

November 27, 1916

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Miss Rilla B. Spencer,  
Galena, South Dakota,

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting certain information regarding teachers' qualifications, opportunities for employment, etc., in Alaska

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter form which will answer most of your inquiries. The courses of study in the white schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized, but in general they are similar to those in use in the States. The average number of pupils per room in these schools is 25. The cost of board and room varies greatly, according to the locality. In the coast section, board may be had at \$1 per day, while the cost of a room varies from \$10 to \$20. In the northern and interior sections of the Territory living expenses are at least twice as high as in the coast section.

Respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

November 27, 1916

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Miss May L. Cheney,  
Appointment Secretary,  
209 California Hall,  
University of California,  
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be advised in respect to laws governing the certification of teachers in Alaska.

The law in question simply provides that the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction shall have authority to prescribe rules and regulations for the examination and certification of teachers. Since practically all of the teachers employed in the Alaska schools come from the states, the practice has been adopted of issuing Alaska permits upon presentation of State certificates, diplomas or other proper credentials. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a circular form used by this office in replying to miscellaneous school inquiries, in which the matter of the certification of teachers is covered substantially as above stated. The circular also contains a complete list of the white schools of the Territory.

We have not as yet received complete returns from the various school boards and cannot, therefore, give you the names of the members of these boards. However, a letter addressed to "The Clerk of the School Board," at any of the towns named in the enclosed circular will reach the proper officer.

The courses of study in the white schools of the Territory have not been standardized. In general, however, they are similar to those adopted in the States of Washington, Oregon and California. Under separate cover, we are sending you a copy of the printed course of study which has been adopted by the Juneau public schools. In a general way, the course is no doubt quite similar to the courses in use in the schools of Fairbanks, Nome, Skagway, Ketchikan and other of the larger towns of the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 28, 1915

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Mr. C. L. Coke,  
508 Union Savings Bank Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request to be advised as to the number of new school buildings erected in Alaska in 1914 and 1915, and the average yearly increase in school construction for the preceding five years.

There were no new school buildings erected in Alaska during the school year 1914-15.

The average yearly increase in school construction for the preceding five years was three buildings, at an average cost of \$1,000 each.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

November 26, 1916

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Mr. W. T. Lopp,  
Chief Alaska Division,  
Bureau of Education,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Lopp:

Some time ago this office received through the mails a Michigan State teacher's certificate issued to Miss Belle Wallace. Presumably the certificate was sent to this office in furtherance of a desire on the part of Miss Wallace to obtain an Alaska permit, but, since no letter or note of explanation accompanied the certificate, we are unable to take any action in the matter. We are also unable to return the certificate to Miss Wallace for the reason that we do not know her address. So far as known, Miss Wallace is not employed in any of the white schools of the Territory, but it occurs to me that she may possibly have secured employment in one of the government schools. If Miss Wallace is so employed, will you please advise this office as to her address so that we may communicate with her regarding the certificate.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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November 29, 1916

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Miss Helmi Aalto,  
Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 26th instant, addressed to the Governor, in reference to school matters at Kasaan.

In reply I beg to advise that a few days ago a letter was addressed to Mr. Specht in reply to one written by him to the clerk of the court at Juneau, and which was referred to this office for attention. In that letter Mr. Specht was advised that the Kasaan school board is fully authorized to proceed with all matters requiring attention. It is assumed, therefore, that the matters referred to in your letter will be given early attention by the Kasaan school board.

You state that you have been advised by Mr. Nelson that funds for an eight-month school term have been promised, but that an amount for only four months has been received by him. The funds referred to by Mr. Nelson were originally furnished for the purpose of maintaining a four-months school term at Kasaan in the school year 1915-16, but circumstances were such that it was deemed inadvisable to open the school

last year. Consequently the funds were carried over for use during the present school year. For the school year 1916-17 the Kansas school board has submitted estimates for a term of eight months, which estimates were duly approved by the Governor. If the school board wishes to have a nine-months school term, the board should submit estimates covering the requirements for the additional month. The matter will then be given due consideration by the Governor, and if it is found that the funds will be available, he will no doubt arrange the matter so that your school may have the benefit of the full nine months term.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 1, 1918

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Mr. A. B. Kinne,  
Council, Alaska

My dear Mr. Kinne:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26, and in reply I have to express my satisfaction over the amicable settlement of the Council school difficulty, which, I scarcely need assure you, gave me some concern for a time. It is, therefore, a matter of congratulation to all concerned.

This office is confronted with the difficulty of procuring the necessary funds for the maintenance of these schools for the present school year. The school section of the Alaska fund is practically exhausted, and whether it will be possible to keep these schools open for the entire school year, I cannot say at this time. I trust to be able to do so, however. I have made an appeal to the Interior Department for additional funds, and I am endeavoring to induce the Department to secure an emergency appropriation from Congress for this purpose. I do not know of any much greater calamity that could befall the children of the Territory than to be deprived of educational facilities.

With reference to politics, as you, of course, know we seem to be unable to determine, at this time, who is

elected Delegate. The vote between Wickersham and Sulzer being so extremely close, the result will not be absolutely known, in all probability, until the canvassing board meets, which will be early in February next. I imagine that a good many of the people of Alaska thought that Mr. Wickersham could not be defeated, but, if elected, it will be merely by a scratch, and hereafter it will probably mean the extinction of Wickershamism in the Territory, whoever may be elected. I have no personal or political quarrel with Mr. Wickersham himself. It is the idea that he represents that I always considered to be a menace to the Territory.

I also note the complexion of your delegation to the Territorial legislature, and perhaps, I had better forbear comment. However, I may add that there are some good men in the delegation, and I trust that they will do good work not only for the division which they represent, but for all Alaska.

I have to thank you for your kind expressions toward me personally. I have not yet decided as to my future course. I may say, however, that office holding is somewhat distasteful to me, and I would much rather be engaged in my private business than in holding a public office. I want to say, however, that I appreciate the kindness of my many friends

in Alaska, including yourself, as expressed toward me during  
the past four years. I shall be pleased to hear from you  
at any time, and with best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor

December 1, 1916

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Mr. W. C. O'Donnell, Jr.,

31-33 East 27th St.,

New York City

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November second, with reference to your inauguration of a department in educational foundations, devoted to textbooks; and in which you ask for information concerning the textbook situation in this Territory.

In reply I have to advise that there is no uniform system of textbooks in Alaska, the schools in the different judicial divisions of the Territory using different textbooks. We have no law in Alaska providing for a uniform system of textbooks and probably shall not until we have further legislation upon this subject.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 2, 1916

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Miss Louise C. Freeburn,

Chichagof, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, with reference to the issuance of a permit authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska. I note you say that soon after receiving the Governor's letter of July 19 last, you wrote this office, advising that you had been elected as teacher of the Chichagof school for the ensuing year and enclosed what few credentials you had with you from the University of Illinois.

In reply I beg to say that, although a most thorough search has been made of our files, we are unable to locate your letter and credentials to which you refer, and no one in the office has any recollection of the letter and credentials having been received. It hardly seems possible that a letter could be lost in the mails between Chichagof and Juneau, and yet our failure to find your letter compels us to believe that it must have gone astray.

Can you not arrange to secure from the University of Illinois a duplicate of the credentials which you held, or

a statement of your work in that institution. Under the circumstances, I believe that this will suffice, and that upon receipt of the duplicate credentials referred to in the letter, as suggested above, the Governor will issue a permit to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 4, 1916

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Messrs. Hall & Mc Creary,

430-2 South Wabash Ave.,

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th ultimo. I note you say that you failed to receive the circular letter referred in our letter of the 13th ultimo as enclosed therewith. The omission of the circular letter was an oversight. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the circular referred to.

As explained in the circular, the courses of study in the white schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized. In general, however, they are similar to the courses of study in use in the schools of California, Oregon and Washington, from which states many of our teachers come. Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the printed course of study as adopted by the Juneau public schools. This course of study is, of course, more elaborate than the courses in use in most of the other schools of the Territory, although, in general, the courses in use in the schools at Ketchikan, Douglas, Shagway, Fairbanks, Valdez and Nome (the larger of

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the other incorporated towns), are quite similar to the  
Juneau course.

Owing to the remoteness from Juneau of many of the  
school districts, we have not as yet complete returns  
showing the names of the teachers for the current year.  
However, letters addressed to the principals of the schools  
at the places named on the back of the enclosed circular  
will no doubt reach the proper persons.

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 HELMI AALTO, of Kasauk, Alaska, who having presented proper credentials, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fourth day of December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:  
Elementary Certificate  
of May 31, 1916, from  
State Normal School,  
Bellingham, Washington,  
and  
Teacher's certificate dated  
July 20, 1916, covering  
course in Palmer Method  
of Business Writing.

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Miss Helmi Aalto, Teacher,

Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, enclosing your two certificates in support of your application for an Alaska permit.

A permit has today been issued you for the period of two years, and the same goes forward under separate cover with your two certificates.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, December 4, 1916. O. B.

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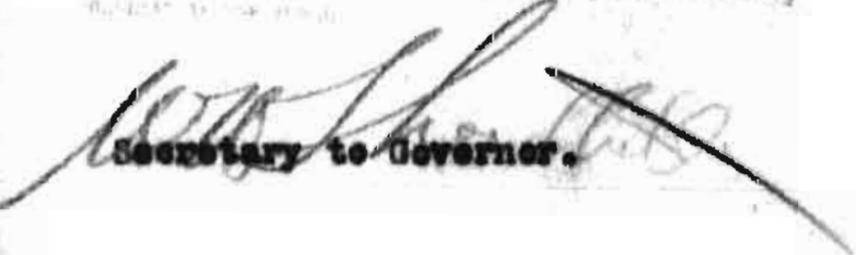
Roth, U. S. Attorney,

FAIRBANKS.

Replying yours third will you take such action as may be necessary to protect rights of Territory in matter covered by your wire. Attorney general Grigby now absent from Territory, but as soon as he returns he will communicate with you.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to Governor.

December 4, 1916

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Prof. L. D. Henderson, Supt.,

Juneau Public Schools.

Juneau

My dear Professor Henderson:

As per your request of a few days ago, I give you herewith a list of white schools in communities outside of incorporated towns, in the first judicial division of the Territory, together with the names of the clerks of these districts, and the names of the teachers employed for the current school year.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 6, 1916

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Rev. G. F. Winfield,  
President Meridian College,  
Meridian, Texas

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the questionnaire which accompanied your recent letter addressed to the "Superintendent of Public Instruction," with answers thereto.

As stated in the answers to your questions, there are no colleges in Alaska. The white schools of the Territory comprise 41 schools outside of incorporated towns, which furnish instruction to and including the eighth grade, and 14 schools in incorporated towns, which also furnish instruction to and including the eighth grade, and nine of which provide from one to four years of high school work.

A copy of the present school law is herewith enclosed. You will note that the Governor is designated the ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools, and as such is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations for the examination and qualification of teachers. Inasmuch as practically all of the teachers employed in the white schools have, up to the present time, been secured from the States,

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no provision has been made for the examination of teachers. The teachers who come from the States are given Alaska permits based upon the state certificates or normal school, or college diplomas which they hold. However, there is an insistent demand for the enactment of a law which shall provide for a uniform school system for Alaska, with active and thorough supervision, the standardization of courses of study, the examination and certification of applicants for teachers' certificates, and the many other features incident to a thorough and efficient administration of these white schools. It is probable that such a law will be passed at an early date. The schools for natives (Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos), of which there are some 80 in the Territory, are under the supervision of the United States Bureau of Education, the field work being in charge of five district superintendents.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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Lincoln & Parker, Inc.,  
746-8 Slater Building,  
Worcester, Mass

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 18th ultimo, addressed to the "State Fire Marshall at Sitka, Alaska," has been forwarded to this office, there being no state fire marshal in Alaska.

In reply to your inquiry, I would say that, at the present time, there is no Territorial law regulating the use of motion picture machines in Alaska. Nearly all of the larger towns of the Territory have one or more motion picture theaters, and I believe that all these theaters safeguard and operate their machines in conformity with the rules and regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 6, 1916

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Miss Orah Dee Clark,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 17th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a list of the teachers at present employed in the white schools of Alaska. You ask for a list of teachers who are registered in the Territory, but since this would include many teachers who are not now in the Territory, it is assumed that the list of teachers now in the service is what you really desire, especially since you ask for their Alaska addresses.

In conformity with your request, notation has been made on the records of this office that you held a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 7, 1916

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Miss Luella Shaffer,  
Sheldon Jackson School,  
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Miss Shaffer:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 30, in which you ask for information concerning government public school work to the westward and the interior.

In reply I have to advise that I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular which, I believe, contains the information which you are seeking. By addressing the board of school directors in any of the school districts named in the circular, you probably will be able to secure the very kind of information which you desire, such as vacancies, salaries, etc. I may add, with respect to salaries, that they vary from \$100 to \$175 a month. The teacher at Sannak receives \$175, and also the teacher at Fox, in the interior, these being the highest paid.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

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December 8, 1916

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Mr. C. W. Hawkesworth,  
Supt., Native Schools,  
Southeastern Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Complaint has reached this office to the effect that the teachers employed at the native school at Killisnoo ignored the proclamation of the President and of the Governor of the Territory, designating November 30, 1916, a day of thanksgiving and prayer to be generally observed by all the people. I believe I need not point out to you that a day such as mentioned should be generally observed not only because it is national in its scope, but because of what it signifies to the people of the United States. It is probable that this was an oversight of the teachers employed at Killisnoo. I have, however, to request that you will remind those teachers that the Territorial and national holidays must be observed by the different schools of the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

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December 11, 1916

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Miss Nola Ratten,  
4160 Crockett Street  
Sherman, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you say that you are anxious to come to Alaska to teach and desire information regarding the schools in this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise you that, while the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction for the white schools of the Territory he exercises no function in connection with the employment of teachers, that being left entirely to the school boards. There are, at the present time, 14 white schools maintained in incorporated towns of the Territory and 41 white schools maintained in communities outside of incorporated towns. The enclosed circular will give you a complete list of these schools, together with certain information regarding the certification of teachers, length of school term, etc.

There are some 70 or 80 schools in the Territory maintained for the benefit of the natives (Indians, Aleuts

and Eskimos), these schools being under the supervision of the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. Mr. W. T. Lepp, whose office is in the L. C. Smith Building, Seattle, Washington, has charge of the schools under the Bureau, being assisted by a number of local district superintendents.

Practically all of the teachers employed in the Alaska schools, both white and native, come from the States, and there are usually many more applications than positions.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 12, 1916.

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Mr. Samuel Magids, Treasurer,  
Kiana School District,  
Kiana, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Herewith find Territorial Treasury warrant No. 139, dated the 11th instant, in the sum of \$2505.00, payable to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, and by him endorsed to your order, which represents the full amount allowed for the maintenance of your school for the school year 1916-17, the items covered being as follows:

1 teacher 9 months at \$200 . . . . .	\$1800.00
Janitor " " " 25 . . . . .	225.00
10 cords wood at \$10 . . . . .	100.00
Lights . . . . .	30.00
Rent 9 months at \$25 . . . . .	225.00
School supplies . . . . .	75.00
Incidentals . . . . .	50.00
	<u>2505.00</u>
Balance from school year 1915-16 . . . . .	<u>Nil</u>
NET AMOUNT for school year 1916-17 . . . . .	2505.00

This money is being furnished from a small Territorial school fund which is available, as the funds in the school section of the Alaska fund are practically exhausted.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed warrant.

You should have no difficulty in cashing the warrant, as the Territorial Treasurer has a record of the number and amount, and will retain sufficient funds with which to meet it when it reaches his office. It is, of course, negotiable, the same as a check or draft.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

Encl.

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS ZOA PETALLIN, of Afagnak Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of good moral character and of her ability to teach, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the period ending June 30, 1917, the purpose of this permit being to cover the school year 1916-17.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twelfth day of December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon statements contained in letter of application dated Oct. 5, 1916.

Department of Public Instruction

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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this twelfth day of December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Secondary Normal School  
Certificate of the State  
of Washington, dated  
May 31, 1916

December 12, 1916

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Hon. James Wickersham,  
Delegate from Alaska,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Judge:

I am enclosing herewith, for your information, a copy  
of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, which  
is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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REGAPITULATION

District	Amount provided from Territorial school fund	Net amount still needed to complete the school year
Charcoal Point	\$1900.50	\$ 688.00
Chotenika	847.50	852.00
Chitina	768.00	762.50
Eagle River	731.00	702.94
Garden Island	985.00	1017.65
Hedley	863.00	690.00
Katalla	703.00	701.41
Kiana	2105.00	---
Kotick	2522.00	2645.55
Latouche	1122.00	755.46
McCarthy	986.00	799.92
Nachagak	597.00	491.30
Ruby	1248.00	1134.80
Seldevia	1022.00	806.60
Unalaska	--	14060.00
Umanak	--	806.00
Other	---	<u>242.00</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>16770.50</u></b>	<b><u>29042.81</u></b>

\*Subject to change as noted on page 3 hereof.

\*\*This district had a balance on hand from the previous year of \$1026.50, as noted on page 5 hereof.

STATEMENT NO. 2

STATEMENT SHOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS OUTSIDE OF INCORPORATED TOWNS IN ALASKA WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR, IN PART ONLY, FROM TERRITORIAL SCHOOL FUNDS, AND SHOWING AMOUNTS STILL NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE SCHOOL YEAR 1916-1917; ALSO SHOWING SCHOOLS FOR WHICH NO PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1916-1917.

Name of district and items of expenditure	FUNDS PROVIDED		funds to be provided	
	Period covered	Amount	For period of	Amount
<b>CHARCOAL POINT:</b>				
1 teacher's salary	4 months	\$400.00	3 months	\$300.00
Janitor	do	80.00	do	100.00
Fuel	do	58.50	do	51.00
Lights and incidentals	do	37.00	do	37.00
School supplies	in full	75.00		
Clearing grounds	do	250.00		
Construction and equipment of building	do	<u>1000.00</u>		
Totals . . . . .		1900.50		<u>688.00</u>
			No balance from 1915-16 (new district)	
			Net amount needed . . . . .	688.00
<b>CHATAUKA:</b>				
1 teacher's salary	4 months	600.00	3 months	450.00
Janitor	do	80.00	do	75.00
Fuel	do	37.50	do	25.00
Incidentals	do	25.00	do	25.00
Repairs and school supplies	in full	<u>125.00</u>		
Totals . . . . .		847.50		<u>575.00</u>
			Bal. from 1915-16	<u>22.00</u>
			Net amount needed . . . . .	853.00
<b>CHITINA:</b>				
1 teacher's salary	4 months	500.00	3 months	375.00
Janitor	do	80.00	do	75.00
Fuel and lights	do	33.00	do	64.50
Incidentals	do	15.00	do	10.00
Repairs and supplies	in full	<u>160.00</u>		
Totals . . . . .		768.00		<u>524.50</u>
			Bal. from 1915-16	<u>22.00</u>
			Net amount needed	763.50
<b>EAGLE RIVER:</b>				
1 teacher's salary	4 months	480.00	3 months	360.00
Janitor	do	60.00	do	75.00
Fuel and lights	do	41.00	do	41.00
Incidentals	do	18.00	do	10.00
Repairs and supplies	in full	<u>135.00</u>		
Totals . . . . .		734.00		<u>486.00</u>
			Bal. from 1915-16	<u>24.06</u>
			Net amount needed	701.94

**GARROW ISLAND:**

1 teacher's salary	4 months	700.00	3 months	9875.00
Janitor	do	100.00	do	125.00
Fuel and lights	do	65.00	do	65.00
Incidentals	do	10.00	do	15.00
Repairs and supplies	in full	<u>110.00</u>		
Totals. . . . .		985.00		

2080.00  
Bal. from 1915-16 62.35  
Net amount needed 1017.65

**HADLEY:**

1 teacher's salary	4 months	400.00	3 months	500.00
Janitor	do	60.00	3 months	75.00
Fuel and lights	do	100.00	do	90.00
Incidentals	do	25.00	do	25.00
Rent	do	20.00	(see note)	
School supplies	in full	<u>250.00</u>		
Totals. . . . .		863.00		690.00

No bal. from 1915-16  
Net amount needed 690.00

\*Question of a building for above district not yet settled; if present old building can be used by having certain repairs made, the rent allowance is to be increased to \$15 or \$20 per month for the school term; if this is not feasible, approximately \$910 will be needed for a new building and equipment, and a temporary rent allowance of \$5 per month will suffice.

**KATALA:**

1 teacher's salary	4 months	500.00	3 months	625.00
Janitor	do	40.00	do	50.00
Fuel and lights	do	55.00	do	70.00
Incidentals	do	15.00	do	20.00
Repairs and supplies	in full	<u>25.00</u>		
Totals. . . . .		705.00		765.00

Bal. from 1915-16 61.22  
Net amount needed 701.41

**KIANA:**

1 teacher's salary	9 months	1800.00
Janitor	do	225.00
Fuel and lights	do	130.00
School supplies	do	75.00
Rent of building	do	225.00
Incidentals		<u>50.00</u>
Total. . . . .		2505.00

**KODIAK:**

4 teachers' salaries	4 months	1720.00
Janitor	do	160.00
Fuel	do	125.00
Lights and water	do	17.00
Incidentals	do	28.00
Repairs and supplies	in full	<u>475.00</u>
Totals. . . . .		2523.00

5 months	\$2150.00
do	200.00
do	280.00
do	17.00
do	25.00
	<u>2672.00</u>
Bal. from 1915-16	<u>24.41</u>
Net amount needed	2645.55

**LATOCHE:**

1 teacher's salary	4 months	300.00
Janitor	do	40.00
Fuel and lights	do	37.00
Repairs and supplies	In full	500.00
Incidentals	4 months	<u>25.00</u>
Totals. . . . .		1122.00

5 months	625.00
do	50.00
do	77.00
	<u>25.00</u>
	777.00
Bal. from 1915-16	<u>21.54</u>
Net amount needed	755.46

**MCCARTHY:**

1 teacher's salary	4 months	500.00
Janitor	do	100.00
Fuel and lights	do	106.00
Incidentals	do	25.00
Repairs and supplies	In full	<u>255.00</u>
Totals. . . . .		986.00

5 months	625.00
do	125.00
do	124.00
do	25.00
	<u>899.00</u>
Bal. from 1915-16	<u>22.02</u>
Net amount needed	776.92

**MUSHADAK:**

1 teacher's salary	4 months	400.00
Janitor	one-half term	10.00
Fuel and lights	4 months	37.00
Rent	one-half term	50.00
Incidentals	4 months	10.00
School supplies	In full	<u>50.00</u>
Totals. . . . .		587.00

5 months	500.00
one-half term	10.00
5 months	37.00
one-half term	50.00
5 months	15.00
	<u>612.00</u>
Bal. from 1915-16	<u>120.70</u>
Net amount needed	491.30

**RUBY:**

1 teacher's salary	4 months	700.00
Janitor	do	100.00
Fuel and lights	do	140.00
Water and scavenger	do	40.00
Incidentals	do	25.00
Repairs and supplies	In full	<u>243.50</u>
Totals. . . . .		1248.50

5 months	875.00
do	125.00
do	145.00
do	47.50
do	25.00
	<u>1217.50</u>
Bal. from 1915-16	<u>93.00</u>
Net amount needed	1124.50

<b>VIA:</b>				
teacher's salary	4 months	600.00	3 months	\$750.00
Janitor	do	60.00	do	75.00
Fuel and lights	do	87.00	do	88.00
Incidentals	do	25.00	do	25.00
Repairs and supplies	In full	<u>260.00</u>		
Totals. . . . .		1032.00		<u>932.00</u>
			Bal. from 1915-16	<u>125.40</u>
			Net amount needed	806.60

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**DISTRICTS FOR WHICH NO REQUISITIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FUNDS  
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1916-1917**

Name of district, and items of expenditure.	Amounts needed.	Totals
<b>ANCHORAGE:</b>		
1 teacher, 9 months at \$200	\$1800.00	
6 teachers, do 125 each	6750.00	
1 janitor, do 90 each	810.00	
100 tons coal, at \$10	1000.00	
Lights and fixtures	400.00	
200 seats, including freight on same	1600.00	
7 desks and chairs (for teachers)	280.00	
Books and supplies	800.00	
Laboratory equipment	350.00	
Rent of additional building for 3 mos.	150.00	
Incidentals	<u>150.00</u>	
Total . . . . .	14,060.00	\$14,060.00
No balance from 1915-16		
<b>KASAAK:</b>		
1 teacher's salary 8 months	800.00	
Janitor do	32.00	
Fuel and lights do	190.50	
Repairs do	385.00	
School supplies do	75.00	
Incidentals do	<u>50.00</u>	
Total	1532.50	
Balance from 1915-16	<u>1026.50</u>	
Net amount needed for current year. . . . .		.506.00
<b>OTTER:</b>		
1 teacher's salary 9 months	1575.00	
Janitor do	180.00	
Fuel and lights do	186.00	
Incidentals and scavenger work do	105.00	
School supplies do	85.00	
Repairs do	<u>300.00</u>	
Total . . . . .	2431.00	
No balance from 1915-16		
Net amount needed for current year. . . . .		.2431.00

REGAPITULATION

District	Amount provided from Territorial school fund	Net amount still needed to complete the school year
Charcoal Point	\$1900.50	\$ 688.00
Chatanika	847.50	882.00
Chitina	768.00	762.50
Eagle River	731.00	702.94
Garden Island	985.00	1017.68
Hedley	863.00	690.00
Katalla	703.00	701.41
Kiana	2805.00	---
Kodiak	2532.00	2645.58
Latouche	1132.00	758.48
McCarthy	986.00	799.92
Nachagak	557.00	401.30
Ruby	1248.50	1134.80
Saldevia	1022.00	806.60
Anchorage	--	14000.00
Kasaan	--	505.00
Otter	--	2431.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16770.50</b>	<b>29042.83</b>

\*Subject to change as noted on page 2 hereof.

\*\*This district had a balance on hand from the previous year of \$1028.50, as noted on page 5 hereof.

STATEMENT NO. 1

STATEMENT SHOWING PROVISION MADE FOR FUNDS FOR 24 SCHOOL DISTRICTS OUTSIDE OF INCORPORATED TOWNS IN ALASKA FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1916-1917.

24 districts have been provided for in full from the "school section" of the Alaska fund, as follows:

<u>District</u>		<u>Net Amount</u>
Afognak	9 months	\$3572.54
Blackburn	"	1431.43
Candle	"	2518.75
Chichagoff	"	1263.90
Council	"	2173.93
Craig	"	1261.71
Kilmer	"	2300.00
Fox	"	1926.75
Hope	"	1294.37
Kenai	"	5740.50
Knik	"	1403.00
Longwood	"	2689.98
Mendenhall	8 months	712.05
Ninilichik	9 months	1680.00
Ouzinkie	"	1269.91
Perserverance	"	2014.94
St. Michael	"	1813.23
Sannak	"	1947.67
Seew Bay	"	1139.30
Sitka	"	2290.66
Teller	"	1775.63
Thana	"	1770.00
Treadwell	"	2909.63
Unga-Peninsula		<u>2032.35</u>
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$47953.89</b>

December 11, 1916

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Department's letter of November 27 (De Sweeney, Assistant Secretary), requesting me to furnish you with a statement of allotments proposed to be made of an appropriation by Congress requested in a letter to the Department from this office, dated October 9, to meet the expenses of maintenance and support of schools for white children and children of mixed blood leading a civilized life, in communities outside of incorporated towns in Alaska; and you further ask, in this connection, to be advised what, in my opinion, will be the effect upon the Alaska fund of the result of the election of November 7, which indicates that prohibition will be effective in the Territory, the fund being made up in part of fees from liquor licenses.

In reply to your first request, I have to state that there are 41 regularly organized school districts in Alaska which come under the above designation, namely, schools for white children and children of mixed blood leading a civilized life, outside of incorporated town. Of this number 24 districts have been provided with the necessary funds to maintain

schools during the present school year 1916-17, the school term being nine months. The money already apportioned for the support of these 24 schools totals the sum of \$47,953.89 (see statement No. 1, enclosed herewith, for the cost of maintenance of each school). Statement marked "No. 2," also enclosed herewith, shows the number of school districts which have been provided for in part only from Territorial school funds, together with amounts still needed to complete the school year 1916-17; and also showing schools for which no provision has been made for the school year. It will be noted that 13 schools have been partially provided for, but the sum of \$12,046.83 is still required to maintain these schools for the school term. No provision whatsoever has been made for the maintenance of three schools, namely, those at Kasauk, Otter and Anchorage, the sum necessary for the maintenance of the first-named schools being \$2,937, while the school board of Anchorage estimates that the sum of \$14,000 will be needed for the support and maintenance of the school in that district for the present school year, the total for the three schools being 16,937. Therefore, the aggregate sum needed for the maintenance of these schools, including those which have been partially provided for, is \$29,043.83. There is, however, in the school section of the Alaska fund the sum of \$5,499.97, according to a telegram

received by this office from the Secretary of the Interior dated November 18, this amount having been credited to the school fund for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1916.

The sum needed, therefore, for the support and maintenance of these schools for the present school year will be approximately \$25,000. The Territorial fund which has been drawn upon to maintain a number of these schools is practically exhausted. This fund is derived from the moneys accruing to the Territory from the national forest reserves in Alaska, 25 per cent of which was set aside by the Territorial legislature for the maintenance of white schools outside of incorporated towns.

I desire to point out that, with the money that will be credited to the school section of the Alaska fund for the quarter ending December 30, 1916, together with the balance still remaining in the Territorial treasury, it may be possible to maintain these schools for the present school year. But if this be done, the school section of the Alaska fund will be drained to an extent that will leave an entirely inadequate amount for the support of schools for the school term 1917-18, and little or nothing can be expected from the Territorial fund for that purpose next year. Permanent provision, therefore, must be made in some way for the maintenance of these schools hereafter. The amount credited to the school section of the Alaska fund is now insufficient and

will continue to be, inasmuch as the revenues which make up this fund have decreased in recent years. The proportion so credited to the school section of the fund should be increased to 50 per cent, at least, in order to meet the demands for school purposes, should the control of these schools remain, as now, with the federal government.

In my several reports to the Secretary of the Interior, I have taken the position that the control of the schools of Alaska should be vested in the Territorial legislature. If this were done, it would necessitate an amendment to the Alaska organic act approved August 24, 1912, and also the definite amendment or repeal of the act approved January 27, 1905, copies of which acts are enclosed herewith. The Alaska white schools outside of incorporated towns are maintained and supported by moneys received from license and occupation taxes levied by the federal government, and are paid directly into the federal treasury. The moneys derived from business and trade licenses within the incorporated towns, which are also laid by the federal government, are paid directly to the treasurers of the several municipalities for the use of these municipalities; and this brings me to the second request, contained in your letter of November 27, namely, to be advised as to what, in my opinion, will be the effect upon the Alaska fund of the result of the recent election, caused by the people of the Territory voting

by a large majority in favor of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquors within the Territory, the fund being made up in part of fees received from liquor licenses. In this matter I beg to point out that, should a prohibitory liquor law be passed for Alaska, it will have the effect of abolishing the revenues received from this source by the incorporated towns. Approximately \$100,000 is received by the several incorporated towns from this source, but the abolition of the saloons and wholesale liquor houses will eliminate it entirely, and these incorporated towns must resort to other means of taxation to replace the revenues which will thus be lost. To a large extent the moneys derived from liquor licenses in incorporated towns have been used for the maintenance and support of schools within these towns. I may state here that the total amount received on account of taxes levied by the government in incorporated towns for the fiscal year 1916, was \$166,473.90, and, as above stated, I estimate that \$100,000 of this amount was derived directly from liquor licenses.

The moneys derived by the government from liquor licenses outside of incorporated towns have not been large in amount, being chiefly confined to licenses for roadhouses, together with a few saloons in unincorporated towns and villages. Approximately \$25,000 was derived from this source during the fiscal year 1916, and the Alaska fund will be decreased

by that amount, should a prohibitory law for the Territory be enacted. I desire to emphasize the point that the above figure is merely approximate, as I have no means of obtaining the exact amount. The estimate of the moneys received by the incorporated towns from liquor licenses is also approximate, but I believe it to be fairly correct.

If the white schools of the Territory should be placed under the control of the Territorial legislature, I have to earnestly recommend that the control of the Alaska fund be also vested in the Territorial legislature, to be used for the support and maintenance of white schools, both within and without incorporated towns, the latter to be reimbursed, in part at least, for the revenues that they will lose with the elimination of saloons. It seems to me that some such arrangement as this would be only just and equitable. The revenues derived by the federal government from license, trade and occupation taxes outside of incorporated towns for the fiscal year 1916, amounted to \$246,433.39, a decrease of \$10,824.24 from the previous year. Sixty-five per cent of the moneys paid into the Alaska fund is appropriated for the construction and repair of roads and trails outside of incorporated towns, 25 per cent for the maintenance of white schools outside of incorporated towns, and 10 per cent for the relief of indigents, authorized by act of Congress approved March 3, 1913.

Should the control of the Alaska fund be placed in the Territory, as I have recommended, I would suggest that the Territory assume all care of indigent persons and that any residue of the fund that may remain after the white schools have been provided for, as well as the care of indigent persons, be used for the construction and repair of roads and trails throughout the Territory. For your further information as to my views upon the schools of Alaska and their control by the Territory, I beg to refer you to my annual report for the fiscal year 1916, under the head of "Public Schools," on page 72, particularly the last two paragraphs.

Respectfully,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington

Encs.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to ETHEL V. SALT, of Petersburg, Alaska, who having presented a Grammar School Certificate of Imperial County, California, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 13th day of December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Grammar School Certificate,  
State of California,  
dated January 6, 1914.

December 15, 1916

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Prof. W. A. Knox, Supt.,  
Ketchikan Public Schools,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the second instant, enclosing a report made out by you on behalf of the clerk of the Ketchikan school board, showing the employment of teachers for the current school year, the Governor has today issued an Alaska permit to Mrs. Knox, good until June 30, 1917, the purpose of the permit being to cover the school year 1916-1917.

The permit is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. W. A. KNOX, of Kotzebue, 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 until June 30, 1917, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this fifteenth day of December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Statements contained in  
letter of W. A. Knox,  
dated Dec. 2, 1916.

December 16, 1916

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Mr. W. F. Stiven, Clerk,  
Charcoal Point School District,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 14, in which you state that the funds provided for the Charcoal point school will keep it open until January 15, and you ask if there will be any further appropriation for your school for the present school year.

In reply I have to advise you that it is expected that this office will be able to secure the necessary funds to keep not only your school but all the other schools of the Territory, outside of incorporated towns, open for the entire school term. I took up the matter of the deficiency in the school fund some time ago with the Department of the Interior, and it is expected that an emergency appropriation will be made by him to make up the existing deficit.

You will be duly advised in the matter and your school should be continued until such time as you are notified by this office that it must be suspended.

Yours very truly,

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMITS

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to EDNA MILLER, of Petersburg, 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 two years from the date hereof, unless this permit is revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Renewal of permit  
expiring Sept. 20,  
1916.

December 18, 1916

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The Fisk Teachers' Agency,  
28 East Jackson Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, I beg  
to enclose herewith a copy of a circular letter form which  
should have accompanied our letter of the 24th ultimo to  
you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.



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December 18, 1936

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Miss Hilla B. Spencer,

Galena, S. D.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor.

In reply you are advised that, should you secure employment in one of the white schools of Alaska, a permit will be issued to you upon the certificate which you hold.

In applying for a position in Alaska, it might be well to enclose copies of your letters of recommendation.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, December 20, 1916. G. B.

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A. Christensen,

Anchorage.

Replying your telegram eighteenth approximately twenty-five saloons outside incorporated towns from which license fees derived maintenance schools. Forty-one white schools outside incorporated towns present school year. Funds for full term nine months provided from school section Alaska fund to twenty-three schools, amounting to forty-seven thousand two hundred forty-one dollars eightyfour cents, and to one school for six months, amount seven hundred twelve dollars five cents. Total from school section Alaska fund for current year to date forty-seven thousand nine hundred fifty-three dollars eighty-nine cents. One school provided with funds from Territorial school fund for full term amount twenty-five hundred five dollars, and thirteen schools provided with funds from Territorial school fund for four months each, amounting in all to fourteen thousand two hundred sixty-five dollars fifty cents. Total Territorial funds disbursed to fourteen schools, sixteen thousand seven hundred seventy dollars fifty cents. Three schools, including Anchorage, not provided with any funds for current year, their total estimated requirements being sixteen thousand nine hundred ninety-seven dollars. Total present estimated requirements to complete school year for schools not provided for and those provided for in part only, twenty-nine thousand forty-three dollars, eighty-three cents. Following funds estimated available for requisition December eighth: School section Alaska fund five thousand six hundred thirty-eight dollars ninety-seven cents, Territorial school fund four thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars seventy-five cents. In letter to Department Interior October ~~22~~ I asked for deficiency appropriation of thirty thousand dollars for current year.

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

Secretary to the Governor of Alaska.

*Edwin* STRONG, GOVERNOR.

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December 30, 1916

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Miss Carriebel Parker,  
Tempe, Maricopa Co.,  
Arizona

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you say that you expect to come to Junco in July next and to make your home here, and are desirous of obtaining a position in the Junco school.

While the Governor is ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction of the white schools of Alaska, he leaves to the various school boards the matter of the employment of teachers. Your letter is, therefore, being referred to the superintendent of the Junco public schools, who will, no doubt, advise you in due time regarding opportunities for employment in the schools under his charge.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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December 20, 1916

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Prof. L. D. Henderson, Supt.,

Juneau Public Schools,

City

My dear Professor:

I beg to hand you herewith a letter from Miss Carriebel Parker, of Tempe, Arizona, who says she is coming to Juneau next year to make it her home and expresses a desire to secure employment in the Juneau schools.

A copy of my letter of acknowledgment is also enclosed for your information.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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December 20, 1916

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Mr. Charles Edwin Locke,  
Polytechnic High School,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 11, with reference to your obtaining a school superintendency or work in a university, normal or high school in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that we have no superintendent of white schools in this Territory, the Governor of Alaska being ex officio Superintendent of the white schools; neither have we a university or normal school, although high schools are maintained in a number of the incorporated towns. I am enclosing herewith a circular letter, showing the towns maintaining high schools, and other information, which may be of some service to you.

The native schools in Alaska are under the direct supervision of the United States Bureau of Education, which employs a number of superintendents, there being five in all. For information concerning these positions, you should address the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

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I know of no government positions here open at this time, other than vacancies that may occur in the native schools. I might suggest, however, that you communicate with some of the boards of school directors in incorporated towns, as in this way you might be able to obtain a principalship of a high school, which carries with it, incidentally, the city superintendency of such schools.

If I can be of any further service to you along this or any other line, kindly advise me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. C. W. HARMOND, OF Seward, 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 two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 20th day of December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Renewal Permit

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MRS. CLARA FRITTER ZINN, of Valdez, Alaska, who having presented an Illinois State Normal University 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 20th day of December, 1916.

Governor, & officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

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Illinois State Normal  
University diploma,  
dated May 31, 1901.

December 21, 1916

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Mrs. Clara Fritter Zinn,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your letter of the 16th instant, making application for a permit to teach in the white schools of the Territory, a permit has been issued to you for a period of two years and the same is attached hereto. Your diploma has been returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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December 21, 1916

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Mr. A. Christensen,

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a telegram from this office under date of December 20, which is self-explanatory, and which is hereby confirmed.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

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December 22, 1916

14-1

Mr. V. I. Hahn.

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 18, with reference to obtaining revenues for the maintenance and support of schools in incorporated towns, other than that provided by the incorporated communities themselves, this necessity being due to the elimination of the saloons within incorporated towns, thus depriving those towns of certain revenues derived therefrom.

In reply I have to advise you that a bill has been drafted and will be introduced in Congress as soon as it meets, after the holidays, which provides that 40 per cent of what is now known as the Alaska fund, shall be set aside for the maintenance and support of schools within incorporated towns. This action has been taken with a view to lessening the burden of incorporated towns in supporting their schools, with the probable passage of a prohibitory liquor law. I am hopeful that this measure, or one similar to it, will become law, as I fully appreciate the fact that the Territory should contribute a certain proportion of the expenses involved in the

maintenance of the schools, inasmuch as, with the passing of a prohibitory law, these communities will be deprived of a part of their revenue. The arrangement thus suggested, in giving 40 per cent of the Alaska fund to these schools, to be prorated according to the school attendance, is believed to be equitable; it is expected that, while it will not, perhaps, provide the full amount for the maintenance of such schools, it will be a good, substantial aid to their support. If this percentage of the Alaska fund can be secured for this purpose, as stated, it will assist the respective towns of Alaska materially, and it should be a comparatively easy matter for them to raise, by direct taxation, any deficit that might arise.

I have discussed this matter at length with the Department of the Interior, at its request, and I have outlined this plan to the Department and to the Delegate in Congress as the only equitable and just plan. I cannot, of course, say what view Congress will take in the matter, but I believe, with the support that we have enlisted and which we will be able to further enlist, the necessary action will be secured.

Permit me to extend my best wishes for the Christmas season.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

December 27, 1916

15-5

Mr. Stephen Tongue,  
Tongue Advertising Service,  
1516 Woolworth Building,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the "Secretary of the State Board of Education," I beg to advise that no such publication is issued covering the white schools of this Territory. The Governor, in his annual report on general conditions in the Territory, makes brief reference to these schools. A copy of the 1916 report will be mailed to you as soon as we have received a supply from the public printer.

Should you wish to secure information regarding the work of the native schools in Alaska, you should address the Honorable P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., under whose supervision these schools are maintained.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 27, 1916

15-6

Miss Miriam E. West,  
Plainfield High School,  
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of Education, in which you ask to be supplied with a list of the most progressive high schools in Alaska having an enrollment of 500 or over.

In reply I beg to advise you that none of the high schools in Alaska have an enrollment of more than 75, and in most of them the enrollment is comparatively small.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form containing information regarding the white schools of the Territory, together with a complete list of them, the list showing also those which provide high school work.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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December 27, 1916

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Mr E. I. Raitt,  
Department of Home Economics,  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Governor as Superintendent of Education, in which you request to be supplied with any manuals, syllabi or courses of study in domestic science, prepared for the use of the schools in Alaska, that may be available for distribution.

In reply I beg to advise that domestic science is taught in but few of the white schools of Alaska at the present time, owing chiefly to the fact that the school districts are all seriously hampered by lack of funds. There have not as yet been any steps taken looking toward the standardization of courses of study in the white schools of Alaska. However, in general, they are similar to those in use in the States of Washington, Oregon and California. At the present time only three of the schools in the incorporated towns of Alaska provide instruction in domestic science. These are: Juneau, limited course; Ketchikan, full course; Skagway, limited course. This office has been able to furnish you with the details

of these courses, but you can probably obtain this information by writing to the principals of the schools at the places named.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 27, 1916

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Dr. Thomas D. Woods, Chairman,  
Committee on Health Problems in Education,  
525 West 120th street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Governor, as Superintendent of Public Instruction for Alaska, in which you request information, reports, printed matter, etc., relating to the standardization of rural schools in Alaska.

In reply to your letter I beg to advise that as yet no steps have been taken looking to the standardization of either the city or rural schools in Alaska, the necessary legal machinery therefor being lacking. It is expected, however, that in the near future some legislative action will be taken looking to the establishment of a school system and the standardization of courses of study, etc. At the present time there are no reports published by the Territory covering the work of the white schools. Brief reference, however, is made to them in the Governor's annual report on the conditions in the Territory. The report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, will soon be ready for distribution, and a copy of it will be mailed to you.

The schools for natives in Alaska are maintained by the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., which Bureau publishes quite complete annual reports covering the work of these schools. Under separate cover there is being sent to you a copy of the courses of study as adopted by the Juneau public schools, which will give some idea of the efforts which are being made in Juneau and other localities to provide an up-to-date course of study both in the grade and in the high schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

December 27, 1916

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Mr. John Wick, Clerk.

Hadley School District,

Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that school may be continued in your district until you receive further instructions from this office. It is expected that funds will be available to cover the remaining five months of the school term, but there may be a delay of a month or two in making the requisition for these funds.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 27, 1916

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Mr. C. F. Cheek, Treasurer,  
Eagle River School District,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that school may be continued in your district until you receive further instructions from this office. It is expected that funds will be available to cover the remaining five months of the school year, but there may be a delay of a month or two in making the requisition for these funds.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 27, 1918

14-1

Mr. W. F. Stevens, Clerk.

Charcoal Point School District,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that school may be continued in your district until you receive further instructions from this office. It is expected that funds will be available to cover the remaining five months of the school year, but there may be a delay of a month or two in making therequisition for the balance of funds due your district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

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Mrs. Edgar Brooker,  
Clerk School Board,  
CHATANIKA.

Continue school until further advised. Expect to be able provide balance funds needed to complete school year, but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, Governor.

  
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

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O. A. Nelson,  
Treasurer School Board,  
Chitina.

Continue school until further advised. Expect to be able provide balance funds needed this term, but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition. Meantime repairs fund may be used ~~as~~ for other ~~purposes~~ purposes as board deems best.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

14-1

Mrs. Annetta LaZelle,  
Clerk School Board, Garden Island District,  
ORANIH, via Fairbanks.

Continue school until further advised. Expect be able provide balance funds  
needed this term, but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

14-1

C. C. Naughton, Clerk School Board,

KATALLA. Via Mail from Cordova.

Continue school until further advised. Expect be able provide funds needed for balance term but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

14-1

Mrs. Anabel Read Schott, Teacher,

KATILLA, via mail from Cordova.

Am wiring clerk Katalla school board to continue school until further notice.  
Expect to be able furnish balance funds needed to complete present term, but  
there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

14-1

Fred Sargent, Clerk School Board,

KODIAK.

Continue school until further advised. Expect be able provide balance funds needed this term, but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

14-1

John H. Berglund, Clerk School Board,  
NUSHATAK. Via mail from Seward.

Continue school until further advised. Expect be able furnish balance funds  
needed this term, but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

14-1

MEMO

F. C. French, Treasurer School Board,  
Latauche, via mail from SEWARD.

Continue school until further advised. Expect be able furnish balance funds  
needed this term, but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

14-1

Frank H. Foster, Clerk School Board,

McCarthy, via mail from Cordova.

Continue school until further advised. Expect be able furnish balance funds needed this year, but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

*W. S. Thorpe*  
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B. to Ruby. COLLECT Melesi 14-1  
to Ruby.  
O. E. Tackstrom, Clerk School Board,  
RUBY.

Continue school until further advised. Expect be able furnish balance  
funds needed this year.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, December 27, 1916. O. B.

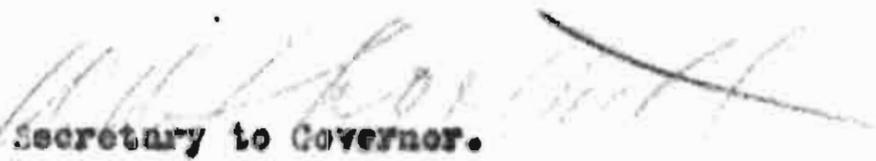
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I. D. Nurdyke, Clerk School Board,

SELDOVIA, via Mail from Seward.

Continue school until further advised. Expect be able furnish balance funds needed this term, but there may be delay of month or two in making requisition.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

  
Secretary to Governor.

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December 27, 1916

14-1

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

My dear Mr. Nelson:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, relative to the financial condition of your school. I referred the matter to the Governor today and he sent you a telegram, advising that your school should be continued until further notice and that the repairs fund to which you refer may be used for such purposes as the board deems necessary.

We are experiencing considerable difficulty in providing funds to cover the remaining five months of the present school year, there being some fourteen schools which have only been provided for in part to date. However, we think we have sufficient funds in sight so that all schools may complete the year.

With kind regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS G. M. STEVENSON, of Fairbanks, 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 during the school year 1916-17, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 27th day of December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:  
Statements contained in  
letter from clerk of the  
Fairbanks School Board,  
Dec. 15, 1916. - 14-3

December 27, 1916

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Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman,  
Clerk of the School District,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 15, together with a report of teachers employed in the town of Fairbanks, and in which you state that Miss G. M. Stevenson has been employed as a substitute teacher in your schools.

In reply I have to advise you that I believe I met Miss Stevenson during the time that she taught the school at Teller or immediately thereafter. I know little or nothing concerning her qualifications as a teacher, but in view of the fact that you have employed her in your school, I am enclosing herewith a permit for her to teach for the present school year and no longer. It follows, therefore, that she will not receive a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska after the expiration of the present school year unless she can produce satisfactory credentials.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 27th day of December, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Oregon State certificate  
dated September 11, 1916.

December 27, 1916

15-2

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

Dear Madam:

I am enclosing herewith a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska for the term of two years, to Miss Myrtle Hollingsworth, upon your request and the statement contained in your letter that Miss Hollingsworth holds an Oregon State certificate issued September 11, 1916.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

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December 28, 1916

14-1

Mr. Ernest Specht, Director,

Kasaan School District,

Kasaan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 20, with reference to certain school matters in your district, and wherein you state that Dan Nelson has been paying out money without your knowledge or that of the clerk of your school district, Wm. Dunard.

In reply I have to advise you that the treasurer of the school district should not pay out any money or authorize its expenditure without such expenditure or payment being approved by one other member of the school board. This is an imperative rule that has been established by this office and it must be followed. The treasurer, of course, is under bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties and either he or his sureties can be held responsible for unauthorized payments or if the school fund is illegally disbursed in any way.

I may add that it doesn't auger well for the success of your school if the school board is divided, as seems to be the

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case in your district. In order to secure the best results, the earnest cooperation of the members of a school board is absolutely necessary, and if this is not had the interests of the children of your district suffer.

I trust that this matter will be arranged amicably, but, in any event, the treasurer and his sureties are responsible for the disbursement of all school moneys committed to the treasurer's care.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

December 29, 1916

14-3

The Clerk of the Haines Public School,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Some time ago this office received the diploma of Miss Gladys M. McKinnon, of Haines. The diploma was unaccompanied by any letter or note of explanation. Later on (under date of October 25 last), Miss McKinnon wrote this office, referring to her diploma and asked that an Alaska permit be issued to her. She did not, however, state that she had secured employment in one of the Alaska schools, and, as it is a rule of this office to issue permits only to those teachers who have secured employment in the Alaska schools, we wrote Miss McKinnon on November 3, acknowledging receipt of her letter, and asking that she advise with regard to her employment. To date, we have had no reply from Miss McKinnon and her application for a permit is still pending.

Upon receipt of this letter, will you please advise this office if Miss McKinnon is employed as one of the teachers in the Haines public school. We assume that this is the case,

but it is necessary that we be definitely advised before  
a permit can be issued.

There is enclosed a franked and addressed envelope for  
your use in replying to this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

December 29, 1916

14-3

Mr. Grever C. Wish,  
President, Juneau School Board,  
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to the fact that Miss Wenk and Mr. Matthews, who were employed as teachers in the Juneau public schools, have not as yet arranged for Alaska permits, although the matter has heretofore been called to the attention of the clerk of the school board, as well as to the attention of Superintendent Henderson. All of the other teachers employed in the Juneau schools hold permits issued by the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly see that Miss Wenk and Mr. Matthews present their credentials at an early date.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 30, 1916

14-5

Hon. P. P. Claxton,

Commissioner of Education,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a statement made by Mr. A. E. Light, of Ruby, Alaska, a special employe for the suppression of the liquor traffic, commenting upon the lack of school facilities for the natives of the Lower Yukon valley, for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

December 30, 1916

14-5

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a statement made by Mr. A. E. Light, of Ruby, Alaska, a special employee for the suppression of the liquor traffic, commenting upon the lack of school facilities for the natives of the Lower Yukon valley, for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

Respectfully,

Governor

Enc.

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

December 30, 1916

14-5

Mr. A. E. Light,  
Special Employee,  
Ruby, Alaska

My dear Light:

I write to acknowledge receipt of five copies of your "native school proposition," mentioned to me in your report for September. I have to advise you that I have transmitted one copy to the Secretary of the Interior and another to the Commissioner of Education, at Washington, D. C., and trust that some action will be taken, looking toward the supplying of the natives of the lower Yukon with the schools which, without doubt, are so badly needed. I trust it will be possible that this want will be supplied during the next fiscal year.

Your anticipation of a dry Alaska has been realized, but the election of Sulzer is still in doubt. I am advised today, by the Alaska Daily Empire, that the unofficial returns received are "50-50", and the result will not be known until the canvassing board meets---and perhaps not then, for it may be that the fight will be taken to the House of Representatives. Of this, of course, I am not advised in any way.

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There are still a number of precincts to be heard from---these  
at Nushagak and on the northern side of the Alaska Peninsula.

I trust that you are in good health, and with best wishes  
for the new year, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS FAY WENK, of Juneau, who having presented a Teacher's State High School Certificate of the State of Idaho, 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 third day of January, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Idaho State Teachers'  
High School Certificate,  
dated Sept. 15, 1914.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

Given at Juneau, Alaska, this third day of January, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of Washington  
Third Grade Certificate  
dated May 15, 1915

January 4, 1916

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 22d ultimo, addressed to the Governor, relative to the resignation of Mrs. Benawa and asking the assistance of this office in securing a teacher to complete the work of the school year. A letter just received from Mr. Coker, treasurer of the school district, in reference to the same matter, suggests that Miss Webster, a resident of Craig and who has had some experience in teaching would probably be satisfactory to the board and the people of the district. The Governor has directed me to advise Mr. Coker that if the members of the board conclude to employ Miss Webster to serve as teacher for the unexpired portion of the school year, and will endorse her application for a teacher's permit, the arrangement will be satisfactory to the Governor and a permit will be issued to Miss Webster for the school year 1916-17.

It is suggested that you confer with Mr. Coker and that the board have a meeting to consider the application of Miss Webster.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 4, 1916

14-1

Mr. J. N. Coker, Treasurer,

Craig School District,

Craig, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter, relative to securing a teacher to complete the school year, Mrs. Benawa having resigned, effective February 1.

If the Craig school board is satisfied that Miss Webster, whom you mention in your letter, can satisfactorily perform the work and will endorse her application for a teacher's permit, it will be agreeable to this office for Miss Webster to serve as Mrs. Benawa's successor for the unexpired portion of the school year. If the board decides to arrange with Miss Webster, she should then make written application to this office for a teacher's permit, giving such references as she may have as to her previous experience, etc., and the application should be endorsed by the members of the board. On receipt of the application, the Governor will issue a permit to Miss Webster for the school year 1916-17.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 6, 1916

15-1

Miss Miranda Ray Arms,  
Santa Maria, California

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I beg to advise that the teaching of domestic science in the high schools of Alaska is limited to the schools at Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway, the first-mentioned providing a full course, while the other two provide limited courses only.

There is enclosed herewith a school circular which will give you some information regarding the white schools of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 6, 1916

15-2

Miss Edna Miller,  
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am returning herewith the permit issued to you on September 20, 1915, and which was sent to this office with your letter of the 15th ultimo, when making application for a renewal of the permit.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encl.

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January 8, 1917

15-5

Mr. J. R. McCollum, Manager,  
Southwestern Educational Exchange,  
Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Governor as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction, in which you request to be supplied with a copy of our educational directory and a circular of general information with reference to the certification of teachers.

In reply I beg to advise you that we do not publish an educational directory, so called. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to miscellaneous inquiries which contains, among other things, a complete list of the white schools of the Territory, and under separate cover, we are sending you a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year 1916, in which you will find a brief summary of school matters, both in the incorporated towns of the Territory and in the communities outside of these towns.

Respectfully yours,

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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 GLADYS H. MCKINNON, of Haines, who having presented a State of California normal school diploma, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 8th day of January, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon;

State of California  
Normal School Diploma,  
dated June 5, 1914.

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to ARTHUR H. MATHENS, of Juneau, who having presented a diploma from Tarkie College, Tarkie, Missouri, 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 eighth day of January,

1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Tarkie, Missouri,  
College diploma,  
dated June, 1911.

Juneau, January 9, 1917. O. B.

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Dr. W. G. Cassels,

Fairbanks.

No appointment game warden Fairbanks district will be made pending arrival letters enroute.

STRONG, Governor.

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

  
Secretary to Governor.

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January 6, 1916

15-1

Miss Oma B. Emmens,  
Beaverton, Oregon

My dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, you are advised that Alaska permits are issued only to teachers who have actually secured employment in Alaska schools. In order to secure such employment, you would, no doubt, have to obtain a certificate from your own state. The employment of teachers for Alaska schools is left entirely to the school boards, to whom applications should be addressed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, January 12, 1917. O. B.

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Adams, Clerk,

HOME.

On September twenty-sixth last wired and wrote Magids to forward receipts and receipted bills covering all expenditures shown in his annual report for last school year, and mentioned fact that election returns and treasurer's bond for ensuing year not yet received. In view situation explained your wire November twenty-third last new bond not necessary, but Magids should comply with instructions relative receipts covering expenditures last school year.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

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January 13, 1917

15-8

Mr. John R. Ball,  
State Teachers' College,  
Greeley, Colo.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith such answers to your questionnaire as I have been able to make. You must understand that the school law under which we are working in Alaska is very imperfect in most every important particular. Still we maintain a number of creditable schools, especially in incorporated towns, but before our schools are brought up to the highest standard, a new school law will be a necessity. This we expect to secure in the immediate future.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Enc.

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January 15, 1917

15-2

Prof. F. G. Davis,  
Supt., Valdez Public Schools,  
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, with reference to the matter of teacher's certificates, and to advise you that all teachers employed in the white schools of Alaska are required to obtain permits from the Governor, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. This applies to those who have taught in the Territory for a number of years as well as to those who have recently come to the Territory. Teachers should submit with their applications their college diplomas, state certificates, or other credentials. In your own case, it will be sufficient if you submit your college diploma. You might, at the same time, if you can, give us the data of your Pennsylvania certificate so that we may make a note of it in our records.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 15, 1917

15-1

Mr. R. O. Layton,  
Principal Public Schools,  
Afton, Wyoming

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the second instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a health certificate and certificate of credit, and advising that you had made application to the school boards of the white schools of Alaska for a position as teacher.

Should you be successful in securing employment in one of the Alaska schools, it will be in order for you to make an application for an Alaska permit, submitting, at that time, such credentials as you hold.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter of the above date are returned to you herewith.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

January 16, 1917

14-1

Mr. S. E. Ivey,

Cleary City, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 28, I have to advise that the school board at Chatanika has already been notified that it is hoped that money will be found to keep all the schools of Alaska open during the present school term. In the notification sent out it was stated that some little delay might occur before all requisitions would be honored, but that eventually this would be done.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

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January 16, 1917

15-1

Mr. Charles Edwin Locke,  
Polytechnic High School,  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 2, with enclosure, which I have transmitted to the board of school directors for Juneau, for their consideration in case of a vacancy in their school staff.

In reply to your question, "Why not create the position of superintendent of public instruction for Alaska?" I have to advise you that the schools of Alaska are directly under the control of the United States Congress and not of our Territorial legislature. The latter body has attempted to legislate on schools and at its session in 1915 passed a law creating the office of assistant superintendent of public instruction, and providing for a uniform system of study. The law was declared invalid, however, by the Attorney-General for the United States, inasmuch as Congress had especially reserved the control of the Alaska schools to itself when the Alaska organic act was passed. We, however, hope that in the near future, the control of the schools of Alaska will be

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passed to the Territory where it manifestly belongs.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

January 16, 1917

15-1

Mr. Grever C. Winn, President,  
Board of School Directors,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a letter which is self-explanatory. I may add that while I am not personally acquainted with Mr. Locke, he has been highly recommended to me by Los Angeles friends.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 17th day of January, 1917

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Renewal of permit  
issued January 23, 1914

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 17th day of January, 1916.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State  
Normal School Diploma,  
dated May 21, 1916.

**Department of Public Instruction**

**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

**THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to J. W. SOUTHWARD, of Kiama, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of his ability and experience, in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska during the school year 1916-17, unless this permit be revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 17th day of January, 1917.**

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

January 17, 1917

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Mrs. O. L. Grimes,

Ouzinkie, via Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, making application for a renewal of your teacher's permit. Enclosed herewith you will find permit of this date issued to you for the usual period of two years.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Miss May G. Refier,

Crashl, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, making application for a permit to teach in the public schools of Alaska; together with your State of Washington certificate, which was forwarded under separate cover.

There has today been issued to you a permit for the usual period of two years, which is herewith enclosed.

Your Washington State certificate is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 17th day of January, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Renewal of permit  
dated April 20, 1918

January 18, 1917

15-8

Miss May L. Cheney,  
Appointment Secretary,  
University of California,  
203 California Hall,  
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 9, I have to advise that night schools are maintained in some of the towns of Alaska, but not all, and have been for a number of years. I understand that these schools are doing very good work. Schools are also used to a limited extent as community centers, and the idea of so using them is growing gradually throughout the Territory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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15-1

Mr. George A. Warren,  
310 West 112th St.,  
New York City

My dear Mr. Warren:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, in which you express your desire to re-engage in school work in Alaska, and you ask if there are any vacancies in the white schools of the Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that there are no vacancies at this time, this, as you know, being in the middle of the term and all teachers have consequently been engaged. There will no doubt be a demand for teachers for the next school term, beginning in September, and if I learn of any vacancies, you will be duly advised.

In the meantime, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a circular letter containing the names of the various school districts in Alaska, with which you might get in personal communication, thus saving time.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

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January 18, 1917

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Sir:

Permit me to again direct the Department's attention to the urgent necessity that exists for an increase in the school section of the Alaska fund. Unless such increase be made at this session of Congress, many of the white schools of Alaska outside of incorporated towns cannot be maintained during the next school year.

I have discussed this matter fully with the Department in previous communications, and I am taking this opportunity to again direct your attention to this matter.

I am,

Respectfully,

Governor

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

January 18, 1917

14-1

Mr. A. Christensen, Manager,  
Land and Industrial Department,  
Alaskan Engineering Commission  
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Mr. Christensen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 27, together with copies of your letters of November 23 and December 22 last, to Messrs. Egan and Mears, relating to the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns. I have read your letter and the accompanying enclosures carefully, and in reply I may say that I believe you fully understand my position in this matter. The necessity for additional funds for the maintenance of schools outside of incorporated towns has been pointed out by me to the Department of the Interior and to the Delegate from Alaska, with a full discussion of all matters bearing an intimate relation to this vital question. In correspondence with the Department I have pointed out the way in which this may be done, namely, either by increasing the percentage of the school section of the Alaska fund from 25 per cent, as at present, to 50 per cent, or by vesting the control of the schools in the Territory of Alaska, as well as a complete control of the Alaska fund, to be used for school

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and other Territorial purposes. What the result of these recommendations will be I cannot say at this time, but I am hopeful that some plan will be evolved that will give the people of Alaska adequate school facilities.

I have also asked for an emergency appropriation of \$25,000 to meet present necessities, which, if appropriated, would include the sum of \$14,000 for the maintenance of the Anchorage school during the present year. I may state, in this connection, that Delegate Wickersham has assured me, by letter, of his hearty cooperation, but, of course, you know what this means. Unless the matter is continuously pressed, I fear that there will be little hope, but I may be mistaken in this. I have again written today to the Department, urging the necessity of immediate action, if these schools are to be maintained during the coming year.

I am aware that the people of Anchorage could not understand why they received no money through this office for the support of their schools. Last year a sum upwards of \$6,000 was appropriated for school purposes, for the good and sufficient reason that that amount was available, and for the same good and sufficient reason that no funds were available for that purpose, no appropriation could be made for the present school year. Requisitions had already been made upon the Treasury Department for the maintenance of other schools,

which completely exhausted that fund. We still need \$16,000 for the maintenance of schools which are already in a going condition, so to speak, and whether or not I shall be able to secure this money will depend largely upon moneys received in the school section of the Alaska fund, during the quarter ended December 31. It also seemed to me that, inasmuch as Anchorage was essentially a "government town," it was the duty of the government to provide funds for the support of the schools therein. I did not feel that it was right or just that seven or eight smaller communities should be deprived of school facilities for their children in order that the Anchorage school might be maintained. I know that I am right, notwithstanding the criticisms which I understand I have received in Anchorage; but, of course, I do not mind this, as I am satisfied I did that which was absolutely right, and I know that if the facts were known the people of Alaska would be behind me almost to a unit in the position which I assumed in this matter.

Some time last fall a Mr. Balch, of Anchorage, called upon me, and I discussed with him frankly the Anchorage school situation, as well as the situation affecting the other schools outside of incorporated towns of the Territory. I found that if he represented Anchorage opinion correctly that it was

thought that I was holding down the lid of the money chest and refused to open it, notwithstanding that it was filled with money, for the school at Anchorage. I believe that he left with a rather intelligent idea of the situation, which I asked him to place before the people of Anchorage, especially the school board, as to the attitude of this office in respect to the Anchorage school.

I believe that the plan that you have outlined in your letter to Messrs. Mears and Edes ought to cover the situation and I shall, in accordance with your request, advise the Secretary of the Interior of my views in the matter. I am strongly of the opinion that funds should be supplied directly by the government in some way for the support of the Anchorage school, and, furthermore, I am in full sympathy with the people of Anchorage in their demands for adequate school facilities.

With very best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

January 18, 1917

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Hon. James Wickersham,  
Delegate from Alaska,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed  
by me this day to the Secretary of the Interior, which is  
self-explanatory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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January 18, 1917

14-1

Sir,

Through the courtesy of Mr. A. Christensen, Manager, Land and Industrial Department of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, I am in receipt of a copy of certain correspondence addressed to Messrs. Ede and Mears, with respect to the maintenance of the Anchorage school, and suggesting a method by which the necessary funds could be secured for their support. I believe that the plan outlined by Mr. Christensen is practicable and that it should be given the serious consideration of the Department, to the end that the present unsatisfactory conditions be obviated and funds assured for the support of the Anchorage school, until such time as that community was enabled to effect incorporation.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

Governor, & officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

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Copy to  
A. Christensen

**Department of Public Instruction**

**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

**THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS LAGIE G. WEBSTER, of Craig, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of ability and experience, and references as to good moral character, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1916-17, unless this permit be revoked for cause.**

**GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 19th day of January, 1917.**

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

January 20, 1917

15-2

Miss Lacie G. Webster,

Craig, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Governor, making application for a teacher's permit for the school year 1916-17, and enclosing a letter of endorsement from the Craig school board.

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit issued to you under date of yesterday, covering the school year 1916-17.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 20, 1917

15-2

Miss Mabel Winston,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15, in which you ask if teachers "have to go below to take the teachers' examination, or can they take it here in Alaska?" I note you say that you have a third grade certificate which expires in March, which I assume was granted by the State of Washington, and you say you wish to take an examination before it expires in order to retain your nineties.

If it is your intention to return to the State of Washington at any time, there to engage in teaching, it would be advisable for you to take the Washington examination. If, however, you expect to remain in Alaska, I believe some arrangement may be made for your examination at Ketchikan, to be conducted through the principal of the Ketchikan public schools, assisted by one of the high school teachers; and it might be possible to make arrangements with Professor Henderson, superintendent of the Juneau public schools, to assist in the examination.

Advise me as to your wishes in this matter at your earliest convenience so that if you wish to take the examination, the necessary arrangements may be made.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

January 20, 1917

15-1

Mr. W. A. Johns,  
333 Clifton Ave.,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15, in which you express a desire to secure a position as teacher of agriculture and industrial training in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that agricultural education is not taught in our public schools, although industrial training is, to a limited extent, in some of them. I note you say that you have had a liberal training in the management of small and large farms, and it may be possible for you to obtain a position at one of the government experimental farms that are maintained in Alaska. For the purpose of ascertaining if there is a vacancy, you might address Dr. C. C. Georgeon, Agronomist in Charge, Government experiment stations, Sitka, Alaska.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 20, 1917

15-1

Miss Ruth Gresham,  
40 W. North Ave.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 9, in which you express a desire to secure a license to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska will be issued you upon presentation of your credentials, showing that you are qualified by education and training for such a position. I assume that you are from the letters which accompanied yours, namely, those of Congressman Howard, and the principal of the Atlanta Normal Training School; also provided that you secure a school in this Territory.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular containing the names of the different school districts, and you should address your application to the board of directors of the school district in which you wish to teach.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

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January 20, 1917

15-1

Hon. William Schley Howard,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 6, in which you state that one of your constituents, Miss Ruth Gresham, of Atlanta, desires to secure a position as teacher in the school at Unga, Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I received a letter from Miss Gresham to this effect, and I have advised her of the method of procedure to secure such appointment. In the meantime, it will afford me much pleasure to render Miss Gresham such service as I possibly can.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

January 24, 1917

15-1

Miss Signe A. Larsen,

Osakis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to vacancies in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of the graded schools of this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise you that while the Governor is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of the Territory, the matter of the employment of teachers is left entirely to the local school boards, to whom applications should be addressed.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a circular letter form used by this office in replying to school inquiries, on the back of which will be found a complete list of the white schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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January 25, 1917

15-5

Mr. Wallace A. Manheimer,  
Research Laboratory,  
Department of Health,  
Foot of East 16th St.,  
Borough of Manhattan,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Governor, as commissioner of health for Alaska, in which you request to be supplied with information regarding any laws passed by this Territory or any of its municipalities with respect to bathing establishments.

In reply I beg to advise that no laws have been passed by the Territory of Alaska on the subject in question, nor have any of the municipalities in the Territory passed any ordinances on the subject, so far as this office is informed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 3, 1917

15-3

Prof. W. W. Charters,  
Dean, School of Education,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your circular of the 15th instant, addressed to the "State superintendent of Education," has been received by the Governor, who is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of Alaska.

In reply I beg to say that, strictly speaking, Alaska has no school system. The courses of study in use in the white schools, of which there are now 55 at the present time, have not as yet been standardized and no provision has been made for teacher training courses.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

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**ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT**

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to LOUISE C. FREEDMAN, of Chichagoff, Alaska, who having presented satisfactory evidence of her ability, experience and good moral character, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for the school year 1916-17, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 25th day of January, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

January 25, 1917

15-2

Miss Louise C. Freebarn,  
Chichagof, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit issued to you this date, covering the school year 1916-17. This permit has been issued upon the statements contained in your letters to this office and the official transcript of your record, as furnished to this office by the recorder of the University of Illinois.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, January 25, 1917. O. B.

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Lang, Clerk District Court,

VALDEZ.

Please wire amount remitted by you for  
December quarter for credit to Alaska fund with Treasurer United States. Desire  
this information to enable me determine amount school funds actually available  
for use at present. What is wanted is information as to the actual cash  
remitted, after allowing for fish hatchery and any other credits.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.



Secretary to Governor.

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January 25, 1918

Prof. L. D. Henderson,  
Superintendent of Public Schools,  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In compliance with a request received from the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education that I appoint delegates to the Society's Tenth Annual Convention, which will be held this year at some date yet to be named, at Indianapolis, Indiana, I have appointed you as a delegate from Alaska to such convention.

Expressing the hope that you may be able to accept this appointment and attend the Indianapolis meeting, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 25, 1917

Prof. W. A. Knox,  
Superintendent of Public School,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In compliance with a request received from the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education that I appoint delegates to the Society's Tenth Annual Convention, which will be held this year at some date yet to be named, at Indianapolis, Indiana, I have appointed you as a delegate from Alaska to such convention.

Expressing the hope that you may be able to accept this appointment and attend the Indianapolis meeting, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 25, 1917

Miss Margaret E. Keenan,  
Superintendent of Public Schools,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In compliance with a request received from the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education that I appoint delegates to the Society's Tenth Annual Convention, which will be held this year at some date yet to be named, at Indianapolis, Indiana, I have appointed you as a delegate from Alaska to such convention.

Expressing the hope that you may be able to accept this appointment and attend the Indianapolis meeting, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 25, 1917

15-8

Mr. Alvin E. Dodd, Secretary,  
National Society for the Promotion  
of Industrial Education,  
140 West 42d Street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 13 instant, with reference to the Smith-Hughes vocational education bill, which act brings squarely before those responsible for our public education the problem of adjusting the schools to the vocational needs of our youth. You also state that the Society's Tenth Annual Convention will this year be held in Indianapolis, and the program, copy of which you enclosed, is based largely on the state-wide vocational education survey, which Indiana has been making for the purpose of discovering just what kind of vocational education will best fit the needs of the various communities of that state. You also say that the Governors of many states have expressed their willingness to appoint delegates and representatives interested in this phase of education, who will bring back from such meeting suggestions which will be of much value to their own commonwealth; and you also invite me to appoint several delegates to the meeting.

In reply I have to advise you that it will give me pleasure to name a number of delegates to this convention, but the great distance that must be traveled between Alaska and Indianapolis will probably prevent their attendance. In pursuance, therefore, of your request, I have appointed the following, of which appointment you are hereby officially advised:

L. D. Henderson, superintendent of the public schools, Juneau, Alaska  
C. W. Hawkesworth, superintendent of natives schools for southeastern Alaska, Juneau.  
W. A. Knox, principal of the Ketchikan public school, Ketchikan.  
Miss Margaret E. Keenan, superintendent public schools, Fairbanks.  
Mr. F. G. Davis, Principal public schools, Valdez.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 25, 1917

15-2

Mrs. Willie Leahy Abbott,

Afognak, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 9, with reference to Miss Zoya Petellin, in which you state that she is a bright, young lady of excellent moral character and that she graduated from the eighth grade of the Afognak school in the spring of 1914, and has since attended intermittently the term of 1914-15.

I assume that you are actuated in making these recommendations of Miss Petellin with a view to her securing a position as teacher in some of the public schools of Alaska. A regulation of the department of public instruction, however, provides that teachers employed in the white schools of Alaska shall be graduates of some university, college or normal school and shall have had previous teaching experience. Exceptions to this regulation are made only when it is impossible to secure the services of a trained teacher in remote localities.

I am,

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

January 25, 1917

14-1

Mr. N. W. Sweetser, Director,  
Hadley School District,  
Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On November 24 last this office addressed a letter to you in reference to the revised estimates submitted by your board for the school year, which estimates were forwarded to this office with your letter of October 18 last. In the office letter referred to you were advised that the Governor had passed upon the estimates and approved the same as submitted, with the exception of the item covering rent, desks and a school building. With respect to the school building, you were informed that owing to the serious shortage of school funds existing, the Governor deemed it inadvisable to make allowance for the construction of a school building, if any way could be found to make suitable provision for the school without such construction. It was requested that you confer with the other members of the board and advise as to the possibility of continuing the use of the old building during the school year 1916-17. You were informed that if arrangements could be made to use the old building by causing repairs to be made thereto, the Governor would be willing to increase

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the rent allowance to \$15 or \$20 per month in order to cover such repairs.

No response has been received from you as to the matters referred to in office letter of November 24 above mentioned. In the meantime, sufficient moneys have accumulated in the school section of the Alaska fund so that we are now able to make requisitions to cover the remainder of the school year 1916-17 for those districts which have heretofore been provided in part only.

It is requested that if you have not replied to the letter of November 24 by the time this letter reaches you, you immediately advise this office as to what arrangements, if any, have been made regarding the continued use of the old school building. The making of the requisition for funds for your school district for the remainder of the year will be delayed until the receipt of your reply.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 27, 1917

15-2

Miss Willye Ward,

621 North Austin St.,

San Marcos, Texas

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request the issuance of a permit authorizing you to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise you that 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 secure employment in one of the white schools of Alaska, it will be in order for you to make application for the issuance of a permit, submitting your credentials therewith.

Enclosed herewith you will find a circular letter containing miscellaneous information with respect to the white schools of Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. E. T. Stannard, Clerk,  
Latouche School Board,  
Latouche, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of office letter of August 18 last, addressed to Mr. B. H. Dew, your predecessor in office, with respect to the matter of the construction of a new school building. It is the understanding of this office that Mr. Dew left Latouche about the time our letter of August 18 should have reached him, and we are informed that he left the affairs of his office in a somewhat unsatisfactory state, which probably accounts for the fact that we have had no reply to the letter mentioned.

At the same time that we wrote Mr. Dew, letters were also written to you in respect to the same matter, and you were advised that the school board had been communicated with through Mr. Dew and instructions given with regard to submitting an estimate covering the cost of the new building. Instructions were also given, as you will note, with regard to an increase in the bond of the treasurer, whose original bond was for the sum of \$2799.

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We have today issued a requisition upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds required for the maintenance of your school during the current school year, but have not covered the additional allowance of \$778.46 required in connection with the construction of the new school building. This amount will be furnished from the Territorial school funds, as stated in the letter of August 18 last to Mr. Dow, but the requisition cannot, of course, be made until we have received the estimates of your board covering the cost of the new building. It is requested that this matter be given early attention. Enclosed herewith you will find two estimate blanks which should be filled out and signed by the board, to cover the cost of the new building. One copy of the estimates should be forwarded to this office and the other filed with the records of the school district.

In the attached copy of the letter to Mr. Dow, you will note pencil changes in several places. In explanation of this, I would say that an item of \$5 in the accounts of the treasurer for the school year 1915-16, covering purchase of phonograph records, was disallowed; the former treasurer was instructed to refund to the school treasury that amount, but, upon receipt of his explanation regarding the expenditure, the Governor decided to allow it. The records, therefore, show an unexpended balance on hand from the last school year of \$21.54, instead of \$26.54.

In view of the fact that more than half of the school year is now past, it will be unnecessary for the treasurer to execute an additional bond.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. S. E. Ivey, Treasurer,  
Chatanika School District,  
Chatanika, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 27, 1917

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. M. Doyle, Treasurer,  
Seldevia School District,  
Seldevia, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. Henry Hebelor, Treasurer,  
Ruby School District,  
Ruby, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find same copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. A. H. Mittendorf, Treasurer.

Nuchagak School District,

Nuchagak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 27, 1917

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find ~~some~~ copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 27, 1917

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 27, 1917

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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January 27, 1917

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find some copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you,

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. Fred Lewis, Treasurer,

Garden Island School District,

Graciel, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. C. F. Check, Treasurer,  
Eagle River School District,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 27, 1917

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. Alfred Moore, Treasurer,  
Charcoal Point School District,  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find memo copy of a requisition of this date upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your school district for the current year. When you receive the treasury warrant covering the enclosed requisition, advise this office in writing, giving the number and amount on the warrant and the date of its receipt by you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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January 29, 1917

14-1

Mr. S. E. Ivey, Treasurer,  
Chatanika School District,  
Cleary City, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the 26th instant, this office made a requisition upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due your district for the current school year, the amount being \$851.95. A memorandum copy of the requisition was mailed to you on the 27<sup>th</sup>, but was inadvertently addressed to Chatanika instead of Cleary City, and, thinking it might be delayed in reaching you, I am writing this letter to advise you of the issuance of this requisition. In making the requisition above referred to your address was also given as Chatanika instead of Cleary City, and the warrant will, no doubt, be mailed to you at Chatanika.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 30, 1917

15-5

Miss Gladys McKinnon.

Haines, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Governor, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the act of January 27, 1905, commonly known as the "Nelson School Law," which provides for the establishment of school districts outside of incorporated towns and the maintenance of these schools, and also makes provision for the examination and certification of teachers, requires school boards of incorporated towns to make reports to the Governor, etc.

For the law relating to schools in incorporated towns, you are referred to section 527 of the "Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913," which volume is no doubt in the possession of the United States Commissioner at Haines.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 30, 1917

14-1

Mr. Charles Suggett, Principal.

Kodiak School,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3d instant, addressed to the Governor, I beg to advise you that on the 26th instant this office made a requisition on the Treasurer of the United States for the balance of funds due the Kodiak School district for the current school year. A copy of the requisition has been mailed to the Treasurer of the Kodiak school district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 30, 1917

15-2

Mr. Harry Richards, Clerk,

Unga-Peninsula School District,

Unga, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing permits issued by this office to Miss Dora S. Lacrore, teacher of the Unga school. When this office wrote you recently regarding Miss Lacrore's permit we overlooked the fact that a renewal permit had been issued to Miss Lacrore on September 1, 1916. That permit is, of course, good until September 1, 1918.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter of above date are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 30, 1917

15-2

Miss Belle Wallace,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Madam

Some months ago this office received your Michigan life certificate. The certificate was unaccompanied by any note or letter giving your address and we have been holding it, expecting to receive some word of inquiry from you. In today's mail, a letter has been received from Mrs. B. D. Wiltshire, Dayton, Washington, making inquiry with regard to opportunities for teachers, and she mentions the fact that she has written you with regard to possible vacancies in the Seward school. This is the first intimation we have had as to your address.

Enclosed herewith you will find a permit which has been issued to you this date for the usual period of two years. Your Michigan certificate is being mailed to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 30, 1917

15-2

Professor Thomas C. McCracken,  
Dean of Graduate College,  
State Teachers' College,  
Greeley, Colo.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Governor, as ex officio superintendent of public instruction, in which you refer to the Bureau of Education bulletin, 1911, No. 18, entitled "Teachers' Certificates Issued Under General State Laws and Regulations," by Dr. Harlan Updegraff, and you ask if recent laws in this "state" have caused any data given by Dr. Updegraff to be unreliable.

In reply I beg to advise that there have been no changes made in the Alaska school laws since the publication of the bulletin referred to. The Alaska Territorial legislature, at its 1915 session, enacted a school law which had for its purpose the establishment of a school system throughout Alaska, but this law has been held invalid for the reason that it violated one of the inhibitions of the enabling act.

With respect to the method of distribution of Territorial school funds, I beg to advise as follows:

The business and trade license moneys collected in the incorporated towns in Alaska are paid over to the treasurers of these towns and form a part of the general municipal funds, being supplemented by funds raised through direct taxation on real and personal property. The law applicable to schools in incorporated towns requires that the city council shall make due provision for the maintenance of the public schools. This is usually done by setting aside funds upon estimates submitted to all school boards. These matters are covered by the act of April 28, 1904, 31 Stat. L, 530-532. The act referred to was passed by the Congress of the United States. I am unable to say by whom the method of providing school funds for incorporated towns was proposed.

The business and trade license moneys collected outside of incorporated towns in this Territory are paid into the treasury of the United States and credited to what is known as the "Alaska fund." Sixty-five per cent of this fund is apportioned out for use in the construction and maintenance of wagon roads and trails in the Territory; 25 per cent is apportioned to the maintenance of white schools in communities outside of incorporated towns, and the remainder of 10 per cent is used for the relief of destitution. The funds for the various white schools in communities outside of incorporated towns are furnished the schools upon requisitions of the Governor, the requisitions being based upon estimates submitted by the various school boards.

In the school year 1915-16 there were 14 schools maintained in the incorporated towns, 68 teachers were employed, 1693 pupils were enrolled, and the average daily attendance was 1393.7. One hundred pupils graduated from the grade schools and 32 from the high schools. The salaries of the teachers employed in these schools amounted to \$79,140.75; all other expenses were \$32,776.82, a total of \$111,917.57. Outside of incorporated towns there were 37 schools maintained during the year 1915-16, employing fifty teachers and having an enrollment of 1470 pupils. The average number of pupils per school was 39.73. The total cost of maintaining these schools was \$78,241.49.

Enclosed you will find a circular containing information with regard to the white schools of Alaska, together with a complete list of them. A general circular of information regarding the Territory is also enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 30, 1917

15-5

Miss Margaret S. McNaught,  
Commissioner Elementary Schools,  
California State Board of Education,  
Sacramento, California

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your card of the 20th instant, there is being mailed to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916. On pages 72 to 76 you will find statistics and information relative to the white schools of this Territory. No other report is published regarding the white schools.

The courses of study in these white schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized. In general, however, they are similar to those of the States of Washington, Oregon and California, from which states many of our teachers come.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 30, 1917

15-1

Miss Lula M. Earnst,  
1504 Main Street,  
Olympia, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 23d instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you state that you have been advised of a possible vacancy in the school at Perseverance and expressing the wish to be considered as an applicant for the position of teacher in that school during the coming school year. This office has no information with regard to a possible vacancy in the school at Perseverance.

Your letter is being referred to Mrs. J. (Sada E) Fleenor, clerk of the Perseverance school district, who will no doubt advise you regarding the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 30, 1917

15-1

Mrs. J. Fleener, Clerk,

Perseverance School District,

Perseverance, via Juneau, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter addressed to this office by Miss Lula M. Earnst, of Olympia, Washington, who states that she has been advised of a possible vacancy in the Perseverance school, and expresses a wish to be considered as an applicant for the position of teacher for the coming school year.

There is also enclosed a copy of our reply to Miss Earnst's letter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

January 30, 1917

15-1

Miss K. Madge Jacobs,  
Relette, N. Dak.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Governor, in which you request information regarding the opportunities for teachers in the white schools of Alaska.

Permits to teach in the white schools of Alaska are issued only to teachers who have actually secured employment in these schools. The certificate which you hold would entitle you to a permit should you at any time obtain employment in one of our schools.

You state that you wish to send applications to the school boards in the towns of Douglas, Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway and Wrangell. This office has no information regarding possible vacancies in any of these schools, since the employment of teachers is left entirely to the local school boards. The names of the clerks of the school boards in the towns mentioned by you are as follows:

F. A. J. Gallwas.....Douglas  
W. W. Casey.....Juneau  
W. A. Knox (principal---clerk absent from city)  
D. McKay..... Skagway  
F. Matheson..... Wrangell

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Enclosed you will find a circular of information regarding the white schools of the Territory, and a circular of general information regarding the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 30, 1917

15-2

Miss L. S. Hopkins.

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Some time ago this office received from you your University of California diploma, unaccompanied by any letter or note of explanation. It is assumed that you wish to secure an Alaska permit. In order, however, that our records may be in proper form, it is requested that you address a letter to this office, making application for a permit, advising as to whether or not you are at present employed as a teacher in Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 30th day of January, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:  
Michigan State Life  
Certificate, dated  
August 1, 1896

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