

File 44,085/5.

Ottawa, April 20, 1911.

Madam,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, inquiring about firewood on Tobique Reserve and in reply to inform you that the information given you by Joseph Ellis is not correct.

Mr. Baird holds a timber license to cut birch, spruce, hemlock and cedar on the north side of the Tobique River, and can dispose of these kinds in the form of logs or timber, but the Department would not object to the sale of any kind in the form of cordwood taken from the tops of trees subject to dues as per tariff.

The price which you state Mr. Baird wants for dry wood if it does not include the dues appears to be very high, but of course, he has the right to exact what he considers the value of it, and the Department cannot intervene.

You should see Mr. Agent Baxter for any further information you desire on the subject.

Your obedient servant,

*J. D. [Signature]*  
Asst. Secretary.

Mrs. Elizabeth De Merchant,

Perth Junction,

Victoria County,

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