

even if the Indians gave their consent as the season is too far advanced to admit of its being disposed of to advantage.

Ottawa, 27th November, 1891.

Your obedient servant

*H. M. G. Jones*  
Deputy Supt. General of

Indian Affairs.

Sir:-

Referring to the question of the sale of the timber on the unceded portion of the Whitefish River Indian Reserve, I enclose herein copy of a letter of the 24th instant from Messrs Burton Brothers, stating the terms upon which they would be prepared to make an extended contract for the burnt and green timber upon this Reserve, taking out the burnt timber this Winter; and enclosing copy of a similar contract to that had by that Firm with the Manitoulin Island Band for two years.

Messrs Burton Brothers were informed verbally on the 26th instant in the Department that they would have to compete with others for the purchase of the timber on this Reserve, whether the burnt or green timber, or both, were sold; and that whatever description of timber was sold it would be put up at auction after being advertised. And they have been informed by letter of this date that the green timber would not be sold this season.

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