

The merchantable timber of the  
 Bands they desire to cut has all  
 been cut and removed, and  
 then if necessary to stand the  
 operations to the greatest degree,  
 this has been done in the interest  
 of the Indians themselves as it  
 protects the timber from fire, and  
 also protects the other members  
 of the Bands who do not cut any  
 timber.

As regards the land being  
 wooded by spruce, balsam &c. &c.  
 as well as by cedar, it would  
 not be supposed for a moment  
 that the Department desired to  
 have all the kinds of wood, you  
 name, cut down and destroyed when  
 the Indians wanted only to cut

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