

4 Meech Lake Case - is going to Supreme Court at a crucial time
What will it decide?

On central issue: is Meech Lake aboriginal title alive?

- if Indians lose - it will just be saying that aboriginal
rights are not legal rights
but it remains as a political issue

- if Indians win - aboriginal title is a legal right and
is still unextinguished
What then?

: what is aboriginal title?

: how is it to be extinguished?

Other issues of importance which may be decided:

- whether Indian ownership concepts are cognizable in
Canadian courts

- whether Royal Proclamation applies

Win or lose, it won't completely settle anything

If it is a legal issue, what then?

If it is not a legal issue, it certainly exists as a
political issue