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Ottawa, February 13, 1913.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, inquiring about dues on dead wood on locations, I have to inform you that dues are payable on all wood sold, and when the land is cleared, fenced, and made ready for cultivation or sown with sufficient grass and clover seed to prevent the growth of noxious weeds, the dues will be refunded on certificate from the agent that the conditions have been complied with. Dry ash and tamarack standing on swampy land may be classed as merchantable and when sold should be subject to payment of dues as per tariff for the benefit of the band, but if the locatee is unable to dispose of it so as to pay the cost of cutting, skidding and hauling, the band might pass a resolution requesting the Department to waive the collection of dues in certain cases, which if approved by the agent would be considered.

Your obedient Servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Ashquah
Indian Councillor,
Georgina Island, Ont.

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