September 28, 1915.

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Mr. John N. Sarvela,

Treasurer Chichagof School District,

Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being $1133.67, which, with the unexpended balance on hand from 1914-15 will give a total of $1332.30 for use during the current school year.

When you receive the United States Treasury warrant, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof, and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

146/69

September 28, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Ward Estey,

Treasurer Ellamar School District,

Ellamar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of requisition of this date for funds for the Ellamar school district for the ensuing school year. The net amount asked for is $1540.15, which with the unexpended balance of $68.35 from last year will give a total of $1608.50 available for the current year.

When you receive the United States Treasury warrant covering the requisition, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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September 28, 1915.

14-1

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

My dear Mr. Durkee:

Enclosed find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the current year. The net amount asked for is $1354.50, with approximately $120 on hand from last year, making a total of $1474.50 available for the present year. The balance on hand from last year is, of course, subject to correction when you have replied to letter of August 7 last relative to certain items in your accounts for 1914-15.

When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

We are making the requisition at this time, without waiting until your accounts for last year have been approved, in view of your re-election as Treasurer and the infrequent mail service to Katalla. Otherwise the requisition would await approval of last year's accounts.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

148/57

September 28, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Harry R. Brown,
Treasurer, Knik School District,
Knik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find copy of requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16. The net amount asked for is $1194.17, which with the unexpended balance of $235.83 on hand from last year, will give a total of $1430.00 available for use during the current year.

When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof, and the date of its receipt by you.

This office has not yet received your "Report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer", which is required by the regulations governing school matters. Blanks for same are enclosed herewith, for use in the event you have not already mailed the report on blanks previously sent to the school district.

Owing to the delay in school election matters in your district the requisition has been made without waiting for the formal approval of the report of the Treasurer for last year. His accounts are in proper form and their approval only awaits receipt from you of the report above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

149/60

September 22, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Victor E. Warner,

Treasurer Latouche School District,

Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being $1293.93. This, with the unexpended balance of $75.07, will give a total of $1369.00 available for use during the year.

When you receive the Treasury warrant covering the requisition, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

150/74

September 29, 1915.

14-1

Hon. W. H. Whittlesey,

Assistant United States Attorney,

Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In reply to a letter from this office regarding school conditions at Nushagak, Mr. Lang, Clerk of the District Court for the Third division states, among other things, as follows:

> "Mr. Wm. H. Whittlesey, Asst. Dist. Atty., who is here now attending court, informs me he was at Dillingham, near Nushagak, so I took this matter up with him. He states he saw and spoke to McLean, the teacher at Nushagak school last season; he was they serving a thirty day sentence in the Dillingham Federal jail for beating his wife, who was in a delicate condition. This act was done by him while intoxicated."

The letter addressed to Mr. Lang asked for information as to the actual number of white (not mixed blood) children of school age resident within the Nushagak school district, and as to the habits of McLean, the teacher, when this office had learned, indirectly, was addicted to drink; and also as to McLean's employment by Mr. Hittendorff, a merchant and trader at Nushagak. Affairs of the Nushagak school district are not entirely satisfactory to this office, and the information sought was desired for the Governor's information (confidentially) in determining what action to take with regard to school matters there.

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If you can give any further information than that quoted above from Mr. Lang's letter, it will be greatly appreciated, and will be regarded as confidential. Can you advise as to the date you saw McLean, the teacher, in jail, and approximately the period during which he was under sentence? Do you know what the nature of his employment with Mr. Mittendorff is, and whether he is employed during the daytime on school days, or at other than school hours?

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

September 29, 1915.

14-1

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

My dear Doctor Claxton:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 17th in which it is stated that through Mr.W.C.Beattie, District Superintendent of Schools, Juneau, you have received a request for the use by the Kasaan Territorial school, recently established in Kasaan, of the United States public school building in that village.

In reply I have to state that a school district was recently established there but as yet this office has received no report of the election which was ordered by the Clerk of the District Court. This, however, it is assumed will arrive in due time.

I, therefore, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction will accept the school building in Kasaan, with the few school books and small quantity of furniture which it contains until it is again needed by your Bureau.

Faithfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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September 28, 1915.

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Messrs. Phil Abrahams,
Max Gutfeld and
W. C. Wright,

S k a g w a y, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23rd instant with reference to Mrs. Louise Milnes, a resident and property owner of Skagway, and a former school teacher at Kake, Alaska, and who is now engaged as a teacher in the Skagway Public School, reference being made to the fact that she has never had a certificate evidencing her qualifications and ability as a teacher. You also state that she is willing to undergo an examination for that purpose.

In reply I have to advise that I have referred this matter to Mr.W.G.Beattie, Superintendent of Native Schools for southeastern Alaska, and if he shall certify to Mrs. Milnes educational and teaching qualifications this office will issue a permit to her thereon for a period of one year. As soon as I shall have received a letter to this effect a permit will be issued in due course.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 29, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Simeon Kvasnikoff,

-Treasurer, Ninilchic School District,

Ninilchic, via Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16. The net amount asked for is $1638.71, which with the balance of $31.29 on hand from last year will give a total of $1670.00 available for the current school year.

When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof, and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

154/15

September 29, 1915.

14-1

Mr. C. Y. Malmquist,

Treasurer St. Michael School District,

St. Michael, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school cary 1915-16. The net amount asked for is $1507.35, which, with the unexpended balance on hand from last year, will make a total of $1049.00 available for the current school year.

When you receive the Treasury warrant kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof, and the date of its receipt by you.

You have not yet submitted your "report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer". Blanks for this report are enclosed for use in the event the report has not already been mailed. In such event, you should hold these blanks for future use. The accounts of the former treasurer will not be approved until this report is at hand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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September 30, 1916.

14-5

Doctor Emil Krulish,
Passed Assistant Surgeon,
U.S.Marine Hospital Service,
#1223 L.C.Smith Building,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Sir:

I am writing you in behalf of Mrs. E.S.ADSIT, who is desirous of securing the position of housekeeper, or housemother, in the new native hospital which is now being constructed in this city, provided you decide to make such appointment.

Mrs. Adsit is an estimable lady in every way; she is of mature years - but not old - and she formerly resided in this city, I believe, and is therefore intimately acquainted with Alaska conditions and has some knowledge of the natives, of course. She is an experienced housekeeper; a widow - her husband having died some years ago. She also has a married daughter residing in Juneau. I have no hesitation in saying that if you are going to have a housekeeper for the native hospital no better selection than Mrs. Adsit could be made.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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September 30, 1915.

14-5

Mr. W. T. Lopp,
Chief of Alaska Division of the
U.S.Bureau of Education,
#1223 L.C.Smith Bldg.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr.Lopp:

I am writing you in behalf of Mrs. E.S. Adsit, who is desirous of securing the position of housekeeper, or house-mother, in the new native hospital which is now being constructed in this city, provided you decide to make such appointment.

Mrs.Adsit is an estimable lady in every-way; she is of mature years, but not old, and she formerly resided in this city, I believe, and is therefore intimately acquainted with Alaska conditions and has some knowledge of the natives, of course. She is an experienced housekeeper, a widow - her husband having died some years ago. She also has a married daughter residing in Juneau. I have no hesitation in saying that if you are going to have a housekeeper for the native hospital no better selection than Mrs. Adsit could be made.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Governor.

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September 30, 1915.

14-1

Board of Trustees,
Unga School District,
U n g a, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an unsigned communication received at this office sometime ago, the envelope containing it having been postmarked "Unga".

As a rule this office pays no attention to anonymous communications, nor should any person for that matter. I am, however, forwarding it to you for your attention, and would be glad to have such comments upon its subject-matter as your board may see fit to make.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Enclosure.

158/55

September 30, 1916.

14-1

Mr. A. B. Kinne,
Council, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The school situation in your district, as shown by correspondence on file in this office has been such and apparently is such as to demand decided reform.

In the matter of the non-eligibility of one of the board of trustees because of alleged lack of citizenship, upon the showing made this office was unable to determine the question of Mr.Taylor's right to the office to which he was elected, although from the unofficial statements made there is probably no doubt of it. This matter, however, is one that should be taken up by some resident of the school district in the court of the Second Judicial Division. The remoteness of your district and the inadequate mail facilities and means of communication make it expremely difficult for this office to determine what is best to be done in certain reported instances or cases. This is one of them. And I therefore deemed it best, after duly weighing all the circumstances, to see that the school was continued for the present school year. It is to be hoped, however, that in the interest of everyone concerned differences (which unfortunately exist in all small communities) should be healed as far as possible and the people unite in securing for their children the best educational advantages possible. No school can be a success in a community divided as yours seems to be.

With reference to the employment of Mrs. Delehanty as teacher by the present school board, I have to say that judging by the correspondence submitted the school board entered into a contract with her to conduct the school, and this being the case a permit has been issued to her as teacher for the present school term but no longer. Hereafter teachers employed in school districts outside of incorporated towns must be graduates of some recognized university, college or normal school and have had previous training. The salaries

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paid, it seems to me, are large enough to secure trained and competent teachers, and hereafter this regulation will be rigidly enforced except in cases of emergency, should any arise, but the emergency will have to be of the most urgent description.

The largely increased number of schools outside of incorporated towns in the Territory this year may render it necessary to shorten the school term, as the fund for their maintenance is now practically exhausted, and there is no money for the support of a number of newly organized schools. The matter of school attendance is important and hereafter unless schools already established can show an average attendance of a substantial number of pupils they will be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

September 30, 1915.

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Mr. G. A. Adams,
Clerk of the District Court,
Nome, A l a s k a.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 4th with reference to the establishment of a school district at Kiana. My telegram to you on August 11th explained the situation with regard to the condition of the school fund for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns. The fund has been practically exhausted and much to my regret I have been compelled to advise that no more school districts be organized until there are sufficient funds at the command of this office for their maintenance. As it is there are a number of newly organized school districts which will be without teachers this year, unless Congress can be persuaded to increase the percentage of monies now set apart from the Alaska fund for the maintenance of schools, and also make an emergency appropriation for the maintenance of schools in districts which have been already created. Whether this can be done I do not know. However, I shall make an attempt to secure this appropriation as soon as Congress convenes.

As yet this office has received no information as to the school election having been held at Kiana, nor has it received estimates for the maintenance of a school at that place. Will you be kind enough to advise the school board at Kiana of the situation as outlined herein.

I note that you say that there are something over twenty children resident within the Kiana district. As you know, the law requires that there shall be twenty white children within a district proposed to be organized, and I would like to inquire if there are that number of white children, or what percentage is of mixed blood.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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September 30, 1915.

15-2

Mrs. Mary B. Delehanty,
C o u n c i l, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 2nd, addressed to the "Assistant Superintendent of Schools of Alaska" in which you say that the "application sent Governor Strong for certificate, or such authority to teach as is necessary, I (you) received a telegram, from I (you) gather it is to the Asst.Superintendent I (you) should apply".

How you should have gathered this idea I am at a loss to understand, as the telegram sent you was certainly explicit, reading as follows:

> "Regulations provide that teachers employed
> "in Alaska schools shall be graduates recog-
> "nized college, university or normal school,
> "or failing this they must undergo examina-
> "tion as to qualifications. It is the opin-
> "ion of this office that all teachers in
> "Alaska schools should be trained in their
> "profession, as sararies 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.

In your case you have submitted no evidence whatsoever as to qualifications for a position as teacher except your statement that you have taught over seven years in the Council school, and you also refer to the present school board of your district and some other persons.

It is manifestly impossible for this office to take up this matter with the gentlemen named in your letter.

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However, in view of your previous teaching experience and the near close of navigation to Nome a permit to teach will be issued to you for the present school term. This is done because it is not the desire of this office to work a hardship upon the children of your community whereby they might be deprived of educational facilities.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Enclosure.

Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. MARY B. DELEHANTY, of Council, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character and a statement, supported by corroborative testimony of others, as to her experience in teaching, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for a period to terminate June 1, 1915, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 30th day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

See 266 for corrected permit issued Nov 12

164/161

October 1, 1915.

14-1

Mr. A. F. Wendler,

Clerk, Anchorage School District,

Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In furtherance of the Governor's letter to you of this date I am enclosing the following documents:

1. 6 copies of Regulations of November 20, 1913.
2. 1 copy of Supplement to Regulations, dated February 14, 1914.
3. Two blanks for report of teachers employed.

These are for the information, guidance and use of the school board. Copies of the printed regulations might be given to the teachers, also, for their use. They should also be advised of the contents of the Supplement to Regulations with respect to the school month and the legal holidays, etc.

The blank for reporting the names and salaries of teachers who have been employed should be filled out when the teachers have been arranged for, one copy being mailed to this office and the other being filed with your records.

Respectfully yours,

Encls.

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 1, 1915.

14-1

Mrs. Edith J. Nelson,

Kassan, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find the following blanks, etc., which you are requested to hand to the recently elected Clerk of the Kassan School District, for use of the Board:

1. 3 copies of Regulations issued November 20, 1913.

2. 1 copy of Supplement to Regulations, dated February 14, 1914.

3. 2 estimate blanks.

4. 2 blanks for reporting name of teacher employed.

Kindly explain to the Clerk of the School Board that the estimates should be submitted as soon as possible. Both estimate blanks should be filled out, one being mailed to this office and the other to be filed with the school records. As soon as a teacher has been arranged for the Board should fill out the blank last above mentioned, sending one copy to this office and filing the other.

It is assumed that the Board will not be able to arrange for more than a seven months term, since September has passed already and it will no doubt require another month to secure supplies and get the school ready.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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The Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS SYLVIA ELVINA WOLD, of Seward, Alaska, who having presented a University of Washington Five Year Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

University of
Washington -
Five Year Certificate
of June 14, 1911.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS FRANCES ORR ROOT, Seward, Alaska, who having presented a diploma from The Annie Wright Seminary, Tacoma, Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Diploma from the Annie Wright Seminary, Tacoma, Washington, dated June 12, 1913.

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October 2, 1915.

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Mr. A. J. Wendler,
Clerk, Anchorage School Board,
Anchorage, A l a s k a.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that owing to information received ~~that~~ the fund ~~available~~ for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns in Alaska, over and above the estimate of the Treasury Department, is such as to justify the belief that a sum of approximately $5,000 will be available for the Anchorage school. A complete estimate of the amount needed has not been received from you.

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum of a tentative allowance for the Anchorage school district. You will notice that no estimate has been made for school supplies, books, stationery, etc. Kindly fill this out and return to this office at your early convenience.

For your further information I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter of even date addressed to Honorable W.C.Edes, Chairman, Alaska Engineering Commission, Seward, Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Enclosures.

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October 2, 1915.

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Mrs. Louise K. Milnes,
S k a g w a y, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 24th, in which you ask that a permit to teach in the public school of Skagway be issued to you for the current school year.

A regulation of this office provides that teachers in the public schools of Alaska must be graduates of a recognized university or college or some recognized normal school, but as you state you have already been engaged as teacher in the Skagway school owing to the fact that the teacher first appointed by the board of education failed to take the position.

In reply I have to advise you that your request for a permit was discussed by me with Mr. W.G.Beattie, District Superintendent of Schools for the United States Bureau of Education, who speaks highly of your character and your educational equipment for success in the schoolroom. Mr.Beattie put this in writing, which is now on file in my office.

I have therefore caused a permit to be issued to you for the current school year, which is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Enclosure.

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October 2, 1915.

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Mr. J. N. Coker,
C r a i g, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 27th, transmitting a petition from the people of Craig School District asking my consideration of the granting of sufficient funds to the school district to construct and equip a school building.

In reply I have to advise you that Section 314 of the Compiled Laws of Alaska - the act relating to the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns - provides, among other things, as follows:

> "The Governor shall assign and set apart
> " to each school district established and
> "organized under the provisions of this
> "section a sum, not less than $300.00 nor
> "more than $1,000, in proportion to the
> "number of pupils in the district, for the
> "construction and equipment of a school
> "house".

You will, therefore, notice that this office is powerless to comply with the request of your petitioners. In the annual reports of this office for a number of years past a recommendation has been made that the amount for the construction of school houses be increased to at least $2,000, however so far without result. I have further to advise you that due to the large increase of schools in the Territory during the present year the fund for their maintenance threatens to be exhausted and it is almost certain that no appropriation will be available for several schools that have been recently established. If, therefore, the building now in use by the Craig School District will serve the purposes for the present school year, I believe it will be possible to make an appropriation of at least $1,000 for the construction of a new building next year.

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I shall endeavor to have the law changed so as to have at least $2,000 available for the construction of new school houses in the Territory.

With reference to the statement contained in your letter that you "trust this last Legislature has made sufficient arrangements whereby the children of the Territory will be cared for in their early school training", I may say that the Legislature set aside about $15,000 for the maintenance of schools, including the salary and expenses of an assistant superintendent of public instruction. This amount, however, will be needed to maintain schools already established.

I fully realize the importance of the children of Alaska receiving the very best educational advantages possible, and to this end I have devoted all the energies I possess, within the limitations fixed by the law.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. LOUISE K. MILNES, Skagway, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character and whose experience as a successful teacher having been certified to in writing by Mr. W. G. Beattie, District Superintendent of Native Schools for the Southeastern District of Alaska, U. S. Bureau of Education, such credentials being required by law, is hereby autherized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the period of ONE year, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 2nd day of October, 1918.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ELSIE DeCLARK, of Douglas, who having presented a State of Washington Life Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

State of Washington
Life Diploma dated
July 31, 1913.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ELIZABETH HARRINGTON, of Ellamar, Alaska, who having presented a Denver County, Colorado, First Grade Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

Given at Juneau, Alaska, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Denver County, Colorado,
First Grade Certificate,
dated December 22, 1914,
for 5 years.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS CATHERINE MALONEY, of Douglas, Alaska, who having presented letters of Recommendation from the University of Washington and Skagway, Alaska, School Board, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

Letters of Recommendation from University of Washington and Skagway School Board.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS MINNIE FRANCES MALLOY, of Douglas, Alaska, who having presented evidence of the degree of Bacheler of Arts having been conferred upon her by Stanford University, and also satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Stanford University, California, Degree of Bacheler of Arts, dated May 19, 1909.

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October 2, 1915.

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Mr. Otto Stewart,
Clerk, Eagle River School District,
Amalga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I transmit herewith the following documents:

1. 3 copies of Regulations of November 20, 1913.
2. 1 copy of supplement to regulations, dated February 14, 1914.
3. 2 copies of blank for report of teachers employed.

The regulations are for the information and guidance of the Board and the teacher. When employed, the teacher should comply with the provisions of Regulation 10 relative to obtaining an Alaska permit.

The blanks for reporting the name and salary of the teacher should be filled out by you at the proper time, one copy to be mailed to this office and the other to be filed with the school records in your possession.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ELIZABETH HARRINGTON, of Ellamar, Alaska, who having presented a Denver County, Colorado, First Grade Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

Given at Juneau, Alaska, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Denver County, Colorado,
First Grade Certificate,
dated December 22, 1914,
for 3 years.

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The Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS SYLVIA ELVINA WOLD, of Seward, Alaska, who having presented a University of Washington Five Year Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

University of
Washington -
Five Year Certificate
of June 14, 1911.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS FRANCES ORR ROOT, Seward, Alaska, who having presented a diploma from The Annie Wright Seminary, Tacoma, Washington, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, this 2nd day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Diploma from the
Annie Wright Seminary,
Tacoma, Washington,
dated June 12, 1913.

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October 4, 1915.

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Mr. Curtis Morford,

Clerk, Seward School Board,

Seward, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date requesting the issuance of teacher's permits to Miss Frances Drw Root, and Miss Sylvia Elvina Wold, of Seward, Alaska.

The certificates of Misses Root and Wold, referred to in your letter, have also been received.

On the 2nd instant permits were issued to Misses Root and Wold for the usual period of TWO years, and are enclosed herewith.

The certificates referred to in your letter have been returned direct to Misses Root and Wold.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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October 4, 1915.

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Mr. Ward Estey,

Treasurer, Ellamar School District,

Ellamar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, and transmitting a First Grade Certificate held by Miss ELIZABETH HARRINGTON, and requesting the issuance of an Alaska permit to her.

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit issued to Miss Harrington under date the 2nd instant for the usual period of TWO years. The Certificate which accompanied your letter is also enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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October 4, 1915.

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Miss Catherine Maloney,

D o u g l a s, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith find an Alaska Teacher's Permit issued to you by the Governor under date the 2nd instant, the same being granted on your letters of recommendation, which you left with the Governor on Saturday. These letters are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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Department of Public Instruction.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS MARTHA OLSEN, of Douglas, Alaska, who having presented a Florence County, Wisconsin, Three Year Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for ONE year from the date hereof be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 4th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

Florence County, Wisconsin,
Three Year Certificate of
Date May 10, 1912.

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October 4, 1915.

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Miss Cecelia R. Burroughs,

Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Two California certificates, issued to you, were received at this office a few days ago, but no letter accompanied them. It was assumed, however, that you wished to obtain an Alaska teacher's permit and accordingly such permit was issued to you on this date and is enclosed herewith, as are also the two California certificates referred to. Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of these papers, and oblige,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS CECELIA R. BURROUGHS, Cordova, Alaska, who having presented a California State Normal School Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 4th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

California State :
Normal School Diploma :
of June 21, 1906. :
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October 5, 1915.

15-2

Doctor L. P. Dawes,
J u n e a u, Alaska.

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of October 2nd with reference to the application of Mrs. Ethel Forgy, of Seward, Alaska, relative to securing a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska.

I note your excellent recommendation of of Mrs. Forgy, from whom I am in receipt of a letter of recent date, in which she states that she lost her certificates on the S/S "Admiral Sampson" when that vessel sank in Puget Sound last year.

In reply I have to advise that a permit to teach will be issued to Mrs. Forgy in due course.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 5, 1915.

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Mr. J. D. Neale,
County Superintendent of Public
Instruction,
Adams County - Council, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo I beg to advise that all teachers employed in the schools of Alaska must be normal or college graduates except in cases of emergency, where temporary permits to teach may be issued for one school term of nine months. Teachers are not under Civil Service in this Territory. Salaries range from $90.00 to $175.00 per month. Living expenses in coastal Alaska are probably from 15 to 20 per cent higher than in the State of Washington; in interior Alaska from 25 to 50 per cent higher. A person can live just as comfortably anywhere in Alaska as in any of the States. School terms begin on the first Tuesday in September. Salaries are paid for a term of nine months, 20 teaching days constituting a month. There are the usual Christmas, Easter and other holidays.

For your further information I am enclosing herewith copy of a circular issued by this office showing the districts in which schools are maintained.

I have to thank you for the blanks which you say you have forwarded, and which I have not received as yet, but they will undoubtedly reach this office in due course.

If I can be of any further service to you I shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Enclosure.

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October 5, 1915.

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Miss Juanita Anderson,
Seldovia, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 24th ultimo is received, acknowledging on behalf of Mrs. Christiansen the receipt of school warrant for the current school year, to-wit, $1,878.53.

I am please to know that your school is starting off nicely, and I trust that you will secure your usual good results. It was a matter of great regret to me that the condition of the Alaska school fund necessitated curtailing expenses to the lowest possible figure compatible with the general efficiency of the schools of the Territory. However, I trust that you will manage to get along alright for this term, and I hope that by the next school year we will have all the funds necessary for the first class maintenance of all our schools.

I may add that during my visit to Seward and Cook Inlet I heard your work at Seldovia commended a numer of times by people whom I met.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 6. 1915.

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Sir:

For your information and for transmission to the proper authorities I quote the following extract from a letter received by me from Mr. Ward Estey, Treasurer, Ellamar School District, Ellamar, Alaska, which extract is self-explanatory:

> "I would respectfully suggest, after "four years experience as license clerk, "with the Clerk of the Court, Second "Division, that the Alaska fund might "be substantially enhanced by increased "effort upon the part of the Clerks of "District Courts in collecting license "fees. Although my range of observa- "tion is very limited, I can see where "many a dollar is being overlooked in "this (the Fourth) Division".

I am,

Yours respectfully,

Governor.

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

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October 6, 1915.

15-2

Miss Elsie E. Ware,

Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 28th in which you state that your life diploma for teaching is in Washington; that you will send for it and on receipt thereof will forward it to this office for registration.

In reply I beg to advise you that upon its receipt the necessary permit will be issued to you to teach in the schools of Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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October 7, 1915.

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Miss Anastacia Meyer,

Petersburg, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 2nd, enclosing a University of Washington Normal Diploma, and requesting that a permit be issued you.

Such permit is enclosed herewith for a period of two years. Also find enclosed the normal diploma referred to above.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ANASTACIA MEYER, of Petersburg, Alaska, who having presented a University of Washington Normal Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 7th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

University of Washington :
N o r m a l D i p l o m a :
Dated June 19, 1907. :

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October 8, 1915.

15-1

Miss Lucile G. Hodgins,
Principal of Schools,
Loraine, North Dakota.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting information regarding the schools in Alaska.

For information concerning the Indian schools of the Territory you should address Mr. W.T. Lopp, Chief of Alaska Division of the United States Bureau of Education, #1223 L.C. Smith Building, Seattle, Washington.

There are only two schools in the Territory that have summer terms. These are the schools at Fox, near Fairbanks, and the school at Kennecott in the Copper River region. These are both small schools employing but one teacher each. A communication regarding a position in other of these schools should be addressed to the "Clerk of the School Board".

Applications for positions in the schools at Ketchikan, Douglas, Juneau, Haines and Skagway, should be addressed to the "Clerk of the School Board" at the places named.

The Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that being left to the school boards. It is seldom, therefore, that this office is advised as to vacancies.

Enclosed herewith is a circular letter form used by this office in replying to miscellaneous school inquiries in which, among other things, you will find

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a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

October 9, 1915.

14-1

Mr. C. F. Cheek,

Treasurer, Eagle River School District,

Amalga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find same copy of requisition of this date for funds for the Eagle River school for the school year 1915-16, and for $1,000 for the "construction and equipment" of the schoolhouse, this being the maximum amount allowed by law for building and equipment purposes. The "equipment" will include the 20 single desks, installed, 1 stove, 1 teacher's desk and chair, and blackboards, specified in the estimates submitted by the School Board.

Provision has been made for a school term of 8 months, which will run the school to approximately July 1, 1916.

The following changes have been made in the Board's estimates:

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| REDUCTIONS: | | |
| In teacher's salary . . . . . | | $155.00 |
| " janitor's salary . . . . . | | 10.00 |
| | | 165.00 |
| ADDITIONS: | | |
| For lights . . . . . | $20.00 | |
| Freight on school supplies . . . . . | 7.90 | 27.90 |
| NET REDUCTIONS . . . . . | | 137.10 |

The estimate of $5 for lights is not considered sufficient, if the Board contemplates the purchase of lamps, oil, etc. The estimates did not include anything for freight on the school supplies, and the sum of

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$7.90 has been added to the Board's estimate, making the total for school supplies $75 instead of $67.10.

Your attention is directed to the printed regulations (copies of which have been furnished to the Board) relative to treasurers' accounts, and particularly to the matter of obtaining duplicate receipts, receipted bills, etc., for all expenditures made. Also to the regulation which provides that expenditures must be kept within the approved estimates (as shown on copy of requisition herewith).

When you receive the Treasury warrant covering the requisition, kindly notify this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encl.

October 9, 1915.

15-2

Miss Margaret Keenan,

Skagway, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing Idaho State Certificate No. 242 and requesting the issuance to you of an Alaska permit.

Enclosed you will find permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years, together with the certificate which was received with your letter of above date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor,

Encls.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss MARGARET KEENAN, of Skagway, Alaska, who having presented an Idaho State Certificate and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 9th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:

Idaho State Certificate
No. 242, dated November
1, 1907.

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October 9, 1915.

14-1

Mr. Fred Handy,
McCarthy, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your resignation as school director of the McCarthy School District, addressed to me as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to Arthur Laing, Clerk of the District Court of the Third Judicial Division, Alaska, has been received.

In reply I have to advise that your resignation should be addressed to the clerk of the school board of the McCarthy School District, and not to this office or the office of the Clerk of the Court for the Third Judicial Division.

When the school board has accepted such resignation it will be in order for them to call an election for your successor.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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October 11, 1915.

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15-V

Mr. R. J. Shepard,

H a i n e s, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 4 in which you state that you have written the college of which you are a graduate for your credentials and upon receipt you will forward them immediately to this office for consideration.

In reply I have to advise you that, in accordance with your request to this office, upon receipt of the credentials, if found satisfactory, a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska will be issued to you for a term of TWO years.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

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October 11, 1915.

15-8

Mr. John Hill,

Hughey, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, requesting the names of pupils (urban and rural) in Alaska for inter-school correspondence purposes.

In reply you are advised that this office does not have the names of pupils in the various schools of the Territory, but if you will address letters to the principals of the public schools at Juneau, Valdez, Nome, and Fairbanks, Alaska, you can no doubt obtain names of pupils in these schools. The towns named are the respective headquarters of the four judicial divisions of Alaska, Juneau being also the capital of the Territory. The towns named are, also, the four largest in the Territory.

While the Governor is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of the Territory, he exercises only a general supervision.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 11, 1915.

15-5

The Librarian,

Kansas State Normal School Library,

Emporia, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Superintendent of Education, Junoau, has been delivered to this office, the Governor being ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of the Territory.

In reply you are advised that no school reports are published, and the courses of study have not as yet been standardized. Brief reference is made to the white schools in the Governor's general report on conditions in the Territory each year. The report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, will not be ready for distribution until late in December or early in January, next. Your Library will be placed on our mailing list for a copy of this report. Our supply of copies of the 1914 report was exhausted some time ago.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 11, 1915.

14-3

Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith summaries of the annual reports of the school boards in the following incorporated towns of Alaska for the school year 1914-15: Cordova, Douglas, Fairbanks, Haines, Iditarod, Juneau, Ketchikan, Nome, Petersburg, Seward, Skagway, Tanana, Valdez, and Wrangell.

The incorporated towns of Chena and Eagle, interior Alaska, have not maintained schools for some years past, owing to lack of funds.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

The Commissioner of Education,

Washington, D. C.

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October 11, 1915.

14-1

Mr. H. A. Pinger,

Treasurer, Treadwell School District,

Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find memo copy of requisition of this date for funds for the Treadwell school district for the school year 1915-16, based upon the revised estimates received this date. When you receive the Treasury warrant covering the requisition, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant, and date of its receipt by you.

You will note that the item of "steam heat" in the Board's estimates has been covered by the item "Fuel" in the requisition. This for the reason that the usual item in requisitions is "fuel" and requires no explanation, while an item of "steam heat" might involve us in departmental "red tape".

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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October 11, 1915.

14-1

Mr. H. A. Ringer,
Treasurer, Treadwell School District,
Treadwell, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, in reference to the allowance to be made for the maintenance of the Treadwell School District for the year 1915/16, and in which you take the time to indulge in some unnecessary criticisms of this office because your estimates for the maintenance of your schools were not allowed.

In reply permit me to state that the "Treadwell School District is not forced to retrench in any greater proportion than any other school district in the Territory"; and further the amount that you will receive hereafter will depend altogether upon the future state of the school fund. You seem to labor under the delusion that this office has an unlimited fund at its disposal for the maintenance of schools. It has not, and the fund must be so apportioned as to not prevent any school district from securing educational facilities for its children. The point in your reference to the construction of a school building at Treadwell is not well taken; it has nothing whatever to do with the amount of teachers' salaries inasmuch as those salaries are subject to revision by this office. Whether the Treadwell Company shall charge teachers rent is a matter to be determined solely by that company and is no concern of this office. School districts which furnish rooms or buildings as teachers' residences must do so at their own expense and not at the expense of the Government. You are also advised that the maximum amount allowed by law for the construction and equipment of school buildings in districts outside of incorporated towns is but $1,000. Manifestly the amount is insufficient for the construction and equipment of a school house, but it is not the fault of this office, which has been trying for three years to have the amount increased, but, unfortunately, without result so far. Your estimates for heat and light were considered excessive under the circumstances , hence their reduction; so also was the rent for the building considered too high, as this office had understood that a rent approximating 6 per cent of the cost of the building would be considered fair and equitable. You are allowed more than six per cent in the estimate.

Your anxiety as to next year is entirely unnecessary, as you will receive your fair proportion of such fund as may be available then, and no more and no less. Your statement, by implication, that you are not

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receiving the money you are entitled to may be passed over without comment as unworthy a reply. This office endeavors to deal justly by each and every school district, according to its needs, and no special favors are shown to any. Your understanding that it is useless to "ask for further funds this year" is eminently correct, for the reason, and no other, that there is a lack of sufficient funds to maintain all the schools of the Territory, outside of incorporated towns, and for no other reason. This office does not make the laws relating to the schools; it does not lay the taxes from which the fund to support the schools is derived, and if the fund so derived is not sufficient for the purposes only regret can be expressed and criticism, implied or expressed, of this fact would be better directed at the Congress of the United States, which passed the law and which is responsible for its repeal or amendment, as the case may be.

A requisition upon the United States Treasurer for the amount of the revised estimates will go forward in the first mail. This office does not pay teachers' salaries, this being a matter that must be arranged for by the respective school boards. I may add that you will probably receive a Treasury warrant for the amount of your estimates in from three to four weeks.

I may say, in conclusion, with reference to Mr.Bradley's statement, that your district was to be allowed about $3,000, that this is not the recollection of this office or that any specific sum was mentioned, directly or remotely for the maintenance of the Treadwell School District.

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction.

October 12, 1915.

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Mr. E. H. Pfaffle,
Treasurer Council School District,
Council, A l a s k a.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find same copy of requisition of this date for funds for the maintenance of your school for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being $2274.76.

When you receive the Treasury warrant covering the above requisition, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof, and the date of its receipt by you.

There is enclosed herewith copy of regulations of November 20, 1913 issued by this office, and your attention is particularly directed to those portions which relate to the duties of school treasurers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

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Department of Public Instruction -

- ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT -

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS FLORENCE EDITH LASS, of Juneau, Alaska, who having presented a diploma of Knox College, State of Illinois, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 12th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

Diploma of Knox College, :
State of Illinois. :
Dated June 8, 1905. :

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October 13, 1915.

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Mr. L. L. Hale,

T r o u p, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information with regard to the schools and school laws of Alaska.

In reply there is enclosed you herewith copy of act of January 27, 1905 providing for the establishment of schools outside of incorporated towns. The schools in the incorporated towns are provided for under a separate act, copies of which are not available for distribution.

Your certificate or diploma from the Texas State Normal School would no doubt entitle you to a permit to teach in Alaska. Alaska permits, however, are only issued to teachers who have obtained employment in the Alaska schools. A great majority of teachers in the white and native schools of this Territory are from the States. There are, however, more applications than can be taken care of.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Encls. Secretary to the Governor.

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October 13, 1915.

15-1

Mr. A. J. Wendler,

Clerk of the School Board,

Anchorage, A l a s k a.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit letter of the 7th instant, addressed to this office by Mr.W.R.BERRY, Haneville, Washington, who expresses a desire to obtain a position as teacher in the school at Anchorage or in some other school outside of the incorporated towns of the Territory.

This office has informed Mr.Berry that his letter is being forwarded to you, and that you will no doubt advise him as to the opportunities at Anchorage.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosure.

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October 13, 1915.

15-1

Mr. W. R. Berry,

Hansville, Washington.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for a position as teacher in the school at Anchorage, or some other school in an incorporated town.

In reply you are advised that this office exercises no functions in connection with the employment of teachers, that matter being left entirely to the respective school boards. Your letter is being forwarded to the Clerk of the School Board at Anchorage who will no doubt advise you as to the situation at that place.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. So far as this office is concerned there are no vacancies in any of these schools at the present time.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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October 13, 1915.

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Miss Penny York,
Kinney, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information with regard to the Alaska schools.

In reply you are advised that there are fourteen incorporated towns in this Territory in which public schools are maintained, and thirty-eight schools in communities outside of incorporated towns. The number of the pupils in the schools of the incorporated towns range from 9 to 336, the former number being in attendance in the town of Iditarod in the interior of Alaska and the latter number in the city of Juneau, southeastern Alaska. One teacher is employed in the Iditarod school and fourteen in the Juneau school. Salaries in the schools in incorporated towns range from $90.00 to $175.00 per month. The number of pupils in attendance in the schools outside of incorporated towns vary from 7 to 184, the average being 31. Only four of the schools outside of incorporated towns employ more than one teacher. Practically all of the teachers in the white schools of Alaska are women. The salaries in the schools in communities outside of incorporated towns are practically the same as those in in corporated towns. The length of the school term through Alaska is nine months, beginning in September and ending in May following. As a rule the schools open at nine in the morning and close at 4 in the afternoon. There is very little supervision of these schools other than that given by the respective school boards. The Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, but exercises only very general supervision. The courses of study have not as yet been standardized, but in general they are modeled after those in use in the schools of Washington, Oregon and California. The employment of teachers is left entirely to the various school boards.

Enclosed herewith find a copy of a circular

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letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. In addition to these, as stated in the circular, there are some 60 schools for natives which are maintained under the direction of the United States Bureau of Education. Mr. W. T. Lopp, who is directly in charge of these schools, maintains offices in the L.C.Smith Bldg., Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

October 13, 1915.

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Miss Flora D. Tobin,

L e n t s, Oregon.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant, in which you request to be supplied with a copy of the Governor's annual report, and a copy of the course of study used in the schools of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that your name has been placed on the mailing list for a copy of the 1915 annual report, which, however, will not be ready for distribution until December or January next. The courses of study in the white schools of the Territory have not, as yet, been standardized, and it is therefore impossible to comply with your request for a copy of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS HELEN M. KAHER, of Valdez, Alaska, who having presented an unlimited certificate of the State of Wisconsin, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for TWO years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 14th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

GRANTED UPON:

Unlimited Certificate
State of Wisconsin
Dated May 20, 1913.

October 14, 1915.

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Mr. John Pitcher,
Treasurer, McCarthy School District,
McCarthy, A l a s k a.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 4th instant with respect to school matters at McCarthy, and thank you for the information contained therein. This office fully appreciates the difficulties which are encountered by many of the school boards, and is always glad to do anything possible to minimize them.

The resignation of Mr.Handy was received by the Governor a few days ago, and Mr.Handy was advised that his resignation should be presented to the McCarthy School Board, as neither this office nor the clerk of the court has any authority to accept the same. The usual procedure in such case is for the resignation to be accepted by the school board which then posts notices of a special election to fill the vacancy. Ten days notice is sufficient and the procedure at the special election is similar to that at regular school elections, the board designating three supervisors of election who certify to the election of the successful candidate. The person elected should then execute an oath of office and it, with all other election papers, should be transmitted to the clerk of the court at Valdez, the same as was done in the first election held in your district.

The amount allowed to your school under the head of "Incidentals" may be used to help out in the payment of freight charges, if necessary.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 14, 1915.

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Professor L. D. Henderson,
Superintendent Juneau Public Schools,
J u n e a u, Alaska.

My dear Professor:

I have received a request from Mrs. Anabel Read Scott, teacher of the public school at Katalla, asking me to secure for her a copy of the Juneau course of study.

May I ask you to forward me a copy of your course of study for transmission to Mrs. Scott.

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 15, 1915.

14-1

The Commissioner of Education,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith summaries of the annual reports of school districts outside of incorporated towns in Alaska (commonly known as "Nelson schools") for the school year 1914-15, with the exception of the Candle, Katalla, Nushagak and Otter schools reports from which have not yet been received by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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October 15, 1915.

15-2

Miss Helen M. Kisher,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing certificate issued to you by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Wisconsin, and requesting the issuance of an Alaska permit.

Enclosed herewith you will find permit of this date issued to you for the usual period of two years, together with your Wisconsin certificate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Enclosures.

October 16, 1915.

15-2

Mrs. Anabel Read Scott,

Teacher, Katalla School District,

Katalla, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant.

I am pleased to know that you like your school and the people of Katalla, as I was quite sure you would. With reference to your request for the course of study of the Juneau schools I have to advise that at the present time the course is undergoing revision and it is hoped to have it printed and ready for distribution within a few weeks. As soon as this is done I shall be pleased to forward to you a copy thereof.

With best wishes for your success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor.

October 19, 1915.

14-1

Mr. John N. Sarvela,

Treasurer, Chichagof School District,

Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that Mrs. Diggs, Clerk of your school board, should tender her resignation to the Board, which should accept same, and thereupon the Board should post notices in at least three public places calling for a special election to fill the vacancy, giving ten days' notice. The election should be conducted in the same manner as a regular election, the supervisors, or judges, certifying the election of the successful candidate, who should then take the oath of office and all papers covering the election should be sent to the Clerk of the Court at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 20, 1915.

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Mr. P. A. Knoulton,

1717 Kendall Avenue,

Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your application for appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska, under the provisions of Chapter 74 of the 1913 Session Laws of Alaska, I have to advise you that an opinion has been received by this office from the Department of Justice to the effect that the law creating the office in question is invalid, and advising that no action be taken thereunder.

Accordingly you are advised that no further action will be taken by this office looking to the filling of the position referred to.

Should you wish to have returned to you any of the papers which have been filed with your application, kindly advise.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Mrs. C. W. Hammond,

Sannak, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 25th, with enclosures, together with your application for appointment as assistant superintendent of public instruction.

In reply you are advised that the law authorizing the appointment of an assistant superintendent of public instruction was recently declared invalid in an opinion rendered this office by the Department of Justice. For this reason no appointment will be made.

The enclosures which were received with your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encls.

October 20, 1915

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Miss Geneva Sheets,

Chichagof, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant and in reply thereto I have to advise you that this office does not prepare examination questions for any of the public schools. These are prepared by the teachers themselves in the different districts.

Under regulations issued by this office, copy of which is enclosed herewith, the school month is the same as a calendar month, and the teacher's salary is payable at the end of the calendar month instead of at the end of the 20 school days, as is done in some States and as has been the practice in some of the "Nelson" schools of Alaska heretofore. By "Nelson" schools is meant white schools outside of incorporated towns.

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

Encl.

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss JESSIE M. HARPER, of Tanana, Alaska, who having presented a California State Normal School Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful teaching experience, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of October, 1913.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:
California State Normal
School Diploma dated
December 17, 1910.

October 20, 1918

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Miss Jessie M. Harper,

Tanana, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit which has been issued to you this date, authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the usual period of two years. This permit has been issued in response to the request contained in your letter of the third inst.

The State of California Normal School diploma which accompanied your letter is returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Enc. Secretary to the Governor

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Department of Public Instruction.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Mr. R. J. SHEPARD, of Haines, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of graduation from the Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, and of good moral character and successful teaching experience, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of the Territory of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN AT Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Granted upon:
Certificate of Graduation
and transcript of credits,
dated September 28, 1915.

October 20, 1915

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Mr. R. J. Shepard,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find permit issued to you, authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the usual period of two years. This permit has been issued in response to your request of the 15th instant.

The two enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Encs. Secretary to the Governor

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, Alaska, Oct. 20, 1915

15-1

Miss Blanche L. Curtiff,

No. 3 North Naches Ave.,

North Yakima, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fifth instant, requesting information with regard to the public school at Anchorage, Alaska.

In reply you are advised that this school was established two or three months ago, and a school board duly elected, of which Mr. A. J. Wendler is the clerk. Arrangements are now being made by the school board to open the school in the near future. It is understood that three teachers will be required. The employment of teachers is left entirely with the school boards, to whom applications should be addressed. No doubt, if you will address a letter to Mr. Wendler, he will give you the information which you desire with regard to the Anchorage school.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office, 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.

, Oct. 20, 1915

15-1

Miss L. Marguerite Codsey,

Kinney, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant addressed to the Governor, making inquiry with regard to the opportunities for a primary teacher in the public schools of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that there are approximately 50 white schools in this Territory, each in charge of a board of three directors who manage the affairs of the school district, including the employment of teachers. The school term in practically all of these districts opens in September and ends in May following. This office does not know of any vacancies in these schools at the present time.

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

The photograph which accompanied your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Enc. Secretary to the Governor.

, Alaska, Oct. 20, 1915

15-1

Mr. Charles H. Stapler,

Hotter, Georgia

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the ninth instant addressed to the Governor, asking as to the opportunities for teachers in the schools of this territory.

In reply you are advised that this office does not, at the present time, know of any vacancies in the white schools of the Territory, of which there are some fifty. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools. Practically all of the schools in the incorporated towns employ more than one teacher, there being fourteen employed in the public schools of Juneau. The school terms usually begin in September and end in May following. The salaries paid to teachers range from $80 to $175 a month, the average being about $100.

Respectfully yours,

Enc. Secretary to the Governor.

, Alaska, Oct. 30, 1915

15-6

Mr. Walter J. Kenyon,

Box 935,

Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, requesting a copy of the "State Educational Directory" for 1914-15, and the names and addresses of the Teachers' Reading Circle Committee.

In reply you are advised that no educational directory is published in this Territory, nor are there any teachers' reading circles in existence.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries which contains, amont other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board" at any of the places named in the circular will no doubt reach the proper officer.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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, Alaska, Oct. 20, 1913

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Mr. J. R. Minis,

Superior, Wis.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th inst. addressed to the Governor, requesting information with regard to the schools of Alaska.

In reply you are advised that, at the present time, there are fourteen schools in the incorporated towns of the Territory, and 37 schools in communities outside of the incorporated towns. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form used by this office, which contains a complete list of these schools.

This office does not know of any vacancies at the present time, and, as you probably know, the employment of teachers is left entirely with the school boards.

High school work is carried on in the schools in the incorporated towns of Ketchikan, Douglas, Juneau, Skagway, Valdez, Seward, Fairbanks and Nome.

Manual training work is still carried on in the school at Wood Island, which is, I believe, progressing very satisfactorily. Owing to a lack of funds, very little attention has thus far been given to manual training in any of the white schools.

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Respectfully,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor.

October 21, 1915

15-6

Dr. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner,

Bureau of Education,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to the Bureau of Education's circular letter, receipt of which is acknowledged, inquiring what facilities for the education of immigrants are provided by territorial and city authorities, and by private agencies, I have to advise that no provision of this kind has been made for the education of such immigrants in Alaska. No night schools are maintained in connection with the public schools of the Territory; although, it is understood that, in a few of the more prominent towns, schools for the education of alien immigrants are maintained by private agencies.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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October 21, 1915

14-1

Mr. H. D. Snodgrass,

School Director,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a voluminous letter from Mrs. C. S. Millard, formerly a teacher at Kodiak, from which the following complaints are summarized:

1. That Mr. McGinley and his wife, teacher, are incompetent;

2. Also untruthful;

3. That Mr. McGinley is immoral in that he is unduly familiar with the older girl scholars;

4. That his wife is a gossip and trouble-maker;

5. That they neglect their work and that the children of the schools show it;

6. That their example and personal influence over the pupils are bad;

7. That Dr. Silverman, one of the directors, is a fugitive from justice; that another director, Kraft, is a half-breed and ignorant of school matters; that the entire school is dominated and controlled by Bledgett, proprietor of the A. C. store.

I have, therefore, to ask if you will kindly advise me as to the truth or falsity of the foregoing statements.

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I would suggest, also, that you consider this communication confidential, and your report to me will be considered likewise.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

October 21, 1915
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Miss Edna Scorup,

360 East Sixth N. street,

Provo, Utah

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of October tenth, I have to advise you, in reply to your inquiries, that all economics were introduced into the graded schools in Alaska about 1904; domestic science and domestic art were introduced about the same time, and not separately.

These subjects were introduced into the schools by the school principals in accordance with progressive educational ideas.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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October 23, 1915

15-1

Miss Zoe A. Shafer,

Lynwood Hall,

Menomonie, Wis.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to secure a position as teacher of home economics in one of the principal towns of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that none of the white schools of Alaska employ special instructors in the subject of home economics. The employment of teachers in these schools is left entirely to the school boards.

There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board" at any of the places named in the circular, will no doubt reach the proper officer.

The application form, letters of recommendation, and photo which accompanied your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

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Enc. Secretary to the Governor

October 25, 1915

15-1

Miss Fern Osbeck,

Linwood Hall,

Menomonie, Wis.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you express a desire to secure a position as teacher of home economics in one of the principal towns of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that none of the white schools of Alaska employ special instructors in the subject of home economics. The employment of teachers in these schools is left entirely to the school boards.

There is enclosed herewith copy of a circular letter form used by this office which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board" at any of the places named in the circular, will no doubt reach the proper officer.

The application form, letters of recommendation, and photo which accompanied your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,

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Encs. Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHERS' PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Agnes C. Moffatt, of Skagway, Alaska, who, having presented a State of Minnesota Permanent Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 25th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Minnesota
Permanent Certificate,
dated April 15, 1914

October 25, 1915

15-2

Miss Agnes C. Moffatt,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to the Governor, transmitting the certificate issued to you by the State of Minnesota, and requesting the issuance of an Alaska teacher's permit.

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years. The certificate which accompanied your letter is also enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHERS' PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Lois Butt, of Skagway, Alaska, who, having presented a Nebraska State Normal School Life Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 25th day of October, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Nebraska State Normal
School Life Certificate,
dated May 28, 1903.

October 25, 1915

15-2

Miss Lois Butt,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for an Alaska Teacher's permit. The Nebraska State Normal School Life Certificate referred to in your letter has also been received.

Enclosed you will find a permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years. The Nebraska Life Certificate is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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October 26, 1915

14-1

Mrs. Anabel Read Scott,

Katalla, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 20th, with reference to the length of the school month in the public schools of Alaska.

In reply I am enclosing herewith a copy of a supplement to the "Circular of Information, and Regulations concerning the Administration of Schools outside of Incorporated Towns," issued Nov. 20, 1913, for your guidance, and that of the board of school directors of your district. This circular, I believe, answers your various queries.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc. Governor

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October 26, 1915

14-1

Mr. J. G. Morey,

Chitina, Alaska,

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of Oct. 18th, in which you request information as to the meaning of "nine months school, or 180 days taught."

In reply, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a supplement to "Circular of Information, and Regulations Concerning the Administration of the Schools Outside of Incorporated towns," issued Nov. 20, 1913, which, I believe, will furnish you the information that you ask for.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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October 27, 1915

15-2

Mr. W. T. Burris,
Dean College for Teachers,
University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of October sixteenth, I am enclosing herewith certain circulars which will afford you the information you desire with respect to the granting of teachers certificates in this Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Encs.

Governor

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October 28, 1915

14-1

Mr. U. S. Rush, Director,

Kasaan School District,

Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have, for acknowledgment, your letter of October 21st, with preliminary estimate of funds required for the maintenance of the school in your district.

In reply, I have to advise you that, before a requisition can be made on the Treasury Department for the amount specified, this office must be in receipt of a duly signed estimate of expenses, the amount needed for each item of expense being plainly stated.

I must say, however, that the item of $350 for repairs to the school-house and outbuildings will be allowed in your estimate, and, I assume, that you can proceed with these repairs at once. The amounts required for fuel and light should be segregated, as also the teacher's salary and janitor service, before they can be passed upon.

I note that you say there will be about ten children to attend the school, and possibly fourteen. As you are, no doubt,

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aware, the school law requires that there shall be at least twenty white children of school age residing within the proposed school district before it can be established by the clerk of the court. As your district was only recently established, may I ask for an explanation as to why there has been a falling off of nearly fifty per cent. of the children of school age heretofore reported to be residing within the school district.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

October 29, 1915

14-3

Mr. V. I. Hahn,

Chairman of the Board of Education,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 27th, in which you submit some queries in connection with the act of the Territorial Legislature, session of 1913, to provide for the compulsory education of the children of Alaska. Replying to your questions categorically, I wish to say:

1. The law is assumed to be valid. It has not been disallowed by the Congress. On the other hand, it has never been tested, so far as this office is advised, and it may be possible that, if suit were brought to test its validity, it might be declared invalid. However, this is merely assumption on my part; and, in any event, the law is valid until declared otherwise.

2. A course of study equal to that covered by the public schools of the Territory, is construed by this office as meaning the eight grades usually taught in the graded schools of Alaska. This would seem, in my opinion, to be

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child who is delinquent, would be competent, as both are presumed to have an equal interest in the child's welfare.

8. The state of health of a parent may have some bearing on the case of a child, in that it might be required to perform work at home which would operate against its regular attendance at school. But, it seems to me that the parent who has the right interest in the child, should aid the child to secure the benefits of an education. Therefore, this is a matter which I do not think this office is competent to decide without being in full possession of all the facts in the premises.

It is a matter to be regretted that there is generally more or less friction in schools of all kinds. This seems to be a matter of psychology, in many instances; but why intelligent, or even sane, people should object to the attendance of their children at school, I cannot imagine. The different incorporated towns of Alaska, as a rule, make excellent provision for the education of their children. The schools outside of incorporated towns are liberally provided for; and, it is my opinion that, as it is the duty of the state to educate the children of the state, it is also the duty of school boards to see that the children of their communities take the fullest advantage of the opportunity to receive an education thus afforded. Friction, of course, should

the plain intent of the law.

3. It is the opinion of this office that, if a family lives outside of the two-mile limit of a town, even though not within the reach of any other school, no steps can be taken to bring the children of such family within the jurisdiction of the law. It would seem, according to section one of the law in question that it only applies to children "residing within two miles of any school outside of an incorporated town, where a school to which such child is entitled to admission, is maintained, or within the limits of an incorporated town, etc." It would, therefore, seem as though the school board had no authority over children living outside of the corporate limits of a town.

4. The certificate of a physician would be competent, showing the physical or mental condition of a child, as a reason for its non-attendance at school.

5. It is the opinion of this office that, where a United States Commissioner refuses to take action toward enforcing the law, upon sufficient complaint being laid before him, an appeal to a higher court would be the remedy.

6. An appeal from a Commissioner's decision may be taken to the District Court.

7. A parent, if not satisfied with the decision of a commissioner, may also appeal to a higher court.

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should be avoided at all times wherever possible, and a policy of conciliation is frequently much better than one of compulsion; and compulsory measures should be invoked only when all other means fail to produce the end sought.

I am writing you thus frankly as one who believes that the children of Alaska are entitled to the very best educational advantages that can be procured for them. They are the men and women of the future who must assume the full duties of citizenship in the coming years, and who should be prepared to discharge its responsibilities in a capable and intelligent manner; and, to do this, an education is a positive requirement.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

October 29, 1918

15-8

Professor L. D. Henderson,

Superintendent Juneau Public Schools,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith letter of the first instant, addressed to this office by Marie L. Warnecke, Martha M. Kimball, and Jane R. Fowler, who request certain information in regard to matters of school administration in this Territory, and a copy of the reply addressed by this office to Miss Warnecke is also enclosed for your information.

If the general statements contained in the letter to Miss Warnecke do not fully cover the situation, as far as the Juneau schools are concerned, will you kindly write Miss Warnecke, at your convenience, giving her such further information as your judgment may dictate?

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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October 20, 1915

15-8

Miss Marie L. Warneke, Chairman,
Special Committee of High School Woman's League,
Manual Training High School,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information relating to certain matters in connection with the school administration in this Territory.

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 only a very general supervision. The courses of study are not standardized, and there is no established "school system," each school being more or less of an independent entity. There are few woman's clubs in Alaska, and, so far as this office is informed, there is but little attempt on the part of these clubs to co-operate with the women teachers in the schools.

The school term, in most of the Alaska schools, begins early in September and ends the latter part of May or the first of June following. Appointments of teachers are usually made at sometime during the months of June, July and August.

This office does not know of any schools where it is the practice to serve lunches in the school building; nor, so far as this office is informed, is there any particular attention given to the teaching of sex hygiene in the high schools.

Your letter is being referred to Prof. L. D. Henderson, Superintendent of the Juneau Public Schools, with the request that he furnish you with such information regarding the administration of the schools under his supervision as may not be included in the general statements above given.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

November 1, 1915

15-1

Miss C. Florence Keller,

Box E, Bovey, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting information with regard to the white schools of this Territory.

Enclosed herewith you will find 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.

The certificate which you hold would, no doubt, entitle you to an Alaska permit should you obtain employment in one of the Alaska schools. These permits are issued only to teachers who secure such employment.

Respectfully yours,

Enc. Secretary to the Governor

November 4, 1918

18-1

Miss Agnes Wickes,

Shoshone, Idaho

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the "Superintendent of Public Instruction," has been received.

The employment of teachers in the white schools of this territory is left entirely to the school boards, and it is seldom that this office is called upon to assist in securing teachers. At the present time, no vacancies are known of.

The Alaska School Law authorizes the Governor to issue rules and regulations governing the examination and certification of teachers; no formal rules or regulations have as yet been issued. As most of the teachers employed in these schools come from the states and hold certificates or diplomas obtained there, the permits to teach in the Alaska schools are usually issued upon such certificates or diplomas.

There is no teachers' agency in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 1, 1915

15-1

Miss Mildred Gould,

Flora, Illinois

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting information with respect to the schools of Alaska.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter form which contains a complete list of the white schools of the Territory, and some information concerning them. Teachers' permits or certificates are issued only to persons who have been employed to teach in the Alaska schools. As a rule, these permits are issued upon presentation of a state certificate or diploma. As practically all of the teachers in the Alaska schools hold certificates or diplomas obtained in the states, no regulations have as yet been issued providing for examinations for certificates.

The certificate which you hold would, no doubt, entitle you to an Alaska permit should you secure employment in one of the Alaska schools.

Respectfully yours,

Enc. Secretary to the Governor

November 1, 1918

18-1

Miss Frances H. Marsh,

Cardiff-by-the-Sea,

California

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, making application for a teacher's certificate for Alaska, and requesting information with regard to the opportunities for teachers in the Nelson schools of this territory.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, which contains a complete list of the white schools of the Territory, explains with regard to the issuance of teachers' permits, and gives some other information with regard to these schools. Teachers' permits are only issued to those teachers who have actually been employed to teach in one of the white schools of the Territory. The diploma and certificate which you hold would entitle you to an Alaska permit, should you secure employment in one of the Alaska schools.

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As stated in the circular enclosed, the employment of teachers is left entirely to the school boards, and this office is seldom called upon to assist in this respect. As a general rule, the various school boards receive many more applications than they are able to take care of.

Respectfully yours,

Enc. Secretary to the Governor

November 2, 1918

14-1

Mr. L. M. Drury, Clerk,

Fairbanks Creek School District,

Meehan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October eighth, together with an estimate of funds necessary to establish and maintain a school for a term of six months in the Fairbanks Creek School District.

In reply I have to advise you that this office has received no advice from the Clerk of the Fourth Judicial Division, relative to the establishment of the Fairbanks Creek School District, your letter being the first intimation that has been received, that a district had been created. No action can, therefore, be taken until this office has been advised by the Clerk of the Court of the creation of said district. It is suggested that you take up the matter with the Clerk of the Court at Fairbanks.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

November 2, 1915

15-2

Mr. Herbert A. Diehl,

528 Walnut Street,

South Bethlehem, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 23d, in which you ask if this office will approve a West Chester, Pa., State Normal School Certificate without requiring you to take further examination.

In reply I have to advise you that, should you secure a school in Alaska, a permit to teach for a period of two years, will be issued to you upon presentation of your Pennsylvania diploma.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular, for your further information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 2, 1915

15-8

Professor L. D. Henderson,
Superintendent,
Juneau Public Schools,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter from Mrs. I. F. McEnnery, of Hoboken, New Jersey, which is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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November 2, 1915

15-1

Mr. Ralph V. Camper,
Williams,
Colusa County,
California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, requesting information regarding the Alaska schools.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter form used by this office, which contains a complete list of the white schools of the Territory, as well as considerable information with regard to them, the certificates of teachers, etc.

Six of the schools in the incorporated towns in the Territory employ five or more teachers, the salaries of the principals ranging from $1,215 to $2,500 for the school year (nine months). The location of these schools and the salaries paid to the principals are as follow:

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| Douglas, | 7 teachers; | salary of principal | $1,215 |
| Fairbanks, | 7 teachers; | do | $2,500 |
| Juneau, | 14 teachers; | do | $2,400 |
| Ketchikan, | 6 teachers; | do | $1,400 |
| Nome | 6 teachers; | do | $2,500 |
| Valdez, | 5 teachers; | do | $2,[illegible] |

As stated in the circular enclosed, the employment of teachers is left entirely to the school boards. There is no

teachers' agency in this territory, and this office is seldom called upon to assist in securing teachers.

Respectfully yours,

Enc. Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Ethel Jeannette Bennett, of Anchorage, Alaska, who, having presented a State of California Normal School Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this second day of November, 1914.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of California
Normal School Diploma,
dated June 7, 1912.

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November 2, 1915

15-2

Miss Ethel Jeannette Bennett,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, also the California State Normal School diploma referred to therein.

In response to your request, an Alaska teacher's permit has been issued to you this date for the usual period of two years. The permit is enclosed herewith. Your California diploma is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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November 2, 1915

18-1

Miss Alice May Dowell,

2847 Franklin Avenue, north,

Seattle, Washington

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 26th, with reference to securing a position as teacher in one of the schools of Alaska, preferably a graded school.

In reply I have to advise you that the appointments for the current school year have all been made, so far as this office is advised. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular giving general information concerning the schools of Alaska. I would suggest that you write to the school boards of the various towns, with a view to securing a position next year. This office does not employ teachers, they being employed exclusively by the school boards of the respective districts.

Mr. George W. Evans spoke very highly of you to me during a recent visit to Juneau, and it will give me pleasure to recommend you as a teacher should an opportunity arise.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc. Governor

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November 3, 1915

15-5

Mr. Paul Yates, Manager,

The Yates-Fisher Teachers' Agency,

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting to be furnished with a copy of the annual directory of the schools of Alaska.

In reply you are advised that a directory of the schools of this Territory is not published. Brief mention is made of the white schools of the Territory in the Governor's annual report on conditions in the Territory, and a list of the schools is given therein; but, aside from this, no report is published with regard to the schools.

There is enclosed herewith 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.

Trusting that this may be of some assistance to you, I am,

Respectfully yours,

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Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

November 5, 1915

14-1

Mr. Nicolai Sucheremkin,

Treasurer Ousinkie School District,

Ousinkie (via Kodiak), Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your "Report of Qualification and Receipt of Funds from Outgoing Treasurer," the same showing transfer to you of $52.30, unexpended funds from the school year 1914-15.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for the maintenance of your school for the year 1915-16. The net amount asked for is $1,276.45, which, with the unexpended balance of $52.30 from the previous year, will give your district a total of $1,328.75 for use during the current school year.

When you receive the United States Treasury warrant, covering the requisition above mentioned, please advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant, and the date on which it is received by you.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of regulations issued by this office, and your attention is directed, in particular, to the regulations which refer to the duties of treasurers.

Respectfully, yours,

Enc. Secretary to the Governor.

November 5, 1915

14-1

Mrs. Jack McLean, Treasurer,

Chatanika School District,

Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a requisition of this date for funds for your school district for the school year 1915-16, the net amount asked for being $2,24.95. This requisition is made upon the basis of the letter addressed to you by this office under date of Aug. 16th last, in which you were advised as to certain changes made by the Governor in the estimates submitted by the board. When you receive the United States Treasury warrant covering the requisition, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant, and the date of its receipt by you.

This office is still awaiting the receipt from you of your "Report of Qualification, and Receipt of Funds from Outgoing Treasurer," regarding which a letter was written you on October 23d.

We are also awaiting the receipt of the board's report showing the name of the teacher employed for the current school year. Blanks for this report were sent to the Clerk of the School Board some time ago. Two blanks are enclosed herewith, and it is requested that you see the Clerk of the School Board immediately upon receipt of this letter, and ascertain whether or not the report has been mailed. If it has not been mailed, kindly give the enclosed blanks to the Clerk with the request that the report be made out at once. One copy should be forwarded to this office and the other filed with the records of the school district.

Respectfully yours,

Encs. Secretary to the Governor

November 6, 1915

14-1

Mr. G. L. Magill, Teacher,

Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 14th, with reference to school conditions in your district, and the multiplicity of holidays of the Russian Church.

I regret very much that there should be any friction between the school and the church in the matter of holidays. Manifestly, the observance of the holidays of the Russian Church cannot be interfered with by any secular authority. The holidays to be observed in the public schools of Alaska, besides the regular Saturdays, and the Christmas and Easter vacations, are noted in Chapter 2, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, the following being the legal holidays: Sunday, first day of January, commonly called New Year's Day; Fourth day of July; 22d day of February; the first Monday in September, commonly called Labor Day; the eighteenth day of October, commonly called Alaska Day; the 25th day of December, commonly called Christmas Day; and any day designated by public proclamation of the chief executive of the United States or of the Territory, as a legal holiday, or a day of thanksgiving;

the day known and observed as Memorial or Decoration Day; and the day on which a general election is held throughout the Territory.

I have to advise you that a spirit of conciliation be adopted between you, as teacher, and the Russian clergyman, if such a thing be possible, to the end that the children who worship in the Russian Church may not only do so, but attend school as well. I feel impelled to advise this because of the success of a similar plan adopted by the teacher at Ninilchik, where the population is largely Russian. The teacher arranged with the priest so that the children could attend Church in the early morning on Russian holidays, and attend school during the balance of the day. Can you not make a similar arrangement at Kenai?

If such an arrangement could be made, the progress and welfare of the school would be greatly enhanced. You will readily understand that the laws of the United States do not interfere with the observance of holidays by any sect, and it is right that they should not. On the other hand, by mutual co-operation, and a spirit of forbearance, it seems to me the children of the Kenai public school could attent the services of their church and the public school without conflicting materially with the interests of either. You

are advised to use patience, tolerance and forbearance, and the exercise of sound judgment in meeting the difficulty by which you and the people of your school district seem to be confronted.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 9, 1915

14-1

Mr. B. H. Durkee, Treasurer,

Katalla, School District,

Katalla, Alaska

My dear Mr. Durkee:

Under date of August seventh last, a letter was addressed to you with respect to certain irregularities in your accounts for the school year 1914-15, but as yet no reply has been received to that letter. As you know, your accounts cannot be approved until the irregularities referred to in the letter of August seventh have been satisfactorily explained.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly give this matter your immediate attention.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 9, 1915

15-1

Miss Mary Elizabeth Redford,

2115 Pierce Avenue,

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 26th, with enclosures, and photograph of yourself.

In reply I have to advise you that I am not quite sure, from the tenor of your letter, whether you wish to secure a position in the native schools of Alaska under the United States Bureau of Education, or in the white schools of the Territory, in incorporated towns or in those maintained outside of such communities. If it is your desire to engage in native school work, your application should be filed with Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education, whose address is L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash. If, on the contrary, you are seeking a position in the white schools, I am enclosing herewith, for your information, copy of a circular containing a list of schools in this Territory, both in incorporated towns and in school districts outside of incorporated communities. I have further to advise you that this office does not employ teachers, such selection

being made, in every case, by the boards of school directors for the different school districts, to whom you should apply.

I note what you say with reference to a school library, and I may say that it is very praiseworthy on your part to offer such a collection for the purposes mentioned, and I have no doubt that, should you secure a position as teacher in a school in Alaska, the school board would, no doubt, be pleased to consider your plan for establishing a library in the school district. Your selections of books seem to have been carefully made.

If I can be of any further service to you, advise me.

I am returning herewith enclosures which you forwarded, together with your photograph.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Encs. Governor

November 9, 1915

14-1

Mr. Karl A. Petterson,

Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 15th, in which you ask for certain information concerning the laws governing the Territorial schools of Alaska; that is, the schools outside of incorporated communities.

In reply to your several questions, I have to advise you that the public schools of Alaska are not required to close on account of sectarian holidays of any church in Alaska. Besides the usual Christmas and Easter holidays, the following are legal holidays: Sunday, New Year's Day, Fourth of July, 22d of February; first Monday in September, commonly called Labor Day; 18th day of October, commonly called Alaska Day; Christmas Day, and any day designated by public proclamation of the chief executive of the United States or of the Territory, as a legal holiday or a day of thanksgiving; the day known and observed as Memorial or Decoration Day, and the day on which general election is held throughout the Territory.

You will, therefore, notice that the law does not recognize any religious holiday or fast day except such as may be noted above. Chapter 44, of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, provides for the compulsory education of the children of Alaska; and, if parents or guardians permit their children to be absent from school for a total of five days on which sessions are held, during any one school quarter, without legal excuse or permit, they may be prosecuted under this act and be punished by a fine of not less than $5 nor more than $20, and the cost of the prosecution.

A man is not qualified to act as a member of a school board unless he be a citizen of the United States; a native born man or woman, of good moral character and well qualified for this position, may be elected to a school board, provided he or she be a citizen.

Recently I advised your teacher, Mr. Magill, concerning a number of matters affecting the welfare of your school. I trust that all friction may be avoided in its conduct, and that a spirit of conciliation will be adopted to the end that the school does not suffer by reason of strife or friction therein.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

November 9, 1918.

14-1

Mr. Merle V. Daveler,

Clerk, Thane School District,

Thane, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This office is unofficially advised that Mr. Robert A. Semple, Director of the Thane School District, has removed from the district. This being the case, the office of Director is vacant, and the School Board should post notices calling for a special election to fill the vacancy. The proceeding should be similar to that of a regular election, three judges being designated by the Board, and the judges should issue a certificate of election which, with the oath of office of the newly elected director, should be sent to the Clerk of the Court at Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

October 10, 1918

14-3

Mr. V. I. Hahn, Chairman,

Board of Education,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the eighth instant, with further reference to the compulsory education of the children of Alaska, as provided by Chapter 44, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, and other kindred matters. Section two of this law reads:

> "That every parent, guardian, or other person having possession or control of any white child, or child of mixed blood living a civilized life, x x x who shall, without legal excuse, permit such child to be absent from school for a total of five days on which sessions are held, during any one quarter, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine of not less than $5 nor more than $20, and the cost of the prosecution, and shall be imprisoned in the federal jail until such fine and costs are paid. x x x Provided further, that the court may suspend sentence, stay or postpone the enforcement of execution, or release from custody any person found guilty in any case under this act, upon such condition as shall seem to be to the best interests of the child and family, under the circumstances, but no sentence shall be suspended, or final judgment or execution stayed in the case of any person found guilty under this act, for a period to exceed the end of the school year during which such person is convicted."

In my letter to you of October 29th, I stated that "the state of health of a parent may have some bearing on the case of a child, in that it may be required to perform work at home which would operate against its regular attendance at school." I did not mean to convey the idea, however, that a condition such as described, namely, the health of a parent, could be construed as suspending the operation of the law. It is true that the law takes no cognisance of the state of health of a parent, and, under the law, a child may not absent itself from school for more than five days in three months. The school month containing, on an average, 20 days, this would mean that the child may absent itself from school one day in twelve, but no more without contravening the compulsory school law.

So far as I am advised, no attempt has been made to enforce the school law through the courts, as stated in my recent letter, and it may be possible that, if suit were brought to test its validity, it might be declared invalid.

In conclusion, I may say to you frankly that I believe, where parents will not permit their children to attend school, they certainly should be compelled to do so through the action of the law, as a last resort. I may add that I cannot conceive how a parent would wilfully deprive a child of school advantages, but, unfortunately, I know there are such people.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor ex-officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

November 10, 1915

15-1

Miss Abbie A. Crepean,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fifth instant, making application for a position as teacher in the school at Anchorage, Alaska. Your letter is being forwarded to the Clerk of the Anchorage School Board, as this office exercises no function in connection with the employment of teachers.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries. This may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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November 10, 1915

15-1

Mr. A. J. Wendler,

Clerk of the School Board,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to this office by Miss Abbie A. Crepean, Skagway, Alaska, making application for a position as teacher in the school at Anchorage. Miss Crepean has been advised that her letter is being forwarded to you.

Since this office exercises no function in connection with the employment of teachers, will you kindly advise Miss Crepean as to the action taken by your board on her application?

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Mrs. Mary B. Delehanty, of Council, Alaska, who, having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and a statement supported by corroborative testimony of others, as to her experience in teaching, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for a period to terminate June 1, 1926, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this thirtieth day of September, 1925.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

November 12, 1915.

15-2

Mrs. Mary B. Delehanty,

Council, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Through an inadvertence the teacher's permit issued to you on September 30th last was written to show the date of expiration as June 1, 1915, instead of June 1, 1916. A new permit has been signed by the Governor, showing the proper expiration date, and it is enclosed herewith. Will you kindly mail to this office the other one, using the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
Governor's office
Juneau

November 12, 1915.

14-3

The Clerk of the School Board,

Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find blank for reporting names of teachers employed in your school. A similar report was sent in some time ago, with the annual statistical report, but it has been found that some of the boards have made changes in the personnel of the teaching force since that date, and as it is desired to have an accurate list of all teachers you are requested to send in the report at this time, showing the names of all teachers now employed in your school.

If any of your teachers have not yet arranged for Alaska permits, they should do so without delay.

In sending in the report asked for above, kindly use the enclosed franked and addressed envelope, which requires no postage.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encls.

MAILED NOV. 13 to Clerks at Cordova, Douglas, Fairbanks, Haines, Iditarod, Ketchikan, Nome, Petersburg, Seward, Skagway, Tanana, Valdez and Wrangell.

November 13, 1915.

14-1

Mr. R. W. DeArmond,

Clerk, Sitka School Board,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On August 18 last you sent to this office a report of the names of the teachers who had been employed to teach in the Sitka school for the school year 1915-16, as follows:

Miss Lucile E. Hodgins

" Alta Harris

" Flora Englerth

Will you please advise if Miss Englerth actually assumed her duties as teacher, or if someone else was selected? Miss Hodgins, Miss Harris, and a Miss Annie Murphy, all of Sitka, have applied for and received Alaska teachers' permits, while no application has as yet been received from Miss Englerth; which probably is accounted for by the fact that Miss Murphy was appointed in place of Miss Englerth. We desire an accurate record, hence this inquiry.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss MINA BELL SOWERBY, of Juneau, Alaska, who, having presented a University of Washington Five-year Certificate dated June 17, 1914, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twentieth day of September, 1915.

Governor, ex-officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

University of Washington
Five-year Certificate,
dated June 17, 1914

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November 12, 1915.

15-2

Miss Mina Bell Sowerby,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Through an oversight the permit issued to you on the 20th of September was not dated. Another one has been prepared and signed, and is enclosed herewith. Will you kindly mail the former one in the enclosed envelope, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Governor.

Encl.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
JUNEAU

November 15, 1915

15-2

The Clerk of the School Board,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of office letter of September 15, 1915, addressed to all school boards with respect to the issuance of teachers' permits to all teachers employed in the white schools of Alaska.

This office has not as yet received an application for a permit from the teacher employed in your school. It is requested that you take this matter up at once with the teacher and see that the application is made without further delay.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

Fox, Knik, McCarthy,
Ruby, Sannak, Scow
Bay, Unga, Chatanika

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November 15, 1915

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Clerk of the School Board,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter dated September 15, 1915, addressed to all school boards, with respect to the issuance of Alaska permits to all teachers employed in the white schools of this territory. This office has not as yet received an application from Mr. and Mrs. McGinley, who are employed as teachers in your school. You are requested to take this matter up with them at once to the end that their applications may be forwarded without further delay.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

November 16, 1918

14-1

Miss Alyce E. Anderson, Teacher,

Nunilchic, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 23d, with reference to school matters in your district. With your well known capability, I always feel that affairs in your district will be managed most creditably and with efficiency. I wish that this statement could apply to all the schools where there is a large Russian population. I regret to state that some of the teachers seem to lack your tact, discretion and judgment, and are continually clashing with the priest in charge, or some of the parents of the children who attend their schools. The matter of the Russian-Greek Church holidays is causing some difficulty in one or two districts, and recently I wrote them, advising them of the way you handled that delicate matter, and the success that you had achieved. I trust that they will profit by it. I know that teachers, situated as you are, must, in order to be successful, use rare discretion and the best of judgment.

I regret to note that the two youngsters who were of such help to you in the spreading of the English language, are not attending your school. However, I am sure that you will make the best of every situation as it arises.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 16, 1915

15-1

Mr. James M. McDonald,

Wahoo, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 25th, in which you ask for information concerning the public schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that the public schools of Alaska, are divided into three classes, namely, white schools maintained in incorporated towns, white schools outside of incorporated towns, and native schools. The white schools, both in incorporated towns, and outside of incorporated communities, are controlled directly by boards of trustees, or school directors. The schools in incorporated towns are supported, in part, by moneys received from federal license taxes within the town, and, in part, by direct taxation; schools outside of incorporated towns are maintained by money appropriated by the United States Government; native schools are under the direction of the United States Bureau of Education, and the cost of their maintenance

is defrayed by direct appropriation of Congress.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of school circular issued by this office, for your further information.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ELEANOR HILDA CLARKE, of Kennecott, Alaska, who, having presented a British Columbia Provincial Normal School Life Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eighteenth day of November, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

British Columbia
Provincial Normal
School Life Diploma
dated May 14, 1915.

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. JOSEPHINE TUPPER, who, having presented a Washington State Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eighteenth day of November, 1918.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State
Diploma, dated
June 2, 1915

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS FLORENCE GERTRUDE SMITH, who, having presented a Iowa State Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eighteenth day of November, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Iowa State Diploma
dated July 15, 1915

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ANNA M. KARRER, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who, having presented a State of Washington Life Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eighteenth day of November, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Washington
Life Diploma, dated
June 15, 1907.

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS EONE JONES, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who, having presented a Colorado State Normal School Life Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eighteenth day of November, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Colorado State
Normal School
Life Diploma dated
November 24, 1911.

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS DAPHNE I. MOODY, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who, having presented a Certificate of Graduation of the University of California, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eighteenth day of November, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Certificate of Graduation of the University of California, dated May 11, 1915.

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MR. RALPH B. MATHEWS, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who, having presented an Oregon State Teacher's Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eighteenth day of November, 1918.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Oregon State
Teacher's Certificate,
dated Sept. [illegible], 1914.

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MR. F. X. KARRER, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who, having presented a Washington State Life Diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eighteenth day of November, 1918.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Washington
Life Diploma, dated
June 15, 1918.

November 19, 1915.

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Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman,

Clerk, Fairbanks School Board,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22nd ultimo, addressed to the Governor, stating that the teachers employed in the Fairbanks public school have filed with you their State certificates, and requesting that Alaska permits be issued to them upon the information contained in your letter, without requiring the certificates to be forwarded to this office.

The Governor on yesterday issued permits to all of the teachers whose names were given in your letter, and the permits are enclosed herewith, with the request that you kindly deliver them to the teachers.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

7 enclosures.

November 19, 1915.

15-2

Miss Eleanor Hilda Clarke,

Salt Spring Island, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith is an Alaska teacher's permit which was issued to you on yesterday by the Governor, in accordance with your verbal request. The certificates and other credentials which you mailed to this office for examination are being returned to you under separate cover at the above address. Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and the returned credentials, and oblige,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

November 19, 1915

14-1

Mr. S. O. Casler,

School Director

Unga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 29th, in reply to a letter addressed to the board of trustees, Unga school district, by this office on September 30, with an anonymous enclosure which had been received from Unga and forwarded to you for your information.

In reply I have to thank you for your comprehensive statement. I fully appreciate the difficulties that are constantly arising in all communities, not only in connection with schools, but in most affairs of government. I also understand that there is much exaggeration, and many untruthful statements and allegations find currency as truth. Of course, you will understand that no one should take cognizance of anonymous letter writers, and this office did not do so, the letter being forwarded to you simply for your information. Your lucid statement, however, I may say is entirely satisfactory, and I have no doubt that the school board is exercising its best judgment in the discharge of its duties.

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I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

November 19, 1918

14-1

Mr. M. D. Snodgrass,

Clerk of the School Board,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October thirtieth, with reference to conditions existing in the Kodiak schools, etc.

I have to thank you for your prompt and comprehensive reply. Your statement seems to cover fully the points raised in my letter to you, and I wish to say that it is satisfactory to this office.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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November 19, 1915

14-1

Mr. O. L. Grimes,
Clerk of the School Board,
Ouzinkie (via Kodiak), Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 26, with reference to admitting children to the Ouzinkie school who reside outside of your district, and asking the opinion of this office in the premises.

In reply I have to advise you that the admission of children who reside outside of a school district is a matter entirely within the school board's jurisdiction, the school board being far better acquainted with local conditions, the attendance at the school, etc., than this office can possibly be. Usually, however, I may say that, where it is possible to admit children residing outside of the district, it should be done, provided that it does not interfere with the educational progress of the children residing within the district. To refuse them admittance would be to place a bar upon their securing educational advantages for which they are in no way responsible, and the matter should be judged from a broad point of view.

I am, Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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Juneau, November 19, 1915. O. R. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

SECRETARY INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, DC.

Request telegraphic advice as to balance of funds in school section of Alaska Fund now available for requisition.

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.

14-1

Juneau, November 20, 1915. O. B. Via mail from Nome.

Samuel Magids, School Treasurer,

Kiana.

Seem as your estimates received requisition will be made for maintenance school Kiana for term of seven months beginning November fifteenth.

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.

November 20, 1915

15-2

Mr. W. A. Jessup,

State University of Iowa,

Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November eleventh, in which you request a list of certain examination questions as used in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, as we have no normal schools or universities in Alaska, teachers employed in the public schools are usually graduates of some normal school or university in the United States. For this reason, examination questions to be submitted to teachers have never been prepared.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 20, 1915

15-8

Mr. E. M. Lehnerts,

The University of Minnesota,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The receipt isacknowledged of your letter of the tenth instant, in which you ask for information, publications, etc., concerning Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I am transmitting herewith copies of a circular containing information on Alaska, and the agricultural report of Alaska for the year 1914 (the latest available); also the last mineralogical report issued by the Geological Survey.

Expressing the hope that these pamphlets may be of some service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

November 22, 1928

14-1

Mrs. E. J. Nelson,

Postmistress,

Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Mr. U. S. Rush, director of the Kasaan school district, advises me, under date of November twelfth, that you may be able to give the exact number of white children residing in your school district, between the ages of six and twenty years. This information is required for official purposes.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

November 20, 1915

14-1

Mr. S. O. Casler,

School Director,

Unga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By reference from the Clerk of the Court of the Third Judicial Division, this office is in receipt of a letter from you dated October 29th, in which you ask that certification be made to the National Bank of Commerce at Seattle that Mr. J. O. Foster has been duly elected as Treasurer of the Unga school board.

In reply I have to advise you that the bank has been notified to this effect this date.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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November 20, 1918

14-1

The National Bank of Commerce,

Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that John O. Foster was elected treasurer of the Unga-Peninsula school district, on April 12, 1915. He took the oath of office on the same date, and on April 14th he executed his official bond in the sum of $5,000, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Valdez, on May 17, 1915, and approved by the Clerk on the same date. Certified copies of the election papers and bond are on file in this office, and the foregoing data has been taken from them.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

November 22, 1915

14-1

Mr. W. H. Seagrave, Treasurer,

Blackburn School District,

Kennecott, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Miss Eleanor Hilda Clarke, who passed through Juneau a few days ago on route South, applied to this office for a teacher's certificate, explaining that she did so at your suggestion, arrangements having been made for her employment as teacher of the Blackburn school, of which she stated she expected to take charge early in December. A certificate was issued to Miss Clarke upon the credentials which she presented, and the same has been forwarded to her at Salt Spring Island, B. C.

There is enclosed herewith blank form, in duplicate, for reporting to this office the names of teachers employed. If the Blackburn school district has arranged to employ Miss Clarke in place of Miss Dennis, the form enclosed should be made out at the proper time, and one copy should be forwarded

to this office, and the other filed with the school records. The report should show the exact date on which Miss Clarke assumes her duties as teacher. It is also suggested that notation be made on the report as to the reason for the change in teachers.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

November 23, 1915

15-1

Miss Gladys Kaye,

1001 Spring Street,

Lewistown, Montana

Dear Madam:

Your inquiry of the thirteenth instant about schools in Alaska, is received, and in response to your request for printed matter, there is attached hereto a circular letter form issued by this office which, it is hoped, will give you the information desired.

It is possible that the salaries paid teachers in Alaska are better than those paid throughout the West, but the difference is not great.

Up to the present time, very little attention has been given to physical training and supervised play.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1915.

14-1

Mr. John O. Foster,

Treasurer, Unga-Peninsula School District,

Unga, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find copy of supplemental requisition of this date for the sum of $234.84 additional funds for your school for the current year, which is based upon your Board's letter of October 20 last and the statement accompanying same.

This office cannot guarantee that the full amount will be allowed by the Department at Washington, but it is believed that the allowance will be made. When you receive the Treasury warrant, kindly advise this office, giving the number and amount of the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. The amount ($234.84) has been arbitrarily divided into the three items shown in the copy of requisition, simply for the purpose of furnishing some explanation to the Department as to what the money is needed for; but the Board will not be required to adhere to this division in making its expenditures of this particular amount. It can all be used for repairs, or for any other purpose required, or for several objects of expenditure, so long as it is used for items covered by the Board's estimates as approved by this office.

November 24, 1915

15-8

The Studebaker Corporation,

South Bend, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your inquiry of the eleventh instant, you are advised that the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, does not publish a report on school work in the Territory. You are further advised that none of the school districts in the Territory provide transportation for pupils, and there are no school supply houses at the present time in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1915

14-1

Mr. Samuel Magids, Treasurer,

Kiana School District,

Kiana (Via Nome), Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the 17th instant this office received your telegram of the 15th, addressed to the Governor and reading as follows:

> "Requisition en route asking for twenty-four hundred dollars. Will amount be allowed? School started today. Wire."

On the 20th instant, the Governor replied by wire to Nome, as follows:

> "Soon as your estimates received, requisition will be made for maintenance school, Kiana, for term of seven months beginning November fifteenth."

Your telegram did not state what length of time was intended to be covered by the requisition which has been forwarded by the board. The seven-month term authorized by the Governor, will run the school to the latter part of May or early June, thus bringing it to a close at about the same time as the other schools of the Territory. As you are no doubt aware, it is customary for schools to open in September and

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close the latter part of May or early June following, thus providing a nine-month term. It is altogether probable, however, that the term of the school year 1916-17 will have to be somewhat shortened throughout the Territory in order to insure sufficient funds for maintaining the nearly forty schools now in existence. Due notice as to this, however, will be given to all school boards at a later date.

When your estimates have been received and the Governor has made a requisition covering same, a copy of the requisition will be mailed to you for your information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 24, 1915

15-9

The Bobbs-Merrill Company,

Indianapolis, Indiana

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of "The Use of Money," by Dr. E. A. Kirkpatrick, for which I thank you. It seems to me that the publication of a book of this kind, at this time, is most timely, and should result in the promotion of thrift by inquiry, discussion, and education on the part of the American people.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 24, 1915

13-1

Mr. R. S. Wheeler,

Principal, Emerson School,

Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November tenth, with reference to the applications of Miss Helen Burton, and Miss Gertrude Whiteside for positions as teachers in the public schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that appointments to the schools of Alaska are made by the school boards of the several school districts. The Misses Burton and Whiteside have been notified of this fact, and further information has been forwarded to them concerning this matter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 24, 1915

15-1

Mr. Rella V. Watt,
Royal Insurance Bldg.,
Corner Pine & Sansome streets,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 13, with reference to the applications of Miss Helen Burton, and Miss Gertrude Whiteside for positions as teachers in the public schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that appointments to the schools of Alaska are made by the school boards of the several school districts. The Misses Burton and Whiteside have been notified of this fact, and further information has been forwarded to them concerning this matter.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 24, 1915

15-1

Miss Helen Burton,

391 Adams street,

Oakland, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November seventh, in which you make application for a position in one of the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that this office does not appoint teachers to the schools of the Territory. These appointments are invariably made by the boards of school directors for the respective school districts. For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular containing information with respect to the schools in Alaska, and you are advised to write directly to the board of directors in any of the towns in which you might wish to secure a position as teacher.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc. Governor

November 24, 1915

15-1

Miss Gertrude Whiteside,

4285 Piedmont Avenue,

Oakland, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November eighth, in which you make application for a position in one of the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that this office does not appoint teachers to the schools of the Territory. These appointments are invariably made by the boards of school directors for the respective school districts. For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular containing information with respect to the schools in Alaska, and you are advised to write directly to the board of directors in any of the towns in which you might wish to secure a position as teacher.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor