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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE SELLING AND SCALING OF 95 PER CENT OF THE MERCHANTABLE PINE TIMBER ON THE CEDED LANDS OF THOSE PARTS OF THE CASS LAKE AND CHIPPEWA OF THE MISSISSIPPI INDIAN RESERVATIONS, MINNESOTA, SELECTED FOR THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE and for Leasing Mill Sites on Such Lands.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C.,
August 29, 1903.

1. A party whose bid has been accepted shall be notified by telegraph, either by the Commissioner of the General Land Office or the register of the district land office, of the acceptance of his bid, and shall enter into an agreement as prescribed in the fifth section of the act of January 14, 1889 (25 Stat., 642), as amended by the act of June 27, 1902 (32 Stat., 400), on a form to be approved and provided by the Secretary of the Interior, as to the cutting and removal of timber embraced in his bid and purchase, which agreement shall be filed with the register of the district land office within ten days from the service of such notice, and shall be accompanied by a bond on a form to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, with sufficient sureties to de approved by the secretary of the interior in a penalty of an amount which shall be 50 per cent of the estimated value of the timber embraced in said bid and purchase, conditioned for the payment for said timber, and for the faithful performance of said agreement; and for the observance of the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior concerning the selling and scaling, and of the Forester of the Department of Agriculture, which may be approved by the said Secretary, for the cutting and removal of such timber. The agreement and bond above mentioned may be acknowledged by the purchaser of the timber, and bond by sureties, before any officer authorized to take the acknowledgement of deeds in the State or Territory where executed, and the sufficiency of the sureties to said bond must be certified by the United States judge or district attorney of the district where such sureties reside.

Such agreement and bond must immediately be forwarded to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who shall transmit the same to the Secretary of the Interior, with his recommendation for approval or disapproval by the said Secretary, and notice of such action shall be wired to the purchasers. Written notice of intention to begin cutting of timber must be given by the purchaser to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at least twenty days in advance.

2. It shall be the duty of the superintendent and his assistants, appointed under the said act of January 14, 1889, as amended by said act of June 27, 1902, under his direction, to receive his applications from the purchasers of timber on any section or groups of sections, to erect a mill on such section or groups of sections, or in the immediate vicinity thereof, the capacity of such a mill to be not less than 40,000 feet, board measure, of lumber per day, and to manufacture thereat the merchantable pine timber on said sections or group of sections, and to receive the applications to lease sites for such mills, not exceeding

320 acres for each site, at an annual rental to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, and to receive applications for the purchasers of timber under said act to build on rivers or lakes on or within said ceded lands, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may deem proper, dams, cofferdams, and booms, and to make other river and lake improvements necessary to facilitate logging operations, as authorized under the said act, subject to the payment for damages therein provided for. The superintendent and inspector of the Bureau of Forestry shall recommend favorable or unfavorable action on such applications to erect mills and lease sites, and to make river and lake improvements to facilitate logging operations, giving their reasons for their action to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who shall transmit the same to the Secretary of the Interior, with his recommendation for the approval or disapproval of the joint action of the superintendent and inspector.

The superintendent shall also supervise the cutting and scaling of the timber sold under the provisions of said act, and see that the rules and regulations of the Secretary are complied with, and see that no timber other than merchantable pine is cut, except as allowed by the Secretary, and that no logs are removed from the place where banked until paid for, and see that all tops and refuse are promptly and properly burned, at the expense of the purchaser of the timber, or removed to prevent fire; and see that Indian labor is employed where practicable, and supervise and direct the labor of the scalers; and the superintendent shall make weekly and monthly reports of the progress of such work, and of the time, habits, and competency of his assistants and of the scalers, and he and his assistants shall generally perform such services in and about the sale of the pine timber on said lands and the cutting of the same therefrom, and the care and protection of all timber on said lands as may be required of them by the said Secretary.

3. There shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior a sufficient number of competent and experience scalers, who shall see that, before being removed from the tract where cut, every stick of timber is marked on both ends with a "U. S." marking hammer, and also that it is bark-marked by the logger, and such scalers shall number and scale, under Scribner's rules in the log after being cut, and before the same is removed from the place where banked, all logs cut under the application and agreement under said act.

Said scalers shall keep in suitable books for reference a record of the marks, also a complete list of numbers of all logs, with the scale of each log set opposite its number, said scale books to be opened to the inspection of the check scaler, or to any authorized Government representative, at all times.

4. All timber must be scaled on the banking ground, landing, or skidway, and before it is placed on cars or put into the water.

5. The Secretary of the Interior may, at the request of the chiefs of bands or tribes of Chippewa Indians of the State of Minnesota interested in the said timber sale, appoint check scalers to verify and inspect the work of the Government scalers, the said

check scalers to be designated by said chiefs and paid, out of the funds of the Indians, such reasonable compensation as may be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior.

6. The money for said timber shall become due and payable in installments wherever and as soon as said scalers shall have scaled, under any one contract, as much as 100,000 feet, and shall be paid before said logs are removed from the place where banked. If not so paid when due, or within thirty days thereafter, and after written demand from the superintendent of logging, the said contract and the money paid thereunder shall be declared forfeited by the Secretary of the Interior, and the timber may be banked, shipped, and sold by the superintendent under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and the deposit made at the time of the bid and the net proceeds, after deducting expenses of banking, shipping, and selling, applied to the amount due therefore from such purchaser or logger, and any excess shall be paid to him. If excess be due from the logger after such sale by the Secretary, he shall pay the same upon demand from the superintendent.

7. The scale bills must be approved by the superintendent and such approval confirmed by the Indian agent at Leech Lake after examination thereof and of the check scale, if any, and thereupon the superintendent shall demand payment and such payment must be made to said Indian agent, who shall account therefore to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

8. All instructions and demands from the superintendent or his assistants to or upon the loggers or purchasers shall be made in writing, including the demand for payment to be made when due, as hereinbefore provided for. Legible press copies of such instructions and demands must be kept by such superintendent and assistants in books provided for that purpose.

9. Sufficient green timber, other than pine, may be cut and used for boom sticks, road building, or other purposes incidental and necessary to the economical conduct of said logging operations, after payment in advance therefor at such rate as may be agreed upon by the logger and superintendent, with the approval of the inspector of the Bureau of Forestry, under express directions of the Secretary of the Interior.

10. The superintendent shall transmit the accounts of himself and assistants and the scalers and check scalers for compensation to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at the end of each month.

11. The said parties whose bid or bids may be accepted shall be required to cut and remove not less than 25 per cent of the timber embraced in their bid or bids on or before July 1, 1905, and not less than 25 per cent of such timber on or before July 1 of each of the three successive years thereafter. The entire amount of the timber embraced in each bid and contract must be cut and removed from the land where located on or before July 1, 1908, and failure to comply with any part of this regulation shall be sufficient cause to warrant the Secretary of the Interior to declare the bid and contract thereunder forfeited.

W. A. RICHARDS,
Commissioner General Land Office

Approved, August 29, 1903.
E. A. HITCHCOCK,
Secretary.

NO RAIL ROAD THIS YEAR.

The railroad graders who have been at work on the Spo Road on this reservation for over a month past, have abandoned work for this year. It is reported that the road will not be completed until some time next summer. The failure of the contractors to complete the work to Rice River this year was owing to the very rainy weather of the past two months, and their inability to keep men at work on account of this weather. The road, however, will be in operation and have trains running to Detroit by the first of December.

RICHARDS, A NEW MAP DOT.

Cass Lake is no longer an isolated Indian village; it is a town of boomers. Editor Barnard, A. A. Harper, Charles Tedford and Heber Hartley, of Cass Lake, and Ed. Yannisch of St. Paul, have organized a company and will plat a townsite a half mile west of Bena on the Indian reservation. It is on the south bank of Winnebigo-shish lake and the company expects to have a large saw mill erected there.

The new town is to be named "Richards" after W. A. Richards, commissioner of the general land office. In the same wind that blew up the story of a threatened Indian uprising we are told a request went to the department of state for troops to protect the town. It is stated the troops were wanted to protect the sign board Bill Campbell put up so Bernard wouldn't steal it, but the scheme probably was to populate the burg for taking census.—The Itaska News.

The Indian; Right and Wrong.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that ALL MEN are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these, are LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"—Declaration of Independence July 4th, 1776.

THE WHITE EARTH COUNCIL.

Yesterday the chiefs of this reservation met in council, to discuss the Morris Act, and to take action in regard to the preparation of a petition to the President asking him to suspend the sale of the pine timber as provided by the act.

The council met at three o'clock and was in session about two hours during which time the act was read.

Joseph Charrette, after the act was read, addressed the council and suggested that in view of the importance of the matter under discussion some time should be had in considering what action to take; that the act contained many clauses which were new to many and therefore not understood.

After the discussion regarding the date of another meeting of the council, it was finally decided to adjourn until today and to invite Father Aloysius and other missionaries to be present at the council, and to have them read and interpret the act.

The sentiment of the council, however, was apparently very strong in its opposition to the act, and several of those who were present stated, unqualifiedly, that they would sign any petition against it.

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