

was divided into 20-acre blocks but it was not of a sufficient size to give to each head of a family their allotment of land; as soon as I became Agent I asked for more allotments and Mr Green came up and surveyed some more, but even then he could not find enough land, and then this Railway Company applied for a strip of land through the reserve and then I thought I had better wait until that arrangement had been gone on with, but now the railway is as far off as ever and I intend taking it up with the Department this Fall.

The best land is nearest the village and is a part that can be most easily cleared, while many of these 20-acre lots or blocks are away back in the hills and are very hard to clear and are almost inaccessible. The only trouble about this arrangement is that some Indians would get the best land near the village, and other Indians in order to get any land at all would have to go a-way back to the land that I speak of, where in order to clear it requires a good deal of work on account of the heavy clearing that I speak of.

Q And I suppose it would be pretty expensive work clearing that land?

A Yes, it is - it is worth \$300.00 an acre to clear that land; some of the best 20-acre blocks are already held by the Indians and they claim they were allotted to them by Surveyor Green, so that the best land has already been taken up.

Q Who are these Indians?

A Albert King is one; Sam King is another; and in fact most of the progressive Indians have now got hold of the best pieces, so that I think if they were given smaller blocks of land containing say five acres, I think then there would be enough good land to go round. I spoke to the Indians about that, but those who have taken up the 20-acre blocks containing really the best land they don't want to do that.

MR COMMISSIONER MACDOWALL: Could they sell the timber where the clearing has to be done?

A Only by special arrangement.

Q The timber would be saleable - it would be good timber?

A Not at present - not today, except for firewood.