

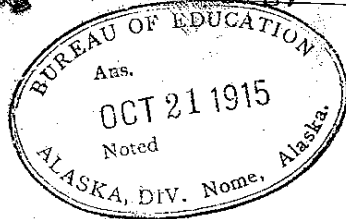


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Oct., 13th., 1914.

SUBJECT, _____

Walter Shields,

My Dear Supt, Thanks for the copy of the invoice and sub-authorization. I take it that this is not intended to cover the gasoline already purchased as that will about cover all the needs for the remainder of this year.

We are about ready for the slaughtering of our years supply for the cold-storage and have had several orders placed for next june delivery. It goes without saying that there is some very shrewd business efforts being made to get control of this new enterprise, and we are in no hurry to decide on the price of deer nor on who to leave in charge when we go to the new village. Our entire cost has been near \$500. and we have capitalized at \$1500. with 150 shares all sold and could sell more if they were available at five dollars now.

The new officers are, President, Frank Wells, Sec.-Treas., Thomas Newlin, Manager Mickie Thomas, with two additional directors who are Okok Thomas and John Douglas. All the officers are eskimes' and are taking a deep interest in the promotion of the work.

About when may we begin to look for you this year?
Will you be able to get here before the Fete in Jan.?
We are delighted to learn that we are likely to get our requests for Noorvik. We will need to revise our list of requisitions before it is to late to get the early boat in next spring.

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SUBJECT,

You said nothing about what Mr. Lopp thought about our having a man to help me a little while with the new buildings at Noornik in the spring, and I feel sure I will need a good man for a few months any way. Mr. Wentworth can be had for a few months and is a practical man and has the confidence of the natives and they will work for him better than they would for a stranger. But I don't want to sacrifice our supplies for a man.

The boys are all enthusiastic about the coming meet at Igloo and are anxiously awaiting the full details to be sent us later.

We hope to use that 7 H.P. motor that is in Kotzebue if it is possible to get it for our use.

We are again in the school-room and the natives are being given a great lot of attention at the store, they are being read to and talked to, cajoled, threatened and given a free lecture ad libitum on the difficulties of the Kobuk, and the madness of the thought of moving them.

Thus far they have got only a laugh out of the eskimo but the whites are now being invited to dinner and closely questioned as to their attitude on the moving of the village. Little if any thing has been accomplished so far if anything at all. I fear nothing except some possible influence through correspondence, as I think I can control the situation here. With much hope and confidence for the future with your co-operation we shall do things,

believe me,

sincerely,

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