

MEMORANDUM.

OTTAWA, 6th March, 1906.

*W. Macrae*  
To the Deputy Minister:-

With reference to Mr. Inspector Macrae's Mem. hereunder, stating that he would like to know from the Lands Branch whether there are any Regulations prohibiting whitemen from hauling wood from the Reserves of the Chippewas of Snake and Georgina Islands, I beg to state that the Department has been corresponding on this subject with Mr. Agent Yates for some time past, as shown by this file.

There is no special regulation affecting these Bands, but the Agent was informed that white labour must not be permitted to cut or haul timber from within the boundary of the Reserve and the letter of 3rd instant, turned out, refers the Agent to Section 26 of the Indian Act, which shows that white men are regarded as trespassers on Reserves, and they may be punished severely for removing timber therefrom without the License of the Superintendent General.

He was also advised that Indians should not be allowed to cut down trees on Reserves and sell them at the stump; as it had a bad tendency and, as he should be aware, is not in their best interest.

If Mr. Inspector Macrae has any communications on the subject, I respectfully submit that they should appear on the official file, which is the proper place for such; in order that the Department may be in a position to deal with them.

*Geo. L. Chitty*

Timber Inspector.