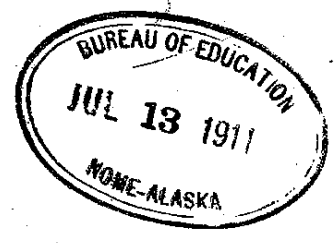


Shungnak COPY
June 13, 11



Mr. A. N. Evans
Dist. Supt. U. S. Schools
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir,

I thought that I would drop you a line to let you know how we are here on the Kobuk. I told you about how we were nearly swept off the earth by an ice jam on the Kobuk when it broke up, in a previous letter.

I also told you that a native placed \$175.00 with me to hold until he could buy some female deer from the Govt. Please advise me as to whether these deer can be bought from the Govt. or some parties who own deer. He is a good man and several other good men would also like to invest in deer.

I am devoting most of my time to teaching gardening to the natives; all the old gardens are planted and enlarged to double the original size, while a great many new gardens are being planted by those who have never had a garden before. The gov't. garden rake and hoe have been in great demand for the last few weeks. Mrs. Sukler does COPY of the teaching this month but I am afraid that we will

quite soon have no school as the natives are going away every day to their own fishing and hunting grounds and to the mines to get work. In August we will try to start school again at Kella when the people all come together to catch salmon.

We have not received any mail for a long time nor do we expect to for a long time yet. There is a chance once in a while to send a letter down the river by a native but there is very little chance of someone bringing the mail up the river.

Mr and Mrs. Ingers are at Shungnak Creek, about twenty miles below here. They have put up about \$600.00 to work with Riley Jim on Jim's claim. Mrs Ingers will go out this summer and I do not believe will return. It is certainly a great relief for white and natives to be free from this pest.

I am forwarding the March barter report which practically finishes the barter for the year. I have nearly 50 cords of fine green spruce which is seasoning and will be ready for next fall and will allow the teacher hereafter to get the wood delivered at one time here after. I was waited on continually for several months by those who wanted two bits of this and two bits of that and to discuss the wood-cutting of several years past. The money that I received from the sale of barter goods was on hand during Mr. Hansen's visit but was expended before I received your letter. If I receive this school again next Fall I will replace the money by goods.