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INDIAN AGENT

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Dear Sir:-

I have received a request from the Sliammon Indians, through Mr. Nicholson, teacher, for a reduction in stumpage on timber cut by them at Toquanna Reserve. The \$2.00 charge for fir and spruce at present prices makes it impossible to break even and the Indians are afraid to do any logging because they are in debt at the end of the operations. Toquanna Reserve has been logged off before and this is left-over timber.

As you are aware, the stumpage on Harwood Island for timber cut by J.L. Petersen is only \$1.50 and the Indians feel that it is an injustice to charge them more to cut their own timber. I should be glad to receive your authority to reduce this stumpage to \$1.00 to the Indians and give them an opportunity of supporting themselves.

Your obedient servant,

Fred J. C. Ball

(F.J.C. Ball).
Indian Agent.

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