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ORILLIA, ONTARIO,  
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The Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Attention Mr. A.F. MacKenzie.

I have received yours of the 12th with reference to my letter of July 7th regarding renewal of timber license No. 180.

As I paid for the renewal of license, also the ground rent, I presumed it had been renewed, and had made arrangements to go on cutting some more this Winter.

I note what you say with regard to the cutting of trees less than 10" at the stump, and that our culler's returns corroborate this.

You can hardly go by the culler's returns, as the timber is measured at the small end--twelve to sixteen feet from where it was cut from the stump--and if there is any defect, the size of the log is reduced accordingly.

I note your agent says there has been some timber cut and a number of logs left lying in the bush where they were cut. This is the first I have heard of this, and as I expect to go up there in a few days time, I will look into it. *and have them taken out this coming winter*

I might just say that there has been a lot of wood on this limit cut for fuel both last Fall and previous years, by the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co., I am told. They engaged the Indians to cut wood for them, and we find that this last Winter they cut some good sawlog timber into wood, and the Victoria Harbor Co. used it for fuel on their steamers on the lakes and river there. I have objected to them doing this, but they claim that the Indians have a right to cut wood on the limits. Have they a right to cut wood there to dispose of it afterwards? It will be a great loss to me if I cannot have a renewal of the license, as last Winter I had a little mill put up in Louise Township, near Rat Lake, for the purpose of cutting this wood, and I trust you will see your way clear to renew it for me.

I will write you again after I have been up there, which I expect will be in a few days.

Yours respectfully,

A. McPherson.

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