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Ottawa, December 18, 1908.

Gentlemen,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, in regard to prices of timber to be taken out by Cape Croker Indians, and in reply to inform you that the tender you submitted under date of 26th of October was as follow:-

Hard Maple	\$8.75 per M. ft.	dues \$2.00	= \$10.75
Soft Elm	12.00 " "	" 2.00	= 14.00
Basswood	12.00 " "	" 1.00	= 13.00
Beech	6.00 " "	" 2.00	= 8.00
Hemlock	8.50 " "	" .80	= 9.30
Cedar	8.00 " "	" 1.00	= 9.00

The notice calling for tenders asked for the price that would be paid for the different kinds of timber over and above Crown dues payable thereon under the Timber Regulations of the Department.

Instead of your tender being higher than others, it was lower on every kind of timber than that of the successful tenderer.

Your quotations with dues added as shown above are not correct, viz:- Basswood \$14.00, was only \$13.00; Hemlock \$10.50, was only \$9.30; Cedar \$10.00 was only \$9.

In addition to dues payable on the timber by the tenderer, he is obliged to collect a like rate from the Indians, which he shall send to the Department at

Messrs. Keenan Bros., Limited,
Owen Sound,
Ont.