



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION

ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE

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Deering, Alaska,

March, 31st., 1915.

Dear Mr. Shields, Supt.
Nome, Alaska.

SUBJECT, _____

Since looking over the list of things ordered for the new school-house, I have discovered that I have no requisition for the following items. And I wonder if you can get them to the Seattle office in time to be included in the former order.

30 gal. of Outside "White" paint.

10 " White Enamel for inside

3 lbs. Prussian Blue.

3 # Drop Black.

2 Gal. Bannana Oil.

With 5# of Bronze Powder. for the coating of the exposed pipes and the decorating of flag pole etc.

The supplies for the new school will have to reach Kotzebue earlier than the Cordova usually gets here as the river will freeze up about the 23 or thereabouts and we will have no time to transport the material to Noorvik. The Cordova does not unload at Kotzebue until about the 20th. of Sept. and that is too late for us.

The natives are arranging to go to Kotzebue and get the Claire, and bring it to Deering and have the repairs on it completed by the break-up so as that they can have the use of it this summer, as we will have no time to repair boats after we arrive at the new site.

We have closed the school as there is quite a number who wish to go over to the inlet and fish for Shae, for the early food. The people are feeling a scarcity of supplies now and are looking for a better day to dawn.

They are going to get their seal and spring supplies early and then be ready to put time to the building of their homes and the school as soon as we can get the lumber.

We have tried the solid timber house and find it not satisfactory so we will build with the "dead-air spaces" as we are certain of them.

We are now taking inventory of all movable contents of the village so as to estimate the lighterage space needed to carry us.

We have some of the school property already packed and hope we may have early instructions as to the disposition of the school building.

You know how anxious we are to get started and what this long wait in the dark means, and until we have the orders we are considerable at sea.

We are all strangely hoping that Mr. and Mrs. Lopp may visit us this summer at Noorvik, and that this new move may have his full approval.

There is little opposition to the move at this writing, and the general opinion as to the move has helped to quiet the natives.

No one now seems to expect anything but that the present school building will be torn down and I hope it may be so ordered.

Take up the matter of the new post office and the legal status for the Reservation as soon as it can be gotten at as we will need to do something at this end of the line before the mail closes for the summer.

Noorvik is not yet in the Ring, but we have our hat there just the same, so be on the look out for Noorvik.

Sincerely,

Chas Replegle

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