

Nome, Alaska / Sept. 28, 1914

Mr/F.M.Sickler,

Shungnak, Alaska.

Dear Sir :

In reply to your letter of April 26th. regarding a new system for purchasing wood from the natives, I wrote Mr/Lopp regarding it July 22. He has replied somewhat as follows.

The best way to handle the matter, and possibly the only way, is for us to purchase wood by voucher, the vouchers to be paid from Nome . These vouchers could not be assigned, and if the natives need the casha advanced they would have to get credit from the local store. The fuel supplies, including freight, for the current year for Shungnak amounted to \$344.43. The amount that would therefore be allowed for fuel supplies would not exceed this amount.

I believe that the system of paying by voucher will eventually lead to the raise in prices of trade goods, and I believe that before long the natives will be glad to go back to supplies. Undubtedly the ~~hacks~~ voucher system will be better for us. Please look into the matter carefully this winter and later on make a definite recommendation for the next year.

very truly yours,

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