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Ottawa, December 20, 1921.

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, advising the Department that Mr. Joseph White, of the Gibson Reserve, has complained about the manner in which timber is being cut on his old location, lots 18 and 19, Con. 6, Gibson township. In reply I have to state that, as these lots reverted to the Ontario Government at the time the reserve was confirmed, they passed out of the control of this Department, and consequently, if the Ontario Government have seen fit to dispose of the timber on these lots, it is entirely a matter between themselves and the timber licensee.

With regard to the question of improvements, I have to state that the Department is not in a position to adopt any action in this matter pending the time when these lands are disposed of to another purchaser by the Provincial Government.

Your obedient servant,

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