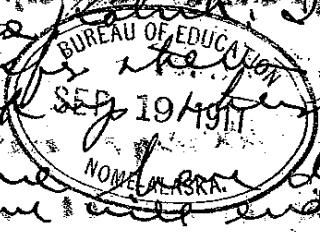


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Please tell me never that we have been interested in this work on the Koluk. I am sorry we had to transfer the work elsewhere and if we could endeavor to rectify the damage.



Stungnak, Alaska.

August 24th 1911.

Mr. A. N. Evans

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I take the privilege and opportunity of writing you a few lines that you may know the state of affairs on the Koluk.

Mr. Tucker and I have been here at Stungnak all summer, watching the gardeners, caring for the sick and trying to help everybody that is in need of help.

Nearly all the natives, excepting those who are away hunting, have stayed at the school and are making frequent visits to the fishing camp. I have had school three times a week all summer, with a good attendance and happy results.

All the children of the population are regular attendants; and every body seems well pleased with our efforts.

The majority of the natives prospered this fall. Many of them have been employed in the

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surrounding mines during the whole mining season. COPY
Some were employed as cooks, others with the regular labor forces.

When the natives were gathered here in July they requested that we hold school during that time, for the benefit of those who would soon be away hunting. We held school two weeks in July, instead of the past school days in August.

Many who can attend school during these summer days are unable to attend during a part of the winter, because their parents take them with them when they are trapping.

We have had very good success with our gardens, also planted by the natives had fine gardens. Mr. Sickler superintended the planting and care of the gardens.

We have had quite a number of cases of sickness this winter, due to the hot weather, and poor sanitary conditions.

Many of the small children and infants were ill during the hottest weather of July and August. At times we had as high as eight or ten degrees over, for at a time. However we have had but one death during the summer, that of an old woman, who went by the traditional name of old age. Believe me that there is, at the present time, peace and plenty for all.

I will be glad to see you for your faithful services in the Department, and I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

COPY Yours faithfully,
Wm. Bradford M. Sickler.
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