school supplies during the ensuing year. If this amount is required, the Board is requested to submit a further explanation as to the articles which which the Board deems it necessary to purchase under the head of "School Supplies." The Board's estimate under this heading is at least 100% higher than the amount usually allowed after the first school year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1915.

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Mr. H. E. Zinn, Jr.,  
7719 Fourteenth Avenue,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant in which you request to be supplied with one of the examinations which have been given to candidates for High School teachers' certificates in stenography and typewriting, I beg to advise that there have as yet been no such examinations given in Alaska. The Governor of Alaska is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory but he exercises only a general supervision of these schools. The courses of study are not standardised and there is no established system of examination and certification of teachers. An act passed by the 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature provides for the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of public instruction. This officer when appointed will have active charge of all matters relating to the white schools and will be expected to standardise the courses of study, to arrange for the examination and certification of teachers and in general to put the white schools of Alaska on a basis similar to that of the schools in the States.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 29, 1915.

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Miss Elisabeth Walsh,  
Deep Creek, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you make application for a position as teacher in one of the white schools of Alaska. In reply I wish to state that while the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of Alaska he does not engage teachers; this is done by the Clerks of the various school districts of the Territory to whom application should be made. I am enclosing herewith a circular letter which I trust will give you all the information desired.

respectfully yours,

secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 29, 1915.

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Mrs. Grace Quick,  
R. F. D. 1,  
Beaverton, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you make application for a position as teacher in one of the schools of Alaska. In reply I wish to state that while the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of Alaska he does not engage teachers.; this is done by the Clerks of the various school districts in the Territory. I am enclosing herewith a circular letter which I trust will give you all the information desired.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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June 29, 1915.

15-2

Miss Mary E. Shields,  
Black Diamond, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant addressed to the Governor, enclosing your Washington State First Grade certificate and asking that an Alaska certificate be issued to you thereon.

In reply I beg to advise you that in issuing teachers' certificates the Governor, who is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, has made it a rule to issue such certificates only where the applicants have been engaged to teach in the white schools of Alaska. If you have made such an arrangement and will kindly advise this office regarding the same, a certificate will be issued to you. Pending your reply your Washington State certificate will be held in this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Junoas, July 6, 1915. O. D.

Governor Strong,

St. Michael.

Letters from Chas. Spencer, A. B. Kinne and Mrs. Edith Dahlke of Council indicate deplorable situation school matters. Board recently elected it is alleged was chosen at instance of friends ~~of Mrs. Dolohanty~~ of Mrs. Dolohanty who taught for four or five years but was not employed by last year's board. Claimed all parents but one now opposed to her as teacher but friends disposed employ her despite protest of parents. Also charged that present board was elected at instance of Pfaffle a merchant to whom Dolohanty is largely indebted, with view insuring payment to Pfaffle, who was elected treasurer. Also claimed W. K. Taylor elected as director but can neither read nor write and is not a citizen, and that Mrs. L. J. Welch elected as clerk is present teacher native school at Council. Spencer claims Pfaffle openly solicited votes for himself, Taylor and Mrs. Welch to insure collection money owed him by Dolohanty. Looks as if new election should be ordered. Hold filed suit on first instant for retention forestry money first third divisions. Davidson returned third.

SNOWHILL, Secretary.

I certify that this telegram is an official business, and  
transmitted for the public service, and will not bear the delay  
of ordinary telegrams.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1915.

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Miss Ora Kuykendall,  
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, with its enclosures, and note that the Mendenhall School Board has deemed it necessary to employ a new teacher for that school for the ensuing year.

A new school district has recently been established at Hadley, Alaska, about thirty miles from Ketchikan. The first election of officers for this district will be held on August 2. I understand there is already one applicant for the teacher's position there, but the matter will of course not be fully determined until after the officers have been elected and have qualified. Two new districts were recently established in the Third Judicial Division - one at McCarthy and the other at Kenai. This office has no information at this time as to whether or not teachers have been arranged for at these places. It might be well for you to communicate with the Clerk of the School Board at each place. Mr. J. T. Freeman is clerk of the Kenai School Board and Mrs. Hilda Marshall is clerk of the school board at McCarthy. We do not know of any vacancies at the present time in any of the other schools.

As requested by you, I return herewith the letter addressed to you by the Clerk of the Mendenhall School Board; also copies of letters of recommendation which accompanied your letter of the 2nd instant.

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a letter regarding your work at Mendenhall during the last school year, which I trust may be of some assistance to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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July 6, 1915.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Miss Ora Kuykendall was employed during the school year 1914-1915 as teacher in the school at Mendenhall, near Juneau, Alaska. From numerous conversations with members of the school board at Mendenhall I learn that her services were highly satisfactory in every way and that she would have been reemployed for the school year 1915-1916 but for the fact that the number of children attending school was so small that there was considerable doubt as to whether the Governor would authorize the continuance of the school for another year. The Board therefore deemed it advisable to employ a teacher who has three children of school age who will also be in attendance during the ensuing school year.

The Governor's office would be pleased to learn that Miss Kuykendall has been engaged to teach in one of the white schools of the Territory during the ensuing school year. She holds a permit to teach in these schools, and the recommendations given her work by the members of the Mendenhall School Board, as well as letters of recommendation from the officers of schools in which she has been employed in the States, leads to the belief that she is eminently qualified for her work.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1915.

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Mrs. Anna Sloan Walker,  
5002 Fourteenth Avenue, North-east,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo addressed to the Governor at Sitka, which has been forwarded to Juneau which has been the capital of the Territory for the past six years, in which you make application for appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Territory of Alaska.

Your letter will be placed before the Governor with others of a similar nature, upon his return to Juneau late this month. The appointment in question will probably be made about the first of August and the various applicants will be duly advised of the action taken by the Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1915.

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Miss Brownie Tate,  
Triune, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo in which you make application for a position to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply you are advised that teachers in the white schools of the Territory are employed by the school boards, this office exercising no functions in connection therewith. At the present time we have no information as to any vacancies.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith a circular letter form which contains among other things a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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July 6, 1915.

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Mr. J. H. Hetley,  
care of E. J. Hetley,  
Prosser, Wash.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo in which you express a desire to secure a position in the schools of Alaska for the ensuing year.

In reply you are advised that teachers in the white schools of the Territory are employed by the school boards, this office exercising no functions in connection therewith. At the present time we have no information as to any vacancies.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith a circular letter form which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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July 7, 1915.

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Mr. E. O. Sisson,  
Commissioner of Education,  
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st ultimo  
addressed to the Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction, I beg to advise that we have  
no printed or circular matter on subjects designed  
to be helpful to teachers in rural schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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Mr. A. D. Dean,

The University of the State of New York,

Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd ultimo  
you are advised that there has thus far been no legis-  
lation enacted by the Alaska Territorial Legislature  
on the subject of Industrial Education.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 7, 1915.

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Mrs. J. F. Diggs,  
Clerk Chichagof School Board,  
Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of the estimates of the Chichagof School Board covering moneys needed for the support of the school during the school year 1915-1916. Action upon the estimates must await the return of the Governor who is now in the Nome section of the Territory from which point he will return to Juneau about the 25th instant. In the meantime further information is desired by this office regarding the items estimated under the head of "Repairs to building or furniture." These items are:

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Heating stove and pipes,          | \$40     |
| Painting, repairing and papering, | 20       |
| One mattress                      | 10       |
| One dresser                       | 10       |
| One rug                           | 12       |
| One chair                         | <u>1</u> |
|                                   | \$97.    |

Kindly advise whether the heating stove and pipes are required for the school room or for the teacher's quarters. Also kindly advise as to the painting, repairing and papering, stating whether this work is to be done upon the school building itself. An explanation is also desired as to the estimates for a mattress, dresser, rug and chair. If any of the items above referred to are intended for the teacher's personal use outside of the school room, or for furnishing the teacher's quarters, you are advised that such items can not be paid for from school funds since the school law does not contemplate that teachers' quarters shall be provided or furnished at the expense of the school district.

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The explanation made by the Board as to the proposed increase of \$10 per month in the teacher's salary is noted, but in view of the fact that the annual report for the last school year shows an average attendance of only eleven pupils, it is doubtful if the Governor will authorize this increase in salary. You will be definitely advised as to this, however, upon the Governor's return to Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

July 9, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Gus Holmberg,  
Treasurer Sannak School District,  
Sannak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for \$1073.33 to cover the salary of Mrs. C. W. Hammond for services as teacher of the Sannak school during the period from October 8, 1913, to April 12, 1914, both inclusive.

The Clerk of the District Court at Valdez has issued a nunc pro tunc order, dated May 19, 1915, and which has been approved by the Judge, declaring the Sannak school district established as of date September 25, 1913.

From previous correspondence on file in this office it is shown that the Sannak School board has already paid Mrs. Hammond for a portion of the period above mentioned, namely, for the period from February 2 to April 12, 1914. This payment, however, was made from funds provided for the school year 1914-15, and the use of these funds for the purpose was unauthorized. When you receive the U. S. Treasury warrant for the \$1073.33 asked for in the enclosed requisition, you will be expected to set aside and credit up to the account of the school year 1914-15 the sum of \$408.33, representing the amount wrongfully paid to Mrs. Hammond from the 1914-15 funds for her services from February 2 to April 12, 1914.

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--Mr. Gus Holmberg, Treasurer, p. 2--

The balance, \$665.00, you will pay to Mrs. Hammond on account of her services during the period from October 8, 1913, to April 12, 1914 (the remainder having already been paid to her, as above stated), taking her receipt therefor and submitting a report to this office as per form enclosed herewith. File one copy of the report with your records, sending the other to this office.

When you have credited the 1914-15 funds with the \$408.33 above mentioned, your balance of cash on hand at the end of the school year 1914-15 will, of course, be increased by that amount, and your accounts should be made to show such increased balance.

Immediately upon receipt of the Treasury warrant kindly give the payment to Mrs. Hammond and the adjustment of the accounts your prompt attention, and send report to this office by first mail.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

July 10, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Ben Kraft, Treasurer,  
Kodiak School District,  
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your annual report for the school year 1914-15, examination of which shows the same to be correct, it is noted that all of the receipts for salaries of teachers and for janitor work, as well as those covering certain other expenditures, run to P. D. Blodgett, clerk of the Kodiak School Board. An explanation is desired from you as to why receipts were made out in this form instead of to you as treasurer or to the School District itself. The clerk of the School Board has no authority to make payments from the treasury or to take receipts in his own name therefor.

The annual report of the School Board made at the close of the school year 1913-14 showed a total of 182 pupils of school age resident within the district, yet the annual report for 1914-15 shows a maximum attendance of but 108 with a daily average of only 93.8. The 1914-15 report shows a total of 184 pupils of school age resident in the district at the end of that school year.

The allowance of funds for the maintenance of the Kodiak school has always been made upon the basis of the total number of children of school age resident in the district. It appears, however, that only a little more than half of these children avail themselves of school privileges. This being the case, it would appear that in future the allowance of funds for the maintenance of the school should be based upon the daily average of attendance and not upon the total number of children of school age in the district. This would result in a very material reduction in the amount of money available for the school, and the matter is now called to the attention of the Board with a view to a material reduction in the amount of the estimates for the school year 1915-16 or assurances from the Board that the daily average attendance during the ensuing school year will be largely increased over that of last year.

The number of schools to be maintained by money derived from the School Section of the Alaska fund has increased to the point where it becomes imperative that no unnecessary funds be allotted to any school district, and where the children in the school district do not generally

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Mr. Ben Kraft, Treasurer, #2

avail themselves of the school privileges afforded, this office will have to insist upon a reduction of estimates in proportion to the daily average attendance.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

July 10, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Wm. C. Freeburn, Treasurer,  
Chichagof School District,  
Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ult. transmitting your annual report for the school year 1914-15. Examination of the report shows the same to be correct, but the distribution of expenditures as made by you does not in all cases agree with that made by this office. For instance- your report shows no expenditures for coal, whereas the receipted bills accompanying same show purchases of coal aggregating \$51.44. It appears that you included these charges with your charges for lights.

In connection with the expenditures for school supplies, the receipts submitted with your report are contained on two monthly statements of accounts rendered by Lowman & Hanford Co. of Seattle. These statements do not contain any items which enable this office to determine the correctness of the charges, and it is requested that you forward copies of the itemised bills covered by the statements in question.

Under the head of receipts you show \$9.35 as proceeds from sales of books, stationery etc. to pupils. Inasmuch as all books, stationery and other necessary supplies are furnished to pupils free of charge in the "Helson schools" an explanation is desired as to the circumstances of these sales

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 10, 1915.

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Knik School Board,  
Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Your attention is called to the fact that the annual report of the School Board for the school year 1914-15 has not yet reached this office. You are also advised that the office is not yet in receipt of the election returns, Treasurer's bond and estimates of the Board for the school year 1915-16. In this connection your attention is called to the fact that all of these papers, together with the Board's report of teachers employed for the school year 1915-16, must be on file in this office before a requisition can be made for funds for 1915-16.

The Board's attention is further called to Regulation #10 of the enclosed circular, which requires that all persons employed as teachers must obtain teacher's certificates from this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 10, 1915.

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Mr. F. B. Cannon, Treasurer,  
Knik School District,  
Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter addressed to this office advising that the unexpended balance of funds on hand at the end of the school year 1913-14 was \$141.54. As this agrees with the balance arrived at by this office when auditing your report for the school year 1913-14, your accounts for that year have been approved and formal notice of approval is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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DISTRIBUTION OF ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER OF KNIX SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 1914-1915.

CHARGED TO

| Receipt or receipted<br>bill of          | Teacher's<br>salary. | Janitor's<br>salary. | Repairs.      | School<br>Supplies. | Inciden-<br>tals. | TOTALS.        |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Miss E. Longaire                         | \$1125.00            |                      |               |                     |                   | \$1125.00      |
| C. Bartholf and<br>Others . . . . .      |                      | \$87.35              |               |                     |                   | 87.35          |
| Chas. A. Black, Agt.                     |                      |                      |               | 19.50               |                   | 19.50          |
| W. A. Sherman                            |                      |                      | 5.25          |                     |                   | 5.25           |
| J. F. Majer                              |                      |                      | 66.25         |                     |                   | 66.25          |
| P. J. McDonald                           |                      |                      | 48.50         |                     |                   | 48.50          |
| M. A. Williams                           |                      |                      | 6.45          |                     |                   | 6.45           |
| W. A. Sherman                            |                      |                      | .50           |                     |                   | .50            |
| W. A. Sherman                            |                      |                      | 1.00          |                     |                   | 1.00           |
| W. S. Ferguson                           |                      |                      | 4.00          |                     | 1.00              | 5.00           |
| O. G. Herning                            |                      |                      | 26.95         |                     |                   | 26.95          |
| P. Charlebois                            |                      |                      | 4.50          |                     |                   | 4.50           |
| W. A. Sherman                            |                      |                      | 62.22         | * 2.85              |                   | 65.07          |
| W. S. Herning                            |                      |                      | 4.00          |                     |                   | 4.00           |
| G. W. Palmer                             |                      |                      |               | 7.00                |                   | 7.00           |
| G. W. Palmer                             |                      |                      |               | 7.85                |                   | 7.85           |
| Lowman & Hanford                         |                      |                      | ** 67.55      | 56.49               |                   | 124.04         |
| Lowman & Hanford                         |                      |                      |               | 26.05               |                   | 26.05          |
| Hughes & Co.                             |                      |                      |               |                     | 5.50              | 5.50           |
| Jes. Brown                               |                      |                      |               |                     | 20.50             | 20.50          |
| <b>TOTALS . . . .</b>                    | <b>1125.00</b>       | <b>87.35</b>         | <b>297.17</b> | <b>119.74</b>       | <b>27.00</b>      | <b>1656.26</b> |
| Totals as shown in<br>Treasurer's Report | 1125.00              | 87.35                | 297.17        | 119.65              | 27.00             | 1656.17        |
| <b>DIFFERENCES . . . .</b>               |                      |                      |               | <b>.09</b>          |                   | <b>.09</b>     |

\*Following items on this bill charged to Supplies in order to make Repairs account agree with Treasurer's figures:

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Sept. 30 Matches           | .10         |
| Nov. 4 6 rolls Toilet Ppr. | .50         |
| 20 tin cups                | 1.85        |
| 1 knife                    | .60         |
|                            | <u>2.05</u> |

\*\* First four items on bill of August 25, 1914, covering desks, on this bill, charged to "Repairs", balance to Supplies. Evidently handled in same way by Treasurer.

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July 10, 1915.

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Mr. F. B. Cannon, Treasurer,  
Knik School District,  
Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your annual report for the school year 1914-15. Upon checking over the report and the receipts accompanying it, there appears to be a discrepancy of 9¢ under the head of school supplies.

There is enclosed herewith a sheet showing the distribution of expenditures appearing in your account as the same has been made up in this office. This distribution agrees with that shown in your report except as to the item of school supplies, the total of which is 9¢ more than that appearing in your report.

Kindly compare this distribution sheet with your accounts and advise this office as to the difference of 9¢ under the head of school supplies. I am inclined to think that it is probably due to an error in addition in your accounts.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 10, 1915.

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Mr. Olaf Arness, Treasurer,  
Seowl Bay School District,  
Seowl Bay, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your annual report for the school year 1914-15 and of the Board's annual report for the same year.

An examination of your report and of the bills and receipts accompanying same shows it to be correct and in proper form. It is noted, however, that the expenditures under the head of repairs are shown as \$296.20. The approved estimates did not include any item covering repairs but did include the item "clearing grounds \$200.00". It is assumed, therefore, that the items charged in your report under the head of repairs actually covered the clearing of school grounds and not repairs to the building. It is noted, however, that \$27.45 was expended for lumber etc. and \$13.75 for paint, oils etc.

An explanation is desired from the Board as to the necessity for the purchase of the lumber, paint, oils etc. and as to the use to which they were put. An explanation is also desired as to why the School Board failed to observe the requirements of Regulation 9 of Circular issued by this office under date of Nov. 20, 1913, copies of which were furnished to the Board by this office.

If the \$296.20 charged to repairs in your report was expended in the clearing of the school grounds it would appear that the Board exceeded the approved estimates for the clearing of ground by \$96.20. If any portion of the amount was used in repairs to the school building, such repairs were entirely unauthorized since they were not covered in the approved estimates for 1914-15.

I return herewith all of the receipts taken by you with the exception of the receipted bills which accompanied your report. These receipts are not in proper form inasmuch as the word "treasurer" does not appear after your name on any of them. It is requested that you add this word after your name on each receipt and return them to this office. In future please see that your receipts are made out in proper form.

Respectfully yours,

Enclosures.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 10, 1915

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Mr. Geo. A. Learn, Treasurer,  
Longwood School District,  
Wood Island,  
Kodiak Post Office, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the school year 1914-15, also annual report of the board for that year, and letter from the board explaining with regard to the deficit of \$63.59.

An examination of your report shows the same to be correct, but it is noted that the expenditures for repairs exceeded the approved estimates by \$60.47. It would appear, therefore, that the school board not only incurred a net deficit of \$63.59 but that funds not required for school supplies, manual training supplies, and incidentals, were used for repairs. This is entirely contrary to Regulation #9 in Circular of Nov. 20th, 1913, issued by this office, and an explanation is desired as to why the board failed to observe the requirements of the Regulation referred to.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of many of the school boards to regard the Regulations issued by this office as of little moment. The number of schools now required to be maintained from money derived from the School Section of the Alaska fund makes it imperative that the strictest economy and the closest adherence to Regulations be observed by all school boards.

This office has in the past been very lenient in the matter of school expenditures, but the large number of schools and the limited funds available make it necessary to insist that school boards shall exercise rigid economy and give strict heed to the Regulations of this office in all respects.

This office thoroughly appreciates the handicaps under which many of the schools are maintained and would gladly afford relief if the funds therefor were available, but with the number of schools constantly increasing and the available funds remaining practically stationary it is impossible for this office to afford such relief.

The disposition of the deficiency of \$63.59 must await the return of the Governor who is expected to reach Juneau from Nome about the 25th inst.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 10, 1915.

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Mr. O. A. Nelson, Treasurer,  
Chitina School District,  
Chitina, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your annual report for the school year 1914-15, and check of the report and the receipts accompanying it show it to be correct and in proper form. It is noted, however, that the expenditures for wood were \$119.00, whereas the approved estimates included but \$90.00 for the purchase of wood. The expenditures therefore exceeded the estimates for this purchase by \$29.00. As this is in violation of Regulation 9 of the Circular issued by this office under date of Nov. 20, 1913, an explanation is desired as to the necessity which occasioned this excess expenditure.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.



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July 12, 1915

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Mr. O. L. Grimes, Treasurer,  
Ouzinkie School District,  
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd inst. transmitting your report for the school year 1914-15. With reference to the expenditures shown in your report, I beg to call your attention to the following:

Your report shows an expenditure of \$135.00 for janitor service during the school year. The receipts taken by you from persons employed to do this work aggregate \$135.05, there being six receipts for \$15.00 each, one receipt for \$26.50 and one receipt for \$18.55. Kindly explain whether you actually paid \$135.00 or \$135.05 to the various persons engaged in performing the janitor services.

Under the head of school supplies you show a payment to Lowman & Hanford Co. of Seattle, of \$31.84, this payment covering their bills of Dec. 15, 1914 (\$1.20) and Jan. 11, 1915 (\$30.64) Accompanying these bills is a statement dated Jan. 31st, 1915, showing the amount of your school board on that date. The statement shows a balance due of \$36.17 and bill of Jan. 13th \$30.64, making total charges of \$66.81. There is a credit under date of Jan. 22nd of \$34.97, the statement showing balance due Jan. 31st of \$31.84, which amount you have taken up in your report as above stated. Your amounts do not include the payment of \$34.97 credited to the school district under date of Jan. 22nd, 1915, as shown by the statement mentioned, nor do you offer any explanation with regard thereto. Information is desired as to why this amount in addition to the \$31.84 was not included in your expenditures for the school year 1914-15. An examination of the accounts for the school year 1913-14 fails to show any balance due from the school district to Lowman & Hanford Co., and in the absence of any explanation it is assumed that the item of \$34.97 covers supplies purchased and paid for during the school year 1914-15. Kindly explain with regard to this matter.

I beg to call your attention to the Governor's letter addressed to you under date of March 3rd, 1915, in which, among other things, you were asked to advise this office as to whether your place of residence is Ouzinkie or Kodiak. No reply has yet been received from you with regard to your place of residence.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

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Miss Lora E. Murphy,  
Uyak, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ult, addressed to the Governor, transmitting your Oregon teachers' certificate and requesting the issuance of a permit authorizing you to teach in Alaska.

The issuance of a permit to you must await the return of the Governor who is now on an extended trip through the interior of the Territory. It is expected that he will return to Juneau about the 25th inst.

The courses of study in the white schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized and the courses adopted in the various schools depend largely upon local conditions. If you will write to the principals of the schools at Kodiak, Afognak or Wood Island (Kodiak Post Office) you can, no doubt, obtain an outline of the courses of study used in these schools which would probably serve your purpose.

The employment of teachers in the white schools rests entirely with the School Boards. This office does not at the present time know of any vacancies. There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form which contains among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

The firm of Lowman & Hanford Co., Seattle, Wash. handles school supplies and is quite generally dealt with by the various School Boards of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

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Mr. H. W. Wilmoth, Clerk,  
Knik School District,  
Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The annual report of the Knik School Board for 1914-15 has just reached this office in duplicate and as only one copy is required for our files the other copy is returned with the suggestion that it be placed in the files of the School District.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

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Miss Gladys McKinnon,  
1314 Union St.,  
Oakland, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th inst. addressed to the Governor inquiring as to vacancies in the schools of Alaska and expressing a desire to secure a position in one of the schools near Treadwell.

In reply you are advised that while the Governor is ex-officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of the Territory he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that being left entirely to the School Boards. At the present time this office does not know of any vacancies.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 12, 1915.

14-1

Mr. John Pitcher, Treasurer,  
McCarthy School District,  
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. addressed to the Governor, in which you state that the McCarthy School Board is anxious to begin the construction of a school building and requesting that the sum of \$1,000 be sent to you for this purpose, you are advised that the School Board should submit an estimate of funds needed for the construction of the school building and the maintenance of the school during the ensuing year upon the regular blanks provided for this purpose. Two copies of the blanks are enclosed herewith. When same have been filled out and signed by all members of the Board one copy should be mailed to this office and the other filed with the records of the school district.

As soon as such estimate has reached this office it will be passed upon by the Governor and a requisition made for such amount as he may allow. The requisition will include the full sum of \$1,000 for the construction of a school building. The funds are in the United States Treasury at Washington, D. C. Warrants thereon are issued by the Treasurer of the United States upon requisition of the Governor, warrants being mailed in each case to the Treasurer of the School District.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 13, 1915.

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Mr. Albert Gerlach,  
117 Louisiana Street,  
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst. you are advised that while the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory he does not exercise any functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that being left to the school board. At the present time this office does not know of any vacancies.

Permits to teach in the white schools of Alaska are issued only after teachers have secured employment in the Territory and teachers' permits are usually issued upon presentation of state certificates or college or normal school diplomas.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 13, 1915

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Miss Alice W. Myers,  
Williams, Colusa County, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 1st inst. addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, you are advised that the teacher's certificate which you hold would probably entitle you to a permit, authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska. These permits are issued, however, only where teachers have secured employment in the Alaska schools.

While the Governor is ex-officio superintendent of public instruction he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that being left entirely to the school board.

At the present time this office does not know of any vacancies and it is probable that practically all of the school boards have arranged for teachers for the ensuing school year.

For your further information I enclose herewith copy of circular letter form which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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July 14, 1915.

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Miss H. Frieda Rhodes,  
1488 Alder Street,  
Eugene, Ore.

Dear Miss:

Your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Governor has been received, in which you express a desire to secure a position as teacher in one of the Alaska schools.

In reply to your inquiries you are advised that while the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that being left entirely to the school boards. No vacancies are known of at present and it is probable that practically all of the school boards have already arranged for teachers for the ensuing school year.

For your further information there is enclosed copy of circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

In compliance with your request the photograph and two letters of recommendation which accompanied your letter are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 14, 1915.

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The Education Corporation General,  
26 Wall Street,  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst. addressed by your sales manager to the Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction, you are advised that there is no law in Alaska on the subject of Vocational Education. A few of the schools give some attention to Manual training and domestic science but aside from this nothing has yet been done along the line of Vocational Education or Industrial Training.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 14, 1915.

15-2

Miss Mary E. Shields,  
Black Diamond, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th inst. in further reference to your application for a teachers' certificate for Alaska.

Since it appears that you have not secured employment in one of the Alaska schools a certificate could not at this time be issued to you as was explained in office letter of June 29th. The first grade certificate in the state of Washington dated Aug. 29th, 1914, which you held would, no doubt, entitle you to an Alaska certificate should you obtain employment in one of the schools of this Territory during the time that the certificate referred to is in force. However the recent session of the Territorial Legislature made provisions for the appointment of an assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, upon whom will devolve the work of systematizing and standardizing the white schools of Alaska. It may be, therefore, that within a year some change may be made in the certification of teachers in this Territory.

The certificate above referred to is returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 15, 1915.

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Mr. A. Z. Doty, Treasurer,  
Craig School District,  
Craig, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing your report for the school year 1914-15.

I am returning to you herewith the report and the receipts which accompanied it and beg to call your attention to the changes made, (as indicated in red ink) in the distribution of expenditures. This distribution is explained in detail in the accompanying distribution sheet.

In the bill of the West Coast Trading Company covering various articles purchased between October 23, 1914 and March 27, 1915, there is an error of ten cents in the footing, as you will note by the correction made thereon, and it would appear that you overpaid the sum of ten cents on this bill and you should obtain a refund of that amount from the West Coast Trading Co. so as to balance your cash. You will note that your unexpended balance of cash on hand at the end of the school year should be \$73.48 instead of \$73.38.

I would suggest that you make out a new report on the blanks herewith enclosed, making the same conform to the distribution made by this office. When this has been done you should destroy both copies of the first report.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that none of the receipts taken by you contain your official title as Treasurer. Kindly write the word "Treasurer" after your name on each of the receipts.

The only itemized bill submitted with your report covering the purchase of supplies, incidentals etc. is that of the West Coast Trading Company, which covers purchases made between October 23, 1914 and May 2, 1915. It is necessary that you submit itemized bills covering all other purchases of supplies, and you should also submit an itemized statement of the expenditures in connection with repairs to the building occupied by the school. It is impossible for this office to make a

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proper examination of your report in the absence of these itemized bills. It is customary for school treasurers to have all bills for supplies etc. made in duplicate so that one copy may be kept with the school records and the other be sent to this office with the annual report.

The bond of the newly elected Treasurer was approved by the clerk of the District Court on April 22 last and a certified copy is on file in this office. When you have made out your corrected report as above indicated it will be in order for you to transfer to Mr. Coker the unexpended balance of \$73.48 and the books and records of your office. Mr. Coker should then report to this office on the form enclosed herewith. When your corrected report has been examined by this office and found in proper form and the above mentioned report has been received from Mr. Coker your accounts will be approved and your bondsmen released from further liability. Due notice of such approval will be sent to you.

In the event you have not obtained itemized bills in duplicate covering purchases of supplies etc. the bills which you have can be returned after examination in connection with your corrected report. When sending in the corrected report and itemized bills, please advise whether you wish the latter returned or not and whether to yourself or Mr. Coker.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 15, 1915.

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Mr. J. N. Coker,  
Craig, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Coker:

I enclose herewith copies of office circular of November 20th, 1913, containing regulations in connection with the white schools outside of incorporated towns. On the copy marked for you I have indicated some of the more important regulations which the school board should be particular to observe.

Referring to Regulation 15, I would suggest that you obtain duplicate itemized bills covering all purchases made for the school district, and that all receipts for salaries etc. be taken in duplicate. In this way you will be able to keep a complete file for reference and can at the same time submit with your annual report a full set of receipts, receipted itemized bills etc. so that this office may be able to check your report in an intelligent manner.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Mr. A. A. Selden,  
Selma, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for a position in the native schools service in Alaska, is being referred to Mr. W. T. Lepp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the U. S. Bureau of Education, 1223 L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Washington. Mr. Lepp has general supervision of all of the native schools of this Territory, the Governor being Ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Mr. W. T. Lopp,  
1223 L. C. Smith Building,  
Seattle, Washington

My dear Mr. Lopp:

I beg to transmit herewith the letter of A. A. Selden of Selma, California, dated the 12th instant, making application for a position in the native school service in Alaska. I am advising Mr. Selden that his letter has been referred to you since this office has nothing to do with the employment of teachers for the native schools.

Faithfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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**CERTIFICATE BY ENDORSEMENT.**

**Department of Public Instruction.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Ruby Rogers who having presented a summer normal first grade certificate, State Department of Education, Austin, Texas, and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**Given at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of July, 1915.**

**Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.**

**Granted upon:**

**Summer Normal First Grade Certificate  
State Department of Education, Texas,  
dated August 24, 1911.**

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July 20, 1915.

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The Craig School Board,  
Craig, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Miss Ruby Rogers of Henderson, Texas, has applied to this office for a teachers' certificate, stating that she has been employed to teach in the school at Craig. Miss Rogers has presented a summer normal first grade certificate issued by the State Department of Education of Texas, and upon this the Governor has issued the usual two years permit, authorizing her to teach in the white schools of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 20, 1915.

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Miss Ruby Rogers,  
Henderson, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Governor, advising that you have secured a position in the school at Craig, Alaska, and requesting the issuance of a teacher's permit to you, in support of which you present a first grade certificate issued by the State Department of Education of Texas.

Enclosed herewith you will find a certificate which has been issued to you this date for the period of two years. The certificate which accompanied your letter is herewith returned to you.

The School Board at Craig is being this day advised of the issuance of a permit to you.

Your letter is dated at Longview, Texas, but on the bottom of the letter I find the address Henderson, Texas. I am somewhat in doubt as to where this letter and certificates should be sent but have concluded that they should be addressed to you at Henderson.

Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 21, 1915. O. B.

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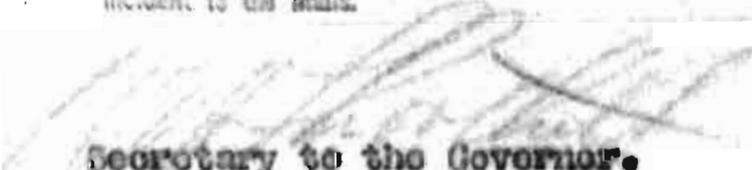
Clerk St. Michael School Board,

ST. MICHAEL.

Owing to increased number schools and limited funds your school term for ensuing year must not exceed nine months. Requisition when made will be on that basis.

STANHO, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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**CERTIFICATE BY ENDORSEMENT.**

**Department of Public Instruction**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Lora E. Murphy who having presented an Oregon State Teacher's Certificate and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**Given at Juneau, Alaska, this 21st day of July, 1915.**

**Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.**

**Granted upon:**

**Oregon State Teacher's Certificate  
dated December 23, 1914.**

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**CERTIFICATES BY ENDORSEMENT.**

**Department of Public Instruction.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Mr. C. L. Magill who having presented a State of Washington Common School Second Grade Certificate and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**Given at Juneau, Alaska, this 24th day of July, 1915.**

**Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.**

**Granted upon**

**State of Washington Common  
School Second Grade Certificate  
of May 15, 1911, renewed May 15,  
1913.**

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**CERTIFICATE BY ENDORSEMENT**  
**Department of Public Instruction**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Terri-  
torial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Annie Ruth  
Spence, Valdez, Alaska, who having presented a State of Georgia  
Normal Industrial College Diploma and satisfactory testimonials  
of good moral character and successful experience in teaching,  
as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools  
of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof,  
unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**Given at Juneau, Alaska, this 21st day of July, 1915.**

**Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
— of Public Instruction.**

**Granted upon:**

**State of Georgia Normal  
Industrial College Diploma  
dated June 1, 1914.**

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July 22, 1915.

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Mr. E. B. Williams, Clerk  
St. Michael School Board,  
St. Michael, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Yesterday the Governor wired you to the effect that your school term for the ensuing year must not exceed nine months. A confirmation copy of the telegram is enclosed herewith.

The increased number of schools and the limited funds available for their maintenance requires the exercise of the utmost economy, hence the Governor's telegram to you with reference to your school term.

It is altogether probable that by another year it will become necessary to shorten the school term throughout the Territory or discontinue some of the smaller schools.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 22, 1915.

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Miss Lera E. Murphy,  
Uyak, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate issued to you on the 21st instant in response to your request of the 28th ultimo. The Oregon State teacher's certificate and statement of grades which accompanied your application are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 22, 1915.

15-2

Mr. C. L. McGill,  
Thane, Alaska

My dear Mr. McGill:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant addressed to the Governor, making application for a teacher's permit and stating that you have been engaged to teach the school at Kenai during the ensuing year.

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate issued to you on the 21st instant. The Washington State certificate and renewal certificate together with the letter of Mr. H. G. Singer, which accompanied your application, are returned to you herewith.

Faithfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 22, 1915.

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Miss Ruth Spence,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find certificate issued  
to you on the 21st instant in accordance with your recent request.

The diploma which you forwarded with your application  
is being returned to you in this mail under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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July 22, 1915.

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Mr. Peter Jepsen, Treasurer,  
Ruby School District,  
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am returning to you herewith two receipt books containing duplicate receipts taken by you for expenditures made in connection with the maintenance of your school during the school year 1914-15. The original receipts have been removed from the books and will be filed with your annual report which reached this office on the 19th instant.

An examination of the receipts shows that in numerous cases they do not contain your official title as treasurer. Please note that every receipt taken by you should contain not only your name but your title as Treasurer, otherwise there is nothing to distinguish such a receipt from an ordinary personal receipt taken by you.

Your report has not yet been audited. When this has been done you will be communicated with concerning any errors or irregularities which may appear therein.

In future you should send only one set of receipts with your annual report, retaining the other set for your files.

Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 23, 1915.

Mr. Lewis O. Andersen,  
919 Maple Street,  
Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to obtain a position as a teacher in one of the schools of Alaska.

In reply, you are advised that the employment of teachers in the white schools of this Territory is left entirely to the school boards. Teachers for the native schools are employed by Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the U. S. Bureau of Education, whose address is 1223 L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash.

For your further information, there is enclosed herewith circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools in this Territory. This office does not know of any vacancies and it is probable that most of the school boards have already arranged for teachers for the ensuing year.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 26, 1915.

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Mr. J. N. Coker, Treasurer,  
Craig School District,  
Craig, Alaska

My dear Mr. Coker:

I have your letter of the 19th instant with respect to a recent school election at Craig and inquiring as to the approval of your official bond.

In reply, I beg to advise that under the law the clerk of the District Court approves the bonds of the various school treasurers, the Governor having no functions to perform in that regard. Your bond was approved by the Clerk of the Court at Juneau on April 22nd last and you are fully authorized to take over the office of Treasurer from your predecessor and to perform all the duties incident thereto.

The returns of the election appear to be regular in all respects. The school law does not require any formal approval of school elections by this office. As a rule where any irregularities appear in the returns the Clerk of the Court adjusts the same before approving the Treasurer's bond.

Blank forms for estimates etc. were sent to your Board sometime ago. I am enclosing another set of estimate blanks in case the ones previously mailed may have been mislaid.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 28, 1915.

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Mr. Vincent Owens,  
Humboldt, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 1st, addressed to the Governor at Home, your letter having been forwarded to Juneau, which is the capital of Alaska.

With reference to the demand for teachers in this Territory, you are advised that the Alaska schools have no difficulty in obtaining teachers as there are a great many more applications than can be taken care of.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith copy of circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

For more than a year past the local supply of labor in practically all lines has been quite equal to the demand in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 27, 1913.

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Mr. P. J. Coston,  
Seattle, Washington

My dear Judge:

Your letter of July 16th was received by me yesterday. Charley Kennedy, on my arrival in Nome, also handed me the one you had entrusted to his care. It is perhaps needless to say that I was glad to hear from you and to know that you and all the family were well.

I note with satisfaction the graduation of Carita and that she has been given a place in the Carnegie Library and that she likes her position very much. I am confident that she will fill it with credit to herself and satisfaction to the reading public.

With reference to the application of Miss Mary Beatty for the school at Kotlikahla, I may say that such application has not been received at this office. However, the Governor of Alaska, as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, exercises no control whatsoever over the appointment of teachers. In all the white schools of Alaska such appointments are made by the School Boards. The Kotlikahla school, however, is what is known as a native school and is directly under the control of the United States Board of Education.

The chief of the Alaska service is Mr. W. T. Lopp, whose office is in the L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Washington, and with whom Miss Beatty should file her application. I gather from the second page of your letter that you have communicated with Mr. Lopp and I am at a loss to know why he should refer you to me in this matter and I would suggest that you take it up with him again.

Personally, on your recommendation, it would please me much if Miss Beatty and her friend, Miss Valentine, were to secure employment as teachers at Kotlikahla or elsewhere in Alaska. For their farther information, I am enclosing a circular containing a list of white schools outside of incorporated cities.

We are having delightful weather all over Alaska. Here in Juneau we have not had rain for many days, something phenomenal in fact.

Permit me to felicitate you upon the coming of a grandson.

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Mr. P. J. Costen #2

I trust that Fred and his wife are well.

With best wishes for yourself, Mrs. Costen and Carita,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.



July 27, 1915.

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Mr. Peter Jepsen,

Treasurer, Ruby School District,

Ruby, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report for the school year 1914-15. An examination of the report discloses the following items requiring further explanation:

You show total expenditures for janitor service of \$315.00, but your receipts seem to show only \$314.75 expended for this purpose.

You show a total of \$34.75 expended for Incidentals, while the receipts submitted with your report total only \$34.25.

You show a total of \$115.65 expended for Repairs, whereas the Board did not include an item of "repairs" in its estimates for 1914-15, and nothing was allowed by this office for that purpose.

Enclosed find a distribution sheet which apparently is in accordance with your distribution of charges, and which shows the difference of 25 cents in the janitor expense and 50 cents under the head of Incidentals, making a total difference between the amount of your report and the aggregate of the receipts submitted with it of 75 cents. Kindly examine your accounts and advise as to this, and if your report is in error it would appear that the 75 cents in question should be added to your balance of cash on hand, making it \$29.45

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--Mr. Peter Jensen, Treasurer, p. 2--

instead of \$28.70 as your report now shows.

With reference to the expenditures of \$115.65 for "Repairs", I am directed by the Governor to request an explanation from you and the other members of the Board regarding the use of the school funds for repairs when no estimates were submitted by the Board therefor and the requisition made by this office for funds for 1914-15 did not include any sum whatsoever for repairs. The attention of the Board is called to the regulation (No. 9) in circular issued by this office on November 20, 1913, copies of which were sent to the Board, which provides that no expenditures shall be made from school funds for purposes not authorized by this office, unless the matter is first submitted to this office and written authority is given for such use of the funds. An examination of the accounts for the year 1913-14 shows that, with an allowance of \$250 for "repairs" the Ruby school board expended \$535.40 for that purpose. Again in 1914-15 it appears that the Board entirely disregarded the instructions of this office and expended a further sum of \$115.65 for repairs. Unless the Board can offer a satisfactory explanation regarding the item of \$115.65 for repairs in your 1914-15 account, you will be required to refund the amount to the school treasury. The regulations of this office are given for a purpose, made necessary by reason of the increasing number of schools and the limited funds available, and the various school boards must in future give strict heed thereto in all respects.

Kindly give the foregoing matters your immediate attention

--Mr. Peter Jopson, Treasurer, 2--

and advise as to the difference of 25 cents in the janitor account and 50 cents in the incidentals account, and submit such statement as the Board may have to offer with respect to the unauthorized expenditures for repairs.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

July 28, 1915.

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Miss Minnie Conner,  
1806 11th Avenue,  
Greeley, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that the employment of teachers in the white schools of this Territory is left entirely to the School Boards. As the school terms open early in September it is probable that practically all of the School Boards have arranged for teachers for the ensuing year.

The Colorado State Teacher's College Diploma which you held would entitle you to teach in this Territory.

For your further information, there is enclosed copy of a circular letter form which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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July 28, 1915.

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Mrs. Frances Hill,  
Gibbons, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 10th of May last addressed to the Attorney General, Klondike, Alaska, was received at this office on the 27th instant, the Governor being ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of Alaska.

In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that the employment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska is left entirely to the School Board. As the school terms open early in September it is probable that practically all of the School Boards have arranged for teachers for the ensuing school year. This office does not know of any vacancies at the present time.

For your further information, I beg to enclose copy of a circular letter form which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 28, 1915.

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Miss Laura Larson,  
Box 423, Baton, Florida.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information with regard to teachers' positions in Alaska.

In reply, you are advised that the employment of teachers in the white schools of this Territory is left entirely to the various school boards. It is probable that nearly all of the school boards have already arranged for teachers for the ensuing school year. This office does not at the present time know of any vacancies.

Your North Dakota certificate would entitle you to teach in Alaska. The cost of living in this Territory varies greatly, according to the locality. In Juneau and vicinity board can be obtained for approximately \$30.00 per month, while a room costs from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per month. In the interior of Alaska living expenses are practically double those of Juneau and vicinity.

For your further information, there is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of this Territory. This office has no information with regard to the demand for teachers in the native schools in this Territory, which are under the supervision of the United States Bureau of Education. Should you wish information regarding these you might address Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Seattle, Washington, or Mr. W. C. Beattie, Superintendent for Southeastern Alaska, whose post office address is Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 28, 1915.

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Mr. Homer R. Stiles,  
Elliston, Virginia

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 19th and 20th instant, with their enclosures, in which you expressed a desire to obtain positions for yourself and wife in the schools of Alaska.

The employment of teachers in the white schools of this Territory is left entirely to the various School Boards. It is probable that the majority of the Boards have already arranged for teachers for the ensuing school year. This office does not know of any vacancies at the present time.

For your further information, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a circular letter form used in replying to school inquiries, which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

The enclosures which accompanied your letters are being returned to you in this mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Schools

July 29, 1915.

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Mrs. J. H. Coker,

Craig, Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Coker:

I have your card of the 26th instant in which you ask for a copy of the "Nelson school law" and copy of the course of study. I enclose a copy of the act referred to, but am unable to furnish you with a copy of the course of study, for the reason that there is no standard course of study in use at the present time. Each school arranges its own course, fitted to the needs of the locality and, of course, in line with the teacher's views and preferences. It is expected that by another year a standard course of study will be ready for use.

With kind regards to you and Mr. Coker, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Junoau, July 30, 1915. O. D.

Lemon Bros.,

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Referring your letter tenth instant Council school board will be allowed one hundred seven dollars for supplies, plus freight from Seattle. Kindly notify board to this effect.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and priority for public service and will not bear the delay incident to its transmission.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, July 30, 1915. O. B.

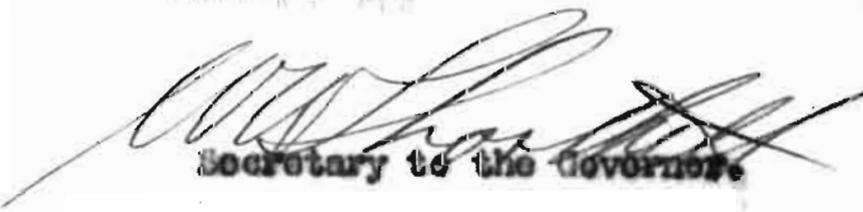
Mrs. H. B. Dolohanty,

COUNCIL, via mail from Nome.

Regulations provide that teachers employed in Alaska schools shall be graduates recognized college, university or normal school, or failing this they must undergo examination as to qualifications. It is the opinion of this office that all teachers in Alaska schools should be trained in their profession, as salaries paid are sufficiently large to secure such teachers. Permits to teach are issued for term of two years, when satisfactory evidence as to qualifications is submitted.

STRONG, Governor and ex officio  
Supt. of Public Instruction.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to its transmission.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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August 2, 1915.

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Mr. M. D. Snodgrass, Clerk,  
Kodiak School Board,  
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 27, with reference to the percentage of children of school age availing themselves of school privileges in your district. I also note what you say in relation to the lack of support upon the part of parents toward getting their children into school.

In this connection, I have to advise you that chapter 44 (Session Laws of Alaska, 1913) a copy of which is herewith enclosed for your information, may now be invoked in order to compel the attendance of children in the schools of Alaska. This Act has been largely inoperative since its passage, because of the fact that the Legislature of 1913 made no appropriation for its enforcement. This condition has been now remedied and I believe, if it be properly enforced, will tend to solve the non-attendance problem to some extent at least in the future.

I regret that your complaint as to the Russian Greek Church being a hindrance in the matter of a full attendance at the schools of the Territory where there is a Russian population, has been supplemented by similar complaints from other districts. Frankly speaking, I do not know how to combat it as interference with the religious tenets of people is a very delicate matter indeed. This should be carefully inquired into by the School Board and such action taken as is deemed most conducive to the educational and religious welfare of the pupils.

I may say that it seems to me that children should not be required to attend services at their church during school hours, there being ample time for religious instructions after or before school hours and on Sundays.

The Government is expending a good deal of money for the purpose of educating the children of the Territory, and it is a duty devolving upon the School Boards, teachers and parents to see that the attendance is regular and kept up to the highest point possible at all times. In this, the co-operation of the parents will be found necessary and they should be lead rather than forced to see its necessity if for no other reason than the welfare of their children.

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Mr. M. D. Sedgrass, #2

I am sending to you additional copies of the law  
above referred to, thinking they may be of use to the School Board.

Very truly yours,

Encls.

Governor.

August 2, 1915.

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Treasurer of the Council School Board,  
Council, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find confirmation copy of telegram of the 30th ultimo, addressed by the Governor to Lomen Brothers at Nome, advising that the sum of \$107.00 will be allowed the Council School District for the purchase of supplies for the ensuing school year, and that to this amount will be added the freight charges on the supplies from Seattle to Council.

This is for your information and guidance.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 2, 1915.

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Mrs. M. B. Delchanty,  
Council, Alaska

Dear Madam:

By direction of the Governor, I am enclosing herewith confirmation copy of telegram of the 30th ultimo, addressed to you by him with respect to the certification of teachers in the Alaska schools. The sending of this telegram was occasioned by the receipt of your application for a teacher's permit, which was unaccompanied by a State certificate or other evidence of your qualifications.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Miss Geneva Shoete,  
c/o U. S. C. G. Station,  
Newport, Oregon

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, advising that you have been engaged as teacher for the Chicago school for the ensuing year, and making inquiry with regard to a certificate, you are advised that upon presentation of either of the certificates mentioned in your letter you will be given the usual two years permit to teach in the white schools of this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 8, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. C. W. Hammond,  
Sanak, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Hammond:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 13th with reference to payment of your salary as teacher of the Sanak school from October 8, 1913 to April 13, 1914, and other matters relative to your school district.

In reply, I have to advise you that on May 19 last a Nunc Pro Tunc order was issued by the District Court for the third Judicial Division establishing the Sanak school district as of date October 8, 1913. On July 9 this office made a requisition on the Treasury Department for the sum of \$1073.33 to cover your salary as teacher for the period October 8, 1913, to April 12, 1914, at \$175 per month. Recently notice was received from the Treasury Department that the amount had been allowed, and you will, no doubt, receive it in due course.

On January 1, 1915, I made requisition for the sum of \$455 to cover your salary from April 13, 1914, to June 30, 1914, which was also allowed and I note that you have received it. You will have, therefore, received your salary for the entire period from October 8, 1913 to the end of the school year 1914-15, with the receipt of the amount of the last requisition made by this office, namely, \$1073.33.

On September 26, 1914, this office made requisition for funds for the maintenance of Sanak School District for the regular school year of 1914-15, which included your salary as teacher for that year.

The School Board did not submit any estimates for supplies etc. prior to the regular 1914-15 school year, hence no allowance has been made to cover these, it being understood that either the people themselves or yourself had voluntarily provided books etc. You are advised that the lapse of time will operate against this office making a requisition for these supplies.

It seems to me that your school district has received as liberal treatment from this office as ought to be expected under the circumstances.

I note what you say as to the personnel of the people

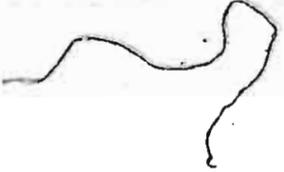
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in your district, and I have no doubt that you occupy a trying place. However, I know that you will discharge your duties faithfully in every way.

I would be surprised, if it were worth while, because of the fact that clerk Nielson became offended because this office notified the Treasurer of the school district that the money for your salary had been allowed and did not write to Nielson. He may be informed that when this office has business with him it will write to him, and when it has business to transact with the Treasurer it will write to the Treasurer, regardless of whom it pleases or displeases.

Wishing you success, I am,

 Very truly yours,

Governor.

August 4, 1915.

15-1

Miss Maude Goldsmith,  
2155 Pierce Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information regarding the opportunities for teachers in Alaska, particularly with respect to those who are qualified for art and manual training work.

In reply you are advised that manual training work is carried on in the public schools of the town of Ketchikan, Alaska, and in the school at Kodiak, Alaska. Aside from these two schools there is practically no instruction given on this subject in any of the white schools of the Territory. Little, if any, attention has thus far been given to instruction in art in any of the Alaska schools.

The Juneau School Board has arranged for an instructor in music and drawing for the ensuing year but has made no arrangements for manual training work. Instructions in the latter subject would, no doubt, be given in the majority of the Alaska schools if the funds available for school purposes would permit, but, unfortunately, this is not the case at the present time.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to

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Miss Maude Goldsmith #8

school inquiries which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

**CERTIFICATE BY ENDORSEMENT.**

**Department of Public Instruction**

**THIS CERTIFICATE has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Lucile G. Hodgins who having presented a State of North Dakota Second Grade Certificate and satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is revoked for cause.**

**Given at Juneau, Alaska, this 4th day of August, 1915.**

**Governor, ex-officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction.**

**Granted upon:**

**First Grade Elementary Certificate,  
State of North Dakota, dated August 8,  
1912, and renewed August 7, 1913.**

August 4, 1915.

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Miss Lucile G. Hodgins,  
821 Vine Street,  
Hudson, Wisconsin

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you advised that you have been elected to a position in the public school of Sitka for the ensuing year, and enclosing your North Dakota State certificate and requesting the issuance of a teacher's permit for Alaska.

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit issued to you by the Governor as ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, authorising you to teach in the white schools of this Territory for a period of two years from this date.

The certificates which accompanied your letter are herewith returned to you.

Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 4, 1915.

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Mr. Alvin E. Dadd, Assistant Secretary,  
National Society for the Promotion of  
Industrial Education,  
140 W. 42nd Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, requesting information relative to the progress of legislation for vocational education in this Territory.

In reply, you are advised that no legislation on this subject has been enacted for Alaska since June 1, 1914; no bills have been presented to the Legislature and failed of passage during this period; there are no such bills now before the Alaska Legislature; and there are no bills now in preparation on the subject.

The 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature, which recently adjourned, made provision for the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory. One of the duties of this officer, when appointed, will be the standardizing of courses of study for use in these schools. It may be that in this connection some attention will be given by him to the matter of educational education, but at this time it is impossible to advise as to this.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 4, 1915.

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Mrs. Eva C. Thompson, Clerk,  
Craig School District,  
Craig, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo addressed to the Governor, transmitting the estimates of the Craig School Board for the ensuing school year.

Your letter states that the building which was used last year for school purposes is in need of repairs and that the Board has asked for funds to cover the same. An examination of the estimate blank, however, does not disclose any item which is designated as covering repairs. It does include an item for rent in the sum of \$180.00. Since the building in question is not owned by the School District it will be impossible to allow any funds for repair work. The item of rent, \$180.00, will be allowed, with the understanding that the same will be used at the rate of \$20.00 per month for only such length of time as the building may be used during the school year. Whatever repairs are necessary on the building should be made by the owner who is to receive rent for the use of the building.

Under the head of school supplies the Board estimates requirements aggregating \$400.00. In view of the fact that the sum of \$200.00 was allotted to the Craig School last year for school supplies, books etc. and \$250.00 for desks etc. the present estimate of \$400.00 for school supplies seems altogether too high, and the Governor desires a very full explanation with regard to the necessity for the allowance of such an amount. Under ordinary conditions it would seem that a school of the size of the Craig School should not require more than \$125.00 to \$150.00 for school supplies; that is, for books, stationery etc. necessary for the use of the children in connection with their studies in school work.

In your letter you say that the Board desires to obtain an allowance of \$2,000 for the construction of a school building, it being the understanding of the Board that the amount which may be allowed for this purpose has recently been increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. With respect to this matter you are advised that the 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature passed an Act intended to amend the Act of February 27, 1905, and commonly known as the "Nelson School Act". In the Act passed by the Legislature it is provided

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that not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$2,000 shall be allotted to each school district organized under the provisions of the Act for the construction and equipment of a school house. Since, however, the Craig School District was established under the original Nelson Act it is probable that it could not receive more than \$1,000 for the "construction and equipment" of a school building, that being the maximum amount allowed for that purpose under the Nelson Act. You will note that the \$1,000 allowed under the Nelson Act is to cover both construction and equipment of the school building, and since the Craig School District last year received the sum of \$250.00 for desks etc. it is probable that the Auditor at Washington, who passes the requisitions made by this office for school funds, would hold that the \$250.00 received last year for desks etc. must be considered as a part of the \$1,000 to which the district is entitled under the law for the construction and equipment of the building. The Auditor has similarly held in a number of cases heretofore. In this event, therefore, the Craig School Board could probably not obtain more than \$750.00 for purposes of construction.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 4, 1915.

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Mr. A. P. Will,  
Chief of Legislative Counsel Bureau,  
State of California,  
Sacramento, California.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo addressed to the Governor, requesting information relative to the furnishing of text books free to pupils in the high schools of this Territory.

The question blank which accompanied your letter is returned herewith filled out in so far as it is possible to do so. As stated, therein, the courses of study in the Alaska schools have not as yet been standardised. The 1915 session of the Alaska Legislature made provision for the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, one of whose duties, when appointed, will be the standardising of the courses of study in the white schools of this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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August 5, 1915.

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Mr. J. H. Coker, Treasurer,  
Craig School District,  
Craig, Alaska

My dear Mr. Coker:

In the absence of the Governor who is now on a visit to Sitka, I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to him on the subject of a school building for Craig.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to a letter of this date which has been addressed to Mrs. Thompson, clerk of your School District, with regard to the estimates of the Board which were received this morning. As explained to Mrs. Thompson, the Act under which the Craig School District was established allows but \$1,000 for the "construction and equipment" of a school building. While the last session of the Legislature passed an Act intended to amend the one just mentioned it is doubtful if a school district established prior to the passage of the 1915 Act could avail itself of the increase in the allowance for building and equipment purposes; furthermore I may say that there is some question as to the Legislature's authority to amend the Nelson school law - that being the one under which the Craig District was established. This question was recently submitted by the Governor to the Secretary of the Interior with a view of obtaining

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an opinion from the proper officer of the government as to the  
legality of <sup>the</sup> an amendatory Act passed by the Alaska Legislature.

As suggested in the letter to Mrs. Thompson, it seems  
doubtful if your school district can obtain more than \$750.00 for  
building purposes, it having already received \$250.00 for desks  
etc. which would come under the head of equipment.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 8, 1915.

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Mr. J. H. Montgomery,  
Executive Secretary,  
The Co-operative Education Association,  
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, who is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of this Territory, I beg to advise that nothing has as yet been done in this Territory through organized effort for school and community improvement.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 6, 1915.

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Mrs. John Peterson,

Chicken, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th ultimo, inquiring as to traveling libraries and asking to be advised as to a good elementary German textbook.

As to the traveling libraries, you are advised that there are none in this Territory.

One of the local teachers here recommends the following German textbooks for beginners:

"Jung Deutschland", by Anna T. Grenow. Published by Ginn & Company, San Francisco, price 95 cents. Postage would probably be additional.

"German Grammar and Composition", by Collier. Also to be had from Ginn & Co., San Francisco. Price approximately \$1.15. Postage probably additional.

The first mentioned book is said to be an excellent one, the text being entirely in German. It is purely a "colloquial" work.

The firm of Creeker & Co., San Francisco, handles school books of all kinds, also.

You are to be commended for the good work you are doing in teaching your children, who are denied the privileges of a school. If at any time this office can be of further assistance to you, please advise

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and it will be a pleasure to do what we can.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

August 6, 1915.

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Mr. W. P. Hills, Treasurer,  
Sitka School District,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

In looking over the estimates submitted by your School Board for the ensuing year I note that the Board has not asked for an allowance of funds for the purchase of school supplies. Are the estimates correct as they stand or was the item of supplies overlooked?

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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*Schools*

August 6, 1915.

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Mr. W. P. Mills, Treasurer,  
Sitka School District,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th ultimo, transmitting your annual report for the school year 1914-15, I note you say you had not up to that time received notice of the approval of your bond as Treasurer for the school year 1915-16. Upon reference to our files I find that your bond was approved by the clerk of the court on May 15 last. I believe it is not the practice of the clerk of the court to notify Treasurers of the approval of their bonds by him. Certified copies of the election papers and Treasurer's bond are transmitted by the clerk of the court to this office in each instance, and in the future this office will make it a rule to notify the school Treasurers of the date of approval of their bonds by the clerk of the court.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 6, 1915.

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Mr. J. N. Coker, Treasurer,  
Craig School District,  
Craig, Alaska

My dear Mr. Coker:

I am sending to you in this mail under separate cover the receipts and receipted bills submitted with the annual report of your predecessor, Mr. A. J. Doty, covering the school year 1914-15. It appears that Mr. Doty did not obtain receipts and receipted bills in duplicate covering his expenditures, and it is therefore deemed advisable to return the receipts etc. to you for filing with the school records, the same having served their purpose here in connection with the examination of Mr. Doty's report.

As suggested in a recent letter to you, it is desirable that receipts and receipted bills be taken in duplicate covering all expenditures made by you from school funds. At the end of the school year when your report has been made out the duplicates should be sent to this office with the report and will be filed for reference here. The originals should be kept by you and turned over to your successor with all other documents pertaining to the finances of the district.

Mr. Doty's report has been examined and found correct and formal notice of the approval of his accounts will be sent to him in a few days.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 7, 1915.

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Clerk of the Chatanika School Board,  
Chatanika, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the fact that this office has not yet received the new Treasurer's "Report of qualification and receipt of outgoing funds from the former Treasurer" It is necessary that this report be on file before a requisition can be made covering funds for your school district for the ensuing school year.

Duplicate blanks are enclosed herewith for the making out of the report in question. One copy should be mailed to this office and the other should be filed with the school Treasurer's records.

Kindly see the school Treasurer on receipt of this letter and arrange to have the report made out and forwarded promptly.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor.

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Mr. B. H. Durkee, Treasurer,  
Katalla School District,  
Katalla, Alaska

My dear Mr. Durkee:

In examining your report for the school year 1914-15 I find the following irregularities to which I wish to call your attention:

**TEACHER'S SALARY.** Three receipts are submitted covering payments to the teacher, cash for the sum of \$250.00. The first receipt covers period from July 20 to September 20; the second covers the months of February and March, while the third covers the months of April and May. It appears, therefore, that no receipts have been submitted to cover the months of October, November and December. Kindly forward receipts covering payments for these months. It is my understanding that school was not in session during the month of January.

**WATER RENT.** The receipts submitted with your report total \$22.00, while you show disbursements of \$25.00 for water service. Apparently the receipt for the month of May is the one which is lacking. Kindly forward this receipt.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES.** You show a total expenditure of \$27.10 under this heading, the items as appearing on the face of your report being books, \$24.43; mail 12¢; prepaid freight, \$1.55; lightering and wharfage 90¢. The bill of Lowman & Hanford Co. dated January 23, 1915, which, by the way, is not receipted, is the only bill submitted by you.

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Mr. B. H. Durkee, Treasurer #2

in connection with the purchase of books. This bill totals \$23.82. It shows, however, that it was covered by a remittance of \$24.07 - 25¢ more than the amount of the bill. According to a notation on the bill, the 25¢ excess payment was apparently refunded by Lowman & Hanford. However, you make no reference to the refund in your report. If the amount was actually refunded by you you should have taken it up under the head of receipts in your report. The difference between the amount shown in your report as expended for books, namely, \$24.43, and the amount of the remittance made to Lowman & Hanford, \$24.07, is 36¢, which is unexplained by any bill or receipt. Kindly advise as to this item of 36¢.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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**Juneau, August 10, 1915. O. B.**

**Clerk of District Court,**

**Fairbanks,**

**Number of existing Nelson school districts and limited funds available for maintenance these schools makes it inadvisable to establish any more districts for the present.**

**STRONG, GOVERNOR.**

*Prove that this telegram is on official business, and for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.*

**Secretary to the Governor.**

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Juneau, August 10, 1915. O. D.

Clerk of District Court,

Valdez.

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STROM, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor.

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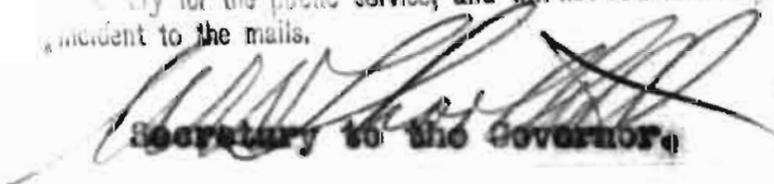
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STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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Secretary to the Governor.

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August 11, 1915.

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Leopold David, Esq.,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Governor, you will find enclosed herewith two (2) copies each of the following school blanks:

1. Estimates of School Board
2. Report of Teachers Employed
3. Annual Report of School Board
4. Treasurer's Annual Report
5. Treasurer's Report of Qualification and Receipt of Funds from Outgoing Treasurer.

There is also enclosed four (4) copies of printed Circular of Information & Regulations of Nov. 20th, 1913, and one (1) copy of Supplement to Circular of Information & Regulations, dated February 14th, 1914.

The only blanks that are required to be filed at and forwarded to this office at the beginning of the school year are the estimates of the Board covering funds required for the ensuing school year, and the Board's report of teachers employed. The other report forms should be retained until the end of the school year.

The estimates and reports should be made out in duplicate, one copy being forwarded to this office and the other retained in the school files.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 11, 1915.

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Mr. G. A. Adams,  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Division No. 2,  
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith confirmation copy of telegram of the 10th instant which was sent you with regard to the establishment of school districts outside of incorporated towns.

There are at the present time thirty-seven (37) school districts in the Territory which have been established under Act of Feb. 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson School Law". These schools require approximately \$2000 per year each for their maintenance.

As nearly as can now be determined the funds available for the school year of 1915-16 will not exceed \$80,000, and may fall considerably below this amount.

In view of this situation I deem it advisable that no more of these school districts be established for the present. The Clerks of the other Judicial Divisions have been similarly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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August 11, 1915.

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Mr. Arthur Lang,  
Clerk District Court, Division #3,  
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith confirmation copy of telegram of the 10th instant which was sent to you with regard to the establishment of school districts outside of incorporated towns.

There are at the present time thirty-seven (37) school districts in the territory which have been established under Act of February 27th, 1905, commonly known as the "Helson School Law". These schools require approximately \$2000 per year each for their maintenance.

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In view of this situation I deem it advisable that no more of these school districts be established for the present. The clerks of the other judicial divisions have been similarly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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August 11, 1915.

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Mr. J. E. Clark,  
Clerk of the District Court, Division #4,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith confirmation copy of telegram of the 10th instant which was sent you with regard to the establishment of school districts outside of incorporated towns.

There are at the present time thirty-seven (37) school districts in the territory which have been established under Act February 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson School Law". These schools require approximately \$2000 per year each for their maintenance.

As nearly as can now be determined the funds available for the school year 1915-16 will not exceed \$80,000 and may fall considerably below this amount.

In view of this situation I deem it advisable that no more of these school districts be established for the present. The clerks of the other judicial divisions have been similarly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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August 11, 1913.

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Mr. J. W. Bell,  
Clerk of the District Court,  
Division No. 1,  
JUNEAU.

Dear Sir:

Owing to the number of schools now established under the "Helson school law", in communities outside of incorporated towns, and the limited funds available for their maintenance, it is advisable that no more districts be established until it is determined that the money will be forthcoming to support them. There are now 37 of these school districts, and they require approximately \$2,000 per year each. As nearly as can now be determined there will not be more than \$75,000 to \$80,000 of funds in the School Section of the Alaska Fund from which to provide for these schools.

The Clerks of the other judicial divisions have been similarly advised.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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August 11, 1915.

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Mr. J. Christensen,  
Seldovia, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Attached please find formal notice of the approval of the accounts of Adam Bloch, deceased, as Treasurer of the Seldovia School District, for the first five months of the school year 1914-1915. One copy of the notice is addressed to you as the surety on Mr. Bloch's bond. The other copy is addressed to the Estate of Adam Bloch, Deceased, and it is requested that you kindly hand this copy to the legal representative of the Estate. This office is not informed as to who was appointed as administrator, or executor, hence must ask you to assist in seeing that the notice reaches the proper person.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 12, 1915.

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Mrs. Joan Thompson Sayer,  
East Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 6th with enclosure, namely, statement from Mary E. McGinnis, Supt. Schools, Stutsman Co., North Dakota, to the effect that a Second Grade Certificate had been issued to you in that county; also requesting that a permit be issued to you to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that when you have secured a school in Alaska a permit to teach for a period of two years will be issued you, in accordance with the rules of this office.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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Juneau, August 12, 1915. C. B.

Ward Estey, Clerk Ellamar School Board,

Ellamar, via mail from Valdez.

Increased number of schools and limited funds available necessitates cutting all estimates to lowest possible figure. Cannot allow increase in salary of teacher for Ellamar school, and cannot allow more than two hundred dollars for text books and supplies including new desks. Think estimate for lights too high, can it not be reduced to fifty dollars?

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

  
Secretary to the Governor

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August 13, 1915.

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Mrs. L. Burns,  
St. Michael, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of July 22nd, in which you state that you have been janitress of the children's school at St. Michael, Alaska, for the past two years at a salary of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per month for the school season, and that the School Board has put another woman in your place at a salary of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per month, the School Board stating that no one would do the work for \$15.00, which you state is not true, as you are willing to do it for that compensation.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has just passed the estimates of the St. Michael School District, and that the janitress's compensation will remain at \$15.00 per month for the school term and no more.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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August 13, 1915.

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Messrs, Brace & Hergert,  
Westlake & Valley Streets,  
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith you will find an order from the Seldovia School Board, Seldovia, Alaska, for a small shipment of lumber, which is desired for use in connection with the Manual Training Department of the school.

The order was sent to this office for consideration in connection with the Board's estimates for the ensuing school year, and the amount asked for by the Board for the purchase of lumber has been allowed by the Governor.

Your bill should be made in duplicate and sent to the Seldovia School Board, Seldovia, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 13, 1915.

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Mrs. Annie Christiansen,  
Treasurer, Seldevia School District,  
Seldevia, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Referring to the Seldevia School Board's letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, transmitting estimates for the school year 1915-16, I beg to advise you that the Governor has found it impossible to make any allowance for the painting of the school building, the estimates for which amounted to \$145.00. The order addressed to W.P. Fuller & Co., Seattle, Wash., which accompanied the Board's letter is above date is, therefore, returned to you herewith.

The order to Brass & Hergert, Westlake & Valley Sts., Seattle, Washington, for lumber is being mailed to them today, the Governor having allowed the Board's estimates for lumber, &c.

The salary of the janitor has been reduced to \$10.00 per mo., and the Board's estimates for incidentals of \$50.00 has been reduced to \$40.00.

The total reduction in the Board's estimates on account of the changes made therein by the Governor, as above indicated, aggregates \$200.00.

A requisition will be made in a day or two for the amount of funds allowed for the ensuing school year, and a copy of the requisition will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 14, 1915.

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Mr. Harry Donnelley,  
Discovery, Otter Creek, Alaska,  
Via Iditarod.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 10th, with reference to matters connected with the Otter School District.

In reply I have to advise you that the school term last year was reduced to a term of five months for the reason that the small attendance of pupils, as shown by the report of the Board of Trustees, did not warrant the maintenance of the school for a term of nine months. This action was taken especially in view of the fact that the grand jury sitting at Iditarod commented upon the heavy cost of maintaining the school, which I am compelled to admit was excessive. But rather than deprive even a few children of educational advantages, I allowed a term of five months in face of the criticism of the grand jury.

The rapid increase of the number of schools in the Territory this year will without doubt exhaust the appropriation received from the federal government for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns, and I have therefore deemed it necessary, in the case of schools having a small attendance, as in case of Otter, to limit the term to five months.

A requisition for the maintenance of the Otter School has been forwarded to the Treasury Department on a basis of five months, and the School Board will govern itself accordingly.

No one regrets more than myself the necessity that exists in thus curtailing the expenditure of money for the maintenance of even such small schools as Otter, but it

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is a condition and not a theory by which this office is confronted, and it may be found necessary to shorten the school term of every school in the Territory unless an increased appropriation can be obtained from the Congress, which is doubtful.

Sometime ago this office received a communication from some residents of Flat as to the establishment of a school at that place, and I suggest that Flat might be annexed to the Otter School District, and a larger attendance of children be thus secured. Of course, I am not familiar with the boundaries of Otter School District, and I do not know whether this can be done or not within the law. This is a matter that would have to be presented to the Clerk of the Court of the Fourth Judicial Division.

Personally let me say I was glad to hear from you, and I trust that you are succeeding well in your business.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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Juneau, August 14, 1915. O. D.

H. Donnelley, Treasurer Otter School,

Discovery, Otter Creek, via Iditarod. MAIL from Hulato.

School term allowed five months. No allowance for repairs to building. Fifty dollars for books, twenty five for incidentals, janitor twenty per month. Report of board and treasurer last year not received.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 14, 1915.

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Miss Ida B. Feldman,  
#225 Irwin Street,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for a position as "Household Arts" teacher in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that while the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of this Territory, he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that matter being left entirely to the school boards.

While some attention is given in a few of the larger schools of the Territory to the teaching of domestic science, it may be said in general that the subject has thus far received very little attention in the schools of Alaska.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith copy of circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools in the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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August 14, 1915.

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Miss Edith Mary Stewart,  
#609 E. Colfax Street,  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Governor, making inquiry as to commercial courses in the schools of Alaska, and the opportunities for teachers of stenography and typewriting.

In reply you are advised that a few of the larger schools of the Territory provide some instruction in commercial courses, but only one or two of the schools employ special instructors for this work.

While the Governor is ex-officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, he exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that matter being left entirely to the school boards.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith copy of circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

With regard to opportunities for clerks, stenographers and secretaries outside of the schools, you are advised that so far as this office is informed the demands in these lines are amply met by the local supply.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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