

Ottawa 11th September 1900-

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant, reporting that you are unable to furnish Sworn Returns for firewood authorized to be cut by Indians on the Tobique Indian Reserve as they only cut 20 cords, the remainder having been cut by white men, and in reply to refer you to the letters sent you on the 7th of November 1898 and 20th November 1899 - ~~in~~ ^{an} the former you were instructed "that you may not issue permits to white people to cut firewood, but you might issue them to Indians subject to Tariff rates of dues and under the distinct understanding that they alone shall do the work and furnish Sworn Returns for the same &c." and in the latter you were informed "that you might issue Permits to Indians of the Band to cut firewood on the Reserve for sale, subject to the payment of dues thereon, as per Tariff on page 173 of the Timber Regulations, under Sworn Returns" &c.

The Department is surprised to find that notwithstanding these plain and specific instructions, you have given permission to white men to cut firewood on the Reserve, and I have to request you to ^{furnish} ~~give an~~ ^{an} ~~immediate~~ ^{for your action} explanation of ~~your course~~ in this matter.

Your obedient servant,

James Parrell, Esq-

Indian Agent-

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N.B.

J. D. MOLEMAN

Secretary.