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P.O. Box 187.

Prince Rupert, B. C.  
September 8th, 1948.

Air Mail

Mr. Earl Shaffer,  
1274 Burrard Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Thanks for yours of September 3rd, 1948, re your  
appointment to Aiyansh, Naas River, B. C.

This village is located some 80 miles up the Naas  
River. The climate is not too severe. Generally there are  
two cold snaps in the winter but they seldom last more than  
a few days, though the thermometer drops to about 30° below  
zero in some years. If you have good woollen underwear and  
a heavy overcoat, ordinary warm clothes will be sufficient  
otherwise. You should have a pair of hip gum boots as these  
are necessary on the river at all times.

Re food. You can get all canned foods at the vil-  
lage store (Indian but quite good), also tobacco. You can  
buy vegetables locally on arrival at Aiyansh. I would sug-  
gest that you buy basic supplies such as tea, coffee, sugar,  
corn flakes, rolled oats, canned butter, peanut butter and  
such canned goods as meats, vegetables, soups, etc. and  
ship them in 15 lb. parcels by parcel post. The may seem ex-  
pensive but the reason is this: besides the freight from Van-  
couver to the mouth of the Naas, you will have to pay 5¢ a  
lb. freight on all goods up the river except mail which is  
carried by the mail contractor to the post office at Aiyansh.  
If you brought at David Spencers or Woodward's Ltd. in Van-  
couver, they would make up your shipments in this way and you  
would have no further trouble but that of collecting your par-  
cels at the Aiyansh Post Office. Your best time to go in is  
on the steamer connecting with the mail contractor at Kincolith.  
On this boat the fare up is only a few dollars; otherwise you  
would have to hire a boat and it would cost \$60.00 or more.  
I have asked Mr. Davey to check the mail boats at the Vancouver  
Post Office.

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