

Ottawa, 26th November, 1901-

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 21st Instant, enclosing the application ^{of} Chief Cadotte and 21 others of the Garden River Band for permission to make Railway Ties, and Memoranda relating thereto, I beg to inform you that these papers are informal, and you should have carried out your instructions as set forth in the letter of the 12th Instant. Your failure to do so has caused an unfortunate delay, and I have again to request you to have a Resolution passed by the Band at a Meeting held in conformity with its rules, stating the names of the Indians who are to do the work, with the maximum number each is capable of taking out, marked opposite his name.

If as many as 30,000 Ties can be taken out, public Tenders will be invited, for the purchase of them, but the Department wants to be assured, if possible, that the Indians can be relied on to cut this number.

You should report as to where these Ties should be delivered, whether at a Railway siding, or on Lake, River or Beach &c. as this information is required by Tenderers, as well as by the Department.

As

W. L. Nichols, Esq.

Acting Indian Agent,

Sault Ste. Marie,

Ont.