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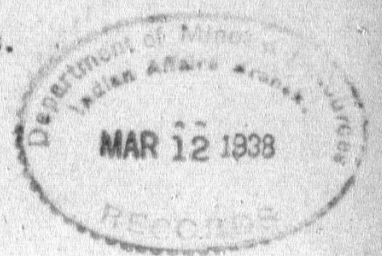
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Secretary,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department Mines and Resources,  
Booth Building,  
165 Sparks Street,  
O T T A W A.

*May 12 1938*

Dear Sir; - Re Pacific Mills Limited - Katit Indian Reserve

We have already had some correspondence with you regarding the above matter.

As you aware, our clients' licence to cut timber on the reserve will expire on the 1st May, 1940. The company has made a proposal whereby it will undertake to build seven houses for the Owikeno Indians on the condition, first, that the cost should be credited by the Indian Department as an advance payment of stumpage falling due on the timber cut from the reserve, and second, that an assurance be given by the Department that an extension of the licence for three years will be granted as from its expiry date, namely, the 1st, May 1940.

*When is resolution acceptable? We have not asked in detail if final decision made in minutes*

At a meeting held at River's Inlet on the 11th February 1938, a resolution was passed by the majority of the Owikeno Band recommending that the company's proposal be accepted.

Mr. Gillett has forwarded the original resolution, together with plans and a bill of materials, to the Indian Commissioner for British Columbia.

Our principals have discussed the matter with the Indian Commissioner for British Columbia and we understand that he is forwarding the file to Ottawa with his observations. It appeared to our principals that he was favourable to the plan.

The Commissioner has also been given further information on the estimated stand of timber, and the amount of stumpage payable on the various species. He was interested in this information particularly because of the fact that out of the stumpage \$1.00 per thousand feet will be taken by the Department and placed in a separate trust account for the benefit of the Band, and he wished to be assured that there would be a safe margin over and above the amount which was to be advanced for the construction of the houses to take care of this

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