

he does is to go to the Government and get that piece of land. When the Indians want a piece of land they have to go to the Government and get a title to that piece of land. If they just go wandering about the country, some day a white man will come in and take the very piece of land the Indians want - so we want to give the Indians the first choice so that it will be secured to them.

The Chief: You got no land to give to me - This land belongs to me.

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: That question is going to be settled before the Courts - I mean before the Exchequer Court in Ottawa and the Government is going to pay a good lawyer to argue the case of the Indians, and if the Indian's lawyer is not satisfied with the judgment he gets, then the case is to be taken to the King's Privy Council in London and the Government of Canada is going to pay all the expenses so that it won't cost the Indians anything; but in the meantime we want to know what piece or pieces of land the Indians would like to keep for themselves.

The Chief: Excuse me because I did not receive any word from Telegraph Creek and I did not receive any letter from them, and I don't know what they said?

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: We met the Indians of Telegraph Creek at that point and we have come here to meet you, and we know what the Indians want there because they told us what it was they wanted.

The Chief: So that I won't make a mistake, I want you to tell me what they said?

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: The whole matter was explained to them in the same way as I have explained it here, and afterwards Joe Coburn took us and showed us some land that the Indians wanted and we are going to try and get it for them.

THE CHIEF: Did you give the land to them?

Mr Commissioner Macdowall: We only make recommendations to the Government, and the Government will reserve the land for them - but Joe Coburn showed us the land they wanted. It is our duty to do the best we can for the Indians, and if they will only tell