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Ottawa, February 18, 1909.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, relating to ties which the Thessalon band are to make this winter and dues payable on same, I have to inform you that the Department will accept of dues at three cents each for ties made from dry trees but four cents each should be collected for ties made from green trees.

It will be incumbent on you to see that the sworn returns are correct as to the number of dry ties made.

If you have given a permit to cut 400 ties to each working member of the band, the number should be reduced at least one half, and no white labour in any form should be allowed at the work of making or hauling.

You should inform the chief of this decision.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

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