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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tansi and hello to all the membership. I am glad to have an opportunity to speak to the membership again through another issue of *New Breed* magazine. It is a good sign that our magazine is finding its way to you, and in doing so, meeting some of our communication needs. There is much that I can share with you. The Metis nation of Saskatchewan faces many challenges each and every day. The membership is always on the minds of the Executive as we make decisions and work with our member organizations to build a Nation that provides for its people. Some days are diamonds and some days are not.



MNS President Clem Chartier

*Photo By - Kathy Hodgson-Smith*

I have had the pleasure of attending a number of graduation ceremonies throughout the province, congratulating Metis of all ages who are entering a variety of trades and professions. It is good to see Metis receive accreditation for university level training, trade accreditation, as well as completing basic education diplomas. Metis Employment & Training, Dumont Technical Institute and the Gabriel Dumont Institute are all to be congratulated for their excellence in meeting their mandates and increasing educational opportunities for Metis in Saskatchewan. Further to this, Metis Employment and Training has just signed a new five-year agreement with Human Resource Development Canada that devolves a portion of the administration of employment and training for Metis to the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. This five-year agreement will allow the Metis Nation to build more substantial and longer term partnerships with other labour market players, increasing the likelihood of direct

employment opportunities for our graduates. A common table has been established between the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, the Federal and Provincial governments, where education, employment and training is considered provincially to enhance programs and services for the Metis of Saskatchewan.

North West Saskatchewan is a busy place, with a number of initiatives underway. The North West Metis Land Claim research is continuing and the researchers have made their first sweep of the archives in Ottawa. The community-based research component will be done through the Methy Pathways Board in Buffalo Narrows and the NR111 Metis Pathways Board in

Beauval. A course is currently being set up that will train individuals from these communities to interview Elders and document traditional land use practices. We have lost many of our Elders already so the establishment of this course is very important. The Northern Project is another initiative that is proceeding along, despite continued obstacles. The North West Saskatchewan Metis Council and the North West Saskatchewan Municipalities Association met on a couple of occasions to affirm their commitment to working together to meet the needs of the residents of this area. They will be embarking on a series of community information sessions to update residents as to the status of the project and to seek further direction.

The Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range Negotiating committee is finally making some headway in their relentless struggle to gain compensation for those displaced from the air weapons lands in 1953. An

officials meeting will be held in Beauval in order that Federal and Provincial governments can bring their responses forward to the Committee members on this long-standing issue. The officials meeting will then be followed by a meeting of government Ministers and Committee members.

The Urban centres have also been working toward local governance. Through the support of the MNS Intergovernmental Affairs Unit, the Metis Urban Council is working toward establishing itself as the Metis voice in the urban centres. The Federal government has taken steps to alleviate the increased numbers of Metis and Indian Nation individuals requiring intervention in one program or another by making available specific funding for urban centres. Funds are available for employment and training and a variety of youth activities, and the urban council will work towards being in a position to vie for funding in other areas such as justice, health, social services and economic development.

The Provincial Metis Youth Council is spreading its wings and bringing youth to important tables to be part of the discussions. Two of the Executive members of the Youth Council, Trevor Kennedy and April McPherson, attended the Provincial Metis Council meeting held in Saskatoon on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to the increasing involvement of youth in our organization.

In closing, as President of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan I would like to encourage all members of the Nation to learn about the initiatives that the Nation is involved with, either through involvement with your Locals or by becoming active Regional members through our various committees and boards. The strength and health of our families and communities is premised on the involvement of our citizens. It is my hope that New Breed magazine will provide you with enough basic information that you can begin, if you have not done so already, to become informed and involved as our Nation moves into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

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The logo features a stylized bison head in profile, facing left, with a feathered headdress. The bison is superimposed on a map of the Northwest Saskatchewan region. The map labels various locations: DESERTEAU LAKE, LALOUCHE, TURNOR LAKE, BLACK POINT, GARSON LAKE, BEAR CREEK, PATUANAK, MICHEL VILLAGE, BUFFALO NARROWS, CANDE RIVER, LA CROSSE, COLE, BEAUVAL, DORE LAKE, SLED LAKE, and GREEN LAKE. The text "NORTH WEST SASKATCHEWAN METIS COUNCIL" is written in an arc above the bison head.

## METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN TREASURER'S REPORT

As the MNS Provincial Treasurer, it gives me great pleasure to present the following financial statements to New Breed readers. I am pleased that our financial affairs are in order. I wish everyone a safe and happy autumn.

*Allan Morin*



Allan Morin

Photo By - Yvonne Vizina

To the Members of  
The Metis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.

We have audited the balance sheet of **The Metis Society of Saskatchewan Inc.** as at March 31, 1999 and the combined statements of earnings and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 1999 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

Saskatoon, Canada  
May 21, 1999

Chartered Accountants

## COMBINED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

Year ended March 31	1999	1998
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Government grants		
Federal - current operations	1,182,728	731,256
- deficit recovery	16,563	11,900
Provincial - current operations	1,122,687	663,805
	<u>2,321,978</u>	<u>1,406,961</u>
Other revenue		
Sponsorship	10,000	23,930
Sundry	22,550	35,377
	<u>32,550</u>	<u>59,307</u>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<u>2,354,528</u>	<u>1,466,268</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries	701,394	616,338
Travel	245,688	173,106
Professional services	196,190	192,051
Meetings	146,952	41,201
Conference	67,424	—
Election costs	8,822	76,934
Research	8,888	16,841
Administration	103,036	187,362
Enumeration	233,404	135,679
Workshops	—	28,084
Co-management	104,956	—
New Breed	3,518	—
Grants	410,332	15,000
Sponsorships	15,637	8,739
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>2,246,241</u>	<u>1,491,335</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before other items	108,287	(25,067)
<b>Other items of income (expense)</b>		
Accounts payable written off	32,001	32,734
Bad debts	—	(6,913)
<b>Total other items</b>	<u>32,001</u>	<u>25,821</u>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<u>140,288</u>	<u>754</u>

## M N S B I L A T E R A L P R O C E S S M O V I N G A L O N G

by: Yvonne Vizina

The Bilateral Process, between the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan and the Government of Saskatchewan is gaining momentum under the direction of MNS Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Allan Morin.

The MNS has been active in lobbying the provincial government for the development of this process over the last few months. The MNS has identified a clear need to build capacity, and to obtain multi-year financial commitments which will allow for the further development in a number of bilateral sectors.

Discussions are ongoing in holding a leader's forum, between the MNS and Saskatchewan, in the near future to discuss such issues as gaming revenues, MNS governance funding, and the proposed Saskatchewan Métis Act.

The Bilateral Process has a Tier I Committee, comprised of Ministers from both governments. The Committee was scheduled to meet in September to discuss policies in development by the Government of Saskatchewan with respect to Métis people. The meeting has been postponed due to the provincial election.

The Bilateral Process also has a Tier II Committee, comprised of MNS CEOs, technicians, and Saskatchewan senior officials. This Committee meets quarterly, which provides MNS delegates to speak directly to officials from various provincial line departments. A meeting was held June 16, which resulted in a renewed drive to develop good practical relationships, which will result in initiatives beneficial to Métis people in Saskatchewan.

A Métis Aboriginal Rights Forum is being developed between the MNS and Saskatchewan Justice. It is expected to provide an opportunity to discuss some justice issues that are not already within the court system. Both the MNS and Saskatchewan have agreed that although the court system will be the primary deciding mechanism, it is worth having an alternative opportunity to achieve positive relations between Saskatchewan Justice and the Métis Nation.

Other topics of discussion at the Bilateral Tier II meeting were the Associated Entities Fund, the recent Provincial Forestry Announcement, education / training and employment issues, and further development of the Bilateral Process.

Under this Bilateral Process, the MNS successfully negotiated a new partnership with Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM). The new contract will provide funding for an MNS Coordinator of Lands and Natural Resources, and a Task Force to provide technical and advisory support to the Coordinator and MNS Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Mr. George Morin was the successful candidate for the position of Coordinator, and has been very busy preparing the carry out the joint work plan negotiated between the MNS and SERM for 1999-2000.

Further developments under the Bilateral Process are occurring in health, housing, economic development, social development, and post-secondary education and training.



## COLLABORATIVE PLANNING WORKSHOP SASKATOON - JUNE 1999



June 1999, Collaborative Planning, President Clem Chartier

Photo By - Yvonne Vizina

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## MUNICIPAL AND METIS NATION LEADERS UNITE OVER REGIONAL CONTROL IN NORTH WEST SASKATCHEWAN - METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN NEWS RELEASE

(Saskatoon, SK) Municipal and Métis Nation leaders held a North West Leaders Forum on Wednesday, July 21, 1999 in La Loche, Saskatchewan. They gathered under their 1996 Protocol Agreement to jointly address governance, program delivery and service procurement initiatives impacting 20 Métis communities in the region.

Leaders shared common concerns facing communities and residents that directly impact the socio-economic conditions in North West Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management

The North West Métis Wood Products Limited, are facing grave difficulties also. Lack of development funding as well as the need for corporate partners and environmental impact statements have made it impossible to develop a business plan which the Government of Saskatchewan requires.

Co-Chair of the North West Saskatchewan Métis Council, Don Favel, commented, "We've been meeting and talking with government and our own people for years on these issues. We see our riches being trucked out every day without the consent of our people. The wisdom of Métis Elders is being totally ignored by the provincial government. Now is the time to take action."

Another major concern raised by leaders related to fighting forest fires. Local resources, skills and knowledge of the land and forests have been largely ignored. Local qualified Aboriginal fire fighters and their equipment sit idle, while SERM imports fire fighters and equipment from

outside the region.

Issues related to hunting and fishing rights in Northern Saskatchewan were also discussed. A lack of clear government policy creates confusion and fear among local residents, who face seizure of equipment and game.



Max Morin, Allan Morin, July 23/99 Press Conference at MNS

Photo By - Yvonne Vizina

(SERM) control over wood supply for local community use severely limits small business opportunities. Lack of guaranteed long term supply prohibits lending institutions from working with communities. The five municipalities who are attempting to secure a Forest Management License Agreement under

Serious concerns were raised with housing and health care issues. Lack of local control and adequate transportation for emergency medical care is a growing concern.

Leaders call on the Government of Saskatchewan to honour its Northern Procurement Strategy to have Northern services delivered by Northern people first.

Philip Chartier, Co-Chair of the North West Saskatchewan Métis Council, read the Mission Statement of the Protocol Agreement and stated, "All the things we set out to do between the two parties in 1996 have been met 100%. We played by all the rules, followed every process. When these things don't work, then what do we do?"

North West Saskatchewan leaders expressed their frustration with the lack of development and opportunities for their constituents. Leaders have decided to take action and fully utilize the opportunities that exist under the Northern Project created as a result of the signing of the Protocol Agreement in 1996. Chair of the North West Saskatchewan Municipalities Association and Mayor of Ile-a-la-Crosse, Max Morin declared, "To have more control over our future and destiny, this is an opportunity to prove to the Government of Saskatchewan, and our own people, we can run our own affairs."

Senator Vital Morin quietly addressed the leaders gathered. "I hear people talking about justice negotiations, but nothing changes. Nobody is there to help our youth. There is too many crew fire chiefs who don't want to attack the fires. Crews wait two days before going out. By then the fires are out of control.

There is no money to hire men, but there is big money for airplanes."

Allan Morin, Treasurer of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, reviewed the Northern Project's five-year Blueprint For Devolution. "This Blueprint contains short-term and long-term goals and objectives. We must find the mechanisms to make it work." Mr. Morin called on North West leaders to fully debate their roles and responsibilities under this initiative.

Métis Nation of Saskatchewan President, Clem Chartier, strongly supports the full partnership between the North West Saskatchewan Métis Council and the North West Saskatchewan Municipalities Association. "The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan is fully committed to support the Northern Project. We must move this forward."

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## PROMISES FOR FORESTRY INDUSTRY FALL THROUGH

By Loma Docken

Northerners were ecstatic over announcements of expansion in the forestry industry this Spring. Promises of multi-million dollar cash infusions forestry meant business and employment opportunities.

All of this would lead to an improved economy and better standard of living for Northerners. A few short months later, scepticism is rising as no tangible results have been seen.

Northerners question the political good will of the provincial government and wonder if there is a double standard for Northern and Southern Saskatchewan. All of the social indicators lead one to that conclusion. Comparatively, education, employment and income levels are lower while incarceration, family violence and substandard housing are at epidemic proportions. One must question how this situation arose when the north has such an abundance of resources including forestry. It would seem that part of the problem is common to marginalised peoples worldwide. Outsiders come in and develop the resources which are shipped out at a profit. The local people rarely benefit from the process in terms of jobs or improvement of the economy. This has been the case with forestry in Northern Saskatchewan. But one must ask how it was allowed to happen when the provincial government has control

over the land and resources. Does this government not have equal responsibility for the well being of all Saskatchewan residents? Why would they allow this situation (often called the hinterland/metropolis scenario) to lead to third world conditions for northerners?

Announcements similar to the forestry one are made often in reference to industry in the south. Are these promises followed up on? Or are they just to make those in power look good? It seems that the big media

announcements in the south are usually followed by articles on actual cash infusions. Northerners are still waiting.

Some small progress has been made. Dollars have been set aside for a business plan for the region and an environmental impact study has been completed although not yet released.

These questions have been raised by the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan leadership. At the Northern leaders forum July 21 at La Loche they reiterated the commitment to Canada and Saskatchewan that the leaders of the NWSMA and NWSMC are united under the 1996 protocol agreement. The upcoming provincial election will be a good forum for northerners to demand that promises be fulfilled.



Max Morin - NWSMA, Philip Chartier - MNS NR2

Photo By - Yvonne Vizina

## Arcand a HUGE Success

by: Yvonne Vizina

23 year old Jason Arcand has found a great place to be in life. He is the bass guitar player for a rock and roll band called Huge. The four-member band is already very popular in the Saskatoon club circuit, and is expanding their range of venues out of province also.

Huge produced a self-titled CD earlier in 1999, which is approaching sell-out of their first run. The CD has an upbeat, get-up-and-move-it rock theme, with an excellent mixture of contemporary guitar from James Hudyma, pounding drums from Quinn Magnuson, and the throaty vocals of lead singer Rob McCarthy.

In an interesting twist, not common among rock musicians, the band had decided to contribute 100% of the CD profits to a children's charity in Saskatchewan. Arcand explains the motivation for doing this as an opportunity to contribute something positive to the community, while at the same time, encouraging people to hear the music and get to know the band.

Although young in years, Arcand has been around music for the 23 years of his life. Growing up in Nipawin, Saskatchewan, Arcand's Métis father was also a musician who played keyboard and guitar professionally. Singing and playing instruments was a common thing in the extended Arcand family. Jason, himself, learned his early guitar from relatives, but worked diligently on his own to develop the skill and creativity needed for performing.

In his early teen years, Jason was offered a chance to play bass in a rock band with some friends from Nipawin. Although Jason didn't play bass, he found one at his house, learned to play it, and never looked back. Jason laughs when he tells the story adding, "you gotta start somewhere!"

About a year and a half ago, Jason attended a local cabaret to watch his cousin James Hudyma play guitar in a new band called Huge. He was invited to consider

joining. Jason left his job in Nipawin to begin life as a professional musician. Although he and the other band members still work at other jobs, they are all committed to the success of the band, and generate enough revenue to move forward with their musical aspirations.

The band practices regularly, but also uses their live performances to showcase original material, to experiment with creative ideas, and to pound out cover tunes of Tragically Hip, Van Morrison, Duran Duran and a host of songs from the 70's, 80's and 90's.

When thinking about the success of the band, Jason comments, "Bands have a certain energy and force that is projected out into an audience. The audience responds and lets us know how we're doing. We entertain them with our cover tunes, but also work at developing our original material. Playing music is all about having fun and enjoying yourself. If we do, so does our audience."

The band has plans to produce a second CD as soon as possible, with several new original songs they have ready. As the band grows in popularity, they will need to look at developing a music video that will provide wider exposure for their music. Jason would like to see Huge begin touring Canada soon. Although it would take a tremendous amount of organizing, the band has had such a high degree of success provincially, that it would be the next logical step.



Jason Arcand "Huge"

## **M E T I S ADDICTIONS COUNCIL HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

MACSI welcomes James Froh as their new Executive Director. He will be missed at the MNS Tripartite Unit, especially by Yvonne Vizina who must step into his very large boots. We are all confident in the abilities of Ms. Vizina and Mr. Froh. Congratulations to both of them

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Robert and Myrna Bouvier*

*on the  
Grand Opening of Amy's Bar and Grill*



*Photo By - Clem Chartier*



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## METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN SOD-TURNING CEREMONY BATOCHÉ - JUNE 29, 1999 - by Lorna Docken



MNS sod turning Batoche, June 29/99.

Photo By - Kathy Hodgson-Smith

It was a proud day for Saskatchewan Metis! About 20 people turned out for the Batoche building sod-turning ceremony June 29, 1999.

Dignitaries in attendance were:

- MNS President Clem Chartier
- MNS Treasurer Allan Morin
- MNS vice-President Murray Hamilton
- MNS Regional Directors Peter Rudyck (WR2) and Al Rivard (NR1)

The \$180,000.00 building was constructed due to contributions from Clarence Campeau Development Foundation, Metis Employment and Training of Saskatchewan and the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. All those present saw the building as integral to the continued success of Back to B a t o c h e D a y s . It is expected that the site will host a large millennium conference in the year 2000 to coincide with the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Batoche.

The building is 80' x 200' in dimension and

constructed of materials to withstand the elements. It is a welcome development on the Back to Batoche Days site.

Speakers and guests alike left with a feeling of optimism about Back to Batoche Days in 1999 and future years to come.

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## SASKATOON HOSTS CAN AM ABORIGINAL BASKETBALL TOURNEY

by Tiffany LaPlante



Team Montana Champions — 1999 Can-Am Aboriginal Youth Basketball Challenge

Saskatoon hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Can Am Aboriginal Youth Basketball Championships at the University of Saskatchewan, August 6, 7 & 8, 1999.

First Place was awarded to the team from North Dakota, second to Minnesota, third to Saskatoon and Fourth to Team Saskatchewan.

Events included cultural evenings as well as the sporting event.

## SASKATOON BENEFIT IN THE PARK FOR EXPLOITED CHILDREN

by Loma Docken

A gala music event to raise awareness of children exploited by johns and pimps was held at Saskatoon Kiwanis Park, Sunday August 22/99.

Saskatoons's finest blues and hip hop artists performed to an enthusiastic crowd of performers. The event was spearheaded by popular Saskatoon Artist Gary Martin.





## SASKATCHEWAN NATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HELPS METIS ENTREPRENEURS

by SNEDCO staff

In Saskatchewan, Metis are increasingly entering the world of business and generating wealth for themselves and their communities. Business is being used as a key to returning the tradition of pride and self-sufficiency to the people. New business ventures are being launched in many different areas.

### SNEDCO'S MANDATE

The Sasknative Economic Development Corporation, or SNEDCO, is a Saskatchewan Metis owned lending institution created to finance the start-up, purchase and/or expansion of viable Metis-controlled small business based in Saskatchewan.

From the fall of 1987 to February 28, 1999, SNEDCO has disbursed 789 loans totalling \$16.2 million for over 439 businesses in Saskatchewan. These businesses created or maintained employment for approximately 1313 Metis people within Saskatchewan. SNEDCO has serviced clients from a wide range of areas including forestry, general service and retail, transportation, tourism and agriculture.

In order to be eligible for consideration for SNEDCO services, an applicant must be an individual of Metis ancestry or a corporation or other approved entity controlled or owned by Metis. Depending on the type of service requested, other criteria may also apply.

### SNEDCO PROGRAMS

SNEDCO services are delivered on the basis of prudent and sound business principles. This is necessary to protect the integrity of SNEDCO's capital base and to ensure the continued delivery of its services. Since resources are limited, SNEDCO programs are often used to lever financial assistance from other public and private sources.

SNEDCO has designed three programs for the Metis business community.

### Small Business Loans Program

The Small Business Loans Program provides a variety of small business loans to finance the start-up, purchase and/or expansion of Metis-owned small businesses. Types of loans available include direct capital loans, shared capital loans and bridge financing. The current maximum loan amount is \$100,000 per applicant.

### Supplementary Equity Loans Program

The Supplementary Loans Program is new to SNEDCO since January 1992. It provides equity loans to increase the viability of new and existing businesses. These loans can be used to improve access to the Aboriginal Business Canada Program and other public and private financing programs and institutions. Loans can be for amounts up to a maximum of \$40,000 per applicant. The maximum term for repayment is 5 years.

### Business Advisory Services Program

The Business Advisory Services Program is also new to SNEDCO since February 1992. The program provides general business information and consulting services and also offers business development workshops for Metis interested in starting or purchasing a business. Since March 1998, Business Advisory Services has been supported by Western Economic Diversification Canada. The consulting services provided by the Business Advisory Service include assistance with the preparation of business and financing plans, advice on business management and turnaround strategies and assistance in the completion of grant or loan applications.

## **CLARENCE CAMPEAU DEVELOPMENT FUND**

by Roland Duplessis

The Clarence Campeau Development Fund (CCDF) enjoyed an exciting and productive first year of operations in 1998.

During the year the fund invested \$632,000 in support of 26 Metis business and community development proposals in Saskatchewan. The Fund invested in a wide variety of projects targeting commercially viable, market based projects, primarily in the value-added sectors of the economy.

The objective of CCDF is to provide Saskatchewan people with an opportunity for self-sufficiency through the creation of community based business. The project funded in 1998 supported the creation of 39 full time jobs while leveraging over \$2.4 Million in other project financing.

The Fund continued to form strong partnerships throughout the year with other agencies such as Saskatchewan Native Economic Development Corporation, the Northern Development Fund, the Northern Enterprise Fund, Community Future organizations, federal, provincial and municipal government and the private sector.

During the year, CCDF provided financial support to Dumont Technical Institute for a Metis Economic Development Officer Training Program. This one-year program is designed to provide increased capacity to assist with the development of Metis economic development of Metis economic development projects in all 12 regions of the province.

## **PROVINCIAL METIS HOUSING CORPORATION (PMHC) Up-Date**

by Charity Chaboyer

Provincial Metis Housing Corporation has had a very unstable presence over the past several years as a delivery agent for social housing repair programs on behalf of the municipal housing division.

The funding for these programs which is cost shared by the federal government has been on and off with no future. Recently the government announced that they will be committing funding for these programs (RRAP, ERP & HASI) for a period of 5 years. With the announcement of this continued funding, PMHC agreed to stay on as the delivery agent to deliver these programs in northern Saskatchewan.

PMHC signed a delivery contract in May of 1998 and we have been very busy reviewing applications, doing inspections, etc.

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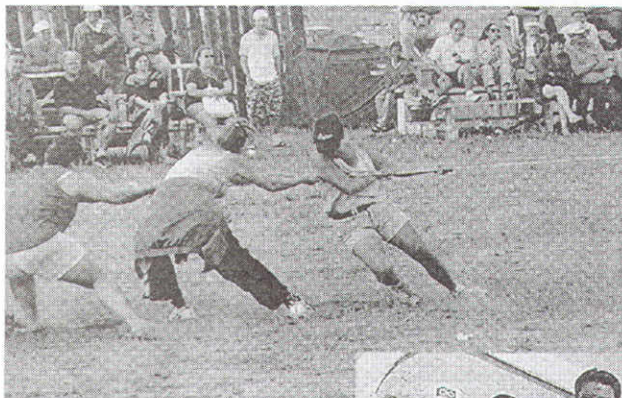


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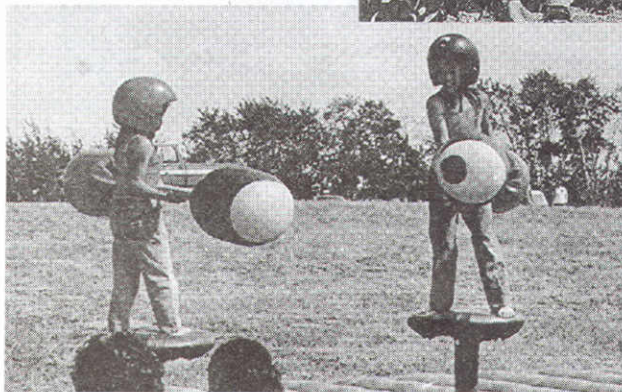


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## MÉTIS RECOGNITION AWARDS

By: Yvonne Vizina

The Regina Métis Women hosted a **Métis Recognition Awards Night** on June 26, 1999 as part of Aboriginal Peoples Celebration Week. The event, hosted by Carrie Bourassa and Ray Gosselin, included a formal awards presentation, followed by a r e c e p t i o n .

Dignitaries in attendance included Métis representatives Margaret Samuelson, Murray Hamilton, Maria Campbell, Dan Welsh, Clifford LaRocque, and Alex Hamilton. Harry Van Mulligan attended on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan. Ray Hamilton and Rob Deglau attended on behalf of the City of Regina.

The award recipients were among those whose names were submitted in various categories as deserving Métis citizens of the City of Regina. The Arts and Entertainment Award went to Joan Dagdick; Artistic Achievement to Bob Boyer; Métis Cultural Award to Jeanne Pelletier and Clifford LaRocque; Education Award to JoAnn Thom and Joe Eckland; Health and Medicine Award to Eileen McAllister; Business and Commerce Award to Reg and Darin Fisher; Science and Technology Award to Charles Belhumeur; Social Work Award to Mable Ann Burns; Community Service Award to Erna Taylor and Albert Robillard; Elder Award to Agnes Pelletier; Sports and Recreation Award to Marty Spreacker and Karen LaRocque; and the Youth Award went to Erica P i l o n .

Four Special Recognition Awards were bestowed on Linda Anderson for Governmental work; Georgina

Fisher for Social work; Shirley Boucher for Non-Traditional work; and Rita LaRocque for Volunteer w o r k .

Participants were treated to entertainment by Danica Middleton, a young singer with a terrific future in music, storytelling by Maria Campbell which had the crowd laughing uproariously, and two young University of Regina Conservatory of Music Ballet Dancers. In appreciation for the beautiful dancing by the young Métis ballet artist, a collection was taken by the crowd to assist in his travel to the National School of Ballet. \$350 was raised in just a few minutes. Good luck Graham Kotowich !

Regina Métis Women did a tremendous job



Summer '99 — Regina Métis Recognition Awards. Hosted by: Regina Métis Women.

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organizing and recognizing Métis citizens from their city. A hearty congratulations to them for this recognition of the hard work and dedication of their f e l l o w M é t i s .

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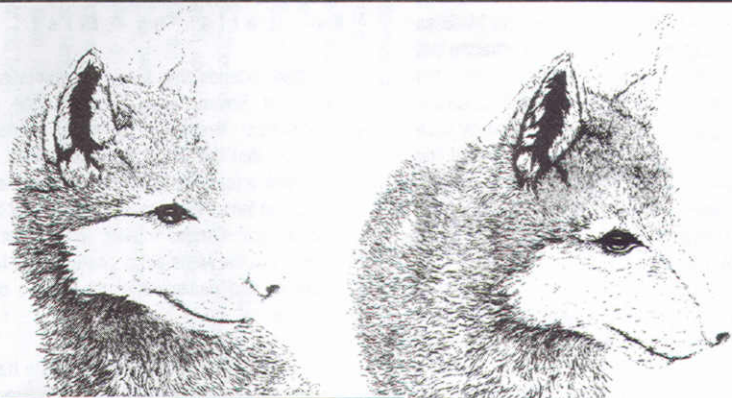
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Young Artists

Chad Morin  
1999

## BOOK REVIEW

BY DARREN PREFONTAINE OF GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE

Bumsted, J.M. *Fur Trade Wars: The Founding of Western Canada*. Winnipeg: Great Plains Publications, 1999, 271pp. Photographs, appendices, and index. (Paper) ISBN 1-894283-03-1, \$ 19.95.

J.M. Bumsted has once again written another popular account of a seminal event in Western-Canadian history.

This time he analyses the fur trade wars between the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) and the Montreal-based North-West Company (NWC) during the 1800s and 1810s. Like Bumsted's recent treatment of the Red River Resistance, *The Red River Rebellion* (1996, Watson and Dwyer), this book has no end notes, deeply delves into a descriptive and chronological narrative and contains some glaring errors in terminology. For instance, Bumsted refers to the Metis almost excessively as mixed-bloods. Interestingly, Indians are given the modern and politically correct moniker First Nations, and are also called Aboriginal(s), a term which Bumsted never applies to the Metis. Of course, Metis people have always considered themselves to be Aboriginal and Section 35(2) of the 1982 *Constitutional Act* refers to Indians, Inuit and Metis as being Canada's Aboriginal peoples. It is truly amazing that much of Canada's intelligentsia make such simple, but highly problematic semantic choices, especially since this book and other popular histories of the fur trade by such authors as Peter C. Newman have wide-reading audiences. (*Company of Adventurers*, Markham: Penguin Books, 1985, *Ceasars of the Wilderness*, Markham: Penguin Books, 1987 and *Merchant Princes*, Markham: Penguin Books Limited, 1991).

Bumsted's thesis is simply that the high-minded ideals of Lord Selkirk were frustrated by the war between the two fur trading giants and their human agents, and that peace between the two came as a result of combatant fatigue and Selkirk's premature death. The only hero in this drama is Lord Selkirk, albeit a slightly pathetic one. Bumsted sincerely believes that Selkirk – while ruthless, arrogant and determined – was a great humanitarian who struggled and eventually gave up his fortune, status and life to ensure that his fledgling colony in the Red River region survived. Ironically, after he died in 1819 the two fur trade companies, which waged war in the Northwest

interior of the continent for a generation, earnestly began to negotiate a merger. Bumsted notes, rather ironically, that George Simpson ran the newly amalgamated HBC on the NWC pattern of limited European settlement of the Prairie West and coercion of Aboriginal peoples, if necessary.

Bumsted argues that there were no real villains in the fur trade wars, only inept and over-zealous followers of the HBC or NWC camps. For instance, Miles Macdonell, the impetuous governor of Assiniboia, angered the NWC and the Metis by his heavy-handed belligerence, most notably for his infamous Pemman Proclamation, which attempted to prevent the Metis from exporting pemman out of the Red River region. (Strangely, Bumsted calls Macdonnell Miles throughout his text – the only person he calls by first name).

Bumsted extends this thesis of non-culpability to the events of Seven Oaks, arguably one of the most controversial events in Canadian history. Bumsted contends that the Battle of Seven Oaks, on June 19, 1816, was a (s)pontaneous eruption of violence between two armed forces emotionally prepared for trouble, rather than an act of mass murder (p.149) Furthermore, he asserts that the Metis did not take part in the post-battle slaughter and mutilation of the bodies of the Selkirk Settlers.

This is somewhat of a departure in the historiography. For example, the historian Lye Dick argues that it was a long-held belief in Canadian historical writing that Seven Oaks was a massacre, perpetrated by the NWC's blood thirsty and savage Metis henchmen. (The Seven Oaks Incident and the Construction of a Historical Tradition, 1816-1970, *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*, Vol. 2, 1991, pp.91-113.) Bumsted maintains that the Metis at Seven Oaks were active agents in their actions and not



## 8 to 10 year olds attend **CULTURAL CAMP** **August 9 - 13 Maureen Lake**

by Lorna Docken

NWC puppets. By contrast, Peter C. Newman argued, in his recent CTV history of the HBC, that the NorWesters massacred the Selkirk settlers. (Incredulously, the actor who narrated Metis leader Cuthbert Grant in the docuhistory had a Highland Scots accent!)

In many respects this is a good book. Unfortunately, it does not elucidate much new information about the fur trade, nor of its constituents. While the Metis are portrayed as having agency, they are given only a marginal place in Bumsted's narrative, as are other NorWesters. Researchers will make use of the primary documents in its appendices; however, Native Studies and Canadian History students, in need for a quick overview of the fur trade wars, will avoid this book. For a better understanding of the fur trade wars between the Hudson's Bay Company and the North-West Company, I would recommend Gerald Friesen's excellent survey of Western-Canadian history, *The Canadian Prairies*. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1985), and Harold Innis dated classic, *The Fur Trade In Canada* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1998. Reprint. Originally printed in 1930).

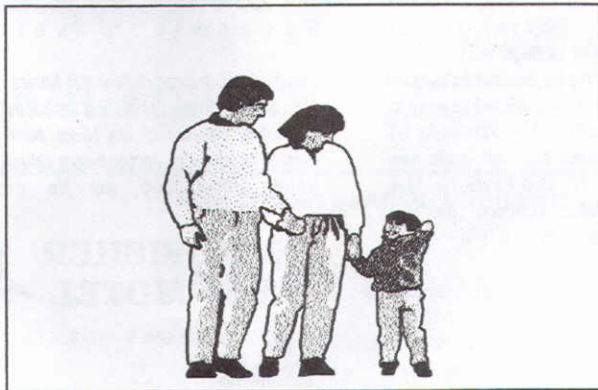
The fifth annual Metis Youth Cultural Camp in MNS ER2 went off without a hitch. Organizers report that 103 happy campers from 22 communities within the region enjoyed 5 days of Metis culture, swimming lessons, crafts, storytelling and educational workshops. All participants rotated through a series of workshops which included:

Addictions  
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Abuse

Many of the workshops focussed on what the youth were going through at home. Many of the participants were foster children.

The camp was made possible by partnerships and resulting funding. Due to the fact that the camp was free for participants and costs were high, plans and fundraising for next year are already underway.

Families enjoyed the opportunity to visit on Thursday. They were treated to Metis jigging, fiddling and a great meal. The cooks fed 240 people!



## MNS Tripartite Process

by: Yvonne Vizina

Allan Morin, MNS Treasurer, continues to lead the Tripartite Process as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The 1998-1999 Tripartite Work Plan closed out March 31, 1999 with initiatives well under way in the Northern Project, the Métis Urban Council of Saskatchewan, justice, economic development, and Tripartite internal development.

With representatives from the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, and the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, Tripartite initiatives have made excellent progress to date. Regular discussions are held, which lead to the development of practical results for Métis citizens across the province.

The Northern Project (NP) successfully developed a five-year Blueprint For Devolution which has been accepted by Canada and Saskatchewan as the plan under which future work will be conducted in this governance initiative for North West Saskatchewan. Other work developed included a new Tripartite two-year strategic work plan, an education manual and slide show for public information, and a video documentary project. The NP bid farewell to Raymond Laliberte in his capacity as NP Coordinator on July 31, 1999. The MNS wishes him well in his new business. Mr. Philip Chartier, Mr. Don Favel, Mr. Max Morin, and Mr. Earl Pelletier continue the NP development.

The Métis Urban Council of Saskatchewan is continuing its developmental process. Local Presidents and Area Directors representing Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Regina, and North Battleford meet to discuss issues facing urban Métis people. A two-year Tripartite work plan has been developed and plans are in the works to solidify the

structure of the Council, and develop long-term plans with practical, achievable results. Mr. Wayne Trochic is the Associate Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs responsible for Urban Governance, and is assisting the Council in their development.

Work in the Tripartite Justice Subcommittee has resulted in a work plan being developed covering the balance of this year. Three Community Justice Committees have been initiated under this Process in the past year, and other communities are beginning to establish CJs with a view to involving community members with justice issues. Ms. Kelly Hardy is Interim Director of Métis Justice for Métis Family and Community Justice, and we look forward to working with her.

There has been a great deal of activity in MNS economic development. Several initiatives are underway in tourism and agriculture, which will lead to new and exciting opportunities for Métis people across Saskatchewan. Mr. Guy Bouvier directs these initiatives as Minister of Economic Development.

Finally, MNS Intergovernmental Affairs says good-bye to Mr. James Froh, who has accepted a position as Executive Director of the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. James was a valued team member at head office, and will be greatly missed.

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## STOP RACISM PROJECT

by Carol Friedhoff

Racism. Do we Canadians suffer at all from the disease of racism? The global village is in turmoil and thousands of individuals die violent deaths because of our differences and unwillingness to accept change. North America, and especially the United States, experience murderous rampages because of the hatred of one race for another. Canada is not immune. Our schools and youth are susceptible to the violent tragedies that hatred can wreak. National headlines tell us this is true.

In 1996, the United Nations declared March 21st the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. In 1999, Canada showed support for the U.N. declaration by launching its first national March 21st campaign. The millennium will be marked by the "Racism. Stop It! Action 2000 Initiative", building on the growing success for the annual anti-racism public awareness March 21 campaign. The Stop Racism (tour Canada) youth challenge is an integral event of the "Racism. stop it! Action 2000" Initiative.

Why is it that a national initiative helping to promote the stopping of racism receives such a lukewarm (at best) reception across the country? In order to change a situation, you must first admit there is a problem. Is there a racism problem in Canada? In S a s k a t c h e w a n ?

Personally; I believe there is racism. Being a Metis woman with white skin; having children and grandchildren who are very dark-skinned, I have great reasons to want change. I have heard racist remarks from various sectors of the community, witnessed racist behaviour, and felt the hurt and the fear of being discriminated against.

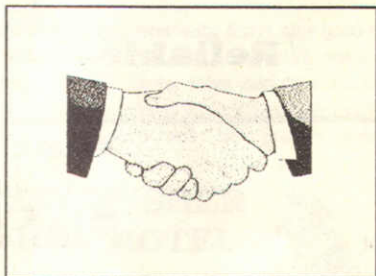
People fear change and are suspicious and wary of others different than themselves. Certain cultures and races hold power and money almost

exclusively in their hands, unwilling to share. Any excuse is used to explain and maintain the status quo. "We" are superior to "them". Negative qualities of a few are magnified and extended to embrace the many of that culture. Such stereotyping and prejudice are a basic part of racism.

The STOP RACISM YOUTH CHALLENGE offers an opportunity for all Canadian youth between the ages of 15 to 24 to address the issues of racism. This is the chance to make positive change while showcasing talent and ambition that you are expressed by young Canadians, "Give us the tools, and we'll stop racism ourselves".

Contact the local YWCA of The Boys and Girls Club in your area to find out how you can become a part of changing the future for the better. Give yourself an opportunity to express yourself and to compete nationally. Be a winner!

Stop Racism Youth Challenge  
YWCA of Prince Albert (763-8571)



## METIS LEADERS MEET TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS GOVERNANCE

By: Kathy Hodgson-Smith

The Internal Governance Committee organized the second annual Metis Nation of Saskatchewan (MNS) Governance Retreat on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999. In attendance was the Provincial Metis Council, three Senators, the Executive of the Provincial Metis Youth Council and the Metis Women of Saskatchewan, along with the Chief Executive Officers of the MNS and its Affiliates. The Retreat was to consider some of the governance issues facing the Metis Nation both in the area of programs and services and Metis rights. Further to this, the Government of Saskatchewan has proposed a discussion paper, entitled *Framework for Cooperation*, which will serve as a beginning draft of a policy paper on Provincial Government / Metis relations in Saskatchewan. A government official was in attendance to present initial comments to the participants.

The morning of the Retreat was taken up with presentations by the MNS Intergovernmental Affairs Unit and Treasury Board discussing the funding of the various Metis Nation of Saskatchewan programs, offered through the Affiliates. The presentations offered a longitudinal view of the funding of MNS programs and services, along with comparisons to First Nation funding over the last ten years. It was generally observed that an increase in First Nation funding meant a drop in funding for the Metis Nation equivalent and vice versa. The funding to Metis and First Nations by the province has only seen meager increases over the last ten years. Many of the Metis Nation affiliates are experiencing grave difficulty in maintaining the programs and services they offer with budgets that do not increase while operating costs sky rocket. The Gabriel Dumont Institute has not seen an increase in its core budget since 1992 while tuition and educational costs have soared. In light of the election call, be sure to inquire with your provincial election candidate as to his/her party's intention regarding Metis Nation rights, programs and services. Metis people continue to face needless hardships in this province as it approaches the next century. The afternoon of the Retreat was set

aside for small group discussions on the roles of the various stakeholders in the operations of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. The role of the Affiliate Boards, the Ministers, the CEOs, the Provincial Metis Council and the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly were all considered. It was decided that the general membership needed to be kept more informed of the various initiatives and that, somehow, information meetings needed to be held to share information and increase the understanding of the membership on governance and other issues.

The second day was set aside for discussions of the Government of Saskatchewan policy paper and the issues facing the Metis Nation in terms of the rights agenda. President, Clem Chartier, gave the overview and led the discussions on Metis rights, reviewing our present situation locally, regionally, provincially and nationally. President Gerald Morin of the Metis National Council was also in attendance and spoke to the situation of the Metis nationally. He spoke to the efforts of the Metis National Council to address rights issues through the development of the *Metis National Council Rights Agenda*, a policy paper that was forwarded to the Government of Canada through the Metis Interlocutor's Office, the Honourable Ralph Goodale. This paper was drafted after consultations with all of the provincial member organizations and was intended to move the Metis rights agenda forward under the Metis inherent right to self-government contained in Section 35 (1) of the Canadian Constitution. The participants were asked for their views as the Internal Governance Committee sought direction from the participants as to the Metis Nation response to governance issues and the *Framework for Cooperation*. The participants wound up their discussions at noon on the second day and then reconvened at Batoche for the Sod-turning Ceremony for the new building.

Copies of materials circulated to the Retreat participants can be made available to members upon request by contacting the main office of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

## NORTHERN REGION III HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE AT SOUTH BAY by Lorna Docken

About 400 youth gathered for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Aboriginal Youth Conference at South Bay. Themes centred around personal development and issues faced by youth today. For example, Tuesday August 10 featured Education/Post-secondary Careers. Keynote Speaker for that day was Guy Freedman from Health Canada.

Workshops on Tuesday were presented by :

Lucy Montgrand  
Terrence Iron  
Chico Peepetch  
William Caisse  
Joe Daigneault  
Jim Sinclair, Yvonne Vizina, Kathy Hodgson-Smith, John Brooks, Norma Malbouef and Guy Freedman.

The participants and guests were well fed with three meals a day and huge feasts in the evening. Presenter Yvonne Vizina was struck by the socializing aspect of the event. "The kids looked great! Out there in the middle of the bush and they were well groomed and dressed up. Their respect and pride for the conference was evident."

Participants enjoyed evening cultural and recreational events each day. A popular event was the DJ Dance.

MBC Radio provided live coverage from their trailer. They had guest announcers in the youth they pulled aside to talk to. The coverage had a positive effect on the youth who participated.

Organizer Donald Favel who is also the Regional Director for MNS Northern Region 3, was pleased with the way the conference turned out. "We are already organizing for next year, which we know will be just as successful. It is the youth themselves that make the difference."



Chico Peepetch

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Gloria Desjarlais

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Metis Ec. Dev. Worker Grad, June 4, 1999

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## **METIS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF SASKATCHEWAN**

### **METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SIGN NEW FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT - by Trinia LaRose**

On July 1, 1999, the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan and Human Resources Development Canada signed a five-year agreement that continues the initiative for the delivery of Metis specific employment and training programming through Metis Employment & Training of Saskatchewan Inc. This new agreement, which is referred to as the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Strategy, replaces the expired Regional Bilateral Agreement and the Aboriginal Flexible Funding Arrangement.

The total overall contribution by HRDC is a little over \$10 million. Approximately \$2 Million of this contribution will be subject to a new partnership which has yet to be signed between HRDC, METSI and Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Skills Training.

The delivery of Metis programming under this agreement will be conducted through affiliated Local Management Boards that are located one in each of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Regions. For further information you can contact your local Metis Employment and Training office. The contact number for each centre is listed below:

Metis Employment and Training of Saskatchewan  
Head Office  
219 Robin Crescent  
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Northcote Metis Development Corp.(Cumberland House) (306)888-4766

Eastern Assiniboine Training & Employment,  
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## MNS PLANNING HUGE MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS FOR BATOCHÉ 2000

by Loma Docken

Back to Batoché 2000 promises to be the biggest and best celebration of Metis culture in history. Plans are underway for the millennium event. Features of Batoché 2000 include:

- Opening church service
- Family Picnic
- Cultural Events
- Bannock Baking
- Theatre Performances
- Elders Lounge
- GDI/SUNTEP Students Reunion
- Midway Carnival
- Petting Zoo
- Children's Events
- Voyageur Events
- Track and Field Events
- Tug of War
- Fine Arts Exhibits
- Rodeo/Chuckwagon Races
- Youth Talent Search
- Comedy Shows
- Coed Slow-Pitch
- Michiff Language and Metis History displays
- Dances
- Much More

A fine team of volunteers is working towards the event. Specific functions are carried out by sub-committees to ensure attention to details.

A capital development strategy is in place which will see the addition of an asphalt track for track and field events, a commemorative marker, rodeo grounds and general landscaping. The track and field event is to serve as a qualifier for

the North American Indigenous Games in the future.

A comprehensive fund-raising strategy is in place which invites corporate and personal sponsorship. Special recognition will be given to all sponsors.

The MNS has enjoyed a partnership with Parks Canada for the past year. This partnership will be built upon for promotion purposes. A massive advertising campaign will ensure record crowds but the best advertising is always the moccasin telegraph. New Breed encourages all of our readers to plan to attend and spread the word. Batoché 2000 is guaranteed to be great family entertainment.



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## The last word

by Lorna Docken - New Breed Coordinator

Greetings! It is nice to be back at New Breed. Some of you will remember me from my terms as Editor in 1990/91 and 1994/95. I welcome the opportunity to cover our Metis Issues and events.

This past summer was a busy one for the Metis Nation. Events like Back to Batoche, Palmere Days and the Youth conferences are what keeps us together as a nation. I hope you enjoyed reading about some of them in this issue. We can all enjoy a break from our busy schedules and celebrate our history and culture.

We Metis have always been a political people. We will be watching with interest as the Metis Nation of Alberta and Province of Saskatchewan hold their General Elections. Hopefully people will choose wisely, but above all else, hopefully people will participate. Every vote does count.

It was necessary for the MNS to postpone the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly and Annual General Assembly scheduled for the end of August. Sometimes our leaders are forced to make such decisions. We can all look forward to an MNLA for November.



The Prince Albert Metis Fallfest is fast approaching. This will be a good time for visiting and celebrating our culture. In the next issues I will attempt to focus on issues and stories that are of interest to a wide audience. New Breed will strive to be an objective voice for the Metis Nation. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and remember that we love to publish your writing.

*Lorna*

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