

impracticable and inexpedient to bring into effect the arrangement proposed by the Order in Council last cited until all the reserves in the vicinity of white settlements are made for the following reasons amongst others.

1st If the Indian Superintendents ^{are} appointed to perform this work they would of necessity be compelled to absent themselves from their offices during a large portion of the year and the regular work of their Office would consequently of necessity be neglected.

It is much to be feared that the proposed arrangement or any other involving an entire change in the personnel of the Commission would utterly fail to give satisfaction to the Indians who, as has been already stated, have entire confidence in the Commission as at present organized. There are not wanting abundant indications that such would be the result. A petition has already been forwarded to the Department through the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia from one of the Kamloops Chiefs strongly urging the continuance of the Indian Commission on its present basis, and since this Memorandum was penned a letter has been received from Mr Sproat covering a

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