

Alert Bay, B.C.,
Sept. 30th, 1944.

Indian Commissioner for B. C., Department of Mines and
Resources, Vancouver, B. C.

The attached copy of letter has been received
from Mr. William G. Lawson of Alert Bay, B. C., and will
be self-explanatory.

When this application was received I gave consid-
eration to the future fuel requirements of St. Michael's
Indian Residential School, and as I am aware that the
School is already experiencing difficulty in this respect,
I felt I should discuss the matter with Principal Wickens
to obtain his views before any further action was taken.
This was done and the Principal agrees with me that all
timber remaining on school property should be held, at
least for the present, for a reserve fuel supply for the
school.

It is known to me there is some spruce on the
property and this does not make exceptionally good fuel.
However, it could be used if found necessary.

I think the department's policy in respect to
timber on Reserves is that sufficient should be left
to take care of fuel requirements, and in view of this
and the need for this timber, I am recommending that
the timber be set aside for fuel purposes for the school,
and not sold for commercial use.

It would be appreciated if the department would
kindly advise me their views so that I may reply to Mr.
Lawson's communication.

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