

## **Petition from the Residents of Edmonton Signed by Octave Majeau Covering Letter Dated May 19<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

Edmond Brouseau  
Johnny Catara Jr.  
J. Bte L'Hirondelle  
Ferdinand Callarycord  
Janvier L'Hirondelle  
Jena Bellecourt  
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  
Cyprian Gray  
Henri Dufresne  
George Hodgson  
John Sinclair  
Charles Gladu  
Alexander Rowland  
Adolphe Perreault  
Joe Norn  
Joseph Chalifoux  
Alfred Smith  
Paul Chalifoux  
Joseph Turner  
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Bpte Suprenant  
Edouard Neault  
Augustine Gladu  
Edouard Durocher  
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Xavier Durocher  
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Johny Roland  
Thomas Boucher  
Adolphe Roland  
Cyprien Boucher  
Louis Chastellain  
Ambroise Boucher  
Narcisse Beaudry  
Jeremie Auger  
Pierre Beaugard  
Joseph L'Hirondelle  
Joseph Beaudry  
Leon Delorme  
Noel Courtepatte  
Pierre Delorme Sr.  
Noel Delorme  
Pierre Delorme Jr.  
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