

November 26, 1915

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Mr. A. W. Hendrick, President,

University of Nevada,

Reno, Nevada

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, with which you enclosed a questionnaire with respect to the public schools of this Territory.

It is impossible to answer the questionnaire in the form in which it is submitted, but the following general statement, with the figures submitted, covers the situation so far as the white schools of this Territory are concerned.

There are, at the present time, some 52 white schools in this territory, 14 of them being in incorporated towns and 38 in communities outside of incorporated towns. The incorporated towns of the Territory are authorized to levy taxes upon real and personal property to the extent of two per cent. of the assessed valuation. The moneys so derived are used for school and general municipal purposes. The usual course of procedure is for the school board to submit to the

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

city council of the incorporated town, an estimate of the requirements, and the city council passes upon the same, and makes such allowance as, in its judgment, is deemed proper, after taking into account all other municipal requirements. The revenues of the incorporated towns are considerably added to in the way of business and trade license moneys, including liquor licenses which are collected within the incorporations, and the full amount of which is covered into the municipal treasuries.

The expense of maintaining white schools outside of incorporated towns is paid from the school section of the "Alaska Fund." This fund is made up of business and trade licenses of all kinds collected under federal enactments, and includes all the collections made within the Territory except those made within the incorporated towns. 25 per cent. of the "Alaska Fund" is devoted to the maintenance of these schools.

The following table gives the figures for the white schools of the Territory, for the school year 1914-15:

Statistics of white schools of Alaska,
school year 1914-15.

Schools	No. of schools	No. of teachers	No. of pupils	Cost of maintenance
In incorporated towns	14	65	1,548	\$104,204.00
Outside of incorporated towns.....	31	40	961	61,426.93
Totals.....	45	105	2,509	165,630.93

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Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 26, 1915

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Mr. W. F. Doughty, Supt.,
State Department of Education,
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth instant, requesting to be furnished with the 1915 report of the state supervisor of high schools, or other recent publications relative to high schools in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that no publication is issued covering work in the white schools of this Territory. While the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, he exercises only a general supervision; but, as yet, no provision has been made for the preparation and printing of reports covering school work. As a consequence, no such reports are issued.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 26, 1915

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Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons,
Educational Department,
597 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your inquiry of the third instant, there
is enclosed herewith a list of the principals of the white
schools in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

November 27, 1915

15-1

Mr. Gilbert C. Woods,

Post office box 55,

Walla Walla, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 12th, in which you ask for information concerning the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that appointments to schools of Alaska are made by the school boards of the respective districts, and not by this office. For your further information, I am enclosing herewith copy of a circular containing a list of the school districts of Alaska in the incorporated towns, and outside of incorporated communities.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor



November 27, 1915

15-2

Miss Orah Dee Clark,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 13th, with reference to your securing a permit to teach in the school at Anchorage; you also state that you have written the University of Washington, asking that they send a statement to this office, concerning your credentials from that institution, and also from the office of the State Superintendent of Schools for the State of Washington.

In reply I have to advise you that, as soon as these are received, a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska will be issued to you for the term of two years, which will be forwarded in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

November 29, 1915

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 20th, with reference to your duties as to the drawing of warrants in payment of bills incurred by your school board.

In reply I have to advise you that it is the duty of the clerk of the school board to draw all warrants in payment of accounts against the board. These bills should be presented in duplicate, and their correctness certified to by the clerk and the director of the board, and then presented to the treasurer for payment. A duplicate of all bills paid by the school board should accompany the annual report of the treasurer of the board, which must be filed in this office. This system has been adopted in the different school districts of the Territory, and has been found to work satisfactorily, and, therefore, it is recommended to

your board. Of course, it is not necessary for the clerk to keep a set of books showing all the expenditures made by the board; it is also the duty of the secretary, or clerk, to keep a record of all meetings held by the board, and of the business transacted by it. The records should show the receipts as well as all expenditures authorized by the board. If this be carefully done, it will not be possible for mistakes or misunderstandings to arise.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

November 29, 1915

15-2

Mrs. C. M. Check,
Teacher, Eagle River School,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November twelfth, with reference to your securing a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. I note you say that your certificates, diplomas and records of your work as a teacher were lost on a steamer a few years ago.

I have, therefore, to advise you that, if you will forward the name of the normal school or college from which you received your certificates or diplomas, together with the date of issue, a permit to teach will be forwarded to your address, thus obviating the necessity of examination, and of making a trip to Juneau for that purpose.

Trusting that this arrangement will be satisfactory to you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Claire C. Beer, of Ketchikan, Alaska, who, having presented a Certificate of Graduation, Elementary graduate course, State Normal School of Moorhead, Minnesota, 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 thirtieth day of November, 1913.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Minnesota State Normal
School Certificate of
Graduation, dated June
14, 1907.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS NIETA IRENE MITCHELL, of Ketchikan, Alaska, who, having presented a North Dakota State First Grade Professional 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 thirtieth day of November, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

North Dakota State
First Grade Professional Certificate
(5-year) dated May
6, 1912.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss RUTH HALL, of Ketchikan, Alaska, who, having presented a Missouri State Second 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 be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this thirtieth day of November, 1912.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Missouri State
Second Grade
Certificate, dated
August 2, 1912.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss Emma Kent of Etchikan, Alaska, who, having presented a Washington State 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 be revoked for cause.

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

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State
First Grade Certificate (5 years),
dated Aug. 7, 1915.

November 30, 1915

15-2

Miss Ruth Holmes,
San Jose, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st, addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, inquiring as to the certification of teachers in the schools of Alaska.

In reply you are advised that, as practically all of the teachers now employed in Alaska schools come from the States, their certification to teach in the Alaskan schools is, as a rule, based upon certificates or diplomas granted to them in the States. The Governor, who is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, has made it a rule to issue Alaska permits only to those persons who have secured employment in the schools of the Territory. If you obtain a diploma from the State normal school at San Jose, it would entitle you to teach in the schools of this Territory, and an Alaska permit would be issued to you upon presentation of the diploma, should you secure employment in one of the schools here.

There are but few of the white schools of the Territory which give instruction in domestic science, and the school at Ketchikan is the only one in which a full course is furnished in this subject.

There is enclosed herewith a circular containing information relative to the white schools of the Territory, which may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 3, 1915

14-1

Mr. Charles J. Strandberg,
Ottar (via Iditarod), Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your report as treasurer of the Ottar school district, for the year 1914-15, was received in today's mail, and has been approved by the Governor. A formal notice of approval is enclosed herewith.

Permit me to call your attention to the fact that this office has not as yet received the annual report of the Ottar school board for the school year 1914-15. Blanks for these, and all other, reports were forwarded to the Board several months ago. However, I am enclosing blanks for this particular report herewith, and would ask that you kindly see that the report is forwarded without delay. It should be made out in duplicate, one copy being sent to this office, and the other filed with the records of the school district.

For your information, I would say that, on the representations made in your letter which accompanied the annual report, for 1914-15, the Governor has today made a requisition for funds for a 7-month school term.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 2, 1915

14-1

Mr. H. C. Dannelley, Treasurer,
Otter School District,
Otter (Via Iditarod), Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find memorandum copy of a requisition of this date, upon the Secretary of the Treasury, for funds for your school district, for the current school year.

You will note that provision has been made for a seven-month term instead of five months, as stated in telegram of August 14 and letter of August 16 to you. The change has been made in view of statements contained in a letter just received from Mr. Strandberg, former treasurer, in which he states that there are 14 children in attendance. When you receive the United States Treasury warrant covering the requisition referred to, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount of the warrant, and the date of its receipt by you.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of printed regulations, and your particular attention is invited to those portions which refer to the duties of the treasurer.

This office has not yet received your "Report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer;" nor has it received the Board's report, giving the name of the teacher employed for the current year. Blanks for these reports are enclosed, and they should be forwarded without delay.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

December 3, 1915

14-1

Mr. Charles J. Strandberg,
Discovery, Otter Creek,
Via Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October first, which reminds me that your letter was just sixty days en route between Otter Creek and Juneau.

In reply I have to advise you that a requisition has been made on the United States Treasury for a sufficient sum of money to enable your school district to maintain a school for seven months instead of five, as heretofore. The additional two months have been allowed on the showing that you made in your letter. This office had not been advised that a change had been made in the location of the school, and I trust that the additional two months of school will be of corresponding benefit to the children. If your attendance continues to be as good as it promises, next year you will undoubtedly be allowed the full school term.

I may say, in explanation of the reduction of the school term in Otter, that a grand jury sitting at Iditarod commented upon the excessive cost of educating the children of

that district, it being represented that the figure was something like \$550 per pupil. Of course, this was an excessive cost—that will be admitted—but the conditions were such that the cost was inevitable. However, it had the result of reducing the school term. In fact, it was suggested that the school be discontinued; but, as I am firmly of the opinion that the children of Alaska are entitled to as good educational advantages as can be procured for them, I compromised on a five-month school term.

Our school laws in Alaska are not as liberal as those of most of the States; as you know, a strict compliance with the law would require the presence of twenty white children in each school district before a school could be established and maintained. And, if the school law were administered literally, it would result in the closing of many schools that are now doing good work in Alaska with a lesser number of pupils than that required by law. This may be regarded as a plain and palpable evasion of the law, but, if it be so, I am willing and ready to take the responsibility. To comply with it according to the letter, would deprive, as I said, many of the children who are now growing up in Alaska, from any educational advantages whatsoever.

Expressing the hope that your school will continue to prosper, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

December 4, 1915

15-1

Mrs. John W. Percy,
5419 South Oakes Street,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 19th, in which you ask for information concerning the schools of Alaska, particularly the Cordova school.

In reply I have to state that only eight grades are taught in the schools of Cordova. High schools, however, are maintained in a number of towns in Alaska, those nearest to Cordova being Valdez and Seward, and also Juneau.

The climate about Cordova is generally like that of the rest of the Alaska coast, the precipitation being heavy both winter and summer. The climate, however, is mild, as there are few extremes of heat or cold during any season of the year.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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 SIMON W. CONWELL, of Juneau, Alaska, who, having presented a State of Iowa Provisional 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 fourth day of December, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon

Iowa State Provisional Certificate,
dated Nov. 5, 1915.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss MARGUERITE UHLER, of Heenah, Alaska, who, having presented a Washington State Secondary Normal School 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 fourth day of December, 1913.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Washington;
Secondary Normal
School Certificate
dated June 3, 1914.

December 4, 1915

15-2

Miss Marguerite Uhler,
Heemah, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, with enclosure, being a secondary normal school certificate issued by the Washington State Normal School, Bellingham, in which you ask that a permit be issued to you to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise that I am forwarding herewith a permit to teach in the schools of the Territory for a period of two years from this date. Your certificate is returned herewith.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Encs.

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December 4, 1915

15-2

Mr. John R. Bane,
Warden, Montana

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 27, with enclosures, in which you state your desire to secure a position as teacher in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that permits to teach in Alaska are only issued after a school has been secured by the applicant. In this connection, I may say that, should you secure a school in this Territory, a permit to teach will be issued to you upon presentation of your Pennsylvania credentials, or credentials from the State University of Montana.

I am returning herewith the enclosures forwarded with your letter.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Encs.

December 7, 1918

18-1

Miss Vera Hendricks,
Route 1, Box 174,
Puyallup, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your two letters of the 27th ultimo, one addressed to the Governor, and the other to the superintendent of public instruction. For your information, I will say that the Governor of Alaska is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of Alaska.

In general, the requirements for teachers in this Territory are similar to those of the State of Washington. A large percentage of the teachers employed in the Alaska schools come from the States, and are granted permits to teach in Alaska upon presentation of their state certificates.

For your further information, 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. As stated in the circular, applications should be addressed to the clerks of the school boards.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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December 7, 1915

15-1

Miss Ada M. Woods,
Oso, Washington

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise you that applications for employment in the white schools of this Territory should be made to the clerks of the various school boards. The employment of teachers being left entirely to the respective school boards, this office is seldom informed as to vacancies, and does not know of any at this time. A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at any of the places named in the enclosed circular, will reach the proper officer of the school board. Some of the school boards require a form of application to be filled out by applicants, but, in general, a letter of application, stating the qualifications and experience of the applicant, is sufficient. As a rule, the school boards arrange for teachers in May or June, since, in many cases, teachers are re-employed from year to year, and, of course, wish to know before the end of

the current school year, whether they will be employed for the ensuing year. Applications, therefore, should be sent in early in the calendar year.

Washington second grade certificates are accepted in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 7, 1915

15-3

The University of Chicago Libraries,
Chicago, Illinois

The receipt is acknowledged of your card of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the department of public instruction, requesting the favor of a copy of the Alaska course of study.

In reply I beg to say that the courses of study in the white schools of this Territory have not, as yet, been standardised. In general, however, I may say that the courses are similar to those of the States of Washington, Oregon and California, since a large number of the teachers employed in the schools of Alaska come from these three states.

For information relative to the courses of study in the native schools of the Territory, you should address the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., under whose supervision these schools are maintained.

Secretary to the Governor

December 7, 1915

15-1

Miss Jennie H. Nelson.

Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, requesting information as to the requirements for teachers in Alaska, in small towns such as Ruby, and inquiring as to how many grades there are in the school at Ruby. There are eight grades in the school at Ruby, one teacher being employed.

As a rule, the teachers employed in the Alaska schools come from the states and hold certificates or diplomas obtained there. This being the case, the Governor, who is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the white schools of the Territory, requires that persons making application for permits to teach in Alaska shall hold certificates or diplomas issued by some recognized school, or the department of education in one of the states.

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. None

of the schools in communities outside of incorporated towns
provides work beyond the eighth grade.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 9, 1915

15-3

Superintendent of Public Instruction,

Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Replying to the inquiry of your Mr. Grearhouse, you are advised that no demonstration schools are maintained in this Territory, no provision having as yet been made for the same.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to Miss ORAH DEE CLARK, of Anchorage, Alaska, who holds an Ellensburg State Normal School Diploma, of Washington, and who having presented 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 ninth day of December, 1935.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Granted upon
Ellensburg State
Normal School, of
Washington, issued
in June, 1900

December 9, 1915.

15-2

Miss Orah Dee Clark,
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed you will find Alaska Permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years, upon information furnished in letter from Mrs. Mary A. Bryan, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Washington.

A letter has also been received from the Registrar and Recorder, University of Washington, relative to your B. A. Degree obtained from that institution in June, 1906.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

December 10, 1915

15-8

Mr. Thomas D. Wood, Chairman,
Committee on Health Problems in Education,
525 West 120th Street, New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication of October 30, in which you state that your committee desires to collect all available reports and illustrative information relating to efforts that are being made to better rural school buildings, and to improve the care of the health and general welfare of rural school children.

In reply I have to advise you that the rural schools of Alaska; that is, the schools outside of incorporated towns, are in a formative stage. This is due to the newness of the country, so to speak, the sparseness of the school population, and the fact that many of the schools have been only recently established. As a rule, the school houses are as comfortable and convenient as the funds at our disposal will permit. There is, of course, ample room for improvement. Efforts are being made to provide the schools with modern equipment, and to make the school grounds attractive. An improvement, in this respect, is noted from year to year.

In only a few of the rural schools is there any medical inspection, the lack of it being due to the fact that, in many of the school districts, there is no physician; the same is also true of dental inspection, and dental care of the teeth of rural school children. The same statement will also apply to nurses in rural schools. In all the rural schools lessons on health are a feature, and the importance of hygiene and sanitation are also a part of the school curriculum.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 10, 1915

14-1

Mrs. Alyce E. Andersen,
Teacher, Ninilekic School,
Ninilekic, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Andersen:

Your telegram dated at Ninilekic on the fourth inst. has just been received, in which you advise that no school funds have as yet been received by the treasurer of the Ninilekic school district.

The requisition for funds for the Ninilekic district was signed by the Governor on September 29 last, and was certified to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Auditor for the Interior Department on October 26. It is probable that the warrant in favor of treasurer Kvamnikoff was mailed from Washington about November 1. No doubt it will have reached him before you receive this letter. A memorandum showing the amounts covered by the requisition is enclosed herewith, for your information, in the event the copy forwarded to Mr. Kvamnikoff on September 29 last may not have reached him.

Trusting that all is going well with you and the Ninilekic school, I am, with best wishes for the approaching holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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December 13, 1915

15-1

Miss Mayne Brewster,
Valley City, N. D.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 2d instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information regarding the schools of Alaska, and make particular inquiry with reference to the public schools of Juneau.

The State normal school diploma which you held would entitle you to an Alaska permit, authorizing you to teach in any of the white schools of this Territory. These permits, however, are issued only to persons who have secured employment in the Alaska schools.

The employment of teachers in the white schools of the Territory, in the incorporated towns and outside of them, is left entirely to the respective school boards. This office exercises no functions in connection therewith. Practically all of the teachers in the Alaska schools come from the States; and, while it is perhaps true that the majority are from the Pacific Coast states, yet there is quite a number from the Middle West, and some from the Atlantic Coast states.

The courses of study are not standardized, but, in general, correspond to those of the states of Washington, Oregon and California.

As a rule, teachers are only employed for one school year—nine months. Those who give satisfaction, however, are frequently employed from year to year. The president of the Juneau school board is Mr. Grover C. Winn, who can advise you as to the requirements, etc., in connection with the public schools of Juneau. Some twelve teachers are employed in these schools. As a rule, the schools outside of incorporated towns employ only one teacher.

Living expenses in Juneau; that is, the cost of room and board, average probably \$50 to \$60 a month. The average salary to grade teachers is \$108 a month.

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

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor.

December 13, 1918

15-1

Miss Margaret E. Hanley,
3707 Fruitvale Avenue,
Fruitvale, California

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information with regard to the schools of Alaska.

You ask to be advised as to the difference between the Territorial schools and the municipal schools. The only difference between these schools (all of which are maintained for white children), is that the municipal schools are under control of the municipality, and through a school board elected by the people, and which school board, is, to some extent, under the control of the city council; while the so-called "Territorial schools" are situated in unincorporated towns or rural communities, and are under the control of a board of directors elected by the people and subject to supervision by the Governor, as ex-officio superintendent of public instruction.

The employment of teachers in these white schools is left entirely to the respective school boards, and applications should be addressed to the clerks of the boards.

The teachers in the Alaska schools are secured from the States, and hold State certificates, normal school diplomas, or similar credentials. These are accepted as authority for the issuance of permits authorizing the holders to teach in this Territory, permits being issued for periods of two years. The Governor, as ex officio superintendent of public instruction, makes it a rule not to issue an Alaska permit unless the applicant has actually obtained employment in one of the schools of the Territory.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular letter from which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 13, 1915

15-1

Mr. James E. Peebles,

Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for a position as teacher in one of the schools of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that the employment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska is left entirely to the respective school boards, and applications should be addressed to the clerks of the boards.

There is enclosed herewith a circular letter from which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 13, 1935

Mr. A. J. Wendler,

Clark of the School Board,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 1, together with report of teachers employed in the Anchorage school, in which you ask to be advised when funds will be available for the support of the school.

On October 2, last, there was forwarded to you a memo of allowances that would be made for the Anchorage school district, as follows:

1 teacher, 9 months, at \$125.....	\$1125
1 teacher, 9 months, at \$125.....	1125
1 teacher, 9 months, at \$130.....	1350
1 janitor, 9 months, at 40.....	360
50 cords of wood at..... 7.50.....	350
lighting plant and supplies.....	150
4 stoves, pipe, etc.....	150
100 desks, at \$3.....	300
3 teacher's desks and chairs.....	75
School supplies, books, stationery, etc.....	
(Get estimate from school board)	
Incidentals.....	<u>50</u>
Total (not counting supplies)	<u>\$2025</u>

I have to advise that, to this letter, this office has received no reply whatsoever. Your letter of December first shows that four teachers have been employed instead of three,

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as noted in the estimate of August 27, now on file in this office.

This office is not advised as to what time your school was opened, but assume from the report that the teachers began work on November 15. As the school term ends at the end of May, this will allow of but a school term of $6\frac{1}{2}$ months for the school year 1915-16.

No requisition has been made on the Treasury Department for moneys for the maintenance of the Anchorage school, awaiting the receipt, from you, of corrected estimates, blanks for which were forwarded to you some time ago. You will, therefore, be kind enough to cause corrected estimates to be made at once and forwarded as soon as possible to this office that the necessary requisition may be made upon the Treasury Department.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Sas.

Governor

December 14, 1915

14-1

Mr. Charles Rudy, Treasurer,
Mendenhall School District,
Mendenhall (via Juneau), Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find some copy of a requisition of this date on the Secretary of the Treasury for funds for your school district, for the four months beginning February 1, 1916. This requisition has been made up in accordance with the understanding arrived at yesterday, in the conference had by yourself and Mr. Knudsen with the Governor.

An allowance of \$35 has been made for painting, also an allowance of \$25 for incidentals. If the expense of painting amounts to more than \$35, the excess may be paid from the "incidental appropriation."

When you receive the Treasury warrant covering the requisition above mentioned, kindly advise this office in the usual manner.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 14, 1918

15-2

Mrs. E. H. Keys, Clerk,
Chatanika School District,
Chatanika, Alaska .

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your reported dated the 19th ultimo, advising of the employment of Mrs. Ella A. Fairburn as teacher of the Chatanika school for the current year. In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that this office has not, as yet, received an application from Mrs. Fairburn for a permit to teach in the Alaska schools. Please see that an application is forwarded by her at an early date, together with her credentials.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 14, 1915

15-2

Mr. A. J. Wendler,
Clerk of the School Board,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with the issuance of Alaska permits to teachers in the white schools of the Territory, I beg to call your attention to the fact that this office has not, as yet, received an application for a permit from Mrs. Nellie B. McCullaugh, one of the teachers in your school.

On July 21, last, a permit was issued to Miss Lora E. Murphy, who gave her residence as Uyak, Alaska. Will you please advise if the Miss Lora E. Murphy, who is employed in the Anchorage school is the same person to whom a permit was issued on July 21 last!

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 14, 1915

15-2

Mrs. E. B. Collins, Teacher,
Fox School District,
Fox, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Some time ago this office communicated with the clerks of all the school boards, calling their attention to the fact that the regulations of this office require that every person employed as a teacher in the white schools of the Territory, must obtain an Alaska permit from this office. The boards were requested to see that the teachers applied for permits without undue delay. This office has not, as yet, received your application for a permit, and, thinking the matter may have been overlooked by the board, I am writing you direct and would ask that you arrange to forward your application, together with such credentials as you hold. The credentials which accompany your application will, of course, be returned to you after inspection by this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Robert L. Petty,
Clerk of the School Board,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your report of the eighth instant, showing the teachers employed in the Ketchikan schools for the current year. Alaska permits were issued to four of the six teachers on the occasion of your recent visit to Juneau.

It does not appear from the records of this office that Mrs. E. M. Engstrom has applied for a permit.

On March 18, last, Miss A. Mary Mitchell of Petersburg, was granted an Alaska permit. I write to inquire if the Miss Mary Mitchell shown as one of the teachers for the current year is the Miss A. Mary Mitchell who formerly taught at Petersburg.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 14, 1915

15-6

Northwest Side Commercial Ass'n,
1152 North Ashland Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

In response to the request contained in your
letter of the seventh instant, there is enclosed
herewith a list of the principals of the white
schools of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 15, 1913

14-1

Mr. C. L. Magill, Teacher,
Kenai School District,
Kenai, Alaska

My dear Mr. Magill:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 30, with reference to school conditions in your district.. I judge from your letter that you are certainly handicapped in your efforts to conduct your school in a satisfactory manner, due to lack of room and other facilities.

I note that you say your school building is large enough for the accommodation of about forty pupils only, but that you are crowding about sixty into the school room. This is an unfortunate condition, and how to remedy it is a matter, of course, of vital importance to the people of your community as well as of interest to this office. I also notice that you predict a largely increased school membership for next year, and that you will require a four-room school building, and that the present building can be converted into a manual training hall, as an addition can not be built to it.

These plans are certainly meritorious, but how the district may be supplied with a four-room school house, this office is unable to determine at this time. As you know, the school law provides that the maximum amount that can be provided for the construction and equipment of a school house in Alaska, is \$1,000, and, manifestly, that sum would not construct such building as you state is required. I have, in my previous annual reports, asked that this amount be increased to at least \$2,000, but, up to the present time, no action toward that end has been taken by Congress.

I may assure you of my deep interest in the success of the schools of Alaska under the jurisdiction of this office, and I have endeavored to act fairly in their interest, as far as the school funds will permit. When your estimates for the next year are received, they shall be dealt with as liberally as it is possible to do so under the circumstances.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to VERA EMMA PELTZ CHECK, of Amalga, Alaska, who, having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character, qualifications 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, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, this seventeenth day of December,
1915.

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 MISS OLGA KLAEBOR, of Sew Bay, Alaska, who, having presented a State of Washington Second 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 one year from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this seventeenth day of December, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State
Second Grade Certificate, dated
December 13, 1914.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to ANNA S. ROBINSON, of McCarthy, Alaska, who, having presented a State of California Grammar School 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, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this seventeenth day of December, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

California State
Grammar School
Certificate, dated
December 28, 1908.

December 17, 1915

14-1

Hon. E. B. Collins,

Fox, Alaska

My dear Mr. Speaker:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 15, with reference to the reported depletion of the school fund, and in which you also state that patrons of the Fox school are anxious to know if they can look for another allowance.

In reply I have to advise you that, I believe, the fund will probably be sufficient to permit of the maintenance of at least the present number of schools in the Territory, outside of incorporated towns. In any event, we have been able to meet all demands up to the present time, although it was feared, some time ago, that the fund would be exhausted. On the contrary, the moneys which are covered into the Alaska Fund seem to have increased over those of last year.

A few days ago I advised you, by wire, that your commission as notary public was issued and mailed to you on November 18. I took this action in order to advise you

that you could perform your duties as a notary, should
occasion require, prior to the actual receipt of your
commission.

With the compliments of the season to yourself and
Mrs. Collins, as well as your daughter, I am,

Cardially yours,

Governor

December 17, 1915

14-1

Mr. William Fesha,
Clerk of the School Board,
Latauche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 11, with reference to certain school matters and conditions alleged to exist in your district.

In reply to your several statements, I have to advise you that supplies for your school should be purchased only upon an order of the clerk of the board, the bills for such supplies to be certified to by the director and then presented to the treasurer for payment.

The school board has no authority whatsoever to furnish fuel and light for the teacher's residence. In your estimates a certain allowance was made for fuel and light for the school, and not for a private residence, and the board would, no doubt, be held liable for such a diversion of this allowance were it reported to the Auditor for the Treasury Department. This practice of supplying teachers with free coal and free light may be followed in other school districts, but this is the first time that a case of this

kind has been brought to the knowledge of this office. It would seem, from the tenor of your letter, that because of the increase made by the teacher upon your coal supply, your school has been closed because of the lack of fuel. This is a most astounding situation, and one that will not be tolerated. The Government does not supply funds for the building or maintenance of houses or lodgings for teachers in the schools of the Territory, but, where such has already been provided, I can see no objection to the teacher occupying such house or lodging; but certainly the Government should not be charged with the fuel and light used by the teacher.

As to the length of the daily school session, this is a matter that is governed by custom, there being no regulation of this office prescribing the number of hours to be taught daily. Generally speaking, however, the morning session should begin at 9 o'clock and continue until 12 noon, with a 15-minute recess; the afternoon session should begin at 1 o'clock and continue until 3:30 or 4, with a 15-minute recess also. A circular letter is now being prepared by this office, addressed to the different school districts outside of incorporated towns, asking for information as to the number of hours per day in which the respective schools are open.

With reference to your statement that your teacher's brother is occupying apartments in her home in the school building, I have to advise that this is a matter that is solely under the control of your school board. I can see no objection, however, to this arrangement, inasmuch as he would be company for his sister; but, as noted above, the school district cannot legitimately use its coal and oil supply for the teacher's residence.

Under the law providing for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns, the school board is vested with the sole power of employing teachers, and it is assumed that the board has authority to dismiss a teacher for cause. It is also assumed that each school board enters into a written contract with the teacher employed, and dismissal might involve the board in litigation. This is a matter, however, as stated, for the board itself to adjudicate, or to determine. Speaking generally, it is the duty of the school board to provide the best facilities for the children of the school district that the funds allotted will permit. As a rule, the estimates allowed for the maintenance of schools in the Territory are liberal, and it is expected that competent teachers will be employed by the school boards; and it is the duty of the school boards to see that satisfactory results are obtained.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

December 17, 1915

15-2

Mrs. May Kimball Collins, Teacher,
Fox School District,
Fox, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Collins:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December second, with reference to your securing a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your diploma from the State normal school at Chico, California, has not yet come to hand, but probably will do so in the next mail; and, upon its receipt, a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for two years, will be mailed to your address and your diploma returned.

With best wishes, in which Mrs. Strong joins, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 18, 1915

15-2

Mrs. K. G. Robinson,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for an Alaska teacher's permit, and enclosing a California grammar school certificate held by you.

On the 17th instant, the Governor issued you a permit for a period of one year, which has been mailed, under separate cover, with return of your California certificate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 18, 1918

15-2

Miss Olga Klachee,
Seew Bay (via Petersburg),
Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for a permit to teach in the white schools of Alaska, your application being accompanied by a teacher's certificate issued to you by the Board of Education, State of Washington.

On the 17th instant a permit was issued to you for a period of one year, and the same has been mailed, under separate cover, with return of your certificate.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 18, 1915

15-2

Mrs. C. F. Check,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the ninth instant, addressed to the Governor, giving information with regard to the certificates held by you.

Upon the information contained in your letter, the Governor issued an Alaska permit to you on the 17th instant, which has been mailed to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 18, 1935

14-1

Mrs. Edith J. Nelson,

Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of November 26, with reference to the number of children in the Kasaan school district, and in which you advise of Mr. David Nelson's election as treasurer of the school district, I have to advise you that this office has not received the notice of election of either Mr. Nelson, or the other members of the school board; nor has Mr. Nelson's bond as treasurer been received, and no estimates have been received of the amount that will be needed for the maintenance of the school in your district.

By reference to the files of this office, I find that on October first last, estimate blanks were mailed to you. Will you kindly refer this matter to the school board that they may take the necessary action at once? As soon as the school boards estimates are received, a requisition will be made promptly on the Treasury Department for the money necessary for the maintenance of the school for the remainder of the term.

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

December 18, 1915

14-1

The School Board,

You are requested to advise this office as to the number of hours your school is in session each day, stating the hour of convening in the morning, and the hour of closing in the afternoon. If the same hours are not observed by all grades, kindly advise as to the hours prescribed for each grade.

This inquiry is instituted with a view to the issuance of a regulation prescribing uniform hours for school sessions throughout the Territory. If there are any conditions obtaining in your district which you think would warrant an exception being made in the case of your school, kindly advise as to the same so that this office may be fully informed in the premises.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

(Sent to All Nelson schools
now in session)

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

December 18, 1915

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The Clerk of the School Board,

Upon receipt of this circular please advise as to the number of hours your school is in session each day, stating the hour of opening and the hour of closing. If the same hours are not observed by all grades, advise as to the hours prescribed for each grade. If the hours for the high school (if one is maintained) are different from those of the grades, please state what they are.

The above inquiry is made with a view to the issuance of a regulation prescribing uniform hours for school sessions throughout the Territory. If conditions obtain in your town which might require an exception being made in favor of your school, kindly advise so that this office may be fully informed in the premises.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

(Sent to clerks of schools
in incorporated towns).

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December 20, 1915

15-2

Mrs. May Kimball Collins,

Fox, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Referring to the Governor's letter to you under date of the 17th instant, I beg to advise you that your diploma was received today, and upon it has been issued an Alaska permit for the usual period of two years, which is enclosed herewith.

The diploma is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction MAY KIMBALL COLLINS, of Fox, 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 be revoked for cause.

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

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

California State
Normal School Di-
ploma, dated June
15, 1909.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS M. HALLY, of Iditarod, Alaska, who, having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character, qualifications, 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 twentieth day of December, 1915.

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

December 20, 1915

15-3

Mr. Jay J. Smith,
Clerk of the School Board,
Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, and written in behalf of Miss M. Hally, teacher of the Iditarod school.

Enclosed herewith you will find an Alaska teacher's permit which has been issued to Miss Hally for the period of one year. Where permits are issued upon state certificates or diplomas, they run for a period of two years, but when issued to persons who do not hold such certificates or diplomas, it is the practice of this office to issue them for one year only.

Respectfully,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 21, 1915

15-3

Prof. F. G. Davis, Principal,
Valdez Public School,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 16, requesting any available material on the schools of Alaska, either past or present, for use in the preparation of a thesis on the history of education in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that, apart from the native schools of Alaska, which are conducted under the immediate supervision of the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, we have white schools to the number of 52, 14 of which are within incorporated cities, and 38, known as "Nelson schools," outside of incorporated communities. These latter schools are so named from the fact that the law providing for them was fathered by Senator Nelson, of Minnesota. A copy of the Act providing for these schools is enclosed herewith. As you know, the schools within incorporated towns are directly controlled by a board of school

directors, and this is also true of schools outside of incorporated towns.

A fact that you also know is that the schools within incorporated towns are maintained, in part, by moneys received from federal license and occupation taxes, and, in part, by direct taxation. The schools outside of incorporated towns are maintained by license and occupation taxes also levied by the federal government, and paid into what is known as the "Alaska Fund," 25 per cent. of which is allotted for the support of these schools.

High schools are maintained in the towns of Juneau, Douglas, Skagway, Ketchikan, Valdez, Fairbanks, Nome, Seward, and Wrangell, and graduates of these schools are admitted, without matriculation examination, to the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of white schools in Alaska, during the school year 1914-15, was \$167,632.92, of which \$106,306 was for schools within incorporated communities, and \$61,426.92 for schools outside of incorporated towns. The total number of pupils enrolled was 2,503.

The law providing for the establishment and maintenance of schools in Alaska is entitled, "An Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of roads, the establishment

and maintenance of schools, the care and support of insane persons in the District of Alaska, and for other purposes." This act was approved January 27, 1906, and was the first law passed by Congress with respect to schools in the Territory. Prior to that time, I am advised that Congress made appropriations toward the support of a few denominational schools, but with the passage of this act, that system was abandoned. Congress also made appropriations for the support and maintenance of native schools to some extent.

The number of native schools in the Territory is between 90 and 100, and, as stated above, they are under the direct control of the Bureau of Education, Washington. The appropriation for their support for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, was \$200,000. The Commissioner of Education is Dr. P. P. Claxton, Washington, and the Chief of the Alaska Division (so called), is W. T. Lopp, whose address is L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash. Unlike the white schools, native schools are provided with superintendents, there being five of these whose headquarters, respectively, are Juneau, Seward, Tanana, Unalakleet, and Nome, with an assistant superintendent and special disbursing agent also stationed at Nome. The Board of Education also maintains physicians in connection with the schools at Sitka, Seward, Nushagak, Russian Mission, Kotzebue, Nulato, and Nome.

Section 9 of "An Act to create a legislative assembly in the Territory of Alaska, to confer legislative power thereon, and for other purposes," approved August 24, 1912, commonly known as the "Organic Act," provides, among other things, "that no money shall be appropriated by the Territory, or any municipal corporation therein for the support or benefit of any sectarian, denominational, or private school, or any school not under the exclusive control of the Government."

You are familiar with the legislation passed by the Territorial Legislature, session of 1915, which, among other things, had for its object the creation of a board of education, and of the office of assistant superintendent of schools for the Territory, and you are familiar with the further fact that this law was held to be invalid by a decision of the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior, until such time as it should be approved by Congress. Briefly, the opinion held that, by the terms of the Organic Act, the Territorial Legislature was inhibited from legislating with regard to schools in Alaska.

In addition to the moneys received for the maintenance of schools in the Territory from the "Alaska Fund," 25 per cent. of all moneys received from the National Forests of

Alaska is appropriated for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated communities, and for the construction of roads and trails. Of this sum the amount available for school purposes, at this time, is approximately \$15,000.

Expressing the hope that this information may be of some service to you in your work, I am,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Governor

December 21, 1915

15-1

Mr. Gino V. Medici de Solenni, A. M.,
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College,
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 4, in which you ask if there is an institution for higher education in Alaska, and, if so, what the steps are that you should take in order to obtain a position on its instructional force.

In reply I have to advise you that there is no institution of the kind you name in Alaska as yet, although preliminary steps have been taken for the establishment of an agricultural college and school of mines at Fairbanks, Alaska. It will probably, however, be some years before this institution is in working order.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 21, 1915

15-1

Mrs. Lorette McKain,

Marion, South Carolina

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge receipt of a letter signed by yourself and Miss Julia Bell Brown, requesting information with regard to the opportunities for teachers in the schools of Alaska. Enclosed herewith is a circular letter from which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

In the school year 1914-15, the schools in the incorporated towns, had an attendance of from 9 to 326. Below is given a list of the principal towns of the Territory with the number of teachers and number of pupils in attendance, for the last school year.

<u>Towns</u>	<u>No. of teachers</u>	<u>No. of pupils</u>
Douglas	8	213
Fairbanks	7	187
Juneau	14	326
Ketchikan	6	157
Nome	6	123
Skagway	4	93
Valdez	3	117
Wrangell	4	88

High school work is provided in the schools of each of these towns.

The schools outside of incorporated towns are chiefly located in small towns, or rural communities, and, as a rule, only one teacher is employed in each school. In the school year 1914-15 there were 31 of these schools, employing a total of forty teachers, and with a total attendance of 961 pupils, the average attendance per school being 31. Below is given a list of the unincorporated towns in which more than one teacher was employed during the school year 1914-15, together with the number of pupils in attendance in each school.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Pupils</u>
Afognak	3	112
Kodiak	5	164
Longwood (P.O. Kodiak)	2	61
Sitka	3	58

A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at any of the places named above, will reach the proper official.

Alaska has no regularly organized school system, and the courses of study are not standardized, although they compare quite favorably with those of the States of Washington, Oregon, and California, from which states many of our teachers come. The schools outside of incorporated towns do not provide instruction beyond the eighth grade.

The diplomas which you and Miss Brown hold would undoubtedly entitle you to Alaska permits without examination. These permits, however, are only issued to those persons who have actually obtained employment in the Alaska schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 21, 1915

15-1

Miss Maude Butler,
Stephens College,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the ninth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information with respect to the public schools of Alaska. Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter form which contains information relative to these schools, together with a complete list of the same. The schools outside of incorporated towns do not provide work beyond the eighth grade. Several of the schools in the incorporated towns provide high school work ranging from two to four years. These schools are listed in the enclosed circular, and are located in what might be termed the "first-class cities" of the Territory.

The employment of teachers is entirely in the hands of the local school boards, this office exercising no function in connection therewith. A letter addressed to the Clerk of the School Board, at any of the places named in the enclosed circular, will reach the proper officer.

Only one teacher is employed in each of the schools
outside of the incorporated towns. The schools in the
incorporated towns employ from one to 14 teachers each.

Those employing more than four teachers are: Douglas (3),
Fairbanks (7), Juneau (14), Ketchikan (6), Nome (6), and
Valdez (5).

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. LULU A. FAIRBURN, of Chatanika, Alaska, who, having presented an Idaho First Grade Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is heroby 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 twenty-second day of December, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Idaho County (Idaho)
First Grade Certifi-
cated, dated June 30,
1911.

December 22, 1918

15-8

Mrs. Lulu A. Fairburn,

Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing your Idaho teacher's certificate, and requesting the issuance of an Alaska permit. With return of your Idaho certificate, there is enclosed herewith an Alaska permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

December 23, 1915

15-5

Messrs. Neeson & Company,
73 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith I beg to transmit a letter addressed to Miss Edith K. O. Clark, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Cheyenne, Wyoming, which was received at this office today, in an envelope addressed to the Hon. J. F. A. Strong, Governor and Superintendent of Education.

The communication which I assume was addressed to the Governor, has not yet come to hand.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 22, 1915

15-5

Miss Grace E. Herrick, Librarian,
The Western College for Women,
Oxford, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the eighth instant, in which you request to be supplied with copies of the Alaska school law, courses of study, the last report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and other pamphlets dealing with the public school situation in this Territory.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the act of January 27, 1915, providing, among other things, for the establishment and maintenance of schools for white children and children of mixed blood leading a civilized life, in communities outside of incorporated towns. The act of March 3, 1905, providing for the establishment and maintenance of school districts in the incorporated towns of the Territory is not available in pamphlet form, but may be found in the 23d Statutes at Large, 1262.

No report is published on the white schools of the Territory, but a brief reference is made thereto in the Governor's

annual report on conditions in the Territory. I regret to say that our supply of copies of this report for the year 1914 has been exhausted. The 1915 report will be ready for distribution in the near future, and your library will be placed upon the mailing list.

The courses of study in the white schools of this Territory have not, as yet, been standardised. In general, however, they are patterned after those of the States of Washington, Oregon, and California, from which states many of our teachers come. Enclosed herewith I send you a circular of information relative to these schools, which contains also a complete list of them.

The United States Bureau of Education has supervision of the schools for Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos in the Territory, there being approximately a hundred of these schools. The Bureau publishes, each year, a most interesting report on the work of these schools, and that of the reindeer industry in Alaska, which is also under the Bureau's supervision. Copies of these reports may be had upon application to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 22, 1915

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Northwestern Teachers' Agency,

Boise, Idaho

Dear Sirs:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 15th instant, there is enclosed herewith a circular containing information with respect to the white schools of this Territory, including a complete list of these schools, also a list showing the names of the school districts and the number of teachers employed in each.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

December 23, 1915

15-8

Mr. F. G. Davis, Principal,
Valdez Public School,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the request contained in your letter of December 16, asking for information concerning the history of the schools of Alaska, I am transmitting herewith some additional notes that I have been able to dig up from various sources, which might be of interest to you.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor

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December 27, 1915

15-2

Mrs. Mary A. Bryan,
Deputy Supt. of Public Instruction,
Olympia, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Governor, transmitting a duplicate of the Bellingham Normal School Life Diploma issued to Miss Elsie Ware, under date of May 28, 1909.

An Alaska teacher's permit has this day been issued to Miss Ware for the usual period of two years, and the same is being forwarded to Miss Ware at Cordova, together with the duplicate life diploma received with your letter of the above date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ELAIE WARE, of Cordova, Alaska, who, having presented a Washington 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 twenty-seventh day of December, 1915.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State
Normal School Life
Diploma, dated
May 28, 1909

December 27, 1915

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Miss Elsie Ware,
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In further reference to your application for an Alaska teacher's permit, I beg to advise you that there has just been received from the Department of Education, Olympia, Washington, a duplicate of the Bellingham Normal School Life Diploma issued to you under date of May 28, 1909.

The Governor has this day issued to you an Alaska permit for the usual period of two years, which is enclosed herewith, together with the duplicate life diploma above referred to.

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 MISS FLOA T. ENGLERIK, of Sitka, Alaska, who, having presented a Minnesota 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 be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twenty-seventh day of December, 1913.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Granted upon

Minnesota State Normal
School Diploma dated
July 19, 1910

December 27, 1915

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Miss Flora T. Englerth,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for an Alaska teacher's permit, and enclosing copies of letters of recommendation, etc. Receipt is also acknowledged of your State of Minnesota Normal School Diploma and the certificate issued you thereon.

The Governor has this day issued you an Alaska teacher's permit for the usual period of two years, which is enclosed herewith, together with the papers which accompanied your letter of application.

Your diploma and certificate are being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 28, 1915

14-1

Mr. A. H. Mittendorf,
Treasurer, Hushagak School District,
1472 Sixth Ave., Sunset,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the eighth instant, in reply to office letters of September 16 last, relative to your accounts for the school year 1914-15.

In view of the statements and assurances contained in your letter, I have this day made requisition for funds for your school district, for the current year, and enclose a memorandum copy of the requisition herein.

The item of "Repainting and cleaning, \$25," has been disallowed, since the building used for school purposes at Hushagak is owned by you and not by the school district. The item of rent (\$50), has been reduced to \$25. This amount has been allowed in lieu of the \$25 estimated for repainting and cleaning. The receipt for rent which is submitted with your accounts for the current year should have attached to it itemized receipted bills showing the expenditures made by you, as the owner of the building, for repainting and cleaning.

The item of school supplies has been reduced from \$75 to \$50. It is the understanding of this office that there are only about 12 children in attendance in the Nushagak district, and it is believed that the allowance of \$50 will cover the item in question.

Your accounts for the school year 1915-16 should be submitted in accordance with the printed regulations issued by this office, and in line with the instructions given in office letters of September 16 last.

The approval of your accounts for 1914-15 will await the submission, by you, of receipts, etc., as specified in letters of September 16; and the unexpended balance of \$9.40, shown in your report for that year, and also appearing in the requisition herewith enclosed, is, of course, subject to correction upon final examination of your accounts.

When you receive the treasury warrant covering the requisition above mentioned, kindly advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount thereof.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Governor

December 28, 1915

15-1

Mr. Walter Kocher,

Box 925,

Pocatello, Idaho

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a circular letter form containing miscellaneous information regarding the white schools of the Territory, as well as a complete list of these schools

The courses of study in the white schools of this Territory have not, as yet, been standardized, but, in general, they are similar to the courses provided by the States of Washington, Oregon and California, from which states many of our teachers come.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

December 28, 1915

15-1

Miss Edna L. Olson,
Chokio, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting information concerning the schools for white children in Alaska.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter form which will give you much of the information desired, as well as a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. There is also enclosed a list of the schools in the incorporated towns of the Territory which maintain high school courses and courses in domestic science and manual training.

The schools outside of incorporated towns do not provide instruction beyond the eighth grade. In a few of these schools limited instruction is given in domestic science and manual training, but, with the exception of the school at Kodiak, none of them employ special instructors in these branches. The school at Kodiak employs a special instructor (a resident of Kodiak), for the manual training department.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 29, 1915

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Messrs. Houson & Co., Publishers,
73 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 13th instant, which has been forwarded to this office by Miss Edith K. O. Clark, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Cheyenne, Wyoming, to whom it was erroneously sent, there are being sent you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year 1912, in which you will find a brief reference to the schools of Alaska, a copy of a pamphlet containing the law providing for the establishment and maintenance of white schools in communities outside of incorporated towns, and a copy of a general circular of information relating to the white schools, which contains also a complete list of the same.

The law providing for the establishment and maintenance of white schools in the incorporated towns of the Territory is not available in pamphlet form, but may be found in 23 Sta. L., 1262.

Respectfully yours,

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Encs.

Secretary to the Governor.

14-1

JunEAU, December 29, 1915. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM KETCHIKAN.

Mrs. Thomas Stevens,

Kasaan.

Election returns and treasurer's bond Kasaan school district received from Clerk of Court. School board may now submit estimates for not to exceed five months school beginning with January. Estimates should be forwarded to this office earliest possible date. Salary of teacher not to exceed one hundred dollars per month.

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.

December 30, 1915

14-1

Mrs. Thomas Stevens,
Clerk, Kasaaan School District,
Kasaaan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith confirmation copy of a telegram sent you last evening, relative to estimates for a five months' school term in your district. Estimate blanks were forwarded by this office some time ago, and it is understood that they were turned over to you, as clerk of the district. It is the understanding of this office that school has not yet been opened at Kasaaan. A five months' term, beginning with January, will cover the remaining months of the 1915-16 school year. As the requisition for funds for your school must go to Washington, it is important, of course, that your estimates be forwarded to this office as soon as possible. When received, they will be promptly acted upon, and you will be advised of the Governor's action upon them.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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January 3, 1916

15-8

Mr. R. G. Breasler,
University of Texas,
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 18,
I have to advise you that the public schools of Alaska,
do not conduct agricultural contests, agricultural develop-
ment in Alaska being, as yet, in its infancy. In a number-
of the schools, however, domestic science and manual train-
ing are taught; For information concerning these, you may
address the superintendent of the schools of the following
towns: Kotchikan, Juneau, Douglas, Skagway, Kodiak, Ni-
nichie, Seward and Valdez.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 3, 1916

15-2

Miss Margaret Hally,
Iditarod, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th of November last, addressed to the Governor, making application for a permit to teach in the public schools of Alaska, and submitting proofs bearing upon your qualifications, etc.

On December 20 last, a letter was received from Mr. Jay J. Smith, clerk of the Iditarod school board, submitting a statement in your behalf and requesting that a permit be issued you. On the same date the Governor issued a permit for a period of one year, which was mailed to Mr. Smith.

Your letter and the documents accompanying it will be filed with the other papers relating to your permit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 3, 1916

15-5

Mr. Wm. Ruffer, Manager & Proprietor,

The Public Schools,

Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request of the 37th ultimo, there is enclosed herewith a circular letter form containing information with respect to the white schools of this Territory. Included in the circular is a complete list of these schools, with the post office of each indicated therein. Letters addressed to the principals of the public schools at the places named, will reach the proper persons.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to HELEN M. A. MURPHY, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who, having presented a New York State College Graduate 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 fifth day of January, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

New York State
College Graduate
Life Certificate

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MARGARET E. CARPENTER, of Fairbanks, 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 be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fifth day of January, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

California State
Normal School Di-
ploma.

January 5, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman,
Clerk, Fairbanks School Board,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 5, acknowledging the receipt of certificates issued to certain teachers of the Fairbanks schools; also certifying to the qualifications of Miss Henrietta A. Mirick and Miss Margaret E. Carpenter, for permits to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that permits to teach will be issued these applicants in due course.

With best wishes for the holiday season, and expressing the hope that your schools are doing satisfactory work,
I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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January 5, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Mary A. Zimmerman,
Clerk of the School Board,
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In further reference to the Governor's letter of this date, with respect to teachers' permits for Miss Mirick and Miss Carpenter, I beg to enclose herewith the permits in question, each of which has been issued for a period of two years.

I will thank you to kindly acknowledge receipt of the permits.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S RENEWAL PERMIT

THIS PERMIT is awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. ALYCE E. ANDERSON, of Hinnichie, who, having been granted a permit for one year, dated July 14, 1913, and having taught in the white schools of Alaska continually since that date, is hereby authorized to teach in such schools for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fifth day of January, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Renewal of Permit
issued July 14, 1913.

January 6, 1916

15-1

Miss Alma Piri,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 27, in which you make application for appointment as teacher in the public schools of the Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that appointments to the public schools of Alaska are made by the school boards of the several school districts, and not by this office.

I may add that, in order to secure a school, the teacher must be a graduate of some college or university, or of a recognized normal school. Upon presentation of a diploma from one of these institutions, a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for two years, will be issued by this office.

For your further information, I am enclosing copy of a circular letter concerning the schools of the Territory. You will find therein a list of the schools now being maintained.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Enc.

Governor, an office Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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January 6, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Lillian W. Daniels,
Secretary of the School Board,
Treadwell, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 31, in which you specify the number of hours per day that the Treadwell school is in session, for which information I thank you.

In reply to the inquiry of the Treadwell school board, through you, in which it is stated that the Treadwell school having been closed on account of the whooping cough, some time has been lost, and you ask if this time must be made up by the teachers; and, if so, when it is thought advisable to make up such lost time, I have to advise that it is the opinion of this office that, the teachers having been in no wise responsible for the outbreak of the epidemic, they should not be compelled to make up the time so lost in conducting the school. It is deemed unfair that the teachers should be thus penalised through no fault of their own.

In reply to your second question, as to the payment of salaries, this is a matter wholly within the province

of your school board, but it is suggested that the plan followed heretofore may be continued, and the teachers paid on the 13th of each month, regardless of the actual number of days taught during the month of December.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 6, 1916

15-2

Mr. L. E. Lord,
23 Peters Hall,
Oberlin College,
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of December 6, I have to advise you that teachers in Alaska who have completed a two years' course in public school music, offered by the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, or other recognized conservatory of music, are not required to take an examination in music before being allowed to teach this subject in the public schools of this Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 7, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson,
Wainalea, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Anderson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your card of the 30th of December, requesting renewal of your teacher's certificate. A renewal permit is enclosed herewith, having been issued on the fifth instant for a period of two years.

Since the receipt of your card, a letter has been received from treasurer Kvaanikoff, advising receipt by him of treasury warrant for this year's school funds.

With best wishes for the new year, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 7, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. J. Wendler,

Clerk of the Anchorage School District,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the tenth ultimo, enclosing a corrected estimate of funds desired by the Anchorage school board, for maintenance of the school during eight months of the 1915-16 school year, I beg to advise you that the Governor has this day issued a requisition covering the estimate in full with the exception of the item "Cloak-room for children," which has been disallowed by the Governor, since it is his understanding that the school building at Anchorage is provided by the Alaskan Engineering Commission, and the cloak-room is properly a part of that building. A memorandum copy of the requisition will be forwarded to you with a letter from the Governor. This copy should be turned over to the Treasurer for his information.

The corrected estimate, submitted with your letter of the above date, was signed by yourself only, whereas it should have been signed by the other two members of the board as well. In order to put the matter in proper form

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there is enclosed herewith an estimate, in duplicate, made out in the form of the requisition, which it is requested all of the members of the board sign, forwarding the original to this office and filing the duplicate with the school records.

Kindly have this matter attended to without delay.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 7, 1916

14-1

Mr. M. Finkelstein, Treasurer,
Anchorage School District,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A requisition has this day been made upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for the sum of \$6,070, for maintenance of the Anchorage school during eight months of the 1915-16 school year. A memorandum copy of this requisition is being forwarded to Mr. Wendler, Clerk of the school board, with a letter from the Governor, and he has been requested to turn the copy over to you.

The corrected estimate submitted by Mr. Wendler included the items:

4 stoves, etc.....	\$150
4 teachers' tables and chairs...	60
School supplies, books, freight, etc.....	890

These items, aggregating \$1100, have been covered by the item "school supplies, books, stationery, etc., including freight, \$1100," appearing in the requisition above referred to.

As explained in a letter to Mr. Wendler of this date, the item of \$50 for a cloak-room for the children, which

was included in the corrected estimate, has been disallowed by the Governor, since it is his understanding that the school building at Anchorage is provided by the Alaskan Engineering Commission, and the cloak-room is properly a part of such building.

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

With respect to disbursements of the school funds, your attention is called to the regulations contained in the enclosed printed circular. The regulations should be carefully adhered to.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 8, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Jack McLean, Treasurer,
Chatanika School Board,
Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have, for acknowledgment, your letter of December 20, in which you acknowledge the receipt of school warrant No. 4726, for the amount of \$2,024.93. You also ask if it is allowable to use school funds for other purposes than those for which they were primarily allowed. You specify, for instance, that, if you needed only seven cords of wood, could you use the balance of the allowance for other improvements that are badly needed in the school.

In reply I have to advise you that, generally speaking, it is deemed inadvisable to use any school funds for any other purposes than those for which they were allotted. This office, at all times, feels like dealing as liberally as possible with expenditures made for the benefit of the schools of the Territory. If you will, therefore, advise this office, as to the specific purpose for which you would like the unused balance to which you refer, devoted, I shall be able to advise you more fully.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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January 7, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. J. Wendler,
Clerk of the School Board,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 10, together with a corrected estimate for allowances for the Anchorage school, for the year 1915-16. You will note that this estimate, notwithstanding that it is \$1070 greater than that which you were advised would be allowed for the maintenance of the Anchorage school, has been allowed, one item alone excepted. The item which has been disallowed is for \$50, providing for a cloak-room for the children. It has been disallowed because a cloak-room is considered properly a part of the school building which, it is understood, is being provided by the Alaskan Engineering Commission. A requisition for the amount, namely, \$6070, will be forwarded to the Treasury Department by the first mail.

It occurs to this office that your estimate for school supplies, books, freight on books, etc., is excessively high, namely, \$890, but, nevertheless, it has been allowed.

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I would ask that you furnish this office with detailed information as to what the supplies, etc., consist of.

You will recall that the original estimate forwarded to this office, provided for three teachers only, but it is noted that you employed an additional teacher without reference to this office. This, while overlooked this time, will not be permitted in the future. You will be good enough to forward to this office, at your earliest convenience, the number of pupils actually enrolled in the Anchorage school.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 8, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. J. Wendler,

Clerk of the School Board,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December tenth, together with a corrected estimate for allowances for the Anchorage school, for the year 1915-16.

This estimate exceeds by \$1070 the amount which you were advised would be allowed for the maintenance of the Anchorage school. The employment of a fourth teacher by your board is responsible for the increase. It would seem that a fourth teacher should not have been employed by the board without reference to this office, as, in view of the state of the school fund, it might have been found impossible to secure the money for the additional teacher's salary. However, your estimate has been allowed in full, less \$50, this sum having been disallowed by this office because, as it was for the purpose of erecting a cloak-room for children, it was deemed that such cloak-room is properly a part of the school building, which it is understood is being provided by the Alaskan Engineering Commission. A requisition for the amount allowed, namely, \$6,070, will be forwarded to the Treasury Department by first mail.

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It seems to this office that your estimate for school supplies, books, freight on books, etc., is somewhat high, namely, \$890, but, nevertheless, it has been allowed. I would ask that you furnish this office with detailed information as to what the supplies, etc., consist of. You will also be good enough to forward to this office, at your earliest convenience, the number of pupils actually enrolled in the Anchorage school.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

January 10, 1916

15-8

Mr. Francois Peyrot,
Room 711, West 34th street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 21, together with a card of honorary membership in the Franco-American Club of the International Exposition de l'alliance d'Education Sociale et Civique, for which I thank you.

In reply I have to say that I am in full sympathy with the objects of your organization, and trust that the efforts that will be made to establish in Europe institutions for social betterment after the war, and in aiding in wiping out such hatred as now exists between the peoples of the different nations, will result in the fullest fruition of your society's hopes.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Gouverneur

January 11, 1915

14-1

Miss Geneva Sheets,
Chitshagoff, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 10. In reply I beg to advise you that I have noted your several categorical questions.

First, there is no uniform course of study in the schools of Alaska. The course generally followed, I believe, in most of the cities of the Territory, is that of the State of Washington, or an adaptation thereof. In some of the schools outside of incorporated communities, that of Juncau is used, and also a modification of the course of study of the State of California. I have, therefore, to advise you that the selection of a course of study for your school is optional, but would suggest the adoption of a course which will secure the best results for your pupils.

As to Webster's Primary Arithmetic, I frankly confess that I know little about it, but I assume that, as it is intended for the second grade, it has been considered by the author, and the schools that have adopted it, as not too hard for the pupils of that grade.

You are correct in your assumption that no deductions from the monthly salaries paid to teachers in Alaska, are made because of legal holidays, or vacation periods. Twenty teaching days constitute the average school month. There is only one school in Alaska whose work begins in the late winter. This school is located at Fox. The regular school year begins the first week in September of each year. An exception is made in the Fox school district because of its remoteness, and the fact that the children are all young and could better attend school during the summer.

This office has no maps of Alaska, such as you desire, for distribution. I am enclosing a copy of a circular showing the location of the various schools.

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

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

January 12, 1916

15-3

Mr. C. P. Cary,

State Supt. of Public Instruction,

Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the fifth instant, I beg to advise that the courses of study in the schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized. In general, however, they are similar to those of the States of Washington, Oregon and California, from which states many of our teachers come.

With respect to your second inquiry, you are advised that educational survey work has not as yet been taken up in this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 12, 1916

15-1

Miss Helen B. Dempsey,
457 Nash street,
Akron, Ohio

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be advised as to the opportunities for employment of a kindergarten teacher in the schools of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that none of the schools of the Territory maintain kindergarten departments, although some little kindergarten work is carried on in connection with the first grades in a number of the schools, particularly those in incorporated towns. It is noted that you prefer a position in Juneau or Sitka, and it is suggested that you address the clerks of the school boards of these two towns.

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

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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January 12, 1916

15-1

Miss Goldie Stanley,

Plains, Montana

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, addressed to the "Superintendent of Public Instruction," requesting information regarding opportunities for teachers in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that there are some 55 white schools and approximately 100 schools for Indians in Alaska, at the present time. The enclosed circular will answer your question regarding the certification and employment of teachers. It also contains a complete list of the white schools. In general, it may be said that most of the schools boards of the white schools are flooded with applications from teachers in the States. The average salary paid to teachers in these schools is about \$100. The price of board ranges from \$1 to \$3 per day, and, in some of the remote interior points, may be even higher. This does not include room rent, which ranges from \$10 to \$30 a month.

There is no "school system," strictly speaking in Alaska, and the courses of study have not as yet been

standardised. However, the schools, in a general way, follow the courses of study of the States of Washington, Oregon and California, from which states many of our teachers come; and, in most cases, our schools are nearly, if not quite, up to the standard of schools of similar size in the states mentioned.

Should you wish to make application for a position in one of the Alaska schools, a letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at the particular places which you have in mind will, no doubt, receive attention by the proper officer.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 12, 1916

15-1

Miss Ruby Jones,
Upperlake, Calif

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information concerning the opportunities for teachers in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that the employment of teachers is left entirely to the respective school boards, this office exercising no functions in connection therewith. There is enclosed herewith a circular letter form, which will give you much of the information which you desire. The circular contains also a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 12, 1916

15-1

Mr. M. R. Kerr,

Dean of Junior College,

Yreka, California

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, addressed to the Governor, as Superintendent of Public Instruction, inquiring as to the opportunities for teachers in the schools of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that this office is continually receiving a great many inquiries from teachers desiring to obtain employment in Alaska, and the same is true of the various school boards in the Territory, many of which are flooded with applications. As there are only some fifty white schools, and approximately 100 schools for Indians in the entire Territory, it will be seen that only a comparatively small number of teachers is required. There are probably not more than 200—certainly not more than 250—teachers employed in all of the schools in the Territory.

The enclosed circular contains a complete list of the white schools of the Territory, and gives considerable other

information with regard thereto. No school directory or report is published, covering the white schools of the Territory. The United States Bureau of Education, however, publishes a very interesting report each year, covering the work of the schools for natives. A copy of this report may be had upon application to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C. Brief mention of the white schools of the Territory is made, however, in the Governor's annual report upon general conditions. The 1915 report will be ready for distribution in the near future, and your name will be placed upon the mailing list for a copy of the same. The report will contain a map of the Territory.

Any person desiring employment as teacher in the white schools of Alaska, should communicate direct with the school boards. A letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at any one of the places named in the enclosed circular, will reach the proper officer and, no doubt, receive due attention.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 12, 1916

15-1

Miss Matilda S. Vanderbeek,
No. 5, Virginia Apts.,
El Paso, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the "Superintendent of Public Instruction" requesting to be advised in regard to the opportunities for teachers in Alaska, etc.

You state that you are a graduate of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, and have taken several pedagogical courses at the State Teachers' College of Colorado; holding also an Arizona first-grade certificate. Undoubtedly, you possess the necessary qualifications to teach in any of the white schools of Alaska. For your further information, I may say that the Governor, who is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the white schools of this Territory, makes it a rule to issue Alaska certificates or permits only to such persons as have actually obtained employment as teachers in the Territory. These permits are usually issued upon presentation of a college diploma, state certificate, or similar evidence of qualifications.

Enclosed herewith is a circular letter form which contains considerable information relative to the white schools of Alaska, as well as a complete list of these schools. Salaries of principals or superintendents of the schools in the incorporated towns of the Territory, range from \$125 to \$275 per month for the "school year" of nine months. Salaries of grade and high school teachers range from \$90 to about \$150 a month; salaries of teachers in the schools outside of the incorporated towns range from \$100 to \$175 a month. In most of these schools only one teacher is employed, the number of pupils in attendance varying from 6 to 40.

Should you desire to secure employment in one of the white schools of the Territory, you should address the "Clerk of the School Board" at the particular place which you have in mind. As stated in the enclosed circular, the employment of teachers in the white schools is left entirely to the school boards, the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, exercising no function in connection therewith.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 12, 1916

15-1

Miss Frances S. Davis,
2305 Rainier Avenue,
Everett, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to whether a teacher holding a first-grade certificate in the State of Washington may secure a certificate to teach in Alaska.

In reply you are advised that the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of this Territory, issues Alaska permits to such persons as are employed from time to time to teach in these schools, employment in one of the Alaska schools being a necessary prerequisite to the issuance of such permits. There is enclosed herewith a circular letter form which will give you some further information regarding the white schools of Alaska, as well as a complete list of the same. As stated therein, the employment of teachers is left entirely to the respective school boards. Should you wish to make application to teach in one of the schools named in the

circular, a letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board" at the particular place which you may have in mind, will reach the proper official and, no doubt, receive attention. In general, it may be said, however, that practically all of the school boards of the Territory are in receipt of applications from many more teachers than can be given employment.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 13, 1916

14-1

Mr. Daniel Nelson,
Treasurer, School District,
Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find memorandum copy of a requisition of this date upon the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C., for funds for the maintenance of your school for four months of the school year 1915-16. The requisition is based upon the estimates submitted by the Kasaan school board, with the exception of the following items, which have been suspended pending further explanations:

Cook stove, \$35; mattress \$10; cooking utensils, \$10.

It is requested that the board advise regarding these items, as to whether any of them are actually required for school purposes. It is assumed by this office that they are intended for the teacher's living quarters. If this is the case, you are advised that no allowance of funds can be made for them, since the law under which the Kasaan school district was organized does not contemplate the use of school funds for furnishing quarters for teachers. If
rooms for the teacher's quarters are provided in the school

building, there is no objection to the teacher using the same, but the school funds cannot be used for furnishing them, nor for fuel or lights for the use of the teacher in such living quarters. This is not a matter in which the Governor's office has any discretion. The law limits the use of school funds to strictly school purposes. The item of new wall paper and labor, \$50, has been allowed, although it is assumed that it is probably wanted for the teacher's living rooms. As this, however, is properly a repair item the amount of the board's estimate has been included in the requisition.

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

Your attention, and that of the other members of the board, is called to the printed regulations herewith enclosed, particularly with respect to the matter of expenditures of school funds. It is suggested that you obtain duplicate receipts for payment of salaries and duplicate receipted bills covering the purchase of all supplies, so that, at the end of the term when your report is made out, one complete set of receipts and receipted bills may be forwarded to this office, the other being retained with a copy

of your report in the school files. The board's attention is also called to the regulation requiring that all teachers shall obtain permits from the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. Please see that your teacher makes early application for such a permit, submitting her diploma, certificate or other credentials in support of the application.

There is enclosed herewith a blank form upon which the clerk of the board should report to this office the name of the teacher who has been engaged to teach in your school. The report should be made out in duplicate, one copy being sent to this office and the other filed with the records of the school district.

Respectfully yours,

Encs.

Secretary to the Governor

January 13, 1916

14-1

Hon. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner,
The Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of September 17 last, addressed to the Governor, with respect to the transfer of the United States public school building at Kasauk, Alaska, to the control of the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, for use of the white school at that place until such time as the building shall again be needed by the Bureau of Education. The Governor replied to your letter under date of September 29, expressing a willingness to accept the building in question upon the conditions stated in your letter.

The school board at Kasauk has submitted estimates for a four months' term in the current school year, the same including a considerable item for repairs to the school building. Since the date of the Governor's letter to you of September 29 last, above mentioned, nothing further appears to have been done with respect to a formal transfer of

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the control of the building to the Governor, and the matter is now respectfully called to your attention with a view to such formal transfer so that there may be no question regarding the propriety of paying for necessary repairs out of the school funds which are being placed at the disposal of the Kasnan school board, upon requisition of this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 15, 1916

15-3

Prof. L. D. Henderson, Supt.,

Juneau Public Schools,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Henderson:

By direction of the Governor, I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr. A. L. Rymer, 247 South Fourth street, Columbus, Ohio, who desires to obtain a list of the subjects required in this Territory for eighth grade certificates, or common school diplomas.

Since our so-called "school system" is unorganized, and the courses of study are not standardized, this office is unable to furnish the information which Mr. Rymer desires. However, it may be of interest to him to know the basis of the issuance of eighth grade certificates in the Juneau schools, and, if you care to go to the trouble of furnishing him with the information, he will, no doubt, be glad to receive it, and your courtesy will be appreciated by this office.

I am advising Mr. Rymer that his letter is being referred to you, and enclose a copy of my letter to him herewith.

Faithfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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January 15, 1916

15-2

Miss Jennie Smith,

Farmer, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing your State of Texas Summer Normal First Grade Certificate, and requesting that a license be issued authorizing you to teach in the schools of Alaska.

With return of your certificate herewith, I am directed, by the Governor, to advise you that Alaska permits are issued only to those persons who have actually obtained employment in the white schools of this Territory. It is, therefore, impossible to comply with your request at this time, since it does not appear that you have secured employment in one of the Alaska schools. Should you do so at a later date, there will be no difficulty in securing an Alaska permit.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

January 15, 1916

15-1

Miss Ruby Rogers,
Craig, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the eighth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request a list of the Nelson schools, together with other information relative thereto.

In response there is enclosed herewith a circular which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. We have no list of the clerks of the various school boards in convenient form for distribution, but a letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at any of the places named in the circular, will reach the proper officer and, no doubt, receive the necessary attention.

The usual length of the school term in the white schools is nine months.

Respectfully yours,

Enc.

Secretary to the Governor

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as to the subjects covered in the examinations for eighth
grade certificates, or common school diplomas in those
schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 15, 1916

15-3

Mr. A. L. Rymer,

347 South Fourth street,

Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, requesting to be furnished with a list of subjects required in Alaska for eighth grade certificates, or common school diplomas.

In reply you are advised that the school system, so-called, of Alaska, is practically unorganized, and the courses of study have not as yet been standardized. There is, therefore, no standard list of subjects covered by examinations for eighth grade certificates or common school diplomas, published. The schools of Juneau have the largest attendance, and are probably up to the highest standard of any of the schools of this Territory. The Juneau schools are accredited with the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, and the University of California, Berkeley, California. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of referring your inquiry to Professor L. D. Henderson, Superintendent of the Juneau Public Schools, who will, no doubt, advise you

as to the subjects covered in the examinations for eighth
grade certificates, or common school diplomas in these
schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 17, 1916

15-6

Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co.,

Post office Box 265,

Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the eighth instant, requesting information with regard to the schools of Alaska.

Enclosed herewith is a circular letter which contains considerable information with respect to the white schools of this Territory, as well as a complete list of the same. In connection with the list of schools in incorporated towns, you will find mention of those which maintain high schools. The following data is given you with respect to the schools in the incorporated towns, the figures being taken from the records of the 1914-15 school year:

<u>Town</u>	<u>No. of teachers</u>	<u>No. of pupils</u>
Cardova	2	35
Douglas	8	213
Fairbanks	7	187
Haines	2	47
Iditarod	1	9
Juneau	14	326
Ketchikan	6	157
Nome	6	123
Petersburg	3	63
Skagway	4	98
Seward	2	60
Tanana	1	25
Valdez	3	117
Wrangell	4	68
<u>Total</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>1,542</u>

This office does not have the figures covering the number of students in the high schools, nor the number of teachers employed therein.

Enclosed herewith is a list of the names of the principals of all the white schools in the Territory.

Only four of the schools outside of incorporated towns employed more than one teacher in the school year 1914-15. These four schools were Afognak, 3 teachers; Kodiak, 5 teachers, Longwood (Kodiak post-office), 3 teachers; Sitka, 3 teachers. The total number of teachers employed in all of the white schools in the school year 1914-15 was 105, the total number of pupils being 2,503.

Text-books are selected by the school boards on recommendations of the principals of the schools. The courses of study in these schools have not as yet been standardized.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 17, 1916

15-2

Mr. Walter Howard,
Clerk of the School Board,
Knik, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under date of November 15 last, a letter was addressed to you, calling your attention to the regulations of this office with respect to the certification of teachers, and requesting that you see that the teacher of the Knik school make application for an Alaska permit, submitting her credentials with such application. Previously thereto there had been mailed to you a copy of a circular letter addressed to all school boards on the subject of teachers' certificates. No response has been received to either of the communications mentioned, nor has the application of the teacher of the Knik school been received. If the teacher of your school has not made application for an Alaska permit by the time this letter reaches you, you are requested to make it your personal business to see that such application, accompanied by credentials, is forwarded without delay.

This is a matter which should have been given immediate attention upon the opening of the school at Knik, and an ex-

planation is desired as to the delay.

For convenience of reference, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the regulations above referred to, although the Knik school board was furnished with copies of these regulations several months ago

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

January 17, 1916

15-2

Mr. H. D. Snodgrass,
Clerk of the School Board,
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Under date of November 15 last, a letter was addressed to you in further reference to the matter of applications of Mr. and Mrs. McGinley for permits to teach in the Alaska schools. Previously thereto a copy of a circular letter addressed to all school boards on the subject of the certification of teachers, had been mailed to you. To date no response has been received to either the communications in question, nor have Mr. and Mrs. McGinley made application for Alaska permits. A letter is being addressed to Mr. McGinley today, calling his attention personally to the matter and requesting that both he and Mrs. McGinley forward their applications with credentials, without delay. The matter is also called to your attention with the request that you personally see that the instructions of this office are complied with.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 17, 1916

15-5

Mr. Frank T. Mann, Supt.,
United States Indian School,
Pipestone, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the third instant, there is enclosed herewith a list of the teachers of the white schools in the Territory of Alaska, together with their post-office addresses.

For a list of the teachers of the native schools, it is suggested that you address Mr. W. T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division, United States Bureau of Education, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 17, 1916

15-2

Mr. Howard McGinley,

Teacher, Kodiak School,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On November 15 last, this office addressed a letter to the clerk of the school board at Kodiak, calling his attention to the fact that, under the regulations of this office, it was necessary for you and Mrs. McGinley to make application for permits to teach in the Alaska schools. Previously thereto a circular letter had been addressed to all school boards, calling their attention to the requirement that teachers in the white schools of the Territory must obtain Alaska permits. As yet, however, this office has not received any response from the clerk of the school board, regarding the matter, nor have the applications of yourself and Mrs. McGinley come to hand. The matter is now called to your personal attention, with the request that, without delay, both you and Mrs. McGinley forward your applications, together with your state certificates, diplomas, or such other credentials as you may have, for the consideration of this office.

Respectfully yours,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 24, 1916

15-5

Miss Emily Guivits, Manager,
The Lincoln Teachers' Agency,
Lincoln, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

In response to your request of the 13th instant,
for a copy of the latest educational bulletin, there is
enclosed a list of the principals of the white schools
of the Territory, (as no such bulletin is published) and
a copy of a circular letter containing general informa-
tion about schools, which may be of value to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 24, 1916

15-1

Mr. Leslie E. Hartley,
Silesia, Montana

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry of the tenth instant. No educational directory is published, but there are enclosed a list of teachers in the white schools of the Territory, and a copy of a circular letter containing general information relating thereto.

Permits to teach in the white schools of Alaska for a period of two years are issued to those only who have been actually employed to teach in such schools, on presentation of satisfactory credentials, usually state certificates or diplomas.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

January 25, 1916

15-1

Miss Habel M. Gibson,

1233 Arthur Avenue,

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Gibson:

I have your letter of the 7th instant, in which you request to be furnished with a list of the Alaska schools and any information which may be available as to vacancies.

Enclosed herewith is a circular letter which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools in the Territory. You will note that there are quite a number of new ones. As this office does not have anything to do with the employment of teachers, it is seldom that we know anything about vacancies in the schools. It is my understanding that two or three of the teachers now employed in the Juneau public schools do not intend to return next year, in which event their places will, of course, have to be filled. This information has come to me unofficially, however, and I would not care to be quoted in connection with it. Professor L. D. Henderson is the principal of the Juneau schools, and it might be well for you to communicate with him, giving your references, local and otherwise. A commercial course is, I

believe, provided in connection with high school work.
I have no doubt that Mr. Beattie would be very pleased
to speak a word for you, and it would afford me pleasure to
assist you if there were any way in which I might do so,
but I do not know that there is. I have no doubt also
that any of the persons who were members of the school
board at the time you taught at Chishagoff and who are
still there would recommend your work.

Wishing you every success in your work, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 26, 1916

15-2

Miss Jennie B. Heath,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 8, it having been delayed in reaching this office by reason of the fact that it was forwarded to Seward, and thence returned to Juneau. You state in your letter, that you have been offered the position of teacher of the Kasan school, and ask if a teacher's certificate is necessary before you accept the position. You also add that you have a grammar school diploma, but that you left school shortly before finishing the high school course.

In reply I have to advise you that the regulations provide that teachers of the schools of Alaska shall be graduates either of a university or college, or of a recognized normal school. Exceptions to this regulation are made only in case of an emergency; that is, where it is found impossible for the board of school directors of a district to secure the services of a trained teacher. If this should be the case at Kasan, and the board should desire to engage you as teacher, I have to advise you that a permit to teach for the term would be issued by this office.

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 29, 1916

15-1

Prof. L. D. Henderson, Principal,

Juneau Public Schools,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I beg to transmit herewith letter and enclosures received from Miss Virginia B. Nichol of San Francisco, who expresses a desire to obtain a position in the Juneau public schools next year. A copy of my letter of acknowledgment is also enclosed for your information.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

January 29, 1916

15-1

Miss Virginia B. Nichol,
General Delivery,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a photograph and copies of letters of recommendation. Since you express a desire to obtain a position in the Juneau public schools, your letter, with its enclosures, is being referred to Professor L. D. Henderson, principal of the Juneau schools, who will, no doubt, advise you as to the possibility of securing a position in the next school year. While the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, he exercises no function in connection with the employment of teachers.

There is enclosed herewith a circular letter which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory. This may be of interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Mr. D. Nelson,

Treasurer of the School Board,

Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have, for acknowledgment, your letter of January 21, with reference to matters relating to the school in your district.

I note what you say with respect to the cook stove, mattress and cooking utensils included in the Board's estimate received by this office, these being intended for the teacher; also your suggestion that it would be well to postpone the opening of your school until September next, in view of the fact that it will be so late in the present school year before the school building is in condition for use. I have to advise that, if your school board should determine upon this action, it will meet with the approval of this office.

With reference to the engagement of Miss Jenetta C. Olsen, of Douglas, as teacher, I have to say that the appointment of Miss Olsen will be satisfactory to this office, provided that she has the necessary authority to teach in the schools of Alaska, which I understand she has.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction