

416 Federal Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
October 17th 1942.

Sir:

re: Timber - Squamish I.R.#25(Kaikalahun)

On May 18th 1942, the Squamish Council passed a resolution agreeing to the sale of any pulp timber on the above Reserve at \$3.50 per thousand. This resolution was forwarded to Ottawa in the usual way, and on June 10th the Department approved the sale, and sent all the various forms which entail meetings of the Band and Council, etc. As you know, the Indians are away fishing or else those in the ship-yards are all on different shifts, so a representative meeting is impossible.

The Sorg Company, of Port Mellon, who adjoin the Reserve, wanted to buy the timber, but their lawyer phoned me in June and said it had taken too long, and they were no longer interested.

Yesterday, while at Port Mellon on other business, the manager said they were under the impression at the time they applied for the timber that there were several million feet, but he had confused a timber Reserve with an Indian Reserve. Actually we have 33 acres and it was logged off in 1923 by the Hastings Shingle & Manufacturing Company, so the timber now standing is small spruce and hemlock which, up to the present, would be considered practically worthless.

The Sorg Pulp Company have a booming ground in front of the Reserve for which they pay rental of \$125.00 per annum and they are now logging beyond the Reserve. There may be 100,000 to 150,000 feet of pulp timber on the Reserve, and they would take it off before they move their machinery if we would give them a permit to do so, and pay us \$3.50 per thousand for it. As this has already been agreed to by the Squamish Indian Council, I am writing to enquire whether a permit can be issued without the delay of calling the Band and Council meetings. The Councillors have little interest in the matter, as they feel there cannot be much timber there seeing they have already sold it 20 years ago. The only reason anyone would be interested in this small amount of timber is that the Sorg Pulp Company are operating their mill again (probably on war orders) and it is but a few hundred yards from the Reserve, thus saving the usual heavy towing and booming costs. It is in the interest of both the Indians and the Sorg Pulp Company, not to mention any possible assistance to the war effort, that we take advantage of present conditions and sell this scrub timber while we have the opportunity.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Your obedient servant,

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