



## An Alliance Betrayed

A short history of Treaty 7

On September 12, 1877, Chief Crowfoot of the Siksika (Blackfoot) along with chiefs from other tribes signed Treaty 7 along the banks of the Bow River in Southern Alberta. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, "Aboriginal treaties in Canada are constitutionally recognized agreements between the Crown and Aboriginal people." Commissioner David Laird commented:

"In a very few years, the buffalo will probably be all destroyed, and for this reason the queen wishes to help you to live in the future in some other way."



- ii. How might it relate to the experience of the Blackfoot people?
  - iii. What do you think Willie Dunn means by using the word “hypocrisy”?
2. Have students read the [Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Isapmuxika \(Crowfoot\)](#) by Hugh

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