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Dec. 5th. 1917.


Sir:-

In reference to your letter of Aug. 28th. last concerning the Stony Reserve it is noted that you suggest the sale of a block of timber on this Reserve.

If the Indians are not able to lumber this profitably for themselves it would perhaps be advisable in their interest to dispose of it, but it will be necessary in the first place to receive a surrender of the timber from the Indians by which they express their desire to have the timber sold by the Department for their benefit.

The timber would then be valued and put up for sale by public tender. Ten per cent of the bonus received might be paid to the Indians, the balance of the purchase price together with the dues being credited to their band funds.

Your obedient servant,


Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

J. A. Markle Esq.

Inspector Red Deer. ALTA.

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