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May 4, 1931.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 2nd, No. 1244, in regard to a request made by the Indians for a reduction of stumpage on timber cut by them at Toquanna Reserve.

In reply I beg to say you will, no doubt, be aware from your files that a permit was granted about 1920 by Mr. Bury, of the Timber Branch of our Department at Ottawa, to the Indian Willie Bob under which arrangements were made for the cutting of timber on this reserve by Messrs. Peers, Anderson & Plummer. The bulk of the timber is understood to have been removed under that permit and sold, but I have no information as to whether that permit was ever cancelled and a new one issued in its place or whether the same permit holds good. Perhaps you will be good enough to advise me on this point, as Mr. Perry is not quite sure whether or not a second permit was issued. I would also like to have an idea as to what timber remains on this reserve to be sold, that is the approximate quantity and kinds of timber. If it is only scrub timber that is left, the request of the Indians would appear to be reasonable, but before giving definite instructions in the matter I would like to have full information on the matters mentioned as I may have to write to the Department about it.

Your obedient servant,

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