

- Q. Well if the Indians were restricted to the Reserve land, for feeding their cattle, would they have enough food for them?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did they have any more cattle before this shooting took place?
- A. I cannot say.
- Q. What do you say as to there being sufficient pasturage on this Reserve for the cattle which you think the Indians would keep if they had enough encouragement to do so.
- A. Well between the Crown Lands and the Reserve ~~land~~ I think there would be enough pasturage.
- THE CHAIRMAN: What number of cattle could be kept on this reserve in view of the pasturage they have here on this Reserve and on the Crown Lands.
- A. I should judge they would be easily able to keep the number they have now.
- Q. Do I understand you to say that they could keep only 29 cattle and 15 horses on this Reserve?
- A. Yes. They could move their cattle on to other Reserves, but on this one Reserve I should judge they could easily raise from 30 to 40 head of cattle.
- Q. Well then that gives them the privilege of disposing of their cattle as they like.
- A. Yes.
- DR. MCKENNA: If all the adjoining Crown Lands were taken up by pre-emptors about how many head of cattle could they keep on this Reserve alone.
- A. I should judge about 30 or 40 head of cattle.
- THE CHAIRMAN: I suppose this adjacent pasturage has good timber on it. Is it good land?
- A. Yes good feeding land.
- Q. Well if that timber was cut off, it would be quite good pasture land?
- A. Yes.
- MR. YOUNG: Can you give us the population of the band here?
- A. 354 according to the last statistics, with a possible addition of 11.
- Q. Could you give us the heads of families, that is all the males over 16 and all widow women, and all groups of orphans.
- A. The Departmental Statistics are all that I could give. I have a book in the Office giving the ages of all the different Indians.
- Q. What has been the tendency during the last five years to increase or to decrease?
- A. With this band it has been about equal. The same number of births and deaths.
- Q. What is your observation, that they have about held their own?
- A. Yes.