

Indians would refuse to entertain the question of a surrender on equal terms, and in this connection it may be mentioned upon the authority of Mr. J. C. Wilson D. L. S. who arranged the matter, that probably only ~~less~~ one or two Indians besides Crowfoot himself, understand that the strip ~~is~~ ^{is} neutral ~~one~~ ^{ground} and does not actually form part of the Reserve.

As the question of what the Indians would or would not consent to could of course be readily ascertained by reference to themselves, but ~~was~~ in the peculiar circumstances in which the land proprietorship of the land stands, to approach the Indians before a definite policy had been determined upon might have a prejudicial effect, nor indeed would there probably be much use in doing so without being prepared to answer such questions as would certainly be asked relative to the purpose to which the strip of land would be put by the C. P. & Co. were it surrendered.

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