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TERRITORY OF ALASKA

Suppressing Traffic In Intoxicating Liquors

Tanana Alaska September 1, 1931.

Hon. Geo. A. Parks  
Governor of Alaska  
Juneau Alaska.

SEP 14 1931

Dear Sir:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The following is a report of my activities as special officer for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the Natives in Alaska, during the month of August 1931.

1 August:- Left bank of Crooked Creek, on Kuskokwim Portage, going up stream and across three lakes to High Portage, via Bethel Mail Boat, where we arrived at 8:00 p.m. and stopped for the night. Distance traveled by outboard motor boat, 25 miles.

2 August:- Left High Portage at 7:00 a.m. via Bethel Mail Boat going down Tulawicksak River to Yukon River and then upstream to Russian Mission Village, arriving there at 1:30 p.m. Distance traveled by outboard motor boat 42 miles. Spent the afternoon in looking over village for intoxicants and making up monthly reports.

3 August:- At Russian Mission until 6:30 p.m. when I took passage on Steamer Jacobs, for up Yukon River points, making inquiry as to liquor conditions as I went up stream.

4 August:- Aboard Str. Jacobs. Arrived at Holy Cross at 8:30, A. M. where I visited the Catholic Mission and talked with one of the Father's, Jack O'Connor and Merchants, regarding liquor traffic among the Natives, and was told that conditions were good, after which continued up Yukon River to Anvik, where I called on Rev. Henry Chapman, who likewise said that conditions were good, and advised me that none of the natives, so far as he knew, were making liquor and that no white man was trafficking liquor with the natives, so did not feel justified to stop off. I told Rev. Chapman, that I had the time to run out his section, and he only said further, that he felt my stay, would accomplish no results, as the natives were all hard up, and had no money to spend for liquor or for the material for making liquor, so continued up stream.

5 August:- Aboard Str. Jacobs, arrived at Kaltag at 10:30 a.m. but the Steamer did not stop long enough for me to get off, so had no chance to see any one at Kaltag, but I was told that only a few of the natives were in the village.

6 August:- Arrived at Nulato at 5:20 a.m. where I left the Steamer Jacobs, stopping at Nulato. Called on U. S. Commissioner, Geo. F. Towne, Wm. Danquast, Guard at the Fed. Jail, O. P. Russell and John Sommers, merchants, also the Catholic Mission, and was told that some of the natives might be manufacturing liquor, and that it might be well for me to remain for a time.