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OTTAWA, 22nd April, 1905.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, inclosing the reports of seizures made by Levi General, Forest Bailiff, of timber cut without permission on Lot No. 55, River Range, Tuscarora, and the S 1/2 of Lot No. 25 Con. 3, Tuscarora, which was purchased by Mr. Alex. McNaughton a member of the Band.

In reply I have to state that in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Act, these seizures should be maintained for one month for the purpose of affording Mr. McNaughton an opportunity to give notice of his claim to the timber in the manner set forth in Section 66 of the said Act, as substituted by 61 Vic. Chap. 34 Sec. 5,

With regard to the elm logs cut on Lot 25 Con. 3, under License to Chief A.G. Smith it is assumed that the permission was given for the purpose of making improvements on his Location and if so, the sale of it was a violation of the conditions, but if the permit authorized the sale of the timber, it should be released to the purchaser.

Mr. McNaughton cannot be justly blamed for purchasing timber cut without authority unless he was aware of the fact, but in any case, he incurred the risk

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