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Ottawa. Jan. 2nd. 1929.

Sir:-

With reference to your telegram of the 2nd. inst. regarding the cutting of timber on the Coldwater Reserve by the Nicola Pine Mills Ltd. I enclose herewith a copy of letter sent the company today which is self-explanatory.

The Department is of the opinion that the company should at least lop all tops and strew these together with branches, on the ground so as to expedite decay and rot. You are doubtless familiar with brush disposal conditions as laid down by the Forest Branch for similar operations in the Nicola Valley, and the company is expected to conform to such conditions.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy Secretary.
(J.D. McLean.)

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