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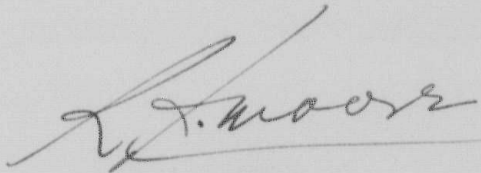
As requested in your letter, above noted, I attach, herewith, a copy of David Jack's letter, recently received from the Department which I trust may be found self explanatory.

In this regard I wish to advise that I had a meeting with David Jack and several of the self appointed Headmen of the Chemainus Band, on the 2nd instant, in this office, along with representatives from the Standard Logging Co.

As stated by the Department, David Jack's letter, wherein he states that the "whole business be stopped", is unreasonable and is not the opinion of the Band as a whole but rather of a few able bodied men, such as David Jack, Joe Seymour, Modeste Bob and one or two others who have several acres of trees fenced in and who feel that those trees, inside the fences, belong to them, personally, and consequently they, as individuals, should receive all the money received from the sale of same. It is purely a matter of these individuals trying to intimidate the Mill operators and Licencee into paying them, individually, a separate fee of 50¢ or \$1.00 per M for all the timber taken off their alleged holdings which, I might say, are without improvements and still in the forest.

The result of the meeting amounted to this: I told the Indians that the Licencee had a perfect right to set his mill on any part of the Reserve, except improved or cleared land, which was covered in their Surrenders. The Indians were given this information in front of the Licencees and they were also informed by me that they could not demand any payment for the rent of land on which the Mill happened to be standing nor could they demand or expect any extra payment for timber which may be cut on land which they claimed belonged to them, as individuals, as no such thing exists for all timber on a Reserve is considered to be the common property of the Band as a whole.

A copy of this letter is going forward to the Department along with David Jack's original letter.



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