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Ottawa, December 7, 1942.

Andrew Irwin, Esq., Indian Agent; Cranbrook, B. C.

In regard to the sale of timber from St. Mary's Indian Reserve No. 1, it is proposed, having in mind all prevailing circumstances, to apply to the Governor General in Council for authority to sell this timber in the best interests of the Indian owners, without surrender.

When the necessary Order in Council has been assented to, we will advertise the sale in your local paper, and notices will be sent to the firms you have suggested in your letter dated November Mith. The upset price in the advertisement will be \$5.50 per M. f.b.m.

It will, therefore, not be necessary for you to take any further steps in trying to secure the formal surrender which you were instructed to do.

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