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Gentlement-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 4th instant, protesting against payment of double dues for Hemlock and Spruce cut without authority of License and advising the Department of the omission to inclose Licenses for Macdonald, Laird and Meredith, and complaining that sales have been made of lands in the Townships of Duncan and Laird.

OTTAWA, 7th November, 1904.

In reply I have to inform you that I did not receive instructions from the Minister to notify Mr. Agent Nichols to cease making sales and the Department has not been advised to do so.

With reference to your statement that Mr. Ohitty said he had instructions to notify the Agent to stop sales of land covered by your limits you are evidently under a wrong impression, as he was only instructed to notify the Agent to advise you at once of sales made which was done, accordingly.

The Licenses were sent to you as soon as it was discovered that they had not been inclosed. There will be an additional sum payable on these Licenses, of which you will be advised later.

Your obedient servant,

