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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
P.O. BOX 566

VICTORIA, B.C., October 16, 1931.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO. 136/3/22720.

ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER

Your file 22-152.

Dear Sir:-

Re-Timber on Chemainus Indian Reserve
No. 13, Cowichan Agency.

For some time I have been endeavouring to get a settlement with Messrs. Thurston-Flavelle in connection with the timber cut on Chemainus Indian Reserve No. 13, Cowichan Agency. My last letter to the Department was on the 19th of May when I forwarded a cheque for \$2,255.09, and pointed out that as soon as I received a further \$124.02 I would forward you the Scale Bills covering timber amounting to \$2,379.11, after which the Company would still owe the Department \$2,375.98. I have called upon the Company to pay up on several occasions but heard nothing from them until yesterday when I received a letter from them stating that they had written you on the 12th of June last asking that in accordance with a previous understanding they be allowed to relinquish their rights in this reserve (Licence No. 175) and that their deposit be applied in liquidation of the \$2,500.00 balance due on stumpage account. I would, therefore, like to know what decision you have arrived at on this point. The amount which the Company at present owe is \$124.02 plus \$2,375.98.

If you are agreeable that the Company should be allowed to relinquish its rights in this timber and the amount of deposit (\$2,500.00) be applied in liquidation of the amount owing, I will then be in a position to furnish you with all the Scale Bills and the operation can then be considered closed provided the rental and renewal fees have been paid up to date, as from correspondence I have had with the Department it appears that the ground rental and renewal licence fees have been remitted direct to the Department.

I would point out, however, that the Company up to the present have cut only 3,694,967 feet of sawlogs and 149,990 lineal feet of poles and piling. Mr. McCammon's cruise of this timber went to show there were 34,803,000 feet of timber in the area surrendered, but Mr. Bury estimated there were only 27,000,000 feet. It would, therefore, appear there is a considerable amount of timber yet standing on the reserve though not of a very high quality.

Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature of W. E. Ditchburn

W. E. Ditchburn.
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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