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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. _____
ALSO
TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

Sir,-

In reply to above letter re the sale of planer and shingle mill and the purchase of a gasoline engine as authorized in above letter I beg to say that the old planer has been in use for about ¹⁶ 20 years. For the last 4 years it has never done good work and I'm afraid it will be difficult to get the original cost less one third. However I will do my best.

Yes

The gasoline engine mentioned in letter appears to be a very nice machine and would under ordinary conditions suit, but the crusher we have is a ten inch plate and am told it will take more than a 5 horse power engine to handle it and do good work. Would suggest that the seven horse power machine be substituted for the five horse power and fitted with a built in magneto ^{to} save the perpetual purchase of batteries. It would also be well to have it on a truck as it would be required to move the engine around to various places on the reserve for the sawing of wood. The size of the truck could best be determined by the Eaton people but the one at \$30.70 appears suitable. To move one of these engines on skids takes two teams.

The addition of the pole saw and belting would also ^{frame} be needed as the old saw here is broken and the saw very little use.

Your obedient servant

The Secretary

Department of Indian Affairs, Indian Agent.

Ottawa.