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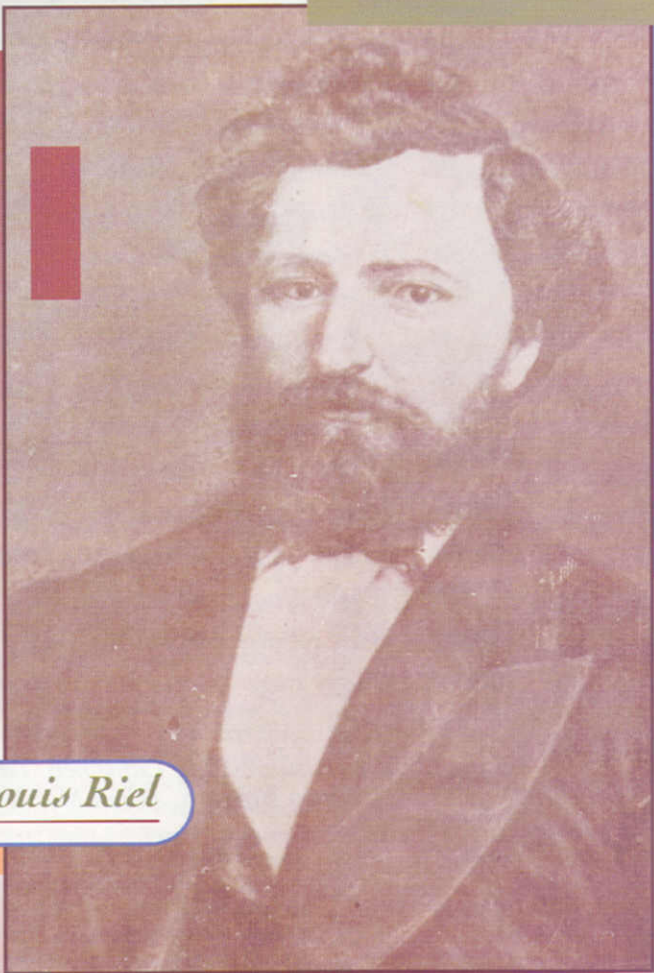
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METIS WOMEN GIVE STRONG ENDORSEMENT

By Jeff Campbell

Metis women have spoken and they gave a strong endorsement for their incumbent area representatives in their annual general meeting. The three day meeting to elect area vice-presidents, develop new policy and to examine new economic development strategies, was held in North Battleford on November 5, 6, and 7.

Isabelle Impey was re-appointed as president of the Metis Women of Saskatchewan during the meeting. She says the high level of returning political representatives bodes well for the organization.

"We're seeing a lot of continuity and these women have really come together. It can be expected that when we get into status quo politics we can get into a lot of negativism," said Impey.

"There were a few changes. We had a number of women step down for a variety of reasons, but it's good to have some changes," Impey said as delegates wrapped up the meeting.

"Metis women want to belong and we want to contribute and they want to be part of the movement and we have seen Metis women progress with a lot of negotiations and partnership with a number of organizations. As long as we want to move ahead, we want to be part of the changes," said Impey.

While most area representatives were returned, there have been a number of resignations and elections held for new representatives.

Lisa McCallum resigned her post as Provincial Secretary and was replaced. Phyllis Durocher of Prince Albert won the position after two ballots.

Victoria Polsfut, one of the founders of Native Women of Saskatchewan won the election for General Vice-President. She replaced outgoing vice-president Karen Trotchie who resigned because her new job takes up a substantial part of her time, she told delegates.

Trotchie was elected to serve as Metis Women's representative with the Brighter Futures Corporation.

Bev Laliberte, of Prince Albert returns as provincial treasurer.

Two positions yet to be filled are a Northern Senator, left by the resignation of Senator Barb Morin and a southern youth representative after the resignation of Heather Morin. Nora Ritchie, who chaired the meeting, will stay on as the Metis Women's southern Senator and Mona Pederson will continue to represent the youth of the North.

Linda Fisher, a member of MSS Local 36, was chosen by women from Western Region



Returning President, Isabelle Impey

IIA to be their new area representative. Other new representatives include Joan Ross of La Ronge for Northern Region I and Darlene Langen of Yorkton, representative of Eastern Region II A. They will be joining a number of returning colleagues; Majorie Obleman from Western Region III, Gloria Schmyr from Eastern Region II, Martha Waite of Northern Region II, Shirley Sander of Western Region IA and Eileen Brabant of Eastern Region III, Nancy Morin of Northern Region II A, Theresa Tourand from Western Region I and Mary Fiddler from Western Region II.

Four brand new positions created over the weekend included the Metis Women's representatives for a proposed Metis Legislature of Saskatchewan. The representatives will be Phyllis Durocher, Lorna Docken, Karen Trotchie and Janice Henry.

Among the business resolved during the meeting, members decided the provincial president of Metis Women should sit on the Provincial Metis Council.

A member of that council, MSS treasurer Philip Chartier told delegates he is looking forward to a closer link between provincial council and Metis Women of Saskatchewan.

"I would like nothing better than to have Metis women work together with us because there is a lot of important work to do in the future," said Chartier. He said along with the proposed four seats for women in the Metis Legislature, a proposal is being examined to have the four executive members of Metis Women sit on Provincial Metis Council.



Bev Laliberte, Provincial Treasurer takes a break with son Jarrett



Victoria Polsfut was elected General Vice-President

SEARCH EFFORT AN INSULT TO METIS VOLUNTEERS SAYS HAMMERSMITH

A recent drowning in Northern Saskatchewan proves RCMP members need more cultural sensitization says MSS Provincial Secretary Bernice Hammersmith. She has written a letter to Justice Minister Bob Mitchell to get his help with an incident she says is highly racist in nature and lacking in understanding of Metis people.

"The RCMP don't care about our people. They just follow the white orders," Hammersmith said.

Three Metis hunters from Ile la Crosse; Thomas Favel, Clifford Clark and George Murray, Jr. drowned October 27 while attempting to bring home a moose they had shot.

Hammersmith said RCMP members from Buffalo Narrows called off their search for the bodies prematurely and community members were forced to continue the search on their own.

Residents of the community had offered to help police in the search but their voluntary assistance was refused by officers, who called off the search when darkness fell around 5:00 on the day of the drownings.

When residents asked the police to lend them hooks to continue the search for bodies, police again refused and ordered the volunteer search to halt until morning. Following warnings the bay would freeze overnight, the volunteers continued to look for bodies using their own hooks and boats. All the bodies were recovered between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., Hammersmith said.

"I, as well as all Metis who are aware of this incident, find the actions and decisions of the RCMP with respect to this search for bodies to be highly discriminatory and ultimately racist in nature," Hammersmith said in her letter to

Mitchell. "Not only should they (the volunteer searchers) be applauded for their courage and ingenuity, but it is high time that officials in various capacities recognize the practical know-how and wisdom of Native people, particularly our elders, when it comes to natural resources such as the characteristics and ways of a body of water. The deepest cut, however, is the cultural ignorance displayed by the police. Native people have cultural practices and beliefs in the immediate recovery of deceased persons," reads the letter.

Hammersmith said a lack of understanding and compassion from RCMP members has plagued Metis for years and in many other cases including the investigation into the murder of Elaine Ducharme in La Ronge earlier this year.

Hammersmith called for compensation for expenses from the volunteer search along with a public complaints resolutions process regarding law enforcement concerns which is under civilian control.

METIS FIGHTING OVERWHELMING ODDS IN JOB MARKET

Saskatchewan Metis face overwhelming odds in their struggle for an equal place in the job market says the Metis National Council (MNC) representative Mark Leclair.

Leclair said while there are many employment equity programs underway in both government and private industry offices, those programs may be leaving Metis out, Leclair said at a meeting of Metis Pathways to Success in Saskatoon on October 19.

Leclair said in planning to take advantage of existing programs and make sure Metis aren't left out of future programs, it is necessary to look at education as well as skill and income levels among Metis.

"We're going through a major crisis in terms of getting people to support themselves with a viable education," said Leclair, adding the main problem is so few Metis are finishing high school.

In a recent study undertaken by Gabriel Dumont Institute researcher Kwan Yang the

numbers paint a grim picture of poverty for Saskatchewan Metis, Leclair said.

"In Saskatchewan, it's one of the worst situations. We've got 45 per cent of our people who have no income at all, and another 30 per cent earn under \$10,000 per year. The situation in Saskatchewan is the most bleak, followed by Manitoba and then Alberta."

Murray Hamilton, Director of the Saskatoon branch of Gabriel Dumont Institute's SUNTEP teacher training program said he agrees more training is needed, but training still won't guarantee work for Metis.

He said teachers graduating from the University of Saskatchewan are forced to find work outside the province and law school grads can't find enough places to article.

"Even if you have a Master's degree, it's no guarantee of a job anymore. Soon that will be a Ph. D."

Leclair said the recent GDI study showed only 2.5 per cent of Metis complete university and then they earn an average of \$2500 less per year than the Canadian average.

He said with increased spending on Metis education, the entire Canadian economy could be given a major boost.

University graduates often have to wrestle

with a mountain of debt piled up through student loans, Hamilton added.

The solution for Metis in the current tough job market is to take control of an industry, not just train people for jobs that may not exist in a few years due to more and more workers being replaced by technology.

"Training isn't the only answer. We have to have major control of industries," said Hamilton.

Hamilton said projections from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show many new jobs in America will be in the service industry, most of them low-skilled and low-paying.

The Metis National Council has undertaken a Human Resource Planning Project to study Metis employment conditions and complete a Metis human resource development plan. The plan has four elements; to describe Metis people through age, sex, equity and education profiles, identify where future job and self-employment opportunities may exist and the skills needed to fill those positions, look at how education and skills of Metis may be improved to make them better able to participate in the labor market and develop a human resource program with an education and training program and service intervention strategies.



By Jeff Campbell

DOZEN NEW GRADUATES JOINING ADMIN RANKS

Smiling brightly and slightly breathless with excitement, GDI Meadow Lake grad Marilyn Bundschuh said there is no mystery to how she and her graduating classmates achieved their goal.

"You have to just jump in with both feet and say of course you can do it," said valedictorian Bundschuh as her classmates lined up for photos following convocation ceremonies on October 16.

Bundschuh led the Meadow Lake GDI business administration group in academic standing with an impressive 88 per cent grade point average while balancing the responsibilities at home. She is married and a mother of four. She said the only way to get through a program like business administration is to concentrate on the details.

"You have got to take one day at a time and one step at a time. You can't look at the whole course. That's just too scary," Bundschuh advised.

Bundschuh said the most dangerous opponent she or other students face is the tendency to procrastinate, to ignore the really tough material in their studies or let assignments pile up.

She said while some days were very tough, she got a lot of strength from family support, prayer and a special sense of purpose, "I always knew I should be there," she said.

In her valedictory address, Bundschuh said felt a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

"It is great to be finished. Only two years ago I never dreamed I could do this," she said.

Bundschuh said it was no longer possible for Metis people to depend on living off the land, to get ahead they have to get an education.

"Our parents' generation was often too busy just trying to survive to worry about anything but earning their bread and butter. Now, programs like this will enable us to compete in the job market. Give us the tools to compete and we will break the pattern of poverty," said Bundschuh.

Brent Ballard, one of the instructors at GDI



EDI's Business Administration Class of '93 (Meadow Lake)



Marilyn Bundschuh wins EDI's Academic Excellence Award

in Meadow Lake, said he admired any student who could balance home and educational responsibilities.

"I had enough trouble with just the academics without the family obligations," he said.

Graduates who earned their Certificate of Administration on October 16 were: Rita Aubichon, Deny Boulet, Marilyn Bundschuh, Bettyann Caplette, Laura Hounsell, John Kennedy, Samantha McCloud, Karen Moreau,

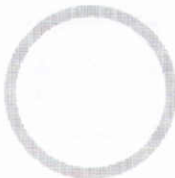
April Nelson-Siu, Justin Oulette and Leighton Wensley. Aubichon, Boulet, Bundschuh, McCloud, Oulette and Wensley also earned a Certificate in Continuing Education Administrative Development and a Diploma of Associate in Administration.

GDI executive director Isabelle Impy said all Metis could take pride in the grads' success.

"When we have a success like this today, we all win," Impy said at the convocation ceremony.

Western Region I Area Director Guy Bouvier echoed that pride and sense of accomplishment.

"Metis people have always had a tough road to follow, but you people have made us all very proud. Because of your accomplishments, the whole Metis nation has gained," Bouvier told the grads.



In a quiet corner of the MSS building in Saskatoon, a small staff are hard at work making their dream of Dumont Technical Institute take shape.

The Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) has been years in the making, tracing its formation to a memo of understanding written in 1991 between the Metis Society of Saskatchewan (MSS), Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and the Saskatchewan provincial government.

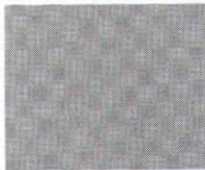
The memo was written in response to a provincial government report on the state of Aboriginal education.

Lorna Docken, Director of Training of Programs said that report showed Saskatchewan Metis had a very low participation rate in post-secondary education.

The follow-up to the report, a master agreement between all three parties was signed in late 1992.

Under this agreement, DTI was developed as a federated college of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIASST). SIASST and DTI are integrated with the same academic credit structure but have autonomous funding and administrative structures.

"All our programs follow SIASST requirements to a 'T' in terms of program content, course content and entrance and exit requirements. But the courses will be Metis enriched and taught by Metis people," said Docken.



DTI GEARING UP FOR STUDENTS SERVICES

She emphasized DTI is not out to make GDI redundant.

"We're out to borrow and build on the success of GDI. GDI is alive and well and looking at university affiliation and marketing some unique GDI programs. We're not replacing GDI, we're just taking over the technical and adult basic education side."

The mandate, Docken said will cover the entire province.

"We'll be offering Adult Basic Education, technical and vocational training under a province-wide mandate for Metis people," Docken said.

What sets DTI apart from its counterpart educational technical institutions across Canada is a special focus on and sensitivity to Metis students' wants and needs.

"This is a really exciting opportunity to reduce duplication and increase access to Metis people," she said.

In the short time since its inception, DTI has already achieved equal status with other SIASST campuses - Kelsey in Saskatoon, Regina's Wascana Campus, Woodlands in Prince Albert and Palliser in Moose Jaw.

Right now, Docken is meeting with members of the various Local Aboriginal Management Board (LAMBS) and MSS area directors to determine training needs from their communities.

"We're dealing with business people and their potential employees to determine their needs," she explained.

DTI Director of Research Morley Norton said the cultural component will be a funda-



By Jeff Campbell

mental part of all courses in order to instill a sense of pride and purpose in students.

"Because you have to be proud of your family and your background to be successful," said Norton.

"These are uncharted waters for the education of our people and I will propose on their behalf to do for them whatever they want to do," said Norton.

"We are trying to gear it to specific communities and components of culture and Metis studies. They will be contents geared to the environment Metis find themselves in," Norton said.

Norton said while many programs will be closely matched to the people they serve, the qualifications students will gain after graduation will be transferable to other SIASST campuses and university.

Norton said with the background knowledge of the communities DTI planners have, they can not only blend the programs to the students involved they can also tailor programs to industries needing qualified people in the future.

"Since we know something about the future of the industry, we can prepare our people not only to keep up, but to move toward the future," Norton explained.

"We've got to make sure we Metis catch up with the rest of society. According to a lot of the books and reports I've been looking at, we're way behind preparing our people for their education futures."

Norton said the only problem he anticipates in getting more education programs rolling is arranging funding for new programs from government agencies.



MFCJS PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Metis Family and Community Justice Services of Saskatchewan (MFCJS) Incorporated has developed a family connections program. The goal of this program is to reconnect Metis children, children who were adopted or became permanent wards of the Minister of Social Services, back with their family, extended family or with their home communities.

After World War Two the government extended provincial child welfare services to Native communities. The government however, did not get actively involved with Indian child welfare until the 1950s. During the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, many children of Aboriginal descent were taken away from their families and communities. One reason for government action was the need for medical care that the children were unable to receive in their home communities. These children were relocated to other centres where they could receive the help they needed. The government meant well by getting these children medical care but the children were rarely returned to their families and communities. These children usually lost touch with their families and became a permanent fixture of the child welfare system.

The most common reason children were removed from their families and communities was the Aboriginal way of life and Aboriginal child-rearing practices did not mesh with the government beliefs about the way people should live and raise children. By taking Aboriginal children from their families and communities, the government was taking these children away from their traditional cultures and beliefs. The government believed this was an effective way to assimilate Aboriginal people into mainstream society.

The children that were removed from their families and communities by government workers were adopted out, usually into non-Native home of they were placed in non-Native foster homes within or outside Saskatchewan. Many of these children were sent to Alberta, Manitoba

and even into the United States and their families never heard from them again.

One of our goals with this program is to help children who were adopted out or placed in foster homes to reconnect with their families and or with their home communities. We also want to help parents or other family members find their lost children.

If you or someone you know has been involved in the child welfare system or has lost a child to the child welfare system and wants to be reconnected, please contact us at the Family Services Division of the Metis Family and Community Justice Services Inc. in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan at 242-6886. As for Arden or Heather.

HERESA'S STORY

Theresa Janvier is looking for her sister Josephine Moise nee Montgrande and for Josephine's son Mike Moise.

Josephine, her daughter Florence and Josephine's unborn baby, Mike Moise, were taken from the Buffalo Narrows - La Loche area of Saskatchewan in October 1951. Josephine's family were told they were being taken to a health facility. As Theresa speaks only Dene, she is not sure if it was a tuberculosis hospital or a mental hospital. The above mentioned son would have been born in late 1951 or early 1952.

Josephine had three other children, George-Mary-Cyrille Moise and Lawrence and Bernice Moise. George died before Josephine was taken from her community. Lawrence and Bernice stayed in La Loche when Josephine, her unborn baby and Florence were removed. Lawrence and Bernice were raised by their father, Pierre Marieä Moise, who is now dead. We are unsure as to Lawrence's birthdate although we know he is older than Bernice. Bernice was born on October 20, 1950.

We know Josephine's daughter Florence died in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan on October 29, 1956. Florence died at the Prince Albert

Sanitorium and was buried through services provided by the Catholic Church.

We also know that Josephine came from a large family. Josephine's mother is still living, she is now in her 90s. Friends and family members call Josephine's mother Crow. Josephine's siblings closest in age to her are her brother Jean Marie and her sisters Marie, Jean and Theresa. Josephine, her sisters and her parents lived at Bulls House as she was growing up. Bulls House is the mouth of the river near La Loche.

We were informed that Lawrence Moise, Josephine's eldest son worked with a man named Norm (Trapper) Delorme in northern Saskatchewan within the last eight to 10 years. During the time they worked together, Norm (Trapper) advised Lawrence Josephine was living in Saskatoon. If Norm (Trapper) Delorme has any information about Josephine's whereabouts, even if it is old information, please call Arden or Heather collect at 242-6886.

Josephine would be in her late 60s today.

Theresa wants to know if her sister Josephine and Josephine's son Mike Moise are still living or if they have died. If Josephine or her son are still living and wish to contact Theresa and her family, Theresa would be delighted. If they have died, Theresa and her family need to know and be allowed to grieve.

If anyone has any information about Josephine Moise nee Montgrande or of Mike Moise, please contact Metis Family Connections in Saskatoon at 242-6886. As for Arden or Heather.

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METIS CANDIDATES FAIL TO WIN SEATS

There will be no new Metis MPs from Saskatchewan in the wake of the federal election. Saskatchewan's two Metis candidates in the federal election both failed to win their ridings.

Liberal Reina Sinclair ran in Regina-Qu'appelle and made a strong showing but failed to oust NDP incumbent Simon de Jong. Sinclair captured 10,071 votes to de Jong's 11,178 in unofficial results in the riding.

Independent candidate Rick Laliberte ran in Prince Albert -Churchill River where he finished in the middle of the eight candidate pack. Laliberte got 1499 votes in unofficial results while winner Gordon Kirkby got 11,589 votes.

The winners of the Saskatchewan seats by riding and by party are:

Yorkton-Melville: Garry Breitreuz, Reform

Swift Current- Maple Creek- Assiniboia:
Lee Morrison, Reform

Prince Albert-Churchill River: Gordon
Kirkby, Liberal

Saskatoon-Clark's Crossing: Chris Axworthy,
New Democrat

Mackenzie: Vic Althouse, New Democrat

Souris-Moose Mountain: Bernie Collins,
Liberal

Kindersley-Lloydminster: Elwin Hermanson,
Reform

Battlefords-Meadow Lake: Len Taylor, New
Democrat

Moose Jaw-Lake Centre: Allan Kerpan,
Reform

Regina-Lumsden: John Solomon, New
Democrat

Regina-Wascana: Ralph Goodale, Liberal

Regina-Qu'appelle: Simon de Jong, New
Democrat

Saskatoon-Dundurn: Morris Bodnar, Liberal

Saskatoon-Humboldt: Georgette Sheridan,
Liberal

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

GIVE HELP AND GUIDANCE AND SAVE THE CONDEMNATION

Dear Editor,

I am a Grade 12 student who lives a clean lifestyle without alcohol and drugs. I am also a Cree Indian of the plains who has the right to express my opinion for myself and the other members of the First Nations.

Recently there was a poll with results being printed in the September 17, 1993 paper (Saskatoon Star-Phoenix), stating there is discrimination in our Saskatoon police force. This is equivalent to stating that there is discrimination facing Native society everyday, and non-Native public servants need to be educated.

There are the negative comments made about Native people that I would like to respond to. I am pursuing my education to undo this welfare rope around my neck. I am being judged and labelled because I was born into a Native family of which I am proud, but society views as a negative thing.

The stereotype of a Native person being a worthless drunk is becoming ancient. And I,

for one, am an example.

Unfortunately, discrimination towards the Native people by the police simply represents the larger non-Native society.

Alcoholism, drug use and poverty are not Native issues - they are a people problem. Those people need help and guidance, not condemnation.

In Prince Albert Leo Lachance was shot and murdered primarily because he was Native. In Saskatoon do we have to suffer the same consequences? Are we heading in that direction? Ignorance and fear cause discrimination. To really listen with understanding will help alleviate this problem. When people make my being a Native a problem, they become my problem.

God give understanding to all nations.

Lorraine Thomas

Grade 12

Nutana Collegiate Institute
Saskatoon, Sask.

GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE

Wishing you all the joys
of the holiday season
and a very happy
New Year

Metis Women of
Saskatchewan, Inc

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

On behalf of Staff and Students of the Prince Albert Native Human Justice Program, we are taking this opportunity to exchange greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill are valued so highly.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

NATIVE HUMAN JUSTICE PROGRAM
STAFF & STUDENTS

Happy Holidays

May the Blessing and Joy
of the Christmas season be
with you throughout the
coming year

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& Research & Development Unit)*



LIFE OF LOUIS RIEL

LOUIS RIEL 1844-1885

Louis Riel was born into a politically active family and political life took up much of his career. Louis' father, Louis Riel Sr. was well known for his struggle to end the Hudson Bay Company's trade monopoly in Rupert's Land, the area covering today's prairie provinces.

Since he was well-educated, articulate and spoke French and English fluently, Louis Jr. emerged as the main spokesman for the Metis in the Red River Resistance of 1869-70. He was only 24 years old but became one of the key figures in the Metis-led government in Red River. He took up the cause of the Metis who feared they would lose their lands to an influx of settlers after Manitoba entered Confederation. Riel formed a provisional government and took control of Fort Garry.

After Thomas Scott, an outspoken Ontario Orangeman, and his colleagues resisted the government, they were taken prisoner. Scott showed total contempt for Riel's government and the men who held him prisoner, prompting a death sentence and execution. In reaction to Scott's death, the Canadian government sent a military expedition to put down the resistance and arrest Riel. Riel fled for his life to the United States.

He was living in St. Peter's Mission, Montana when the Metis beckoned Riel back to Canada in 1884. Since leaving Canada, Riel had become an American citizen, married and taken a job teaching school. While he was free to return to Canada after 1875, he had good reason to stay away as some Canadians were determined to get revenge for Thomas Scott's death.

Regardless of the trouble that was almost certain to follow, Riel returned to help the Metis. In 1885 due to a large westward migration of non-Native settlers, many Metis were being forced off of lands they had occupied for generations. The federal government turned a blind eye to the troubles in the Northwest even though Metis, Indians and non-Native settlers begged for help.

Riel sent a petition to the government in



December 1884. The petition called for free title to the land the Metis occupied, provincial status for the districts of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Assiniboia, new laws which would help the nomadic Indians and Metis settle on farms of their own and better treatment for Indians on reserves. The best the federal government could come up with was a royal commission to study the problems Riel brought to light. Riel was infuriated at what he saw as a stalling tactic so he proclaimed a provisional government at Batoche on March 16, 1885.

Fighting began in the 1885 Resistance at Duck Lake on March 26, 1885. Louis was present on the battlefield but he carried no weapons, only a wooden cross. He detested violence and after the short bloody fight he said there had already been too much bloodshed.

As a result of the violence, the federal government dispatched another army, the North West Field Force, to put down the resistance and capture Riel. The soldiers clashed with the Metis at Fish Creek in April and fought for and captured Batoche in a battle from May 9 to May 12, 1885. Riel surrendered to the expedition's leader, General Middleton, on May 15. He was taken into custody to await trial at the North West Mounted Police barracks in Regina.

On July 6, 1885 he was charged with high treason and his trial began two weeks later. The jury was made up of six men, none of whom were Metis and none of whom spoke French. Riel's secretary, William Henry Jackson, had been found not guilty by reason of insanity when tried earlier for charges of complicity in rebellion. Riel's lawyers were preparing the same defence but Riel would have not support their plan.

Riel interjected at several points during his trial, saying he had done nothing but try to defend the rights of his people.

"I worked to better the condition of the people of the Saskatchewan at the risk of my own life, to better the condition of the people of the North West," said Riel. He pointed out that the Metis had been attacked and they were not the aggressors in the Resistance. Historian George Stanley said Riel may have not saved his life but at least he saved his self-respect.

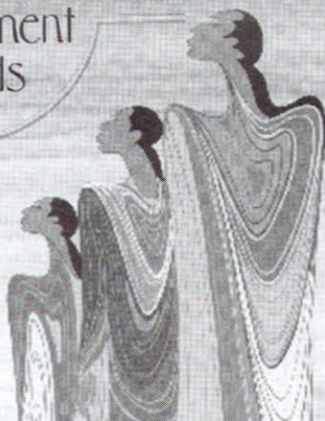
The jury in the trial deliberated for only an hour on August 1, 1885 before they delivered a guilty verdict. Riel was sentenced to hang on September 18. While his sentence was delayed twice, it was a highly controversial one and raised the ire of French Canadians across the country. Prime Minister John A. Macdonald ignored the protests saying, "He shall hang though every dog in Quebec barks in his favour."

Riel went to the gallows in Regina on November 16, 1885 and lies buried in St. Boniface, Manitoba.

In many ways, Riel's work proved to be ahead of his time. His advocacy of Metis self-government, provincial status for Saskatchewan and Alberta, the implementation of free trade were causes he worked for over a century ago and have all come to pass.

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Ross Bricker - Senior Provincial Specialist;
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9:45 - 10:00

FEED CONVERSION FOR PROFIT

Peter Bennett - Co-op Feeds,
Marketing Director

10:00 - 10:30

COFFEE/OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE TRADE BOOTHS

10:30 - 12:00

RECORD KEEPING

Jim Birch - Beef Management Programs
Co-ordinator; Saskatchewan Livestock
Association

12:00 - 1:00

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

1:00 - 2:00

BEEF CATTLE - THE INDUSTRY

PERSPECTIVE

Ann Dunford - Senior Marketing Analyst;
Canfax (the Marketing Information and
Analysis Division of the Canadian
Cattlemen's Association in Calgary)

2:00 - 2:30

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2:30 - 2:30

RISK MANAGEMENT

Bob Brady - Marketing Representative;
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool

3:30 - 4:30

MARKETING ALTERNATIVES

Brian Perkins - Royal View Cattle Ltd.

3:30 - 5:00

OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE TRADE BOOTHS

6:00 - 8:00

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED

Guest Speaker - Eddie Shack, Retired NHL
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Friday, November 26

9:00 - 10:00 am

INFORMATION SESSION - WHO CAN HELP

Saskatchewan Indian Agriculture Program -
Ezzat Dessouki, Regional Extension Manager
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Duane Auramenko, Senior Development
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Program, Saskatchewan Agriculture & Food

Agriculture Credit Corporation - Ken Childs,
Assistant Regional Manager

Sask. Native Economic Development
Corporation - Lyle Bolen, General Manager,
Business Advisory Services Division

10:00 - 10:30

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10:30 - 12:00

CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT

Judie Dyck - Agmar Inc.

12:00 - 1:00

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Grant McCallum - McCallum's AI Service

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* Cow Chips - Rob Hand, Regional Livestock
Specialist; Alberta Agriculture

* ROP (Record of Performance) - Jim Birch,
Beef Management Programs Co-ordinator;
Saskatchewan Livestock Association

4:00 - 5:00

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HARRY DANIELS NEW AREA DIRECTOR



Long time Metis activist Harry Daniels has been named new Area Director of MSS Western Region III.

A by-election was scheduled for October 23 to replace the old director, Bruce Flamont who resigned in September.

Before a vote was held, Daniels was accepted by acclamation and endorsed by the members of the MSS election commission, Metis Senators Vital Morin, John Boucher and Edward King.

Daniels was one of two nominees to fill the vacancy left by Flamont, the other candidate, Les Turcotte filed a withdrawal on October 1.

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From the Staff of the Dumont Technical Institute

LIBERALS SWEEP

Canadian voters were seeing red as they went to the polls on October 25... Liberal red, that is and swept Jean Chretien and his party to a huge majority victory. An angry electorate took out its frustrations on the Conservatives and New Democrat candidates and gave solid endorsements to the Bloc Quebecois and Reform Party.

Substantial gains were made by the sovereignist Bloc Quebecois and Reform Party across the prairies while the NDP was shaved to a shadow of its old self and the Progressive Conservatives pommelled, going from a majority government to their worst defeat since Confederation.

In unofficial results from October 25, the Liberals captured 176 seats, the Bloc Quebecois 54, Reform Party 53, NDP 9, Progressive Conservatives 2 and one independent candidate.

Prime Minister elect Jean Chretien said he was prepared to lead Canada into the 21st century with a clear message from voters.

"We have a clear mandate for job creation, improving the economy and putting the constitution on the shelf," Chretien said from his campaign headquarters in the St. Maurice riding in Quebec.

"We will concentrate our efforts on economic growth and restoring dignity to all workers who want to work across the land," Chretien said to a cheering crowd of his supporters.

He said his huge majority won't be taken as a blank cheque endorsement from Canadians, rather he made a commitment to work with all the other parties in Parliament to channel voter frustration into something positive for the country.

Outgoing Prime Minister Kim Campbell displayed her typical candour in her election night speech. "Gee, I'm glad I didn't sell my car," Campbell said from her Vancouver campaign headquarters. "I accept the judgment of the Canadian people with disappointment but without reservation," she said. Campbell's own fortunes mirrored those of her party, she failed to win her own seat of Vancouver Centre.

Opposition leader Lucien Bouchard said his Bloc Quebecois was given a clear mandate to look after only Quebec issues. He gave thanks to the militants within the Bloc and to Jacques Parizeau and the Parti Quebecois. "Solidarity

is the key to our success," Bouchard said on election night. "We will have two countries as of tomorrow and they will speak more openly with one another," he said, adding he was headed to Ottawa to change both Canada and Quebec for the better.

Reform Party head Preston Manning just missed becoming leader of the opposition, capturing just one less seat than the Bloc.

Manning carried a football onto the stage of the Calgary Convention Centre where he delivered his election night address.

"Tonight, the political landscape of Canada has been significantly altered and a different political era has begun for our country," said the smiling Manning. He won his seat in Calgary Southwest and his party went from a single MP to capturing 53 seats in the Commons.

Manning said with the increased numbers of Reformers in Parliament, the Liberals would feel their presence.

"We will act as the fiscal conscience of Parliament and ask the questions that didn't get asked in the last Parliament. We will also act as the democratic conscience of Parliament and ask it what the people really want," Manning said.

NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin won her seat in Yukon but her party failed to gain official party status, dropping from 48 seats in the last Parliament to only nine seats, five of them in Saskatchewan. McLaughlin thanked her campaign workers and supporters in her riding for supporting her as she crisscrossed the country during the election campaign.

SASKATCHEWAN SPLITS THREE WAYS

In Saskatchewan, voters bucked national trends once more. The fourteen seats in the House of Commons were split among the three front runners; five seats won by NDP candidates, five won by the Reform Party, and four won by Liberal candidates. No Conservative MPs were elected in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan's most dramatic upset came in Yorkton-Melville where NDP MP Lorne Nystrom, who had won the riding seven

consecutive times, was defeated by the Reform Party's Garry Breitkreuz. Larry Schneider, Western Diversification Minister under the Campbell government went down in defeat to Ralph Goodale, a former provincial Liberal leader. Schneider said the backlash against the Tories at the polls was all a matter of timing.

"We didn't have enough time to show Canadians what Prime Minister Campbell could do," said the ousted MP for Regina Wascana.

Along with Ralph Goodale, Saskatchewan Liberals took advantage of the red wave which swept the rest of the country.

Prince Albert mayor Gordon Kirkby outpaced NDP incumbent Ray Funk in Prince Albert - Churchill River.

"Jean Chretien has done a super job and it looks like we are on our way to a great government," Kirkby said.

Liberal candidates in Saskatoon duplicated Kirkby's success with Georgette Sheridan winning Saskatoon-Humboldt and Morris Bodnar taking the Saskatoon-Dundurn riding from the NDP incumbent Ron Fisher. Liberal Bernie Collins won the fourth seat for his party, capturing the Souris-Moose Mountain riding.

Saskatoon - Clark's Crossing remained in NDP hands with the re-election of Chris Axworthy. While he was glad to be returned, Axworthy's celebration was tempered by the poor showing by the NDP nationally.

"Our message going out the voters wasn't what the voters were looking for. We will have to do some reorganizing but we will rise again," said Axworthy.

NDP ridings held include Simon de Jong in Regina Qu'appelle, Len Taylor in Battlefords-Meadow Lake and Vic Althouse in Mackenzie. NDP candidate John Solomon took the Regina-Lusden seat.

The Reform Party gained the most of any in the province, going from a second place finish in Kindersley-Lloydminster in the 1988 election to the election of four MPs this year.

Reformer Elwin Hermanson won Kindersley-Lloydminster handily, Garry Breitkreuz upset long-time incumbent Lorne Nystrom in Yorkton - Melville, Swift Current - Maple Creek - Assiniboia was won by Lee Morrison. Reform candidate Allan Kerpan upset NDP incumbent Rod Laporte in Moose Jaw - Lake Centre.

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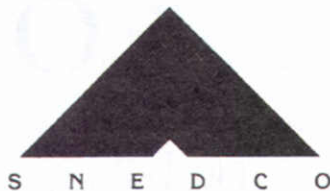
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SOME OLDE RECIPES FOR THE YULETIDE SEASON

Wild rice stuffing for duck

- ½ cup wild rice
- 1 ½ litres boiling water
- ½ pound sliced mushrooms (1 8 oz. Can)
- ¼ tsp. Sage
- 2 egg yolks
- ½ tsp. Salt
- ¼ tsp. Pepper

Cook the rice in the boiling water until tender. About 20 minutes. Drain and rinse. Heat 2 tsp. of fat (bacon drippings) in a heavy fry pan and sauté the sliced mushrooms. Add the mushrooms to the drained rice. Add the salt, pepper, sage and slightly beaten egg yolk. Blend well. You are ready to stuff the bird.

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Pineapple nut stuffing

- 4 cups dry bread cubes.
- ¼ cup finely chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup diced pineapple
- 1 pimento, diced
- 1 tsp. Paprika
- Dash cayenne
- 1 ½ tsp. Salt
- ¼ cup butter
- 2 eggs

Combine bread, celery, walnuts, pineapple, pimento and seasonings. In separate pan, melt butter, remove from heat, stir in unbeaten eggs and add to bread mixture. Toss lightly. Use as stuffing for turkey, chicken, duck or for chops. Makes 6 cups.

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Season's Greetings

Baked ham

1 smoked ham
Whole cloves
Mustard sauce



For baking allow 15 minutes per pound for hams 12 lbs. and over. Allow 18 minutes for hams 12 pounds and under. Bake in a slow oven (300° F) until within 45 minutes of the total baking time. Remove rind from the ham and make a series of shallow cuts across the fat to make squares or diamonds, and spread with the mustard sauce. Insert a clove in each diamond. Place in the oven for the remaining time at 350° F. Make sure that you have enough water in your pan when baking the ham.

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Mustard sauce



1 cup brown sugar
2 tbs. Prepared mustard
½ cup juice from the ham.

Mix well and use to baste ham.

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Roast goose with baked apple

1 - 8 lb. Goose
2 quarts bread crumbs
2 onions, chopped
2 tbs. Fat
1 tsp. Sage
2 tsp. Salt
Dash pepper
6-8 apples
½ cup brown sugar
1 cooked, mashed sweet potato



Cook giblets until tender, chop and mix with bread crumbs, onion, fat and the spices. Clean and wash the goose thoroughly. Rub inside of the goose with salt. Stuff with the mixture and truss. Place in roaster on rack and roast uncovered in low heat (325° F) until tender, allowing about 25 minutes per pound. Every hour, skim off fat from broth in pan. Wash and core apples; sprinkle with brown sugar, stuff with seasoned sweet potatoes and place in the pan with the goose 1 hour before done.

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A message From the Staff Of New Breed Magazine

Once again, another year is coming to an end. As Christmas approaches we find ourselves becoming more tolerant of things that, normally, cause a few grey hairs on our heads (like working at New Breed). Christmas is a special time for all of us. It's a time of sharing and celebrating the joy of giving. It is also a time for rejoicing in the message of hope and peace which accompanied the birth of Christ on that Christmas day so long ago. The New Breed staff wishes you all, joy and happiness throughout the Christmas season and all the best in the New Year

Merry Christmas.

OUR MAN IN KOREA

Claude Petit, executive director of the SaskNative Recreation Corporation, left for Korea and a short visit to Japan to represent Canadian Native veterans. Petit's visit, which began October 16 is part of the 40th anniversary celebrations of the end of the Korean War which lasted from 1950 to 1953. Petit also visited Canadian military cemeteries in Japan where Canadian soldiers from the Second World War and Korea lie buried.

Petit, a native of Duck Lake, Sask., served as a member of the airborne contingent of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) during the Korean War in 1952 and 1953.

Petit said it is only recently Korean vets have been getting the recognition they earned during the fighting.

He says compared to other wars in which Canadians have served, Korean War vets had



Claude Petit is pleased Korean War veterans are getting their just rewards

to wait decades to be given thanks for their service.

"It took us 40 years to get recognition and get our medals. Nowadays, whenever we have guys overseas in the peacekeeping forces you have ribbons hanging all over the place."

For many of those 40 years of silence, the Korean War wasn't even called a war, but rather a United Nations police action. Petit said looking at the number of people who died as UN forces battled the North Korean and Chinese armies up and down the peninsula make it clear Korea was no police action.

"The Minister (of Veteran's Affairs) was over there with us and he said this was no police action. There was two and half million Koreans who died and 800 Canadians, and who knows how many Yanks. That's no police action. That's a war."

The PPCLI was honored with a Presidential Citation from U.S. President Harry Truman for their key role in stopping the advancing North Korean Army in the battle of Kapyong. Petit placed a wreath at the United Nations cemetery in that city on behalf of Native Canadian veterans.

He said one man on the tour with him remembered a truck arriving at Pusan cemetery every day bringing another dead Canadian soldier for burial. All told the PPCLI alone lost some 200 members fighting in the area. One of those men, who came from Petit's hometown, lies buried at Pusan.

Petit said facing death was and is part of soldiering.

"Getting killed was part of our job. We all signed a document to serve until death if we had to."

In a sharp contrast to the horrors of wartime service in Korea, Petit said his latest trip was an excellent time, where he enjoyed a great deal of hospitality from everyone he met with across the Pacific.

Since the war and leaving the Army, Petit has sat on the executive of the National Aboriginal Veterans Association (NAVA) and the Saskatchewan Metis Veterans' Association.

Most recently, Petit represented Native veterans at the National Remembrance Day Service in Ottawa.

Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous
New Year from
Clarence Campeau
and the Staff &
Students of
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NDP WAS OPEN TO NATIVE ISSUES

If Aboriginal issues were ignored in the federal election, it wasn't her fault said NDP party leader Audrey McLaughlin.

McLaughlin's election campaigning brought her to Saskatoon Oct. 7. She said she had called for a national leader's debate on Aboriginal issues but her counterparts weren't interested.

"I called for an Aboriginal issues debate because I feel it's very important in the post-Charlottetown era but I couldn't get a formal debate on those issues," McLaughlin said in a telephone interview.

McLaughlin said where Metis are concerned, she supported and continues to support the Metis Nation Accord, calling it an important document that has no constitutional or legal barriers to continue to adoption by the federal government.

McLaughlin challenged all the candidates in the election to lay out their platform on crucial Aboriginal issues like land claims and economic development. She said increased federal funding was needed in both areas and it would save a great deal of taxpayers' money in the long run.

"High poverty rates and a lack of adequate housing aren't free. It's a myth that there is no cost. There is a huge personal cost," said McLaughlin.

She added it makes more sense to fund social programs more adequately since improved conditions for disadvantaged people will save money in the long run. Instead of using an ounce of prevention, McLaughlin said, "We're trying a pound of cure and we're not doing it in an organized manner."

Part of the new organization of delivering social programs should include letting Metis people run their own show, McLaughlin said.

"We have had 200 years of having other people run Metis affairs, and I wouldn't call it a roaring success," she said.

Within her own party, McLaughlin pointed out the NDP is the only federal party with its own Aboriginal wing. That wing is not merely a party fringe, she said, but rather an important element in policy development.

"Because Aboriginal people have a lot to contribute in Canadian affairs, not just Aboriginal affairs," she said.



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Closing Date: November 26, 1993 or until a suitable candidate is selected.

POLITICAL PARTIES RALLY TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

While most Canadians see adequate housing as right, Aboriginal people must have federal politicians protect low-income housing projects for them says Philip Chartier of the MSS.

Chartier, whose portfolio includes housing concerns for Saskatchewan Metis, told a press conference on Oct 7 housing is just the tip of the iceberg.

"Inadequate housing, especially in northern communities, leads to more problems such

as the tuberculosis epidemic now underway in the North. You candidates must protect housing for Aboriginal people," Chartier said.

With the coming cancellations of the Rural Native Housing Program (RNHP), Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and Emergency Repair Program (ERP) at the end of the year, Chartier said he would not be satisfied with having the same programs back.

"I don't want the (political) parties to just reinstate the programs because we know the

solutions to our own problems and we already have our people trained and ready to build new houses," said Chartier.

Support for improved affordable housing came not only from the MSS at the unveiling of a giant billboard in Regina, but also from the area federal election candidates and civic and provincial representatives.

The bill board depicts the House of Commons and reads "Not everyone has a house to go to after October 25."

"It is very important the people in that big house (The House of Commons) in the picture are reminded that we have a need for affordable housing. They have to remember the little people who put them into the big house," said Regina city councillor Wally Coates.

Regina Victoria MLA Harry Van Mulligen said affordable housing is a huge problem province-wide.

"We're concerned because we've got 10,000 families in substandard housing and another 25,000 families pay too much for their rent," he explained.

Regina Qu'appelle MP Simon de Jong said events like the billboard unveiling point to a need for all citizens to raise the concerns and needs of less advantaged people.

He said without enough adequate housing, more money must be spent on other social programs like health and economic development.

"This is time to build and time to construct and put an end to slum landlords," de Jong said.

Reform Party Wascana riding candidate Andrew Jackson said the cuts should come to the house in the picture not the houses in which people live.

"Governments have been unable to make cuts in other areas so they can't pay for more houses. We have to cut the house in the picture," said Jackson.

Reina Sinclair, the Liberal candidate in Regina Qu'appelle, said she understands the housing situation for Native people very well as she has needed affordable housing herself. She said people dependent on government help to build affordable housing have heard many promises over the years but seen little action when it comes to building decent houses people can afford to rent.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of the members and executive of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan, I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all. As we pause to celebrate the holidays, let us also remember and celebrate the progress we have seen and shared over 1993 in the building of the Metis Nation. We have signed the Tripartite and Bilateral Agreements, we have gathered together to work on the specifics of self-government, economic development and education. We have celebrated our heritage at Back to Batoche and enjoyed a wonderful year in 1993. We also look forward to even more growth as a nation with the dawning of 1994 on the community, provincial and national level.

Gerald Morin, President
Metis Society of Saskatchewan
Metis National Council



NORTHERNERS PLUGGING IN

By Norman Hansen

Residents of Black Point, a small community about 12 miles south of La Loche, have finally managed to receive approval for power hook up in their homes.

Power lines have been in their community for more than two years but SaskPower and Community Services couldn't decide who should be responsible for running a line from existing power poles to houses in Black Point.

After writing a number of letters to SaskPower and various government agencies we managed to arrange to have power hook up in this community with the assistance of Provincial Metis Housing and CMHC. Along with power hook up in Black Point, we assisted residents of Poplar Point, a subdivision of La Loche, in obtaining sewer and water hook up.

We held a Joint Area Meeting with Northern Region III in Buffalo Narrows on November 8 to discuss issues relating to Metis land claims and Metis involvement in Northern economic development activities. The meeting was well attended by delegates from the two areas as well as by the MSS executive. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event.

As Chairperson of the Churchill Metis Labour Force Board Inc. -our Metis Pathways Board - I am quite pleased with the training initiatives in which we are involved in Northern Region II. These include Human Resource and Culture Certificate Program in Buffalo Narrows which is a first and second year university program in which we are sponsoring 12 students. In addition, we have purchased five seats in the Adult Basic Education (ABE) 8-10 Program in Michel Village/St. George's Hill. The Community Development Worker Program is underway with five students. In addition to these programs, we were successful in obtaining funding from CEC for the delivery of an ABE 0-5 Program as a pilot project which has 15 students. Along with these training initiatives, we have a full-time Metis Outreach Office in La Loche and a Metis Pathways Office in Buffalo Narrows.

Louis Morin, President of the Aboriginal Resource Users (ARU) and myself, Secretary/Treasurer of the ARU, have started a fund to assist Mr. Lawrence Yew with the medical costs which will be associated with his need for a lung transplant. To date we have raised more than \$1,700. We plan to present Mr. Yew with this fund on December 2, at which time we hope to have raised about \$5,000.

On behalf of myself and Northern Region II staff members Rick Cummings - Metis Pathways Research Officer and Mable Park - Metis Outreach Worker, I wish to extend Season's Greetings to you and yours. Thank you.

P.A. LOCAL RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Four students of the Prince Albert branch of the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) have been recognized for their outstanding academic work.

The four winners presented \$1000 scholarships on November 5 are Chris Vermette, Roger Parenteau, Angie Dorion and Brian Herrington.

Vermette, aged 20, is studying Computer Information Systems at Devry Institute of Technology in Calgary. He and Roger Parenteau, 28, won the technical school scholarships. Parenteau is a student of the Metis Housing Administration Training Program at GDI in Saskatoon.

Dorion, aged 20 and Herrington, 34, are winners of university scholarships, both are students in the Human Justice Program at GDI in Prince Albert.

The scholarships are awarded annually by MSS Local 7 in Prince Albert.

"The criteria are pretty tough because you have to have 80 per cent just to qualify," said John Dorion, acting President of MSS Local 7 who presented the scholarships to the students.

He said not only is there a lot of academic pressure on students these days, but many find themselves and their families in a financial squeeze while pursuing a post-secondary

education. The recession makes financing school a real problem for many Metis, said Dorion.

"It's really tough because most of our students come from poor families and they still have to try to support students," said Dorion.

The scholarships are designed to assist Metis students at high school, technical school and university levels and to promote academic excellence.

Dorion said the people who got scholarships this year are richly deserving their rewards. Two of the winners logged in with 91 per cent and 89 per cent respectively, said Dorion. He added that those students both were carrying a full class load in their technical school training.

The top student at the university level maintained a 86 per cent average and the second place winner a 83.1 per cent average Dorion said.

In an effort to encourage Metis students to excel at the high school level, Dorion said students graduating from Grade 12 and who have an average of at least 80 per cent are awarded \$500. No Grade 12 grads qualified for scholarships in P.A. this year, said Dorion. He said precedence for scholarships is given to students who are also members of MSS Local 7. After Local 7 members, Dorion said the awards are open to Metis students across the province.

A total of 10 students applied for the scholarships this year, with eight of them qualified for the cash awards, said Dorion.

The scholarship winners all received \$1000 to advance their studies.

Money from the scholarships comes from \$50,000 fund Local 7 raised in 1989 with interest from term deposits generating the cash for scholarships with the principal remains intact, said Dorion.

A FRESH LOOK AT 1885 EVENTS

By Jeff Campbell

There is a new twist to the old story of the 1885 Resistance with the release of brand-new release *Soldier Boys* by Moose Jaw author David Richards.

Instead of trying to re-interpret the work of historians like George Woodcock or Thomas Flanagan, Richards has taken the trickier route of writing a work of historical fiction. In balancing history with the drama of real people caught up in the whirlwind of war, Richards manages to carry off the story.

Richards focuses his look at the short but bloody campaign through the eyes and experiences of two boy soldiers, Luc Goyette a 14-year-old Metis who rides with Riel and Dumont and Tom Kerslake, a bugler with G Company, Winnipeg Rifles.

The theme of boys taking on the roles of men make this work particularly appealing to young readers but also make compelling fiction for any reader with a taste for prairie history. Making that history live and breathe is one of the greatest strengths Richards displays in this work. His attention to historical detail is nothing less than amazing, especially in the descriptions of some of the fighting men, their arms, and their attire. It is easy to ready a passage about Tom Kerslake or Luc Goyette and close

your eyes and picture the two soldiers each doing their job for their nations. Richards is an accounting instructor, a professional known for exacting detail and this detail comes through every time he describes a person's arms, clothes, appearance or fighting methods. Richards does an admirable job in showing that both men go to fight without revelling in the glory of war, fighting is something they go to do as a necessary if not pleasant task.

Soldiering and the life lived, or endured, by men in the field is an important element running throughout the novel. Richards is a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces having spent eight years learning the craft of soldier and then using what he had learned as a recruit training instructor. There are subtle references to fieldcraft rules like never having two men at the same post relax their guard to eat at the same time and never get too far away from your rifle which many recruits like the soldier boys in the book suffer at the hands of instructors to this day.

Richards tells a story of people, not so much political propaganda which colors the histories of 1885 written in the past. He tells a story of brave people, all very committed and determined to do his or her duty to what they believe

is right, who fall into conflict by circumstances beyond both their control and to some extent, their understanding.

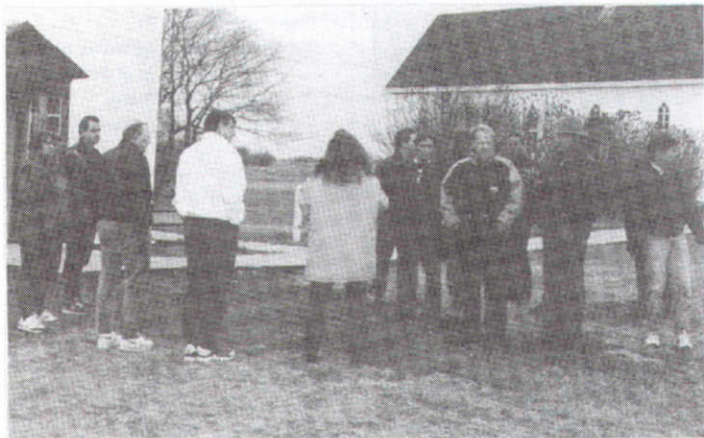
A Moose Jaw resident, Richards was born and raised in Melfort and obviously knows the terrain and history around Fish Creek, Duck Lake and Batoche. He has done his homework and it shows. Adding to the authenticity of the story is Richards' deliberate use of French and Cree along with the English text. When a Metis farmer or teamster speaks, their speech is sprinkled with terms of their native tongues and thus making characters seem more real and personable. A simple but very effective way to make the characters and the history of those fateful days come alive.

Too often in Canadian history, the Metis apart from Riel and Dumont are left out of the story of our country. While Riel and Dumont are both in "Soldier Boys", much more time is spent describing the different lives the Metis lived, the old ways of hunting buffalo and trapping and the new ways of farming along the South Saskatchewan or moving east to go to school, each move further integrating the Metis into mainstream society.

The resistance is just one symptom of the clash of the old ways with the new. Political and military history take a back seat to a story that is more about two different ways of life and the people who live them and the inevitable tragic conflict which engulfs them.

Richards' tale is exacting in its historical and geographic details but at its heart it is a story caught up in a time and place in history where the books were not yet written and the future of Canada, our present day, was not yet determined. The story is strong enough and well enough developed to carry the novel on its own. It's characters are rich without being made into complete villains or angels. Richards is not afraid to show his reader that while Dumont, Riel, Middleton, and many others show genius in their respective roles, they also make mistakes. There are no towering heroes on a pedestal here, only men doing what they think is best trying to save their nations.

Soldier Boys makes a fine read for both young people and adults and covers a familiar but important era in our history from a refreshingly fresh perspective. *Soldier Boys* is published by ThistleDown Press, costs \$7.95 and is available in bookstores.



Police Chiefs from across Canada took home a better understanding of Metis history and culture following a tour of Batoche on October 25.

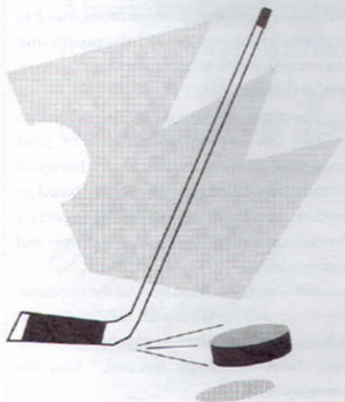
SENIOR ABORIGINAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Prince Albert's Communiplex will be the scene of this year's Aboriginal Senior Hockey Tournament December 17 through 19.

The tournament, a true double knock out draw, will feature 14 teams vying for a first prize of \$4,000 plus a trophy. The winning doesn't stop at the top, second place finishers will take home \$2,500 plus a trophy, third place wins \$1,500 and fourth \$1,000. Besides the team awards, the player of the game for each game will win a Labatt's cap, hockey bags go to the all star team, and a coach's bag for the best coach.

Other awards include the Jacob Badger Award, the Gene's Cycle Award - a pair of skates for the best forward and the Leisure Sports Award - a pair of gloves for the best defenceman. Entry fees are \$600 and are due November 27.

To register or obtain more information, contact Mel Parenteau, Recreation Co-ordinator, Sturgeon Lake Sports Council, Box 5, Site 12, RR#1, Shellbrook, SK. S0J 2E0 or phone (306)764-1872 or fax (306) 764-1877.



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MNC RELEASES STATE OF THE METIS NATION DOCUMENT

Metis National Council President Gerald Morin has presented the most in depth document in Metis history to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP)

Morin, who presented the paper on November 4, said the report points out changes needed to address inadequacies in meeting Metis needs.

"Sadly, this report documents what most of us have felt for some time, that the Metis are the most disadvantaged people in Canada. Happily, we feel this document can also be the blueprint for action that is long overdue making sure the concerns of the Metis people are adequately and equitably addressed.

One way of addressing this inequity, Morin explained, is to give Metis the land and resources they were promised over 100 years ago.

"From the very beginning, Canada has said it prided itself in fairness. Fairness was to be at the centre of a deal struck over a century ago, when the Government of Canada wanted to expand its confederation to include the west where the Metis governed. The Metis agreed to join after being assured that specific lands would remain theirs and additional lands would be granted to their children. In reality, few Metis ever received the promised lands," said Morin.

If the Metis are dealt with fairly, all Canada

will benefit in the long run, Morin said.

"Securing a land base, a consolidated citizenship through enumeration, a central government that would deal with the Metis Nation's inherent right to self-government. These are the basics of fairness which would make for a more productive and self-sufficient Metis people within Canada, as we would then be better able to educate ourselves, build industry and create jobs," Morin concluded.

Aboriginal people could become even more marginalized without a restructuring of their relationship with Canada says a report from the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP).

The commission released its third report, entitled "Exploring the Options" in Ottawa on November 1.

The issues brought out in the third round of hearings will not be easy to resolve and will require all parties involved to re-think long-held positions, RCAP commissioners in a press release.

"We emphasize that the recognition and respect required for a new relationship are mutual. Non-Aboriginal people and governments must recognize the rights and concerns of Aboriginal people that have been ignored in the past. Aboriginal people, in turn, need to understand the concerns of the people and communities with whom they share the territory of Canada."

The commissioners said tinkering with existing law or programs will not be good enough to address the needs of Aboriginal people. They called for a partnership based on mutual respect with recognition and respect for the collective rights of Aboriginal people and communities.

"Governments must honour the outstanding treaty and constitutional obligations that were agreed with Aboriginal peoples but that have been frequently ignored," said the commission.

Season's Greetings

The Metis Pathways Secretariat Staff and the Regional Metis Management Board would like to extend warmest wishes during this Christmas season, and a happy New Year.



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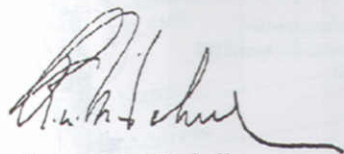
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Treasurer**

It's been a pleasure serving the Metis People
of Saskatchewan this past year.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year



"I would like to extend season's greetings
and best wishes in 1994 to all Indian and
Metis peoples in Saskatchewan. Your
diverse cultural heritages and contributions
benefit all Saskatchewan residents,
Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike. I look
forward to enhancing the spirit of
cooperation and good will between us to
build for a better tomorrow."



*Robert W. Mitchell
Minister responsible for Indian and Metis Affairs*



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— A page of poetry —

Indian Carol

There was a light a-shining in the night
High up above the foothills
And three men came from their homes
On the range
To follow the light's beam so strange.

There was a babe a-laying on the plain,
Jesus was his name,
He was born 'neath a tall pine tree
On a wintery day.

He was wrapped in swaddling clothes
Made from deerskin hide.
And in him, the great spirit
Knew that he could confide.

His hair was black, his eyes were brown,
The colour of his skin was not white;
But, nonetheless, he said that we
Were all born equal and free.

He gave to us rivers, mountains, and streams
All the beauty you've ever seen
Then he looked down, saw that all was good
And wished,
"peace on earth,
Goodwill towards men."

By terry lusty

NewBreed/December/1985 Reprint



My Little Angels

My little angels
Twinkle, twinkle little star
Up above the christmas tree
In grandma's house
Twinkle, twinkle little star
Shine your light upon
My little angels' faces
Fill their lonely hearts
With joy and happiness
Comfort them through the night
When i am not there
To hold them close to me

And to kiss their fears away
Twinkle, twinkle little star
Watch over watch over my little
angels
This christmas day
Twinkle, twinkle little star
Take care of my little angels
Till i am home with them again.

(for ryan, leah, and lance)

By lisa pelletier, *NewBreed December 1986*
Reprint

One solitary life

He was born in an obscure village
the child of a peasant woman
He grew up in still another village where
he worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty.
Then for three years...He was an itinerant preacher
he never wrote a book. He never held an office
he didn't go to college,
he never visited a big city.
He never travelled two hundred miles
from the place where he was born.
He did none of things...
one usually associates with greatness.
He had no credentials but himself
he was only thirty-three when
the tide of public opinion turned
against him.

His friends ran away
he was turned over to his enemies and
went through the mockery of a trial.
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.
while he was dying...His executioner's gambled
For his clothing, the only property he had on earth'
when he died he was laid in a borrowed grave
through the pity of a friend.
nineteen centuries have come and gone and today
He is the central figure of the human race...And the
leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched,
all the navies that ever sailed,
all the parliaments that ever sat,
All the kings that ever reigned...
put together - have not affected the
life an man on earth as much as that
One solitary life.

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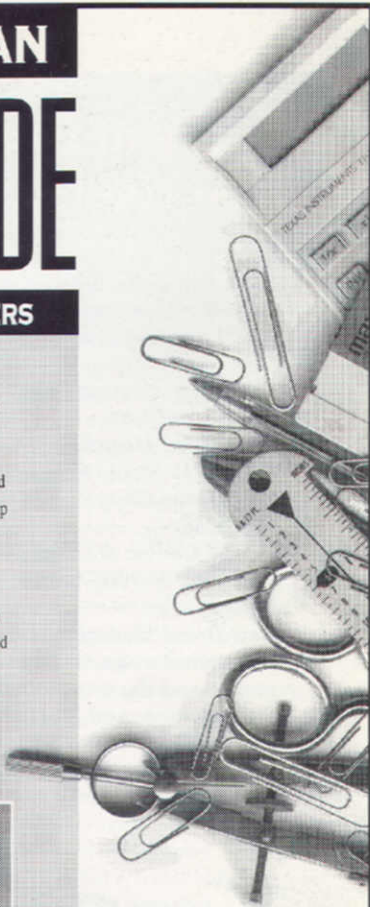
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