

It has been decided to sell the land and timber on this limit by public auction on the 16th inst., and the advertisement of sale has been published in a great many newspapers and at considerable cost, a copy of which is inclosed herewith.

Under date of 22nd May, 1909, Mr. J. R. Booth, by his solicitor, Mr. John Christie, addressed a letter to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, of which the following is a copy:-

"I hereby give you formal Notice that I am, and for many years past, have been the lawful Licensee to cut and remove the Pine logs and Timber from trees of not less than 9 inches in diameter at the stump, upon and from the following location described in the respective licenses thereof from year to year duly issued and delivered to me, being Indian Reserve License No. 127 on the northerly side of Lake Nipissing, saving the exceptions in said License and renewals contained, and for which I have duly paid a very large sum of money, together with all dues, ground rent and charges pursuant to the Rules, Regulations and Orders of your Department. And I notify you that I protest against and will oppose the sale of said Indian Lands, License, Pine logs and Pine Timber thereon, advertised for sale by you, which I claim to be my property by virtue of my purchase of, and payment for the same. On said limit I have cut during the last season (1908/1909) upwards of 4,150,000 feet B. M. under the provisions allowed by my license, and there still remains a large quantity of Pine logs and Timber, which I have purchased, and of which I am the absolute owner, and entitled to cut and remove under the terms of my license. The dues exigible on my cut of 1908/1909- including Ground Rents amount to \$4761.22. I still expect the Government to abstain from abandoning its uniform course of dealing under its License system, which it has followed for nearly half a century. The Licensee has always relied upon the good faith of the Government to honour its license and grant and will not now attempt to confiscate the Licensee's property thereon.

"Dated this day of May, A. D. 1909.
"John R. Booth, by his solicitor, John Christie."

On the 31st of May, 1909, the following reply was sent to Mr. Christie, and subsequently a printed copies of agreement and surrender of the timber were sent to him.

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