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Fernie, B.C. March, 15/27.

J. D. McLean, Esq.  
Asst. Deputy & Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ont.  
Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst and have noted contents.

Regarding the Indians having sustained a loss of \$3237.20 through my inability to carry out my original agreement, I am at a loss to be able to figure this out. Under the original agreement I have paid in to your department the sum of \$2210.40, plus \$500.00 last Fall, making in all \$2710.40. Taking the amount of logs cut in 1923, which was somewhere less than 1,000,000 feet, it could not possibly come to that amount, as the amounts paid in is far in excess of the price of the logs cut. As to the amount of rental paid in 1923, I might say that I was in occupation, or in operation on the Reserve from April until August, a space of five months.

If the department have decided that they will not reinsstate the deposit, I would ask that they, at least, allow the rental paid last November to run for year from the date paid, as I will not have received sufficient returns from the operation by the end of April to pay off the bank for the money borrowed to pay the rental in November. This will not cost the Indians anything and will help me in the financing the logging to a finish without further trouble. Please consider that I am doing the best that I can in this matter, and the department should, at least, give me the chance break even on the present deal.

Kindly reconsider the matter of rental, and let me hear from you with favorable reply.

Yours truly

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