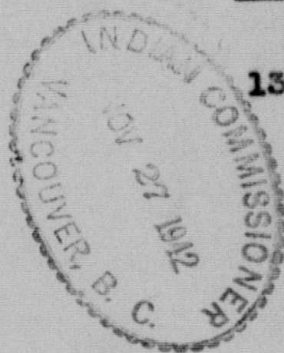


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Cranbrook, B.C.
Novr. 24th. 1942.



Re File. 30155-2
Re Sale of Timber St. Marys Reserve #1

Dear Dr. McGill:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th. inst., with reference to the sale of Timber on St. Marys Reserve.

Have deferred my reply until now, pending an opportunity to get the Indians together to further discuss the offer of the Cranbrook Sash & Door Coy to purchase a block of Pine Timber estimated at 30,000,000 feet @ \$3.50 per M. and to take a vote on the surrender in the usual way. To date, however, the Indians are still busy cutting Christmas Trees and will hardly finish these operations in less than a week or ten days, after which they will be brought together for a final decision on the Companies' offer.

The Company as you are aware would undertake a yearly cut of 3,000,000 F.B.M. during which time they would offer employment to every able bodied man on the Reserve; he would have his choice of Piece work or working by the day with or without horses. A Portable Saw Mill would be used on the Reserve thus relieving the Indian worker of the necessity of living away from home.

To your estimate of a yearly distribution of \$3750.00 might be added an additional \$1500.00 on a basis of \$3.50 per M. the price the Company are prepared to pay.

My experience with these Indians is, that in the event of their undertaking to carry out Logging operations for the Company under a guarantee of certain stated deliveries at given times, the venture would not prove a success. It would be surprising if they proved sufficiently responsible to realize the necessity of making their deliveries on time. Personally, I do not think they would. To secure and hold their promised jobs with the Company would naturally depend upon their ability to give

satisfactory results.

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