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## Natives Claim Govt. Didn't Consult Them

A federal-provincial agreement to spend about \$138 million in northern Manitoba by 1981 was praised Wednesday by federal officials, belittled by provincial representatives and severely criticized by those who live in the North.

The Northlands' agreement is the largest commitment ever undertaken by the department of regional economic expansion, (DREE) minister Marcel Lessard said in an interview.

"It may not be all that was expected, but it is still very important."

The agreement was signed Wednesday at Norway House by Mr. Lessard and Northern Affairs Minister Ron McBryde, who represented Manitoba.

Mr. McBryde said after the signing that he was pleased with the federal interest in the North, but disappointed with the agreement.

Manitoba had started negotiations asking for a \$250 million agreement which included substantial initiatives to help economic development in the North.

Instead, the agreement mainly confirms federal support for programs which are already in operation, he said.

He added he was unhappy in the way the federal government had inflated the price tag on the agreement by including nearly \$30 million worth of federal programs which had no provincial involvement.

The agreement deals mainly with programs to help non-treaty residents living north of the 53rd parallel. The federal government insisted on including federal programs for treaty communities, he said.

### RESIDENTS SUSPICIOUS

Local residents, however, were suspicious about the multi-million dollar agreement.

Oliver Monkman, newly-elected president of the Manitoba Metis Federation's Norway House chapter, criticized both federal and provincial governments for signing the agreement without asking local residents what they wanted.

"It's another case of the government imposing their programs on the North. The only people who will benefit are the people from the South, who will probably come and take all the jobs that are created," he said.

Mr. Monkman challenged the two ministers to ask in the community if anyone knew what was contained in the \$138 million agreement.

"No one here knows what's in it. We were not involved in the planning," he said.

Joe Paupanekis, A Norway House resident, said the government is always talking about involving northern residents, but only after everything is planned.

The agreement stated a road is to be built through Norway House, he noted. "But what if the people think a new recreation facility is more important and that is what we think the money should be spent on."

### GRIM COMPARISON

Cecil Smith, Conservative MP for Churchill, compared the signing of the agreement Wednesday with the signing of a treaty agreement at Norway House 101 years ago.

The people did not know then what they were signing and the people in Norway House do not know now what is in the agreement, he said. The residents should have been more involved in the planning.

In defence of the agreement, a federal official involved in the negotiations between governments said the agreement accomplishes three objectives:

A firm commitment has been made by each level of government to provide funds for five years. Normally, government programs are funded on an annual basis.

The governments can be held accountable for the program by setting out the general areas where the money is to be spent. If the projects do not go ahead, the residents will have a contract to rely on.

The agreement consolidates efforts by several government departments on various projects in the North.

The five-year agreement sets out several programs which are intended to help northern residents train and find jobs. Financing of planning for new businesses and construction of new roads and airstrips are also included.

The federal government is to pay 60 per cent of the costs and the provincial government is to pay 40 per cent.

Some of the programs include \$13.7 million to provide clean water supplies, fire protection, community roads and proper sewage disposal.

About \$60 million will be spent on programs to increase employment opportunities for native northern people, and about \$36 million to improve transportation services. (Courtesy of the Winnipeg Tribune)

## Inuit Films at Art Gallery

Commencing September 16, 1976, The Winnipeg Art Gallery is featuring a new film series on, by and about the Inuit (Eskimo). This series will be screened on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. on September 16 and 23; October 14 and 28; and November 4, 18 and 25. Admission is free and the series is open to the public.

The films included, portray the traditional, romantic view of the North; early exploration in the Arctic; the geographical and cultural situation; the arts, and the contemporary situation... co-ops, scientific exploration, Arctic games plus several films made by Eskimos on Baffin Island.

This Inuit Film Series will be followed in the spring of 1977 by a lecture series on Eskimo art and culture.

For further information contact:

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## U of M Dept. of Native Studies

The Department of Native Studies will be offering six courses plus a cross listing of fourteen courses this fall. Native Studies, as a department came into existence two years ago. The Department was initiated by the Native students at the University of Manitoba.

The objective of Native studies was to give the Native viewpoint in the academic field. The native students at the university felt that the portrayal of native people in the other academic discipline was distorted or not complete.

The Department is headed by Mr. Roul McKay from St. Eustache, Manitoba. He is in the process of completing his PHD in history. Other members of the Department are Mr. Stan Cuthand, Mr. M. Stern and Mr. G. Esquash.

The six courses offered by the Department are:

1. 32:090 Introductory Cree

This course will be lectured by Stan Cuthand. It is a practical course intended to lead to basic fluency in Cree. Special emphasis will be placed on the acquisition of basic sound and grammatical patterns through extensive oral drill with Cree speakers. Some attention will also be given to the major structural differences between Cree and English. This course is not intended for students who are already fluent in Cree.

2. 32:120 Native People of Canada

This course is taught by Roul McKay. It is a survey of the political, social and economic situations of the contemporary Indian, Metis and Eskimo peoples of Canada.

3. 32:130 Intermediary Cree

Taught by Mr. Stan Cuthand. This course is continued development of conversational fluency. Cree orthography, composition and translation. Introduction to the linguistic structure of Cree. This course is designed for student with some degree of fluency in Cree.

4. 32:220 Native Societies and the Political Process

Taught by Mr. Stern and Mr. Esquash and this is an analysis of contemporary Canadian and United States political administrative processes and these affect Native peoples and a survey of the objectives of native political groups.

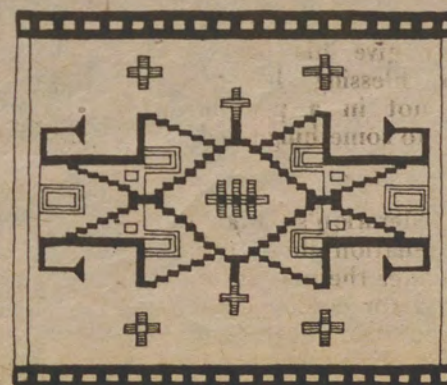
5. 32:221 The Native People of Western Canada

Will be taught by Roul McKay. This course is review and interpretation of the forces which affect the various Native societies from pre-historic times to present. A major emphasis will be placed upon the study of Native people occupying the prairie region.

6. 32:321 The Native Identity

The Native Identity course will be taught by Stan Cuthand which is a study of Indian, Metis and Eskimo values and cultures with emphasis on art forms, religious traditions, and literatures.

The Department of Native Studies does not intend to keep its activities within the campus of the University. Right now they are in the stage of planning off-campus courses for communities. Some of the off-campus courses will be practical to help the communities in further development.



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# Riel Dig Sheds New Light On Lifestyle of the Metis

## Lack of Information Upsets M.M.F. Chief

### M.M.F. Chief

The new president of the Manitoba Metis Federation says he won't attend Wednesday's signing of a \$125 million northern development agreement because his organization has been given little specific information on the agreement's contents.

John Morrisseau said Monday that his federation which represents Metis and non-status native people, has been informed only on "bits and pieces" of the federal-provincial northlands agreement.

"We've never been given a chance to properly sit down and consult with them on the over-all agreement," he maintained.

Northern Affairs Minister Ron McBryde of Manitoba agreed in a later telephone interview there hadn't been detailed consultations on the new five-year agreement.

The reason; it won't contain much that is new or different from the programs provided for the past two years under interim one-year northlands agreements.

The signing ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon in Norway Manitoba. Mr. McBryde is to be joined by federal Indian Affairs Minister Judd Buchanan, Regional Economic Expansion Minister Marcel Lessard and Transport Minister Otto Lang.

Under the interim northlands agreements, more than \$44 million was spent on programs involving construction of roads, airports, water and sewage systems; education; and community and human development.

The federal government pays 60 per cent of the cost; the province, the remaining 40 per cent.

Mr. Morrisseau said he wouldn't give his organization's blessing because "we're not in a position to agree to something blindfolded."

The federation's requests for information about programs under the new agreement and for copies of the agreement itself have been unsuccessful, he said.

(Courtesy of the Free Press)

After two months of back-breaking work, Parks Canada is one step closer to restoring Riel House as a historical museum.

Since June 21, a team of 11 diggers, headed by Parks Canada archeologist Mike Forsman, has been excavating the three-quarter acre lot on River Road in St. Vital, in an attempt to piece together some of the background of the 19th Century Metis culture, and the history and lifestyle of Louis Riel and his family.

And although Friday will be the last day the team will be working at the site, at Lot 33 River Road, Mr. Forsman said they have already recovered numerous valuable artifacts dating back to the 1800s.

Mr. Forsman said Wednesday that, as a result of this summer's digging, "we've learned more about the Metis material culture than we'd previously known or understood."

Among the artifacts the team discovered buried in the earth were several bone-handled knives, a pair of scissors, two clay pipes, the head off a glass doll, and pieces of Copelandware plates.

By Murray McNeill  
Tribune Staff Writer

Mr. Forsman said the plates, pipes and many of the other articles recovered were imported from England, the United States and some European countries.

"We always assumed the Metis people were fairly poor off, but the plates and other artifacts recovered indicate this wasn't necessarily so."

From the diggings Mr. Forsman estimated there were likely four different buildings, including Riel House, standing on the site. The earliest likely dated back to about 1855.

There appeared to be two previous tenants living on the site prior to the Riel family purchasing the property and building Riel House, in 1865 or 1867.

The house remained in the possession of the Riel family until April 1968, when the Manitoba Historical Society purchased the title to the property for \$15,000 with the understanding that the federal government would develop it as an historical site.

This summer's diggings were the first step towards Parks Canada's plans to restore the house and site as an historical museum.

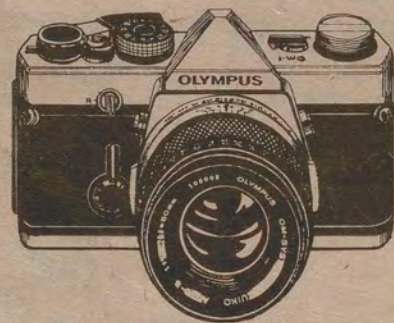
Rob Gillespie, who is responsible for interpreting the historical background of Riel House said that during the next year, Parks Canada people will be conducting further research into the culture of the 19th century Metis and the role Louis Riel played in history.

Mr. Gillespie said they will also be consulting experts to determine if the house can be restored.



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# WABOWDEN

September 9, I made a trip to Wabowden to talk to some of the people that were complaining about the houses Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation had built. This is what I saw and heard.

Mr. Albert McIvor's house was finished sixteen months ago.

- The floor is uneven and warped; therefore, they cannot close the bedroom doors.
- The tiles on the floor are bumpy because the person did not sweep the floor before laying the tiles.
- The basement is already starting to crack.
- There are no banisters for the basement stairs. The finishing has not been done in a lot of areas.
- There is an open drainage (3 feet by 3 feet) with about 4 feet of water in it. The mother was concerned about a child's safety if they ever fall in it.
- The ceiling leaks because there is no proper ventilation and insulation between the roof and ceiling, so on warm days the frost melts and the ceiling leaks. The water leaves stains on the ceiling tiles and a musky odor.
- The walks were made of chip rock and that is already starting to crack because of the shifting of the building.
- On the outside there is a cement step with a crack big enough for a person's foot.
- This crack shows no steel reinforcement to hold the cement together.



Front step of Mr. McIvor's house.  
No sign of steel reinforcement.

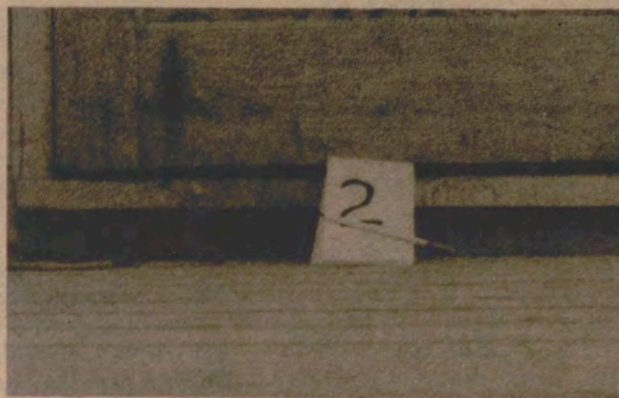
Another complaint that Mr. McIvor had was a little clause about "Sweat Equity." This clause states that if the tenant helps with the building, M.H.R.C. would take this as a part payment towards the house. Mr. McIvor did all the landscaping around the house but this is not recognized as sweat equity by the M.H.R.C.

Mrs. Allen Benson living in one of the six-year-old houses had this to say:

- Crack on the door which lets the cold in during the winter. The floor shifts; therefore you cannot close the bedroom doors and the

front and back doors jam. The outside doors have not been treated; therefore they crack up (too dry).

- The ceiling tiles were put on sloppily. As if this wasn't enough, the electrician had to go and fall through the ceiling.
- The electrician built a wooden box over the fuse box (which isn't a bad idea). Except you cannot open the fuse box unless you rip the wooden box off.
- The paint job was sloppy, paint all over the wooden finishings. No screens for the windows.



Front door of Mrs. Benson.  
Space approximately 1 1/2 inches.

Mr. Lloyd Fourre's house wasn't much better.

- They didn't do the landscaping around the house. They left a big pile of brush in the yard, which is a fire hazard.
- Again I saw a lot of stained ceiling tiles which indicates that frost builds up between the ceiling and roof during winter.

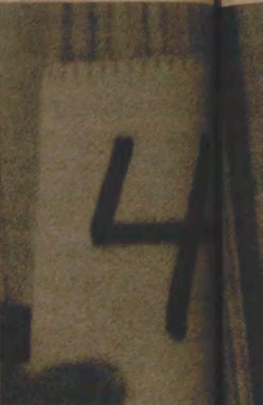


No landscaping. The pile of bush is a fire hazard.

- The floor shifts; therefore cracking the tiles on the floor and leaving spaces between the walls and the floor. Can't close bedroom doors, the outside doors jam.

- Lots of finishing still needed, especially around the doors.

- Overall it was poor carpentry work because even with the naked eye you can see that the rooms are not square or the outlets put on straight.



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Diane Johnson lives e-ye

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# HOUSING

poorly that they were holding each other up. The funny thing about this is that instead of doing anything about the frost problem between the ceiling and roof, they just kept replacing ceiling tiles or paint over the stains.

- The floors have shifted down; therefore there is space between the base of the wall partitions and the floor. The shifting of the floor squeezed most of the floor tiles off.
- There were no screens put on the windows. M.H.R.C. promised to do that three years ago. There is heavy frost on the windows during the winter.
- On one of the bedroom doors the door knob is 3 inches higher than the latch.



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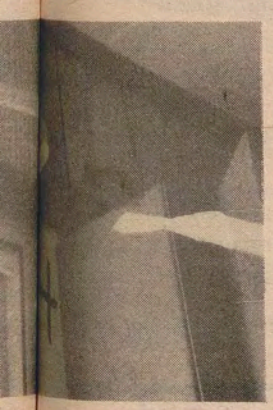
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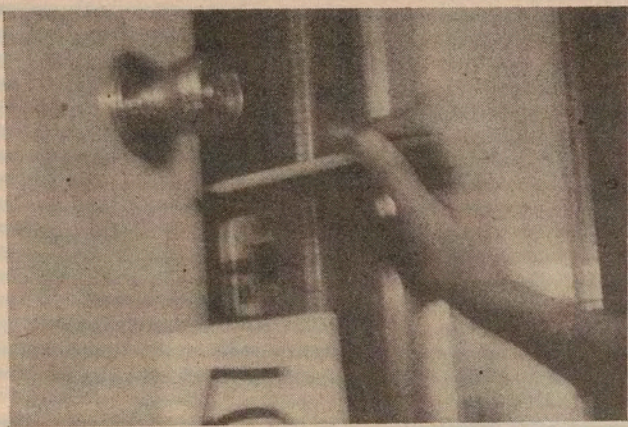
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The door knob is three inches higher than the latch.

- Poor paint job. The outside has only one coat of paint and the back of the house wasn't even painted.

Mr. Ross Fourre's house had most of the usual complaints.

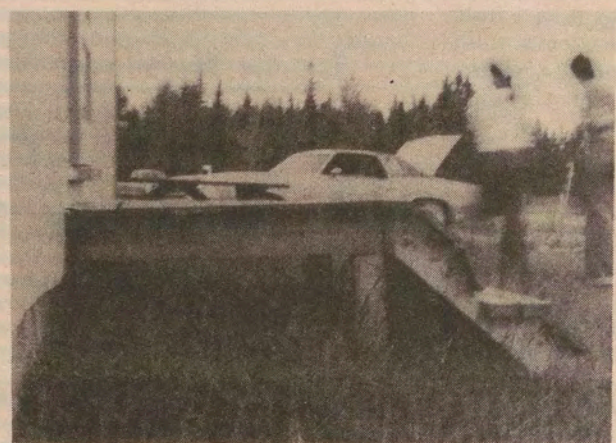
- The planning and layout of the house was very poor. Mrs. Fourre had her fridge in the closet because the layout of the kitchen made it very awkward to accomodate the fridge.
- The walls were bulging out and the rooms were not square. They were meant to be but there is about three inches difference on one end of the room as opposed to the other end.
- The floors shift; therefore the doors would get stuck.
- The floor tiles were bumpy because the floor wasn't swept when M.H.R.C. laid the tiles.



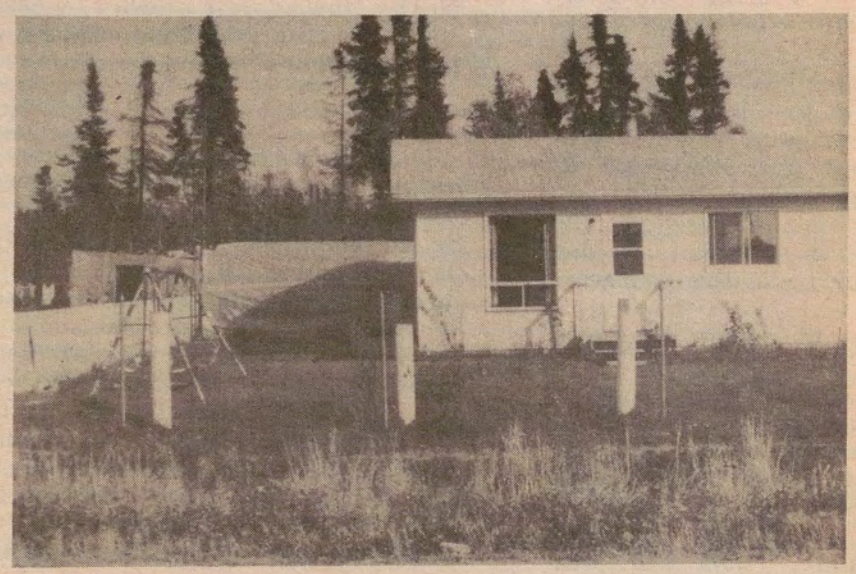
Foundation cracked

Mr. Charlie McLeod's house had cracked foundation, the floor was shifting; therefore floor tiles are in need of repair.

- The ceiling was leaking and it created the musky odor of rotten material.
- In the winter the frost comes through the walls; therefore, they cannot have a bed or any of their furniture against the walls.
- The floor is rotting from the dampness.
- Another case is where the electrician damaged the tiles on the ceiling.
- Poor paint job.
- Dangerous steps, instead of the more acceptable type of step, M.H.R.C. thought it appropriate to build them in an oval form.



Watch out for that first step!



This is what your house would look like if you worked for MHRC. Perfect landscape, nice paint job and everything in full repair.

I did not get a chance to see Mr. Alex McLeod's house, but I was told that he has such a dampness problem that he has to get a new mattress every year because the dampness rots them.

What disturbed me about all this is that the M.H.R.C. is not dealing with the problem. When they do repairs, they replace the damaged material instead of dealing with the problems that caused the damages, e.g., replacing stained tiles on the ceiling instead of putting in proper insulation and ventilation between the ceiling and roof.

# LETTERS

THE INDIAN AND METIS BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION, P.O. BOX 101, STONY MOUNTAIN, MANITOBA R0C 3A0

An open letter to Fellow Brothers:

We, the Indian and Metis Brotherhood Organization of Stony Mountain Institution, respectfully request of you, your much-needed attention in the reading of this information sheet, in the hopes that we will successfully impress upon you the importance and validity of our organization to function and to continue functioning as a whole for the betterments and structures of people working with and for the success of I.M.B.O. and its aims and objectives.

I.M.B.O. became a reality in 1959 and since that time has continued to flourish as a club, and we are pleased to announce that during the past year despite internal strife and lack of communication among our executive and the administration. We as a club still function as a whole, working towards a better and prosperous existence in 1976.

Our goals in the past as in the present and the future is to provide programs that are geared to help club members rehabilitate themselves. The following format is our guideline in this endeavor:

a) to provide education on an instructional basis for the purpose of stimulating interest in an appreciation of the needs and problems of the people of Native ancestry and of their cultural traditions, folklore, crafts and arts.

b) to actively encourage members to participate in other programs and opportunities which will enable them to achieve their full potential as human beings, thus enabling them to reintegrate into the community as accepted persons.

c) to co-operate with other organizations whose objectives are altogether or in part, similar to those of the I.M.B.O.

d) for the cause of brotherhood, your financial

support is needed to offset any and all costs incurred by our proposed monthly newsletter, thus providing the club members and the community with a detailed report of our activities towards Brotherhood.

In conclusion we hope that you adopt our policy which is "Action As Opposed to Inaction". For you are the feathers of our arrow and it is you that gives us direction.

C. S. CASSILL,  
Public Relations,  
I.M.B.O.

## Book Review

### The Life Of Louis Riel

Dr. Peter Charlobois

At last there is finally a book on Riel that Native people can read and appreciate! If all the paper from all the books that have been written about "The Riel Rebellion" were turned back into the trees they came from, there would be more than enough lumber to satisfy the housing needs of native people in Saskatchewan. Most of these books that have been written through the years have been outright trash. Some like *Strange Empire* by Howard have shown some compassion but have fallen short on presenting how the Metis felt towards those troubled years and their leader, Riel.

Dr. Peter Charlobois' book *The Life of Louis Riel* has finally presented the Indian and Metis cause to an enquiring public. It is an important book that had to be written. Although eastern book critics have given the book some bad reviews, it must be remembered that these same critics were very excited about Pierre Berton's book *The Last Spike* and *The National Dream* a few years ago. Berton is an admirer of the Metis' old friend Sir John A. McDonald who was the Prime Minister of Canada during the uprising of 1885. Sir John A. McDonald had this to say about the Metis cause: "Should these miserable halfbreeds not disband, they must be put down." Or, "Riel shall hang though every dog in Quebec howl in his favour." So much for any credibility the book critics have with native people.

Charlobois has been called biased in favour of Native people. He certainly is but he backs up that bias with facts. Perhaps the book is one that Canadian people don't want to hear but it is one they need to hear, just as Dee Brown's book *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* shocked and shamed an American public a few years back.

The book is full of photographs and provides quite interesting reading that can be easily understood just as truth is easy to understand.

For Native people and those concerned with the struggle of Native people, it is "must" reading.

(Courtesy of the New Breed)

## WALTER HEAD

In memory of Mr. Walter Head who passed away on July 19, 1976. He was actively involved in many of the Metis Organizations - Chairman of the Cranberry Portage Local, M.M.F., he was a Provincial Board Member of the Manitoba Metis Federation and also served on the Rural and Native Housing Corporation of Manitoba as Treasurer. He was instrumental in implementing the Housing Program in Cranberry Portage in 1971. Four years later in 1975, the first occupant of a R.A.N.C.O.M. house moved in.

Mr. Head was cremated in his beaded jacket and sash and his ashes laid to rest in the cemetery in Cranberry Portage.

Walter Head was a dedicated, hard-working, honorable man and he will be sorely missed by all those who had the privilege of working with him.

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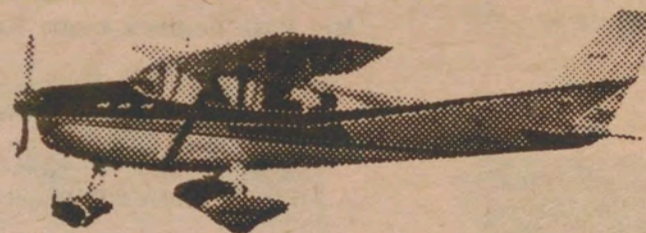
Do not hesitate to contact (Sister Dufault) should you wish additional information or if you would like to visit Villa Rosa.

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## Lake Francis Local Picnic

On Sunday, September 5th, a picnic was held at the Warren Recreation Centre. The event was sponsored by the Lake Francis Local. There were approximately 250 people who attended and a significant amount of participation from this crowd. The day offered a mixed softball tournament, a horseshoe tournament and a jiggling contest. More entertainment was provided by an exhibition minor softball game and the music of guitar, fiddle and accordion.

The mixed softball tournament was won by the Lord Selkirk Park. The final game was a display of good baseball and good sportsmanship as Lord Selkirk Park edged their rival team, Shaughnessy A's 5 to 4. Third place went to the Manitoba Metis Federation team.

A horseshoe tournament got underway in the afternoon. Anyone who witnessed the games knows that there are excellent players in the region.

Following the mixed softball tournament the jiggling contest began. By this time the steppers were ready to go. The participants put on a good show of style and steps. The crowd did not hesitate to recognize the jiggers' work with enthusiastic applause. Lorraine Lavallee of Lord Selkirk Park emerged as the ladies champ and Alex MacKenzie was chosen jigger of the day for the men's category.

As an added feature of the day, there was an exhibition game of minor softball. The players were 14 and under. The youngsters displayed good sportsmanship. It is hoped that a league can be established for them next season.

Also, for those who preferred to listen to music, it was provided on a free stage. Dale Garneau used his talents on guitar and fiddle to provide the crowd with some fine tunes. He was accompanied by an accordion player and backed up on bass.

Definitely the day was a success. It provided a good time for all those who attended whether they were

participants or spectators. Credit is due to Florida Blais who with the aid of the local help and the support of the Manitoba Metis Federation Sports and Recreation Department, kept things rolling. Because of this, the picnic was not only a success as a recreational event but it was also a financial success.

Sports and Recreation Department.

## Stan Daniels Re-elected M.A.A. President

**HIGH PRAIRIE** - One of the strongest and most outspoken Native leaders Alberta has produced within the past decade is back in the driver's seat, after winning a sweeping victory as leader in the Metis Association.

Stan Daniels was re-elected as president of the 30,000 Metis Association of Alberta on August 8th here.

After a year's absence when he was defeated by Ambrose Laboucane, the Metis leader has returned to the position he said he would never run for again. This marks the 8th time in ten years that Mr. Daniels has served as president of that Association.

Fifty-one percent of the 1,015 voting delegates at the 48th annual assembly gave a confidence vote to the 51-year-old former construction worker from Edmonton on the first ballot.

With Mr. Daniel's 534 votes, he defeated four other candidates including the incumbent Ambrose Laboucane who received a disappointing 134 votes. Joe Blyan, a former Association vice-president received 197 votes, while High Prairie resident, Jim Tomkins, son of Peter Tomkins, a Metis leader of the 30's polled 97 votes, former executive director of the association. Another candidate Mike Woodward, running a platform proposing a more business-like approach to Metis problems received only 41 votes.

It was a political comeback for Mr. Daniels who had served the past year as President of the Alberta Native Development Corporation (ANDCO). Victory was sure sweet for Stan.

The Man after a bitter floor fight with Mr. Laboucane. When it was announced that he had won the crowd burst into applause and their president waltzed into the crowd as the Daniels supporters hugged and congratulated him.



Stan Daniels

Laboucane had tried to have Daniels and Blyan disqualified as candidates, claiming that both were executives of other native groups and under M.A.A. bylaws could not contest association election.

Blyan is vice-president of the Alberta Native Friendship Centre, while Daniels is president of ANDCO. Both men had resigned prior to running for the presidency. Again, Laboucane protested that they had not submitted their resignation 21 days prior to the assembly. Both motions were defeated.

Last year was Mr. Daniels final election campaign, he claimed. That is until Laboucane withdrew M.A.A. support from ANDCO which left it with no new government funding. He said the group under Mr. Laboucane had wondered

## M.M.F. Sports & Recreation Dept.

The Sports and Recreation Department of the Manitoba Metis Federation would like to see your participation in activities which are offered by your community and your local. Whether you are participating in existing activities or you wish to establish something new, there is a possibility of receiving some aid from us for your program.

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- meetings, seminars, workshops, clinics, etc...
- honoraria for resource people and fees for officials, referees, umpires, time keepers, etc...
- rental of facilities for authorized activities
- organization and development costs for competitive events.

However, no support will be provided for the following:

- capital expenditures for construction purposes
- assistance for banquets, receptions, trophies and prizes, entry fees, uniforms, personal equipment. (To cover these areas, we can refer you to other sources or offer our services to aid you in establishing a fund raising event.)

If anything in these guidelines is not clear, do not hesitate to call us. We are always ready to discuss ways and means of recreation. We want to see you and your neighbour involved.

Sports and Recreation Department, Cliff Richard, Director, 942 2565.

### MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION'S TEAM PLACES SECOND

The staff of the Manitoba Metis Federation participated in Richer's annual picnic. We entered a mixed softball team which placed second out of 12 teams. The mixed team has 50% males and 50% females. The males pitched for male batters and females pitched for female batters.

The Shaughnessy A's beat us on the final game but we were happy with second place. Second place was good enough, considering we only had one practice.

The Manitoba Metis Federation team at Richer Annual Picnic were:

Edmond Roy, Janice McFee, Cliff Richard, Barbara Bruce-Linnemann, Arnold Dysart, Joan Blais, Ernie Blais, Connie Lalibartee, Larry Dysart, Coreen Lalibartee, and John Morrisseau.

from the course that his associated set a decade ago and that he intended on reviving the Metis Association.

"In order to preserve that blueprint, I had to get back into the political side of things" he said prior to election.

Immediately after being elected, Mr. Daniels said "The first thing we have to do is get back into ANDCO. Housing and economic development have been going nowhere. Nothing has been done."

He added, "ANDCO hasn't been working because we didn't have backing from one of the principle members - the Metis Association of Alberta."

Elected to a one-year term was vice-president Henry Houle, a 41-year-old Edmonton truck driver. He defeated incumbent Ernest House, a Carlan carpenter.

Seven new members were elected two-year terms on the 12-member board of directors. They are: Marcel House, a Lac La Biche farmer; Lawrence Dejarlias, a St. Paul area farmer; Peter Pelletier, who works for Canadian Native Housing Corporation in Calgary; Walter Thompson, director of Calgary Indian Friendship Centre; Ernest Anderson, an Edmonton businessman; Wilfred Willier, a High Prairie probation officer, and Fred House, vice-president of the Federation of Metis Colonies.

The 30,000 member Metis Association will be holding their next annual meeting at Slave Lake.

(Kainai News)



## Flamond Re-elected N.A.C.C. President

The Northern Association of Community Councils re-elected Delphis Flamond of Camperville, Manitoba as their President. Mr. Kip Thompson of Ilford was the only man that ran in opposition to Delphis.

In their two day conference NACC discussed everything from fire safety to abolishing extension services of Northern Affairs. The delegates of NACC passed a motion against the extension services. They see it as a waste of money. Money that could be channeled into the local community councils. Mr. Ron McBryde, Minister of Northern Affairs, said the extension services branch would continue in spite of NACC's stand.

NACC also condemned the courts in the northern communities. They claimed that the people do not understand the nature of what they are being charged with or the workings of the court. The people are being led blindly by the lawyers of Legal Aid. This isn't the

first complaint I have heard about the northern courts. It seems that the lawyers would advise his client to plead guilty and throw himself to the mercy of the courts. The client expecting a small fine usually ends up paying a larger fine than he had anticipated.

NACC expressed concern to the ministers and commissioners on why services for the north was slow. Services like phones, fire equipment, housing, roads, etc. The answers they get usually boil down to - too much money, or the north does not have the equipment to handle their problems. Yet we never hear about lack of money or equipment when they want to tap our natural resources, like water for hydro, mines and lumber.

The Northern Association of Community Councils Inc., represents community councils in the northern region. The budget for the year ending March 31st, 1976, was \$65,112.00, NACC's net loss ending March 31, 1976 was \$6,450.00.

## Vogar and Oak Point Locals' Elections

The Vogar Local held their election meeting on June 13th. At this meeting Dennis Beach was elected Chairman, Lloyd Pelletier was elected Vice Chairman and Lillian Pelletier was elected Secretary Treasurer. A motion was also made at this meeting that the local executive of that local would automatically be the housing committee within that local.

Oak Point Local has new officers since their annual meeting which was held on May 30th. Bernice Johnson was re-elected Secretary Treasurer by acclamation. She has been doing a great job. Jerry Allard is the new Chairman and Les Scharf is the Vice Chairman. The Local also elected two directors. Anne Scharf and Alfred Nast were elected by acclamation.

John Hartman, Edward Nast, Alvin Johnson, Marion Nast and Chairman of the Local, Jerry Allard were elected as the housing committee. A motion was made to form this committee and it was asked that these people exercise their power.

At their meeting on June 13th, the local decided to form a little boys' baseball team. They are going to buy some equipment for them to start up and will provide them with a coach. They are having a raffle to raise money. Prizes are to be a tent, a cooler and a thermos.

## Selkirk Local

The Selkirk Local felt honored when one of their local boys, sixteen-year-old Alvin Pritchard was chosen to dance at the closing ceremonies of the Olympics. He came from a poor family and they didn't have enough money for his Indian costume which cost five hundred and twenty-four dollars. They weren't given much time, but the Local was able to raise three hundred dollars. The

Selkirk Friendship Centre donated one hundred dollars and the family managed to raise the rest.

The Selkirk Local has been catering to lunches after funerals and have served at seven since January. They have donated grocery hampers to five needy families with the profits. Bannock burger, tea coffee and the like were sold at the Indian Hockey Tournament held in April where three hundred and fifty-six dollars was realized.

St. Peter's Anglican Church purchased a new organ and the Local donated one hundred and fifty dollars to this.

The local is holding a raffle on a pair of mukluks, a purse and ladies slippers. With the profits from this raffle they want to get an artist to do a painting of Amy Clemons to donate to the Selkirk Friendship Centre on the first anniversary of its opening. Amy has been very active in the Manitoba Metis Federation since its organization as well as in the Friendship Centre. The feeling is that this honor should be bestowed onto her in her own community as she has received the Order of Canada and has been Woman of the Year.

Anyone wishing to donate toward this worthy cause or who wishes to buy tickets for the raffle may do so by sending their money to Mrs. Elsie Bear, 347 Phyllis Ave., Selkirk, Manitoba or to Manitoba Metis Federation, Ashern, Manitoba.

## Manitoba Metis Praised

Leonard and Ann Flett of Grand Rapids would like to extend their thanks to the Metis people of Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Flett's five year-old son is in the hospital with a brain tumor. The little boy has had three operations in the past seventeen days. The doctor says the tumor is malignant and all they can do is relieve pressure and prolong the life of the little boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Flett have been in Winnipeg since the 2nd of August. People heard about their grave situation and sent help. Mrs. Flett said they never asked for help. People sent donations and Mr. John Morriseau shared his place with them. Mr. and Mrs. Flett would like to thank the Grand Rapids Local, the Pas Local, The Pas Region, The Pas Metis Women's Association for the donations they have sent. They would also like to thank all the individual people that sent donations and offered their help. Mrs. Flett says, "It sure is nice to know that there are still a lot of Metis people that care".

Mr. Flett works for Manitoba Hydro in Grand Rapids and they have been kind enough to give him his holiday pay for the next year.

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