

Honourable Charles Stewart.

agreement are very fair, whilst the pulpwood price may seem low, it must be borne in mind that the freight rate on the C. N. R. will be from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cord to bring the wood to the mills. This will make the wood much more expensive than other wood on Provincial limits closer to Port Arthur.

On the 14th of August last Mr. Campbell filed an application through Messrs Thompson, Burgess, Cote & Thompson, of Ottawa, for the right to cut pulpwood and ties on the Long Lake Indian Reservation. What he really intended to do was to file an application for the ^{Martin} Martin's Falls Reservation. Messrs Thompson, Burgess, Cote & Thompson in reporting back, stated that under Departmental Regulations, competitive offers would be required. In this connection I wish to point out that no competitive offers were asked for by the Department when it approved of the agreement for the Gull River Reserve, nor were any competitive bids asked for when Mr. Cox's agreement was extended for a further period of two years. It seems to me therefore that Messrs Arnold and Campbell should receive the same treatment. No objection on this ground has ever been taken to the Gull River agreement, and I see no reason therefore why Messrs Arnold and Campbell should be treated any differently, as the Indians, who are principally interested are satisfied, and they are getting as good, and in some cases better prices, than the Gull River Indians.

I understand that there is a report on the files in the Department by the Provincial Fire Rangers that the fire hazard in this district is small. I do not agree with this, and