

OTTAWA, 16th February, 1906.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, inclosing a letter from Mr. Charles Big Canoe, expressing, as you state, the views of the band, I beg to inform you that the Department has already instructed the Indian Agent on the subject, and you have been advised of the decision of the Department with regard to the applications.

The letter of Mr. Big Canoe is returned herewith as requested.

If the Indians had worked their land properly, and ^{at} the proper time, they would not be dependent upon the sale of wood to enable them to provide necessaries of life, and this lesson they must learn, or suffer the consequence of their neglect.

Your obedient servant,

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