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Ottawa 18th January 1902-

Sir-

I beg to inform you that an application has been received from Simon Commanda Chief, Joseph Beaucauge, Second Chief and 19 other Indians for permission to cut on the Reserve for sale 50,000 Railway Ties, chiefly Hemlock, and it has been decided to accept of the formal application as a Resolution in the meantime and to authorize the taking out of 25,000 Ties, under Permits, this Season, which will be sold by public Tender.

You will require to proceed, as soon as possible to the Reserve and issue Permits to applicants being members of the Band, for the number authorized, namely 25,000-

The Permits should describe the locality as starting from a certain point, such as a certain telegraph pole, giving its number from Beaucauge, or from the easterly boundary of the Reserve, and they should state that Crown Dues of four cents each will be charged on the number taken out, which will be retained from the Indians by the successful tenderer. The description given in the application is as follows:-

" On that part of the Reserve lying adjacent to the  
" boundary line between the Township of Widdifield and  
" said Reserve and being a tract about one half mile

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