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11, January, 1984.

Andre Chabot,
Post Master,
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NON-ARCTIC BAY MAIL

On several occasions we have complained about the amount of mail improperly directed to Arctic Bay which is addressed to other communities. We have brought this matter to your attention and to the attention of the Deputy Post Master whenever either of you have visited Arctic Bay. It appears that little has been accomplished as we still receive large amounts of such mail. This situation has become intolerable not only for us but for the addressees. We expect to receive some mail not addressed to Arctic Bay from time to time but not the amount we have handled nor with the same frequency. Let us explain the nature of this problem.

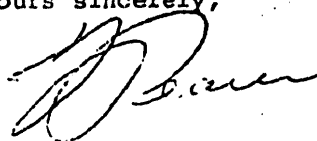
We frequently receive bulk mail in the form of government cheques, magazines, papers, catalogues etc. which are often piled according to communities in the Baffin in alphabetical order with Arctic Bay on the top. From our perspective no one bothers to untie the bundle to examine for communities other than Arctic Bay or simply assume that the entire bundle is for Arctic Bay without so much as a quick glance and then proceed to tie the bundle in the appropriate manner.

Another form of non-Arctic Bay mail is the letters and parcels addressed to the 'Arctic' in general ie: 'The Arctic', 'Arctic Quebec', 'Arctic Red River', 'Arctic Canada' etc. etc.. We understand that this form of mail is more difficult to monitor but not impossible.

In view of the above complaints we strongly recommend that postal employees be made aware of these problems. Further we recommend that a select group of individual be made responsible for bulk mail proceeding to the Baffin who might prevent the above from occurring. We feel certain the Post Office would be able to modify or improve its' system to accommodate these ideas if not the recommendations themselves.

It is not proper nor fair for the addressee to wait any longer than necessary for his or her mail. At the very best mail delivery in the 'Arctic' is problematic without further unnecessary complications. We urge you through this letter to take this matter seriously.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank Pearce', written in a cursive style.

Frank Pearce
Secretary Manager

cc: Ludy Pudluk, M.L.A.
Resolute Bay, N.W.T.

