DEPT, OF INDIAN ACTA MAR 25 23 1936 ning, March 16, 1936. Sir:-I enclose herewith a communication from the Indians of Whitefish Lake Reserve with regard to the request of Mr. L. K. Fletcher, Mining Engineer, of Toronto, to construct a power line from Naughton station across the Whitefish Lake Reserve to the Long Lake Mine, which is under operation by the Lebel Oro Company. The Indians seem to be in favour of allowing this power line to cross the Reserve providing that the company will pay for any damage to timber in the cutting out of the right of way, but I have been advised that there is very little merchantable timber on the proposed right of way. I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Fletcher, asking for permission to make a survey of the proposed right of way, and to what procedure necessary to get a license of occupation across the Reserve. He was advised that his request would be taken up with the Department for consideration, and in the near future he would be further advised. The proposed line would start just east of Naughton station go between Whitefish and Fly lakes across the narrow of Makada Lake around the south-west end of Long Lake to the Long Lake Mine a distance of approx, six miles entirety across the Reserve. As Mr. Fletcher finds it necessary to construct a power line to the mining operations at Long Lake, and there does not seem to be any other route only across the Whitefish Lake Reserve, and the Indians does not seem to have any objection to the line crossing the Reserve providing that any damage to timber in cutting out the right of way will be paid for by Mr. Fletcher, and a reasonable rental for the use of the land, I would recommend that he be allowed to construct the proposed line across the Reserve. The Secretary, Departmentnof Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ont. Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 8008, File 411/31-3-8-6-1) PUBLIC ARCHIVES
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