

7. Q. Upon the question of future livelihood: Since the sale of firewood by the Indians has been the main standby of an eked out existence, what consideration has been given to, or provision made, for that future livelihood.
- A. It is anticipated that the operation will take several years to complete and that Indians would continue their cutting of fuel for sale. There should also be a considerable quantity of tops and cull logs available for fuel purposes. As only timber suitable for saw logs is to be removed, there should be an ample supply of fuel timber left on the Reserve on completion of the operation, apart from natural reproduction. Meanwhile, the Indians will receive payment for half the proceeds of the sale of the timber.
8. Q. When, and how, do the Indians get paid, and specifically, each how much?
- A. They are entitled to a distribution on a per capita basis of fifty per cent of the revenue from this sale as funds accrue, such distributions usually being made annually or more frequently if circumstances warrant. The balance is placed to their credit in an interest earning account and is available for improvements, etc. on the Reserve.
9. Q. Is it true that another "deal" is in the making at Windermere and against the wish of Chief Michel Gustav and a majority of his Indian brothers?
- A. Not to our knowledge.

Letter of May 11th, 1943:

1. Q. Did the Dominion Government through the Department of Indian Affairs, or otherwise, give the local Agent authority to sell this timber irrespective of whether the Indian people wished to sell or agreed to sale price?
- A. No. The timber was voluntarily surrendered by the Indians and advertised for sale in the Cranbrook and Vancouver papers in January, 1942.

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