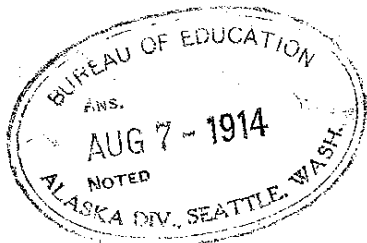


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF EDUCATION
ALASKA SCHOOL SERVICE



Nome, Alaska. July 22, 1914

Mr. W. T. Lopp,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir :

I enclose herewith a letter of Mr. Sickler suggesting the payment of fuel at Shungnak in cash instead of by barter. In every case these barter transactions are difficult and complicate the relations between people and teachers. If it is possible to change the system it certainly should be done.

Will you please inform me the total cost of the fuel supplies, plus freight to final destination so that I may be able to report on a plan for payment in cash. If we save little by dealing in barter, we certainly should pay by voucher.

Very truly yours,

Walter Shedd

Superintendent, N.W. District

Only other possible way are, for teacher either to advance his own cash or use vouchers for wood. If natives receive cash or credit from local store keepers on vouchers, the checks might be mailed to said natives to trade and be ~~hand~~ turned to securing their

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endorsement. They can not ~~accept~~
these Vouchers — are anxious
to discontinue sending parts
supplies ~~wherever~~ wherever
it is possible

Fuel supplies including for 1913-14

Alingnah 344.43

Noatak 242.74

Selaush 301.47

Lopp