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To
Mildred and Joe Blyan
May you celebrate your 65th
Wedding Anniversary with the
same love in your hearts you knew on
your Wedding Day and may that love
be strengthened by the devotion time
has brought, the happiest years
have given and the blessings
God has given you.

Blessing and photos
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Métis National Council

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Métis National Council
Ralliement National des Métis

After years of on-going consultations and discussions, the Métis National Council (MNC) is pleased to announce that at its national annual assembly held in Edmonton, Alberta (September 27th and 28th, 2002) the following definition for citizenship within the Métis Nation was adopted by the governments of the Métis Nation.

Métis National Council's National Definition for Citizenship within the Métis Nation

"Métis" means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of Historic Métis Nation ancestry, and is accepted by the Métis Nation.

Defined Terms within National Definition

"Historic Métis Nation" means the Aboriginal people then known as Métis or Half-breeds who resided in the Historic Métis Nation Homeland

"Historic Métis Nation Homeland" means the area of land in west central North America used and occupied as the traditional territory of the Métis or Half-breeds as they were then known.

"Métis Nation" means the Aboriginal people descended from the Historic Métis Nation which is now comprised of all Métis Nation citizens and is one of the "Aboriginal peoples of Canada" within the meaning of s.35 of the Constitution Act 1982.

"Distinct from other Aboriginal peoples" means distinct for cultural and nationhood purposes.



MÉTIS NATION -
SASKATCHEWAN



the Métis
Nation of
Ontario

The MNC represents the Historic Métis Nation within Canada at a national and international level based on the elected mandates of Métis Nation governments from Ontario westward. These Métis Nation governments include the Métis Nation of Ontario, the Manitoba Métis Federation, the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan, the Métis Nation of Alberta and the Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia.

For additional information about the MNC or its national definition for citizenship within the Métis Nation please contact (613) 232-3216 or visit the MNC's website at www.metisnation.ca.



Métis Veterans Honoured with Golden Jubilee Medals

Article courtesy the Métis National Council
Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

September 30, 2002 (Edmonton) - Twenty Veterans were awarded Golden Jubilee Medals in Edmonton last weekend as a part of an awards ceremony held in honour of all Métis Veterans on Friday, September 27, 2002.

The Métis National Council was provided with 20 Golden Jubilee Medals by the Governor General of Canada, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty's reign. The Métis National Council chose to award the medals to 20 Métis Veterans. The Veterans accepted the awards on behalf of themselves and their fellow Métis Veterans across Canada.

In his speech, Bruce Flamont, President of the National Métis Veterans Association stated: "Although we have been shunned by Canadians, we as Métis Veterans have been fulfilled today. Our comrades have said to me that they have enough pride now that they can go home and rest in peace with just what happened here today.

"We are involved in a very major political struggle in Canada. Canada has not been able to fully appreciate the efforts of the Métis people. And shame on them. But I want to remind us of the irony and of the coincidence that while Canada cannot recognize us, I want everybody to know that from the bottom of our hearts as Métis Veterans, that the type of recognition that we are

receiving today from amongst our own brothers and sisters that we fought and died for goes a long way.

"It is impossible or very difficult for Canada to give the proper, the honourable and the dignified recognition to us that compares to other Veterans in Canada without accepting the existence of the Métis Nation of today. It's the same Nation that Sir John A Macdonald fought against in 1885. So some comparisons can be made between the plight of the Métis Nation and the plight of the Métis Veteran. And it is a direct result of Canada's inability to recognize its original citizens, the Métis people."

Métis Veterans launched a lawsuit against the Government of Canada on August 8th, 2002 for its negligence in failing to ensure Métis Veterans were afforded the same benefits and allowances other Veterans had received. Métis Veterans were not included in the recent decision to afford compensation to First Nations Veterans on similar grounds.

In its Statement of Claim, the lawsuit attests: "The Defendant was a fiduciary to the Plaintiffs and that the Defendant breached its fiduciary duty by failing to provide benefits, and/or information and assistance regarding benefits, to Métis Veterans and their families."

Those honoured with awards were:



Valerie Stewart

- ▶ Currently resides in Dunville, Ontario
- ▶ Born February 14, 1927
- ▶ Served with the Canadian Women's Army Corps Medical Division
- ▶ Regimental number 7819545
- ▶ Provincial Secretary for the Métis Nation of Ontario for Métis Veterans



Marion Larkman

- ▶ Currently resides in Bewdley, Ontario
- ▶ Born May 26, 1926
- ▶ Served with the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Kingston, Canada from early 1939 to the end of the war
- ▶ Regimental number w3830
- ▶ Senator of the Métis Nation of Ontario



Ralph (Earl) Scofield

- ▶ Currently resides in Windsor, Ontario
- ▶ Born in 1925
- ▶ Stationed in England and served in Germany, Holland and France
- ▶ Senator of the Métis Nation of Ontario



William (Bill) Ellis

- ▶ Currently resides in Penetanguishene, Ontario
- ▶ Born at Victoria Harbour
- ▶ Drafted overseas in November 1944 and served in the Canadian Infantry Basic and Advanced Training
- ▶ Discharged in 1946
- ▶ Regimental no. v166874
- ▶ Senator of the Métis Nation of Ontario



Dale Lamoureux

- ▶ Currently resides in Grand Marias, Manitoba
- ▶ Served in the Second Battalion of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry
- ▶ Served in the Armed Forces from 1958 to 1979 in the Belgian Congo, Syria, Israel, Egypt and with NATO in West Germany



Paul Thomas

- ▶ Currently resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- ▶ Served from 1941-1946 with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, 5th Division in England, Pickley, Holland, Belgium, and Germany
- ▶ Received six medals in Armour Division



Frank Goodon, Sr.

- ▶ Currently resides in Boissevain, Manitoba
- ▶ Born in North Dakota and moved to Canada age of six
- ▶ Served in Canada with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944
- ▶ Captured and held as a POW for eleven months



Darwin Hanson

- ▶ Currently resides in Mafeking, Manitoba
- ▶ Born in Swan River on January 16, 1981
- ▶ Signed up on Sept. 21, 2000 and served with the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 attack, returning home July 30, 2000
- ▶ Currently a student



Morris Poitras

- ▶ Currently resides in Regina, Saskatchewan
- ▶ Born May 10, 1921
- ▶ Served in Italy, England, Sicily, France, Germany and Holland with the First Division Royal Canadian Engineers



Solomon Goulet

- ▶ Currently resides in Cumberland House, Saskatchewan
- ▶ Born December 4, 1923
- ▶ Served with the Cameron Highlanders (Ottawa) and in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Luxembourg.
- ▶ Captured and held as a POW for eleven months



Louis Roy

- ▶ Currently resides in Beauval, Saskatchewan
- ▶ Born August 2, 1920
- ▶ Served in England, Africa, Sicily and Italy



Max Lucier

- ▶ Currently resides in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
- ▶ Served five years in Belgium, France, Holland and Germany
- ▶ Long time Métis Activist



Robert Berard

- ▶ Currently resides in Edmonton, Alberta
- ▶ Born in May 1921
- ▶ Joined the Edmonton Infantry Unit in June 1941
- ▶ Served in Germany, Holland, France and Italy clearing enemy mine lines, planting Canadian mine fields, and building portable Bailey bridges
- ▶ Has six medals



Victor Letendre

- ▶ Currently resides in Edmonton, Alberta
- ▶ Born on March 4, 1925
- ▶ Served in France, Belgium, Holland and England with the Calgary Highlanders Infantry
- ▶ Donates his time towards the Métis community, past president of Edmonton Friendship Center, current president of the Edmonton Native Youth Justice Committee and current president of the Alberta Veterans Society



Bertha Clark-Jones

- ▶ Currently resides in Athabasca, Alberta
- ▶ Served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Women's Division
- ▶ Bertha has remained actively involved in both the Métis Association and in establishing a voice for the Aboriginal women in Native politics and continues contributing countless volunteer hours to many Métis locals in Alberta



Lloyd Poitras

- ▶ Currently resides in Elk Point, Alberta
- ▶ born on November 15, 1919
- ▶ Served in France, Holland and Belgium as part of the Calgary Highlanders Infantry Second Division
- ▶ Lloyd got involved in the Métis organization as Mr. J. F. Dion's bodyguard and chauffeur and remained an active participant as a board member of the Métis Nation, the Senate of the Métis Nation, and the Elder's Council



Allen Alexander Derouin

- ▶ Currently resides in Vancouver, British Columbia
- ▶ Served from 1942-1945 in Germany and Korea
- ▶ awarded UN medals as a paratrooper



William (Bill) Regan

- ▶ Currently resides in Prince George, British Columbia
- ▶ Served four years in Sicily and Italy with the Saskatoon Light Infantry
- ▶ Served with the First Division in England
- ▶ Regimental no. L2908
- ▶ Awarded four medals



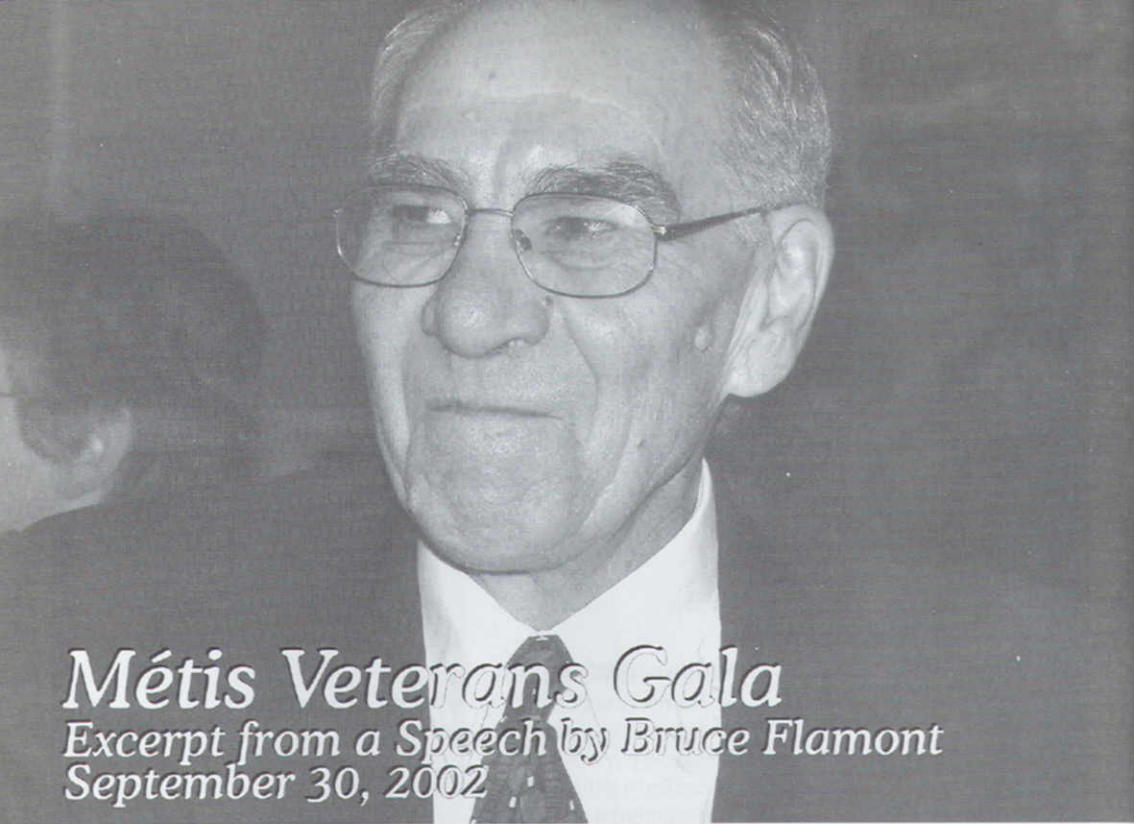
Frank Edward Camp

- ▶ Currently lives in Ucluelet, British Columbia
- ▶ Served with the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve from 1943 - 1945 as an Able Body Seaman and torpedo man
- ▶ Received various medals



Ernest Edmon Fiddler

- ▶ Currently resides in Fort St. John, British Columbia
- ▶ Served in France, Holland and Germany
- ▶ joined the Occupational Force and stayed after D-Day on Occupational
- ▶ Has a medal from Holland



Métis Veterans Gala

Excerpt from a Speech by Bruce Flamont
September 30, 2002

Speech edited and photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Thank you very much, I would like to welcome all of the people that did come from across the homeland to attend this very important function on behalf of the Métis Veterans. I have the responsibility tonight of trying to put a face onto the issues of the Métis Veterans, to further sensitize ourselves as Métis people and the Métis Nation as to the fight of our Métis Veterans.

We talk about our political struggle today as a Nation, and try to recognize it to bring justice to the Métis Veteran, to our warriors, to our Nation, and this is the ultimate justice. The Canada that the Métis Veterans went to defend was the same Canada they went to defend in 1885 in Batoche. And so the military records will show that in Batoche, we fought for Canada, albeit our Canada. In World War I, the Métis Veterans were the first people to sign up. They stood side by side with the rest of the Canadians in the World Wars. It is

impossible or very difficult for Canada to give the proper and the honourable and dignified recognition that is deserving of the Métis Veteran without affirming and recognizing the existence of the Métis Nation of today, the same Métis Nation that Sir John A. McDonald fought in 1885. And so in a way, there is an absolute parallel between the plight of the Métis Veterans of today and the plight of the Métis Nation as a direct result of Canada's inability to recognize its original citizens, the Métis people.

When the Métis Veterans went and signed up, after having walked, and I know of the histories of many of our Métis Veterans, who walked for three weeks; over a hundred and twenty miles to be able to fight for Canada; who came from The Pas, or Cumberland House, where there were no roads, but they paddled, and they came down south to be able to fight for Canada. These Métis soldiers instil a sense of pride and dignity about us. We have been



David Chartrand, Métis National Council Cabinet Minister responsible for Métis Veterans

active as an organization and we take our responsibilities very seriously, and in doing so we have had to challenge Canada on many occasions about its concept of history and about who did what for who in Canada and when, and at what worth.

I know our Veterans are very thankful today that we have engaged Canada in discussions about Nation building and about securing our Nation in Canada's fabric. Because you have to know that when the Métis Veteran went to war, it was for us, our Canada, our Nation that they were fighting for. And

when our peacekeepers, and we have them today in Afghanistan, Somalia and Bosnia, it's our Canada that they're going out there to defend, and that's important. For all of these decades, for the last fifty years, these courageous men and women suffered in silence and indignity.

So today, it was very pleasing to hear the words of support amongst our own people by our own

people. As much as we struggle as a Nation to get recognition, and as much as our Métis Veterans deserve the recognition, that has not happened. It is for political reasons, and it is for the reasons that Riel fought and died for, it is the reasons that my grandfather fought and died for in Batoche, and so we are involved in a very major political struggle in Canada. While Canada cannot recognize us, I want everybody in this room to know, that from the bottom of our hearts as Métis Veterans, that perhaps the kind of recognition and support that we're getting among our own brothers and sisters that we fought and died for, goes a long way. And so there is an emotional attachment from the efforts of you people here today. We, as Métis Veterans have been fulfilled today, and our emotions run high.

I wanted to thank Mr. Gerald Morin, I wanted to thank every Provincial President of the Métis National Council personally on behalf of the Métis Veterans for this evening. I wanted to thank all the people that all are attending here; who really could be playing bingo or at the horse races, but are not. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.



Veteran Louis Roy, President Clem Chartier and Veteran Solomon Goulet

Métis Veterans Honoured

Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

This year on November 11, 2002, I attended the Veterans Ceremonies in Sakitawak (Ile-a-la-Crosse) and Green Lake. It was the first time this year that I put on my mukluks and a few pairs of socks and my warmest winter jacket to walk outside with the Métis leaders and families and friends of the Métis Veterans who fought in the world wars.

In Sakitawak, the procession walked to the Veterans Epitaph which stands in front of the Village Office, naming the many Métis Veterans who fought for the freedom of Canadians in the various conflicts. The children of Sakitawak then laid the wreaths for the Veterans at the monument. The procession then carried on to a warm reprieve at the Friendship Center where we shared in presentations, speeches and coffee before heading to the burial grounds.



Métis Veterans and Dignitaries a Sakitawak

Veterans Leo Belanger, Gilbert McCallum, and Peter Raymond received medals from MNC President Gerald Morin and MNS President Clem Chartier. Alex Maurice, MNS Area Director for Northern Region III and past peacetime soldier of the armed forces, pinned the Golden Jubilee Medals on the Métis Veterans. A group



Left: Métis Veterans at the Veterans Epitaph in Sakitawak

Above: The Procession in front of the Veterans Epitaph

Above Right: Children laying wreaths at the Veterans Epitaph

Photos Clockwise beginning at right:

- Head table at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Green Lake
- Veteran Leon Laliberte and Clem Chartier
- Bruce Flamont
- Gerald Morin
- Veteran Gilbert McCallum receives Golden Jubilee Medal from Alex Maurice



of young people read the poem, In Flanders Fields, and sang for the crowd. It was a very wonderful commemoration for these brave and committed men.

Later that afternoon, we made our way to Green Lake, where the Métis Local Vice-President hosted the event along with Calvin Roy, who served as Masters of Ceremony. This evening's event was held to celebrate the contributions of Leon Laliberte of Green Lake and to honour him with the Golden Jubilee Medal. The community provided a most delicious meal to a packed auditorium of participants. The young people had

made Remembrance Day displays which served as a backdrop and reminder that our young people shall remember the Veterans, too. A photo display showed the faces and names of many other Veterans from the Green Lake area who were honoured at the event. As in Sakitawak, speeches were given by Métis National Council President Gerald Morin, President Clem Chartier, Treasurer Allan Morin, National Métis Veterans President Bruce Flamont, Métis Area Director Alex Maurice, Mayor of Ile-a-la-Crosse Max Morin and many other invited leaders.

A black and white portrait of Louis Roy, a Métis veteran, wearing a military cap and a suit with medals on his lapel. The text 'Louis Roy: Métis Veteran' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Louis Roy: Métis Veteran

Article provided by Alma Roy and Edited and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Louis Roy was born on August 2, 1920, in Ile-à-la-Crosse, Saskatchewan to Eliza Corrigan and Eli Roy. He signed up to join the army on February 25, 1942 and spent his first seven months in Canada (Saskatoon, Camrose, Alberta; and Camp SHilo, Manitoba) where he received Basic Training, Advanced Training and a Driving Course. In the fall of 1942, he arrived in England where he spent a year and a half on Guard Duty in Dover, south coast of England. He then went to Africa, Sicily Island and Italy. It was in Italy where he was injured on the frontline by artillery shell, after which he spent one month in hospital. His injuries resulted in his hearing loss and he is still affected today. Louis Roy returned to England in September, 1945, where he began his journey back to Canada and was discharged on October 9, 1945.

Upon returning to Northern Saskatchewan, he took one year off to recover and rest and then for the next 17 years, he spent commercial fishing and trapping. He remained self-employed, owning his own company and employing others. This activity took him as far north as Great Slave Lake, NWT.

In 1964, he began a distinguished career with the Government of Saskatchewan Northern Housing, working as a carpenter. He became certified and eventually became northern supervisor for housing. He spent 18 years with Northern Housing until the Department was phased out, after which he spent three years with Northern Lights School Division #13 in maintenance. He remained in this position until his retirement in 1985 at age 65.

Since retirement, Louis Roy has returned to fishing and trapping for enjoyment and continues to be called upon by community members for small construction projects. He is a very meticulous builder and very knowledgeable about nature, wildlife and northern survival skills. Louis Roy has taught these skills to school children by taking them on camping trips to his cabins. He is very well-known for his trapping skills. Louis Roy is an active member of the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range Negotiating Committee who continue the fifty-nine-year battle for compensation for displacement from these fishing, hunting and trapping territories.



Solomon Goulet: Métis Veteran

Article and photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Solomon Goulet was born on December 4, 1923, in Cumberland House, the community of his upbringing and now of his retirement. He only remembers living outside of Cumberland House on one occasion and that was to join the army in 1943. He was gone for four years, returning in 1946 to The Pas, Manitoba where he would make his own way home, after serving on the front lines for ten months.

Returning from the war, he started working in Cumberland House, fishing and trapping. He became involved in the Co-op and the farms that were set up under that cooperative venture. He recalls being caught between government programs in those early years when the treaty relatives living in Cumberland House received

Cow/Calf Operator Funding, which was not available to the Métis farmers. "Hay was scarce:, he recalls, "because there was lots of us". He recalls how everybody was cutting hay and putting their stuff away. They had three or four horses and fifteen cows. Solomon Goulet was registered under Treaty Eight at that time, later losing his status when the staff changed at the farm. This change in status meant that Solomon owed the government for taxes on all monies earned on the farm since he began working there. The government did not allow Solomon to make payments over time and he was forced to sell out his company to pay out the taxes. "I lost everything that time", Solomon remembers. Beginning again, Solomon returned to the lifestyle that he knew since birth and went trapping and fishing again.



Solomon Goulet and Grandson



Solomon Goulet takes second in The Pas, Manitoba

Solomon's father was Joseph Goulet, originally from St. Laurent, Manitoba. His mother, Virginia Deschoux was also from St. Laurent. Growing up, Joseph Goulet used to go out working in Nipawin and Carrot River cutting pulp wood to eight feet lengths, piling them by the cord. In the winter time, they would go fishing in Sturgeon Lake and Cross Lake, right close to Cumberland. "Cumberland Lake was a little too swift that time", Solomon recalls. "Now its too shallow." His father was trapping and fishing and then when the pulpwood jobs were available again, they would travel again. There were six boys altogether in the family - Alec, Madelaine, Moise, John, Ann, Solomon, and Ovide (late). There were ten or twelve all together, with two who died when they were small. The language of the Goulet family was Cree.

When Solomon was a boy, everybody in the community of Cumberland House worked. Fishing and trapping were good. In the fall, everybody went out and in the spring, everyone trapped muskrat. Today there is little to do, Solomon observes.

Solomon went to school at the old Charlebois School, finishing his grade two. He also considers going to war as an important education, too,

learning to talk English all the time, which was a struggle, but also working with guns and rifles. The use of guns and rifles was a part of his life before the war, and so he did very well, in his military education on rifles. "I wasn't stuck with a rifle", Solomon recalls. Solomon also was a member of the Charlebois School board, the same time that Dale McAuley was a young school boy, now a Métis Nation Area Director and Mayor for Cumberland House.

Solomon also recalled his hunting experiences. There was a lot of moose long ago but the numbers are much lower now. "They used to come right up to the window here [at Solomon Goulet's House in Cumberland House] going across the land away from the lake. "Deer cross right here too. Bears too". The thing about moose, so I learned, is that they mostly stay in the same spot. They keep coming back to the same spot. In the summer time when it is dry with water they have to come to the water but in the late summer they just stay in the bush. He was glad to share his hunting secrets. I asked him about what happened to the moose hides, and he told me about the fine hide tanning and beadwork of his mother-in-law, Mariam Carriere Adolph.



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He remembers the early lifestyles of sharing, using up the moose meat by sharing it with all the people. When they killed a moose, in those early years, they would just left pull up by the banks of the river and the people would come to the river for a share. They would stay by the water until the meat was all gone. There was no fridges or deepfreezes in those days, Solomon reminds me. "We didn't even take it home, we just shared it up. A few days later, another catch comes in by somebody else. Another guy goes out and does the same thing. That's how it was". Today you have to have money to get meat and the old age pensions are not too big. He remembers the time when they didn't need a hunting license, how plentiful the moose. He also remembers the time permits were given out. Now, it costs about forty or fifty dollars to hunt for a small deer, with moose licenses more costly than that. Families have a hard time now. Solomon Goulet was also a fisherman, living off fish as a main part of the daily diet. He once owned a cabin out in Sturgeon Lake Malley Lake, which he eventually sold.

Solomon enlisted at the age of nineteen and was sent to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, from Regina. From there he was sent overseas, stopping in Glasgow England, just in time to land in France where he was



Solomon Goulet

heading to Normandy by boat. He went straight into the fight, remembering how they used to just run to stay alive, not sleeping for days at a time. And when sleep finally came, it was so deep they needed guards to protect them. He, too, took his two-hour shift, protecting the men, all through the night. These are his war memories. Today, his grandson, Claude Goulet is a proud veteran.

Solomon Goulet married Ann Carriere in Cumberland House in 1946, when he returned from the war. They are very proud of their children Adelaide, Eva, Virginia (Denia), Alma, Cyril, Myrtle and Rudy.



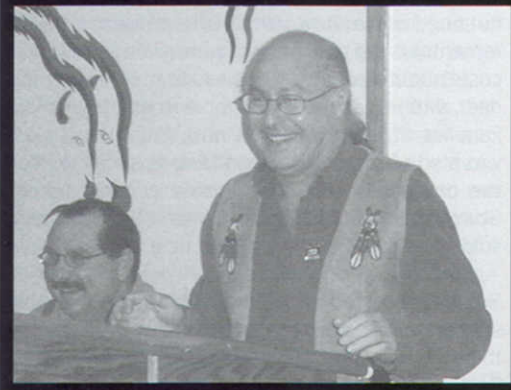
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MACSI Sober Walk a Success

By Michael Fisher, Photos courtesy MACSI and Clem Chartier

Over a hundred participants battled the cold Regina wind to raise awareness of drug and alcohol addiction during the 5th Annual Sober Walk, Nov. 22, 2002. The event is organized by the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (MACSI) to coincide with National Addictions Awareness Week. This year's walk was one of the best yet, despite the cold temperature, with the boisterous group of all ages marching the 35 blocks between the city's downtown Detox Centre to the MACSI Treatment Centre on College Avenue East. Participants passed out blue and white balloons to children in the crowds that gathered along the street and passers-by honked their horns in support of the group, which steadily grew in numbers as the walk progressed. "The walk is somewhat of a symbolic journey from detox to treatment and beyond," says MACSI executive director George McBeth. "It's an opportunity for us to draw public attention to alcohol and drug abuse and, in fact, to all addictions out there. We need to let people know there is treatment available. There is something about pedestrians joining the walk," he adds, "which is very encouraging and indicative of the level of support by the public for the cause of addictions and treatment, and support for MACSI."

The walk was followed by a reception and luncheon at the Treatment Centre, where the walkers munched on soup and bannock after a round of inspired talks by the dignitaries present, including one of the founders of MACSI, Walter Schoenthal, President Clem Chartier of the Métis Nation Saskatchewan (MNS), and the MNS Minister of Health, Albert Delaire. MLA Warren McCall brought greetings and support from the Saskatchewan Premier's office, and





Top Left: Albert Delaire, MNS Minister of Health

Middle Left: Joyce Racette, past longtime employee of MACSI

Bottom Left: Clem Chartier

Top Right: Sober Walk

Middle Right: Sober Walk

Bottom Right: Walk participants listening to Dignitaries' speeches at the reception following the walk

Councilor Rob Deglau participated on behalf of the City of Regina.

"The Sober Walk is an important event in the Métis community," says Minister Delaire. "It recognizes the unique services offered by MACSI to help those suffering addictions begin the healing process." MACSI is a kind of single-window agency that supports clients through every stage of recovery. "We provide a sensitive, caring atmosphere where clients can feel free of outside pressures, and where they can begin to identify and address their addictions issues, assisted by trained and caring staff," McBeth says. "We also have a family program because recovery doesn't happen in isolation. The more support patients receive in the community the better they do."

The MACSI Treatment Centre is funded by Sask Health and directly serves over 300 clients throughout the year. In addition, the Centre reaches more than 1,000 individuals through its outreach and education programs. The need for these services has not decreased and costs continue to rise. MACSI recognizes the need to focus more attention on prevention and services to youth. Minister Delaire points out the colourful anti-drug and alcohol drawings, the product of Grades 4 and 5 students at Sacred Heart School in Regina, which plaster the centre's walls. MACSI staff visited classrooms in the inner city school to encourage students to lead healthy lives free of addictions. "As important as healing those with addictions is reaching out to youth before it becomes an issue," he says. "Educating and mentoring our youth is like planting a seed that will eventually lead them to grow into healthy and productive adults."



Métis Nation Honours Riel

Article and Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

On November 16, 2002, the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and the Métis Nation Senate of Saskatchewan held the annual Louis Riel Day Commemorations at the White Buffalo Youth Lodge in Saskatoon. This year's event took place amid a bright winter sun and the very warm winter temperatures we

are experiencing this year. Senators John Boucher and Nora Ritchie began the ceremonies at the Statue of Gabriel Dumont in Friendship Park, joined by opening remarks by Vice-President Lorna Docken, MNC President Gerald Morin and other community leaders, past and present. The White Buffalo Youth Lodge was decorated in the blue and white of the Métis flag where the rest of the day's events were held. About three hundred gathered to share in the commemoration ceremonies, which consisted of prayers, words of encouragement, a hot meal and cultural celebrations and displays.

John Lagimodiere was the Masters of Ceremony for the Commemoration service and invited various Métis leaders and citizens to the microphone. President Clem Chartier brought greetings on behalf of the Métis Provincial Council, supported in the crowd by Albert Delaire, MNS Minister of Health, welcoming the guests from across the province and highlighting the importance of the Métis struggle in finding solutions to the challenges Métis people face in Saskatchewan and Canada. Louis Riel has given the Métis people the most important teachings: commitment, contribution,



Pisim Dancers



Photos from the Louis Riel Day Celebrations in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Photos courtesy the MMF

dedication, and pride, Chartier provided, and the struggle of Riel's people continues to this day. Senators Nora Ritchie, John Boucher, Marie Chaboyer, Joe Perreault, Gilbert Pelletier and Esther Mulholland, among others were in attendance. Bruce Flamont brought greetings on behalf of the National Métis Veterans Association, provided an eloquent speech and highlighted the important role that the Métis Veterans have played both in the protection and development of Canada but also the important role they continue to play in the protection and development of the Métis Nation. MNC President Gerald Morin extended his words to include the Métis Veterans who fought in WWI, WWII, Korea and to present day Métis involved in the protection of Canada. Member of Parliament Rick Laliberte also attended again this year, bringing forward his vision for Aboriginal people in Canada, holding a rightful place in Canada's parliamentary system, with the rights and responsibilities of all Canadians to govern this fine country. As the Member of Parliament for Churchill

River, Laliberte looks to the future and envisions a northern governance system built on the river system, historically and presently. Greetings came from the Mayor of Saskatoon, Jim Madden, proudly wearing a Métis sash received as a gift from the Métis community, and stressing the importance of building good



Krystle Pederson

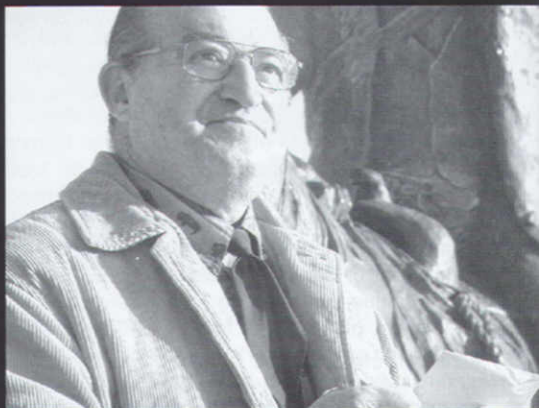
community relations between the Métis community and the Saskatoon community generally. His sincerity and commitment to this vision is apparent. As well, the Métis Nation was strengthened by the words of Saskatoon City Police Chief Russell Sabo, extending his hand to the greater involvement of Métis people in building a strong Saskatoon policing unit. Last but not least, Corporal Russell Merasty of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police brought greetings, on behalf of himself and his family, sharing his wisdom on the future for Métis people as set out in the model of Louis Riel. Corporal Merasty also brought thanks to the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and New Breed Magazine for the special issue on Cumberland House where his mother-in-law, Agnes Carriere, now taken ill, was featured. The Métis Nation Senate provided gifts to the presenters - a handmade talking stick made from a Métis sash.



Photo from Louis Riel Day celebrations in Ottawa, Ontario

The afternoon of cultural activities saw performances by the Cumberland House Pisim Dancers, the child dancers who have blessed the commemoration ceremonies now for a second year in their bright yellow outfits. They are just a little bit taller and a little bit older now. Thank you to Lilly McKay-Carriere and the leaders of the dancers for travelling from Cumberland House to Saskatoon to share your gifts. As well, the Prince Albert Métis Dancers spent the day with us, dancing in their beautiful blues, clicking their heels and flying high in their energy and talent. Thank you to Albertine Vermette, Gloria Desarmeau, and Chad Bear for supporting these young people in making a contribution to the Métis Nation. As well, we had very moving performances by many talented Métis individuals: Phillip and Dallas Boyer playing fiddle and guitar, along with their support guitarist; Russell Boyer with his moving song on Riel; and closing music from Krystle Pederson with her powerful and rich song. The commemoration ceremony was blessed also by Minister of Canadian Heritage Shiela Copp, who danced her favourite jig, this time in three inch heels, along with the children and guests. Thank you to Minister Copps for making the time in her busy schedule to support this important event.

Displays were provided by the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Affiliates, Métis Sport Recreation and Youth, Minister Ralph Kennedy, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Métis Employment & Training of Saskatchewan Inc, Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc, Provincial Métis Housing Corporation and New Breed Magazine. Thank you to the sponsors of this year's event: Métis Nation - Saskatchewan and Métis Nation Senate of Saskatchewan, Métis Elders Association, Gabriel Dumont Institute and SaskCulture through the Métis Cultural Development Fund, Métis Addictions Council, Métis Employment & Training, SaskNative Economic Development Corporation, Clarence Campeau Development Fund, New Breed Magazine, and the Speaking Out Healing Program of MACSI. Special thanks to Wellington Impey and the many kitchen workers who provided the delicious and welcomed hot meal. As well, the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan would like to commend the staff of the White Buffalo Youth Lodge for their contribution to the successful event.



Top: Senator John Boucher with President Gerald Morin in background

Middle: Dennis Fisher reads historical letter regarding Riel

Bottom: Dallas Boyer, grandson to Rose Boyer, provides entertainment for the Louis Riel Day Commemoration in Saskatoon

Louis Riel Week

"A Celebration of Métis Culture"

Western Region A1 Press Release
Photo courtesy Western Region A1

North Battleford, Saskatchewan - November 22, 2002 - As the sun rose over the Battledowns on November 19th, 2002 it was the dawn of a new day and of the realization that if we work hard enough dreams do come true. Dreams and ideas don't take flight unless one talks about them and puts into motion a plan to make them come true.

In fall of 1995, the fourteen presidents from the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan - Western Region A1 lead by Regional Director Ralph Kennedy envisioned having a day when Métis could celebrate the life and work of Louis Riel and their heritage as Métis. Realizing the task before them they began small and it seems like yesterday that the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan Western Region A1's first letters to the schools through out Northwest Saskatchewan were written to inform teachers and educators that Métis children may not be in school on November 16th because they would be participating in Louis Riel Day Celebrations. Letters went to parents and small celebrations were held in various communities not just in Northwest Saskatchewan but province wide.

As the years past the celebrations grew and Métis children and parents began celebrating their heritage and their culture. Here it is, six years later in 2002, the dream has become a reality. On Monday, November 19th, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. the flag at St. Mary's School on corner of 110th Street and 13th Avenue in North Battleford changed colours. It was no longer the brilliant red and white Canadian flag. It was now sky-blue and blue with hints of orange and black - it was the new Métis Nation - Saskatchewan flag. The flag was donated by the Regional Director, Ralph Kennedy, to the children and families of St. Mary's School.

The day began with a general assembly at

which the children and teachers of St. Mary's school learned about the new Métis flag, the unique and colourful Métis sash and the important work the Métis Nation is doing for the citizens. As the sun rose over St. Mary's School, Ralph Kennedy raised the Métis flag as the children, teachers and special invited guests looked



Ralph Kennedy raising the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan flag outside of Saint Mary's School

on. The guests included Senator Hap Boyer, Senator for the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan - Western Region A1 and international Métis recording artist, and Lyle D. Lee, Métis songwriter and Cultural Coordinator. Mr. Kennedy explained to the children how the Métis flag was older than the maple leaf flag of Canada and the importance of each symbol that make up the Métis flag as it is seen today. The infinity symbol represents a nation that will continue on forever. The white buffalo represents days gone by when the Métis survived by hunting, eating and making a wide variety of items from the buffalo. The orange and black tiger Lilly represents our provincial flower and the beauty seen by our Métis ancestors on the prairies. The remainder of the day was spent with Senator Boyer performing for the children by playing Métis melodies such as the "Red River Jig" and many other songs. Students from the Gabriel Dumont Institute's SUNTEP program from Prince Albert joined in

the daylong celebrations.

St. Mary's School continued on the celebration throughout the week with a number of activities that would help the children understand more about our Métis heritage, our Métis culture and our Métis traditions. The goal of the weeklong celebration was to allow the children from all heritage backgrounds to gain a better understand of the Métis, their culture and their traditions.

Mr. Ralph Kennedy and the presidents of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan are pleased their dream is being realized and that not just Northwest Saskatchewan has joined in the celebration of the life and times of Louis Riel and the Métis. For further information on the Métis Nation, its people and its heritage, you may contact Mr. Ralph Kennedy at 445-6822.

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Northern Project

December is our month to wind up 3rd quarter business and begin to look toward a new year. The Northern Project has survived many struggles over the past few years, yet still, has managed to continue working for the Metis communities of north west Saskatchewan on issues of governance and the devolution of programs and services. This year saw the completion of a number of papers completed by University of Saskatchewan Political Studies students for the Northern Project. Coordinated by Professor Joseph Garcea as Academic Supervisor, and Yvonne Vizina as Work Experience Supervisor, 10 students were offered the challenge of looking at components of northern governance issues and seeking solutions.

Broadly, the issues were divided into five sections: Governance Visions, Governance Reform Processes, Regional Governance Models, Self-Governance Models and Devolution, Co-Management and Partnerships Models. The undergraduate students made a valiant effort to conduct research with very limited print resources and no access to community-based experiences. As part of the learning process, however, the students began to understand some of the challenges facing northern residents in working through geographic barriers and access to resources - whether they are human, financial or otherwise. Both the U of S Administration (through the Work Experience Internship Program) and the students involved expressed their enjoyment in learning about Métis issues and participating with the Northern Project in this effort. Unfortunately, budget negotiations for the Northern Project were not resolved in sufficient time to retain any of the students on summer work placement. This was too bad, as generating and keeping young people's interest in governance



Article by Yvonne Vizina, Northern Project Coordinator

Photo by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

issues concerning Aboriginal people is very important. Some of the students have now graduated from the U of S and have gone on to careers with the Government of Saskatchewan. We hope to see them working to make positive change from within the system!

The Northern Project has also been working as a Task Team member for the Northwest Development Council's Westside Employment and Economic Development Action Planning. Announced by Northern Affairs on November 21, 2002, the initiative is an effort to have members of north west communities collaborate on a regional development plan in identifying achievable employment and economic development goals, providing access to business resources and expertise and promoting capacity building at the community level. This level of regional coordination is very exciting and essential to both short and long term development planning. The Northern Project brings linkages to communities, staff resources, and the Oil Sands Impact Assessment and Strategic Plan for North West Saskatchewan completed in April 2002. We sincerely hope to help move this process along for the benefit of all north west residents. The Northern Project has also been very an active participant in the Northern Neighbours - A

Partnership for Jobs initiative of the Northern Labour Market Committee. Co-Chaired by Doug Gaily of La Roche and Norman Hansen, Regional Director of the Clearwater Clear Lake Metis Council, the group has worked to advance the completion of the Garson Lake road link to north eastern Alberta and to explore opportunities for employment in the oil sands industry. This has been a very arduous process, with Alberta needing a lot of convincing that it is viable to spend the millions of dollars it would cost to complete the road. As well, employment in the oil sands industry involves stiff competition for jobs, with those hired having significant educational and experiential credits. We cannot stress enough the need for our young community members to complete their high school and strive for technical and other post-secondary training. For now, our work will continue in the lobby effort for Alberta - Saskatchewan partnership building.

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Métis Family and Community Justice Services, Inc. (MFCJS)

"Empowering Our Future"

A Métis Children's Wellness Conference

February 26th, 27th and 28th, 2003

Quality Hotel, 90 - 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Métis Family and Community Justice Services, Inc. (MFCJS) is an affiliate of the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan which has a mandate to develop and implement a provincial Métis governing body and establish an organization to address justice and social issues as they relate to Saskatchewan Métis. MFCJS has a vision to create an environment in which Métis children are protected and cared for by their families and community. Our mission is to develop and implement holistic programs and services that contribute to the healing of Métis families and prevent Métis children from becoming involved in the Social Services network.

In March of 1998, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Department of Social Services, Métis Nation Saskatchewan and Métis Family and Community Justice Services, Inc. This document laid out in general terms the relationship between the partners for the future delivery of social service programs as they relate to Saskatchewan Métis. Although this agreement was a significant move forward in our goal to provide services to our people, it was specific to those Métis involved with Social Services. As a Nation, we must take a broader view and encourage governments and our own MN-S Affiliates to dedicate resources and make the commitment to develop

proactive policies which will support our families and children before they require Social Services intervention.

In this light, we have organized a provincial "Empowering Our Future" Conference to gather input from a cross-section of our communities regarding their views on factors affecting the well-being of Métis children. Conference delegates include provincial and local Métis political leaders; Elders; Women; youth; general community members and Affiliate personnel. Although participants will come to the Conference as representatives of this cross-section, they will also bring a variety of personal experiences and perspectives, such as parent/grandparent; aunt/uncle and so on. This range of viewpoints will provide a foundation from which to build the "Rights of the Métis Child" policy. Conference discussions will identify our priorities regarding future initiatives which affect our children.

In considering these topics, it is important to keep in mind the broad range of factors that support a positive, productive, expansive childhood. Our discussions cannot be limited only to issues that have a direct, short-term impact on our children, but rather, we must think in terms of the life-long impact of early childhood influences. For



this reason, we have framed workshops around a set of questions which will help define and formalize the fundamental beliefs and principles we hold for our children. Workshops will focus on three key topics:

- What do we believe about our children?
- What do we want for our children? and;
- What can we do for our children?

The responses to the above questions will then move us into a planning phase which will result in the development of a plan of action regarding programs and services affecting our children. Again, we must take the broader perspective of our roles within the Métis Nation Saskatchewan.

Within this framework, we must then ask ourselves:

- How do we, as politicians, Board Members, technical personnel, and individuals demonstrate our beliefs about our children?
- What can we, as politicians, Board Members, technical personnel, and individuals do to promote and/or provide the things we want for our children? and;
- What timeframes are required to achieve results?

In preparation for this Conference, we ask that you review these questions with your communities, families and co-workers and bring a broad-based perspective to the discussions.

Thank you.



The Conference Planning Committee

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Speaking Out Listening For Healing Project

The purpose of the project is to build safe communities for residential school survivors to assist each other in recovering from a legacy of abuse from their childhood. We acknowledge that Métis who survived find it difficult to talk about their experiences, it is also important that people get a chance to show caring by listening. Survivors will learn skills of exchanging, listening, caring and physical, emotional and spiritual support for facing the past and claiming their full humanity. The project will also honor the silence of many survivors who choose not to speak out.

This project will focus on teaching skills to heal from effects of chronic abuse installed in residential schools. These patterns include shame, secrecy, self-injury, invalidation and isolation, self-hatred and internalized mistreatment about interracial and intercultural heritage, powerlessness and other patterns like helplessness, victim/violence, bad feelings and destructive patterns imposed by the Indian Act and Residential Schools.



Speaking Out Listening for Healing Board of Directors

Project Goals

- To organize Healing Gatherings, put together and led by trained Métis Residential School Survivors
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Target Population

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- Survivors of residential schools are everywhere, board members, staff and clients share this legacy. Survivors will be involved in the development and in the training delivery of the projects components. Survivor will lead the healing activities in each community.
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Children Bridging Our Past and Our Future

Photos courtesy Al Rivard, MNS Area Director

Janelle Heather Smith-D'Amour, 14 months old in these photos, was born January 12, 2000 to Ronald Smith of Weyakwin - Pinehouse and Denise D'Amour of LaRonge. Janelle is wearing the traditional beadwork of Mrs. Jean Beatty, wife of the late John Beatty.



Speaking Out - Listening for Healing

Community Gatherings for Métis Residential School Survivor Healing

Article and Photos courtesy MACSI (Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc.)

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Methodology

1. *How have you determined the healing needs of your community?*

Métis Survivors identify the needs in centers and in fieldwork and through listening to Board members, clients and staff Survivors and listening to Métis Nation Member Survivors.

2. *What activities or methods will your project use to achieve goals?*

The methods used are community building, leadership training and skills training in peer counseling for healing. There is also a component of community education. Community education activities will assist communities in reclaiming their history and honoring the survivors and loved ones who did not survive.

Community Building sees community as a natural way for humans to live. Community is a pre-condition to justice and healing. This approach proposes a shift from an individual clinical model to a Community model of healing.

Our understanding of the determinants of health have shifted in time and we are beginning to think more holistically. The World Health Organization says: Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well

being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity. There are many factors that surround and influence a person's healing.

In the context of a social community-healing model, the project will organize ways for Métis Residential School Survivors to re-learn to use their natural ability to deeply enjoy their lives and well being. Métis Residential School survivors will acquire tools for healing and workable ways to assist other survivors in healing. By exchanging listening and caring, and offering persistent love and courage, Survivors give each other the healing they needed when hurts were laid in on them as children in Residential schools.

The project promotes a holistic approach in the specific skills, which acknowledges the need for emotional healing in building community. The key idea is that human minds, unless there is physical damage to the brain, can fully recover and are self-healing just as our bodies are. This approach also works from an understanding that our spirits are not damaged by our experience. Spirit remains complete and whole.

What humans do in healing is release the experience that they were unable to heal inherently at the time of the hurt. At the time of the abuse it was not safe to heal; it made sense at the time to not heal but survive. The process of humans healing in community involves accepting and encouraging the physical release of old grief and terror, and physically held feelings that are in our body memories. At the heart of healing from early sexual victimization and bodily harm is great heartbreak for the vulnerability and loss that a person experiences. In sexual abuse in particular, personal and community reality is altered from belonging to feeling the unreality of not belonging.

In this holistic approach, persons healing get to look at how the trauma changed their view of reality and how they changed their thinking and feelings to fit on top of a foundation of trauma and distress. Healing, in this approach means that the person re-learns to trust her/his own thinking and live in a natural way with others. The natural way is with pride and in community, cooperation, trusting, enjoying and showing caring and using the gift of her or his intelligence.

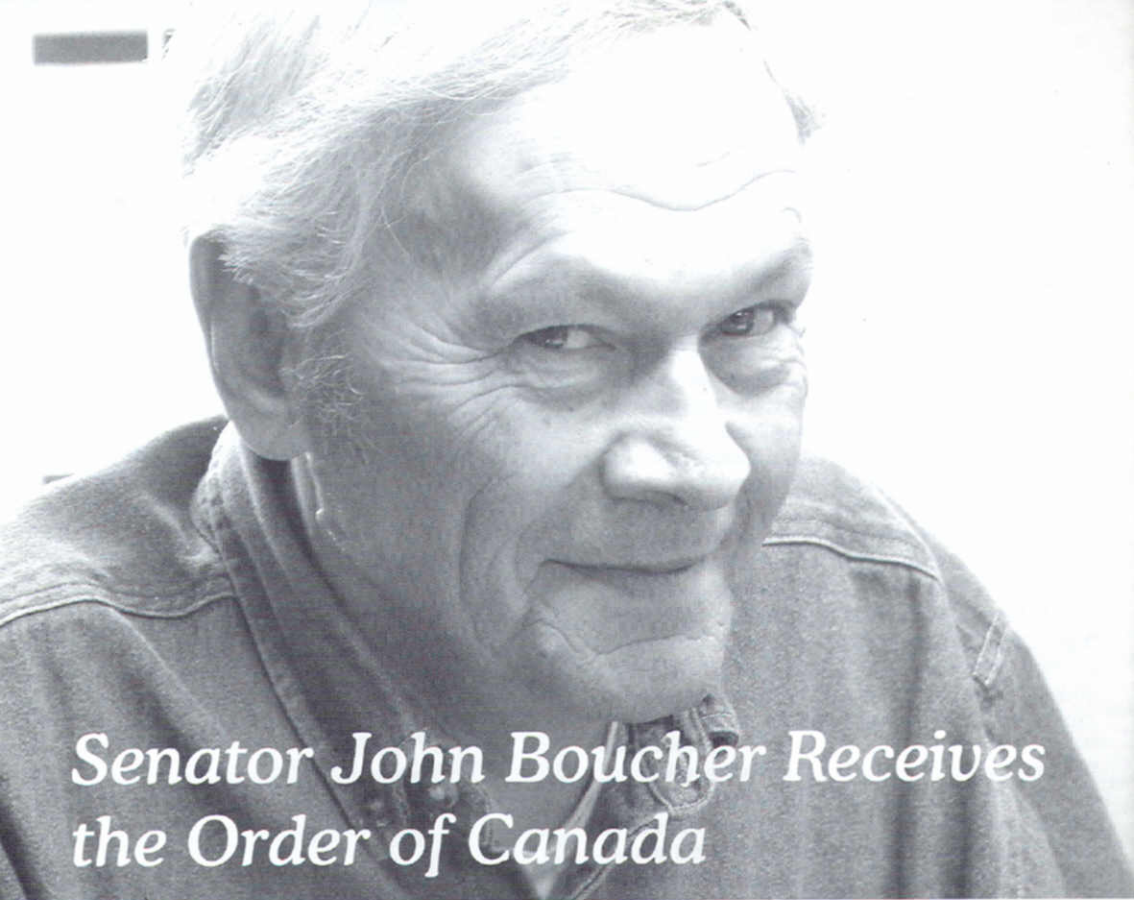


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Senator John Boucher Receives the Order of Canada

Article by Kathy Hodgson-Smith and the Métis Nation Senate of Saskatchewan
Photos by Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Senator John Boucher was born in Prince Albert June 27, 1938. His parents John Berchmans Boucher, a farmer from St. Louis and Clare Delamie from Jack Fish Lake, raised him and his two sisters in St. Louis, Saskatchewan. Senator Boucher married Donna Deitz of Edmonton, Alberta, in 1959. He continues to farm in St. Louis where they raised their three daughters and six grandchildren.

The Métis Nation of Saskatchewan appointed Senator Boucher to the Senate in 1991. He was involved in Métis organizations for many years of his life and became the President of St. Louis Métis Local #28 in 1960, and the Vice President in 1961. He currently sits on the Métis Nation Senate of Saskatchewan and the Aboriginal Advisory to the RCMP Board.

The Métis National Council presented Senator Boucher with an award for his contribution to self-government. Senator Boucher also presented a sash on behalf of the Métis Nation to the South African leader Nelson Mandela who proudly wore the sash during his visit in Canada.

As an Elder, he has carried on the tradition of carrying on Métis history and culture, participating in the ceremonial activities of many of the Métis Nation events and gatherings. In 1985, he gave information on the Métis to the writers of the book, *The Free People*. He played a small acting role as character "Meichan Dumasi" in the film by Halfbreed Productions "Stories of the Road Allowance People." Senator Boucher also gave the narrated introduction to the 1997 National Gold CANPRO Award-winning



play/teleplay of his nephew, Bob Rock, "The Missing Bell of Batoche."

Senator Boucher continues to reside in St. Louis and remains active as a Senator and Elder. He gives lectures at public schools on Métis history and travels whenever asked to participate in Métis Nation functions. Every year at Batoche, you will find the Senator

carrying the Métis flag, offering prayers and considerations at the mass gravesite at Batoche and the St. Antoine church cemetery, and sharing in the dancing and story and fellowship.

Today we honour Senator John Boucher and congratulate him in receiving the Order of Canada for

his contribution to Canada and the Métis people of this country. On May 1, 2002, The Right Honourable Governor General Adrienne Clarkson appointed John Boucher with the Member of the Order of Canada Medal. His appointment was given as follows:

He is a highly respected Elder and a distinguished Senator of the Métis Nation - Saskatchewan. For more than 40 years, he has worked on behalf of Aboriginal people as an unwavering advocate of Métis rights, self-governance and the fair negotiation of land claims. Active in the St. Louis Métis Local, he has also worked on behalf of the Métis National Council and is currently a representative on the Aboriginal Advisory Board for the RCMP. Recognized as a "wisdom keeper" of Métis oral history, he recounts the culture, traditions and heritage of his people and, in sharing his rich knowledge, helps to guide the next generation into the future.



Photo Courtesy: MNC

Senator Boucher presenting a Métis Sash to Nelson Mandela

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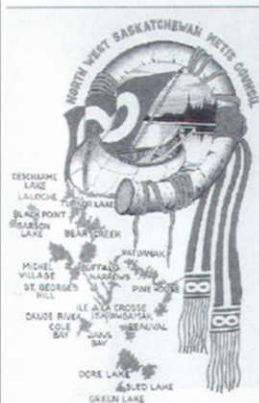
The Governor General, as Chancellor of the Order, makes the appointments based on the recommendations of an Advisory Council. The Advisory Council, which is chaired by the Chief Justice of Canada, includes the Clerk of the Privy Council, the Deputy Minister of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Chairperson of the Canada Council for the Arts, the President of the Royal Society of Canada, and the Chairperson of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. As well, two members of the Order are part of the Council for a maximum three-year term. The Governor General invites the new members to Rideau Hall to be honoured for their achievements in a formal ceremony, which is broadcast nationally. The new members receive the snowflake badge which they can wear and they can use the letters O.C., C.M. or C.C. after their name.

While the badges remain the property of the Order, members can pass them down in their wills as a family heirloom. Badges can also be given to a reputable museum or returned to the Chancellor. The Order retains ownership to prevent the sale of the badge which would give it an unintended monetary value.

A Member can become an Officer, or an Officer can become a Companion, based on continued exceptional or extraordinary service to Canada. Usually, promotions are considered five years after the first appointment. Only living Canadians can be appointed.

North West Saskatchewan Métis Council

- Northern Region III - Alex Maurice
- Clearwater Clear Lake Métis Regional Council - Norman Hansen



During this time of reflection and celebration of our many blessings, we wish our friends and families throughout the Métis homeland a very Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year.



Season's Greetings

May you continue to experience the joy and wonder of this holiday season throughout the coming year.

Season's greetings from Minister Chris Axworthy and the staff of Saskatchewan Aboriginal Affairs.



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Canada - Saskatchewan Sign Agreement and Accord on Northern Development

Article by Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Photos by Clem Chartier

On October 17, 2002, Canada and Saskatchewan committed \$10 million dollars each toward the development of northern Saskatchewan. This fund is part of the Saskatchewan Northern Development Accord and Canada-Saskatchewan Northern Development Agreement which will "provide for the development of a strategic framework to guide the efforts of federal and provincial governments and northern communities to improve the living conditions and enhance the economic opportunities available to northerners." This Agreement will provide opportunities for northerners to improve regional economic infrastructure, employment prospects through training and practical skill experience, educational and business expertise, research and industry innovation and the region's attraction of business investment," as set out in the joint news release.

Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians, along with Stephen Owen, Secretary of State (Western Economic Diversification and Indian Affairs and Northern Development), today joined Saskatchewan Northern Affairs Minister Buckley Belanger, and Interim Northern Development Board Co-Chairs Gry Merasty and Max Morin in the official signing.

A management committee will be formed to administer and manage the Agreement including review and approval of all projects. This committee will consist of two federal and two provincial government representatives and two members of the Northern Development Board. The Metis Nation - Saskatchewan holds a seat on the Northern Development Board, along with several First Nations representatives.



The Signing of the Documents

Top: Hon. Rick Laliberte and Hon. Keith Goulet

Middle Left: Minister Buckley Belanger

Middle: Hon. Stephen Owen

Bottom Left: Mayor Max Morin

Bottom Right: Minister Ralph Goodale

Investing In Our Future MÉTIS WOMEN AND YOUTH CONFERENCE

A gathering of Métis women & youth designed to explore employment & training, career and educational opportunities, to promote entrepreneur/business and leadership skills development & to foster other important developments - mentorships, networking, etc. and to discuss other important issues.

TENTATIVE COMPONENTS OF CONFERENCE AGENDA

Major Professional Keynotes/Speakers/Presenters
Career Clusters Workshops/Presentations
Academic, Arts & Athletic Awards Luncheon
Workshops
Job/Career/Training/Education/Funding/Entrepreneurial Fair/Trade Show
Discussion Sessions

DISPLAY TABLES

Organizations wishing to register a table at the conference job/career/training/education/funding & entrepreneurial/business fair/trade show may call the office for forms or information. Limited space provided. Early bird registration will end December 30th. Payment must accompany registration. Make cheques payable to Regina Métis Women and Youth Conference.

CALL FOR REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is January 30th! Payment must accompany registration. Phone Conference Coordinator for all forms and information by calling 1-306-352-8400 or by fax at 1-306-352-8404.

SEEKING SPONSORSHIP!

Regina Métis Women has launched an "Investing in Our Future" target participant sponsorship fundraising campaign which will run until all the necessary funding is raised. However, a blitz is running up until December 31st! Business, organizations, clubs, individuals, various government department and others can sponsor either a Métis woman or youth, residing in the Regina area, at the cost of \$250.00 per sponsorship. Sponsors can sponsor as many as they wish. As well, the organizations is still accepting sponsorship at the presenting sponsor levels and for the major presenting speakers. Please call for further details. NOTE: Qualifying sponsors must confirm their sponsorship by December 31st to be placed on the conference's official poster.

Regina Métis Women & Youth Conference
Box 26115 - Regina, Saskatchewan - S4R 8R7

Regina Métis Women 4th Annual Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22nd, 2002
Core Ritchie Neighborhood Center
(445 - 14th Avenue)
2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
COST IS FREE!



Regina Métis Women 1995 Inc. will be hosting a Christmas Party for Métis Children from financially challenged homes (i.e. Social Assistance, Student Loan, Training Allowance, EI, Low Income Working Families, etc.) from the ages of newborn up to 13 years old.

Children must be pre-registered in order to attend the party, so please register your child(ren) early since a first-come first-served basis will be utilized if funding becomes limited.

Registration Deadline is Monday, December 16th. Please call 352-8400 to verify and renew eligibility and to make arrangements to fill out a registration form if you haven't registered previously.

presents!

hot dogs, drinks & chips!

a special visit from Santa Claus!

Christmas candy bags!

Christmas carol singing!

children's entertainers and other activities!

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I invite you to take advantage of a unique opportunity to advertise your valuable business and service with one of Saskatchewan's first and most long-standing Aboriginal magazines, *New Breed*.

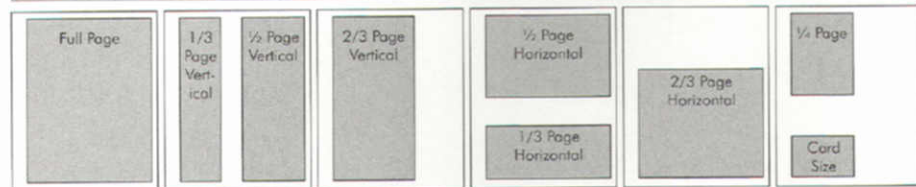
Since its first publication in the early 70's, *New Breed* has been the "voice of the Métis in Saskatchewan." We take pride in knowing we have become an important media source for Métis and Aboriginal people throughout Saskatchewan. Through means of feature articles, editorials and submissions, we bring forth a strong sense of identity, history and pride among Métis people. Our magazine also serves as an important communication outlet to highlight important information, current events and issues within our communities on matters of employment, training, education and others. It also focuses on many of our accomplishments, future endeavors and includes profiles of successful Métis individuals, programs and businesses.

We welcome your organization's participation and thank you for your support. A *New Breed Magazine* inquiry can be directed to New Breed Magazine, by calling 306 343-8285, by fax at 306 343-0171 by e-mail at kathy@newbreedmagazine.com.

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The following rates apply to advertisements published in *New Breed Magazine*. Ads appearing on the back cover are in full colour - these ads are subject to a 30% surcharge. All other ads are in black and white. There is a 20% surcharge for ads requested to be positioned on either the inside front or inside back covers. Please make all cheques payable to *New Breed Magazine*.

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	width	depth	1 issue	2 issues	3 issues
Centrefold	16 inches	10 inches	\$2,800	\$2,520	\$2,380
Full Page	7 ¼ inches	10 inches	\$1,500	\$1,350	\$1,275
2/3 Page Horizontal	7 ¼ inches	6 ¾ inches	\$1,125	\$1,012	\$956
2/3 Page Vertical	4 ¾ inches	10 inches	\$1,125	\$1,012	\$956
½ Page Horizontal	7 ¼ inches	5 inches	\$975	\$877	\$828
½ Page Vertical	3 ¾ inches	10 inches	\$975	\$877	\$828
1/3 Page Vertical	2 ¾ inches	10 inches	\$750	\$675	\$637
1/3 Page Horizontal	7 ¼ inches	3 ¼ inches	\$750	\$675	\$637
¼ Page	3 ¾ inches	5 inches	\$500	\$450	\$425
Card Size	3 ¾ inches	2 ½ inches	\$250	\$225	\$212



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Christmastime: The Center of Everything Metis

It's Christmastime again. Another year has gone by. As your elected leaders we take this time to reflect on our year's work, to consider the many meetings and talks and negotiations which have filled our days, and to consider our successes and continued challenges. At the center of everything Metis, we recall the cultural events, the Elders, Veterans and Senators, the laughter, the stories, the discussions, the children and youth that danced and sang and ran circles around us as we held our meetings or shared in a meal together. At the center of everything Metis are the Women and the Youth, caring for children, cooking and cleaning, sewing and beading, hosting evenings of fellowship, holding our families together. At the center of everything Metis is the fiddle and the jigging and the square dancing, the drama which is the story of our lives woven together as a people. At the center of everything Metis, the hunters and the fishermen and the trappers, the farmers, ranchers, government and urban workers, the teachers, the lawyers, the nurses and caregivers come together and learn together and plan the future. At the center of everything Metis is tradition, the shared times, the families, the cultural festivals and celebrations, the Michif and Cree and Dene languages. At the center of everything Metis is the heart and at Christmastime we return there to celebrate each of you. This Christmas, we wish for you peace and rest and that the New Year bring forth all that you have dreamed and worked so hard to achieve. This Christmas, may we rejoice in everything Metis.



Dave Ross, Secretary



Allan Moun, Treasurer