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ORILLIA, ONTARIO,
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The Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

Attention Mr. A.F. MacKenzie.

With further reference to your letter of the 12th, I went up to Sudbury and Whitefish on Saturday and just returned this morning.

I find that your Department was paid in full for the dues on all the logs cut on the Whitefish Indian Reserve in the Township of Louise, last Winter.

The logs you mentioned about as being left in the bush were measured and the dues paid on them, our man declares, and would not have been left if it had been possible to get them out, but the roads broke up sooner than they expected. They will take them out this Winter.

I mentioned to you before with regard to the logs cut 10" at the stump, that I did not think there were very many cut under that. They are measured at the small end, and when cut 16 feet it makes it very different from the stump, and there may be a little defect in it that would reduce the size of the log.

We had made arrangements to take out more logs this Winter, and if the license is not renewed it will mean a big loss. In fact, I would go down to Ottawa and see the Department about it personally. *if necessary*

The first two years we operated there, and when we paid you a large amount of dues, I lost a large amount of money that season as I was unable to look after it on account of ill-health at that time, and the person in charge undertook to drive the logs down the river, but got stuck and left them in the river, where they lay till the next year, and, as the hemlock logs had the bark on, a great many sank. We did not obtain one-half the number of logs taken out, to saw into lumber.

Still, this does not effect the Department in any way, but I am trying to recover part of the loss sustained, and hope you will issue the license for me.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AM/P.

A. McPherson.

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