

Petition from the Residents of Edmonton Signed by Octave Majeau Covering Letter Dated May 19th 1880.

To the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, C.B., Minister of the Interior, &c., \$c.

The petition of the undersigned residents of Edmonton, N.W.T., humbly represents that whereas under the terms of the Manitoba Act scrip was to be issued to the Half-Breed heads of families and allotment of lands made to the children of the same, resident in Manitoba on the 15th of July A.D. 1870; and whereas subsequently many of their families removed to the interior and have not yet benefited by the terms of the said Manitoba Act; and whereas it appears that the allotments of land made in Manitoba for the benefit of the children of the said Half-Breed heads of families are likely to prove insufficient to cover all the claimants under the said Act,

Now, therefore, your petitioners who are interested in these matters do most humbly pray that you will cause such enquiries to be instituted as will place us on an equal footing with our relatives and friends in Manitoba, and cause scrip to be issued to us at an early date, in satisfaction of our just and lawful claims;

And whereas the Half-Breed heads of families and the children of the same, born or resident in the Territories previously to 15th July, 1870, have not yet had their claims to equal rights and privileges with their brethren in the Province of Manitoba investigated, as is justly due to them, and is provided for by section e of clause 125, 42 Vic., chap. 31; and whereas the continued delay in ascertaining and investigating said claims is creating great and general dissatisfaction throughout the Territories;

We your petitioners, do humbly pray that you will cause a commission to be issued at an early date to enquire into and confirm the said claims, not only with regard to scrip and allotments of land as provided for in Manitoba, but moreover to confirm the titles to land occupied by or purchased by parties from occupants of claims taken previously to the transfer of the Territories to the Dominion of Canada;

And whereas by section 7 of the regulations issued by the Department of the Interior, on 14th October, 1879, respecting the disposal of certain public lands for the purpose of the Canadian Pacific Railway, all payments for railway lands, and also pre-emption lands, within the several belts shall be in cash, and not in scrip or military or police bounty warrants; and whereas we humbly believe that this exclusion of our scrip, owing to the immense reserves which have been created, practically amounts to its confiscation, and involves a grave injustice to all who are interested in the same; and whereas we firmly believe that no regulations should be retrospective as regards our property, and that the solemn convention of 1870 should be fully and faithfully carried out; we do therefore respectfully and humbly pray that the regulations of 14th October, 1879, may be so modified as to admit our scrip at its face value in the purchase of lands within the railway reserves.

Charles Majeau,

Johnny Catara Sr.

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Johnny Catara Jr.
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Ferdinand Callarycord
Janvier L'Hirondelle
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Norbert L'Hirondelle
Bte. Courtepatte
Marteau L'Hirondelle
Dieudonne Courtepatte
Laurent L'Hirondelle
Pascal Savard
Andre L'Hirondelle
Michel Plante
Cyprien L'Hirondelle
Victor Laurence
Samuel Cunningham
Louis Larocque
Jean Laderoute
Henry Leblanc
Olivier Laderoute
George Donald
Magloire Grey
Peter Pambrun
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