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## MMF Seventh Annual Assembly Elects Edward Head

Gimli Industrial Park, situated on the nearby shore of Lake Winnipeg some 60 miles North of Winnipeg, provided a new setting for the Manitoba Metis Federation's Seventh Annual Assembly (Rivers having almost become a landmark for such an event) Non untypical of such annual get-togethers of most Native organizations today, the Assembly consisted of delegates from communities across the Province, a roster of resource people and guest speakers, an exhausted organizational crew, and an out-of province contingent of representatives from other Native organizations including the B.C. Association of Non-Status Indians, the Metis Association of Alberta, and the Native Council of Canada. Probably as befitting as by-gone Conferences of the Federation, the agenda was not totally restricted to hard-nosed business,



Newly elected President Edward Head

politicking and "electioneering", however evident such activities may have seemed to the observer. During the morning and afternoon sessions, the more socially-inclined members of the Assembly could anticipate a fun-filled evening of activities that often extended to the morning hours; whereas the more sleep-conscious individuals in attendance would have to dread with contending with the revelrous sounds that accompanied such activities. At any rate, the Conference provided an opportunity for Metis TOGETHERNESS which, with the additional exception of Metis Days in July, is a truly Metis happening.

This issue of "Le Metis" is primarily devoted to the proceedings of the Seventh Annual Assembly and the following is a documentation of the proceedings:

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

### Friday, May 2

Chairman and Acting President Jim Day opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates to the 7th Annual Assembly.

In conjunction with International Women's year, he welcomed Ms. Rita Guiboche, President of the Manitoba Metis Women's Association, as first speaker.

Ms. Rita Guiboche thanked the Manitoba Metis Federation for being invited to their seventh annual assembly. She then introduced the Metis Women's Association's Board of Directors as well as the Provincial Organizer, Marlene Palmateer.

As of January 29, 1975, the MWA is an incorporated organization. Their family planning program is now finished and they submitted a proposal to Secretary of State for Core Funding but were refused because they did not meet with the criteria. As it now stands, the MWA are in need of some funding, at least to cover administrative costs so that all their work to date will not just dissolve completely. Mrs. R. Guiboche mentioned that at their second annual conference in Brandon on April 24th a motion was passed that they request \$10,000.00 from the MMF to cover the administrative costs. She asked for support from the assembly. She also stated that she will submit an audited statement and give a copy to all delegates so that a decision could be reached.

### Resolutions:

Moved by Philip Fleury that each region donate \$2,000.00 to the MWA. Seconded by Rodney Bland.

Moved by Ferdinand Guiboche that this be tabled until all resolutions were done on Sunday, May 4, 1975. Seconded by Howard Asham.

Carried.

Moved by Connie Eyolfson that the MWA be accepted as an affiliate member and have three votes at the annual meeting from now on. Seconded by Freda Lundmark.

Carried.

Moved by Ferdinand Guiboche that we carry on with the Bylaws as amended. Seconded by Lorne Atkinson.

Carried.

Mr. Guiboche stated further that one of the major reasons that these be done right away was because the MMF was not properly constituted. These needed to be ratified before a legal meeting was held.

### Re: By-Laws

Moved by Connie Eyolfson that the resolutions passed by the Board of Directors be ratified by this Assembly. That was the Resolution 1. Resolved that a by-law increasing the number of members of the Board of Directors of the Federation from three to nineteen be

passed and enacted as By-law number 1 of the Federation. 2. Moved by Lorne Atkinson that we approve by-law No. 1 increasing the number of members of Board of Directors and election of directors. Seconded - Herman Burston, Carried Unanimously. 3. Resolved that the Constitution presented to the meeting by the chairman be passed and enacted as By-law No. 2 of the Federation, such By-law to be identified by the signature of the chairman and Secretary of the meeting. Moved by: Jerry Roy; Seconded by: Ed Head. Carried.

This was with the exception of the suspension of Angus Spence and Connie Eyolfson. Seconded by Lorne Atkinson.

Carried.

Moved by Howard Asham that the financial Bylaw be adopted as presented. Seconded by Stan Fulham.

Carried

Moved by Lorne Atkinson that Article XII be approved as presented.

### ARTICLE XII. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

1. The Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present at a meeting duly called and constituted may suspend any officer, affiliated body or other member from participation in the affairs of the Federation if in the opinion of the majority of members the officer, affiliated body or other member acted in a manner which is gravely detrimental to the interests or reputation of the Federation.

2. Within thirty days of the date of passing a resolution suspending any officer, affiliated body, or other member a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at which time the Board may by resolution approved by the vote of two-thirds of those present expel the suspended officer, affiliated body or other member from participation in the affairs of the Federation. In the event the resolution for expulsion does not obtain the required two-thirds majority, or in the event that the Board does not hold a meeting within the thirty day period the suspension shall automatically be terminated.

3. The suspended officer, affiliated body or other member shall be provided with a minimum of fourteen days notice of the meeting at which the suspension is to be reviewed and the notice of such meeting shall contain a concise statement of the grounds on which it is proposed that the suspended officer, affiliated body or other member be expelled.

4. The suspended officer, affiliated body or other member shall be entitled at that meeting to make a statement and explanation in defense of his or her conduct.

5. During the period of any suspension the suspended officer, affiliated body or other member shall have no right to participate in any of the affairs of the Federation but shall be paid any income to which he is entitled from the Federation.

6. Following the expulsion of any person that person shall have no right to participate in any of the affairs of the Federation and shall forfeit as of the date of the expulsion all income from the Federation to which he or she was previously entitled.

Seconded - Anna Govoreau. Motion Carried.

Moved by Connie Eyolfson that we not make this amendment. Moved that we accept Article XII\* of our constitution as ratified by the 6th Annual Assembly and leave it as it is. Seconded by Joe Thomas.

### \*ARTICLE XII

#### EXPULSION

1. If the Board of Directors considers that any officer, affiliated body, or other member has conducted himself/herself in a manner gravely detrimental to the interests or reputation of the Federation, it may, by a resolution for which at least three-quarters of the members of the Board actually present at the meeting shall vote, and remove him/her from office of membership provided that any such officer, or affiliated body, or member is first advised in writing at least fourteen days prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors with a concise statement of grounds for his dismissal and shall be entitled at that meeting to make a statement in explanation and defense of his conduct.

Motion Defeated.

It was moved by Ken Desjarlais that the resolution made by George Brown on November 2, 1974 stating that we (the M.M.F.) elect from the Board an Executive Vice-President to assist the President at a salary set down by the Board in the immediate future, be tabled till this Sunday May 4, 1975. Seconded by Adolf Biel.

Motion defeated.

It was moved by Rodney Bland that the M.M.F. have an Executive Vice-President. Seconded by Art Dame.

Motion Defeated.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Ferdinand Guiboche

Welcomed all delegates and guests to the 7th Annual Assembly. He spoke on affiliation and stated that it was demonstrated as the MWA was accepted as an affiliate member and has three votes. Cadets: Nothing was done on this as some of the Board of Directors were against training our youth in military style. MMF Academy: Would like to see a workshop to talk about some of the objectives. He went on to speak on the inspiration of our Metis culture and felt that a lot was done on this. He spoke on the Native Council of Canada and stated we need a strong voice. This reflects the kinds of things that will happen provincially. He felt strongly about a Cabinet structure so that we could call on different Board of Directors from time to time to do specific tasks. He felt he did not attend as many local and regional meetings as he would have liked. He was elected on February 2, 1974 and officially took office on April 1, 1974. He spoke briefly on the suspension of Connie Eyolfson and Angus Spence and how spending time on the case resulted in the MMF not being legally instituted in its procedure. The NCC Annual Conference on May 27, 28, 29th was a success for our province,

resulting in two winners for jigging (Gwen Herbert and fiddling Lawrence Houle).

In March, there was an announcement for about 50,000 homes to be built for rural and native people. He went on to mention Manitoba's three delivery agencies, MHRC, RANCOM, and NACC. He spoke on "Le Metis" newspaper and gave credit and encouraged Metis writers. Sports and Recreation: a new proposal was made and an increase in funds of about 30 to 33% is expected. Manitoba Pathfinders: he terminated the program and sent back \$14,000.00 because he felt we should run our programs entirely with proper funds or not at all. He spoke on the need of adequate funds to educate Metis and non-status Indians. He spoke on the Family Planning Program which was jointly handled by the Dauphin Region and MWA. Core Funding: He said it will continue with perhaps some changes. Land Grants: stated the land grants proposal that was put out is finished and is very important and significant, how we lose our land etc.

Mr. Guiboche told the assembly that it has been passed by the Board that this is the year of the Metis Sash. People that have made a valuable contribution should be honored. In closing he stated he would like to play a part in the MMF and felt the Cabinet structure is a good structure. His closing words "Please Govern Yourselves Accordingly."

**HOUSING**

The afternoon was devoted to housing. The invited guests were Neil Sneyd and Bob Major of C.M.H.C., Bill Leigh and Stan Guiboche of RANCOM, Delphis Flamand of NACC and Mr. Clarkson of M.H.R.C.

Mr. Stan Guiboche addressed the Assembly and gave an account of RANCOM and how it came about and what it has set out to do. He also introduced the Board of Directors. Mr. Neil Sneyd then spoke to the Assembly. He stated more attention needed to be given to rural areas. He spoke generally on the Corporation and explained how the housing came about and the various committees set up. Mr. Flamand also addressed the Assembly briefly and explained his position as President of NACC. The provincial organizer, Mr. Bill Leigh, also spoke.

The Assembly then broke into seven housing workshops for the purpose of drawing up resolutions.

**May 3, 1975**

**Re: HOUSING**

**Resolutions**

Moved by Joe Thomas that we deal with resolutions pertaining to housing before going into constitutional amendments. Seconded by Lorne Atkinson. Carried.

Moved by George Fleury that we review the comments made at the housing workshops. Seconded by Flo Tataryn. Carried.

Moved by George Fleury that the regional vice presidents make a direct proposal to CMHC as individual regions rather than provincial with regards to housing. Seconded by Bill Tataryn. Carried.

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED BY SUSAN CALVO:**

1. Resolved: That RANCOM, CMHC and MHRC should respect the priorities of the communities whereas a community may feel a senior citizen's home is better suited to their people than new homes.

2. Resolved: That communities are encouraged to build their own homes with providing as much administration support services as required.

3. Resolved: That RANCOM should provide a better information service whereas our group feels all the Metis people in communities where RANCOM is delivered should know that only RANCOM deals with housing and not the MMF Executives. If the people have housing problems, they have to get in touch with the RANCOM Regional Director or Field Worker.

4. Resolved: That the policy of the RRAP Program be adjusted to allow a family to purchase an older home, move it, and then repair it. Whereas it could give the family an adequate home to live in for many years rather than being tied into a 20 to 30 year mortgage plan. Whereas again, the priorities of the people should be respected.

Moved by Susan Calvo that No. 1 be approved as presented. Seconded by Connie Eyolfson. Carried.

Moved by Susan Calvo that No. 2 be approved as presented. Seconded by Alfred Head. Carried.

Moved by Susan Calvo that No. 3 be approved as presented. Seconded by Connie Eyolfson. Carried.

Moved by Susan Calvo that No. 4 be approved as presented. Seconded by Connie Eyolfson. Carried.

Moved by Jack Fleming that we form a resolution committee to draw up the resolutions and then present them. Seconded by Ed Campbell. Carried.

**Re: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' SPEECHES, QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD, AND ELECTION.**

**Resolutions:**

Moved by Lorne Atkinson that we continue with campaign speeches while the resolution committee is meeting. Seconded by George Fleury. Carried.

Moved by Connie Eyolfson that Rev. Adam Cuthand chair the meeting for the presidential campaign speeches. Seconded by Lorne Atkinson. Carried.

Ferdinand Guiboche's letter of resignation was then read by Chairman Adam Cuthand.

Moved by Joe Thomas that the resignation of Ferdinand Guiboche be accepted. Seconded by George Fleury. Carried.

Moved by Howard Asham that the names of presidential candidates be drawn from a hat and in that order present their campaign speeches. Seconded by Stan Fulham. Carried.

Reverend Adam Cuthand, as Chairman for the afternoon's proceedings, announced that the Presidential Candidate's speeches would be limited to 20 minutes each, followed by a question-and-answer period. He also stated the election rules and procedures and called upon the candidates for their speeches.



**NORVAL DESJARLAIS**

The reason why I am a candidate is because I'm concerned about the way things have been going on in the Federation and the dangers I see that lie ahead for the M.M.F.

I am concerned on the breakdown of the Federation if we continue on the path that we are on now. I am concerned with the unity that exists in the M.M.F. You will remember that Mr. Guiboche promised to bring unity to the M.M.F. when he was elected last year and today there is less unity because the organization is heading toward a frustrated breakdown.

I'm concerned that the M.M.F. didn't get a single new program during the past year. You compare this with the programs which the M.M.F. got before Mr. Guiboche took over as president in 1974. I would like to mention a few, I believe they were mentioned yesterday by Mr. Guiboche himself. The Winter Works program, Job placement program in The Pas and Thompson. The set up of the Migration Center in Thompson, Land grants and Research program, Student bursary and grant program, Native Clan organization, Manitoba Pathfinders job placement program, O.F.Y. Metis Pride, Family Planning project for Dauphin Region, Sports and Recreation program, Housing program, Special ARDA.

The M.M.F. has given its housing to RANCOM after its spent 4 years of hard work to get. The Thompson Migration Center has been closed up just after Premier Schreyer promised the M.M.F. several hundred thousand dollars to establish Migration Center for Native people in Manitoba. Do you suppose we create a good impression on the Manitoba government when the M.M.F. closed their first and only Migration Center after only 2 years of operation. The Manitoba Pathfinders which is a job placement program for Native people that has a staff of nine in Winnipeg, Selkirk, Portage la Prairie, Brandon and Dauphin, have been handed back to the Government. Mr.

Guiboche said that the M.M.F. didn't want the Pathfinders program and I am told that he called the Minister in Ottawa and told him so. How do we build confidence and respect for the M.M.F. to administrate programs when the President does these type of things? I tell you ladies and gentlemen that the M.M.F. has lost a great deal of respect in the eyes of the public and the government.

People who know something about this situation tell me that some senior officials in the Manitoba government have said that they wouldn't give the M.M.F. 2 cents for programming. This is the kind of reputation the M.M.F. has picked up during the year. I'm concerned the way the M.M.F. has treated its staff during the past several months, they have fired Executive Director, Accountant, Secretary, the Director of Sports and Recreation, and tried to fire the Director of Pathfinders program but fortunately they didn't succeed.

How are we ever going to replace these people that we have lost and these are Metis people I'm talking about. Ladies and Gentlemen as far as I am concerned the loss of this staff is the biggest loss the Federation ever had.

We might be able to get some new programs but these programs don't work without good management and that means good staff. Where are we going to get these people who have the education and the training to do these jobs? Especially when they see how the M.M.F. has treated its staff during the past year. Because the M.M.F. has lost its respect from the public and government and because its lost management staff I'm very concerned that the M.M.F. may find it very hard to get new programs in the future. For this reason, and I say that very clearly, I am supporting all Native groups and organizations to expand their services and to create more jobs for those who want that support.

I have another serious concern that I want to talk to you about, I have done a lot of travelling in the past few weeks and I have talked to a lot of people in the locals. I am shocked that the locals have so little information about the M.M.F. on what is going on in this organisation. What bothers me is that a lot of our locals are misinformed and that in giving a lot of information, Ladies and Gentlemen is far worse than no information at all.

As your President I would want to do something about that. I make no promises that during my term of office if I'm elected that I will visit every local in Manitoba, but I will try to visit most of them. What I would like to see is more locals grouping together to have meetings and to have projects which they can do together. For example, there is no reason why locals Fort Alexander, Sissors Creek, Binscarth and Birtle couldn't get together to talk over their problems and to discuss jointly what to do about their problems which are very common in Manitoba in our locals today. After all in most cases, most of them are closely bound together within a 15-25 mile radius. I have attended a joint meeting with Deerhorn, Lunder and Ericksdale and I was impressed with the idea of locals getting action and in getting government projects in their area. Also it would be much easier for Headoffice to provide information and help that they needed. In some cases two or more locals may want to join together to form one local. This could be a very good thing but I know that this is not being encouraged at this time. The organization of the M.M.F. discourages this type of group action because some of officials in the M.M.F. want as many votes as possible so they want more and more locals.

I would like to suggest to you that one way of stopping these little political games is to change the Constitution so that each region send an equal number of delegates to the Annual conference. Say for example, 25 delegates from each region or the region could pick its own delegates of course, if it wanted to and maybe they could pick one delegate from each local. The other reason I am mentioning this is because Core Funding which most of us are aware of may end next March, which is the last year. If the funding stops and the M.M.F. has no money, how could the M.M.F. pay for 300 delegates such as we have here today to come to an Annual Conference such as this? We must get ready to change and our organization must change to meet new conditions. I said that I am concerned about the locals, and I am. The locals want to do things, but haven't got the little bit of money they need to do this. The locals see all the money being spent by the Headoffice and regional offices to create good jobs for few people. And once a year they

are called in to vote at a General Conference such as this today. And we wonder why the locals are giving up. Why the people are staying away from locals meetings, are too frustrated to become a member of the Manitoba Metis Federation anymore.

I intend to change that because I am going to ask this conference to change the constitution so that Core funding money be given directly to the locals to help them do the things they must do. So they can stay alive and active. I believe that this is necessary so that the locals can grow and handle their problems and responsibilities. It is time for the Federation to take that big step in a new direction. We have organized as many locals as we can. What else is there for the V.P.'s to do, besides visiting and holding Regional meetings once in awhile. I think we must move on in a new direction in that capacity also. Some of the V.P.'s won't like this and no doubt will fight. The Vice-President's also sit on the Board of Directors and may fight if there. For this reason I don't believe that the Vice-Presidents' should be sitting on the Board of Directors. The Directors are supposed to be non-salary people and Vice-Presidents' can't have both ways. The Secretary of State and the Manitoba Government have asked the Metis Federation about this, I am going to ask the Vice-Presidents' either to get off the salary and to get on honorarium as you were before or to get off the Board. I have mentioned some of my concerns and what I intend to do. If I am elected President of the Manitoba Metis Federation, there are several things that I would work on as your President. I will support all of the Native groups and organizations who want and ask for the political support of the Manitoba Metis Federation. I shall work very hard to get money from Government and private agencies. To provide scholarships, bursaries, travel grants for Metis students. I believe that there is nothing more educational than travel for young people. I would like to see hundreds of young Metis people taken on tours to other parts of Canada, U.S.A. Europe and other parts of the World, so they can see for themselves how the other side exists.

Economic Development, I am very anxious to see a program which will help Metis and Non-Status people to go in farming, small business, fishing and trapping. Special ARDA program was supposed to do that, but has been a big disappointment as far as I am concerned. I know that some fishermen and trappers received Special ARDA grant, but the amount that each individual got from that grant because they were formed in a corporative, was very small, let me assure you of that. What about the Metis people who wanted to expand their small farms and wanted to start a small business for themselves. How many of them have received any grants from Special ARDA? When Angus Spence and Stan Fulham sat on the Special ARDA committee, they worked very very hard to make changes in Special ARDA regulations. But what has happened since then, absolutely nothing. How many of you delegates here today know that Special ARDA has ended about a month ago. They are still trying to get an extension but because Special ARDA has tapped into Fred ARDA, they don't know which way to go, so Government is playing cagey again. But they are just living on a day to day existence as far as that extension goes.

The Headoffice never sent a letter, a message or even a phone call to try to get Special ARDA extended or improved. This should have been a number one priority for the M.M.F. and especially for the officer of the Economic Development, in our organization. I know that there is an Economic development program the (Western) Northland Agreement. But this is only for Northern Manitoba. I am happy to see the people in the North get this program. They need it, but I'm concerned about the 80% of the Metis and Non-Status people who live South of that 53rd parallel, they also need Economic Development program. And something better than what Special ARDA has been able to offer now before its too late to try and extend a Special ARDA program and to try to improve so that it will mean help to small farms and to people who want to go into small businesses on an individual basis. Just one letter or a message to the Minister of DREE is not enough. A lot of pressure will have to be used to get the Government to listen and provide the kind of Economic Development the Metis people of Manitoba need.

Development the Metis people of Manitoba need. As your President, if I am elected I am prepared to fight for this for you and I promised you that it won't be a lone eagle fight either. I want the

Board of Directors with me when and if I go to Ottawa and fight it. I guarantee you this won't be a one man show.

Aboriginal rights and land grants problems, the Metis people which represent this organization here today, now represent those who were living here in Western Canada when it was under the control of the Hudson Bay Company and was not considered part of Canada at that time. Our aboriginal rights is based on the fact. Now the Government of Canada recognizes that fact. Because in 1871 they passed the Manitoba Act which provided 1,400,000 acres of land to the half-breed families in compensation. Where do you ask, did all that land go? For the past 3 years the M.M.F. has been doing a research on this issue but the research is not yet finished. And what is the M.M.F. doing about this. I know that the N.C.C. have met and talked with Prime Minister Trudeau a few weeks ago on the subject on Aboriginal rights. But what I'm concerned about is the problem in our own backyard Ladies and Gentlemen. Right here in Manitoba. So far there has been some money and effort spent to study Land Grants issue in Manitoba, than in any other province. About 2 1/2 years ago the M.M.F. received \$147,000 to do this research. These grants are ending now and what is being done to put pressure on the Federal and Provincial Governments to give us the necessary grants to finish off this research and I tell you Ladies and Gentlemen, this is important research. Mr. Emile Pelletier, the man who is doing this research for the M.M.F. wrote a brief which was sent to Government last January and which asked for \$49,000 to continue this research program.

If I am elected President, I intend to treat this matter as a top priority because I sincerely believe that it is a top priority. I intent to arrange a meeting between the M.M.F. Board of Directors and the Secretary of State in Ottawa. And also with the Government of Manitoba to discuss this important topic and to get money which is necessary to finish this important program. I intent to contact anybody in Government and outside of Government who can and will help us to achieve this objective if I an elected. This will not be easy. There is a lot of time and effort needed here, but I look upon this as one of our top priorities. Manitoba is not like other provinces, let me assure you of this. Our research is almost finished and so our case here in Manitoba is unique. And this is the point we must stress. In fact to a larger extent aboriginal rights of other provinces will depend on how we settle the land claims in Manitoba.

#### Housing:

The housing program which RANCOM is managing now just didn't drop down from the sky last April, with a million dollar housing program. The M.M.F. has worked hard to get a housing program ever since it started. Finally after a great deal of work, meetings and conferences, the housing program is here but many people are frustrated and discouraged. The program is not what it is supposed to be. For example after 1 year, only 2 houses have been started in St. Ambrose area, and they haven't been completed as yet, because of agreements with government and monies that have to be turned over to be completed. But still worse, houses will not be given to any native family who live on a farm or any place where they do not own or lease the land. If you can recall Ladies and Gentlemen, and most of you who were connected with this organization for the past several years, the Manitoba Metis Federation worked very hard for the past several years, and sent briefs to Ottawa with pictures of our houses that our Metis families live in. Outskirting the town and communities such as Gillam, St. Lazare, Binscarth, Duck Bay; the tar paper shacks that we all so vividly remember, and always talk about. The people that are living in these should be a priority.

One thing I would like to discuss. We don't only have Metis people living in rural areas of Manitoba but what about the Urban areas, what about Winnipeg, Brandon, Dauphin. Any place where we have over 2500 people. We have Metis people in these areas too. But because it is populated with a certain number of people there are certain rules in the act that says we cannot put houses in these areas because there are more than 2,500 people living there. These people Ladies and Gentlemen need houses in these areas as well as rural and as I said if I am electec as President I will look into that too.

The unfortunate part about this situation is that these are exactly the people who are living in the worse housing conditions in the country. Forget about the country, lets try to concentrate in our

province in Manitoba. It is these poor families who do not own the land and who are squatters on municipal or government land; who are in the greatest need of decent housing.

As your President, I intend to deal with these urgent problems. We won't solve these problems by putting our heads in the sand and hoping that perhaps if we wait long enough these problems will go away; they won't go away. It will get worse and I intend to do something about this situation. As your President, if elected I shall ask the Board of Directors to fight this matter right down to the line together. Administration and organization, I have said before that the most irresponsible action of the M.M.F. during the past year has been the firing of some of the best staff in any Native Organization in Canada. Good staff doesn't grow on trees Ladies and Gentlemen. If elected one of my first jobs will be to find a capable hard working, qualified Executive Director to handle the administration in Headoffice and Provincial program co-ordinator to carry out programs at the local level. I want more contact between the headoffice and the locals; I want to see more information going both ways. This was a job that Vice-Presidents are supposed to be doing but too often locals tell me that they haven't got the faintest idea of what is going on in the M.M.F. Not too long ago, I talked to a Metis family who didn't even know their neighbour 2 miles down the road was the Vice-President of their M.M.F. region. This, Ladies and Gentlemen is a damn shame.

Over half of our Core-funding is spent on Regional offices. Is it any wonder that our people are frustrated and that we are losing good locals and damn good Metis people are leaving the M.M.F. I have been with the Manitoba Metis Federation for the past six years and I have seen this loss every year. It just didn't happen this past year, it has been going down for the past six years.

I am suggesting that a good provincial program Co-ordinator will do a lot to solve this problem of communication. Finally, I would like to talk to you about our Board of Directors. As Angus Spence used to say all the time, "I don't intent to run a one-man show"; I don't either, Ladies and Gentlemen. I want to see far more participation on the Board of Directors, I want to see a Mobile Board of Directors, who are concerned about the problems that exist in the locals of our organization today and are willing to travel to Ottawa to meet with Ed Schreyer's Government and to deal with these issues of importance in our locals today.

Thank you



YVON DUMONT

Ladies and Gentlemen, I don't think I am a stranger to most people here. I've been involved with the Federation in one position or another ever since I was 16 years old when I was elected Secretary-Treasurer of our local in St. Laurent and that was even before the formal formation of the Manitoba Metis Federation. In 1971 I became one of the Board Members of Interlake Region. In March 1972, at the age of 21 I was elected Vice-President of N.C.C. I think I have had quite a bit of experience at Local, Regional, Provincial and National level. I think it's alright for people to come up and embarrass Government officials like this, its easy to do and I think we can all do it now and then. We can scream, yell and criticize, but screaming, yelling and criticizing will not get our projects accepted by government. We have to come with some kind of positive well written constructive proposals.

When I was elected Board Member and even

before when I attended regional meetings, Mr. Angus Spence was the President at the time. And I can remember the days when I attended those regional meetings and really criticized the President of the organization. I criticized him because I thought it was him because I thought it was my right and privilege to criticize to the best of my ability; to tell him what I wanted and what I disagreed with. I think since that time we've had fewer regional meetings and as the executive Vice-President of the Manitoba Metis Federation for the past few months, I have not had the opportunity to speak and meet the people the way I would have liked to. I think Regional meetings are important in order to help the elected representatives such as myself and Vice-Presidents in order to keep in touch with the people who elected them. I think it's unfair to keep the President or the Vice-Presidents from having the opportunity to express themselves and to get back in touch with the people that they represent. I think too much because of the elimination of a lot of Regional meetings, I think too many leaders have lost sight of the people they represent. Certainly I think the people whom they represent have lost sight of their leaders.

If I am elected President, I think of my prime concern to get regional meetings going again. Of course, that depends on how much the delegates are willing to attend monthly regional meetings at their own expense. I know in the North this is a bit impractical, however, for certain regions it would be possible. I don't see why we couldn't have any monthly regional meetings.

Certainly, the organization in the past six years has not been as successful as we would have liked it to be. My point is that if you are going to be involved as a leader of the Metis people of this province, you have to be ready to accept criticism when you fail as well as accept the praise when you succeed. I'm willing to accept the blame and the other presidential candidates who have been involved with the Federation should too.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

First of all, I've always stated that prime concern is with Economic Development. I intent to push for it in any way I can. I intent to help locals to get involved in Economic Development because, I feel that the only way this organization is going to become as effective as it should be is to get our members and our member associations financially independent. I sat on the Special ARDA committee for 4 or 5 meetings, I've seen a lot of projects accepted and rejected. In most cases if the Metis did not support the project, the project was not recommended by the committee. Now probably the biggest reason that the Metis in this province have not really taken advantage of Special ARDA to the extent that they could have, is because they are not aware of how the political and bureaucratic system works in this country. This introduces what I want to do a lot of work with, is community awareness workshop. To go in the communities and make people aware of what is available through their government departments Federal and Provincial. I think it's important that the President of the Federation to represent you where it needs to be. Also, I think that it's important that where the President open doors for local people that want to go to Winnipeg or Ottawa to present their own projects. I'm sure that at least 50% of the people in this room can do their own representatin if given the chance. And that's the chance that I'm going to be trying to give the locals. The chance to do their own thing, the chance to meet the Ministers, Politicians. Certainly, we haven't had many proposals submitted in the past year. But I think that the proposals that have been presented were well prepared. If an organization is going to be presenting proposals continuously, it will come to the point that the government will be pushing our proposals aside as they have done, lots of time. I think it's important to take time to prepare a good proposal and then submit it to the government.

#### EDUCATION

I think education is really important, and I don't think we can talk about education without going into the Manitoba Metis Academy. There has been a lot of criticism about the Metis Academy, mostly because the preparatory work was kept quiet. The reason it was kept quiet is because if a proposal is not ready to be submitted to any government department, I don't think it should be made public before it's ready. And when the proposal was ready, a special edition of "Le Metis" was sent out to everybody, informing everybody. I don't think it was any kind of move whatsoever to move the Manitoba Metis Federation Headquarters to Camperville, I mean the Board of Directors and I for

one wouldn't support that kind of move.

#### HOUSING

It is a touchy issue at this conference, people want to know what is going on. Ladies and Gentlemen as far as I am concerned the only real thing that RANCOM and be criticized for, the only thing that has not been done, as good as it should have been, is the part of communication. I would challenge anybody to do the job that RANCOM has done in the last 9 months. Certainly, the President of the Manitoba Metis Federation should be involved in Housing, but to what extent. There is certainly a need for full time people to work on Housing in this province and if the President is going to spend all his time working on housing, then there won't be anytime for anything else. I think that any comment to the effect that the Manitoba Metis Federation has completely washed his hands from the Housing situation in this Province is ridiculous. The Manitoba Metis Federation could not do that. Who is the Manitoba Federation? The Manitoba Metis Federation, is people sitting here. Their priority is housing, so how can it wash its hands from housing, I think it's a ridiculous statement.

I'd like to conclude, I have to say, and I have stated my priorities.

Thank-you



Edward Head

Ladies and Gentlemen, Honoured Guests.

If I become your next leader of the Manitoba Metis Federation, I would like to focus on Economic Development, for all Metis people in Manitoba. So that they fully understand the kind of development that we need in this country, not just speak of it but get down to brass tacks. I would like it at the community level and that is my concern; my concern is with the people at the community level to understand. The chairmen come in every year to convey their dissatisfaction. I want to hear the people at the community level. I want to visit from door to door, like the white politicians do. I want to be able to see each and everyone of those even if I have to hitchhike or crawl. But I will assure you, in order to get the types of programs that the people want, we certainly have to get the ideas of the people. Each and every Metis person in Manitoba, certainly has a contribution to make from their ideas on economic development and how they see their life. And they have to make the decisions on how they want development.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Yvon Dumont has covered basically the kind of ideas this organization should go into. I'm not going to say that I will bring forth the kind of things Ed Head wants, but the kind of things that the people want. I think you have to look at Economic Development and understand it; Maybe you people as chairman understand, but how many people at the community level understand the kind of development that they want. And I think that it is essential because they are people that certainly need to be heard. I'm up to here to say what I feel the leaders of this organization have made contributions to this organization. But they have periodically lost sight of the people, but we have to get it back. What is the use to go to Ottawa, if you don't know basically what you people want. Certainly the Vice-Presidents can give you advice on what the people want. However, I would like to hear from the people and also from the Vice-Presidents.

Ladies and Gentlemen another prime concern is the lack of employment in this province, in major industries and government sponsored programs. I am totally dissatisfied with the lack of participation from the Metis people and I intend to do something about it. I intend to get back to these people. It is no use to give you a good house, it is not much sense, if you can't pay for it

and get the type of houses you want. Certainly we have the right to have the same standard of houses that other Canadians have in this country. But we have to have money to pay for it. That comes into Human Development. We have developed a lot in the past four years. People are able to express themselves to the leaders here. Only through that kind of Human development can the people at the community level start making decisions as to their destiny and their way of life; We should strive to keep that, but we also have to realize that is phasing out, and we have to get the kind of development to adjust the the society that is destroying our country.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to point out that in terms of Leadership in this country; when you go to the government, at times you can be radical and at times you have to listen to these people on why they made their decisions. What do these people base their decisions on., this information should go back to the communities. RANCOM is a mass confusion here, why? Because not enough information has been sent to the communities.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Board of Directors have contributed a lot. However, I feel that if I become leader, in order to make a just decision, I have to go back to you, the people at the community level.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Education is a big part of this organization and the Metis people. And that is where I say Human Development has come in.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are forgetting one thing, our future. And that future is the youth of this country. The youth of this country is the future, the future development of our people. We have to pay more attention to them and their education. We have to look at the education system. Why do we have a high drop-out. We have to find out why.

My highest priority is economic development. I am to spend 3 or 4 years into trying to get the development that people need.

Thank You.

During the election, the following invited guests presented brief addresses to the Assembly.

- N.C.C. Vice-President, Gloria George
- Mr. Fred House, President, B.C. Association of Non-Status Indians
- Hon. Ron McBryde, Minister of Northern Affairs.

After two ballots, the first eliminating W. Yvon Dumont and the second Norval Desjarlais, Mr. Edward Head was declared President of the Manitoba Metis Federation.

May 4, 1975

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr. Ed. Head then took over the chair. He explained that the Financial statement was not ready. Anyone wishing copies when it is ready, may have it sent to them.

Ferdinand Guiboche was questioned by the Assembly as to why the Financial Statement was not ready. He accepted the blame for this. The auditor for MMF, Mr. McMillan spoke and stated that even though the statement was not ready, the financial situation of the MMF was sound.

It was the general feeling of the Assembly that they were quite dissatisfied by the Financial Statement not being ready.

Moved by Lorne Atkinson that the MMF secure sufficient and decent accounting staff to make sure these things don't happen again and that the financial statement be ready when needed. Seconded by Ken Desjarlais.

Carried.

A question was raised by Stan Guiboche to the effect that according to statements made by Larry Amos, there would be a very small surplus in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00. Mr. McMillan and Mr. Ferdinand Guiboche agreed with this.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

##### Resolutions

Moved by Howard Asham that the new President chair the constitutional amendments. Seconded by Ed. Campbell.

Motion Defeated.

Moved by Stan Guiboche that Connie Eyoifson chair the constitutional amendments. Seconded by Bill Tataryn.

Carried.

Ms. Eyoifson however immediately resigned from the chair.

Moved by Stan Guiboche that Yvon Dumont act as Chairman.

Mr. Dumont was then appointed as Chairman of the Constitutional Amendments.



Delegates discussing Constitution

Article III 2. (c)  
 Moved by George Fleury that Article III No. 3 read as follows: "Any Metis who unite within a community to form a local may register that local for membership after payment of a fee established by the executive committee." Seconded by Alfred Head.  
 Carried.

Article III No. 6.  
 Moved by Stan Guiboche that the 2nd example, "Friendship Centres" be changed to "Manitoba Assoc. of Friendship Centres" and add "Assocation" after "Metis Women." Seconded by Connie Eyolfson.  
 Carried.

Moved by Maureen Lynn that we add a No. 7 to Article III to read "Any Metis person under age 16 be allowed to hold membership in the MMF but shall not have a vote." Seconded by Ed. Patzer.  
 Motion Defeated.

Moved by Stan Guiboche that Article III, No. 4 read as follows: Add "Non-Voting" at end of paragraph. Seconded by Susan Calvo.  
 Carried.

Moved by Connie Eyolfson that Article V, No. 3 read as follows: "Executives for all locals shall be elected annually. The local executive shall consist of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary Treasurer. All elections at the local level shall be held in May or June so that all the returns may be sent to the regional and head offices by July 15." Seconded by George Fleury.  
 Carried.

Moved by Stan Guiboche that his motion be tabled until the next annual assembly. Seconded by Hubert Sinclair.  
 Motion Defeated.

Moved by Lorne Atkinson that Article V, No. (b) should read as follows: "To promote the objectives of the Manitoba Metis Federation." Seconded by George Fleury.  
 Carried.

Moved by Edward Head that we delete Article V, No. 6 (a). Seconded by Lawrence Chartrand.  
 Carried.

Moved by Edward Head that Article V, No. 6 (b) read as follows: "Provincial transfers: Any person moving from another province to this province requires a one year waiting period before being eligible to hold any elected position at any level within the Manitoba Metis Federation." Seconded by Adolf Biel.  
 Carried.

Moved by Ed. Campbell that we deal only with those specific areas that people have shown concern about, places where they want specific changes. Seconded by Alfred Head.  
 Carried.

**Resolutions**

Moved by Jack Fleming that because of the time element and the many people wanting to speak, that a person be given only one chance to speak for or against a motion. Seconded by Art Dame.  
 Carried.

Moved by Ed Campbell that these resolutions and bylaws passed by the Board of Directors, our governing body, be adopted and put into our constitution. Seconded by Eddy Nast.  
 Motion Defeated.

Moved by Al Chartrand that this general assembly deal with item XII regarding expulsion because everything else has been approved and covered already. Seconded by Joe Thomas.  
 Carried.

**No discussion on Article XII**

Moved by Stan Guiboche that Article VII, No. 1 (a) read as follows: "The executive committee shall consist of the president and six regional vice presidents." Seconded by Anna Govereau.  
 Carried.

Moved by Lorne Atkinson that Article VII (h) be deleted and be placed ad No. 9 under Article VIII. Seconded by Bernice Fontaine.  
 Carried.

Moved by Stan Guiboche that Article XVII read as follows: Add following line to existing rule. "Any amendment to the constitution must be made in writing to the MMF Headquarters 30 days prior to the annual conference of the MMF. Seconded by George Fleury.  
 Carried.

Moved by George Fleury that Article VIII No. 1 read, "The Board of Directors shall consist of: The President and the 12 elected regional people." Seconded by Lorne Atkinson.  
 Carried.

Moved by Ken Desjarlais that the Board of Directors shall consist of chairman of-locals and still remain the

chairman of that specific local. Seconded by Adolf Biel.  
 Motion Defeated.

Moved by Connie Eyolfson that Article VIII No. 1 (b) should be left as is. Seconded by Ken Desjarlais.  
 Motion Defeated.

Moved by Lorne Atkinson that Article VII (h) read as follows: "Any employee whose services have been terminated or who claims serious mal-treatment may appeal in writing to the Board of Directors and ask for a hearing of his/her case. The Board of Directors will advise the employee in writing of the date, time, and place where his/her appeal will be heard. The decision of a majority of the Board of Directors shall be final." Seconded by George Fleury.

Amendment made by Joe Thomas to above motion to read "subject to ratification of the Annual Assembly." Seconded by Stan Guiboche.

Lorne Atkinson and George Fleury spoke against the amendment.  
 Amendment Defeated.  
 Motion Carried.

Moved by George Fleury that Article VIII, No. 5 read as follows. "At all meetings of the Board, the President and 7 Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum." Seconded by Lorne Atkinson.  
 Carried.

Moved by Connie Eyolfson that we now deal with the resolutions with regards to housing. Seconded by Ken Desjarlais.  
 Carried.

Moved by Art Dame that we accept the housing resolutions in their entirety. Seconded by George Brown.  
 Carried.

**(HOUSING RESOLUTIONS:)**

1. Resolved: That we ask the RANCOM and NACC to amend their constitution to allow the MWA to sit in on their Board. Whereas: Women are the ones that have to live in these homes all day long and right now they have no say in how much cupboard space, closet space etc. is in these homes.

2. Resolved: That contracts be signed for all homeowners as soon as they move into their homes. Whereas: people have been living in these houses for 3 to 5 years with no contract of any kind.

3. Resolved: That receipts on payment of the homes read "for payment on home: instead of "for rent on home." Whereas: the people are buying these homes, not renting them.

4. Resolved: That an adequate inspection in accordance with provincial construction codes, be conducted during construction and after completion of the homes regardless of contractor whereas: many homes are heaving, tiles are falling, doors are sticking etc.

5. Resolved: that the standard and quality of the house be increased, and built for Northern environment. Whereas: the present housing does not stand up to the cold of the Northern Regions.

6. Resolved: That more freedom be given to RANCOM and NACC to ensure the standard and quality of the homes meet the Metis people's needs. Whereas: RANCOM and NACC are only a delivery service, we want total program to be conducted by these people.

7. Resolved: That a thorough electrical inspection, in accordance with the electrical code of Manitoba be conducted before occupancy. Whereas: the electrical system now is failing in a lot of these homes.

8. Resolved: That we stop payments on these remote homes until the homes are brought to the National building code standard. Whereas: the homes which were built only 3-5 years ago are already falling apart, and have been since the first year they were built.

9. Resolved: That MHRC change their standards that the property title stay under the purchaser's name. Whereas: people do not want to give up the whole legal title of their land to MHRC.

10. Resolved: That MHRC make a faster decision on the peoples' building plans or other building plans presented. Whereas: these plans after being passed by Rancom and NACC are not being considered quickly enough. Whereas: land developing after being passed by Rancom and NACC are also being held up.

11. Resolved: that the MMF locals have the decision on which delivery agency they want to be represented by. Whereas: one of the agencies, NACC, Rancom, MHRC may be better suited to certain communities.

12. Resolved: That the Board of Directors for RANCOM should be replaced with the chairmen from the Housing Societies.

Moved by Ken Desjarlais that CMHC recognize the small farmers and people living out of town limits to be eligible for new homes and additions to well structured existing homes, under Section 40 of the NHA. Seconded by Adolf Biel.  
 Carried.

**Resolutions**

Moved by Jack Fleming that we make Ferdinand Guiboche a Honorary President. Seconded by Jim Day.  
 Carried.

Moved by Connie Eyolfson that we make the election of the president, Edward Head, a unanimous decision of the Assembly. Seconded by Alfred Head.  
 Carried.

Moved by Stan Guiboche that the next provincial annual Metis Assembly be held at Cranberry Portage next June. Seconded by Alfred Head.  
 Amendment from June to July made by Jim Day.  
 Amendment made by Norval Desjarlais that we hold a 4-day conference rather than 3 days.  
 Carried.

Moved by George Fleury that we accept the

constitution as amended. Seconded by Ed. Campbell.  
 Carried.

Moved by Susan Calvo that the MMF support fully the MWA and grant them their request for \$10,000.00 for funding. Seconded by Hubert Sinclair.

Ed Campbell and George Fleury spoke in favour of the motion.  
 Carried.



Delegates in session

Before the adjournment of the Conference, Edward Head, the newly-elected President, addressed the General Assembly. He assured the delegates that the Metis people of Manitoba do speak as a united body. He said that he was very proud to see the assembly work together for attaining constructive and meaningful results. Mr. Head thanked the people for their co-operation and participation. He expressed his anticipation in working with and for the Metis people of Manitoba.

Mr. Head's address concluded the proceedings of the M.M.F.'s Seventh Annual Conference.



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# Social Highlights of the Conference

The social highlights took place on May 2-3; relaxation and entertainment was well appreciated by the delegates after hectic daily business proceedings.

Friday evening included the M.M.F. Seventh Annual Assembly Jigging Contest. The "Westwinds" from the Interlake Region provided the music for the evening and also for the contest.

Chief Judge Lorne Atkinson and six other judges representing each region selected the following as the winners of the Jigging Contest.

**1st Jerry Houle - Bacon Ridge**

**2nd Albert Campbell - Grand Rapids**

Saturday evening included the M.M.F. Seventh Annual Assembly Fiddling Contest. Approximately fifteen contestants participated in the event. After considerable deliberations the judges announced

their decisions.

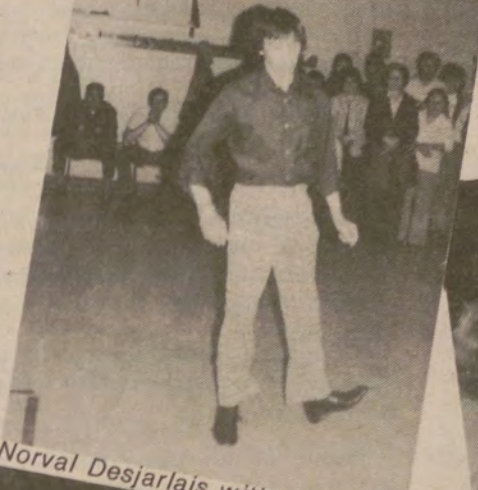
**1st Jack Flett - Peguis**

**2nd Walter Menard - Winnipeg**

Mr. Jack Sinclair and the Pequis Pals provided the music for the dance. As guest performer, the talented President of British Columbia Association of Non-Status Indians, Fred House entertained the Assembly with selections from his wide repertoire of Country songs.



Ernie Dyck and Gavin Sealey controlling the electronic aspect of the conference.



Norval Desjarlais with a different jigging step.



Albert Campbell from Grand Rapids accepting 2nd place trophy for jigging.



Walter Menard from Winnipeg accepts 2nd place for the fiddling contest.



Jack Flett from Peguis accepts 1st place trophy for the fiddling contest from Priscilla Pilon. Miss Metis Winter Festival.



Harry "The Dog" Daniels from the Native Council of Canada doing his "Thing".



Jerry Houle from Bacon Ridge accepting 1st place trophy for jigging.



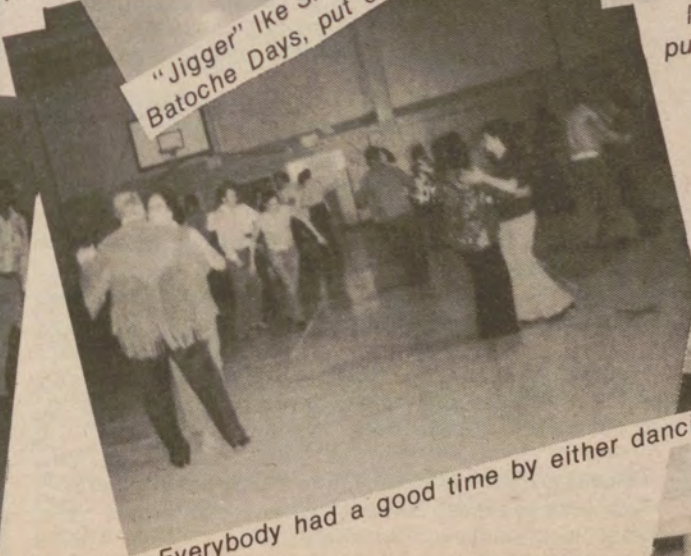
"Jigger" Ike Smith, 1st place winner at Back to Batoche Days, put on a show for the crowd.



Ike Smith, exhausted from jigging, displays publications from the MMF Press.



Ferdinand Guiboche jiggled to the delight of the crowd.



Everybody had a good time by either dancing or.....



.....building pyramids with styrofoam cups.

## New Board Members In South west

On April 3, 1975 the 38 delegates representing the Southwest Region of the MMF, elected two new Board Members to represent them at the Provincial level. Elected were George Fleury and Flo Tataryn. George Fleury is no stranger to the MMF as he has been involved with this organization since the inception of the MMF in 1967. George also held the position of Vice-President of the Southwest a few years ago.

Guests attending the meeting were Gary Nabess, of R.A.N.C.O.M. Housing; Dan Delalaye of Sports & Recreation and Ernie Guilbeault, Pathfinders.

Lorne Atkinson, Vice-President presented his annual report. Mr. Atkinson informed the delegation that the following has been accomplished.

- Have been appointed to the Continuing Liaison Committee on Health in Indian and Metis Communities in Manitoba, which is studying the state of health of native people in this province.

- Has prepared a discussion paper proposing a community awareness program for this Region to be submitted to the Secretary of State.

- Working on the formation of a Registered Nursing, Licensed Practical Nursing and/or Bachelor of Nursing training course, to be set up along the style of the IMPACTE teacher training program.

- Member of the MMF Alcoholism Committee. Ten people from this Region attended a seminar in Dauphin, recommendations have been drafted and submitted to appropriate agencies and government.

- Member of Special ARDA committee, which distributes grants to native people for economic



projects. Renewal of funding expected by end of April '75.

- Attended a seminar on establishment of co-operative farms (which could be a real asset to marginal farmers). If interested, contact Regional Office.

- Involved with programs at Brandon University of special interest to native people; ie--IMPACTE, PENT, Dept. of Native Studies.

- Has attended reduced number of local meetings, in order to cut down travel expenses.

Membership on committees and involvement with government is important, to create awareness of needs and feelings of native people.

### Housing Report

Gary Nabess, representing RANCOM, informed the delegation that CMHC (Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation) has announced that Ottawa approved the 38 applications submitted last fall from Community 4, Interlock, Kelwood-Amaranth-

Langruth.

RANCOM itself expects to receive \$166,667 through RRAP (Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program) and they are also planning to use RTM (Ready-to-Move) housing as one method of delivering homes.

Under the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) 355 applications, averaging \$455. each were serviced. RANCOM has been advised that money will be available for ERP this year, expected this summer.

### Sport and Recreation Report

Dan Delalaye presented his report to the delegation by informing them of the following:

- expect to receive increased funding
- will expand staff and programming.

Summer plans include:

- camps for Metis children
- community workshops in arts & crafts
- sports and dancing and sports leagues.

### Pathfinders Program

Ernie Guilbeault from Pathfinders in Winnipeg stated that two new staff members were hired for the Brandon Office. He explained that the purpose of Pathfinders was to be a liaison between Canada Manpower and native people in areas such as job placement and educational upgrading.

Consellor Gwen Marrick from Brandon University, outlined the IMPACTE teacher training program which provides an opportunity for native persons over 21 years of age who did not graduate from high school to obtain teaching certificates.

More information can be obtained from:

**IMPACTE Project**  
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Brandon, Manitoba

or the Regional Office in Brandon.

Gavin B. Sealey

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## N.C.C. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Native Council of Canada will be having their Fourth Annual Assembly in Charlottetown, P.E.I., June 9-11, 1975.

Fifteen (15) delegates from each province and territory will gather to discuss issues pertaining to the common aims and objectives of native people throughout Canada -- 183 delegates are expected.

As a result of a meeting with the Prime Minister and designated Cabinet, April 15, 1975, Aboriginal Rights is their basic concern. Other concerns pertain to economic development, environment, housing, cultural education, justice, fisheries, agriculture, communications, etc.

Premier Campbell and Mayor Zakems have been asked to welcome the national delegates to Prince Edward Island and the City of Charlottetown. The Premiers of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland-Labrador have also been asked to participate.

Invitations have been extended to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, the Honourable Donald Jamieson, Newfoundland and the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Daniel MacDonald, Prince Edward Island. Also invited are Members of Parliament and Senators.

There will be a Talent Show with Canadian artists of Native ancestry, as well as a well-known Canadian entertainer to judge the Contest.

Observers and guests will be most welcome.

### Conference Co-ordinators:

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# Info On Housing Programs

## To All Chairmen/Chairwomen of M.M.F. Locals

At our Annual Conference held in Gimli, while giving reports on Housing and Workshops, we found that most people were not familiar with the Agencies who deliver Housing Programmes in our Area or, through no fault of their own, were not aware of where they should channel their grievances or complaints about Housing.

We fully realize the complaints are legitimate and valid and we also realize if complaints, etc., are not brought to the attention of the proper Authorities ie R.A.N.C.O.M., N.A.C.C. and M.H.R.C., these complaints could very well go unreported.

One of the most common complaints that we have received was about the name, "R.A.N.C.O.M." (Rural and Native Housing Corporation of Manitoba). The name is not identified in anyway with the Manitoba Metis Federation but is very much a part of the Metis Federation. The Board of Directors who sit on R.A.N.C.O.M. are elected by regional M.M.F. Regions; for example, SouthWest Region of the M.M.F. elected Cecil Canada as their representative to sit on the R.A.N.C.O.M. Board of Directors. Using the same Region for another example, Alec Venne from the South West Region was hired by the R.A.N.C.O.M. Board as the Housing Co-ordinator for that Region. This does not mean that R.A.N.C.O.M. is totally responsible for every Community in the SouthWest Region. There is another Agency who is responsible for different Communities in that Region.

Enclosed with this memo is a list of Programmes, Communities, Agencies, Board members, Housing Co-ordinators, other Staff personnel and addresses for all three Agencies. To find what Agency you bring your problems to, locate under what Agency your Community is listed. Using an example again, a person or persons living in Oak River would look up where they are listed and under what Agency they are listed and would find that they would take their complaints to M.H.R.C. M.H.R.C.'s location, staff, addresses and telephone numbers are to be found in the back pages (in this instance, page 7) of the enclosed list.

This detailed memo and enclosed list is not meant to further confuse you but, hopefully, will give you an understanding of where and who to take your problems to.

In closing, we, in R.A.N.C.O.M., welcome any complaints or ideas that you may have. If the service is not being provided, we want to know about it so that it may be rectified.

**Yours truly,**  
**Stan Guiboche**  
 Chairman  
 Board of Directors, R.A.N.C.O.M.

May 9, 1975

The Rural and Native Housing Corporation of Manitoba, or RANHCOM, has been set forth as the Delivery Agent to deliver homes and repair homes under the Rural and Native Housing Program.

The objectives of the Rural and Native Housing Program are as follows:

1. To allow people of low or no income to own their own homes.
2. To repair or upgrade homes that the people are now living in.
3. To purchase existing homes for people that require accommodation.
4. Repair homes and bring them to conditions that people can live in until such time as a new home can be built for them.

To bring this about there has been 4 programs set forth by the Government.

### 1. The Emergency Repair Program or ERP.

- a. This Program is available to people that cannot afford to repair their own homes.
- b. The maximum rent over the past years has been \$1,500.00 per unit.
- c. The Program should be used to repair homes to a point that they will be in a liveable condition until such time as a new or existing home can be purchased for the people involved.
- d. The Program in the past has been open to all communities throughout the Province of Manitoba.

### 2. The Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program or RRAP.

- a. This Program is used for the upgrading of homes so that when upgraded will bring the life expectancy of this home to 15 years or better.
- b. The maximum that can be borrowed under this Program is \$5,000.00. Of this \$5,000.00, \$2,500.00 of this is forgivable, however, the balance of the loan, plus interest, will be paid back over a period of years.
- c. The Program can be used for extensions to homes that now exist, new wiring, basements, plumbing, septic systems, etc.
- d. The Program is available to communities of 2,500 or less.

### 3. Section 40 (National Housing Act).

This Program is available to communities of 2,500 or less.

- a. It is available to people of low or no income.
- b. The Program is available for the construction of new homes or to buy existing homes.
- c. Repayments are scheduled to family income, approximately 1/4 of the family income.

### 4. Assisted Home Ownership Program or AHOP.

This Program is available to communities throughout Manitoba.

- a. The Program is available to people of a higher income bracket.
- b. The Program is available for construction of new homes and at the present time for the purchase of existing homes only in particular cases.
- c. Payment again is geared to income.
- d. The Program calls for a 5% down payment.
- e. The Program also calls for a 35 year mortgage at the present time.

The duties of the Rural and Native Housing Corporation of Manitoba, or RANHCOM, are as follows:

1. To set up and direct a staff of technical people who can and will relate proper information to the people of the community as set forth by the Programs that are available. This information will be sent only to those people who are in the areas designated to RANHCOM.
2. RANHCOM shall act as a go-between for the people of the communities and the 2 Government bodies involved in the Rural and Native Housing Program.
3. RANHCOM shall and will keep their staff and Board Members informed as to changes and progress in the Program as it exists today. The staff of RANHCOM will in turn inform the people of the communities.
4. RANHCOM shall help organize the communities so that these said communities will help themselves.
5. They will help any transaction in the need of legal advice through their Solicitors.
6. They can give advice and work to see that land is made available for new construction.
7. They can give advice as to the type of construction most suitable for that particular area. This advice will be helpful insofar as costs restraints are concerned.
8. They can give advice and help procure technical people to train people at the community level in the services and the construction trades.
9. They can act as a contractor to build homes for the people in the community in a designated area.
10. They will work through Government Agencies to create training programs so that the people in the community can become involved in the construction of their own homes, therefore creating work within the community.
11. Through their technical staff we will help people decide and give guidance as to which Program would be more advantageous to them at this point.

Following is a list of Designated Areas set forth to the Rural and Native Housing Corporation of Manitoba and the people concerned with these areas so that the people of the community can contact them and get advice and service to help them at this time.

### AREA DESIGNATIONS

| RANHCOM                  | N.A.C.C. | M.H.R.C.   |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| <b>SOUTHWEST REGION:</b> |          |            |
| Amaranth                 |          | Angusville |
| Binscarth                |          | Arden      |
| Birtle                   |          | Baldur     |
| Boissevain               |          | Cordova    |
| Elm Creek                |          | Crandal    |
| Gladstone                |          | Dunrea     |
| Langruth                 |          | Eden       |
| McAuley                  |          | Glenella   |
| Notre Dame               |          | Kelwood    |
| Oakville                 |          | Kemney     |

Poplar Point  
 Rivers  
 Rosburn  
 Russell  
 St. Ambroise  
 St. Claude  
 St. Eustache  
 St. Lazare  
 St. Marks  
 Strathclair  
 Sunny Dale

### SOUTHEAST REGION:

Balsam Bay  
 Belair  
 Grand Marais  
 Lac du Bonnet  
 Powerview  
 Richer  
 Stoney Point  
 Traverse Bay

Berens River  
 Big Black River  
 Bissett  
 Loon Straits  
 Manigotogan  
 Poplar River  
 Princess Harbour  
 Seymourville

Kenton  
 Lenore  
 Miniota  
 Moore Park  
 Oak River  
 Riding Mountain  
 Roland  
 Rufford  
 Silverton  
 Tilston

Bloodvein  
 Gardenton  
 Great Falls  
 Middlebro  
 Piney  
 Scotch Bay  
 South Junction  
 Sprague  
 Stuartburn  
 Tolstoi  
 Vassar  
 Vita  
 Woodridge

### DAUPHIN REGION:

Bacon Ridge  
 Bellsite  
 Cayer  
 Dauphin River  
 Erdystone  
 Kinosoto  
 Reddy Creek  
 Ste. Rose du Lac  
 The Bluff

Barrows  
 Camperville  
 Crane River  
 Duck Bay  
 National Mills  
 Pelican Rapids  
 Red Deer Lake  
 Westgate

Alonsa  
 Bield  
 Birch River  
 Bowsman  
 Cowan  
 Inglis  
 Mafeking  
 Winnipegosis  
 Merridale  
 Minitonas  
 Pine River  
 Roblin  
 San Clara  
 Shevlin  
 Shortdale

### INTERLAKE REGION:

Fairford  
 Fisher Bay  
 Grahamdale  
 Hodgson  
 Lunder  
 Pebble Beach  
 St. Laurent  
 Silver Bay  
 Vogar

Anama Bay  
 Dallas - Red Rose  
 Jackhead  
 Mallard  
 Matheson  
 Meadow Portage  
 Pine Dock  
 Salt Point  
 Waterhen

Broad Valley  
 Chattfield  
 Deer Horn  
 Eriksdale  
 Fisher Branch  
 Gimli  
 Inwood  
 Komarno  
 Matlock  
 Narcisse  
 Riverton

### THE PAS REGION:

Brochet  
 Cormorant  
 Cranberry Portage  
 Root Lake  
 Wanless

Easterville  
 Granville Lake  
 Sherridon-Cold Lake

Grand Rapids  
 Little Grand Rapids  
 South Indian Lake  
 The Pas

### THOMPSON REGION:

God's Lake Narrows  
 Nelson House  
 Pikwitonei  
 Red Sucker Lake  
 Thicket Portage  
 Warrens Landing

Moose Lake

Cross Lake  
 Ilford  
 Norway House  
 Wabowden

### THE PEOPLE TO CONTACT FOR THE VARIOUS REGIONS ARE SHOWN BELOW:

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#### RANHCOM Housing Co-ordinators:

Southwest Region - Mr. Alex Venne, 10-1st Street, Brandon, Manitoba, ph. 727-0750.

Southeast Region - Mr. Roy Thomas, Box 283, Pine Falls, Manitoba, ph. 942-2672.

Dauphin Region - Mr. Frank Vivier, General Delivery, Alonsa, Manitoba, ph. 638-3287.

Interlake Region - Mr. Lloyd Pelletier, Box 245, Ashern, Manitoba, ph. 768-2636.

The Pas Region - Mr. Eric Sandberg, Box 2467, The Pas, Manitoba, ph. 623-5701.

Thompson Region - Mr. Tom Pagee, 122 Hemlock Cres., Thompson, Manitoba, ph. 778-7032.

#### RANHCOM BOARD MEMBERS:

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 The Pas Friendship Centre,  
 The Pas, Manitoba  
 ph. 623-5747

Thompson Region: Mr. Ben Thompson,  
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 143 Queens Bay,  
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 Richer, Manitoba  
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 Ninga, Manitoba  
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Dauphin Region: Mr. Edward Guiboche,  
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 Duck Bay, Manitoba  
 ph. 524-2282

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 ph. 645-2147

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M.M.F. Member: Mr. Jim Day,  
St. Laurent, Manitoba

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M. Hunt, Housing Cadre  
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F. Davis, Construction Supervisor

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0J0, ph. 524-2375

**NACC BOARD MEMBERS**

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524-2263  
Mr. Bill Bennett, Matheson Island, Manitoba, ph.  
Radio Telephone (Selkirk)  
Mr. Jim Parenteau, Duck Bay, Manitoba  
Wayne Flett, Norway House, Manitoba, ph. 6646

**NACC OFFICE:**

Northern Association of Community Councils,  
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2A9, ph. 9a3-1589

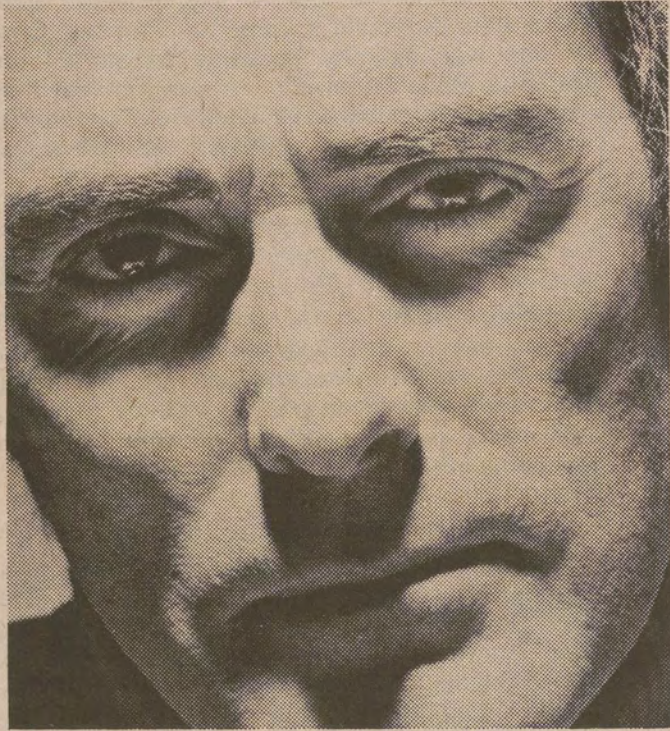
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Dan Reagan, Provincial Housing Co-ordinator.  
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Jan Johnson, Clerk-Accountant.  
Art Erickson, Construction Supervisor.

**M.H.R.C. OFFICE:**

Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation,  
410-352 Donald Street,  
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ph. 947-1681  
Housing Co-ordinator, E.F. Gros

# The pleasure of your company could give your host



## a headache.

Your host has gone to a lot of trouble to make sure that you enjoy yourself. He's rented and decorated a hall. He's taken out an occasional permit, bought the liquor and hired a bartender. Now, his only remaining concern is likely you.

He wants you to have a good time, but he's got to be sure that you don't get drunk because his occasional permit makes him responsible for you — both at the party, and afterwards.

His occasional permit is a temporary liquor licence which allows him to serve alcohol at a place outside his home. It makes liquor available for group gatherings such as wedding receptions, club wind-ups or banquets, or social affairs where liquor is not normally served. It imposes on him — the person who signed the application for the occasional permit — the responsibility for your conduct and your safety.

If you create a disturbance, he's responsible. If, on the way home, you injure yourself or others, he shares responsibility under the law.

This responsibility is the reason that the occasional permit system works as well as it does. It's all explained in a brief pamphlet.

To get your copy write to: Liquor Control Commission, 1555 Buffalo Place, Winnipeg R3T 1L9. We'll send you our booklet "Occasional Permits."

And please remember, being a good guest is the best way of saying "thank you" to a good host.



MANITOBA  
LIQUOR COMMISSION



# Rita Guiboche Re-elected at MWA 2nd Annual Conference



MWA emblem.

On April 25, 26 & 27 the Metis Women's Association of Manitoba Inc. held their 2nd Annual Conference at the Agricultural Centre in Brandon, Manitoba.

On Friday morning President Rita Guiboche welcomed everyone to the Conference. The welcoming was conducted in four different languages by various delegates. The four languages used were; Cree, Swampy Cree, Saulteaux and French.

Guests in attendance throughout the weekend were; Ms. Jackie Briscoe, Secretary of State, Winnipeg, Mr. Phil Thomas, Secretary of State, Ottawa, Mrs. Doreen Waboich, Assistant to the Hon. Ron McBryde, Department of Northern Affairs, Province of Manitoba.

Mrs. Guiboche proceeded to give her Presidential report which contained the following information:



President Rita Guiboche.

1. It is time for the Metis women of Manitoba to speak up for themselves.

2. A \$16,900 grant had been obtained from the Secretary of State for the use of meetings, workshops, etc.

3. Proposal for Core funding had been refused by the Secretary of State.

4. Marlene Palmateer, Provincial Co-ordinator, will be organizing more workshops, more locals, etc.

5. A proposal has been written up for a crisis shelter and a child care centre.

The seven directors of the Association then gave their reports which consisted of pretty well the same things throughout the Province. The activities were:

- leadership workshops held or being planned for the near future.
- locals set up in their respective regions.
- busy in different projects.

The women then broke into their respective regions and went over the Constitution for errors or suggestions that could be presented later in the day.



One of the seven Regional Workshops.

Mr. Phil Thomas, Secretary of State, Ottawa was introduced after the workshops, and spoke at length at what monies were available to Women's groups and what the plans for Women's groups in the future were. Mr. Thomas explained that when the program started 5 years ago, it was to give cor-funding to Native Organizations, however at that time there were no Native Women's Associations so therefore monies were not set aside for them. The core funding for Native Organizations would be used for both men and women as they would be working together. However this 5 year program is in its last year and will therefore be going into a review. Recommendations have been put forward to have Women's groups included henceforth. Although core funding is not available there are funds available for different projects that you may wish to run.

Mr. Thomas said that if there are any problems or information that ~~you~~ may wish to obtain, it would be faster to contact Jackie Brisco at the Prairies Regional Office in Winnipeg at 174 Lombard; first floor, Chamber of Commerce Building.

Mrs. Doreen Waboich was then introduced and was asked to be the Chairwoman for the changes in the Constitution. Before any changes were made, Rita Guiboche pointed out that this Constitution was exactly the same as that of the Manitoba Metis Federation. It was felt that they would do this because the MMF's Constitution has been in effect for some years and we would feel safe with it.

Saturday saw much of the same Constitutional work with the exception of the holding of the elections for President, Vice-President and 7 (seven) Regional Directors.

Nominees for the position of President were Edith Fleury, Elsie McLeod and Rita Guiboche. Both Edith Fleury and Elsie McLeod declined their nominations; so therefore Rita Guiboche was named President by acclamation for another term.

Accepted nominees for the position of Vice-President were Susan Coliver from Riverton, Interlake Region and Audrey Guiboche from Duck Bay, Dauphin Region. After a secret ballot was held Audrey Guiboche was declared the new Vice-President.

The ladies broke into their Regions and elected a Director. The new elected Directors are: Dorothy Moor - Dauphin Region; Ida Montroy - Interlake Region; Edith Fleury - Southwest Region; Joyce Gus - Southeast Rural Region; Margaret Head - The Pas Region; (Doreen Waboich was appointed acting Director until such time as Mrs. Head is over her illness); Vicki Stanley - Winnipeg Region. (MWAM felt that the Southeast Region was too large for one Director, so they split the region into two).

There was no election for a Director for the Thompson Region as there were not enough delegates in representation to hold an election.

That night there was a social held and the guest speaker was Lorne Atkinson, Vice-President, Southwest Region, M.M.F. Amusement for the night was a band and an amateur hour.



Lorne Atkinson, hosting the social evening.



Emile Nabess and his guitar.

Sunday morning the last of the Constitution was amended. Conference resolutions were then heard. Quite a few were made but the two most important ones were:

1. Whereas the Metis Womens Associatin of Manitoba is not eligible for core funding under present criteria set forward by the secretary of state. Be it resolved that the Metis Womens Association of Manitoba shall approach secretary for state office with a view to change the said criteria to make eligible all Native Womens Groups for core funding.

2. Whereas projects funded under the department of secretary of state for native women require that consideration be given to Indian and not status, as well as Metis women: and whereas the inclusion of Indian and Non Satus women is not always possible nor always desirable. Be it resolved that the Metis womens association of Manitoba approach secretary of state department with a view to changing this requirement to allow the Metis Womens Association to operate projects independently of other groups.

Also attending the Conference were Beverly Didychuk and Dorothy Moar from the Mannipogo Information Centre in Toutes Aides. These girls video-taped the whole conference. Chris Moore, Secretary for the Southwest Regional Office, MMF was the recording secretary.

Gavin B. Sealey

## Support International Women's Year 1975

Election for the M.M.F. Snow Lake Local executive were held on Sunday April 27th, 1975 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Bone at 7:30 P.M. Chairman ..... Mr. George Sicotte Vice-Chairman ..... Mr. Ernest Guiboche Secretary-Treasurer ..... Mrs. Celina Bone

Following is the list of names of paid members for the year 1975-76.

1. Mrs. Celina Bone
2. Mr. Jack Bone
3. Mr. George Sicotte
4. Mrs. Nancy Sicotte
5. Miss Lydia Sicotte
6. Mr. Peter Roberts Sr.
7. Mrs. Pauline Roberts
8. Mr. David Roberts
9. Mr. Peter Roberts Jr.
10. Mr. Bert Goulet
11. Mrs. Helena Fletcher
12. Mr. Douglas Fletcher
13. Mrs. Lois Booth
14. Mr. James Sayese
15. Mrs. Vicky Rupp
16. Mrs. Mona Lamontagne
17. Mr. Ken Anderson
18. Mrs. Hilda Anderson
19. Miss Violet Anderson
20. Mr. Patrick Sahyes
21. Mrs. Darlene Sahyes
22. Mrs. Lillian LeBlanc
23. Mr. Alyr LeBlanc
24. Mr. Ernest Guiboche
25. Mr. Edwin Stoltz
26. Mr. Donald Rupp
27. Mrs. Liz. McKenzie

Celine Bone

## Winnipegosis Local On The Move

The Winnipegosis Metis Federation or also known as the Winnipegosis Local is well on the way of being one of the Manitoba Metis Federation's most up and coming locals.

On May 16, 1975, the Winnipegosis Local held an Open House and a ribbon-cutting ceremony in conjunction with the Dauphin Region. The ceremony was held for the purpose of officially opening a building purchased by the Local. One half of the building is a Cafe while the other half is rented out to the Dauphin Region to be used as the new Regional Office.

The ceremonial cutting of the ribbon was to be done by MMF President Edward Head and Winnipegosis Mayor, Mr. George Rodrigue. However President Head did not arrive in time, along with yours truly, because of car trouble just outside of Dauphin. Mr. Head's duties were taken over by Mrs. Rita Guiboche who was recently re-elected as President of the Metis Women's Association of Manitoba. Other guests in attendance were; Past and Honorary MMF President Ferdinand Guiboche, Past Dauphin Regional Vice-President, Maureen Lynn., Weasley Leak, Director, Dauphin Region.



New Regional Office and Cafe

It was estimated that 350 people attended the Open House through the evening and they were treated coffee, tea and bannock.

Dauphin Region Vice-President Jack Fleming presented Maureen Lynn with a plaque with thanks for her services in her past term.

coaching his Acettes next winter in Hockey. Glad to have you on our team Reg. We luv you. May 12th, 7 p.m. is the opening day of this League. P.S. Our Acettes are 14-15 yr. old gals, so for the benefit of any of you young fellows, look them over in Lord Selkirk Park.

This local is growing stronger every week & each member seems to be out doing his or herself to ensure it's success, so we know the only way we can go is up & forward. Our chairman & Sec. Treasurer had a meeting recently with Mr. O. Johanson, Superintendent of Inner City Parks & Recreation and we were assured we would be recognized in the Community and we would be given every consideration in all we plan to do.

Any of you big or small Business Men who may be amongst my readers and who are interested in supporting one of these teams please contact Lord Selkirk Park Local. M.M.F. Chairman Mr. Cliff Richards at our mailing address, Ste. 17-281 Dufferin Ave., Wpg. 4, Man.

We ask all our readers to come out and support Lord Selkirk Park Local M.M.F. two teams. Everyone is welcome.

A little thought in closing.

As an associate member of this local I am very proud to stand beside my Indian & Metis Brothers & Sisters and I will continue to work with and for all Native people. And I will continue to fight my own people until we have beat the problem of racial discrimination. I say this publicly here now. I will not work or support any organization where there is racial hate.

I fully believe every man is equal, regardless of his color or creed. I will help in nay small way I can till I achieve this goal in bringing all people together; working together and living in peace & good will.

Till Next Time  
"Smile"

### SOUTHWEST REGION TO ESTABLISH LENDING LIBRARY

Lorne Atkinson, Vice President of the Southwest Region, is pleased to announce the acquisition of 200 books, valued at \$1,000, through the generosity of the Canada Council.

Each year the Canada Council purchases a large number of Canadian works, assembles them into collections of 200, and distributes them to organizations lacking funds to establish libraries.

The collection (published in the English language) covers many different subjects; i.e. history, biography, humour, drama, poetry, both fiction and non-fiction. Children's and adults' books are included. Of special interest are several works by native people, including **My Heart Soars**, a book of poetry by Chief Dan George.

The collection is to be catalogued and a lending library system established through the Southwest Regional Office. Details of the distribution system are yet to be finalized.

It is our hope that all our members will make use of this opportunity to enjoy excellent reading material.

The Lakeside Cafe, as it is called, is run by 5 young members of the Local and the manager is 19 year old George Johanneson. Two cooks are employed and they are 18 year old Leona Tratchan and Debbie Lucas who is 17 years old. The two waitresses are Christine Karazub and Terri Chartrand who are both 16 years of age. When asked why the building was bought, George Brown, Local Chairman said that it would be something owned by the Local. Profits that are made can be used to incorporate more plans and ideas that are dreamed up. The Cafe will be great for the kids to come to instead of hanging around no place is particular. By employing the 5 local members, it will teach them a sense of business.

The restaraunt seats 58 people which includes a lunch bar and 16 booths which seats 4 people comfortably at one time.

The new Regional Offices for Dauphin has offices for the Vice-President, Jack Fleming, Sports and Recreation Director, Jim Elk, Rancom Director, Frank Vivier and the office administrator Mel Carlson. It should be noted that because of the move of the offices from Dauphin, the Region lost the services of Ms. Jan Koraway as secretary.

Gavin B. Sealey

### MMF News Camperville

Approximately 200 people attended the "Good Times" meeting that was held in Camperville on April 24th. A special thanks to the McKay Students for accepting an invitation to participate at our Good Times. Approximately 20 students took part in the Pow Wow dancing, which ended with the friendship dance.

In the fiddling contest the winner was George Desmarais and he was presented with a trophy.

The Red River Jig was played by George Desmarais in the jigging contest. Winners were Joe Richard and Cynthia Delaronde - both presented with trophies.

Margaret Lafreniere won the trophy for the singing contest.

A delicious cake baked by Madeline McLeod had a coin inside one of the pieces. Whoever got the coin then their community would host the next good times meeting. Jack Genaille representing Duck Bay was the lucky one to get the cake with the coin. So, we'll all see you out in Duck Bay for the next good times. It won't take Audrey and Ed Guiboche long to set it all up!

Our special guest was Vice-President of the Dauphin M.M.F. Region, Jack Fleming. It was good to see people from Pine River and Winnipegosis also.

### Recreation Committee Formed

Representatives from Camperville Metis Association, commenity council, Metis Women, the church auxiliary and other interested citizens met on April 29 at the Camperville Gym. After a brief discussion everyone was in favor of forming a recreation committee. Many comments were made, e.g.:

- we have to involve the younger groups.
- we should have a sports day for the children only.
- we should raise money for equipment.
- we do not have the facilities, and many other good comments were made.

Elected as Chairman was Gary Chartrand, vice-chairman Earl Ledoux and secretary Maureen Lynn.

Elected to represent Camperville on the Parkland Native Recreation Council was Jim Ledoux.

A Sports Day is being planned for June 15th in Camperville by the Camperville Metis Association. More information will be sent int.

And last, but not least, have any of you ever thought what would we do without the Manipogo Office and staff? In Camperville, the M.M.F. appreciate the work done by Manipogo's office. If John is not in, then there is Donald or Jack, and if they are not there, then there is Dorothy. If she is busy, Bev is always ready to assist and we are grateful that Manipogo has her for a secretary. Manitoba office - working with the Metis. You can be sure we'll always keep you busy - and those who are busy are always happy.

- by Maureen Lynn

- Manipogo News

### Lord Selkirk Park Local

By Vie Stoppel

Well my friends another month has gone by, so I hope to bring you up to date on what's happening with our very busy local. Right now we are into our Baseball programme. Did you know this local are the sponsors of two of Winnipeg's first Baseball teams (Bar None).

The Lord Selkirk Park-Native Sons (Sen.) Men and the Lord Selkirk Park Acettes (Bantam Girls).

There has never been much said about either of these teams, so this time I'm going to tell you lots. This mens team are the ones who last Aug. went up to Sweet Grass in Northern Sask. and won all the big money & big trophies in an All Native Tournament! This yr. they are playing in the Unicity Intermediate Soft Ball League - and May 19th is the opening game at 7 p.m. so watch out for these fellows. The Gen. Mgr. of this team is the "Big Daddy" Cliff Richards, the Assist. Mgr. "Tiger" Joe Breland coached by "Nimble Fingers" Norman Peedles, and the captain is a "real Sweetie" Albert Breland. And what a pitcher, Leon Johnston. Wow! and for our favorite clown Jumping Bean Allan Jesmer, well he really looks good when he does his little war-dance out in centre field when things start getting a little slow, and how about everybodys darling "Big Bird Erin Kennedy" out on third base. The way he guards that base you would think he was guarding the Crown Jewels. And to Oliver, John, Roy, Brian J., Brian B., Cecil, Roebly, Mickey & Harvey (The Quiet Ones).

We're with you boys all the way! and we know you'll make your local real proud. You did it before, so this yr. we know you'll go all the way! "Good Luck".

And now for the Lord Selkirk Park Acettes. This is the second year these gals have been together, and my friends, they are pretty super terrific and would you believe it, we have 18 gals, and 14 are young Native girls.

The really big gun behind this team is Miss Cheryl Stekler, a former player from Lord Selkirk Park Senior Ladies & Mixed team. This young woman has given so much to her community, and so much of her time to this ball team. Last year this team was the runner up to the City Champs, yet when Cheryl entered her team in a tournament against the City Champs, the Acettes went all out and won the Gretta H. Brown trophy. Cheryl's day time hours are spent at the Health Science's Centre (Rehabil. Hosp.), evenings & weekends with her team. So we are all very proud of what she is doing to keep these girls in shape & out of trouble. You know it is not every woman who has the opportunity to work with two great fellows. But I do, and I like it.

The Mgr. of the Acettes is Wally Heilman. A great fellow and one I'm proud to call my friend & neighbor & knowing Wally like I do, I know he'll manage this team with an iron hand. We were very lucky to obtain the services of one great assist. coach, Reg Blackburn, a very busy fellow, who also plays & coaches hockey, but Reg is working well with our gals and we all know he is really going to make Provincial Champs out of these girls. If not, it won't be without trying and we are hoping Reg will take on the big job of

# HISTORICAL NOTES

## LOUIS RIEL SR.

Jean Louis Riel was born in 1817 at Ile a la Crosse in what is now Northern Saskatchewan. His father, Jean-Baptiste Riel, was a French-Canadian trapper and trader employed by the North West Company. His mother was Marguerite Boucher, a French-Chipewyan Metis. In 1822, at the age of five, young Louis accompanied his family to Berthier, Quebec. It was here that he attended school and learned the trade of carding wool. In 1838, he entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, during which time he was stationed at Rainy River. Allegedly, he also acquired a Metis mistress who bore him two children; a daughter, Marguerite and a son Francois, both of whom registered as his siblings when they were married.

In 1842, Louis resigned from the Hudson's Bay Company and returned to Eastern Canada where he entered the novitiate of the Oblates. Within a few months' time, he realized that the priesthood was not for him so he left, and it was not long before he was lured Westward. He obtained some land on the banks of the Red River (lot number 756 as shown in Register B of the Hudson's Bay Company Surveying Plan). On January 21, 1843 he married Julie Lagimodiere, the daughter of one of his neighbours whose mother (Marie-Anne Gaboury) gave birth to the first white child to be born in wedlock in what is now Manitoba. Their marriage resulted in the birth of eleven children, the oldest and most famous of whom was Louis "David".

It should be noted that from this time onward, Louis directed his efforts towards two distinct goals; his public life centered around the rights of the Metis and his private life consisted of attempts to become a commercially-successful miller.

During the 1840's, there had developed among the inhabitants of the Red River Settlement a resistance to the Hudson's Bay Company's monopoly of the fur trade. Riel was to become an active participant and leader in this movement, along with James Sinclair (a half-breed who was the leader of the English-speaking half-breeds) and the Rev. Georges Belcourt (a missionary among the Metis). Apparently, Riel fulfilled the qualities of leadership in this movement; comparatively well-educated, a man of action, an attacks upon Adam Thom, then Recorder of Rupert's Land. They demanded a bilingual Recorder



Courtesy of Provincial Archives

and submitted a petition to Simpson, the Governor of Rupert's Land. Because of such orator, and somewhat of a politician. In 1846, Riel's name was included in a petition submitted to the British government regarding opposition to the Hudson's Bay Company's Monopoly. In 1848, he led a band of Metis who took direct action to free Belcourt when he was charged with being a trafficker in furs and Riel carried him in triumph to St. Boniface. Then, in 1849, when Guillaume Sayer and three other Metis were charged with illicit trading in furs, Riel formed a vigilante committee of Metis. With Belcourt's assistance, they declared that the Hudson's Bay Company's Charter was invalid and that resistance to its monopoly could not be illegal. At Sayer's trial, Riel and his followers surrounded the courthouse and demanded that all prosecutions against individuals for trading in furs be suspended. As a result, Sayer was released, marking a triumph for the Metis in the free trade movement. Undoubtedly, it was also the high point of Riel's "political" career. However, he was also active in the subsequent period of agitation when the Metis directed their pressure, Thom was eventually forced to step down in favor of a bilingual Recorder, F.G. John-

son. This change in the state of affairs began a period of complacency among the Metis. Consequently, Riel only appeared briefly in the public eye after this point in time. In March of 1857, he presided over a meeting addressed by William Kennedy in favor of annexation to Canada and in September of 1861 he protested against the anti-Catholic bias of "the Nor-Wester."

Since Riel had been trained as a wool carder during his early life in Eastern Canada, he attempted to utilize his trade in the Red River Settlement. Shortly after his arrival, a small fulling mill was set up on his property, through the financial backing of the Hudson's Bay Company. It is doubtful whether any profits were gained from this enterprise mainly because he did not receive further support for the Company. Consequently, Riel dismantled the mill and re-erected it on the Seine. It was devised to grind grain and also card wool. This required an adequate water supply so Riel took it upon himself to dig a ten mile canal from the Grassy River to the Seine. (Probably for these reasons he has been referred to as the miller of the Seine. Recently, the millstones from Riel's Mill have been moved to the grounds of the St. Boniface Museum where they stand as a tribute to the Miller of the Seine).

Having completed his task, Riel's commercial "visions" expanded and he foresaw the feasibility of a textile mill in the settlement. Upon the recommendation of Bishop Tache, he managed to seek subsidization from the rich Madame Masson of Quebec. In 1857, he set out for Montreal to purchase the mill and to gain knowledge as to its operation. It was during the return voyage in 1858 that he met his young son, Louis, who was on his way to Eastern Canada to begin to study for the priesthood. Little did they know that this would be their last meeting. It took place near the present site of Crookston, Minnesota, on the banks of the Mississippi.

As seemed to have always been the case, Riel's grandiose business venture was a failure. Due to high operation costs, and possibly supplemented by the monopolistic nature of the Hudson Bay Company, the new textile mill never produced any cloth.

The final six years of his life consisted of sporadic employment with the Hudson's Bay Company and he was also involved in the reconstruction of the St. Boniface Cathedral. His death in 1864 marked the beginning of a critical period in the life of the Metis.

John Burelle

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## .. And They're Off!!

THE "PARKLANDS '74" ROLLING STOCK MUSEUM IS OFF ONCE AGAIN, THIS TIME FOR A FOUR MONTH TOUR OF SOUTHERN MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO COMMUNITIES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MUSEUM-ON-RAILS, A PROJECT OF THE MANITOBA MUSEUM OF MAN AND NATURE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF CANADA, THE PARKLANDS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE AND THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY, IS TO BRING A SAMPLING OF THE MUSEUM TO THE RURAL POPULATION TO WHOM URBAN CULTURAL RESOURCES ARE OFTEN UNAVAILABLE.

The theme of Parklands centres around the interrelationship of man and nature in the western parkland region of Canada. In connection with this theme are the two refurbished CNR cars that make up the travelling museum. The exhibit car contains maps, photos and artifacts depicting changes in the parklands and describing the region's geography, history, economic development and cultural life. The second car is a library/activity car with facilities for showing National Film Board films and numerous slide shows, to both school groups and the general public.

Two qualified museum personnel, Mike Jones and Ruth Smith, travel with the train. These individuals will provide a commentary on the exhibit and run programs in the activity car.

### SCHEDULE - PARKLANDS ROLLING STOCK MUSEUM

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| May 6-9   | Gypsumville |
| May 10-13 | Moosehorn   |
| May 14-20 | Ashern      |
| May 21-23 | Eriksdale   |

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| May 24-27      | Lundar         |
| May 28-30      | Oak Point      |
| May 31-June 6  | Grosse Isle    |
| June 7-9       | Symington      |
| June 10-14     | Minaki         |
| June 15-17     | Redditt        |
| June 18-20     | Quibell        |
| June 21-25     | Sioux Lookout  |
| June 26-27     | Ear Falls      |
| June 28        | Sioux Falls    |
| June 29-July 2 | Raith          |
| July 3-5       | Kakabeka Falls |
| July 6-12      | Thunder Bay    |
| July 13-15     | Kashabowie     |
| July 16-21     | Atikokan       |
| July 22-25     | Fort Frances   |
| July 26-29     | Barwick        |
| July 30-Aug. 3 | Rainy River    |
| Aug. 4-6       | Williams       |
| Aug. 7-10      | Warroad        |
| Aug. 11-13     | Sprague        |
| Aug. 13-14     | Symington      |
| Aug. 15-17     | Emerson        |
| Aug. 18-20     | Morris         |
| Aug. 21-24     | St. Agathe     |
| Aug. 24        | Symington      |

### NOTICE

**FOUND** - A pair of silver wire framed glasses. They were found at Gimli at Annual Conference. The person that lost them may write to:

**Editor  
"Le Metis"  
301-374 Donald St.  
Wpg., Manitoba  
R3B 2J2**

## Greetings

The United Nations has declared 1975 to be International Women's Year - a year to focus attention on improving the status of women, to promote awareness of the changing role of women in today's society. An occasion for recognition, encouragement, and hopefully, consciousness-raising.

The Canadian government is supporting the aims of this year - equality, development and peace - with a major, multi-faceted programme.

For the purpose of implementing this programme, the Canadian government has established the International Women's Year Secretariat (director: Mary Gusella, under the Co-ordinator Martha Hynna) Status of Women in the Privy Council office.

Since the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women was published in 1970, several legislative barriers inhibiting the equality and potential development of women have been removed. Other legislative action, including Bills to amend the Canada Pension Plan and the Citizenship Act, as well as an Omnibus Bill dealing with eight other Acts, has been brought before the House of Commons. In addition, it is hoped that a Bill establishing a Human Rights Commission will be introduced in the very near future.

Despite all that has been, and is being done to remove legislative barriers to equality, true equality cannot be effectively achieved until certain attitudinal barriers are also removed. This can only be done by creating an awareness in all Canadians - both women and men - of the current status of women and the changes that are necessary.

One major feature of the national programme is a mass media campaign (Why Not? buttons, poster sets) which you may have already seen. This media campaign is designed to encourage people to rethink their attitudes towards women's role in society, eliminating those attitudes which are time-worn and adopting new ones more relevant to our society's changing needs.

The federal government's programme for International Women's Year also includes a speakers' bureau, a newsletter and a wide variety of services to groups and individuals. Funds for special projects promoting the equality of women are being made available through existing granting programmes and through the special Women's Program in the Department of the Secretary of State.

Another aspect of the Secretariat's activities involves a flexible programme within each province and territory that attempts to meet the need for information on the status of women and reflect the present priorities of people across Canada. These flexible programmes include mobile information and resource centres, or mini-meetings, or provincial conferences, or community information officers, as planned by the Secretariat in co-operation with the provincial and territorial government representatives.

The International Women's Year Secretariat programme in Manitoba is a mobile information package. An office has been set up, and a three-member staff appointed. The staff consists of a program co-ordinator and two field officers.

Address: International Women's Year  
235 Enfield Crescent  
Winnipeg, Man. R2H 1B3  
Telephone: 233-2139 (call collect)  
Co-ordinator: Jeannette Fraser Semmler  
Field Officers: Mean Dunmire  
Myroslava Pidhinyj

The information van will be travelling throughout Manitoba to participate in community activities (local fairs, meetings, etc.) on request. Materials included will be from both federal and provincial government sources - pamphlets, films and slides. Our services include speaking engagements, workshop organization and participation, film presentations, display area materials.

Having given you an outline of the programme, we would like to extend an invitation to you to avail yourselves of our services and personnel so that you may further participate in International Women's Year.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future,

Sincerely,

Ms. A.M. Jeannette Fraser Semmler  
Manitoba Program Co-ordinator.

## Impacte

A Brandon University program to increase the numbers of certified teachers of native origin in Manitoba has been extended to serve all of northern Manitoba.

The program, Indian-Metis Project for Careers through Teacher Education (IMPACTE), has operated for three years in rural areas of the province, plus projects in Camperville and The Pas. The new northern program will be called Brandon University Northern Teacher Education Project (BUNTEP) and will take over the IMPACTE northern projects.

BUNTEP, like IMPACTE, is partly funded under the federal-Manitoba interim Northlands agreement, a \$21.5 million program signed in June by Northern Affairs Minister Ron McBryde and Don Jamieson, federal Minister of Regional Expansion.

This agreement covers various human development and community services in northern Manitoba, plus highways, housing, air transport facilities, northern economic development and other northern services.

BUNTEP will take Indians and Metis, both students and others, without traditional qualifications, and will train them for teaching jobs.

The aim of BUNTEP will be to train teachers for certification in 2 1/2 to 3 years, although student teachers could advance enough to be recommended for certification in two years. Students could qualify for the Bachelor of Teaching degree in three years.

BUNTEP will also provide post-secondary education for people in northern areas who have little or no access to these programs. BUNTEP will promote a more community-oriented outlook in teacher training and will incorporate awareness of the social and cultural identity of the North.

Brandon University administers both programs, recommends the certification of qualified teachers and grants Bachelor of Teaching degrees to students who complete the full program.

All IMPACTE graduates are teaching in rural and northern schools.

Porcupine Points  
May 19, 1975

## Health Action Centre

Well it's that time again! About every six months Citizen's Health Action Committee holds a general meeting. This is to allow for participation by residents by offering views, serving on the board or simply finding out more about our Health Centre. At this event half of our board is elected. If you are interested in working on the board or its committees please attend. Because we are a community owned and run health centre to be a success we need your help.

This year we're having a special event called "Health Action Expo and General Meeting". This event shall take place at Dufferin School, 545 Alexander Ave. at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday June 4, 1975.

We will also have displays from various community groups and agencies. These displays will be set up so that the public can participate. As an added attraction "Gordon Bell Drama Company" shall perform a few scenes from their well received production "OLIVER". This will be on for about the first 15 or 20 minutes of the program.

To end the evening there will be a film and we'll also have refreshments.

Everybody's welcome so come and join us, and find out more about the progress of your health centre.

## Notices

Joseph Thomas Sr. Chairman of Traverse Bay Local & his wife Maud will be celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary on June 17th.

A private reception is planned at their residence.

## MMF Summer Hours

Summer Office hours became effective as of Monday, May 12, 1975 and they shall be 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines first to introduce myself. I am the Gold Rush Canoe Derby Chairman on behalf of the Trout Festival Association.

I have been told that your newspaper pretty well covers the North. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity, if I may, to send a few lines on to you. Perhaps through your newspaper we could reach our Indian people.

Over the years the Indian people have participated in this Derby and so, it should be. Matter of fact in 1957 and 1959 the top honours went to Baptiste liberti. Marcel Stewart of Cumberland House was also involved with the top prize. They could really handle a canoe.

This year we plan a three day contest and exciting to the point of the onlookers as we are going to keep the paddlers going where the people can watch them progress over the route.

We have a total prize list of \$4,000.00. This is the best money ever, so we are hoping for the guys to really get out there and keep that money in the North.

Labatts still sponsors our race. The big trophy plus individual trophies are put up by these good people.

The race gets underway at 4:30 P.M. on the afternoon of July 4th, and will consist of ten laps around Ross Lake and paddle through the islands for a total of 26 miles. In all the total mileage is 86 miles.

I trust that you may find this of interest both to you and the people of the North.

Yours sincerely,  
Frank R. Krepps  
Canoe Derby Chairman.

April 30, 1975.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Rod Bishop and Frank Tomkins are running as Independent candidates in the two most northernly constituencies in Saskatchewan in the provincial election expected this spring.

They are running as Independents with no political affiliations to the major political parties. Both men have actively worked for the Metis Society of Saskatchewan, Rod Bishop as a field worker and Frank Tomkins on the Board of Directors. They both feel that they can more effectively serve and speak for the people in the area as Independents because in that way they may represent the people on an issue basis rather than be answerable to any of the major political parties. Over the years the area has been represented by various people with various political stripes, N.D.P., Liberal, Conservative, etc. However, it still remains one of the most depressed areas in Canada.

As we do not have the political machine and the money that the major political parties have, we are appealing to your readers for financial help in attempting to have an effective and responsive voice in the Saskatchewan legislature for these northern constituencies and for all native people in the province.

Send campaign contributions to:  
Independent Native Campaign Fund,  
Box 9220,  
Saskatoon, Sask.

Yours truly,  
ROD DUROCHER,  
Vice President,  
Metis Society of Saskatchewan.

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4. Take time to Read — It is the foundation of knowledge
5. Take time to Worship — It is the highway of reverence and washes the dust of earth from our eyes
6. Take time to Help and Enjoy Friends - It is the source of happiness
7. Take time to Love — It's the one sacrament of life
8. Take time to Dream — It hitches the soul to the stars
9. Take time to Laugh — It is the singing that helps with life's loads
10. Take time to Plan — It is the secret of being able to have time, to take time for the first nine things.

Submitted by: Mavis Cooper  
NANL NEWS April - May/75

## Le Programme d'Aide aux Etudiants Manitobains 1975 - 1976

Tous les Instituts Collégiaux de la Province ont actuellement en main ce Programme. Vous pouvez aussi vous le procurer à C.P. 6, 1181, avenue du Portage, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G OT3.

Ce Programme comprend les bourses du Ministère des Affaires Collégiales et Universitaires et le Régime canadien des prêts aux étudiants.

Les bourses sont des dons non remboursables. Elles sont de \$250.00 ou \$500.00, au cours secondaire -9 à 12- et de \$1,400.00, pour les étudiants des Collèges Communautaires -Red River Collège - et pour les étudiants des universités du Manitoba.

Les prêts du gouvernement canadien doivent être rempoursés. Ils sont de \$1,800.00, par année, et renouvelables pour sept ans.

Vous devriez demander ce Programme aujourd'hui même au Directeur de votre Institut Collégial ou à l'adresse indiquée plus haut. Ce Programme a pour but d'aider les étudiants, qui ont les aptitudes, à continuer leurs études, s'ils le désirent. Au cours de l'année scolaire 1974-1975, 104 étudiants d'origine métisse des 9e à 12e année ont demandé cette aide. Cinq seulement ont été refusés, les autres ont obtenu \$250.00 chacun. Trente-quatre autres ont fait leur demande trop tard. Ces derniers n'ont rien

### Millionaire Metis Perdu

Quelque part au Manitoba il y a peut-être un Métis qui est millionnaire.

Cet histoire commença en 1769, quand un garçon appelé Peter Fidler est né en Angleterre. A l'âge de dix-huit ans il fut embauché par la Baie d'Hudson et envoyé dans l'ouest du Canada. Pendant trente-cinq ans il travailla pour la compagnie, parcourant presque tout l'ouest, il construisit cinq posts pour la commerce de fourrure; arpenta les rivières Saskatchewan et Churchill, des parties du territoire Athabaska, en plus de nombreux lac dans les Montagnes Rocheuses.

Fidler était un homme très prudent et dépit le fait qu'il co-habita avec une femme appelée Mary, de 1794 jusqu'au temps de sa mort en 1822, il ne l'épousa qu'avant 1821, un an avant son trépas. Ensemble ils eurent quatorze enfants, dont le plus jeune fut nommé Peter.

Quand Fidler est mort il fut découvert qu'il avait laissé un testament étrange. Une maison, en Angleterre, dont il était propriétaire, fut laissée à sa mère. Il laissa tout son argent en charge de la Baie d'Hudson. Sa femme aurait un compte avec la compagnie jusqu'à sa mort. Les rendements de tous son argent serait placé ou ajouté au fond; ceci serait continué jusqu'au 16 d'août, 1969. A ce temps-là, 200 ans après sa naissance, l'argent avec tous les rendements, seraient donnés à l'enfant mâle, de descendance directe de son garçon Peter Fidler, ou le descendant le plus rapproché.

Le testament de Fidler est encore dans les registres en Angleterre, mais en 1969 nul trace de l'argent fut trouvé dans la Baie d'Hudson, ni dans la Banque d'Angleterre. Peut-être que ses enfants, d'une manière ou d'une autre, ont réussi à obtenir l'argent et la dépenser? Peut-être que l'argent se

obtenu. Si vous demandez ce Programme, on vous remettra une enveloppe qui contient une brochure de 16 pages. Cette brochure vous donne tous les renseignements nécessaires. Une autre brochure est la formule de demande; une troisième, vous aide à remplir votre demande. Il y a des dates limites: le 25 mai, pour ceux qui entrent à l'université pour la première fois; le 31 juillet, pour les étudiants du cours secondaire -9 à 12-. Vous devriez faire votre demande de bourse le plus tôt possible. Envoyez votre demande directement au Student Aid-Branch, C.P. 6, 1181, avenue du Portage, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Le ministère de la Santé du Développement Social offre aussi de l'aide aux étudiants qui ont atteint leur 18e année et qui en ont besoin pour continuer leur études. L'étudiant doit faire sa demande au commencement du mois où il aura 18 ans. Cette aide est sous forme d'une allocation mensuelle; elle est ordinairement de \$90.00 par mois. Donc \$900.00, pour l'année scolaire si vous avez vos 18 ans en septembre. Vous pouvez vous procurer cette formule de demande en vous adressant à C.P. 7, 1181, avenue du Portage, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G OT3. 'Student Social Allowances'.

Si vous avez des étudiants qui ont qui auront 18 ans au cours de la

relevra dans 100 ans, ou le mois prochain.

Les Fidler sont une famille Métisse célèbre au Manitoba et un entre-eut sera peut-être millionnaire dans l'avenir.

S'il y a un Fidler, ou un de ses aïeux qui voudrait calculer comment d'argent il pourrait hériter, essayez l'exemple qui suit:

Supposons que l'argent, avec l'intérêt composé de 7% se redouble chaque dix ans. Nous savons que Fidler a laissé à peu près \$10,000.00.

1822-\$10,000.00      1832-\$20,000.00

1842-\$40,000.00      1852-\$80,000.00

1862-\$160,000.00    1872-\$320,000.00

1882-\$640,000.00    1892-\$1,280,000.00

Continuez jusqu'à l'année 1972. A ce temps là, vous devriez essayer de faire une de deux choses: 1) faire preuve que vous êtes le descendant direct de Peter Fidler. 2) essayez de trouver l'argent.

translated by Bernard Carrière

### Un Acte De Dieu

La chasse d'automne, dépit le fait qu'elle était abondante, laissait peu de viande aux cours de l'hiver. Lorsque leurs provisions se trouvaient épuisées, les Métis devenaient obligés de retourner à la prairie pour faire la chasse aux bison. C'est ainsi qu'un matin d'hiver froid, un nombre de Métis s'organisèrent pour aller chercher la nourriture qui leur était de première nécessité. Ils partirent de Grantown et s'en allèrent dans une direction sud-ouest.

La chasse d'hiver n'était pas du tout comme celle d'automne. La plus part du temps en hiver, la neige tombait si dru que le cheval devenait moins serviables qu'un type imaginerait. Parfois, la neige tombait sans ralentissement et

prochaine année scolaire, vous devriez demander cette formule de demande aujourd'hui même, puis voir à faire votre demande en temps. Envoyez votre demande directement au Student Social Allowances, C.P., 7, 1181, avenue du Portage Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Il faut vous habituer à prendre vos responsabilités, à vous renseigner. Ces trois sources d'aide à la jeunesse étudiante mettent à la disposition de bien des familles des sommes dépassant en bien cas le millier de dollars. L'an dernier, une famille, avec quatre étudiants en 9e, 10e et 12e, a reçu \$1,450.00; une autre, \$1,230.00; une autre, \$1,650.00; une autre, \$1,220.00; une autre, \$1,400.00. Mais personne ne viendra vous porter ces milliers de dollars sur un plateau d'argent. C'est à faire les démarches nécessaires et à temps. Pourquoi ne mettriez-vous pas au courant de cette aide vos amis? Pour la première fois, cette année, les étudiants dont les parents reçoivent de l'assistance sociale, sont éligibles pour bourses.

Aujourd'hui, le journal La Liberté envoie gratuitement son journal à tous ceux qui en font la demande. Pourquoi ne point le demander? Adressez votre demande à La Liberté, 543, rue Langevin, St-Boniface, Manitoba.

Pere Methe

les bancs de neige, qui mesuraient parfois dix pieds, épuisaient rapidement les chevaux. Pour cette raison le chien devenait un compagnon de grande importance pendant la chasse d'hiver.

Le Métis, habillé chaudement dans une peau de loup, et caché avec quelques chiens dans son traîneau, attendait impatiemment l'arrivée des bisons. Dans cette situation l'arc et la flèche étaient très utiles. Les troupes de bison étaient si épaisses que lorsqu'une troupe passait dans l'endroit où se trouvait le chasseur, le traîneau devenait complètement caché par les immenses bestiaux. Les chasseurs pouvaient tuer facilement et rapidement le nombre d'animaux requis pour nourrir leurs familles. Des que la chasse était finie, les chiens pouvaient rapidement tirer la viande lourde à travers la neige creuse.

En même temps que l'expédition de chasse partait de Grantown, Pierre Desrochers et ses chiens partaient de Fort Carlton en route pour Grantown. Depuis leur départ Pierre et sa femme Indienne Cree, avaient eut une longue et fatigante excursion. Ils attendaient nerveusement les comforts que leurs offrirait la cabane chaude et confortable de leurs amis à Grantown. Mais leurs problèmes commençaient seulement. Briellement après la lever du soleil, une tempête avait rendu le trajet impossible. Ils décidèrent de faire un camp et de se reposer sous un a-pic, qui les cacherait un peu du vent froid.

Rapidement, Pierre monta un abrit fait de peau de bison. Sa femme ne put faire grand chose pour lui aider car elle était enceinte, et Pierre se rendue compte qu'il serait bientôt père de famille. Le montage prit peu de temps et aussitôt que Pierre eut fini, Mary, mordue par le vent cruel, avança péniblement dans la tente. Pierre était dehors à nettoyer son fusil, se préparant pour une chasse de proie mineur. Comme

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il partait Pierre entendue le premier cri d'un nouveau bébé. Dans le millieu de la prairie cette robuste femme Cree, donna naissance a leur premier garçon.

Ils ne pouvait plus perdre leurs temps. La femme de Pierre, son nouveau bébé, les chiens et Pierre lui même étaient affamés. Pierre partit, il traverserait la prochaine colline, et il pensait que peut-être la il trouverait du gibier; mais à la place du gibier il apercut la bande de chasseurs. La vue de ses hommes le rejouit tellement qu'il sautait comme un fou, car maintenant il savait que sa petite famille serait sauvée. Il courut au camp et dit a sa femme de se preparer pour un voyage. Ils mirrent l'enfant entre deux peaux de bison et rapidement ils retourneraient joindre la bande.

La tempête, qui avait atteint son plus haut point d'intensité dans l'après midi, força les chasseurs a fairent un camp. Les bisons avaient été apecut a moins d'un mille. Mais les chasseurs se rendurent compte qu'il serait impossible de faire la chasse dans la tempête aveuglente. Ils formulèrent des plans pour la chasse du lendemain.

Le matin ne fut pas longs à arriver et le soleil brillait intensément sur la prairie enneigé. Dans une heure, la bande, composé d'hommes, de femmes et d'enfants, se mirent en marche vers la troupe. Ils ne furent pas aperçu par les bestiaux qu'a la dernière minute, a cause de leur position dans les vallées étroites. Soudainement la bande fut etonnée par une merveilleuse vision! Des mils et des mils de bisons encombrant, debouts, patouillant la neige, cherchant des brins d'herbe.

Ti-Pierre était niché confortablement dans la chaleur que lui off raient deux peaux de bisons. Dépit le paysage rugueux, le taineau munissait amplement de confort, les choses étant ainsi, les chiens trottaient façilement sur la neige. Les chiens de Desrocher firent les premiers a apercevoir le troupeau. Imédiatement ils se mirent en poursuite furieuse des bisons. Le père et la mère de Ti-Pierre ne put que regarder, quand les chiens partirent avec le traineau et le bébé. Les chiens atteignaient rapidement le troupeau et se mirent dans le pêle-mêle des animaux; les chiens couraient, le traineau glissait d'un coté a l'autre et les bisons prient de peur,

donnant des coups de pieds, se sauvaient a grande allure. Après un temps, un gros boeuf encorna un des chiens et simultanément s'empétra les cornes dans l'appareil d'attelage. Le bison effrayé partit au gallot portant un des chiens sur ses cornes, l'autre fut suspendu dans l'appareil et l'enfant dans le traineau fut tirer en arrière. L'animal epouventé courut presque un demi-mille avant de se défaire de son embrra. Il fit poursuivit par la bande, qui tirèrent sur lui plusieurs fois sans effet. Il nous est pas difficile d'imaginer le sentiment des pauvres parents. Bien que toutes les chiens furent tuer, l'enfant, au bonheur de de ses parents, échappa sans mal.

Plusieurs événements semblables se déroulèrent sur la prairie. Cette incident miraculeuse n'est qu'une de plusieurs incidents dans la vie ardueuses et captivante des Métis.

-translated by Bernard Carriere  
from Stories of the Metis  
M.M.F. Press 1973

**PROVINCIAL RECREATION LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTRE GIMLI, MANITOBA**

**FIGURE SKATING SCHOOL**

Conducted by the Manitoba Figure Skating Association and the Recreation Branch.

**Purpose**

To provide instruction in basic skating skills and to train junior coaches and instructors.

**Course**

Two, 5 day courses  
Date - Sunday, July 6th - Saturday, July 12th  
Saturday, July 12th - Friday, July 18th.

**Fee**

\$32.00 - meals and accommodation  
\$25.00 - Payable to Canadian Figure Skating Association for instruction fees.

**Prerequisites**

Persons may attend who are 12 years of age or over and who are recommended by Recreation Commissions or Figure Skating Clubs, with the intention that this person will be offering instruction next season.

**Applications**

Applications may be obtained from:  
**Recreation Branch**  
**Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs**  
**2nd Floor, 200 Vaughan Street**  
**Winnipeg, Manitoba**  
**R3C 0V8**  
**Phone: 942-5566**

Application Deadline - June 17th, 1975.

**PROVINCIAL RECREATION LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTRE GIMLI, MANITOBA**

**CREATIVE ARTS WEEK**

Conducted by the Federation of Associated Arts of Manitoba and the Recreation Branch.

**Purpose**

To offer the opportunity for creative arts leaders in Manitoba to upgrade their skills and leadership techniques in community arts activities, such as painting, pottery, music, drama, folk dance, sketching, creative writing, fibre arts, film and kites and graphics.

**Course**

Date - Friday, August 15th - Sunday, August 24th.

**Fee**

\$75.00 includes, meals, accommodation and supplies. Instruction costs paid through the leadership training budget of the Recreation Branch.

**Prerequisites**

Preference will be given to participants who are sponsored by communities, recreation agencies, schools, institutions or organizations where training in the arts is required.

**Applications**

Applications may be obtained from:  
**Recreation Branch**  
**Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs**  
**2nd Floor, 200 Vaughan Street**  
**Winnipeg, Manitoba**  
**R3C 0V8**  
**Phone: 942-5566**

Deadline for applications is Friday, August 1, 1975.

**ENGLISH CLASSES FOR NEW CANADIANS**

WHERE? RED RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DROP-IN CENTRE

394 SELKIRK AVENUE  
NEAR SALTER STREET

WHEN? STARTING ..... JUNE 2, 1975

2 CLASSES BEGINNERS, 3:30

- 5:30 p.m.  
ADVANCED, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
MONDAY to FRIDAY, 5 DAYS A

**WEEK**

HOW MUCH? \$14.00 for 40 HOURS  
TEACHER - MISS DAWN BRAMADAT  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, TELEPHONE MISS BRANADAT AT: 956-2790 or 589-2813

**Hello.**

Would it be possible to have the enclosed notice posted where those people who would best benefit from it might see it?

The English program which is outlined on the information sheet is an outreach project of Red River Community College, designed to provide language instruction in an informal, non-institutional setting. Importance is placed upon the progress of the individual, rather than the group; the student is treated as a person rather than as a number.

The course curriculum will have a strong emphasis on literacy skills and conversational grammar, with pronunciation and vocabulary enrichment following in natural sequence. Provision has been made for two classes, which should be able to accomodate students of levels from very beginning to quite advanced.

Students are encouraged to attend a couple of classes before they decide whether or not they wish to enroll.

Thank-you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Bramadat

**Legal Aid**

Attorney General Howard Pawley announced that the legal aid services would raise the financial eligibility criteria as of April 1.

It now stands at:

| Family Size | Allowable Annual Gross Income |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 1           | \$6,000                       |
| 2           | \$6,830                       |
| 3           | \$7,500                       |
| 4           | \$8,175                       |
| 5           | \$8,825                       |
| 6           | \$9,935                       |
| 7           | \$11,020                      |

So, if you need legal aid, you can get it if you earn less than the amount shown above for the size of family you have.

**Job Opportunity**

**POSITION:**

Research Assistant

**DUTIES:**

To locate, gather and compile information related to current and proposed ANDCO projects.

To identify areas where research is required and to carry out this work.

To maintain communication and liaison with other Native organizations, governmental agencies, industry, business and the public and provide information upon request.

To maintain the Research file system and library.

Other related duties.

**KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:**

Ability to treat data analytically and prepare concise reports.

Ability to develop methods and procedures to

solve research problems.

Ability to work independently.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Minimum Grade 12

Relevant experience in research and ability to write and prepare reports.

Applicant must be free to travel.

Salary is negotiable.

For Application forms, please write to:  
**Alberta Native Development Corporation**  
**No. 220, 9930-106 St.**  
**Edmonton, Alberta**  
**T5K 1C7**

or phone:  
423-3496 423-3497

POSITION WILL BE OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

# Government News Releases

## INDIAN AUTHORS ARTICLE FOR ENCYCLOPAEDIA

OTTAWA (April 29, 1975) -- For the first time in its 207-year history, Encyclopaedia Britannica includes a report written by a Canadian Indian.

Verna Kirkness, an Indian from the Fisher River reserve in the Interlake area of Manitoba, was commissioned last summer by the internationally renowned publication to author an article on Canada's Indian Peoples.



Verna Kirkness

In her 2,000-word essay for the encyclopaedia's 1975 yearbook, Miss Kirkness outlines the continuing struggle of Canada's Indians for economic, cultural, and social survival.

Miss Kirkness, a graduate of the University of Manitoba who is now education director of the National Indian Brotherhood in Ottawa, has worked in various fields of education for the past 20 years.

## JOB CENTRES SET FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

### Will Provide Manpower Service for Industry

Colleges and Universities Affairs Minister Ben Hanuschak has announced that the Youth Secretariat of his department will provide a high school student manpower service for private industry this summer.

Mr. Hanuschak said the program will encourage the development of high school student jobs in the private sector and will provide placement services for local students.

Thirteen job centres will be located throughout the province, eight in Winnipeg and the others in Dauphin, Morden, Neepawa, Steinbach and Virden, where high school unemployment and/or student labor shortages have been identified. The centres will be operated in co-operation with Canada Manpower centres and other related provincial and federal departments and agencies.

Through use of employment surveys, student applications and contacts in the community, each rural centre will be able to cover a large area. An employment inventory conducted during the winter in all major rural communities has already identified more than 1,600 possible summer positions.

Each centre will be staffed by three university students under the direction of a Youth Secretariat community development officer. In addition to placement and referral services for high school students and employers, the job centres will provide job information and counselling in order to help students to obtain jobs on their own.

"This employment service will fill the gap in manpower services that now exists," Mr. Hanuschak said, "by joining job banks and labor banks at the local level."

The minister noted that in the past high school students have had difficulty finding jobs because of their inexperience in, and lack of knowledge of job search techniques. "By providing counselling and training, and listings of available positions, we feel that students will be far more successful in their search for summer jobs."

"At the same time," he said, "many businesses have found it difficult to find students to hire. The high school job centres will provide employers with a centralized and efficient bank of available and interested students."

Mr. Hanuschak said that the locations and other specific information on the centres will be available in the near future.

"By bringing together interested students and interested employers we hope that the job centre approach will prove highly beneficial and satisfying to both."

## SPECIAL ARDA GRANTS TO NORTHERN NATIVES

The Hon. Don Jamieson, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and the Hon. Ron McBryde, Minister of Northern Affairs for Manitoba have announced the approval of three grant offers under the federal-provincial Special ARDA Agreement which is designed to assist native people to take advantage of local opportunities for economic development.

This assistance has been recommended by the Manitoba Special ARDA Advisory Committee consisting of representatives of the two governments, the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood, the Manitoba Metis Federation and the Northern Association of Community Councils.

Co-operative Fisheries Limited of The Pas, Manitoba has received an offer of \$177,183 for a fish packing and processing plant at Wabowden, Manitoba. The initial phase of the project, involving the reception and packing of fish for shipment to Transcona, has been completed. The second phase, the installation of a deboning machine, is expected to be finished this spring. The deboning line will process rough fish which normally would not be marketable, thereby increasing the incomes of area fishermen.

When completed, the plant will employ 15 people, the majority of whom will be of native ancestry. DREE has offered to provide \$135,075 towards the cost of the new plant. In addition, \$42,108 has been approved for a comprehensive training program to provide local employees with the new skills required. The cost of this training will be shared equally by the two governments.

Ashern Auto Body Limited has received an offer of \$47,602 for a new auto body repair and wheel alignment shop at Ashern, Manitoba. Employment for six people, four of whom are of native ancestry will be provided. DREE has offered \$32,482 towards the cost of constructing and opening this new shop. A training program to cost \$15,120, and shared equally by DREE and the Province of Manitoba, will train native employees as qualified body repairmen and wheel alignment technicians.

Lakeside Boat Works Limited of Winnipegosis, Manitoba, has been offered assistance of \$21,600 towards the establishment of a facility to construct and repair steel fishing vessels for commercial fishermen on Lake Winnipegosis. Four jobs for people of native ancestry will be created. DREE has offered \$17,000 towards the cost of the facility, while both governments will share equally in training costs of \$4,600.

## TRAPPERS-FISHERMEN TO RECEIVE GRANTS

The Hon. Don Jamieson, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and the Hon. Ron McBryde, Minister of Northern Affairs for Manitoba have announced the approval of eight grant offers to fur councils and fishermen's associations in Manitoba under the federal-provincial Special ARDA Agreement.

Funds will be provided to assist trappers and fishermen to purchase equipment which will permit them to harvest resources more efficiently and to improve their incomes.

A majority of the members is of native ancestry in each of the groups assisted.

The Bloodvein River Local Fur Council with 26 members receives \$37,400; Gods River Local Fur Council with 17 members, \$27,050; Ilford Trappers' Association with 10 members, \$17,000; South Indian Lake Local Fur Council with 14 members, \$26,800; Crane River Fishermen's Association with 12 members, \$20,200; Easterville Co-operative Ltd. with 48 members, \$34,100; Riverton Fishermen's Association with 7 members, \$8,750; and Winnipegosis Fishermen's Association with 30 members, \$42,300.

Of the \$213,600 offered, \$160,365 will be provided by DREE and \$53,235 by the provincial government.

The ministers stated that including these recent offers, grants totalling \$1,183,325 have been approved for 1,061 trappers in 44 local fur councils in Manitoba since the inception of the program. A total of \$1,215,882 has been approved for 772 fishermen in 39 fishermen's associations during the same period.

## CLAIM STAKING RESTRICTIONS IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REMOVED

OTTAWA (April 18, 1975) -- Claim staking restrictions in the Northwest Territories imposed by Section 12 of the Canada Mining Regulations have been eliminated as of January 16, 1975.

Under Order-in-Council P.C. 1975-73, any licensee may now stake an unlimited number of claims in any area defined by a mineral claim staking sheet. Before January 16, a licensee could not stake more than 36 claims within each mineral claim staking sheet in any given year.

Before the staking restrictions were removed, there were differing interpretations of Section 12. It was common practice for a licensee to hire stakers to locate claims in excess of the 36 authorized by Section 12 and then have them transferred to him.

Because of this differing interpretation in the past, parliament, by Statute, has validated all recorded mineral claims and leases in excess of 36 claims acquired before January 16 by a licensee.

Further information concerning these new regulatory provisions may be obtained from the mining recorders for the Northwest Territories or the head of the Mining Lands Unit at Ottawa.

## NORTHERN ASSOCIATION GETS GRANT OF \$49,700

A grant of \$49,700 to the Northern Association of Community Councils, toward the cost of its administrative operations, has been announced by Northern Affairs Minister Ron McBryde.

The grant represents part of the organizational and operating costs of the association, which represents a majority of the community councils in remote northern communities that are not Indian reserves. Regional conferences and an annual conference are among the functions carried out by this elected organization.

Mr. McBryde said this year's grant is the same as that made last year.

The association gets further funds directly through the supporting community councils.

## NATIONAL FISHING INDUSTRY

(Apr. 23/75) - A 50 million dollar program leading to long-term measures to strengthen Canada's fishing industry and which will include direct assistance to fishermen for the first time, was announced by Romeo LeBlanc, the Minister of State for Fisheries. The new program takes effect on May 1, and succeeds the short term assistance measures which were in force since last January, 1975. The groundfish program will provide support of up to 28 million dollars for in-shore and offshore fishermen owning vessels and producing first quality food fish. It will also provide conditional grants to processing plants of up to 12 million dollars. Assistance to processors would be conditional upon their maintaining July 1, 1974 prices to fishermen. A further 10 million dollars has been set aside to help solve marketing problems encountered by other segments of the industry throughout Canada and will involve deficiency payments, inventory financing, and processing fish for use in international food aid programs. The operation of these assistance programs is to be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BODIES TO GET GRANTS

Industry and Commerce Minister Len Evans has announced that provincial grants totalling \$125,000 will be provided four regional development corporations to help cover their operating expenses over the coming year.

Receiving the grants are: Central Plains Regional Development Corporation (\$30,000), Norman Regional Development Corporation (\$35,000), Interlake Regional Development Corporation (\$30,000), and Pembina Valley Development Corporation (\$30,000).

Mr. Evans said the corporations have played an important role in community development in rural Manitoba. He cited such activities as planning analysis, improvement of the infrastructure of regional growth centers and assisting economic development through various studies and programs.

"The regional development corporations are one of the many vehicles used by the provincial government in implementing its stay option policy for rural Manitoba," he said.