



Shungnak Alaska, June 30, 1910

Sir. I have the honor to submit the annual report of the work of the Shungnak Village on the Kobuk river for the year ending June 30, 1910.

We left Kotzebue September 16th had a very cold and disagreeable trip of 11 days when we were frozen in about 23-30 miles from home all we could do was to pitch our tent and remain there until the ice was strong enough to travel on which was about two weeks, when the natives came with their dog teams and brought us home, after our arrival home we reseated the school room and made what other repairs that had to be made before beginning school, On the 23rd of October we began school with an enrollment of 45 pupils that were here and more came until the holidays we had an enrollment of 60 pupils and 7 adults

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general average for the year was about

The interest in the school work has been good, one of our boys is employed in the store here and is successfully supporting himself, their industries are hunting, fishing, mining, in the spring and summer they make boats and are desirous of ^{making} gardens if they had the seeds. I wrote to Pitka experiment station, in reply they stated they would send me some seed for this station, but we failed to receive any seeds at all, but the assistant Postmaster is giving out all kind seeds to different parties here, we have incouraged the natives to stake mining claims and work them themselves, ~~there is one native~~ there is one native that worked his claim last summer and after paying all expenses he had \$14 00⁰⁰ for his summer's work, he is making arrangements to work several natives this summer again and other natives have claims staked for themselves, there are twelve boats being built this spring from a small fishing boat to a large boat 40 ft long 8 ft beam they whip saw all their lumber from native ~~the~~ timber, haul the logs with dogs teams in winter.

There are 43 cabins in the Village at present, there were 3 old cabins here when ^{we} came here and 3 built the same fall we came here in 1907 the other cabins were all built since then, and this winter there were quite a number of improvements such as making floors and board roofs one built an extra room to his cabin most of the cabins have board floors in them now, we have succeeded in getting most of them to take their weekly bath, they scrub their floors and rake their lots every spring and most of them have toilets the sanitary condition is much better than one year ago, the moral condition is fairly good would be much better if the influence of those malicious miners were ^{not here} ~~not there~~, economic conditions are fairly good.

The condition of the school building is good, one coat of paint would add greatly to the interior which we would have put on if we had the paint. The lumber & shingles that was ~~sent in~~ for the dwelling last summer is down the river about 100 miles it hasn't been delivered as yet, the logs for the dwelling are all in readiness for the dwelling as soon as the other materials ^{get} here. We have 1200 fence pickets out for a ~~dwelling~~ ^{dwelling}

the erection of a fence around the U.S.
School building and the dwelling lot,
as soon as we are authorized to complete
such work it is needed very badly

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