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Insofar as the amount payable to Band Funds from timber cut in connection with clearing operations is concerned, Section 5 of the Regulations provides that "for timber harvested from individual locations or holdings the rate of dues may be reduced to one-half". In other words, the Locatee is permitted to retain one-half the standing value of the timber to assist him with clearing.

The Okanagan Band, by Resolution, have asked that stumpage be waived on timber sold from land being cleared for cultivation, but as there is no provision in the Regulations for a complete waiver of timber dues, except under Section 7 which enables the Director to authorize the cutting and sale of timber free of dues as a measure of relief, it is not seen how the Resolution can be approved as I am not prepared to concede that under the present day economy relief measures are necessary.

Your letter of November 23rd, and the Okanagan Band Council Resolution are being referred to the Department and you will no doubt be advised in due course of the Department's views.

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Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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