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P. O. Box 396,
Duncan, B. C.,
March 18, 1948.

Mr. W. S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Post Office Box 70,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Re: Timber Licence No. 266,
Chemainus I. R. #13.

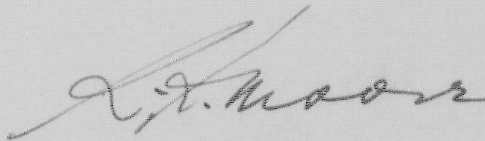
I regret not having given you all the information,
asked for, in my last letter regarding the above.

The quantity of timber taken out in 1947 amounted
to 1,467,471 f.b.m., for which we received the sum of \$4,433.70.

The matter of discussing the deletion of the Clause
re fuel supplies to the Indians was gone into prior to the time the
Company decided to move their mill off the Reserve and, while the Indians
felt that the Company should be made to stay with their agreement, it was
explained that the fuel wood was not much use anyway, as it was simply
thin slabs, in long lengths of 12' to 20', and unsuitable for fuel, unless
cut into proper lengths.

I wrote the Company on February 18th, as per copy of
letter attached -- reply to which you have already received, attached to
my last letter.

In view of the fact that the Company does not wish to
keep the Mill on the Reserve from now on, I presume that the special con-
ditions listed under Clause 4 will be automatically cancelled as well as
the one on the 3rd page, authorizing operation of a Mill on the Reserve.
The real reason for Clause 4 being inserted was so that the Indians might
avail themselves of cheap fuel wood at the Mill site but, unfortunately,
the Company worded their offer poorly, I think, in their letter of May
19, 1947, when they tried to infer that the Indians, as far as Nanaimo,
could get their fuel at the Mill. I know this was the intention of the
Company as their representatives discussed it with me prior to the time
they gave their offer, in writing, and no one was more surprised than I
to find the Company officials offer to haul the fuel to their homes.



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Indian Agent.

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