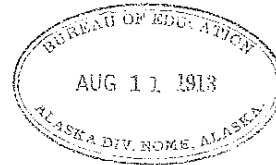


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Kotzebue?Alaska July 5th-1913.

Mr. Walter H. Johnson,

Nome, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Your letters just received on the Hettie B, and as she is leaving right away will write you a short one to say that I will attend to those Natives returning from the Yukon. The "Bear" did not have the supplies to spare so I have made arrangements with Mr. Berryman a trader here to get the supplies from him and will make the voucher out in his favor and send it in soon. Depend on me to give them a lift. Mr. Samms did not stay long with us as he hurried right back and Mr. Sickler is going right on up in a few days so I will stay here and await the arrival of the freight and see it through.

I have been trying hard to sell some deer for cash and some of them were about sold but they felt like they wanted to hang on to the cash. We went aboard the Bear today and met most every one on there. The Doctors were ashore and fixed up everything for me to do, but I have not a very good supply of medicines here and I could only get a limited supply from the Bear, so I wish you would jog Rank up about that freight and dont let him try to stick us until the water is too low like he did last year. We would like to get up about the first of Sept. as I am afraid water will be too low to travel later as we have had no rain this year as you

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perhaps know already.

I certainly regretted not seeing you this summer as I wanted to talk over lots of things with you, but I sincerely hope we will meet some sweet day and converse to our hearts content. I am figuring on taking the launch up with me this fall as the Doctor will have no use for it after we leave and we get down as early in the spring as he could possibly use it. Of course we would pay for our fuel. You have no idea what a task it is to get down such river alone and the boat we have depended on was sold here this summer and will not go back so we are left behind and it is either a case of taking this one or buying one ourselves which will put us back quite a sum. It is not like the other rivers as of course you know there is no traffic there.

Don't let them work you too hard and I hope you will get along fine for you certainly are treating this end well.

Many thanks for the comment on our work. When you write give Shields my regards also from the Mrs.

Yours Very Truly.



Teacher.

P.S.

The last years reports received and will get the remainder of the reindeer reports on the next mail.

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