

had been done by members of Big Bear's band while the Cree chief was earnestly protesting against bloodshed of any kind his anxiety was evidently relieved. He had entertained a good opinion of Big Bear, but when he had heard that he had been a party to the murder of unoffending white people, and particularly of two priests, he had been rendered very unhappy. Before the rebellion broke out and before Riel had gone north he had been SOLICITED NO LESS THAN FIVE TIMES

to join the Halfbreed agitator in this rising against Canadian authority in the North-west. He had informed the officers on his reservation that he had no intention of taking part in any disturbance, having no desire to fight the white people on either side of the line. At the mention of Crowfoot's name Sitting Bull smiles, while his countenance lit up with that peculiar pleasing expression which told unmistakeable that the name of an old friend had been mentioned, and he immediately pronounced the name of the great Bow River Chief in Blackfoot -- Sappomexico. He then explained to the interpreter that that was the Blackfoot name for Crowfoot, and again pronounced Crowfoot's name in his own language. He then volunteered the information that Crowfoot was a very great man and controlled a great many warriors. He was fifty-eight years old and had been

#### A WARM FRIEND OF SITTING BULL

So friendly were they indeed that he (Sitting Bull) had named one of his sons after Crowfoot. That son was never at home on the reserve. While talking of Crowfoot, Sitting Bull again referred to Poundmaker, alluding to the relationship and friendship between Poundmaker and Crowfoot, and it seemed rather difficult for him to understand if Poundmaker had actually been in rebellion against the Government that Crowfoot would have remained loyal. If Crowfoot was to be influenced in joining any rising, Poundmaker would have been the man who could have induced him to do so. From talking about the affairs of the Canadian Indians, the old Chief reverted to that of his own people. He said that he had