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819 Metropolitan Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
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Your File 136/14/21076.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to the matter of stumpage on Toquanna Reserve, Willie Bob was given a permit in 1924 and took off 200,000 feet on which \$1.00 per M stumpage was paid. Timber mark TD91 was used at that time. There is no letter on the file definitely stating that Peers and Anderson's licence was cancelled, but in a letter from the Department dated July 7, 1924, it states "If the Palmer Owen Co. have definitely terminated their contract for cutting timber on this Reserve, the Indians may be permitted to cut 200,000 f.b.m. subject to payment of dues at tariff rates".

As Willie Bob was then given the permit, the conclusion is that the licence was cancelled.

Willie Bob's permit being for 200,000 f.b.m. only, this was also cancelled when that amount was taken off and no further permit was issued.

I can not reply to your query as to the class of timber still remaining on the Reserve as I have no personal knowledge of it. Constable Bartlett says there appears to be plenty of timber left on the Reserve as seen from the boat but if you go through the bush there is not much big timber. I shall visit this Reserve shortly and will then be able to judge what timber remains.

Prices are so low in the lumber trade that \$2.00 represents quite a substantial proportion of the price received for it.

B/HM.

Your obedient servant,

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