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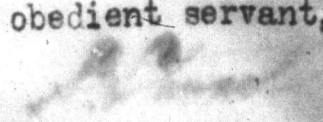
Sir:-

The Department has recently made an investigation into the extent of destruction to timber on the Whitefish Lake Reserve by the action of sulphur fumes from the roast beds of the Canadian Copper Company situated in the township of Graham and action has been instituted for recovery for damage done the young growth of white pine growing within the area affected by the sulphur fumes.

With regard to the merchantable white pine as you are aware an arrangement was made by which you had access to this timber provided stumpage was paid at the rate of \$5.50. It will therefore be necessary for you to immediately commence action for compensation for this merchantable white pine, with the condition that any compensation you may receive must be based on the actual quantity of merchantable white pine timber that has been killed or damaged, and a stumpage of \$5.50 per M.f.b.m. must be paid to the Department.

If you do not desire to take this matter up with the Canadian Copper Company please advise the Department immediately so that the necessary action can be commenced by the Department for recovery for damage done to the merchantable white pine.

Your obedient servant,


Asst. Secretary.

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