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Ottawa, November 10, 1913.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, in regard to the claim made by the Georgian Bay Lumber Company for payment of services of their men at the fire on the Dokis reserve, I have to inform you that the Department considers that the Company should bear its fair proportion of the cost incurred, as it was manifestly as much in their interest to prevent the damage, or destruction of the Pine on their limits, as in that of the Indians.

If assistance had not been given, it is probable that the fire would have extended to the timber on the Company's Berth, and great damage and loss would have resulted.

The case was one of emergency, over and above the ordinary fire-ranging, and it is hoped that the Company will give the matter favourable consideration in view of the facts submitted.

You will, therefore, kindly communicate with them adducing the reasons set forth in the correspondence on this subject.

On receipt of reply from the Company, it should be sent to the Department with your report thereon.

Your obedient servant,

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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