

25 inches in diameter,-

The Department is not aware of the percentage of Poplar in the Pulpwood which the Indians have made in the past, or in what they may make this Season, nor the lengths into which it is usually cut, but your wishes will be communicated to the Agent for submission to the Indians, with a view to meeting your requirements as far as possible.

The material of every kind will, no doubt, be placed, as usual, in good points for shipping, or rafting.

For your information, I enclose a copy of an Order in Council dated 19th April 1901, establishing Regulations respecting the manufacture in Canada of Timber cut, on Indian Reserves and Indian Lands in the Province of Ontario.

The arrangements you propose about mode of payment through the Department on certificates of delivery being sent to you &c., would involve a lot of correspondence and delay, and it is thought would not be acceptable to the Indians.

The agreement provides that you shall send your Culler to the Woods once a fortnight, if practicable, and experience in the past proves that it is desirable to have a good understanding at the commencement of the work.

It may not be found necessary for your representative to remain at or near the Reserve during the Winter, as he could, no doubt, with the assistance of the Indian Agent, at Manitowaning, effect suitable arrangements for the necessary supplies, and other matters required in connection with the work.

In any case, the Department is not in a
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