

Copy of letter to Col. Geo. S. Pragnell - Kamloops, B. C.

Cranbrook, B. C.  
October 2nd, 1928.

Sir, RE. YOUR LETTER DATED JULY 31st, 1928.  
NO. KY-G-88.

I beg to report that I have taken up with the Indian of Tobacco Plains Reserve the matter of cutting, skidding and hauling the wind thrown timber on their Reserve and they state they are quite willing to do the work next winter. I have also spoken to Messrs. Beech & Taylor, who operate a sawmill about four or five miles from the Reserve, and Mr. Letcher, who is constructing a small mill near the north-east corner of the Reserve, for quotations on the timber, both on skids and delivered at the mills. Messrs. Beech & Taylor stated they could not handle any extra logs this winter but Mr. Letcher will do so and promised to write me within a few days. I have not yet received his quotations but when I do so I shall be pleased to forward them to you.

There is still a good deal of timber standing on the Reserve, especially near the north-east corner. This timber was left by Mr. Nolan owing to the fact, I believe, that it was such a long haul to the Railroad, but as Mr. Letcher's mill will be very near the timber in question it could easily be cut by the Indian and hauled to his mill, providing his quotations are satisfactory.

Do you think the Department would agree to sell this standing timber also providing the Indians did the work. I shall be very glad to have your advice.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F. S. Ryckman.

Acting Indian Agent.

Colonel Geo. S. Pragnell  
Kamloops, B. C.