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In reply to your letter of January 5, 1951 re timber on Toquaht Reserve No. 2 and Night Letter received from H.B. Walters and C. Dickinson I would advise that the Tidewater Contracting Co. Ltd. represented by Mr. R.J.K. Riddell of Nanaimo in July of last year entered into contract with the Toquaht Band for the removal of the timber on No. 4 Chenatha Reserve. This Contract progressed well and 277,732 feet of timber was removed before bad weather set in and stopped operations. Of this amount 137,115 feet has been sold of the Alberni Pacific Lumber Co. at Port Alberni, Receiver General payment being made, the balance 139,577 feet is scaled and being held at Ucluelet pending the opportunity of shipping to Vancouver.

Before closing their operations on No. 4 Reserve Mr. Riddell commenced negotiations on the logging off of the timber on No. 2 Reserve both with the Chief and myself. On November 17 a resolution was obtained from the Toquaht Band requesting that they be allowed to log off, under permit, this Reserve. The amount of \$4.00 to be credited to their Band Fund for every 1000 feet removed. An agreement was drawn up covering this logging operation and given to Mr. Riddell for him to submit to his Company for approval or alteration. This Agreement was in Mr. Riddell's possession on December 2 but unsigned by either the members of the Band or Mr. Riddell. On December 2, about 2 hours after Mr. Riddell left, Mr. C. Dickinson called at the office advising that he and his partner Mr. Walters were interested in obtaining the timber on Toquaht Reserve No. 2 making an offer of \$5.50 per thousand on all timber removed. Mr. Riddell's offer at that time stood at \$4.00 on all grade three timber which was selling at \$35.00 per thousand, on all timber above grade 3 50% above the amount paid for No. 3 timber would go to the Toquaht Band. No. 2 and No. 1 Hemlock then selling at \$40.00 and \$45.00 respectively. This would mean that \$4.00 would go to the Receiver General and \$2.50 on No. 2 and \$5.00 on No. 1 would go to the Band. The Cruise on the timber, as cruised by independent cruisers for Mr. Riddell, is given as 50% No. 3 40% No. 2 and 10% No. 1. All Grade 2 spruce and cedar would be shipped to Vancouver where higher prices would be obtained. On December 6, while I was up the coast, Mr. Walters and Mr. Dickinson were interviewed by Mr. J.L. Homan and their offer of \$5.50 per thousand was again given.

*Dickinson states
+ was 3rd to the Band -*

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