

been on the ground.

MR.ALEXANDER: How long would your ditch have to be to get to your land?

MR.BROWN: About 2000 feet.

THE CHAIRMAN: How much of that would be through the Indian Reserve?

MR.BROWN: Approximately the 2000 feet. We adjoin the Indian Reserve on the east. It is approximately half a mile.

MR.BALL: The Indians have used that water all the time until the railway cut them off and since they have been cut off an application was made to carry the water through and naturally the Department are not anxious to give that permission to carry the water through until we know where we are at.

MR.ALEXANDER: You have no more a prior right to it than the other man.

MR.BALL: We had the water first.

MR.ALEXANDER: Stealing it. You had no record.

MR.BALL: The Indian does not consider he is stealing water.

MR.ALEXANDER: The water belongs to the Crown land, not to the Indians.

MR.BROWN: Excuse me, it is diverted onto it so it must be.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is not for us to deal with, it is for the Comptroller.

MR.BALLS: What is the amount of your application?

MR.BROWN: Originally 700 acre feet, but I think there is only 200 acres that can be put under cultivation.

MR.BALLS: What amount of water have you applied for?

MR.BROWN: It was 700 acre feet originally, but they only