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Kamloops, B.C., June 21st, 1928.

Sir:

Inspection Report, Kootenay Agency.

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I have an idea that you instructed me to enquire into the situation of timber cutting operations on Tobacco Plains Reserve, by a Mr. Nolan. At the moment I cannot find your letter. I may have misplaced it on file. However I was apparently under the idea that I had received such instructions and have to report as follows: The Indians of this reserve are complaining that they have not received just payment over the deal. They complain that a large number of logs have been wasted and left in the woods, and that the operators only picked the best of the logs. Mr. Ryckman confirms this, as does Mr. Small. They state that there are, roughly 300 logs, good logs, and untrimmed, lying around the reserve. These are mostly toward the top of the trees, though good, merchantable logs. They are a fire menace, untidy and should have been paid for, even if the operators did not bother to remove them. Mr. Ryckman has offered to scale them, and will let me know the result of his investigation. In the meanwhile I think that Mr. Nolan's deposit money should be withheld until such time as I can submit further data and the matter be settled.

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Geo. S. Pragnell.

Inspector of Indian Agencies.