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Major D.M. MacKay, Indian Commissioner for B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

Replying to your letter above noted re timber license #266, Standard Logging Company, I wish to advise that I took this matter up with Mr. Swanson some time ago and requested that he write me a letter giving more detail as to just what he required. I have now received a letter from him which is attached herewith in duplicate and which I hope may give you the required information. I realize that some of the explanations requested are missing from it although he told me verbally that so far as he knew now, 5 years would be the maximum length of time to take out all the remaining timber on the Chemainus I.R. #13.

You will please note that the mill which he plans to install on the reserve is of a portable nature which can be moved from place to place as the timber available warrants. It is also stated that should he wish to cut any small quantities of timber from adjoining properties later on, he would refer the matter to the Department before doing so.

My experience with this Company has been most satisfactory and very cordial relations have always existed between us owing to the fact that they have never tried in any way to exploit either the Indians or the resources on the reserve. Furthermore, their financial position is sound and they have always been very prompt in making their payments. So far as I can see, I do not think that any unfavourable result will come to the Indians or the reserve by the Company putting in a portable sawmill. I would, however, limit the length of time during which the mill may remain on the reserve. In fact I think that it might be well to stipulate to the Company that their license will not be renewed indefinitely and set a maximum time of say, 4 or 5 years.

R. H. Moore,
Indian Agent.

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