

April 24, 1916

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Hon. L. V. Ray,

Seward, Alaska

My dear Senator:

In the absence of the Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, stating that your cousin, Miss Lottie E. Elliott, 3 Brockton Avenue, Haverhill, Massachusetts, desires to obtain information with regard to the opportunities for teachers in the Alaska schools.

I am today writing Miss Elliott and enclosing a copy of a circular letter with regard to the white schools of the Territory, which contains, in a brief way, the information which is usually asked for by teachers. A list of the white schools is also contained in the circular.

As you probably know, the employment of teachers in the white schools is left entirely to the school boards, and this office is seldom asked to assist in this respect. At the present time we do not know of any vacancies.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 24, 1916

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Mr. John Petrich,
Deering, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the second ^{ultimo} instant, in regard to the establishment of a school district at Deering.

As you are probably aware, school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns in this Territory are established and maintained under authority of the act of Jan. 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson school law." I enclose herewith a copy of the act so that you may see just what its provisions are.

You will note, among other things, that a school district shall not comprise more than forty square miles; also that there must be resident within such area not less than 20 white children of school age (six to 20 years). From your letter it appears that there are, at the present time, 12 children of school age. It would appear, therefore, that a district could not be established at this time. If, as you say, within a year or so the number of children of school age will be nearly double what it is at the present time, you could probably arrange for the establishment of a district at that time.

An effort is being made to secure the passage of a bill at the present session of Congress which will provide additional funds for school purposes, and also permit the organization of school districts in communities having 15 children of school age. An effort is also being made to secure the passage of a bill which will place entirely in the hands of the Territory all matters relating to white schools. Matters pertaining to the rights of the United States in connection with the European war, however, seem to be largely overshadowing all other subjects of legislation, and it is somewhat doubtful if the Alaska school matters will receive attention this session.

The 1915 session of the Alaska legislature passed an act which was intended to amend, in a number of ways, the act of January 27, 1905, above referred to, but since the act creating the legislature expressly provides that that body shall not pass any law amending the act of January 27, 1905, the act passed by the 1915 session of the legislature has been held void.

The procedure necessary to establish a school district is clearly outlined in section 5 of the act of January 27, 1905, and it would seem that you and the other residents of Deering should have no particular difficulty in taking the necessary steps when you are able to make the showing that there are not less than 20 white children of school age resident within the limits of the proposed district.

The petition is not a technical legal document, but is simply required to show certain existing facts and gives the clerk of the United States District Court certain information upon which to act. This can, no doubt, all be arranged without securing the services of a United States Commissioner or anyone else who would require compensation. The clerk of the District Court makes no charge for his services in connection with the establishment of a school district. He is required to perform these services as a part of his regular duties.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, April 26, 1916. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM FAIRBANKS.

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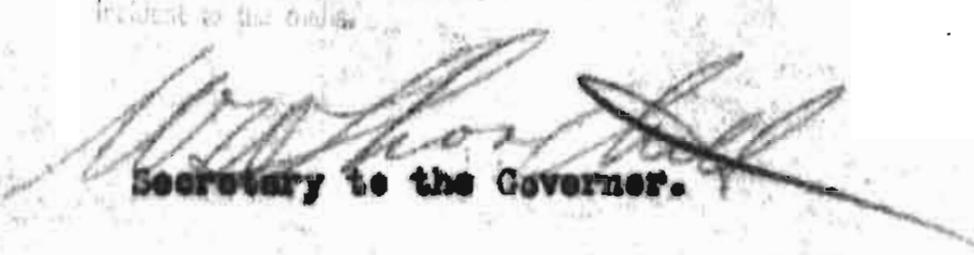
Julian Blaker, Clerk School Board,

FOX.

Estimates your school ensuing year not yet received. Suggest duplicate estimates be forwarded for use in event first set fails to arrive.

SHORTHILL, Secretary to 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.

April 26, 1916

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Mr. Julian Bicker,
Clerk of the Fox School District,
Fox, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the sixth instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to whether or not the requisition for your school for the 1916-17 year has been allowed.

In reply you are advised that, as yet, the estimates of your board for 1916-17 have not come to hand. I am wiring you today, suggesting that duplicate estimates be forwarded at once for use in case the first estimates fail to arrive.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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April 26, 1916

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Miss Emma Pettelin,
507 High street,
Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in further reference to your desire to obtain a permit to teach in the white schools of Alaska.

Governor Strong is absent from the Territory at this time and will not return until about May 15, at which time I shall place your letter before him. In the meantime I am writing the principal of the Bellingham Normal School, asking for such a statement as she may wish to make regarding your work in the school and your qualifications to teach in one of the rural schools of Alaska.

Some time ago the Governor received a letter from Miss Sjoberg, principal of the Afognak school, in reference to a permit for you and at that time the Governor understood that you expected to complete your normal school course, and he advised Miss Sjoberg that a permit would be issued to you upon presentation of your normal school diploma.

I hope to have a reply from the principal of the Bellingham Normal School by the time the Governor returns, so that I may place it before him with your letter, and I am sure that the Governor will do all he can to aid you, but, of course, there are certain rules which must be adhered to in the issuance of permits to teach in the Alaska schools.

Have you made any definite arrangements for a school in Alaska, or made application to any of the school boards?

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 26, 1916

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The Principal,
Bellingham Normal School,
Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Miss Emma Pettelin, 507 High street, your city, in reference to obtaining a permit to teach in the white schools of this Territory. From Miss Pettelin's letter I take it that she will be unable to obtain an elementary certificate this year for the reason that she has not given the requisite amount of time to geometry and English IV. Miss Pettelin states that she is very anxious to arrange for a school in Alaska, and that it is practically necessary for her to do so, in order to be able to complete her normal school work.

Some time ago this office received a letter from the principal of the Afegnak, Alaska, school, in Miss Pettelin's behalf, and the Governor at that time advised that, since Miss Pettelin was taking a course in the normal school at Bellingham and would no doubt be given a certificate by that institution, she would be granted a permit to teach in Alaska upon presentation of the Normal School diploma. As already stated, however, it seems from Miss Pettelin's letter that she cannot obtain her diploma this year.

In order that the Governor, who is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, may be able to judge Miss Pettelin's qualifications for teaching, I write to ask that you will kindly give this office the benefit of your knowledge and observation of Miss Pettelin's work in the normal school, and whether or not, in your opinion, she is qualified to take charge of a rural school. If Miss Pettelin is capable of taking charge of such a school (most of which in Alaska are practically ungraded), I am sure that the Governor would not wish to do her the injustice of refusing to grant a permit. Miss Pettelin is an Alaskan whose apparently ambitious to become a teacher, and we, of course, wish to encourage Alaskans to take up school work in their own Territory.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated. A franked and addressed envelope is enclosed for your use when replying.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 28, 1916

15-3

Miss Rebecca McClean,
457 West Avenue, 56,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be supplied with any bulletins or other available information in regard to the development and progress of hand-work and industrial education in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that there are no bulletins published in Alaska on the subjects in question; in fact, very few of the Alaska schools are as yet giving instruction in the subjects to which you refer.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

April 28, 1916

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Mr. Charles C. Naughton,
Clerk of the Katalia School Board,
Katalia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the enclosed copies of letters of August 7, 1915, and this date to Mr. Durkee, treasurer of the school district, in respect to his accounts for the school year 1914-15, which remain unsettled.

For some reason unknown to this office, Mr. Durkee has failed to pay any attention to the requests of this office that he furnish the information asked for in office letter of August 7, 1915, which information is necessary before his accounts for that year can be approved by the Governor.

As stated in the letter of this date to Mr. Durkee, requisition for funds for the school year 1915-16 for your district was made notwithstanding the fact that his accounts for 1914-15 had not been approved; but no requisition will be made for funds for the school year 1916-17 until Mr. Durkee has complied with the requests of this office in regard to the irregularity in his 1914-15 accounts.

This matter is called to your attention so that you and the director may understand who is responsible for any delay which may occur in connection with the making of requisition for funds for your school district for the school year 1916-17. If you can do anything to hasten Mr. Durkee's response to the requests of this office, it will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

April 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. B. H. Durkee,

Treasurer Katalla School District,

Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Under date of August 7th last a letter was addressed to you by this office, calling attention to certain irregularities in your report for the school year 1914-15, and asking you to furnish an explanation regarding the same. On November 9 last a letter was addressed to you calling attention to the letter of August 7 and requesting your attention thereto. To date, however, no response has been received to either of these letters, and your accounts for 1914-15 remain unapproved.

Although it is a rule of this office that the report of the treasurer of a school district for the year closed must be approved before a requisition is made for funds for the ensuing year, this rule was waived in connection with your 1914-15 accounts, and a requisition was made for funds for the school year 1915-16. You are advised, however, that no requisition will be made for funds for the school year 1916-17 until you have replied to the letter of August 7 above referred to and a copy of which is herewith enclosed. This office is disposed to aid school boards and officers in every way possible, but it cannot overlook persistent noncompliance with re-

quests for information in respect to the accounts of school treasurers.

On receipt of this letter kindly arrange to go over your 1914-15 accounts and records, and supply the information asked for in office letter of August 7, 1913. When this information is at hand your accounts will be approved.

A copy of this letter, as well as the letter of August 7, 1913, is being forwarded to the clerk of the Katalla school board so that the other members of the board may be fully advised in the premises.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

May 2, 1916

15-2

Miss Gertrude E. Mallette,
444 East Highlands,
Spokane, Wash.

My dear Miss Mallette:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you request that a teacher's certificate for Alaska be issued to you.

Governor Strong has been absent from the Territory since the middle of March, and will not return until about the 15th or 20th of this month. Upon his return your letter will be brought to his attention. In the meantime will you please advise the date of your Washington state certificate and the period for which it was issued.

With very best wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 2, 1916

15-1

Prof. L. D. Henderson, Supt.,
Juneau Public Schools,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Professor Henderson:

I beg to enclose herewith letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to this office by Mr. Otho C. Hart, of Salem, Oregon, who wishes to be informed as to whether or not an instructor has been employed for the new department of manual training in the Juneau schools.

I have advised Mr. Hart that this is a matter which is in the hands of the Juneau school board, and that his letter is being referred to you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 2, 1916

15-1

Mr. Otha C. Hart,
391 North Cottage street,
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to whether an instructor has been employed for the new department of manual training in the Juneau public schools.

Your letter is being referred to the superintendent of the Juneau schools, and he will, no doubt, advise you as to the status of this matter. The employment of teachers in the Alaska schools is left entirely to the local school boards.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter containing information with respect to the white schools of Alaska, and also a complete list of these schools, which may be of interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 4, 1916

15-1

Mrs. Odyle D. Garrison,
Pateros, Washington

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ultimo, in which you ask to be advised if a first or second grade certificate issued by the State of Washington is recognized in this Territory, and also inquiring as to the opportunities for securing a position as teacher in one of the Alaska schools.

In reply you are advised that certificates issued by the State of Washington are accepted in Alaska. The employment of teachers in the white schools of this Territory is left entirely to the local school boards. The Governor, who is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for these schools, exercises no function in connection with the employment of teachers, and it is seldom that this office is asked to assist in securing teachers for these schools. At the present time we know of no vacancies.

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. I note

you say that your husband is going to Latouche and that you would like, if possible, to obtain a school in that vicinity. I have marked on the list of schools those which are in the Latouche section.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 4, 1916

14-1

Mr. Arthur H. Olson,
Natanaska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Governor I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo, addressed to the "Board of Education" at Juneau, which has been delivered to this office, the Governor being ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of the Territory.

In reply to your inquiry I beg to advise that the act of January 27, 1905, under which school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns are established and maintained, provides, among other things, that there must be not less than 20 white children of school age (6 to 20), resident within the limits of the proposed school district before such district can be established by the clerk of the district court. I enclose a copy of the act referred to so that you may see just what provision is made for schools outside of incorporated towns. It is not possible to provide any financial assistance in any community where a school district has not been regularly established.

I note you say that there are now 15 children in your community and that you expect at least 7 more during the present spring and summer. If, during the summer, you should find that

there are actually resident in your community, and within an area not over 40 square miles, the requisite 20 white children of school age, you would, of course, be entitled to petition the clerk of the court at Valdes for the establishment of a school district.

There are now some 41 school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns in this Territory. These schools require an average of about \$2,000 per year to maintain them. This takes practically the full amount of funds at present available for school purposes, and the question of providing funds for any new districts which may be established is, therefore, becoming a very serious one.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

May 4, 1916

14-1

Mr. Martin Leckwald,

Matanuska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th ultimo, addressed to the "Board of Education," at Juneau, has been delivered to this office, the Governor being ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of Alaska.

In reply to your inquiry I beg to advise that the act of January 27, 1905, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, provides for the establishment and maintenance of school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns in this Territory. By reference to section 5 of the enclosed act you will note that, among other things, it is required that before a district can be established there must be not less than 20 white children of school age (6 to 20 years), resident within the limits of the proposed district. You ask whether or not the Government will extend any assistance where there are 15 children of school age. Under the law it is not possible to furnish any funds to any community where there are less than the requisite 20 white children of school age; and before any funds can be provided it is necessary that the school district be regularly established by the clerk of the district court.

Respectfully yours,

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May 8, 1916

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Mr. C. L. Hayhurst,
Tunnelton, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you advise that you have applied for a position in one of the Alaska schools, and refer to the certificate and credentials which you hold. In reply you are advised that, if you are successful in obtaining a position in one of the Alaska schools, a permit to teach in this Territory will be issued to you upon presentation of your State certificate. Alaska permits are issued only to teachers who actually secure employment in the Alaska schools.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 9, 1916

15-1

Mr. E. W. Daniel,

Route 1, Box No. 101,

Burlington, Texas

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultime, addressed to the Governor, making inquiry with regard to the opportunities for teachers in this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise that there are some forty white schools in communities outside of the incorporated towns of the Territory. A list of these schools will be found on the back of the enclosed circular, which contains also other information regarding the Alaska schools. As a rule the school boards have little difficulty in securing capable teachers, since there are usually scores of applicants for each position.

Permits to teach in the white schools of this Territory are issued only to teachers who have actually secured employment in these schools. Should you, at any time in the future, secure such employment, the first grade State certificate which you hold, if then in force, would no doubt entitle you to an Alaska permit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 15, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Lillian W. Daniels, Clerk,
Treadwell School District,
Treadwell, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 13th instant, in which you inquire whether nine months of school means 180 school days, or nine calendar months from the date school began.

In reply you are advised that the regulations issued by this office provide that, in districts outside of incorporated towns, school shall be in session 180 days during the year. Where the legal holidays and the regular Christmas and Easter vacation periods are observed, there will be approximately 20 school days in each calendar month, so that school will be in session during nine calendar months. It is not required that school shall be in session more than 180 days, and the date of closing the school will depend, of course, upon whether or not all the legal holidays and the full Christmas and Easter vacation periods have been observed. The regulations require that the regular legal holidays should be observed, and they recommend that the full Christmas and Easter vacation periods be also observed. In some districts, however, the Christmas and Eastern vacation periods are shortened which, of course, permits the closing of the schools earlier in the calendar year than

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to miscellaneous school inquiries. This may be of some interest to your friend.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 15, 1916

15-1

Mrs. W. A. Abbett,
Flemington, N. J.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fourth instant, addressed to the Commissioner of Education, Alaska, in which you make inquiry on behalf of one of your friends with regard to school work in Alaska, and request information in particular as to the public school at Sitka, and the Sheldon Jackson school at that place.

With regard to the public school at Sitka, you are advised that, during the school year 1915-16, there have been approximately sixty pupils in attendance, with three teachers in charge. For the school year 1916-17, however, the board has been advised that but two teachers will be allowed. No instruction is provided in this school beyond the eighth grade.

The superintendent of the Sheldon Jackson school is being requested to advise you with regard to that institution. As you may know, this school is maintained by the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church for the education of the native children of Alaska. It is not a public school in the usual meaning of that term.

would otherwise be the case.

It will, therefore, be entirely in order for the Treadwell school to close when the 180 school days have been completed, regardless of the particular calendar date on which the closing day may fall.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

May 16, 1916

15-6

The Unit Press,
Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication of the fourth instant, addressed to the superintendent of public instruction, enclosing literature with respect to Unit-Peoms in public schools. The literature is being turned over to Professor L. D. Henderson, superintendent of the Juneau public schools.

There are no superintendents' or teachers' associations in Alaska. Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter form used by this office in replying to miscellaneous school inquiries which may be of some interest to you. The circular letter contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

May 15, 1916

15-1

The Superintendent,
Sheldon Jackson School,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Mrs. W. A. Abbott, of Flemington, New Jersey, has written this office on behalf of friends, requesting information with regard to the public schools at Sitka, and also the Sheldon Jackson school. This office has advised Mrs. Abbott regarding the Sitka public schools, and I am writing to ask that you will kindly write her, at your convenience, giving her such information as you think would be of interest to her with regard to the Sheldon Jackson school.

Although Mrs. Abbott does not say so, I take it her friends are school teachers who possibly have a desire to teach in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 16, 1916

15-2

Mrs. M. M. Hopkins,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Hopkins:

I have your letter of May 11, which I found awaiting me here upon my return to Juneau a few days ago. I note you state that you have a normal school diploma and wish to secure a Territorial license to teach. In reply I have to advise you that, if you will forward your normal school diploma to this office, a certificate will be issued to you and your diploma returned.

I knew your late husband well for many, many years, and reckoned him among my best friends. I was, indeed, sorry to learn of his death while I was in Seattle recently.

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

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

May 16, 1916

14-1

Mr. C. L. Magill,

Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 6, with reference to school conditions in your district. It is noted that you expect that your school enrollment will be considerably over 100 next term, and that you will need additional school room, furniture, etc., and that you can secure the Russian school house at a cost of \$15 per month, but that repairs will be needed. You also state that you would like to secure enough funds towards the construction of a new building to cost approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000. I also note that you have incurred an indebtedness of \$75 for two stoves and \$50 for repairs to your present building. These items can be included in your next estimates, and a requisition will be made for that amount in addition to such other as may be allowed.

I have to advise that the condition of the school fund at this time renders it impossible for me to say how much money will be available for school purposes in the Territory. A bill now pending in Congress, if passed, will, I believe,

provide ample funds for all school purposes. You should understand that, under the present law, the amount available for the construction and equipment of a school house is limited to \$1,000. You will also readily understand that this office cannot override the law and that, unless additional funds and legislation can be secured from the Congress, a sum in excess of \$1,000 cannot be allowed for a school building and its equipment.

You are in error in stating that the legislature made provision for a school at Craig and at Anchorage. The school building at Anchorage was erected by the Alaskan Engineering Commission, while that at Craig was erected by the school board of that district, the maximum cost being \$1,000.

As soon as I shall have received authentic information as to the amount available for school purposes, you will be advised.

It appears to me that your district should get along, however, with two teachers instead of three, as proposed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

May 16, 1916

14-1

Mr. David H. Nere, Clerk,
Chichageff School District,
Chichageff, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, in reference to school election blanks which you say were written for on April 10 last.

In reply you are advised that, at the time the letter of April 10 was received, this matter was taken up with the Clerk of the Court at Juneau, who furnishes the blanks in question, and he advised that he had shortly theretofore sent blanks to all of the school districts in this division. It was assumed that the Chichageff school board would receive its blanks and no further attention has been given to the matter. However, I am today requesting the Clerk of the Court to forward another set of blanks to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 18, 1916

14-1

Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are duplicate sets of election returns transmitted to this office by Mr. J. G. Morey, clerk of the Chitina school district. These should have been sent direct to your office by the school officers. We shall, of course, expect to receive from you, in due course, a duly certified set of the election returns, and a copy of the treasurer's bond, as approved by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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May 19, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. L. McPherson,
Manager Alaska Bureau,
Chamber of Commerce,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. McPherson:

I have your letter of the tenth instant, in which you request to be advised as to the location of the Blackburn, Hinilchie and Otter schools in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that the Blackburn school is located in the Blackburn school district, the school building being about two and a half miles from Kennecott, the inland terminal of the Copper River & Northwestern railway. The post-office address is Blackburn. Mr. W. H. Seagrave, manager of the Benzonia Mine at Kennecott, is treasurer of this district.

The Hinilchie school is located in a district by that name, the settlement being approximately 25 miles north of Anchor point, and on the same side of Cook Inlet. The settlement is shown on every few maps. In fact, the only one I knew of is the map issued by the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, showing the Chugach National Forest, and having particular relation to the reservation of the Anchorage townsite.

The Otter school is, at present, located in the town of Flat, near Iditarod, which settlement is included within the limits of the school district. The school was originally located at Discovery, on Otter Creek, but was transferred to Flat last year, that point being more readily accessible to a majority of the children within the district.

I don't know whether you have on file one of our school circulars, containing information with regard to the white schools of the Territory, and giving a list of them. I enclose a few copies of the circular herewith.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

May 19, 1916

15-6

Miss Ethel Thomas,
Room 20, Botany Building,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the "State Board of Education," beg to advise that there is no public directory of the teachers employed in the schools of this Territory.

I am enclosing herewith a circular letter from, containing information with regard to the white schools of the Territory, on the back of which will be found a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 20, 1916

15-1

Miss Elna Kerns Leonard,
2924 North 30th street,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, in which you state that you would like to secure a position in the Indian school at Juneau.

In reply I have to advise you that your application should be addressed to Mr. W. T. Lepp, in charge of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash.

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 GERTRUDE E. HALLITE, who, having presented a Washington State certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from September 1, 1916, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twentieth day of May, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State
Certificate, dated
March 4, 1916

May 22, 1916

15-2

Miss Gertrude E. Mallett,
444 East Highlands,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Miss Mallett:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith an Alaska teacher's permit issued to you this date by the Governor, and being good for two years from September 1, 1916.

Whether you remain in the States or return to Alaska, you may be sure that you have the good wishes of this office for success in whatever line of work you may follow.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

May 22, 1916

15-2

Mr. Alexander McIntosh,

Candle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 17, with reference to your application for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. I have no doubt of the statements contained in your letter, with reference to your educational and other qualifications.

I also note that you state your diploma was burned, with other personal effects, some time ago, but that you will be able to secure a certificate from the registrar of your university for the work done by you leading to your degree. If you will forward such certificate to this office, a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for the period of two years, will be issued to you. As the school term does not begin until September, this will enable you to communicate with the registrar and secure such certificate. It might be advisable for you to advise the registrar to transmit it direct to this office, when it will be sent to your address, accompanied by the permit. I feel that you would do excellent work in the school at Candle and sincerely trust that you will receive the appointment as teacher in your town.

Permit me to express my deepest sympathy over the sad accident which befell you in the blizzard which you describe so graphically in your letter. I had already read in the public press of your misfortune. I trust that, although you will be physically disabled during the rest of your natural life, your general health will not be impaired because of the suffering which you have undergone.

I recall meeting you in Nome many times during my residence at that place.

For your information I may say that the act of the Territorial legislature, creating the office of assistant superintendent of public instruction, and providing for the organization of a board of education and a uniform course of study was invalidated through an opinion of the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior, who held that the Territorial legislature exceeded its power when it attempted to pass such legislation affecting the schools of the Territory, the control of which, by the organic act of 1912, is directly vested in the Congress. Therefore, the status quo in effect prior to the passage of the Territorial act remains the same.

I am returning the money enclosed, namely, \$5, as no charge is made for the issuance of permits to teach in the schools of the Territory.

Expressing the hope that you are fast regaining your health and that you may be spared long to render education

and other service to the children and people of Alaska, I
am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

May 18, 1916

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Mr. J. G. Morey, Clerk,
Chitina School District,
Chitina, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the eighth instant, enclosing duplicate election returns and treasurer's bond for the Chitina school district, covering the ensuing school year. Permit me to say that these papers should have been sent direct to the clerk of the district court at Valdez for examination and approval. They are being forwarded to the clerk in this mail.

The regular mode of procedure in connection with election returns, is for the election officers or the school board to forward the same direct to the clerk of the district court for the division in which the school district is located. The clerk then examines the same and, if found in proper form, one set is filed in his office and the other is certified by him and forwarded to the Governor's office for filing here.

It is noted that, on account of the increased attendance during the latter part of the 1915-16 term, your district was obliged to purchase additional books and exceeded the allowance for books and supplies by \$4.10. Since it appears that there

is a surplus of \$7.50 on hand from the allowance for lights,
the treasurer of your district is hereby authorized to trans-
fer from the light account to the school supplies account the
sum of \$4.10, to cover the shortage in the latter account.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

May 22, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk, District Court,

Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant (K. L. Mcmahon, Deputy) transmitting certified copy of election returns, Ouzinkie School District, 1916, in which it was stated that the clerk of the district failed to send with the returns the affidavit of posting notice of the election, and that he had been asked to send the same in to you.

It appears that the clerk sent the affidavit to this office instead of to your office, as two copies were received here on the 16th instant with the estimates of the Board. One copy has been filed here and the other is enclosed for your records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

1 encl.

June 1, May 24, 1916. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM FAIRBANKS.

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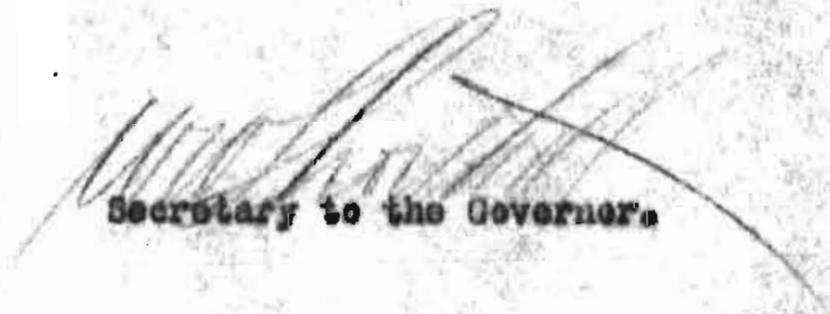
J. P. Schoesser, Treasurer,

Fox School District,

FOX.

Requisition for funds your school made today full amount of estimates.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to the Governor.

May 23, 1916

15-1

Mr. W. P. Mills,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Mr. Mills:

I have received a letter from Miss Mary Beattie Brady, daughter of former Governor Brady, of Alaska, in which she states that she has made application to the Sitka school board to teach the higher grades in your school, beginning the coming school year.

I have met Miss Brady and was most favorably impressed with her in every way. She is a bright girl and has an excellent education, and I believe will be a great success as a teacher. Permit me to suggest that it would be a most gracious thing if you could appoint the young woman to a position in your school. It would please not only myself, but many of the friends of the Brady family throughout Alaska; and, furthermore, the young lady is deserving in every way. If you have not already made your selection of teachers for the coming year, kindly give Miss Brady's application every consideration possible.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

May 23, 1916

15-1

Miss Mary Beattie Brady,
505 Main Bldg., Vassar College,
Ithaca, New York

Dear Miss Brady:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 7, which I found awaiting me here upon returning from a two months' visit of the South and East, having left Juncon on March 14. I returned to Juncon only a few days ago.

In compliance with your request, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. W. P. Mills, a member of the Sitka school board, asking him to give consideration to your application for a position in the Sitka school. I hope that you will be able to secure this, as I am convinced you would give the utmost satisfaction in every way.

With best wishes and a desire to be remembered to all the members of your family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

May 23, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. P. Schooser, Treasurer,
Fox School District,
Fox, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Enclosed find memorandum copy of a requisition of this date, for funds for your school district for the school year 1916-17. The requisition covers in full all the items contained in the board's estimate, the net amount asked for being \$1926.75. When you receive the treasury warrant covering this requisition, please advise this office in writing, giving the number and the amount of the warrant, and the date of its receipt by you.

There is also enclosed formal notice of approval of your accounts for the school year 1915-16.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

May 24, 1916

15-2

Miss Margaret L. Wallace,
Fort Lapwai Indian Sanatorium,
Lapwai, Idaho

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire as to whether or not you can obtain an Alaska teacher's permit upon the showing which you submit in your letter.

In reply you are advised that Alaska permits are issued only to those teachers who have actually secured employment in the Alaska schools. Should you secure employment in one of the schools of Alaska, the record disclosed in your letter would entitle you to a permit to teach in the white schools of this Territory.

This office has nothing to do with the employment of teachers in the native schools and does not issue permits to them. They are entirely under the jurisdiction of the United States Bureau of Education.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 25, 1916

15-1

Mr. C. B. Carey,
Supt. of Public Instruction,
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the "State Superintendent of Public Instruction," enclosing a letter received by you from Miss Gladys Grinnell, of Marinette, Wisconsin, making inquiry regarding the schools of Alaska.

A letter has been written to Miss Grinnell, and there has been enclosed with it a copy of a circular containing information with regard to the white schools of the Territory.

A copy of this circular is also enclosed herewith for your information.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Ed.

May 25, 1916

15-1

Miss Gladys Grinnell,
321 Jefferson,
Marinette, Wis.

Dear Madam:

At the request of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Wisconsin, I enclose herewith a circular letter containing information with regard to the white schools of Alaska. The circular contains also a complete list of these schools.

As a rule the schoolboards have no difficulty in obtaining competent teachers, as there are many more applicants than positions.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 25, 1916

14-1

Mr. W. H. Seagrave, Treasurer,
Blackburn School District,
Kenebecott, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your report for the school year 1915-16, it is noted that the expenditures for moving and repairing the school building exceeded the allowance therefor by \$117. 20. The board submitted to this office an estimate covering the moving of the building, the amount asked for being \$300, which amount was allowed in full by this office. The board also estimated \$10 for renewal of blackboards, and \$25 for a heating stove, both of which amounts were allowed and included under the head of school supplies in the requisition made by this office, covering the estimates submitted by the board. A copy of the requisition was mailed to you on August 13 last. The estimate sheets, dated April 15, 1915 and signed by all the members of the board, contained a footnote explaining that it was the desire of the board to move the school building from its original location to Kenebecott. The footnote closed with the following sentence: "We are assured that the Kenebecott Mines Company will donate a like amount, if necessary.

and also provide gratis temporary quarters for the school while the building is being moved."

It was upon the Board's assurance that the Kennecott Mines Company would cooperate in the matter of the expense of moving the school building that the Governor allowed the \$300 asked for by the Board for that purpose. There is nothing in your report to show that the Kennecott Mines Company cooperated in this matter in any way, and the fact that your accounts show an excess expenditure of \$117.20, on account of moving and repairing the school building, would indicate that the Company did not assist in this matter. During the school year 1915-16 this office received no request from the Board, asking for permission to exceed the allowance of \$300 for moving the school building, and this office gave no authority for the excess expenditure. The printed regulations issued by this office, copies of which are, no doubt, on file with the records of the school board (if the officers have properly preserved the copies which have been sent to them), contain the provision that the expenditures for a given purpose must not exceed the amount allowed therefor, unless the written consent of this office be first obtained.

In view of the foregoing I am directed by the Governor to state that, unless some good and sufficient reason can be given, the excess expenditure of \$117.20, on account of

moving and repairing the school building, will be disallowed,
and year accounts will be changed to show a balance of cash
on hand at the end of the school year of \$242.98.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

May 23, 1916

14-1

Mr. David Strandberg,

Flat, Alaska

My dear Mr. Strandberg:

I have your letter of April 23 for acknowledgment. In the first place permit me to say that I was pleased to learn that you arrived safely at Flat, after a somewhat stormy trip, during which, however, you suffered no inconvenience. I have no doubt that you thoroughly enjoyed your return to your home so that you could be once again with your family and where your interests are located.

Now, in respect to the school question at Flat, I want to assure you that I will do everything within my power to further its interests. I feel more than kindly toward the children of the remoter places who are growing up in Alaska, and I believe that they are fairly entitled to the very best educational facilities that it is possible to provide for them. To this end I will at once notify the school board that they should employ a thoroughly qualified and experienced teacher. The salary allowed by this office should be sufficient to secure a thoroughly trained and qualified teacher for the school.

I have read with much interest about the strike ever
in the Tolstoi district, and I sincerely trust that it will
prove all that has been said about it, although first reports
may be somewhat exaggerated. I trust that your mining work
will be successful and highly profitable.

Will you be kind enough to remember me to anyone with
whom I may be acquainted, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

May 25, 1916

14-1

Mrs. J. C. McDowell,
Clerk, Flat School Board,
Flat, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am advised that the growth of your school is such as to demand the employment of a first grade certificated teacher; that is, a teacher who is a graduate of some recognized college, university or normal school in any of the States, and who has had experience in teaching. I am writing you this early in order to suggest that your school board place itself in communication with some teacher or teachers who would be willing to take up the work in your district. This office believes that the salaries paid teachers in all of the school districts in Alaska are such as to enable the school board to secure well trained and well qualified teachers. It is to the interests of the pupils that they have the best teaching talent obtainable.

This office will undertake to recommend a teacher to you should you desire it to do so. It is better, however, that you personally communicate with teachers, if it is possible for you so to do.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

June 1, 1916

15-2

Miss Edna Sheekey,

Lapwai, Idaho

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of May 9, in which you ask if grades obtained in a civil service examination for teacher will be sufficient evidence to entitle you to a permit to teach in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that it is assumed your fourteen years' experience, coupled with the grades obtained in the civil service examination should entitle you to receive a permit to teach in the Alaska public schools.

Should you desire a position in the Indian schools of the Territory, you should address your application to Mr. W. T. Lepp, Chief of the Alaska Division of the United States Bureau of Education, L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Wash.

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 MRS. M. H. HOPKINS, of Valdez, Alaska, who, having presented a Nova Scotia Provincial 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 first day of June, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Nova Scotia Provincial
Normal School Diploma
dated July 12, 1901.

June 1, 1916

15-2

Mrs. M. M. Hopkins,

Valdez, Alaska

My dear Mrs. Hopkins:

I am enclosing herewith a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years, as provided by the school regulations. I trust that you will be able to secure a school.

I have to thank you for your offer of a photograph of Doctor Hopkins, and beg to assure you that its receipt will be appreciated.

If I can be of any further service to you in any way, please command me. With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Encs.

June 1, 1916

14-5

Mr. A. E. Lacey,
Deputy U. S. Marshal,
Yakutat, Alaska

Dear Sir :

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 22, in which you ask for information in regard to certain native children of Yakutat.

I believe that the children to whom you refer could be placed in the Sheldon Jackson Memorial School at Sitka. This is a school conducted exclusively for native children and those of mixed blood. There is no Territorial law under which they can be cared for; such Territorial laws as we have in this respect being confined to children of white parents exclusively. I would, therefore, suggest that you write to the Sheldon Jackson Memorial school at Sitka as to their terms of admission, etc. I believe that in certain cases there are no fees or charges of any kind, and I have no doubt that they would be willing to take these children into the school. Native children and children of mixed blood are also received at the Chemawa Indian school at Chemawa, Oregon, and also at the Cushman Indian school at Tacoma, Wash.

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I am sorry to learn that the Government Indian school at Yakutat is not doing good work, in your opinion. As you know, these schools are directly under the control of the United States Board of Education, and this office exercises no supervision over them.

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

Yours very truly,

Governor

June 2, 1916

15-3

Mr. Robert Creighton Wright,
Bulletin Clerk,
Department of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of May 19, I
beg to advise that the Alaska school law makes no provision
for night schools or adult education. However, private night
schools for adults, I understand, are maintained in some of
the towns of Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

June 2, 1916

14-1

Miss Ruth Spence, Teacher,

Unga, Alaska

My dear Miss Spence:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 9, formal acknowledgment of which was made by my secretary on March 25, during my absence in the States.

I have examined the specimens of the work done by the children of the Unga school with great interest, and I wish to compliment you upon the excellence of their work, which shows painstaking care on the part of their instructor.

Kindly convey my good wishes to the members of your school, and expressing the hope that I may be enabled to visit Unga in the near future, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

June 7, 1916

15-1

Mrs. Carrie Shaw Rice ,
Spanish Fork, Utah

My dear Mrs. Rice:

I have your letter of March 20, acknowledgment of the receipt of which was made by my secretary on March 27 last, during my absence from the Territory.

In reply I regret to state that I know of no place in the Alaska school service which I could recommend to you at this time. I knew that you want something better than a grade teacher in any of our schools, and I believe that appointments for the coming school year have all been made. If, at any time, I learn of an opening that I think would be suitable, I shall advise you. I am glad to know that you are succeeding so well in your new field, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

June 14, 1916.

14-1

Miss Ethel Bennett,

Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant inquiring whether any provision is made for diplomas of graduation to be granted to pupils completing the eighth grade work.

In reply you are advised that no provision has been made for such diplomas, by this office. The Governor directs me to say, however, that the furnishing of suitable diplomas of graduation is a matter entirely within the discretion of the school board, and any reasonable expense incurred therefor will be allowed as a part of the regular expenditures incident to the maintenance of the school. No doubt if the matter is taken up with your school board and they are shown this letter, they will arrange to provide diplomas for your graduates.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 16, 1916.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS NONNA PETELLIN, of Afegak, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character and proof of qualifications, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1916-1917, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this sixteenth day of June,

A. D. 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

June 16, 1916.

15-2

Miss Emma Petellin,
307 High Street,
Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant in further reference to your securing a permit to teach in the Afognak school. In reply I have to advise you that I am forwarding herewith a permit authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the ensuing school year.

It is expected that at the close of the school year you will arrange to complete your course in some recognized normal school.

With best wishes for your success, I am

Very truly yours,

Governor.

Encl.

June 22, 1916

14-1

Mr. W. H. Seagrave, Treasurer,
Blackburn School District,
Kenecott, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, written in reply to office letter of the 25th ultimo in reference to a deficit of \$117.20 in the item of school repairs in your annual report for 1915-16.

I have referred your letter to the Governor and he directs me to say that, in view of the very complete explanation contained therein, and since it appears that the Kenecott Mines Company has rendered valuable financial assistance to the Blackburn school district during the year just close, your report for that year will be approved as submitted. Formal notice of approval will be sent you in due course.

The suggestions contained in your letter that in the future, whenever the Board receives assistance from the Company, the same be reduced to dollars and cents and shown as a donation from the Company is a good one and meets with the entire approval of this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 23, 1916

15-1

Mr. Harold A. Freeman,
1125 West 30th Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, in which you request information concerning opportunities for teachers in the white schools of Alaska.

In reply you are advised that this office does not, at the present time, know of any vacancies in these schools. As a rule, there are far more applicants than positions.

Alaska teacher's permits are issued only to those teachers who actually secure employment in the Alaska schools. Should you, at any time, secure such employment, a permit would no doubt be issued you upon presentation of proper credentials.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 22, 1916

15-1

Miss Gertrude Herron,
3094 West Grand Boulevard,
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to the opportunities for an instructor in physical education in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that, while some little attention is given to physical training in a number of the larger schools of the Territory, no special instructors are employed for this work, it being merely incidental to the regular school work.

For your farther information there is enclosed herewith a circular regarding the white schools of the Territory, which contains also a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

June 22, 1918

15-1

Miss Mary Kean,
525 High Street,
Bellingham, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, in respect to opportunities for teachers in Juneau or vicinity.

In reply you are advised that this office knows of no vacancies at the present time, although we have been unofficially informed that there will be a change of teachers in the rural school at Chichagoff, Alaska, near Sitka. If you will address the clerk of the school board at Chichagoff, you will, no doubt, receive definite information regarding the matter.

There is enclosed herewith for your further information a printed circular regarding the white schools of the Territory, which contains a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 22, 1916

15-3

Mr. W. W. Charton, Dean,
School of Education,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th instant, requesting four copies of any printed material that may have been issued in connection with teacher training courses in high schools and county normals in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that there is no printed material available on the subjects referred to in your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 22, 1916

15-1

Miss Sarah Leamed Clough,

c/o U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey,

Cordova, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you inquire regarding opportunities for teachers in the Alaska schools, referring in particular to those at McCarthy, Ellamar and Latouche.

This office has no definite information regarding vacancies in the schools referred to in your letter, although we have been unofficially advised that there is a vacancy in the school at Ellamar. The employment of teachers in the white schools of the Territory is left entirely in the hands of the respective school boards, and this office is seldom called upon to assist. It is seldom, therefore, that we know of vacancies or contemplated changes.

The credentials that you hold would undoubtedly entitle you to an Alaska teacher's permit should you secure employment in one of these schools. These permits, as stated in the enclosed circular, are issued only to teachers who actually secure

employment in the Alaska schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 23, 1916

14-1

Mr. Ed. Snyder,

Tenakee, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, requesting information regarding the establishment of a school district, etc.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson School Law," which provides for the establishment and maintenance of school districts in communities outside of incorporated towns. Section 5 of the act covers the necessary requirements, mode of procedure, etc., incident to the establishment of school districts. You will note that there must be, within the limits of the proposed school district (which limits shall embrace not more than 40 square miles of territory), at least 20 resident white children between the ages of 6 and 20 years.

Under the provisions of section 7 of the act, you will note it is provided that children of mixed blood who lead a civilized life shall be entitled to attend the schools. However, such children cannot be counted in making the requisite showing of 20 white children of school age resident within the proposed district, as called for by section 5 of the act referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 22, 1916

15-1

Mr. Charles H. Judd, Director,
The School of Education,
The University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, requesting copies of laws relating to high schools in this Territory and also any courses of study or printed matter issued in connection with such schools, I beg to advise that the laws of this Territory authorizing the establishment and maintenance of school districts contain no special provisions with respect to high schools. The courses of study in the white schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized. In general they conform to those in use in the States of Washington, Oregon and California, from which states many of our teachers come.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 23, 1916.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has examined and approved in full the estimates submitted by your Board for the year 1916-17.

A requisition covering your estimates will be made within the next few days, and a copy of it will be mailed to you for your records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 23, 1916.

14-1

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

My dear Mr. Mills:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has examined and approved in full the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17.

A requisition will be made by this office within the next few days, covering the estimates above referred to, and a copy will be mailed to you for your files.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has examined the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved all items therein except the item of "Fence for school ground, paint and repairs, \$75.00", which has been disallowed and stricken from the estimates. The Governor wishes me to say that in view of the very limited funds available for school purposes, and the increasing number of schools which must be provided for, he can not make an allowance for the fencing of your school grounds. The disallowance of this item reduces the total of your estimates to \$1184.50.

A requisition for funds for 1916-17 will be made as soon as the Treasurer's annual report for last year, which reached this office a day or two ago, has been audited and found correct. When the requisition is made a copy will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

Mr. M. J. Doyle, Treasurer,
Seldovia School District,
Seldovia, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has examined the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same in full.

A requisition for funds for your district will be made by this office as soon as the report of the Treasurer for last year, which reached this office a day or two ago, has been audited and found correct. A copy of the requisition will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

P. S. The estimates as approved include simply the various items set forth therein, amounting in all to the sum of \$1984.00.

A separate letter, addressed to the Clerk of the Board, is being written to cover the matter of additional school facilities, in reply to the Board's letter of April 14 last to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has examined and approved in full the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17.

A requisition for the 1916-17 funds for your district will be made by this office as soon as your report for 1915-16, which reached this office a few days ago, has been audited and found correct. A copy of the requisition will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Nicholas Sucharenkin,
Treasurer, Ouzinkie School District,
Ouzinkie, via Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has examined and approved in full the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17.

A requisition for funds for 1916-17 will be made by this office as soon as the annual reports of the Board and Treasurer for 1915-16 have been received and the latter report has been audited and found correct. As yet, however, these reports have not come to hand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Simon Kvasnikoff,
Treasurer, Ninilchik School District,
Ninilchik, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has examined the estimates submitted by the School Board of your district for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same in full.

As soon as your annual report for 1915-16, which reached this office a day or two ago, has been audited, a requisition will be made for funds for the school year 1916-17, and a copy of it will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

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Mr. George A. Learn,
Treasurer, Longwood School District,
Kodiak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same in full. Before a requisition can be made covering these estimates, however, this office must have on file the annual reports of the School Board and the Treasurer for last year. It is requested that these reports be forwarded as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. C. French, Treasurer,
Latouche School District,
Latouche, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17, and has made the following allowances:

Teacher	\$1125.00
Janitor (\$10 instead of \$15 per Mo.)	90.00
Coal	110.00
Lights	15.00
Repairs	300.00
School supplies	200.00
Incidentals	50.00
TOTAL	1999.00

The item of repairs has been reduced from \$400 as submitted, to \$300. The item of School supplies has been increased from \$125 to \$200. It is not deemed wise to ask for the sum of \$400 for "Repairs" in the requisition which will be made to cover the Board's estimates. It is thought, however, that there is a good chance of getting the \$300 for this purpose. The increase of \$75 for "Supplies" is made with a view to being used for "Repairs", to supplement the \$300 asked for under that head. The Governor also directs me to advise you that any unexpended surplus under the head of "Incidentals" may be used for "Repairs", if needed. This will give the Board \$375 for repairs, with a possible addition from the unexpended allowance for incidentals; which will probably serve to provide practically the entire \$400 asked for in the Board's estimates.

The requisition for funds cannot be made until the annual reports of the Board and the Treasurer for last year reach this office. They have not yet come to hand.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you, and through the other members of the Kodiak school board, that action upon the Board's estimates for the school year 1916-17 is being deferred pending the receipt of the Board's annual report for 1915-16, showing the attendance, etc., for the year.

The Governor asks that this report be forwarded by return mail if possible.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

Mr. H. G. Singer, Treasurer,
Kenai School District,
Kenai, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has made the following changes in the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17:

1 teacher at \$175, changed to \$150 per month.
1 teacher at \$150, changed to \$125 per month.
1 teacher at \$150, changed to \$125 per month.

In view of the limited funds available for the schools, and the fact that the number of schools is continually increasing, it is impossible to allow any increases in salaries at this time.

The Governor wishes me to advise you and the other members of the Kenai Board that not more than two teachers will be allowed for the school year 1916-17, unless the Board can give this office positive assurances that the average attendance during the school year 1916-17 will be at least 100 pupils. Unless the Board is prepared to make such showing, and is confident that the attendance will average 100 for the ensuing term, you are directed to arrange for only two teachers, one at \$150 per month, and one at \$125 per month.

On May 16 last the Governor addressed a letter to Mr. Magill, your teacher, in which, among other things, he advised that the sum of \$75 for two stoves, and \$50 for repairs to the schoolhouse, which had not been covered during the 1915-16 year, could be included in the Board's estimates for 1916-17. However, it appears that the Board forwarded its estimates before Mr. Magill had received the Governor's letter, hence the two items referred to were not included in the requisition. The estimates will be held in abeyance pending your reply stating whether or not the Board wishes the \$75 and \$50 items referred to, added to the estimates for 1916-17.

--Mr. H. G. Singer, Treasurer, p. 2.--

With reference to the repairs of the old school building and the renting of the Russian school house, you are advised that the school funds for repairs can only be used for repairs to the building owned by the Government. If at any time any repairs are needed on the Russian school house, the church or other owner of that building will have to make such repairs. The allowance for rent for the Russian school house is all that the Board is authorized to expend in connection with that building. This, of course, does not apply to school supplies, books, etc., for use of the children who may be quartered in the Russian school house.

You are requested to make early reply to this letter. It is also requested that the annual reports of the Board and the Treasurer for the year 1915-16 be forwarded at an early date.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 23, 1916.

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17, and has made the following changes therein:

Teacher's salary changed from 8 months at \$125 per month, \$1000, to 9 months at \$125 per month, \$1125.

School supplies reduced from \$100 to \$75.

The usual length of the school term in the various schools is 9 months, and your school term for 1915-16 was a 9-month term. The estimates for 1916-17, however, called for an 8 months' term only. As no explanation accompanied the estimates, showing why this was done, it has been assumed that a mistake was made by the Board in this respect. If, however, there is any reason why the Board wishes to have but 8 months of school during the year 1916-17, please advise this office at once, so that the estimates may be changed.

When the requisition for funds is made a copy will be mailed you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

Mr. Martin B. Anderson,
Treasurer, Eklamar School District,
Eklamar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same in full. A requisition will be made for funds when the annual report of the school board for last year is at hand and the report of the Treasurer for that year has been received and audited. These two reports, by the way, have not yet reached this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

Mr. W. H. Seagrave,
Treasurer, Blackburn School District,
Kamscott, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates of your Board for the year 1916-17, and has approved the same as submitted, with the exception of the item of "School supplies", which has been reduced from \$50 to \$30.

The requisition for funds for your district will be made within a few days, and a copy will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 23, 1916.

14-1

Mr. W. F. Stevens,
Clerk of School Board,
Charcoal Point School District,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, the Governor directs me to advise you that he has passed upon the estimates submitted by your Board for the school year 1916-17, and that he has made the following allowances:

Teacher, 9 months at \$100	\$ 900.00
Janitor " " " 20 (instead of \$25)	180.00
9 tons coal at \$11	99.00
3 cords wood at \$3.50	10.50
Lights	24.00
Clearing grounds	250.00
Construction and equipment of schoolhouse	1000.00
School supplies, books, etc.	75.00
Incidentals	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	2698.50

It is believed that \$20 per month should suffice for the services of a janitor; a number of the schools paying only \$15, and some only \$10.

It is impossible to allow the amount suggested by the Board for the clearing of the school grounds -- \$1,000. Such an item would not pass the Auditor at Washington.

The maximum amount allowed under the law for the "construction and equipment" of a schoolhouse is \$1,000. The full amount has been allowed in your estimates, as shown above.

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--Mr. W. F. Stevens, Clerk, p. 2--

The Board's estimate for school supplies has been increased from \$50 to \$75, as it is believed that the latter figure will be more too high to cover this item of expense.

The attention of the Board is directed to the fact that the regulations of this office (copies of which have been sent you heretofore) require that the expenditures under a given head must be kept within the approved estimates therefor. Should it appear that a surplus will remain under a given heading, and the Board should wish to use such surplus for a different purpose, it will be necessary that the matter be submitted to this office for consideration before any action is taken by the Board looking to the use of such surplus.

When the requisition is made for funds for your district a copy of it will be mailed to the Treasurer for his information and the files of the district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 23, 1916.

14-1

Mr. I. D. Herdyke, Clerk,
Seldevia School District,
Seldevia, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge the receipt of the Seldevia School Board's letter of April 16 last, submitting estimates for the school year 1916-17, and inquiring as to the disposition of articles made by the manual training class, additional school room, repairs, etc.

With reference to the disposition of articles made by the manual training class, you are advised that the Board is authorized to sell such articles, if a market can be found for them, and to turn the proceeds in to the school treasurer. Such funds may then be used by the Board for legitimate school purposes, to supplement the funds regularly allowed by this office. The Treasurer's annual report should show the receipt of such funds and the expenditure of them, the same as the other funds handled by him.

With respect to additional school room, repairs, etc., you are advised that since the district is now using the Government school building formerly used by the Native School Service, it will not be possible to make an allowance for the construction of a building. A reasonable allowance can be made, however, for repairs to the present building, and if the Board will submit to this office an estimate of the material and labor necessary for such repairs as may be needed, it will be given careful consideration by this office. Could not the manual training class aid in the making of such repairs, and thus materially reduce the labor requirements?

Respectfully yours,

Governor.

June 23, 1916

14-1

Mr. Howard McKinley,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of June 12, with reference to the percentage of the children of Kodiak, of school age, that do not attend school. An examination of the reports of the Kodiak school district for the past several years shows that a big percentage do not attend the school. It may be that, as you say, the names of the children were taken from the church records, but there is nothing on the face of the returns to show that this was the case, or to show that there was not the number of children reported resident in the school district. Your district has five teachers, and it seems to this office that that is an excessive number in view of the average attendance at the schools.

This office has not yet received the report of school attendance for the school year 1915-16 and, therefore, no requisition will be made for funds until this report is received..

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHERS PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to THOMAS PADDEH, of Nookagak, Alaska, who, having presented satisfactory evidence of a 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 twenty-third day of June, 1910.

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

June 23, 1916

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Mr. Thomas Fadden,
Nushagak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 20, in which you make application for a permit as teacher of the Territorial school at Nushagak, Bristol Bay district, for the term 1916-17.

In reply I have to advise you that the regulations under the school law provide that a teacher, in order to receive a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska, must be a graduate of some recognized university, college or normal school. This regulation was adopted in the belief that the salaries paid teachers in Alaska were such as to entitle the people of the various school districts to the best teaching ability that could be secured. This means, of course, trained teachers. It has, however, been found, at times, necessary to make an exception to this rule where, as in remote districts, it was impossible to secure the services of trained teachers. I appreciate the fact that Nushagak comes within this category, and its very remoteness would, no doubt, operate against the

securing of a trained teacher. Having this fact in mind, therefore, a permit will be issued to you for the ensuing school year, which is forwarded herewith.

In this connection I want to say that a number of letters have been received from residents of the Nushagak school district to the effect that you had given satisfaction during your conduct of the school, and I trust that you will be able to render the best service to the people of that community.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Encs.

June 23, 1916

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Mr. Frank H. Foster, Clerk,
McCarthy School Board,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 12, with reference to the manner of payment of teachers in the white schools of Alaska, outside of incorporated towns. For your information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular letter issued by this office on February 14, 1914, which covers the point raised in your letter.

Trusting that you will find this satisfactory, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

June 26, 1916

14-1

Mr. E. V. Daveler, Clerk,
Thane School Board,
Thane, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation on Saturday last, relative to an increase in rent allowance for the Thane school district, for the ensuing year, I beg to advise that I have taken this matter up with the Governor, and explained to him regarding the proposed construction of a school building, clearing the grounds and building a roadway by the Gastineau Company.

The Governor directs me to say that he does not see his way clear to increase the rent allowance at this time. As explained to you on Saturday, the Treadwell school district receives the same rent allowance as the Thane school district, although their investment is considerably larger than is proposed in connection with the Thane school building. The estimates of the Treadwell Board have just been received, and they have asked for an increase in their rent allowance, which the Governor is obliged to refuse, since the fund available for school purposes this year is even more limited, on account of the increase in the number of school districts, than was the

case last year.

In view of this condition of affairs, therefore, the Governor does not feel that he can make any additional rent allowance for your district.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 26, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, explaining certain irregularities in your report for the school year 1914-15, and enclosing receipts referred to in office letter of August 7, 1915.

Your report has been corrected in accordance with the statements contained in your letter of above date, the same showing an unexpended balance of \$120.25 on hand at the end of the school year. Your report for the year 1915-16 should be corrected to show \$120.25 as unexpended balance carried over from the previous school year.

Your accounts for the school year 1914-15 being now in proper form, they are hereby approved, and you and your bondsmen are released from further responsibility under bond of April 20, 1914, furnished by you as treasurer of the Katalla School district for the school year 1914-15.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

June 26, 1916

14-1.

Mr. Charles A. Traeger,
St. Michael, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that your report as treasurer of the St. Michael school district, for the school year 1915-16, has this day been approved, and you and your bondsmen are released from further responsibility under the bond furnished by you, the same bearing the date of June 13, 1916.

The approval of your accounts for the year mentioned has been delayed on account of the nonreceipt of your successor's "Report of Qualification." It appears that this report was regularly forwarded by Mr. Malmquist, and its nonreceipt by this office is no doubt due to the fact that it was lost in the mails.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Juneau, June 26, 1916. O. B.

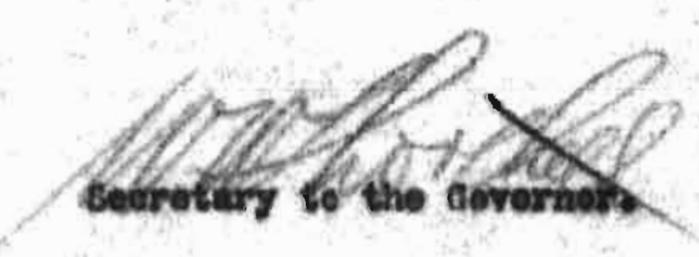
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W. P. Mills, Treasurer School District,

SITKA.

Referring office letter June twenty-third relative Sitka estimates for ensuing year beg to advise that since letter was written annual report of Sitka school board has been received and in view of fact that same shows an average attendance of only eleven and half per day this office can only allow funds for employment of one teacher for ensuing year.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

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June 26, 1916

14-1

Mr. R. W. DeArmond, Clerk
Sitka School Board,
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter and the annual report of the Sitka school board for the school year 1915-16. Permit me to call your attention to the fact that the report fails to show the maximum and the minimum attendance, as called for on the blank. Please furnish these figures so that the report may be completed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. John O. Foster, Treasurer,
Unga-Peninsula school District,
Unga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day examined and approved the estimates submitted by your school board for the school year 1916-17.

When the reports of the school board and the school treasurer for the past year have been received and the treasurer's report has been audited and found correct, a requisition will be made to cover the Board's estimates for the ensuing year, and a copy of it will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 24, 1916

14-1

Mr. M. V. Lattin, Treasurer,
McCarthy School District,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir :

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has today examined the estimates of your school board for the school year 1916-17 and has allowed the same with the exception of the following items:

2 lots for additional school ground at \$125, \$250.	
Clearing and fencing ground,	175
Total disallowance	\$425

The condition of the school fund is such that it is necessary to exercise the utmost economy along all lines of expenditure, and the Governor cannot see his way clear to make any allowance for additional school grounds, or for clearing and fencing the school grounds.

When the requisition covering the Board's estimate is made, a copy will be mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 27, 1915

15-1

Miss Anabel Brown,
Tonino, Washington

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of June 23, with reference to the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that this office does not engage teachers, this being done by the respective school districts. I know of no vacancies at this time.

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

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

Juneau, June 28, 1916. O. D.

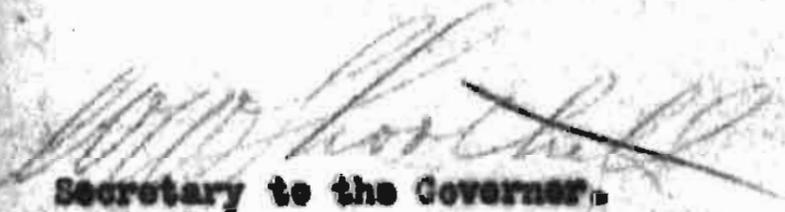
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W. P. Mills,

SITKA.

In view statements your message twenty-sixth two teachers
will be allowed Sitka schools ensuing year.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

June 28, 1916

14-1

Miss Juanita Anderson,
Seldovia, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, relative to the employment of a teacher for the Seldovia school for the ensuing year.

In reply I beg to say that the school board has not as yet advised this office regarding the employment of a teacher, so that I am unable to say what the board proposes to do in the matter. I note you say the board contends that they have no authority to act. This is a mistake. The matter of the employment of teachers in all of the white schools of Alaska is left entirely in the hands of the local school boards, and it is seldom, indeed, that this office is even consulted in the matter. The Governor requires that the teachers who are employed shall obtain Alaska permits, and he, of course, determines the amount of salary to be paid; but, in the matter of the employment of teachers, this office exercises no functions whatever.

If you wish to do so, you are at liberty to show this letter to the members of the Seldovia school board so that they may be set at rights in this matter. It would certainly seem

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that, if the board, intends to re-employ you, they should advise you without delay; on the other hand, if they intend to employ someone else, they should certainly not delay advising you of this fact. It is the custom, in many of the schools of the Territory, to advise the teachers before the end of the school year as to whether or not they will be re-employed for the following year.

This, of course, only seems fair to all concerned.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1916

15-1

Miss Habel Davidson,
Wadena, Minnesota

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, in which you state that you have applied at Seward and Shagway for a position as teacher, but you had received no reply, and asking the assistance of this office in your efforts to secure a position.

In reply I beg to advise that, since the employment of teachers in the white schools of this Territory is left entirely in the hands of the respective school boards, it is seldom that this office is advised as to vacancies. At the present time we do not know of any. The school boards experience little difficulty in obtaining competent teachers since the number of applicants is usually far in excess of the number of positions available. The boards, of course, also make it a rule to re-employ, from year to year, teachers who give satisfaction. Consequently the number of new teachers employed each year is relatively small.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. Charles A. Traeger,
St. Michael, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Referring to the Governor's letter of the 26th instant, addressed to you, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the school year referred to in the second line of the letter as "1915-15" should have read "1914-15." The typographical error was not discovered until after the letter had been mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1916

15-1

Miss Lucy Hon,

622 North 19th street,

Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 18th instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to vacancies in the schools of Alaska.

In reply you are advised that since the employment of the teachers in these schools is left entirely to the school boards, this office is seldom advised as to vacancies, and at this time does not know of any. The school boards of the Territory experience little if any difficulty in obtaining competent teachers, since there are, as a rule, many more applicants than positions.

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

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. Charles A. Treager,
St. Michael, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Referring to the Governor's letter of the 26th instant, addressed to you, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the school year referred to in the second line of the letter as "1915-15" should have read "1914-15." The typographical error was not discovered until after the letter had been mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. Olaf Arness, Treasurer,
Seew Bay School District,
Seew Bay (via Petersburg),
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your annual report for the school year 1915-1916, I beg to advise that it appears that the Seew Bay school board has again disregarded the regulations and instructions of this office in the matter of expenditures for certain purposes, exceeding the amounts authorized for such purposes. A check of your report shows that there was a total expenditure for wood of \$65.25. The amount estimated by the board for this purpose was \$52.50, the full amount of which was allowed by the Governor and covered in the requisition issued by this office in August last. In transmitting to you, on August 6 last a copy of the requisition made by this office, your attention was called to the fact that expenditures must, in no case, exceed the allowances. The closing paragraph of that letter read as follows:

"In view of the fact that your board failed to follow the regulations and instructions of this office last year in the matter of certain expenditures, and exceeded the amounts allowed for certain items, you are advised that the expenditures for 1915-16 must under no circumstances exceed the amounts allowed by the Governor for each item listed in the enclosed requisition. Any excess expenditure will be disallowed and you will be required to refund the amount to the school treasury. This office cannot, and will not, countenance continued disregard of its regulations and instructions."

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In view of the fact that your attention was particularly called, in the letter of August 16 last, to the fact that this office would no longer countenance a disregard of these regulations and instructions, it was to be expected that your annual report for the school year 1915-16 would show that the board had observed these regulations and instructions. However, it appears from your report that the instructions have again been disregarded. The printed regulations of this office provide a means whereby school boards may divert funds allowed for one purpose to the requirements under another heading. This means, however, the Seew Bay school board appears not to have seen fit to take advantage of, although the procedure is very simple, the regulations simply requiring that the board in such case shall make written application to this office for authority to transfer funds from one account to another, explaining, of course, the necessity for such transfer.

Since the Seew Bay school board had again shown an utter disregard of the regulations and instructions of this office, you are notified that you will be expected to refund to the school treasury the sum of \$11.75, being the amount expended for wood in excess of the sum allowed for that purpose. When this refund has been made by you, you should correct your books to show an unexpended balance on hand at the end of the

school year 1915-16 of \$45.50, instead of \$23.75, as shown in the report.

Please give this matter your prompt attention, and, when the refund has been made and your books have been corrected, advise this office in writing, stating that the same has been done.

Respectfully yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

June 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. H. G. Singer, Treasurer,
Kenai School District,
Kenai, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your annual report for the school year 1915-16 has just reached this office, and it is noted that you have failed to forward with the report, receipts covering the various items of expenditure shown therein. You, no doubt, are aware of the fact that the regulations issued by this office require that school treasurers shall submit with their annual reports, itemized receipts covering the expenditures made by them. The only exceptions to the rule are those rare cases where it is impossible, or impracticable, to secure receipts. Such cases are, however, few, indeed.

You are requested to forward, without delay, receipts covering all the expenditures included in your annual report. In this connection, I beg to say that, in addition to the receipts covering actual expenditures, you should submit itemized bills covering the deficit, or indebtedness as you have shown it, of \$115.14 remaining at the end of the school year. Your report shows an item under the head of incidentals of \$31.94, opposite which is the notation "Unpaid." In the

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typewritten statement which accompanies the report, the only item indicated as being unpaid is one of \$12.15, due W. N. Dawson for material for repairs to building, which is marked "Unpaid." Your report, with the receipts and unpaid bills herein asked for, should be in such form as to enable this office to determine just what items have been paid and what items remain unpaid.

There should also be submitted with your report an explanation, signed by all the members of the board, showing why an indebtedness of \$115.14, in excess of the funds available, was incurred by the board.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 23, 1916

14-1

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

My dear Sir:

Your report for the school year 1915-16, has just come to hand, and it is noted that you have not forwarded with the same, receipts covering the various items of expenditure. You are, no doubt, aware that the regulations of this office require that school treasurers shall submit, with their annual reports, receipts covering all expenditures made during the year. The only exceptions allowed are those rare cases where it is impossible, or impracticable, to secure receipts. Such cases, however, are few and far between.

Please forward to this office, as soon as possible, receipts covering the various expenditures shown in your reports so that a proper audit of the same may be made.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1918

14-1

Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find oath of office of school director Clark E. Davis, of Knik, which reached this office today. It should probably have been sent direct to you, since we have, thus far, received no other papers in connection with the Knik school election.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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June 29, 1916

14-1

The Clerk of the School Board,

Candle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The records of this office show that no report has been received from the Candle school board covering the school year 1914-15, although blanks for the report were furnished the board by this office. The Candle school board has been somewhat dilatory in the matter of furnishing reports to this office in years past, and the failure of the board to furnish a report for 1914-15 prompts the statement that unless closer attention is given in the future to the matter of school reports, it will be necessary for this office to insist that all reports shall be on file in this office before a requisition is made for school funds. In the past this office has been rather lenient, but, if the leniency is to be abused, it will have to be withheld.

This letter is not written with a view of obtaining, at this late date, a report for 1914-15, but for the purpose of calling this matter to your attention so that you may see that the reports for 1915-16 are all submitted with reasonable promptness, and that the Candle school board may understand what the attitude of this office will be in the future with

regard to the submission of these reports.

Kindly communicate the contents of this letter to the other members of the board.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 29, 1916

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The Clerk of the Otter School Board,

Flat, Alaska

Dear Sir :

The records of this office show that no report has been received from the Otter school board covering the school year 1914-15, although blanks for the report were furnished the board by this office. The Otter school board has been somewhat dilatory in the matter of furnishing reports to this office in years past, and the failure of the board to furnish a report for 1914-15 prompts the statement that unless closer attention is given in the future to the matter of school reports, it will be necessary for this office to insist that all reports shall be on file in this office before a requisition is made for school funds. In the past this office has been rather lenient, but, if the leniency is to be abused, it will have to be withheld.

This letter is not written with a view to obtaining, at this late date, a report for 1914-15, but for the purpose of calling this matter to your attention so that you may see that the reports for 1915-16 are all submitted with reasonable promptness, and that the Otter school board may understand what

the attitude of this office will be in the future with regard to the submission of these reports.

Kindly communicate the contents of this letter to the other members of the board.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 29, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. H. Hittendorff, Treasurer,
Nushagak School District,
Nushagak, Alaska

Dear Sir :

I write to call your attention to the fact that this office is not yet in receipt of your revised report for 1914-15, and explanations regarding certain items contained therein. In a letter written to this office while you were in San Francisco last winter you promised to give this matter prompt attention upon your return to Nushagak, and it is hoped that this was done and that the report and explanations will be received at this office in the near future. The fact that Nushagak is so remote from Juneau and mail facilities so limited, makes it doubly important that reports be carefully prepared and that they be promptly forwarded.

The Nushagak school board, for the year 1914-15, failed to furnish this office with a report showing the name and salary of the teacher employed for that year, and did not submit its annual report for that year, although blanks for both of these reports were furnished by this office. The Governor is very lenient with the school boards, particularly those in remote sections, but it is necessary that the few reports which this office requires, shall be submitted, and in the future the

school boards will be held to a strict accountability in this respect. It is requested that you will kindly see that all reports for the school year 1915-16 are carefully prepared and forwarded to this office without unnecessary delay. These reports are:

1. Annual report of the school board.
2. Treasurer's annual report.
3. Board's report of teacher employed and salary to be paid for the ensuing school year.
4. Treasurer's report of qualification and receipt of funds from outgoing treasurer. (Where the treasurer is re-elected for the ensuing school year, this report need not be submitted).

The estimates of the board chosen for the school year 1916-17 should also be promptly forwarded, showing, in detail, the funds required for various purposes for maintenance of the school during the year. Blanks for the several reports mentioned and for the estimates were forwarded to the clerk of the Nushagak School Board some months ago.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, July 3, 1916. O. B. Via MAIL from NOME.

14-1

Joseph Sugg, Clerk,
Council School Board,

COUNCIL.

For information yourself and other members of board you are advised that application of Mrs. Delahanty for teacher's permit for ensuing year has been refused unless she can produce proper credentials from recognized college, university or normal school. Salaries paid to teachers in Alaska schools warrant this office in insisting that no persons be employed who are not graduates of recognized institutions, and this rule will be strictly adhered to in future. Am wiring Mrs. Delahanty today.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, July 3, 1916. C. B. Via MAIL from NOME.

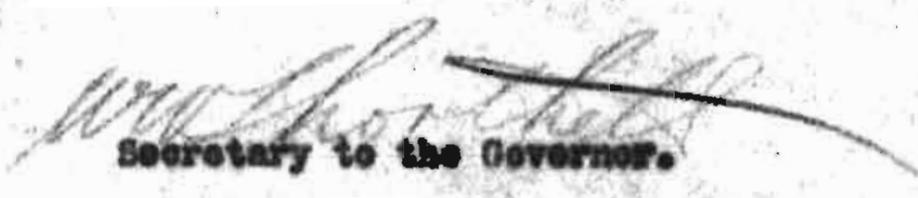
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Mrs. Mary E. Delahanty,

Council.

Referring to your letter May thirtyfirst cannot issue permit to you unless you can produce credentials from recognized institution. In this connection see my telegram to you July thirty and letter of September thirty, last year, on same subject.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

July 3, 1916

15-1

Prof. L. D. Henderson, Supt.,
Juneau Public Schools,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Professor Henderson:

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Miss Myra I. Stewart of Parnassus, Pennsylvania, who inquires regarding the possibility of an exchange of positions with a teacher in one of the Alaska schools. Accompanying Miss Stewart's letter are copies of recommendations, etc.. This office has replied to Miss Stewart's letter, and a copy of the reply is enclosed for your information.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Miss Myra I. Stewart,
Parnassus, Pa.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th ultimo, addressed to the "Superintendent of Public Instruction," Juneau, in which you inquire regarding the possibility of exchanging positions with a teacher in one of the Alaska schools.

In reply I beg to say that this office does not know of any Alaska teacher who would be likely to consider such an exchange. However, we are referring your letter to Prof. L. D. Henderson, Superintendent of the Juneau Public Schools, whose corps of teachers includes two or three from Pennsylvania. Professor Henderson is now absent from Juneau, and will probably not return until about August 15. You will, no doubt, hear from him in due course after his return to Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 2, 1916

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Prof. C. L. Johns, Supt.,
Sheldon Jackson School,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo and note what you say regarding Miss Sterer, who is now visiting in Sitka.

In reply to your inquiry, I beg to say that, since the teachers in the white schools of the Territory are employed by the respective school boards, without any assistance or supervision by this office, it is very seldom that we know of vacancies. However, I may say that we have been unofficially informed that there is a vacancy in the school at Chickageff; and, in a letter dated the 25th ultimo, addressed to this office by the clerk of the Craig school board, it is noted that they have not as yet secured a teacher, but will soon. In replying to the letter from the clerk of the Craig school board, I have taken occasion to mention Miss Sterer, and have advised them that, if they should ever communicate with her, they can, no doubt, reach her through a letter addressed in your care. I do not know, of course, whether Miss Sterer would care to take one of the small rural schools.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

July 3, 1916

14-1

Mr. Emory Elliott, Clerk,
Craig School District,
Craig, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you advise this office that Mr. McMillan, Mr. Coker and yourself have been elected as members of the Craig school board for the ensuing year.

It is assumed that the newly-elected members have executed oaths of office, and that the treasurer has executed his official bond, and that these, with the election returns, have been forwarded to the clerk of the District Court at Juneau. The clerk will, no doubt, advise the treasurer of the approval of his bond. If, however, the treasurer should not hear from the clerk, he will be justified in taking it for granted that the bond has been approved.

Blanks for the various reports of the old and the new school boards, including the estimates of the new board, were forwarded to the clerk of the Craig school district some time ago. No doubt, if you will inquire of the former clerk, you

will be able to secure the necessary blanks for the new school board. Our supply of estimate blanks is exhausted and I am, therefore, unable to send you any at this time. However, if the blanks sent to the former clerk cannot be obtained by you, the board may submit its estimates in letter form, specifying the amounts regarded by the board as necessary for the teacher's salary, services of a janitor, cost of fuel, lights, school supplies and incidentals.

If the board has not made definite arrangements for a teacher, I beg to say that there is a young lady of Salt Lake City, Utah, now visiting in Sitka, who is very highly recommended by Prof. C. L. Johns, superintendent of the Sheldon Jackson school at that place. The young lady's name is Miss Storer. She is desirous of securing a school in Alaska. Of course, this office does not wish to make any suggestions regarding the employment of a teacher; I merely mention Miss Storer since your letter indicates that at the time your letter was written, your board had not definitely arranged for a teacher. If it should happen that the board wish to communicate with Miss Storer, she could no doubt be reached by a letter addressed to her at Sitka, in care of Prof. Johns.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 3, 1916

14-1

Mr. Joseph Sugg,

Clerk of the Council School District,

Council, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a confirmation copy of a telegram of this date sent to you by the Governor, in reference to the application of Mrs. Delehanty for a teacher's permit for the ensuing year.

As stated in the telegram, the Governor takes the position that the salaries paid to teachers in the Alaskan schools are such as to warrant him in insisting that no persons be employed in these schools who are not graduates of recognized institutions. A permit was last year issued to Mrs. Delehanty to cover the school year 1915-16, although she had not submitted any credentials, and the Governor was not at all satisfied with the showing made in her letter of application. However, owing to the lateness of the season, the Governor deemed it best to issue her a permit, fearing that, in case of his refusal so to do, it would be impossible for the Council school board to make arrangements for another teacher. Such a condition, however, does not exist at this time, and, since Mrs. Delehanty has not submitted any further credentials, the Governor

has felt obliged to refuse her application.

In accordance with the Governor's telegram to you of this date, it will be expected that the Council school board will arrange for the employment of a duly qualified teacher for the school year 1916-17; that is to say, a teacher who is a graduate of some recognized college, university, or normal school.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 3, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Mary B. Delahanty,
Council, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 31, addressed to the Governor, returning to this office the erroneously dated permit issued to you last year, a substitute for which was sent you with office letter of November 12, 1915.

With reference to your application for another permit, the one issued to you on September 30 last having expired the 30th ultimo, the Governor has today wired you, stating that he cannot issue you a permit unless you can produce credentials from some recognized institution. A confirmation copy of the telegram is enclosed herewith.

Reference is made in the telegram to telegram of July 20, and letter of September 30, 1915, sent in response to your letter of July 1, 1915, making application for a teacher's permit. If you will refer to the letter of September 30 last, you will note that the permit which was issued to you at that time was not issued because the Governor was satisfied with the showing you had made regarding your qualifications, but on account of the fact that it was near the close of naviga-

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tion to Home, and the Council school board would probably have been precluded from securing a teacher had the permit not been issued to you at that time, and a hardship would have been worked upon the children of the Council school district.

I may add that the Governor has wired the clerk of the Council school board, stating that a permit will not again be issued to you unless you can produce credentials from some recognized institution.

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 MRS. JOHANNA DAVIDSON, of Anchorage, Alaska, who, having presented a Washington State Second Grade Certificate, and satisfactory evidence of a 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 sixth day of July, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Second Grade Certificate of
the State of Washington,
dated August 7, 1915.

July 6, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Cora A. Peterson,
Chicken, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of June 15, in which you ask if a course of study is in general use in the schools of Alaska. In reply I have to advise you that there is no such general course, the course of study in the various schools being largely based upon that in use in the States from which the teachers employed in the Alaska schools have come.

I note that you are doing your best in your little community, to furnish its children with educational advantages, and I beg to offer my commendation to you for the work that you are doing.

I note that you have an Oregon State Life Diploma, and I beg to advise you that a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska will be issued to you for the term of two years upon application.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the course of study used in the Juneau public schools, which may be of some interest to you.

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

July 6, 1916

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Miss Frances Fitzgerald,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, inquiring as to vacancies in the Alaska school service.

In reply you are advised that this office does not know of any vacancies, although we understand that up to a few days ago, the school board at Craig had not made definite arrangements for a teacher. A school will be maintained at Kasan this year, but we do not know whether the board has arranged for a teacher or not. The employment of teachers in the white schools of the Territory is left entirely to the school boards, this office having nothing to do therewith. A letter addressed to the clerk of the school board at either Craig or Kasan will, no doubt, result in your receiving information regarding the matter of the employment of a teacher at these places.

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

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

July 8, 1916

15-2

Mr. Romeo Hubbs,
Milton, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, in which you make inquiry regarding the certification of teachers in Alaska, and inquire as to opportunities for them.

In reply you are advised that, if the certificate which you hold is an Oregon State certificate, it would be accepted as the basis for the issuance of an Alaska permit, if in force at the time of presentation. Alaska permits, however, are issued only to those teachers who actually secure employment in the Alaska schools.

The various school boards in the Territory, as a rule, receive many more applications than there are positions available, and there is little difficulty in obtaining competent teachers.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith a circular letter regarding the white schools of the Territory, which contains also a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1916

15-3

Miss Nellie L. Kasminger,
Brunswick, Nebraska

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 23d ultime is at hand, in which you inquire regarding the qualification of teachers in the white schools of this Territory.

In reply you are advised that, as a rule, these teachers are required to produce credentials from some recognized college, university or normal school in the States. The professional life certificate issued to you by the State of Nebraska would undoubtedly entitle you to an Alaska permit should you, at any time, obtain employment in one of the Alaska schools. These permits, however, are issued only to such teachers as actually secure employment in the schools of the Territory.

Enclosed you will find a circular letter containing information regarding the white schools in the Territory and also a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1916

14-1

Mr. A. B. Kinne,

Council, Alaska

Dear Mr. Kinne:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of May 15, with respect to certain conditions in your district. In the first place, permit me to say that I was pleased to hear from you, and especially glad to have your opinion as to school and other conditions in Council.

The Council school board was notified months ago that they must employ a trained teacher; that is to say, one who is a graduate of some college or university, or has had training in a normal or other school, inasmuch as it is the opinion of this office that the salaries paid teachers in the schools of Alaska are such as to secure the employment of the best trained talent. By wire, a few days ago, the school board at Council and Mrs. Delahanty were again advised to this effect. Also, in view of the situation that has developed in your district, the evident dissatisfaction with present school conditions, it seems advisable to this office that a new teacher be employed, thus eliminating, if possible, the friction which has evidently been engendered during the past year or two.

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In view of what you tell me, it is extremely doubtful, if a test were made, that the Council school could be designated a white school, as it appears to me that it is made up almost wholly of either native children or children of mixed blood, those of white blood being in a very small minority, indeed; that is to say that, under the law which requires that there be 20 children of white blood in a community before a school district can be organized, it would appear that the Council school might readily be discontinued. The district having been established, however, I do not feel like taking such a step at the present time.

I, therefore, sincerely trust that an improved condition in school affairs will be shown. I appreciate the fact that there is a lamentable lack of community spirit in most of the small towns of Alaska and, indeed, many of the larger towns could profit by the injection of this spirit, which they now lamentably lack.

While Territorial Mining Inspector Maloney was here, I discussed with him the necessity of having representative Alaskans in the legislature to be elected in the election next November, and, in talking over the situation with regard to the Second Division, Mr. Maloney mentioned your name, without knowing, of course, whether you would be inclined to become a candidate at the November election. I sincerely trust that

that you will, as men of your ability and character are needed in the legislature, if the best interests of the Territory are to be subserved. Should suits, testing the validity of our revenue laws, now pending in the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, be decided in favor of the Territory (which I believe they will), there will be probably a half a million dollars or upwards to be appropriated by the next legislature. Therefore, the need of level-headed men—men who are not grafters, men who have vision outside of their own immediate judicial divisions, becomes acute. Our first legislature was composed mostly of sincere and earnest men; the second was not nearly equal to the first in point of ability, and, in my opinion, in a desire to serve well the Territory at large. Of course, with respect to your candidacy, I am merely throwing this out as a suggestion to you, and, if you should act upon it and be elected, I will be one of your many friends who will be vastly pleased.

Kindly consider this communication in a confidential way, and with very best wishes, I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

July 6, 1916

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Mr. Bernard J. O'Reilly,

Kiama, Alaska

My dear Barney:

I have your letter of May 4, with reference to the result of your school election held on April 29 last, and in which you say that the vote for director was a tie, the candidates being Louis Reich and Herman Bernhardt; and you ask that I give this matter my attention to the end that Mr. Reich be declared the duly-elected director.

In reply I have to advise you that, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, I have no authority, whatsoever, to decide a matter of this kind. An election having been duly held and a tie resulting, a custom sometimes followed is for the contesting candidates to draw lots or toss a coin and to abide by the result. I take it, however, from the tenor of your letter, that neither of the contestants were inclined to do this; therefore, the only alternative of your school district is to call another election and elect a director, the probability being that another tie would not result. I am sorry that I have no voice in this matter, for I assure you that, if I had, I would be guided by your good opinion in the matter.

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 CAROLINE M. STIFER, of Nome, Alaska, 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 one year from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this sixth day of July, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

July 6, 1916

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Miss C. M. Stipek,

Nome, Alaska.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 7, enclosing a certificate of graduation from the Nome high school, dated May 31, 1913, and asking that a permit be issued to you to teach in the schools of Alaska. You also state that you were employed in the school at Teller, during the past school year, and that your work was satisfactory to all.

This is pleasant news, indeed, as too frequently this office is in receipt of news of strife, contention and bickering in school districts, especially in the remoter precincts. A regulation of this office, however, provides that teachers employed in the public schools of Alaska, outside of incorporated towns, shall be graduates of some recognized college, university or normal school. This regulation was approved, inasmuch as it is believed that the salaries paid to teachers in these schools are such as to warrant the securing of the best trained talent available. Exceptions, however, have been made at times in remote places, where it seemed to be impossible for the board of school directors, to secure teachers trained in the profession; and, inasmuch as you are a graduate

of the high school at Nome, a school of standing, and your work in the Teller school was satisfactory, I shall waive this regulation in your behalf at this time and issue you a certificate to teach in the schools of Alaska, during the school year 1916-17. I beg to suggest, however, if you propose to continue in the teaching profession, that you qualify yourself more thoroughly by attending some recognized normal school in one of the States.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Enc.

July 7, 1916

15-2

Mrs. Johanna Davidson,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosing a second grade certificate of the State of Washington and applying for an Alaska teacher's permit, was received in due course. A permit has been issued to you for the usual term of two years, and it is attached hereto with the certificate above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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JUNEAU, JUNE 7, 1916. O. B. Via Navy Wireless from Cordova.

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Ben Kraft, Treasurer,

Kodiak School District,

KODIAK.

Estimates of your board for ensuing school year will be allowed in full except that only four teachers will be allowed for the year instead of five as heretofore.

Letter of explanation follows.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Reference to the files of this office shows that for the year 1913-14 an average daily attendance of 100.8 was reported by the board, while for 1914-15 the daily average was reported as 95.8. It would appear, therefore, that the average attendance during the year 1915-16 was only 1.6 greater than for 1914-15, while it was 3.1 less than the average for 1913-14. The Governor believes, therefore, that, until there is a material increase in the attendance, four teachers will suffice for the school work, including the manual training department.

It is left to the board to determine which teacher shall be dispensed with; that is to say whether it shall be one of the regular grade teachers, or the manual training instructor. In the event the services of one of the grade teachers are dispensed with and the manual training instructor is retained, the board is requested to advise what its arrangement is with the manual training instructor as regards instruction other than that in the manual training department. The board is also requested to advise how many hours per day are actually devoted to manual training work under the instructor.

A prompt reply to this letter is requested, with the information asked for; and you are also requested to advise as to whether your estimates should be corrected to cover the salaries of the principal, the manual training instructor and two grade teachers, or the principal and three grade teachers.

July 7, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I enclose herewith confirmation copy of a telegram of this date, addressed to you by him, advising that the estimates of your board for the ensuing school year will be allowed in full, with the exception that only four teachers will be allowed instead of five, as heretofore.

As advised in letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to you, action on your estimates for 1916-17 was deferred until the receipt of the Board's annual report for 1915-16. This report was received on the fifth instant. It shows a maximum attendance of 112, minimum 42, daily average 97.4, and a total of 134 children of school age in your district. Not taking into account the manual training teacher, it would appear, therefore, that the average daily attendance per teacher employed during the past year was 24.35.

The Kodiak school district has for several years received close to \$6,000 per year for school purposes, and has been allowed four teachers, besides manual training instructor.

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A prompt reply to this letter is requested, with the information asked for; and you are also requested to advise as to whether your estimates should be corrected to cover the salaries of the principal, the manual training instructor and two grade teachers, or the principal and three grade teachers.

It will be necessary to have this information before a requisition can be made to cover your estimates for the ensuing year.

Respectfully yours,

FOR THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

July 6, 1916

15-1

Miss Geneva Sheets,
Chickagof, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the fifth instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you ask to be advised regarding the status of the proposed school at Hoonah.

In reply you are advised that, in the latter part of June this office received a letter from Mr. Ed. Snyder, of Hoonah, inquiring as to the mode of procedure necessary to the establishment of a school district at that place. The information desired by Mr. Snyder was given him, but this office does not know whether any further action has been taken looking to the establishment of a school district at Hoonah. No doubt, if you will address a letter to Mr. Snyder, he will advise you as to just what the situation is.

Your understanding of the law is correct; namely, that a school district must be established according to the law before an election can be held and a school board elected.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 7, 1916

15-3

Mr. Joseph A. Golden, President,
The Crystal Film Co.,
430 Claremont Parkway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir :

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you call attention to the service of motion pictures which your company is preparing, illustrative of the sciences of physics, chemistry, astronomy, botany and zoology, for ~~public~~ school purposes.

In reply to your request for the names of the officials in the Alaska school system who have charge of supplying motion pictures, I beg to advise that none of the schools in Alaska employ motion pictures in connection with the school work, and, until such time as provision shall be made by law for a more liberal allowance of funds for the maintenance of these schools, it is not likely that any of them will give any serious consideration to the use of motion pictures.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 7, 1916

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Messrs. Newson & Co.,
75 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter, announcing the publication of "English For Business," by Edward Harlan Webster, an advance copy of which has also reached this office through your courtesy.

An examination of the book shows that the author has given careful attention to its preparation, and it should prove of much value in those schools which may adopt it.

I believe you have already been advised that, while the Governor of Alaska is the ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory, he exercises no functions in the matter of the selection of text-books for use in the schools. The courses of study are not standardized, but in general are similar to those of the States of Washington, Oregon and California, from which States many of our teachers come. The course in use in a given school depends, of course, largely upon the views of the teacher and

and the local school board. There is enclosed herewith a school circular issued by this office, which contains a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 10, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir :

As requested in the note accompanying your annual report for the school year 1915-16, I have signed both copies of the receipt covering repayment to me of tolls on messages of Aug. 10 and 13 last, which passed between this office and yourself regarding certain items in the estimates of your board for the last school year, and enclose the duplicate receipt herewith. The original has been placed with the other receipts which accompanied your report.

I thank you for the money order in my favor, which accompanied your report, the same being to reimburse me for funds advanced by me from personal funds, in payment of tolls on the messages above referred to.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 10, 1916

15-1

Miss Clara May Krenser,
Basin, Montana

Dear Madam

Replying to your letter of the 23d ultimo, I beg to advise that Montana professional and state certificates will be accepted in this Territory, if presented by teachers who have actually secured employment in the white schools of Alaska.

The salaries paid to teachers in the Alaska schools vary according to locality; those paid grade teachers ranging from 80 to 125 dollars. Salaries paid teachers in the rural schools (in most of which only one teacher is employed), range from \$90 to \$175, according to locality.

There is enclosed herewith a circular containing information with regard to the white schools of the Territory, and also a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

July 10, 1916

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Miss Ila Hoag,

Manitou Springs, Colorado

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the third instant, addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Sitka, the same having been forwarded to Juneau, which is the capital of Alaska.

In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that permits to teach in the white schools of Alaska are issued only to teachers who actually secure employment in these schools. The certificates which you hold would, no doubt, entitle you to an Alaska permit, should you, at any time, secure employment in one of the white schools of this Territory.

Salaries vary according to locality. This office does not exercise any function in connection with the employment of teachers, that matter being left entirely to the school boards. It is seldom, therefore, that we know of vacancies, and at this time we do not know of any.

There is enclosed herewith a circular regarding the white schools of the Territory, which contains, among other things, a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, July 10, 1916. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM FAIRBANKS.

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Mrs. Edgar Brecker,
Clark Chatanika School District,
CHATANIKA.

Salary of teacher year district ensuing school year will be reduced to one hundred fifty dollars per month. Estimate for enlarging check room and so forth reduced to fifty dollars. All other items in estimates will be approved as submitted. Requisition for funds cannot be made until report of treasurer for last year has been received, audited and approved, and new treasurer has been elected and qualified and this office advised by Clerk of District Court that new treasurer's bond has been approved.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to the Governor.

July 10, 1916

14-1

Mrs. Edgar Brecker, Clerk,
Chatanika School District,
Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Madam:

By direction of the Governor, I enclose herewith confirmation copy of telegram of this date sent you by him, with reference to the estimates submitted by the Chatanika school board for the school year 1916-17.

As stated in the telegram, the salary of the teacher has been reduced to \$150 per month, and the estimate for enlarging the clock room, repairing toilets, storm door, awnings, etc., has been reduced from \$70 to \$50; otherwise all items in the estimates will be approved as submitted.

The reduction in the teacher's salary is due to two causes; first, the constant increase in the number of schools to be maintained from a fund which, unfortunately, shows little increase, necessitating the exercise of the utmost economy in all lines of expenditure; second, it appears that it has been the practice of the Chatanika school board in the past to pay the teacher the amount allowed each year for junior service. This has augmented the teacher's salary by the sum of \$15 per month,

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making the total amount received by the teacher \$190 per month. As the amount of janitor work required in a school such as yours is comparatively small, it is not believed that any great hardship will be worked by the reduction in the salary of the teacher if she continues to receive the allowance for janitor work.

As stated in the telegram, this office cannot make a requisition for funds for your district, for the ensuing year until the annual report of the treasurer for 1915-16 has reached this office and been examined and approved. This report has not yet come to hand. Since the former treasurer has resigned, it will be necessary for your successor to be elected and to qualify and give a bond, which bond must be approved by the Clerk of the District Court at Fairbanks. This office must be advised of the approval of such bond by the Clerk of the Court before a requisition for funds can be made, since it manifestly cannot make a requisition for funds to be turned over to one who has not properly qualified.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to EDITH MANNING, of Wrangell, Alaska, who having presented a Washington State Normal Elementary 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 July 1, 1916, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this eleventh day of July, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Granted Upon :

Washington State Normal
School Elementary Certif-
icate, dated July 20, 1915.

July 11, 1916

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Mrs. George Lacy,
McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 6, in which you ask that I recommend you to the school board at McCarthy, for appointment as teacher. I, of course, cannot fully comply with your wishes, as it is not the province of this office to interfere in the appointment of teachers for the different school districts. However, I have forwarded a letter to the board of school directors, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, and which I trust may be of some service to you.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

July 11, 1916

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Board of School Directors,

McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

In behalf of Mrs. George Lacy, who I understand is an applicant for the position of teacher in your school, I wish to say that she has been highly recommended to me as a successful teacher. Mrs. Lacy was a candidate for appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Alaska under a law passed at the last session of the legislature, but which was later invalidated. She presented excellent credentials to this office, and, while I am not personally acquainted with Mrs. Lacy, I deem it but just to say that the credentials which she presented to me at that time were excellent in every respect.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio
Superintendent of Public Instruction

July 11, 1916

15-2

Miss Edith McMurtry,

Box 210,

Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing an elementary certificate of the Washington State Normal School, and applying for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. A permit has been issued to you this date, but for one year only, as it is noted that your certificate will expire on July 30, 1917.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 12, 1916

15-1

Miss Henrietta Walker,
R. D. No. 1, Box 144 B,
Santa Cruz, Calif.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the "Secretary of State," has been referred to this office for answer.

In reply to your letter I beg to advise that there are, at the present time, some sixty white schools in Alaska, and about 100 schools for Indians and Eskimos. There is practically no opportunity for private teaching in the Territory. For your further information regarding the schools of the Territory, there is enclosed herewith a circular letter form.

The opportunities for stenographers and secretaries are rather limited, and this office does not, at the present time, know of any vacancies. So far as the opportunities for teachers are concerned, you are advised that, as a rule, the number of applications received by the various school boards far exceed the positions available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

July 12, 1916

15-2

Miss Clara Ostro,
Northwood, N. D.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, advising that you have accepted the principalship of the Wrangell, Alaska, school, and requesting the issuance to you of a permit.

In reply I beg to advise that, before an Alaska permit can be issued to you, it will be necessary for you to submit, for the examination of this office, your normal school diploma or state certificate. This may be done at once or upon your arrival at Wrangell, as may best suit your convenience.

The copies of the letters of recommendation which accompanied your letter are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

July 12, 1916

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Mrs. Mathilde G. Ford, Sec'y,
Committee on Education,
Municipal Building,
New York City

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and in response thereto, you will find enclosed a copy of the act of January 27, 1905, providing, among other things, for the establishment and maintenance of the white schools in the Territory; a copy of Chapter 44, Session Laws of Alaska, 1913, providing for the compulsory education of the children of Alaska, and a copy of Chapter 43 of the 1913 Session Laws, which provides for the registration and restriction of communicable diseases, and which makes provision for school boards in districts outside of incorporated towns to act as local boards of health, under certain conditions.

For the laws relating to the schools for Indians, you are referred to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

July 12, 1916

14-1

Rev. J. N. Coker,
Craig, Alaska

^{DEAR}
~~Reverend~~ Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 6, with reference to the matter of constructing a school building at Craig, in which you state that, while you understand that your school district can get \$1,000 at any time to build with, that amount will not build a room sufficient to accommodate the children of your district.

In reply I have to advise you that the amount of money that can be appropriated by this office for school buildings in the districts outside of incorporated towns, is limited by law to \$1,000 each, and you will readily understand that it is impossible for this office to override the law. I have been endeavoring for the past three years, or since the time I have occupied the position of Governor of Alaska, to induce Congress to increase the amount that may be appropriated for school buildings to \$2,000, but, so far, without success. The Territorial legislature, at its last session, passed a school law which carried, among other provisions, an increased

amount for school buildings for white schools outside of incorporated towns. This law, however, was rendered invalid by an opinion of the Solicitor for the Department and, therefore, is inoperative and the status quo of all matters relating to white schools outside of incorporated towns is as before. No one regrets this condition more than myself, but, as it is a provision of the school law, it cannot be overlooked or set aside by me.

You will readily understand that the sum of \$1,000 will be available for your district upon application.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

July 13, 1916

14-1

Clerk of the Court,

Nome, Alaska

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I transmit herewith duplicate register of voters, duplicate certificate of result of election, and a number of ballots, also an affidavit relating to the April, 1916, election held in the Kiama school district. These documents were evidently sent to this office by mistake, as it is not customary for papers of this character to be forwarded here. They are, therefore, returned to you, and, if not needed for your files, it is suggested that they be returned to the clerk of the school board at Kiama.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 14, 1916

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Mr. Nicolai Suchonenkin, Treasurer,

Ouzinkie School District,

Ouzinkie (via Kodiak), Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with your report for the school year 1915-1916, it is noted that the receipt for the teacher's salary was taken on June 6, 1916, for the full amount of the salary for the school year. If the salary was not paid the teacher until the end of the school year and was then paid in a lump sum, the receipt as taken is, of course, in proper form. It is assumed, however, that the salary was actually paid in monthly installments, which is the usual custom, and, if so, a receipt should have been taken by you for each payment as made.

You are directed in the future to make monthly payments to the teacher on account of her salary, and take a receipt for each payment as made. It is not good business to make payments during the year and wait until the end of the year to take a receipt.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 14, 1916

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

This office has just examined your report for the school year 1915-16, and your attention is called to the fact that, according to the bills and receipts submitted with the report, your total expenditures were \$2631.37, instead of \$2630.92, as shown in your report. On this basis the unexpended balance should be \$98.63, instead of \$99.08, as shown by you. The difference is 45 cents.

It is noted that you have transferred to your successor the sum of \$99.08 as the unexpended balance on hand at the end of the school year. Unless this 45 cents represents a deduction from some of the bills submitted with your report, which does not appear upon the face of such bills, it would appear that your records should be changed to agree with the amounts above shown; that is to say, they should show a total expenditure of \$2631.37 and an unexpended balance on hand of \$98.63. If upon checking over the accounts, you find these figures to be the correct ones, you should make proper changes

in your records and should have your successor refund to you the sum of 45 cents, and he in turn should make the necessary correcting entry in his records.

Kindly advise as soon as possible what disposition you have made of this matter so that this office may be in a position to dispose of your report.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 14, 1916

14-1

Mr. Fred Lewis, Treasurer.

Garden Island School District,

Crackl (via Fairbanks), Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office has just examined your annual report for the school year 1915-16. The same has been found in proper form with the following exceptions:

The charge of \$2.50 for the drawing of the treasurer's bond and the taking of affidavits, has been disallowed, for the reason that under Regulation 16, in circular of November 20, 1913, issued by this office, such expenses are not properly chargeable to the school funds. You will note the office regulation is based upon a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury, and this office has no alternative but to comply with the decision. This disallowance reduces the total net expenditures under the head of incidentals to \$24.95, which makes your total disbursements \$1992.65, instead of 1995.15, as shown in your report.

Your report, as submitted, shows total receipts of \$3085, and total disbursements of \$1995.15, which would leave an unexpended balance of \$1089.85, instead of \$109.80, as reported by you. An error in the additions or subtractions, no doubt,

accounts for the difference of 3 cents. The report, as corrected in this office, shows the following figures. Receipts \$2055, disbursements \$1992.65, balance unexpended at the end of the school year \$62.35.

You are directed to change your records to agree with these figures, and advise this office in writing when you have done so. Your accounts for the school year 1916-17, should also be changed to show the correct unexpended balance on hand from the previous year of \$62.35. The estimates submitted by your board for 1916-17 have been corrected in this office to show this amount as the unexpended balance on hand from last year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 14, 1916

14-1

Mr. Emilian Pettelin, Treasurer,
Afognak School District,
Afognak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has this day passed upon the estimates submitted by your board for the school year 1916-17, and has approved the same with the following changes:

1. Janitor's salary reduced to \$25 per month; total allowance for this item, \$225.
2. School supplies reduced to \$125.

All other items have been allowed as submitted, the total reduction in the estimates being \$70.

The Governor directs me to notify you and, through you, the other members of the board, that, unless there is a very considerable increase in the average daily attendance of pupils during the school year 1916-17, over that shown for the school year 1915-16, only two teachers will be allowed your district for the school year 1917-18. The annual report of your board for the school year 1915-16 shows a maximum attendance of 23, a minimum attendance of 5, with a daily average of 23. The report for last year shows 110 children of school age resident

in the district at the end of the school year, or twice the number shown as the daily average for the school year. It would appear that there are a large number of children in your district who are not taking advantage of the school privileges, and, unless they do so during the coming year, your board may expect the teaching force to be reduced to two for the school year 1917-18.

Please see that the other members of the board thoroughly understand this, and it would be well also to see that the parents throughout the school district are similarly advised. There is a compulsory school law in force in this Territory and, if the parents in your school district do not voluntarily send their children to school, the law should be invoked to compel them to do so.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 14, 1916

14-1

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

My dear Mr. Nelson:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has today passed upon the estimates of your board for the school year 1916-17 and has approved the same, with the following changes:

1. Under the head "Repairs," a total allowance of \$125 will be made in lieu of the board's estimate of \$145.
2. Under the head "School Supplies," an allowance of \$38 will be made in lieu of the board's estimate of \$50.

When a requisition is made, covering the estimates of the board, a copy will be mailed to you, as usual.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 14, 1916

14-1

Mr. Fred Lewis,

Garden Island School District,

Gruehl, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has today passed upon the estimates of your board for the school year 1916-17 and has approved the same as submitted, with the exception of the item of lights, for which an allowance of \$30 will be made in lieu of the board's estimate of \$40.

When the requisition is made covering your estimates, a copy will be sent to you, as usual.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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