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April 2, 1925.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo in which you enclosed an application from Messrs. C. Reid and F.J. Airey to cut 4200 ties from the timber left standing on Paukeanum Indian Reserve No. 3, of the Sliammon Band, for which they offer to pay five cents per tie.

In reply I beg to say that a permit might be issued to these people to cut the ties providing they are willing to pay six cents per tie. This will provide for one cent stumpage over our royalty rate of five cents. In cases where Indians are employed in such operations, the Department is satisfied to only receive the royalty, but in this particular case it is quite evident that Messrs. Reid and Airey propose cutting the ties themselves, and therefore the Department should receive six cents per tie for the Indians.

I observe from the monthly returns supplied me by the Forestry Branch that the Provincial Government receives anywhere from six cents to eight cents per tie, according to the district in which they are cut.

Your obedient servant,

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

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