

the timber, had it cut into cordwood for which they paid the men \$1.25 per cord. They took this action not so much on account of the possibility of making a few dollars off this wood but more with the desire to give employment and remuneration to men who otherwise could not pay their board. I understand now that after this cordwood has been hauled into the Town of Le Pas for the use of the citizens, that the Indian Department has given instructions to Agent Taylor at that point to seize all piles of cordwood which came off those 29 acres. Further I understand this action is taken on account of the fact that the Railway Department of Canada have not settled with the Indian Department for the lands affected. In this latter case the Department is departing from the precedent established with regard to the Calgary Power Company's trespass at Kananaskis. When first I heard of this trespass I wired to stop all work until such time as settlement was effected but the Department insisted that a Corporation working under the Railway Act should not be stopped, in their work. Had my action in that case been permitted by the Department, we would not now be paying hundreds of dollars for legal fees and running the chance of having mutiny among our Indians at Morley. If it is good law to stop work on Indian lands which have been surrendered for Government Railway purposes which have not been paid for, it is surely better law that work should be stopped on Indian lands for which no surrenda