

Ottawa, 26th, May, 1904.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, relative to tie timber cut by Joseph Beaucage on the Nipissing Reserve during season of 1903, and a communication from Messrs. Cockburn & Sons, the purchasers of this timber, explaining how it turned out and asking for a clearance for the ties.

In reply I have to state that, Mr. Superintendent Maclean reported to the Department that the Permit issued to Beaucage on the 25th of February 1903 specified TIES, but he cut instead, Hemlock Tie Timber or in other words, Hemlock Saw-logs, thus violating Permit.

It appears by the letter written by Messrs. Cockburn & Sons that there were only 1410 ties in the 2000 taken out, the remainder of them being unfit for ties, being too small, and that the sidings cut from the 590 pieces were entirely culls.

This, I may state, is a very extraordinary and unusual percentage of culls- about 42 per cent.

You should warn Beaucage against cutting such inferior timber in future and also against cutting timber in any form than that described in the Permit.

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