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OTTAWA, 12th February, 1906.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, respecting the timber under seizure which was cut for The Rathbun Company, on lot 23 Con. 6, Tehkummah, and in reply to inform you that notwithstanding the cancellation of the sale of a lot taken from a timber license, the Licensee continues to have the right to cut pine and spruce until the Patent issues, or until all the conditions of sale shall have been fulfilled, and, therefore, a lot may be described as within a timber limit although it does not necessarily imply that the Licensee's right to cut timber thereon is unrestricted.

Section 56 of the Indian Act gives the Licensee the right and power to protect his limit and to make such representations as he may consider necessary regarding the Lots sold from his limit.

The question of reversion of lots, the sales of which have been cancelled, to the License whence they were taken by sale was undetermined until recently, but now the opinion of the Department of Justice must be upheld at least until an amendment to the Regulations shall have been made to admit of such reversion.

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