

Park Valley, Nukeewin, Saskatchewan:

This was the Métis Road Allowance Community where Maria Campbell grew up. Nukeewin—The Stopping Place—was where the Indigenous people would stop on their way to cross Pukahaw Sipi—Net Throwing River—to reach their hunting and trapping grounds. It was called Nukeewin until 1925, when the name was changed to Park Valley. In 1915, the government turned the territory around Notikew Sahkikun—Old Woman’s Lake—into a national park, Prince Albert National Park. This displaced the Non-Status Indian and Métis families who then moved to Nugeewin. Some Métis took homesteads but most lived on the road allowances. Nugeewin became Park Valley and Pukatakaw Sipi became Sturgeon River; Notikew Sahkikun became Mariah Lake. (Source: Maria Campbell, “Kookoom Mariah and the Mennonite Mrs.” *Journal of Mennonite Studies*, Vol. 19, 2001.)



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