

File 30,155-3.

MEMORANDUM

December 1, 1928.

The Honorable,
The Superintendent General,-

As requested in Mr. Pratt's memorandum hereunder, to which is attached an extract from a letter you received recently from Messrs. Laws and Fisher, Barristers, of Fernie, together with certain other enclosures, I am furnishing you with certain information concerning the matter referred to, that is, the license at one time granted to Mr. J. R. Nolan to cut and remove the timber from the Tobacco Plains Indian Reserve, in the Province of British Columbia.

I wish to say that our dealings with Mr. Nolan regarding this matter from the very outset have been most unsatisfactory and unfortunate, and the Indian owners of this reserve have lost heavily by reason of Mr. Nolan's inability to live up to the terms and conditions of his license.

I am attaching hereto a brief resume of this transaction, prepared by Mr. Bury, our Timber Supervisor, from which you will note that extensions and other benefits were from time to time granted Mr. Nolan, without, however, ultimately improving the general situation, and with the result that the Department estimates that the Indians have lost \$25,431.74 through Mr. Nolan's actions.

This matter has given the Department a great deal of trouble from time to time, and particularly through the unreasonable requests submitted by Mr. Nolan following his failure and through one party or another requesting a refund by the Department of his original deposit. In view of the fact that Mr. Nolan has made such a mess of this whole situation and has left the timber on this reserve in such a condition that it will be practically impossible to salvage anything worth while, it seems unreasonable, if not, in fact, ridiculous, that he should now press for the return of his initial

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