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INDIAN COMMISSIONER

Indian Agents Office. Blackfoot Res.

18th November 1895.



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*Ref. Dept. letter  
No. 111  
Dated 11th Nov 1895  
to the  
Sir:-*

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Banff to feed  
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killed.*

I have the honour to state that I have sent a party of choppers with two wagons to Castle Mountain with rations to cut rails and skid them on to the bank of the river. The Indians strongly objected to running them by water such a long distance, and said if they could get a timber limit on Sheep Creek they would not make any difficulty to getting out and floating down all the timber required on the Reserve. I told them there was no timber there for them, but if they made a fair trial to get the logs down the river from Castle Mountain and did not succeed, the Department might assist them by using the railway. I also told them that as horses were likely to be killed again if they took up a large band, I only wished three teams taken to do the work, and I would get baled hay from Banff to feed them so that there would be no danger of any getting killed.

*This could not  
be practised as  
a statement along  
Sheep Creek for  
any such reason  
Kingston's  
was, it desirable  
to do so.*

*J.A.P.*

*This item of expense  
cannot well be  
avoided.*

*J.A.P.*

*In view of the difficulty  
of getting the Indians  
to work on the limit  
as much of the timber  
cut will be for other Indians*

The Indian Commissioner.

Regina.

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