Ottawa, 13th December, 1909.

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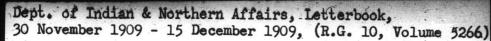
With reference to this Department's letter of the 35rd ultimo regarding timber dues owed by Indians of the Saddle Lake Reserve for timber out under a permit issued by your Department, I beg to refer you to the compluding persgraph of that letter in which it was intimated that the Indians are poor and that it might be beyond their ability to pay. I beg to say that a letter has been received from Agent Batty in which he states that it is quite impossible to collect the dues in question from the Indians. Under the circumstances I have the honor to request that your Department will waive the payment of the dues in question.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

Asst. Deputy Minister, of Interior, Ottawa.

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