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ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to F. S. DAVIS, of Valdez, who having presented a diploma from Bucknell University, State of Pennsylvania, 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 31st day of January, 1917.

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

Granted upon

**Diploma from Bucknell
University, State of
Pennsylvania, dated**

June, 1911.

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this first day of February, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

University of Arkansas
Normal School Life Certificate of June 8, 1910.

also

A. B. Degree from same
school of June 7, 1911.

February 1, 1917

15-2

Miss Lucy Hon,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith you will find a teacher's permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years. This permit has been granted in response to the request contained in your letter of the 25th ultimo.

Your Arkansas certificate is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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February 1, 1917

15-2

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a teacher's permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years. This permit has been granted in response to your recent request.

Your university diploma is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 1, 1917

15-2

Miss Fredericka Deisrling,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Madam:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 8th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, there has been issued to you this date a permit, authorizing you to teach in the white schools of the Territory for the usual period of two years. This permit, together with your Washington state life diploma is herewith enclosed.

Re

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to FREDERICKA DEIERLING, of Valdez, 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 first day of February, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

Washington State Normal School Diploma,
dated May 29, 1915

February 5, 1917

15-1

Miss Gladys Kellett,
401 South G Street,
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, and requesting the names of the school boards in the incorporated towns of the Territory. We have not as yet received reports from all the school boards in Alaska, and our records are, therefore, somewhat incomplete. The following information is the best that we can give you at the present time:

Cordova.....Address the clerk of the school board.
Douglas.....F. A. J. Gallwas, clerk; Floy Tracey,
principal.
Fairbanks.....Mrs. Mary H. Zimmerman, clerk; Miss
Margaret S. Keenan, principal.
Haines.....Ed Fay, Clerk; Mrs. A. F. McLean,
principal
Iditarod.....Address the clerk of the school board
Juneau.....W. W. Casey, clerk; L. D. Henderson,
principal of schools
Ketchikan.....W. A. Knox, superintendent of schools.
Nome.....Address the clerk of the school board.
Petersburg.....Address the clerk of the school board
Seward.....Mrs. F. L. Ballaine, clerk; Miss Belle
Wallace, principal
Skagway.....D. McKay, clerk of the school board.
Tanana.....Address the clerk of the school board.
Valdez.....Emma Leavell, clerk; F. G. Davis,
principal

Wrangell.....F. Matheson, clerk; Miss Clara Ostmo,
principal

The foregoing are all of the incorporated towns in which schools are maintained. Anchorage is an unincorporated town; the clerk of the school board is A. J. Wendler, and the principal of the schools is C. H. Sheets.

Enclosed herewith is a circular containing information regarding the white schools of the Territory, on the back of which will be found a complete list of these schools.

I may add that, while the Governor is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of this Territory, the employment of teachers is left entirely to the local school boards, and it is seldom that this office is called upon to assist in securing teachers. At the present time we do not know of any vacancies.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 7, 1917

15-8

Dr. Preston W. Search,
Carmel-by-the-sea,
California

My dear Doctor Search :

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January 15, in which you offer your service in a course of lectures to the teachers and people of Alaska; and you ask what could be done in honorarium.

In reply I have to advise you that I cannot give the time sufficient to engage in securing compensation for lectures of this kind. I would, however, suggest that you address Prof. Lester D. Henderson, superintendent of the public schools of Juneau, who has in hand, I understand, the organization of a teachers' institute for southeastern Alaska, to be held some time during the coming summer. Parenthetically, I may explain that, as Governor of Alaska, I am merely ex officio superintendent of schools, and do not take any active part in their direction, the principal function exercised by me in this respect being to see that adequate funds are furnished for the maintenance of the white schools.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

February 7, 1917

15-2

Mrs. Renee Coudert Riggs,

Nenana, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Riggs:

I have your letter of January 6, with reference to the establishment of a school at Nenana; and I have also noted what you say with respect to Miss Kobe, who you say applied for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska under the Alaska school law. In reply I may say that I believe that Nenana will secure a school the next school year, which will begin in September, 1917.

The matter of maintaining white schools outside of incorporated towns has given this office much concern, due to the fact that the funds available are not sufficient for their support. I have urged this matter strongly upon the Department of the Interior and upon Congress, and I trust that before the end of the present session of Congress has been reached, Alaska will be placed in a position to maintain schools in every school district of the Territory. I have a deep interest in the education of the children of Alaska, and I shall do everything that I can to secure the maintenance of these schools on a high plane, of educationally and otherwise.

I may say, further, that if your friend, Miss Kobe, should receive the appointment as teacher at Nenana or elsewhere in the Territory, and will forward her credentials to this office, a permit to teach will be issued for the term of two years, this being the term for which permits are issued, and when once issued, they are renewable thereafter indefinitely.

Permit me to say that it gives me pleasure to know that you are very proud of your new town of Nenana, and that you are getting to be quite an enthusiastic Alaskan. I knew that this would be so, of course, as through your association with your good husband, you must have imbibed, to some extent at least, what we, erroneously perhaps, call the spirit of the northland, but which perhaps in the vernacular could be better expressed by the "Yearnings of a Sourdough."

It will give Mrs. Strong and myself much pleasure to call upon you, should we visit the interior during the coming summer---something, by the way, which has not yet been determined. We would also be glad if you could be with us in Juneau for a time, if you could so arrange it.

With assurances of my highest esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

Helena J. Kobe holds a Minnesota common school certificate, first grade, issued August 1, 1915; good for five years.

February 7, 1917

15-2

Miss Helena J. Kobe,

Kenana, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4, enclosing a Minnesota common school certificate, and asking that a permit be issued to you to teach in the schools of Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that your certificate entitles you to a permit to teach in the Alaska schools for a period of two years, that being the time for which permits are issued, this being renewable at the expiration of that time.

Under a regulation, however, a teacher must actually secure employment in one of the schools of Alaska, before being entitled to a permit. Therefore, at any time that you have secured a school, you are advised that a permit will be issued to you forthwith.

I am returning herewith your Minnesota certificate. Notations have been made therefrom for use in this office

in the issuance of a permit to you, should you secure a school, and it will, therefore, be unnecessary for you to again return the certificate, should you engage in teaching.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Enc.

February 8, 1917

15-5

Mr. Albert F. Carter, Librarian,
State Teachers' College,
Greeley, Colo.

Dear Sir:

In response to the request contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the act of January 27, 1905, in sections 3 to 7 of which will be found the latest school laws of Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
Office of the Governor
Ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction
JUNEAU

CIRCULAR NO. 1

February 9, 1917

The Clerk of the School Board:

Under separate cover there are being sent to you estimate and report forms, as follows:

1. Two blanks for estimates of moneys needed for use in the school district. This blank should be made out in duplicate and signed by all members of the board. The estimates should include only such items as the board deems absolutely necessary for the school year 1917-18, and should be based upon the nine months' school term.

At the present time there are no moneys in the school section of the Alaska fund, the requirements for the school year 1916-17 having exhausted the school fund. Unless Congress, at its present session, makes some further provision for funds for the schools outside of incorporated towns in this Territory, the moneys available for use during the school year 1917-18 will be entirely inadequate to provide for these schools. I am directed by the Governor to advise you, therefore, that no definite arrangements should be made for the employment of teachers for the school year 1917-18 until you receive further instructions from this office with regard to the matter of school funds. It is particularly important that no arrangements be made for the employment of teachers for a specified term of months, since this office is unable, at this time, to say what the length of the term for the school year 1917-18 may be.

2. Annual report of the school board: The blank should be filled out to cover the school year 1916-17 and should be signed by the members of the board who served during that year.

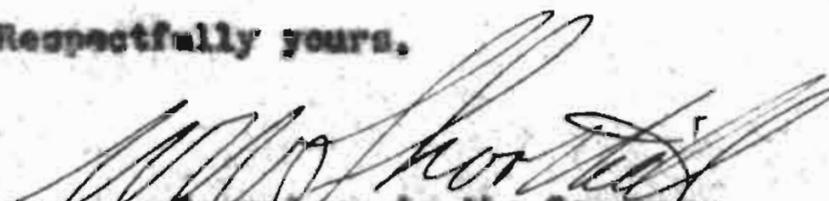
3. Report of teachers employed: This blank is intended for use in connection with the school year 1917-18. It should not be made out until the school board has been further advised by this office with regard to school funds and authorized to employ a teacher for such term as may be decided upon.

4. Treasurer's annual report: This blank is furnished in duplicate. Both copies should be filled out by the treasurer to cover the school year 1916-17; one copy should be forwarded to this office, with receipted bills etc., and the other copy should be filed with the school records.

5. Treasurer's report of qualification and receipt of unexpended funds from outgoing treasurer: This blank is intended for use where a new treasurer has been elected for the ensuing year. If the treasurer who served during the school year 1916-17 is reelected, this report need not be forwarded.

6. Copy of printed circular of instructions issued to school boards.

Respectfully yours,



Secretary to the Governor

Encs. 3.

February 10, 1917

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Mr. Arthur H. Miller,
Acting Superintendent,
Southwestern District,
United States Bureau of Education,
Copper Center, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter that I have this day written the Hon. Bo Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., in response to the request contained in your letter of January 31, the receipt of which is acknowledged. The letter addressed to Mr. Sweeney has been forwarded to Mr. W. T. Lopp, for his inspection, with the request that he forward it to Judge Sweeney, should it meet with his approval.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 10, 1917

14-3

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

My dear Mr. Lepp:

I am enclosing herewith, for your inspection, and, if you think it advisable, transmission to the Hon. Bo. Sweeney, a letter written in behalf of Mr. Arthur H. Miller, now acting superintendent of the southwestern district of Alaska, for the United States Bureau of Education.

With assurances of my personal esteem, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

February 13, 1917

14-3

Mr. F. A. J. Gallwan, Clerk,

Douglas School Board,

Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This office is just in receipt of your report of teachers employed for the school year 1916-17.

In this connection, I wish to call your attention to the fact that the following-named teachers have not as yet arranged for Alaska permits: Mrs. Joseph Sowers, Miss Marion McKinnon, Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Miss Eleanor Dickman. This is a matter which should have been attended to immediately upon the opening of school and you are requested to see that these teachers take immediate steps to secure their permits from this office. They should present their state certificates or other credentials.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 13, 1917

14-1

Mr. J. W. Green,

Clerk of the School Board,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 5, in which you state that two weeks previous to that date you were compelled to close your school on account of an epidemic of measles in the town, and you ask whether or not the teachers are to be paid their salaries just the same for the time during which the school was closed on account of said epidemic.

In reply I have to advise you that, in cases of this kind, this office has ruled that the teachers are entitled to their salaries for the time such schools were closed, inasmuch as the teachers were in no wise responsible for the epidemic which was instrumental in closing them.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

February 13, 1917

15-2

Mr. B. B. Moxed

Tanana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 22, in which you state that you are desirous of securing a permit to teach school in Alaska, your qualifications for such permit being shown in your letter.

In reply I have to advise you that should you secure a school in Alaska, a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska, for a period of two years, will be issued to you. It would be advisable, when you make your application, however, to forward your diploma from the Washington State College, which will be returned to you, together with your permit to teach.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

February 13, 1917

14-1

Mrs. Alyce E. Anderson, Teacher,
Ninilchik, Alaska

Dear Madam:

A complaint has reached this office to the effect that you are conducting a store at Ninilchik, and that this enterprise, therefore, interferes with your duties as teacher. I may say that I know nothing of the merits of this complaint, and wish you would kindly advise this office as to this. I may say that there is no law that I know of which prevents a teacher from engaging in the mercantile business, providing it does not interfere with his or her school duties. As a matter of public policy, however, it might be subject to condemnation.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

February 13, 1917

14-1

Mr. John Watson,

Clerk of the School Board,

Ninilchik, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 20, in which you state that there is much complaint in your district because Mrs. Alyce Anderson, your teacher, is running a store; and you ask to be informed as to the legality of a teacher engaging in store-keeping while teaching the school.

In reply I have to state that the law is silent upon a matter of this kind, but it may be stated, as a broad principle of public policy, that it is inadvisable, in my opinion, for a teacher to engage in a private business while engaged in school work. I know little about the conditions in your locality. I may say, however, that if there is no other store there, it should be an advantage to the community to have one, whether conducted by the school teacher or not.

I shall take this matter up with Mrs. Anderson, however, and advise you of the results in due course.

Yours very truly,

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Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

February 14, 1917

14-1

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

My dear Mr. Magill:

On yesterday the Governor wrote you in reply to your letter with regard to the rental of the old Russian school house, for which it appears you have been paying the sum of \$15 per month from your personal funds. He advised you that you would be reimbursed for this expense and has asked me to instruct you as to the method of securing reimbursement.

At the end of the school year, you will please forward to this office duplicate receipts, covering the payment by you of each month's rent for the Russian school building. You will also, at the same time, please forward the enclosed voucher, properly signed by you, which will be used in reimbursing you for the expenditure in question. The duplicate receipts are desired for filing with the voucher. In addition to the receipts above mentioned, please send a statement, in duplicate, signed by the school board for the year 1916-17, to the effect that the Russian school building was used for school purposes and that the rent was

was paid by you and net from the funds of the school district.
When forwarding the signed voucher and duplicate receipts,
please advise this office to what address the warrant covering
the voucher should be mailed.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 14, 1917

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to this office in reference to the school building at Hadley. It is noted that the board has concluded to continue the use of the old building in its present condition, paying rent for the school year at the rate of \$5 per month.

On yesterday a requisition was made upon the Territorial school fund for the balance of funds due your district for the school year 1916-17, and a warrant covering the requisition goes forward in this mail to Mr. J. G. Ellis, treasurer of your district.

The requisition referred to above included the following items:

Teacher, 5 months at \$100 per month.....	\$500
Janitor, do 15 do	75
Coal, 7 tons at \$10.....	70
Lights.....	20
Desks, 18, and one teacher's desk.....	95
Rent, 5 months at \$5.....	25
Incidentals.....	25
Total.....	\$810

The board's original estimates on desks included 18 school desks, one teacher's desk and one teacher's chair, for which the sum of \$110 was asked to cover the cost and freight. However, in your letter of the 7th instant, you refer to "our bill for desks, amounting to \$95," and we have, therefore, changed the estimates from \$110 to \$95.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 13, 1917

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing estimates of your board covering the construction of a new school building, together with a blueprint of the plan and elevation of the new building.

On yesterday a requisition was made upon the Territorial school fund for \$778.46 to cover the net amounts of the estimates above mentioned. The warrant covering the requisition goes forward in this mail to the treasurer of your district.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 13, 1917

14-1

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find Territorial warrant No. 148, in the sum of \$778.46, endorsed to your order. This covers the net amount of the estimates submitted by the Latauche school board for the construction of a new school building.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 13, 1917

14-1

Mr. C. L. Magill.

Kenai, Alaska

My dear Mr. Magill:

The receipt is acknowledged of your several letters of October 24, December 1 and 27, 1917, and January 11, and in reply I have to say that I have read these communications carefully and with much interest.

In your letter of October 24 you say that you have found it impossible to maintain the school in the building provided for that purpose and have, therefore, been compelled to rent another building at a rental of \$15 a month, which rental you have paid out of your own salary. This matter will be taken up with you in another letter and provision will be made for repaying you what you have already expended and providing for further payment of rent for the school term.

I have also noted with interest your remarks as to the moral and other conditions obtaining in Kenai, and, although you paint a dark picture, evidently the work that you are doing is productive of good, and I hope that your efforts in this respect will not be diminished because of the lack of immediate apparent results. I have some knowledge of Kenai and its people, and I have no doubt that Mr. Spence was right when he said that it has been "a thorn in the side of Justice

for the past thirty years." The very remoteness of the district, the difficult and uncertain means of transportation, and the lack of mail facilities, which are apparent, inasmuch as your letter of October 24 reached this office on the same day as your last, namely, January 11 (these conditions, of course, will be improved in time), make it difficult to get the necessary appropriations from the government, which would be required for the elimination of the many evils of which you complain, and the stationing there permanently of a capable officer of the law. It seems to me that you need a deputy marshal at Kenai, who, if of the right caliber, would no doubt, be an able assistant to you in the campaign that you are making for moral improvement. How to secure this appropriation is a difficult matter to determine, inasmuch as a constant complaint comes from Washington that the expenses of administering law in Alaska are so excessive that the strictest economy must be exercised.

With reference to the election of school directors, the "Nelson" school law, under which the white schools outside of incorporated towns are maintained in Alaska, requires the election of a board yearly "or until their successors have been elected and qualified." The only way to obviate the election of school directors every year would be to disregard the law, which, of course, I cannot recommend; but, if it is impossible to secure proper men for the positions,

and if you are satisfied with your board, of course, the board would remain in power and exercise all the duties of their offices until such time as their successors have been elected and qualified. As stated, however, I cannot recommend this procedure, and you will, therefore, have to be governed by conditions as they arise.

Your statement as to the progress of your school is most interesting and also your other statement that some \$13,000 will be necessary in order to provide adequate school buildings for your district. The question arises, however, as to where this money is to be secured. As you know, the school law provides for a maximum expenditure of only \$1,000 for school buildings outside of incorporated communities and this law must be observed until such time as the law is changed, and of that I have little hope at present. I have been endeavoring, for several years past, to have the control of the schools vested in the Territorial legislature, in which case the needs of districts would be attended to according to their individual needs and requirements. For the present school year, there has been an absolute shortage of the school section of the Alaska fund, and I feared for some time that it would be necessary to close the schools before the full term had been completed. Fortunately, however, I will be able to provide the necessary funds for the present term; but what will occur for the ensuing school year, I am not prepared to say. Legislation now pending in Congress will probably

meet the demand, but, if it be not passed, a situation will be created that will threaten the existence of the schools until such time as adequate provision is made for their maintenance. It is possible that the legislature which meets in March next may take up this matter, provided they have the necessary authority so to do. In any event, I shall do everything that I can to see that the necessary money is forthcoming for the maintenance of all the schools, but, as I have stated, the appropriation of the money which you allege to be required for school buildings in your district cannot be considered at this time.

I have to further advise that the school legislation passed by the Territorial legislature at its 1915 session was invalidated through an opinion of the Solicitor for the Interior Department, and the laws so passed are of no force or effect.

Your statements concerning the ravages of wolves and other wild game in the Kenai Peninsula by dogs, is most interesting, and I shall present this matter to the legislature when it convenes for its consideration, to the end that some law may be passed that will result in the extermination of the scores of wild dogs to which you refer.

I have to thank you for the photograph of the school which you forwarded me, and I may add that I was particularly pleased with the number of bright, intelligent-looking children.

Permit me, in closing, to wish you the greatest success
in the conduct of your school and to assure you that as long
as I shall remain in office, I shall do everything within my
power to make the schools of Alaska as efficient as possible.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

February 15, 1917

14-1

Mr. J. G. Ellis, Treasurer,
Hadley School District,
Hadley, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find Territorial warrant No. 150, in the sum of \$810, endorsed to your order.

The warrant above mentioned covers voucher of the 13th instant, issued by this office, on the Territorial school fund for the balance of moneys due your district for the school year 1916-17. The items covered by the requisition are as follows:

Teacher, 5 mos.....	\$500
Janitor, do	75
7 tons of coal.....	70
Lights.....	20
Desks, 18 school desks and 1 teacher's desk.....	95
Rent, 3 mos.....	25
Incidentals.....	25

The revised estimates submitted by the Hadley school board, under date of October 20 last, included the sum of \$110 for desks and freight on same. However, in a letter addressed to this office of the 7th instant, by Mr. H. W. Sweetser, director of your school district, reference was made to a bill for desks amounting to \$95, which Mr. Sweetser

stated was being held pending developments in the matter of further funds. We have assumed, therefore, that the bill for desks amounted to \$95, instead of \$110, and have corrected the requisition accordingly.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed warrant.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 16, 1917

14-3

Mr. E. P. Reffing, Treasurer,
Petersburg School Board,
Petersburg, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Some time ago this office mailed to the clerk of the school board a blank form on which to render a report of teachers employed for the school year 1916-17. To date, however, the report has not been received. I am enclosing another blank for the report and would ask that you kindly see the clerk of the school board and arrange to have him fill out the report and mail it at an early date.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindly assistance in this matter, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 16, 1917

14-3

Mr. V. I. Hahn, President,
Skagway School Board,
Skagway, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hahn:

On October 14 last this office addressed a letter to Mr. D. McKay, clerk of the Skagway school board, calling his attention to the fact that some months previous there had been mailed to him a blank for the annual report of the Skagway schools for the school year 1915-16. To date, however, we have had no response from Mr. McKay. I am enclosing another blank for the report referred to, and beg to ask that you will kindly take the matter up with Mr. McKay and arrange to have the report made out and forwarded at an early date.

In September last we wired Mr. McKay for certain statistics in connection with the school year 1915-16, for incorporation in the Governor's annual report, but the statistics asked for at that time did not include all of the information called for by the annual report blank. I think you will appreciate the importance of having complete school statistics on file in this office; also, as you are no doubt aware, the school law requires that the clerk of the school board in every incorporated

shall each year send to this office an annual report.

I beg to call your attention also to the fact that some months ago we forwarded Mr. McKay a blank form for the report of teachers employed for the school year 1916-17 and that to date the report has not been sent in. Another blank for this report is also enclosed, and it will be appreciated if you will kindly arrange to have Mr. McKay fill out this report and mail it with the annual report above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 16, 1917

14-3

Men. H. A. Slater, Mayor,

Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On October 14 last a letter was addressed by this office to the Cordova school board, enclosing a blank form for the report of the school board for the school year 1915-16, with the request that the clerk of the board fill the report out and forward it at an early date. We have not as yet, however, received the report in question, and I am now taking the liberty of writing you and enclosing another blank, with the request that you will kindly take the matter up with the school board, to the end that the report in question may be made out and forwarded to this office. The Alaska school law requires the clerk of the school board in each incorporated town to forward to the Governor, an annual report at the close of the school year, and it should not be necessary for this office to do more than furnish the necessary blank for the report. It may be that the Cordova school board is not aware of the provision of law referred to.

We have also thus far been unsuccessful in securing a report from the Cordova school board, showing the names and salaries of the teachers employed for the school year 1916-17.

a blank for which report was sent to the clerk of the board
some time ago. Another blank for this report is also enclosed
and I would ask that you kindly take this matter up with the
Cordova school board at the same time that you take up with
them the matter of the annual report for 1915-16.

Permit me to thank you in advance for your courtesy in
these matters.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

February 16, 1917

14-5

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the need of native schools at certain places between Tazama and Unalakleet, as per your letter to this office, a copy of which was transmitted to the Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., I am enclosing herewith copies of letters received from him in relation thereto.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Encs.

February 16, 1917

15-1

Professor L. D. Henderson,
Superintendent of Juneau Schools,
City

My dear Professor:

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter from Miss Erna
L. Hadra, of Omaha, Nebraska, addressed to the "Superintendent
of Public Instruction, Juneau." From the nature of Miss
Hadra's inquiry, I am not quite sure whether she intended
her letter for this office or for you. In order to be on the
safe side, I am sending her a copy of our school circular,
and am advising her that her letter is being turned over to
you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 16, 1917

15-1

Miss Erna L. Hadra,
128 South 35th St.,
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Madam:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the superintendent of public instruction at Junco, in which you ask to be supplied with an application blank and a list of requirements for grade school teachers in this district. I am somewhat in doubt as to whether you intended your letter for the superintendent of public instruction for this Territory or for the superintendent of the Junco public schools. In order to be on the safe side, I am, therefore, enclosing a circular which will give you general information with regard to the white schools of the Territory, together with a complete list of the same, and am forwarding your letter to the superintendent of the Junco public schools, who will, no doubt, advise you in regard to the opportunities in the schools under his supervision.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 16, 1917

15-1

Miss Kathleen Knetts,

East Springfield, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Your undated letter, addressed to the "Superintendent of Education, Juneau, Alaska," has been received by this office. We are not certain whether your letter was intended for the superintendent of public instruction for the Territory of Alaska, or for the superintendent of the Juneau public schools; but, thinking you may have intended it for the latter, we are forwarding it to Professor L. D. Henderson, of Juneau, together with your enclosures.

For your information, there is enclosed a circular issued by this office, containing information with regard to the white schools of this Territory, in which will be found a complete list of these schools. As stated in the circular, the employment of teachers is left entirely to the school boards. I may add that, as a rule, the number of applications filed with school boards far exceeds the positions available.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 16, 1917

15-1

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

My dear Professor:

I transmit herewith letter and enclosures from Miss Kathleen Knotts, East Springfield, N. Y. I am somewhat uncertain as to whether Miss Knott's letter was intended for this office or for you, and, in order to be on the safe side, have sent Miss Knotts a copy of a school circular and have advised her that her letter and enclosures are being turned over to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 16, 1917

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15-3

Mr. M. H. Douglass, Librarian,
University of Oregon Library,
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your card, requesting copies of the Alaskan course of study for grades and high schools.

In reply I beg to advise that the courses of study in the white schools of this Territory have not as yet been standardized, and there is, therefore, no uniform course in use. In general, however, it may be said that the courses are similar to those in use in the schools of Washington, Oregon and California, from which states many of our teachers come. Under separate cover, there is being mailed to you, through the courtesy of the superintendent of the Juneau public schools, a copy of the printed course of study as adopted by the Juneau school board.

We are sending you a copy of the Governor's last annual report, in which you will find reference to the white schools of the Territory.

These may be of some interest to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 16, 1917

15-1

Mr. Clarence B. Nelson,

Normal, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Governor, as ex officio superintendent of public instruction, in which you request information regarding opportunities in the teaching profession or government agricultural work in this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise you that the ex officio superintendent of public instruction does not exercise any functions in connection with the employment of teachers in the white schools of this Territory, that matter being left entirely in the hands of the school board. There is enclosed herewith a circular containing information with regard to these schools, together with a complete list of the same. Thus far no attention has been given to the teaching of agriculture in connection with these schools.

The schools for natives (Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos), of which there are some 86 in the Territory, are maintained under the direction of the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. Mr. W. T. Lepp is the general field superintendent and maintains offices in the L. C. Smith Building,

Seattle, Washington. Some attention is given to truck gardening and agriculture in the native schools where conditions are favorable.

For information with regard to government agricultural work in the Territory, you should address Dr. C. G. Georgeson, Agronomist in charge, Sitka, Alaska.

Referring again to the white schools of the Territory, I may add that, as a rule, the number of teachers' applications received by the various school boards far exceeds the positions available.

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 ELEANOR DIKEMAN, of Douglas, who having presented a certificate of the board of education of Omaha, Nebraska, 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 February, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Juneau, February 19, 1917. O. B. VIA MAIL FROM NULATO.

--14-100

I. Wales, School Treasurer,

FLAT.

Replying your letter January ninth, this office has not received election returns covering election held last spring nor has your bond been received. On January twenty-seven we wired clerk court at Fairbanks relative these papers and he replied that he had no information concerning them but had wired his deputy at Iditarod to investigate, since which time nothing further been heard. No appropriation can be made for your school until election returns and treasurer's bond reach clerk court Fairbanks and bond is approved by him. Money available and will be forthcoming soon as requirements of law have been complied with in matter of election returns and your bond. Your district has always been extremely negligent in forwarding returns promptly and delays due solely to that fact. Prompt compliance with law in forwarding election returns, bond and all other papers only way to insure receipt of funds without delay.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to MISS M. HALLY, of Iditarod, 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 February, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Renewal permit.

February 20, 1917

15-1

Miss Selma Nelson,
Puyallup, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Governor, with enclosures, in which you ask to be considered as applicant for a position as teacher in the Alaska schools for the ensuing school year.

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 employment of teachers is left entirely to the local school boards. I may add that, as a rule, the school boards receive a great many applications, while the positions available are comparatively few.

There is enclosed a circular of information with regard to the white schools which contains also a complete list of them.

The enclosures which accompanied your letter are herewith returned, as you may wish to use them elsewhere.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

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February 20, 1917

15-5

Ginn & Company,

29 Beacon Street,

Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

In response to your request of the 8th instant, there is enclosed herewith a circular which contains a complete list of the white schools of this Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, February 20, 1917. O. B. Via MAIL FROM FAIRBANKS.

--14-1--

J. P. Schoesser, Treasurer Fox School District,

FOX, Alaska.

Referring your letter January thirty-first your school will be continued until further notice. It may be necessary to shorten term for all schools unless additional school funds are made available, but am hopeful that provision will be made to continue all schools on regular basis.

STRONG, Governor.

Received at the office of the Secretary to the Governor
of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska, February 20, 1917.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, February 22, 1917. O B Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

Honorable W. C. Houston,
House Representatives,
WASHINGTON.

I recommend most urgently that legislature of Alaska
be fully empowered to establish and maintain schools in this Terri-
tory, and to make appropriations of Territorial funds for that
purpose.

STRONG, Governor.

CERTIFIED OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

W. C. Houston
Secretary to the Governor.

February 21, 1917

15-2

Miss Amy Barlow,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17, in which you say that you have a permanent professional teacher's certificate from the Ontario, Canada, normal school, Toronto, and you ask that, if you can get a position in a school in Alaska, you be advised if this certificate would entitle you to a permit to teach in the public schools of this Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that as the Ontario normal school is a recognized educational institution, a permit will be issued to you to teach in the schools of Alaska for a period of two years, upon presentation of your credentials, provided that you secure a school.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

February 21, 1917

14-1

Mr. I. Wales, Treasurer,
Flat School District,
Flat, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the receipt of your letter of January 9, with reference to school funds for the maintenance of schools in your district, I wired you as follows:

"Replying your letter January ninth, this office has not received election returns covering election held last spring, nor has your bond been received. On January twenty-seven we wired clerk court at Fairbanks relative these papers and he replied that he had no information concerning them but had wired his deputy at Iditarod to investigate, since which time nothing further been heard. No appropriation can be made for your school until election returns and treasurer's bond reach clerk court Fairbanks and bond is approved by him. Money available and will be forthcoming soon as requirements of law have been complied in matter of election returns and your bond. Your district has always been extremely negligent in forwarding returns promptly and delays due solely to that fact. Prompt compliance with law in forwarding election returns, bond and all other papers only way to insure receipt of funds without delay."

The above telegram explains the situation and I trust that you have received it long since and have taken such action as will enable this office to forward the requisitions

to the Secretary of the Treasury for funds necessary for the maintenance of your school for the present school year. Why we have not received the election returns covering the election held presumably April 16, we cannot determine, but possibly you can. This is also true of your bond as treasurer, and you will readily understand that no requisition could go forward prior to the receipt of such bond and its approval by the clerk of the court of your judicial division at Fairbanks.

I may add that this office has always experienced a good deal of trouble in obtaining the returns and other papers connected with your school. They have been invariably and uniformly late, with the exception of the estimates, which have arrived with some degree of promptness. I need scarcely point out that this delay is probably due, in part, to mail conditions, but I fear that there has also been inattention on the part of your school board. If matters connected with the securing of funds for the maintenance of schools are to be promptly disposed of by this office, school boards must act just as promptly in forwarding their returns and all other matters in connection therewith, to this office for settlement.

I trust that your school is progressing nicely, and with best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

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 ISABEL MAE WILSON, of Douglas, who having presented a University of Washington five-year certificate, and satisfactory evidence of good moral character and successful experience in teaching, as required by law, is hereby authorized to teach in the white schools of Alaska for two years from the date hereof, unless this permit be revoked for cause.

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 23d day of February, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

University of Washington
Five-year certificate,
dated June 16, 1915.

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

THIS PERMIT has been awarded by the Territorial Department of Public Instruction to LILLIS SCOTT HOPKINS, of Petersburg, who having presented a University of California 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 23d day of February, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

University of California
Diploma, dated May 11, 1915.

February 23, 1917

15-2

Mr. L. S. Hopkins

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find an Alaska permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years.

Your University of California diploma which was sent to this office some time ago is being returned to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 23, 1917

15-2

Mrs. L. S. Hopkins,
Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, together with your Idaho high school diploma. It is noted that you state in your letter that you have taken a normal course for teachers, and the Governor asks me to suggest that you forward your normal school diploma, as we do not usually issue permits upon high school diplomas.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 23, 1917

15-1

Miss Edna Thompson,
Route 2, Box 5,
Woodburn, Oregon

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing your Oklahoma certificate and a photograph, asking for the issuance of an Alaska permit, and making inquiries with regard to opportunities for teachers in this Territory.

In reply you are advised that Alaska permits are issued only to teachers who have actually secured employment in Alaska schools. The employment of teachers is left entirely to the local school boards. At this time this office does not know of any vacancies. I may add that, as a rule, the number of applications received by the school boards greatly exceeds the positions available.

For your further information there is enclosed herewith a circular relating to the white schools of this Territory, on the back of which will be found a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

February 23, 1917

14-3

Mrs. F. L. Ballaine,
Clerk of the Seward School Board,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I beg to call your attention to the fact that Miss Edna Robb, one of the teachers in the Seward public schools for the current year, has not as yet made application for an Alaska permit. It will be appreciated if you will kindly call this matter to Miss Robb's attention so that she may arrange to forward her application with such credentials as she holds.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

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February 23, 1917

14-3

Professor W. A. Knox,
Superintendent of Ketchikan schools,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

An examination of the records of this office shows that all of the teachers employed in the Ketchikan schools hold Alaska permits except Miss Louise Field. Will you please call this matter to the attention of Miss Field, so that she may forward her application with credentials.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 24, 1917

14-1

Dr. A. R. Sargent, President,

Douglas School Board,

Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a telegram from the Fairbanks school board, addressed to the school board at Douglas, and forwarded by you to me, in accordance with our telephone conversation of a few days since. In that conversation you stated that you did not quite understand the meaning of the telegram so received.

In reply I have to advise that I understand a similar telegram has been addressed by the Fairbanks school board to all the school boards of the various incorporated towns of the Territory, and it is my understanding that Delegate Wickersham is trying to secure the passage of a bill by Congress which will vest a certain control of the schools of the Territory in the Territorial legislature, so as to enable the legislature, if that body should deem it advisable, to make necessary appropriations for their maintenance. The reference in the telegram, containing the words "eliminating Alaska fund," means that an attempt made by Delegate Wickersham to pass the control of the Alaska fund to the Territory

failed, and, therefore, I judge it has been deemed advisable to simply eliminate all reference to the Alaska fund in the law which the Delegate is now seeking to have passed, inasmuch as it seems to be the only way that any control of the schools may be vested in the Territory; that is, by eliminating all reference to the Alaska fund.

For your further information I may say that the Juneau school board, I understand, has wired Delegate Wickersham, endorsing the bill for passage by Congress, and, a few days ago, I also wired Judge Houston, Chairman of the House Committee on Territories, urging the passage of the bill.. Finally it seems to me the Territory has nothing to lose and probably much to gain, if the bill referred to should be favorably acted upon.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

February 26, 1917

15-1

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

My dear Mr. McPherson:

I have your letter of the 20th instant, in which you request to be furnished with another supply of the circular descriptive of the white schools of Alaska. A number of copies of this circular are being forwarded to you under separate cover.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1917

15-3

Miss Alice Florer,
School Inspector and
Assistant Superintendent,
Department of Public Instruction,
Lincoln, Nebr.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Governor as superintendent of public instruction for this Territory, in which you ask to be supplied with a copy of the rural course of study in use in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise you that the courses of study in use in the schools of Alaska have not as yet been standardized. In general they are similar to the courses of study in use in the States, particularly Washington, Oregon and California, from which states many of our teachers come.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 26, 1917

15-2

Mr. Simon W. Conwell,
Room 414, Clay-Peters Bldg.,
Reno, Nevada

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Governor, enclosing a teacher's permit issued to you on December 4, 1915, and requesting a renewal of the same. It is noted that you say you expect to teach in Alaska during the coming school year, but you do not indicate in what particular school you expect to teach. It will be appreciated if you will kindly furnish this information, pending the receipt of which the renewal of your permit will be deferred.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, February 24, 1917. O B Govt NIGHT Rate PAID.

Honorable Franklin K. Lane,
Secretary Interior,
WASHINGTON.

Your telegram this date. Impossible make steamer connections so as to reach Washington before Congress adjourns. Territorial canvassing board not yet finished canvass election returns. Legislature meets March fifth. If imperative might leave here after that date.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

CERTIFIED OFFICIAL BUSINESS:


Secretary to Governor.

February 26, 1917

14-1

Mr. J. W. Bell,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

City

My dear Mr. Bell:

For the information of this office, will you please furnish the following data:

1. Statement showing the amount of liquor license receipts collected to date in each incorporated town in your division, on account of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917.
2. Total amount of liquor license receipts collected in communities outside of incorporated towns for the same period.

This information is desired for use in connection with school matters.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, February 26, 1917. O. B.

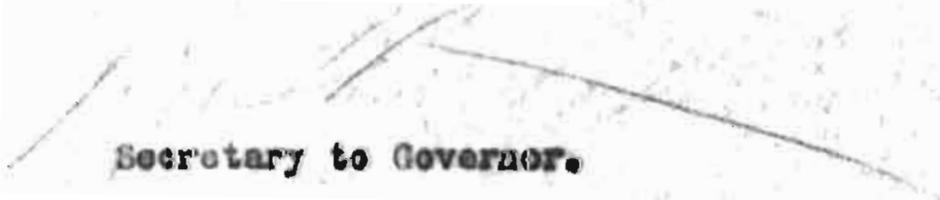
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Clerk District Court,

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Please wire amount liquor license receipts ^{to date} from incorporated town of Nome,
and the total liquor license receipts collected ^{to date} outside of Nome, for the
fiscal year ending June thirty next.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.


Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, February 26, 1917. O. B.

14-1

Lang, Clerk District Court,

VALDEZ.

Please wire amount liquor license receipts to date from each incorporated town in your division, and total liquor license receipts to date from outside incorporated towns, on account of the fiscal year ending June thirty next.

STRONG, Governor.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, February 26, 1917. O. B.

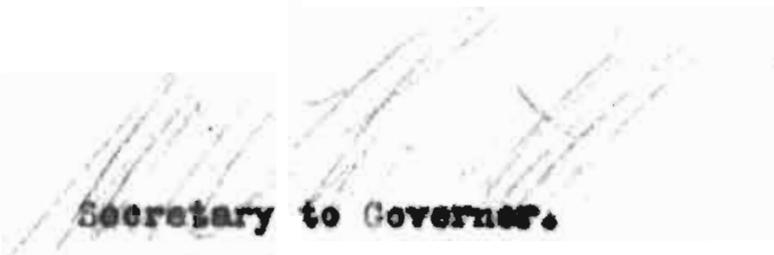
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Clerk District Court,

FAIRBANKS.

Please wire amount liquor license receipts to date from each incorporated town in your division, and total liquor license receipts to date from outside incorporated towns, on account of the fiscal year ending June thirty, next.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

February 26, 1917

15-8

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

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th, in reference to your appointment as delegate to the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is noted that you state your acceptance will depend upon whether or not the date will conflict with other plans which you have made for the coming summer and also on whether or not the appointment carries with it an appropriation covering expenses incident to the trip. With respect to the matter of expenses, you are advised that there is no provision of law under which expenses of this character can be paid from Territorial funds.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

February 27, 1917

15-1

Miss Eleanor Hilder Clarke,

756 Courtney Street,

Victoria, B. C.

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17, in which you express your desire to secure a school in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I know of no vacancies in the schools of Alaska at this time. I am enclosing a circular containing the names of the various school districts in the Territory, to any of which you might apply for a position as teacher. I recall issuing you a permit to teach in 1915, in the Kennecott school.

Should you secure a school, another permit to teach for a period of two years will be granted to you.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

January 27, 1917

14-1

Mr. Martin B. Anderson, Treasurer,

Ellamar School District,

Ellamar, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, in reference to your fuel expense account, and in which you request permission to use approximately \$30, which has not been required for other purposes, for the purchase of fuel for use during the balance of the current school year.

The Governor directs me to say that you are authorized to use the funds mentioned for fuel purposes, as requested.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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JUNEAU, MARCH 1, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT rate PAID.

14-1

Honorable James Wickersham,
House Representatives,

WASHINGTON.

Is there any hope of Congress taking action regarding Alaska schools this session; if so, of what nature? Wire reply.

STRONG, GOVERNOR.

I certify that this document is an official copy, and
neither for nor against the Government, and that no delay
has been added to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

March 1, 1917

14-1

Mrs. Irving Reed,
Corresponding Secretary,
Kegonah Kasga,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 2, in which you ask my support for a measure creating a school appropriation from any available moneys in the treasury, or which may hereafter be in the treasury, for the support of the Nelson schools and high schools in incorporated towns throughout Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that I shall gladly give a measure of this kind my fullest support.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

March 1, 1917

15-1

Mr. L. A. Morhaus,
Vergennes, Vermont

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 17, in which you inquire concerning opportunities afforded young men in Alaska. You especially inquire with reference to opportunities in the teaching profession.

In reply I have to advise you that there are three classes of schools maintained in Alaska, namely, white schools in incorporated towns, white schools outside of incorporated communities, and native schools. The former schools are under the direction of the Governor of Alaska, as ex officio Superintendent of Public Instruction. The native schools are under the direct control of the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. The salaries paid for a term of nine months vary from \$125 to \$175 per month.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a school circular containing the names of the various school districts and towns in the Territory, to any of which you might apply for further information.

Yours very truly,

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Enc.

Governor

Department of Public Instruction

ALASKA TEACHER'S PERMIT

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

GIVEN at Juneau, Alaska, this 28 day of March, 1917.

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Granted upon:

State of California
Normal School Diploma,
dated Dec. 22, 1915

March 2, 1917

15-2

Miss M. L. Field,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

Enclosed you will find an Alaska permit issued to you this date for the usual period of two years, which has been granted upon your California State normal school diploma, which was received at this office this morning.

The diploma is being returned to you in this mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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March 2, 1917

15-1

Mrs. Anna Minahan.

Oconto Falls, Wis.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, inquiring as to whether there is any opportunity in Alaska for an oral teacher of the deaf.

In reply I beg to advise you that none of the schools of Alaska provides for instruction for the deaf or otherwise deficient children of the Territory.

Enclosed is a circular containing further information with regard to the white schools of this Territory, as well as a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 3, 1917

13-2

Miss Erna E. Boetcher,

Alexander, N. D.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d ultimo, addressed to him, also the receipt of your North Dakota state normal school diploma, received under separate cover.

In reply to your request for a license authorizing you to teach in the white schools of Alaska, I beg to advise you that these licenses are issued only to those teachers who have actually secured employment in the Alaska schools. As it does not appear from your letter that you have secured such employment, this office cannot, at the present time, issue a license to you. Should you, at any time in the future, secure employment in one of the Alaska schools, it will be in order for you to then make application for a license. Your diploma is herewith enclosed, together with a circular containing information with regard to the white schools of Alaska, which contains a complete list of these schools.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

March 3, 1917

15-1

Professor L. D. Henderson, Supt.,

Juneau Public Schools,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Professor:

I enclose herewith a letter from Miss Stella Basford, of Monmouth, Oregon, who states that a friend of hers in Juneau has told her "what a lovely place Juneau is," and she expresses a desire to secure a position as teacher in one of the schools in or near Juneau. I have replied to Miss Basford's letter, telling her that we do not know of any vacancies. I have also advised her that her letter is being referred to you and that you will, no doubt, let her know what the chances are for a position in the Juneau schools.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

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March 3, 1917

15-1

Miss Stella Basford,

Monmouth Oregon

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Governor, who is ex officio superintendent of public instruction for Alaska, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, in which you express a desire to secure a provision in one of the schools in or near Juneau.

As the employment of teachers of white schools of this Territory is left entirely to the respective school boards, it is seldom that this office is informed as to requirements, and we do not at this time know of any vacancies. Your letter is being referred to Professor L. D. Henderson, principal of the Juneau public schools who will advise you with regard to the possibility of securing a position in these schools.

Enclosed you will find a circular containing information with regard to the white schools of the Territory, together with a complete list of them. I may add that we have learned unofficially that the two teachers employed in the school at Treadwell, Alaska, three miles from Juneau, have resigned.

You can no doubt obtain definite information by addressing a letter to Mrs. James Daniels, clerk of the Treadwell school board, Treadwell, Alaska.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

March 7, 1917

15-1

Miss Gertrude Barnhill,

Box 342,

Kolovna, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the first instant, addressed to the "Minister of Education," has been delivered to this office, the Governor being ex officio superintendent of public instruction for the white schools of this Territory.

In reply to your inquiry as to whether teachers' certificates for Alaska are issued to Canadian teachers, I beg to advise that, in one or two instances, this office has issued teachers' permits to teachers holding certificates from Canadian colleges. No doubt, if you were to obtain employment in one of the Alaska schools, the credentials which you hold would entitle you to an Alaska permit, unless, in the meantime, the law governing the issuance of teachers' certificates should be changed. At the present time Alaska teacher's permits are issued only to those teachers who have actually secured employment in the schools of the Territory.

Enclosed herewith is a circular containing information regarding the white schools of Alaska, together with a complete list of them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

March 7, 1917

14-1

Hon. Wm. C. Edes, Chairman,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edes:

I have your letter of February 12, with reference to an appropriation for the maintenance of the Anchorage school.

In reply I have to advise you that I am not yet advised as to whether Congress passed the emergency appropriation for which I asked, but telegraphic notices received here concerning the closing days of Congress, do not seem to carry much hope. In the meantime, I have learned that Congress passed a bill on March 3, authorizing the Territorial legislature to make such appropriation as it might deem necessary for the maintenance of white schools, both in incorporated towns and outside of incorporated communities.

In my message to the Territorial legislature, I shall recommend that these appropriations be made. I have no reason to believe that such will not be the case. It, therefore, looks somewhat favorable for Anchorage receiving the necessary funds from the Territory to maintain its schools.

I trust that I may be able to meet you on your return
to Alaska.

I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

March 7, 1917

15-8

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

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry as to the practice in the Territory of Alaska and its towns, with regard to the membership of women on school boards, and you specifically inquire:

1. What constitutional or statutory provision there is in this Territory in regard to this subject.
2. Are there women on the Territorial board of education? How many?

In reply I have to advise you, in reply to question No. 1, that women are eligible to hold any office in the gift of the Territory.

In reply to question No. 2, I have to say that we have no Territorial board of education, but there are a number of women serving on school boards of the incorporated towns and also on school boards outside of incorporated communities. Among them are Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Mrs. Jack McLean, Chatanika. There may be others, of which

this office has no record.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

March 7, 1917

14-1

Mr. Robert E. Burns,
United States Commissioner,
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of February 6, in which you advise me that at a meeting of the Nenana Commercial Club, the subject of a school for your town was discussed, the club requesting you to secure an expression from me as to what assistance they could expect from the Territory.

In reply I have to advise you that on March 2, Congress passed a bill permitting the legislature of Alaska to make appropriations for the maintenance of white schools both within incorporated towns and outside of incorporated communities, and this will enable the Territorial legislature to make such appropriation as may be required. As your town will come under the unincorporated class, I believe there is little doubt that the necessary appropriations will be made for the maintenance of a school in Nenana. As you are entirely without school facilities, this will necessitate the construction of a new building, and as, under the federal law, the sum of \$1,000 only is allowed for the construction

of a school building, I take it that an additional appropriation in excess of the \$1,000 will be required for your community. As soon as I ascertain what action the legislature takes in this respect, I shall further advise you. This office asked for an emergency appropriation from Congress for the white schools outside of incorporated towns, but I have not as yet learned whether the appropriation was made or not. I assume that inasmuch as Congress did not pass the Sundry Civil Service Bill, the appropriation was not made.

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

March 7, 1917

Miss Mabel Winston,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 30, with further reference to your desire to take an examination for a permit to teach in the schools of Alaska. Inasmuch as you prefer to take the examination in Alaska, I have to advise you that I am now making arrangements for a set of questions, which will be forwarded to you in due course. It is probable that your examination will not take place until some time about April 15 next, of which date, however, you will be advised in due course. It is the intention now to have you take the examination at Ketchikan, under the direction of the superintendent of your schools, Professor Knox, provided he will act in that capacity.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, ex officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

March 7, 1917

15-2

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

Dear Sir:

Miss Habel Winston, of your town, is desirous of taking an examination for teacher in the schools of Alaska, and I have advised her that I am making arrangements for her to take this examination at Ketchikan, under your direction, if you will kindly act in that capacity. Miss Winston has been further advised that the examination will not take place earlier than April 15.

Will you kindly advise me as to whether it would be convenient for you to superintend the examination of Miss Winston in this respect.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor, & officio Superintendent
of Public Instruction

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Juneau, March 9, 1917

O. B.

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A. Christensen,

Anchorage

Your telegram this date. Act Congress passed second instant authorises legislature make appropriations from territorial treasury for support of schools. Letter explaining situation follows.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary