

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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