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OTTAWA. Dec. 26th. 1919.

Sir:-

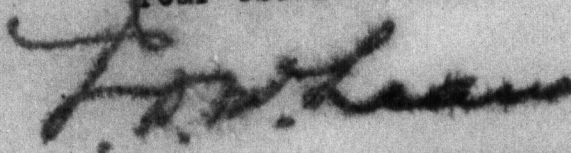
In reply to your wire of the 20th. inst. respecting the cutting of timber on the Coldwater Reserve I have to state that the Indians surrendered this timber to the Government to be sold for their benefit.

The timber was sold to the Nicola Pine Mills Co. and a first payment is being made of \$5000.00 which will be promptly distributed among the Indians of the Coldwater band.

The interest of the Indians are being fully protected and the Department is prepared to consider their wishes by making distribution to the Indians of a proportion of the money received from the sale of the timber up to 50% if desired.

The Indian Agent at Kamloops can give you any further information you may require.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy & Secretary.

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