

Nome, Alaska. Sept. 22, 1914

Mr/Chas.Replogle,

Deering, Alaska.

My dera Mr/Replogle :

Your letter of the 14th. just received. I am very glad that you had the chance to see your brother on his way up. Mr. Lopp is on the Senator which is due here in a few days. I feel quite sure that he will not be able to stay in to go north with me and am sure that I will not be able to get him up your way before navigation closes. I wish it was possible.

When Mr/Lopp comes I will take up the lightorage bill with him and Mr/Johnson will send the check on the next mail. The purchase of the gasolene was a proper thing to do and the voucher will be paid when received. Tell the people that I certainly appreciate their storing the supplies. That is not done at many places.

Now I am very sorry that you feel as you do about your salaries. I am sure that it was not possible for Mr/Lopp to do more for you than he did. However as you made the statement that you can not be worth much to the Department when you are the peers poorest paid of any of the teachers up here, I am going to go into that matter in detail for you so that you may have that impression removed. That is not the case.

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The combined salary of yourself and wife is \$1440 for the year. In my district there <sup>are</sup> seven men and their wives receiving a salary of \$1400 or over. There is only one school north of you receiving more than you do, that is Shungnak, on account of the excessive freight rate, and that only amounts to \$60 more a year than you get. Wainwright gets just the same that you do and Barrow gets less, as does Noatak. All of those places are more isolated and have bigger expenses than you have. Shungnak, Wales, and St. Lawrence Island are the only schools in this district that draw a higher salary. There are other schools everybit as hard to reach and just as important in point of numbers and industries that get considerably less than does Deering. The Chief of the Service gets a small salary and not a person in the service gets what they should when judged by Alaskan standards. All of us reach the point sooner or p later when we begin to compare our salaries with the wages received by the miner and the salaries paid Government officials in other branches of the Government, and we get quite worked up. The situation is hard to bear possibly but we must never forget that in every way the work is hampered by lack of funds. We can still be proud of our work although ashamed of the parsimonious manner in which it is supported. I have written more plainly on this subject than I ever have before but I want to see that there has been at least no discrimination in any way against you. I feel that some one has misinformed you on these matters. The above statement is made from the appointments on file here and is correct. You know not all appointments run for 12 months, especially in the case of teachers wives. I wish they did.

I will inform Mr/ Lopp that there would be a chance to

sell the Deering building . That has never been done before and I  
am of the impression that even as rough lumber the building would  
be worth more to us than the white people would be willing to  
give us for it. Would they give \$1500 even. I doubt it.

Very truly yours,

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