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Ottawa, February 17, 1909.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that Chief Ellis telegraphed the Department on the 6th instant, that several parties are cutting on Indian ground held by Beveridge who has no license and requests reply by wire as to what must be done.

The Larlee case is still unsettled and Mr. Beveridge has not replied to the letter sent him on the 1st of September last, in which he was informed that it had been credibly represented to the Department that he had stated that hardly a year passed that he did not settle with the Department for maple cut on the Reserve.

I need not assure you that the Department never consented to the cutting of maple and the returns do not show that such was cut, but probably in order to evade the result that would follow, maple may have been cut and returned as hardwood.

The license to Mr. Beveridge has not been renewed pending the issue of the Larlee case, in which he is interested, but it appears he is operating, or permitting others to operate, and it has been decided to stop the cutting and to seize all timber cut without authority of license, wherever found.

I have, therefore, to request you to notify Mr. Beveridge to stop all cutting of timber forthwith,
and

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Indian Agent,

Fredericton, N. B.

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