

White Horse, Y. S., Canada.  
January 15th, 1920.

Mr. D. H. Curran,  
Alverton, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Your wire of January 6th just received. As we are out off from the outside world and have been for the past week. There were some slight failures on Jan. 5th or the White River Hunt. It will get well on the 15th if there are no more slides. We are in a bad part of the world this winter as well as very slow. We only get mail twice a month if we are in good luck and we are not very lucky as I had a turkey expressed to me for Christmas from Ohio California on Ice. With and I have not got it yet so you can see transportation is very slow up here this winter.

As sending you material as you requested me to do. I think that it will cover every thing and will suit you and party as the best I hope it does. This courtest business I don't care about. All I want to be sure is that party is going to take the trip. You will understand that it takes money to promote any production in any state of 1870 and for that reason I always had a party to announce the expense money for the trip and it to go as a guarantee to give anything happening to party to prevent them from taking trip. In the year 1914 the year that the war started I had arranged with a Philadelphia party for trip up here and when the war started they asked me that it was impossible for them to take the trip. They had not advance me any dough with so they would not pay me anything if was too late that to get another party. I had turned to other parties down and thereafter I made a resolution that when I made arrangements with parties that I would demand a deposit to go to me in some way thing should happen to party to prevent them from taking trip. Will show you how that this is the second guarantee that I have made out this concern. Don't see to William H. Beach of New York on Ice. Don't have not heard from him since but when I see today connecting the contract with him as I had a letter from a friend of mine in Chicago telling me that I would be sorry if I took Beach on the trip as he is a hard man to get along with on a trip so for that reason I cancelled his contract. There are three other parties that want me to send on my contract but have written them that I have closed with you and your party. I am only going to handle your party this coming month as I have never made a success of trying to handle two parties in same season. It is hard to get good reliable men in this country that can be depended on. Last season I put the best man that was in the country in charge of Dr. Brown party and he wrecked them going down the Yukon River in a boat after their fish was over and lost nearly all of their trophies and for that reason I am only going to handle your party this coming season.

Now as regard to the trip. It is hard to say at the present time what game will be allowed as there is a change being made in the Fisher game laws at Ottawa now. He should know in the near future what it will be but if it is put through as it was drafted by the Yukon Council it will allow hunters that is shooting on licenses to kill and export 2 moose, 4 caribou, 3 sheep, and three goats, and no restrictions on bear, or other small game, the season will open on August 15th instead of Sept. 1st as before so my advice is to hunting parties if the new game law of the Yukon goes through Ottawa as outlined it will allow small sportsmen no large a bag as they would want and to come in by White Horse and go out one hundred and is miles with auto or team and wagon to Bear Creek. That is where I keep my outfit and then on to hunting grounds with such outfit. There are some game on the head of the Finnes River first day after starting with pack outfit but they are not as plentiful as over on U. S. side out of Hecarthy but I think that we could get what we would want in this way you would save the \$50. for U. S. license and by saving it by Hecarthy practically all you get on U. S. license is the goat. It is hard to hunt both Alaska side and the Yukon side on the same trip and the game on the U. S. side is drove back safer that you have to go four or five days back into the head waters of the Sang and Subooney Rivers that you don't have time on the one trip to hunt both Alaska and the Yukon on the same trip, so for that reason if the Yukon game law is changed as I have said I would advise you to come in by White Horse and come the \$50 that U. S. license costs, but of course this matter is up to you and your party. I am not stuck much on the Hecarthy way since I had one of my party fall into a crevasse last season while hunting goat out of Hecarthy and I always dread that Hecarthy River out of Hecarthy. Three of my party got into quick sand on the out way last summer and all three got bad colds. It is a bad river and when it is high it is no child's play to cross it with a pack outfit without getting every thing wet.

This other way in making trip as I have outlined it second day after starting with pack outfit we would stop and make side trip back and get our sheep and then go on to where we would make permanent camp and hunt sheep. Then move to lower country and hunt moose, caribou and bear. Of course there is a chance of getting Caribou and bear while hunting sheep, and even moose. The past season I went into a new country and had good luck on moose and caribou. We only got into the edge of this country as I have found out since that if we had crossed another low divide that we would have gotten saddle back sheep so on our trip if we go in by way of White Horse we will go direct into this country and if the saddle back sheep are there we will get the two kinds of sheep Mountain and Dells. Bear is uncertain as it depends on the kind of a season it is. If there are no berries the bear is in the high country after September. A sort of animal like our prairie dog and if there are lots of berries then they will be in the low country. Of course as you asked about game on the U. S. side you are allowed to kill two moose, 3 caribou, 3 star sheep, 3 goats, and 3 bears.

Now in regard to the outfit I will furnish 24 horses, 14 packs, and 10 saddles, myself and three other guides, cook, horse wrangler, tents, stoves, and camp fixtures, tenting and cooking utensils and provisions and everything that is need for comfort of the trip. I think that a good camp properly equipped in one of the pleasant of the trip after a hard days hunt to come in and can sit down in a good comfortable chair and sit down to a table with a good meal in front of you. It is much better than sitting around a camp fire with the smoke in your face. I was in the same game in Colorado for 18 years. Was located at Glenoid Springs and I know the camping game from A. to Z. so now you can rest assured that you and your party will have the best outfit that is in this country. It is what I consider a knock for a man to brag about his own outfit but you can ask any party that has ever been on a trip with no what kind of an outfit I furnish and they will tell you that I am for comfort on a trip and I think that every one is the same way taking these kinds of trips.

Now will say that all you have to bring on the trip is your own guns, ammunition, beds, and personal belongings and furnish your own hunting license. Yukon license are \$100 and Alaska \$50. As I am writing a story for Outdoor Life you will no doubt read it you will see what I did last season with Dr. Evans party and H. O. Harrison part and all about Ben Grutch falling into a crevice 60 feet deep and all about our trips. If any parties want bear and a fine trip they should come up here in the months of May and June. I guarantee five or more grizzly Bears to each hunter. It is easy to get bear up here in the spring of the year as they are then feeding along the River Bars. I take parties for twelve hundred each on spring bear hunting trips. I enjoy them more than the fall trips as I like to hunt grizzly bear better than any other big game as there is more sport to it.

I think I have mentioned everything about the trip except after the trip is over we will go down the White Horse River with boats and up Yukon on White Pass Steam boats to White Horse if you want to or we will return with pack outfit.

Will say that we will start on trip no matter if out of December or White Horse on about Aug. 5th.

Yours very truly,  
Signed. Chas. H. Baxter.