

Cranbrook, B.C.,  
June 20th, 1928.

Colonel Geo. S. Pragnell,  
Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Kamloops, B.C.

Sir:- Re Timber on Tobacco Plains Reserve.

I beg to report that I visited Tobacco Plains Reserve on June 12th and carefully examined a number of the logs and tops left on the Reserve by Mr. Nolan during recent logging operations.

Nearly all the logs so left were marked "Culls" but many of these were perfectly sound at one end and had only a very small spot of dry rot or stain at the other. Some of these were very large pine logs from which a great deal of good lumber could have been cut. Others were tops that would not grade very high as lumber on account of the knots, but were perfectly sound. Most of the tops were not even cut and appeared to be quite sound, some of them measuring from fourteen to eighteen inches in diameter.

There is such a large quantity of "Cull" logs and tops left on the Reserve that I do not feel able to give a complete report on them unless I spend considerable time on the Reserve and scale them properly. This, I am sure, would be much more satisfactory and accurate if done by a licensed scaler.

Please advise me at your convenience if you wish me to make the scale and I shall be glad to do my best to submit as accurate a report as possible.

There are also a number of trees on the Reserve that have been blown down by the wind. These the Indians have agreed to cut and skid if permission can be obtained from the Department to do so, and sold, if possible, to one of the local sawmills.

I have taken up the matter of trap lines with the Indians on the different Reserves in this Agency, and as soon as I can complete arrangements and make the necessary applications will report to you fully.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) F.S. Ryckman,

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Constable and Farm Instructor.