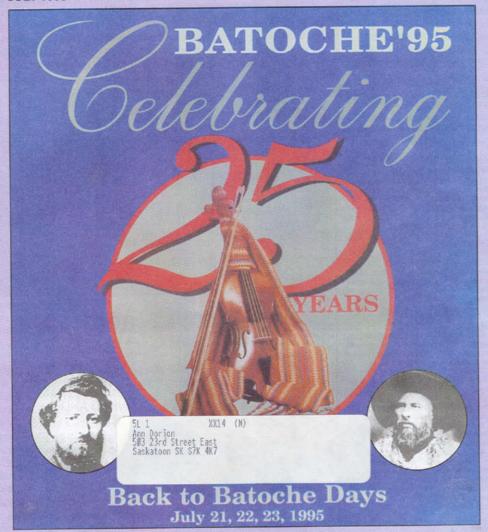
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Maurice Aubichon

irst of all I would like to thank all the advertisers that use the New Breed Magazine.

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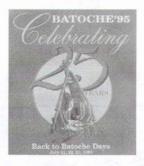
monthly magazine for your information. I would like to thank Lisa Ball and Stan Kinal for their great efforts It has been a challenge putting in putting out a reputable magazine.

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## Message From Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Executive

et us start off this month's message by congratulating all of the graduates. We appreciate the hard work and dedication you have put towards your future. You serve as

inspiration and role models to our youth and everyone else within the Metis Nation

Summer has arrived and families are enjoying Metis celebrations across the province. Back to Batoche days are coming up July 21-23, Tokyo Homecoming July 28-30. Willowbunch Renunion in August, Palm Bear Days Au-

gust 11 & 12 a n d The Prince Albert Metis F a 1 1 Fair this A 11 t u m n to men tion a



Lornn Docken, Secretary Photo by Denis McLoed

few. These events are important to us as Metis people. Crescent Lake (Tokyo) local held a well attended family sporting/camping event for the Canada Day weekend. Old time family traditions were observed.

We would like to extend our congratulations as well to the athletes who qualified for team Saskatchewan for the North American erations and increased efficiency. Indigenous games (NAIG). Back to Batoche Days celebra-Sports, Culture and Recreation are tions has been funded through the

vital to personal and collective well being for any group of people. We will be cheering for all of the Metis and First Nations athletes as they represent Saskatchewan.



Jim Durocher, President

We ask that our readers offer support and encourage for such activities and that we all start

planning for the next NAIG.

Our financial picture has started to look somewhat brighter. Over 62% of our debt load has been retired and we are working on the rest towards a zero balance in the next couple of years. This means we are on a very strict budget and "go without". Allan and the finance committee are looking at Global Funding arrangements for streamlined opefforts of this group and other committed individuals.

The bilateral process is getting underway again and the tripartite consultations will be in full swing by mid July. Contact your Area Director for a time and date in your region. Areas of focus will differ for level of area development while staving within the terms of reference for the process. This is our opportunity to tie together all of the work of the past into a self government package which will be responsive to our needs. Areas of challenge will include funding of the structure, ac-

commodation of documents such as our MNS and MSS constitutions and various Acts to address daily issues.

We are moving towards implementation of a long term

Alan Morin, Treasurer

plan for all areas of operation for the MNS. To date we have been occupied with short term solutions and crisis manament issues that any new government faces. Our nation will face and overcome many hurdles in year ahead. We welcome the challenge and look forward to seeing you at the community consultations as well as at our Metis Legislative Assembly in October

#### PRINCE ALBERT METIS **FALL FESTIVAL**

The Prince Albert Métis Fall Festival started out as an idea in May 1994 and has since become a reality. A press conference held inside the Gateway Mall in Prince Albert on May 11, 1995 brought to light the magnitude of this undertaking. The schedule of events planned contains 30 activities. The events vary in diversity from traditional to contemporary. They offer a wide selection and choice for all participants, enhancing cross-cultural awareness.

The theme of the festival is "Gathering of Nations" bringing together approximately 20,000 people of diverse cultural backgrounds to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the Métis Resistance. The festival will kick off Monday, September 11th with a flag raising ceremony outside city hall. Mayor and council from the City of Prince Albert agreed on April 3rd, 1995 to declare "Métis Heritage Week" in support of the Métis Nation.

The festival will be family orientated with no alcohol allowed on the grounds. This is an opportunity to revive the Métis culture and display it to people from all walks of life.

This event is needed to en-



May 11th, 1995 Press conference office opening at the Gateway Mall Prince Albert. Ribbon cutting from left to right. Greg Dion, owner Gateway Mall, Marathon Realty 2) Eldon Laudermilch, MLA Prince Albert, Northcote 3) Louis Dorin, President, Metis Fall Festival 4) Gordon Kirkby, MP Prince Albert, Churchill 5) Edwin Pelletier, Area Director WR II 6) Jack Matheson, City councellor, City of Prince Albert 7) Sandra Greveves, Events Co-ordinator.

sure the Métis culture remains of finalizing our programs. Major strong to influence the youth and fundraising is under way contactprevent them from straying down ing businesses and corporations for misguided paths. We feel that if support, to assist the Métis people the culture is emphasized it will in their quest to stage this first help the youth grow into the future class event. leaders of tomorrow. A great deal of importance is geared toward our originated with the Métis families youth, and young families with arriving home to Red River from events such as the "role model pro- the buffalo hunts every fall. A tragram". We are still in the process ditional "Green Meat Feast" plus

The Métis Fall Festival

cultural festivities were held on an annual basis between 1820 to 1870 as the 50 golden years of the Métis Nation. We look forward to seeing you in September, everyone is welcome, we have nightly entertainment and cultural festivities to include everyone. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the inaugural year of the Prince Albert Métis Fall Festival.

Ribbon cutting, logo unveiling to officials, announce Metis Fall Festival. Board of Directors left to right. Cliff Campbell, Kevin Sauter, Lorrie Anne Smith, Reg Nicholas, Glenn La Fleur, Louis Dorion talking on the poduim.



## METIS PATHWAY'S SECRETARIAT



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#### Métis People Celebrate the UN/50

The United Nations was created in 1945 at the end of the Second World War, 50 years ago. It was natural that peace and security would become the driving concern of this newly-formed world body. The UN tries to unite the countries of the world to work for peace and to improve the way people live. Now 185 countries are members of the United Nations, and are working for the UN goals.

1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. So this year it is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Canadian 50th Anniversary is a year-long birthday celebration highlighting Canada's involvement in the United Nations and what the UN has done. Canada has developed recommendations for the direction the UN may wish to take in the future. The UN continues to be our best hope for a world free from hunger, disease and war.

The Canadian Committee for UN/50 has been organizing events for this anniversary period which runs from October 24, 1994 to December 31, 1995. This exciting celebration is meant to touch every Canadian, from the smallest school child to the Prime Minister.

UN/50 could be a good opportunity to celebrate the activities of indigenous people at the UN in seeking recognition of their rights on several subjects of international concern such as aboriginal rights, human rights, the environment, wildlife protection, the rights of children, labour rights and peace and security.

We would encourage you to use the occasion of the 50th Anniversary to organize an activity around the concerns of Métis people within UN organization and their attempt to invoke

international norms in support of their political, economic, social and cultural rights.

The commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, coinciding as it does, with the beginning of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People would be a very appropriate time for Métis people to identify the relevance of the UN to them and future directions they would like to see the UN move. The role of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples in Ottawa could also be emphasized.

For more information, please contact the Canadian Committee for UN/50 at 1-800-406-UN50 or fax 1-905-470-8192.

are informed about the UN or the intinternational arena, including diplomats, to say a few words about your issues and the UN.

- Raise a UN flag, lower it at the end of your event.
- Invite Blue Berets from your community to participate in uniform.
   Inform your members about UN/50 by publishing a piece or two in your newsletter or community newspaper.
   Fund raise for your organization by selling merchandise with UN insignias e.g. caps, sweatshirts, pins, banners.

For further information, to discuss ideas, and to purchase promotional materials to support your UN/50 project, phone 1-800-406-UN50

#### **Ideas for Métis Groups**

- Hold an educational event around the role of the UN in the international area. Involve other community groups.
- Celebrate Canadians Who Have Made a Difference to your community. Hold a Contribution Search, to identify members of your community (your interest community or geographic community) who have contributed to the international arena (UN and generally) and the way the international arena has contributed to your community. Work with Rotary, Lions, Library, municipality to honour them, and give them an opportunity to speak about their experiences.
- Dedicate one or several events to UN/50 in 1995:
- Invite UN Association in Canada branch members, Canadians who have contributed to the UN from your community, Canadian Committee for UN/50 members or other persons who

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#### **CANWEST GLOBAL INTRODUCES** KIM STADFELD THE 1994 - 95 RECIPIENT OF THE "BROADCASTERS OF THE FUTURE AWARD FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLES"

im Sward, President and CEO of CanWest Global Communications sociation of Broadcasters Convention Corp. (Canadian Operations), is pleased to announce Kim Stadfeld as the 1994-95 recipient of the Broadcasters of the Future Award for Abo- sion in June 1995. riginal People.

evision Network and the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, the versity of Manitoba in addition to a award is designed to encourage Aboriginal people to pursue careers in Assiniboine Community College in broadcasting by providing a 4 month, paid work experience internship at has begun her internship working in the Global Television

An honoree at the National Asin Winnipeg, Stadfeld recieved the award on November 8th, 1994 and began her internship at Global Televi-

Stadfeld is a Métis woman Sponsored by the Global Tel- from Winnipeg, Manitoba and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Unicertificate in Media Production from Brandon. She aspires to produce and On-Air Promotions department at Global.

The scholarship-internship is open to all Aboriginal person, with a minimum of secondary school education, who are interested in a broadcasting career. Applications are available by contacting Laurel Kennedy at Global Television (416) 446-5388. Deadline for 1995-96 entries is August 30, 1995.

For further information: Sandra Puglielli at (416) 446-5377.





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In Saskatchewan, Metis are increasingly entering the world of business and generating wealth for themselves and their communities. Business is being used as a key to returning the tradition of pride and self-sufficiency to the people. New business ventures are being launched in many different areas. SNEDCO has serviced clients from a wide range of areas including forestry, general service and retail, transportation, tourism and agriculture.

SNEDCO is committed to assisting Metis people throughout the province to assist in job creation and wealth through entrepreneurial activity. SNEDCO's services are delivered on the basis of prudent and sound business principals. This is necessary to protect the integrity of SNEDCO's capital base and to ensure the continued delivery of its services. Since resources are limited, SNEDCO programs are often used to lever financial assistance from other public and private sources.

In order to be eligible for consideration for SNEDCO's services, an applicant must be an individual of Metis ancestry or a corporation or other approved entity, controlled or owned by Metis. Depending on the type of service requested, other criteria may also apply.

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Does SNEDCO have grants for Business? - No. But we work closely with Aboriginal Business Canada and other programs and help our clients access these programs. We have helped our clients access over \$1.8 Million in grants.

What do I need to get a loan from SNEDCO?

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- Down payment (or security in lieu of a down payment)
- · A good credit history

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Honorable Keith N. Goulet Associate Minister, Saskatchewan Education, Training and Employment

My sincere congratulations to all Métis students who are graduating in Saskatchewan this year.

You have accomplished something that no one can ever take away from you and that will make an important difference in your future. Many people share in your achievement and have helped make this possible by supporting and encouraging you.

I urge you to remember that you are an important role model and leader for other young people in your community. The commitment and dedication to education that has served you well so far will continue to open doors for you, at a time when many opportunities are being created in Saskatchewan.

Education is a lifelong journey for all of us. In a rapidly changing world, your education will continue to help you follow your dreams and find success in whatever you choose.

#### Joanne Crofford

Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat



Congratulates all 1995 graduates.

Wishing great success in the future in all your endeavours.

Minister Crofford would like to acknowledge the 25th Anniversary of Back to Batoche Days and wishes continued success for this unique cultural event.

Joanne Crofford Minister Responsible for Indian and Metis Affairs

# NIF OFFERS APPRENTICESHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS TO ABORIGINAL WOMEN

Created in 1990 by Studio D of the National Film Board of Canada, New Initiatives in Film (NIF) is pleased to announce its ongoing commitment to provide professional development and filmmaking opportunities for aboriginal women with its 1995 Apprenticeship and Scholarship Programs.

Most of the apprentices from last year's program have completed their apprenticeship as an assistant editor, and will be working on Anatomy Desire and Third Gender. two NFB productions. Fong feels that "This opportunity would never have been given to me had it not been for NIF and I am grateful." Paula Castellon, currently working as an assistant editor at Force Four Productions in Vancouver, says, "I hope the program continues in the future for other women. I feel I now have a good, strong start in an exciting career."

• This year the Apprenticeship Program, will provide on-the-job training for 12 emerging filmmakers and videomakers with an allowance of \$2,000 per month for up to five months while working on NFB productions and co-productions, or independent films. Aboriginal women who are Canadian citizens or landed

immigrants, and who have worked on one or more films or videos, are eligible to apply. Each apprentice must have the confirmed participation of a mentor. NIF will not relocate apprentices on productions outside their region.

 NIF's Scholarship Program will award \$45,000 in scholarships to "advanced," "emerging" or "entry" level filmmakers and videomakers. Aboriginal women who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, and who are not full-time students, are eligible to apply. Projects produced for a course are not eligible for funding. Successful recipients can only receive one scholarship per calendar year.

Successful applicants for the Apprenticeship and Scholarships Programs will be chosen by a selection committee composed of women from the NIF Advisory Board, Studio D and the independent film production community. The apprenticeship program is funded and supported by NIF, NFB production centres across the country and other NFB studios in Montreal. Deadline for submissions for both programs is July 28, 1995.

New Initiatives in Film was developed by Studio D of the National Film Board to support and encourage women of colour and aboriginal

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women to become active participants tion companies across the country. in Canada's film and television industry and to address the under representation and mis-representation of aboriginal women in Canadian film.

Other apprentices selected in August 1994, include: Tina Mason, Vanessa Pillay, Sandie de Freitas, Nadine Valcin, Joelle Bourjolly, Kate Kung, Selina R. Williams, Dale O. Taylor and Sharon Shirt. Most of them have already completed their apprenticeships in various fields related to film and video production in NFB centres and independent produc-

For more information on how to submit a proposal, write to NIF Apprenticeship Program or Professional Development Scholarship, NIF/Studio D. P-43, 3155 Cote de Liesse, Ville St. Laurent, Ouebec H4N 2N4 or telephone Claire Prieto. NIF Program Producer in Montreal at (514) 283-9534 or in Toronto at (416) 973-2234



#### THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

Wish to congratulate all 1995 graduates and wishing you the best in your future endeavours.



Keith MacDonald

Royal Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Keith MacDonald as senior market manager. Aboriginal Banking.

Based in Calgary, Mr. MacDonald will lead the bank's efforts in developing products and services to meet the needs of aboriginal businesses across Canada.

Mr. MacDonald joined Royal Bank in 1971 and has held a number of senior management positions in Alberta and British Columbia. He has spent the past two years on secondment to the Treaty Seven Economic Development Corporation, where he served as general manager, and brings with him an in-depth understanding of Canada's First Nations people.



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#### Audrey Ahenakew

Royal Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Audrey Ahenakew as market manager, Aboriginal Banking.

Based in Calgary, Ms. Ahenakew will play an active role in the development of banking products and services to meet the needs of aboriginal businesses across Canada.

Ms. Ahenakew is a member of the Ahtahkakoop Band of Saskatchewan and brings with her an excellent understanding of Canada's First Nations people and over 24 years of banking experience.



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Traditionally, Saskatchewan people are known for their warmth and friendliness. Until now professionalism and customer service were often overlooked or taken for granted. Through industry's occupational standards and certification, the front line people who deal with tourists can now be trained and recognized. Training to be more skilled, knowledgeable and professional; recognized for becoming a pro in their occupation. All provinces and territories recognize the standards and certification.

What does all this mean and how does it work? Standards and certification mean that Food & Beverage Servers (waiters/waitresses), Front Desk Agents, Local Tour Guides, and other now have a set of standards or manuals for their occupation to learn from, to use everyday that will help guide and train them to be the best they can be. For example, Food & Beverage Server standards were developed by industry, meaning only Food & Beverage Servers got together to brainstorm what skills, knowledge and attitude it would take

to be the best server. These skills were then tested and retested within the province to ensure all areas were covered. A server in Fort Qu' Appelle could enrol for certification, receive the standards and then, after reviewing them, take a written or oral exam, complete a performance review on the job and be evaluated by an industry peer. Upon successful completion, she is then a Certified Food & Beverage Server. Her knowledge and skill is recognized across Canada.

The Canadian Restaurant & Foodservices Association has determined that each new front line employee cost \$1200 to \$1500 to train in a new employment situation. For the employer, a new employee that is already certified has reached a higher level of professionalism and knowledge so that any additional training would just be specific inhouse policies. Certification for a current and/ or potential employee ensuring upfront skills and knowledge through STEC is \$150.00 Employers who have made the investment in certification for their employees have increased sales, lower turnover, higher staff morale, and a higher return on investment dollars. Certification shows that the new employee have very real transferable skills and attitude.

For visitors to be greeted and served by a skilled, upbeat and knowledgeable staff ensures that great experience they look for when spending their hard-earned tourist dollars.

Picture yourself going to a fancy restaurant, with fine china and crystal and great food; but, when the server set the food down in front of you, he first has to take his thumb out of your potatoes. Or, have you ever had to wait one hour between your soup and salad? These mistakes may be eliminated if the standards and certification were in place because it shows the correct way to serve the food, timing of course serving and better customer service.

Any establishment, large or small, rural or urban, in all eight sectors of tourism must hope that their customers return. They want their visitors to tell everyone how great it was to visit. It is increasingly essential that all tourism employees and employers become familiar with the occupational standards, the criteria for certification and the empowerment they can attain working with Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council.

For more information on how STEC can help you or your community or business, contact:

#### Saskatchewan Tourism Education Council

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#### WELCOME TO BATOCHE FROM METIS CITIZENS OF WESTERN REGION I

- Guy Bouvier, Area Director

estern Region I is made of thirteen locals in the Northwest, with office head quarters situated in Meadow Lake. They consist of Meadow Lake, Green Lake, Pierceland, Dore Lake, Rush Lake, Brightstand, Livelong, Glaslyn, Cochin, Spiritwood, Leoville, Chiteck Lake, and Midnight Lake. There are at least twenty-three hundred Metis people within region. Mr. Guy Bouvier, the Area Director for Western Region I, along with the assistance of his colleagues, has shown great achievement in the past and continues to work hard and strive in prosa dedicated manner toward the wellbeing of the people in Western Region I.

At present, there are basically three major accomplishments. They include the Meadow Lake Native Urban housing, The Northern Entertainment Centre, and the Metis Pathways. Through the success of these enterprises, it has enabled us to employ approximately eighty Metis people with full-time jobs.

The Meadow Lake Native Urban Housing is directed by a Board of Directors. It has twenty-eight senior units, one tri-plex, seventeen duplexes, and eighty single family units that are all occupied. The corporation is considering expansion due to the great demand for housing in the community.

The Northern Entertainment revenue back to the membership.

Centre has brought great potential for the area. The locals within Western Region I have become self-sufficient by being able to hold sponsorship of bingo on a continuous basis, with revenue generating, utilization of proceeds are generously used to make donations in respect to medical expenses, funerals, cultural events, rec-



region to purchase and own assets for their membership. Western Region I is very proud of the following businesses owned and operated by Local Metis Membership. Meadow Lake 31 purchased a hall that is used for training programs in the region, Leoville purchased a grocery store, Meadow Lake Local and Spiritwood Local both own root cellars and operate Market Gardens, and Pierceland purchased real estate. All the businesses bring revenue back to the membership.

The North Western Metis Training, Metis Pathways, offers a full-line of assistance for the unemployed and unskilled. They offer services in regards to education, employment, and training, in partnership with Human Resources development Canada.

Through the Pathways to Success Program it enables the region to assist the Metis Youth in reference to Summer employment, which is greatly appreciated in return.

Western Region I, Area Director, Guy Bouvier holds great respect and pride within the region. Mr. Bouvier is a man of many accomplishments. He holds office as Minister of Pathways within the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan and represents the Metis of Saskatchewan on the Pathways to Success, National Aboriginal Management.

Western Region I will continue to work hard in an honest and dedicated manner to achieve their long-term goals. These goals being a combination of: promoting cultural issues, economic development, health, education, employment, recreation and the well-being and improvement of the daily lives for the Metis people in the region.

#### **SUNTEP GRADUATION**

#### SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN 1995

Dwayne Docken -

nce again the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teachers Education Program was the pride of all who attended this years graduation celebration. The success of the program is continuing to excel with eight more graduating this year. Graduates this year were Nicole Amiotte, Dean Cardwell, Michelle Cyrene, Vivian Elliott, Dwayne Fleury, Keith Henry, Rob Regnier, and Brad Rivard. Mr. Murray Hamilton Director of the program was the Master of the Ceremonies for the grad with Murrary once again colorful in his introductory of the grads. Mr. Hamilton also had the pleasure of giving the recognition of special guests and there were many. Attending this year's grad to speak to those students who worked so hard for the last four years were:

- Jimmy Durocher, President of Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
- Lorna Docken, Secretry of Metis Nation of Saskatchewan & Minister of Education Gabriel Dumont Institute.
- Joanne Lawson College Educator University of Saskatchewan.
- Honorable Keith Goulet Associate Minister of Education & Training Employment Provinical Government.
- · Al Ducharme Keynote speaker of need the teachings to become a

Northern Teacher Educaton Pro- strong adult and many will walk gram. in the same foot steps as you have.

Each gave their congratulations to the students and expressed how hard it must have been for the students to achieve this goal in their lives, what it took to get there and what it means to the Aboriginal population as Metis for the children they will be teaching. Mr. Ducharme as the guest speaker touched on this quite extensively. In Mr. Ducharme's speech he talked about the need to celebrate this day with the students because it has been a long and somewhat at times unclear path they were taking as young, first and second year students. The students first entered the class room not knowing who the other guy and girl were sitting next to them. "They soon found out that the staff that worked at SUNTEP were there for them whenever a problem arose and I think they should be commended for their continuing support for our students" said Al. You become doctors, nurses, moms, and dads. You replace these people when you become a teacher. The children you will nurture are like a tree by planting the seed and watering it and nurturing it into a strong tree that will stand tall in the world. Children are like this, because they

strong adult and many will walk in the same foot steps as you have. Keep your sense of humor, because in this business you will need it and always remember the skill the professor's gave you. I salute these people for giving you these skills to teach our young people about their culture. This in turn makes us as Aboriginal people important to Canada as a whole.

Valedictorian Nicole Amiotte gave the class speech to the on-lookers. "I did not know what to expect nor did my fellow graduates when we started. Now we do, after going through the four years." "The class would like to thank Murray for coming with us on our trips and especially to the wonderful staff for all their support in helping us achieve this goal today." "A special thanks to our parents, who without your support this day would not be possible and to my fellow grads. Without the family atmosphere we have within SUNTEP this day would not be here for us. Good luck on your futures and thank you for making this day possible".



#### THE METIS OF WESTERN REGION II AND IIA

Robert Doucette This is part 1 of a 2 part story

Kindersley, the predominately Metis village Willowfield-Beliennie. Saskatoon also came from Manitoba and Northern Saskatchewan.

ernment of Canada

over the issue of land and self-determination. Subsequently, the Metis lost to an overwhelming force at the Battle of Batoche and again lost the lands that "Belong to them once through original title, twice for having defended them at the cost of their blood, and thrice for having cultivated and inhabited them." 1 As a result of this ensuing battle the federal colonial Government Canada offered the Metis money or land scrip consisting of 240 acres of land or \$240 in money scrip. Accordingly, many Metis took money scrip or sold their land scrip "scrip speculators who would make a down payment of \$20,00 or \$25,00 on a 240 acres scrip certificate with the promise that more money would be paid when the actual scrip was issued. They would have the person who was entitled, sign a power of attorney making them the agent for the Metis person, or sign a quit claim deed transferring the scrip to them. Ultimately,

Biggar, Outlook, the Metis would never see the speculator again. The Metis did know what papers they signed, usually they did of not know the speculators or have a way to contact them later. 2 With this practice the Metis in and around our Region were again unscrupulously cheated out of their land. The Metis rather than stay and face the racist backlash emanating from the non-During 1885, the Metis communities either denied their Metis fought the fed- Metis heritage, or moved to other eral colonial Gov- Metis communities such as Hawkeye, Pascal, St. Victoire, Park Valley, Mont Nebo, and Polwarth in Canwood region. Other Metis moved to Alberta in the Northeastern region of that Province where they could live hunting, fishing or trapping as they had before.

> As time moved on and Saskatchewan became a Province, the Metis in this region seemed to be in a vacuum neither moving ahead nor achieving a better standard of living as they had been dispossessed of their land. To make matters worse the Province of Saskatchewan during the thirties and forties initiated a "rehabilitation policy," for the Metis who were living on the road allowance and were perceived as an impediment in opening up further land for farmers who wanted to expand their land base. Again, the Metis and their belongings were transported to "Metis Farms," like Green Lake. Everything from their chickens to cows were transported by the Provincial Government

ince the advent of the fur trade the Metis have emerged as a distinct nation of people who have developed their own political consciousness based on their culture, language, and land. Accordingly, the ancestors of the contemporary Metis is Western Region II and IIA came from Manitoba during the first Metis diaspora in the late 1800's, other Metis came from northern Saskatchewan during the 1950's in search of job opportunities and a better standard of living in the developing urban sprawls. The Metis that migrated from Manitoba settled along the banks of the South Saskatchewan in St. Laurent, and Batoche. Other Metis moved farther north and developed a community on the banks of the North Saskatchewan, where the City of Prince Albert now stands. Also, the Metis who now preside in other Saskatchewan communities such as Willowbunch, Lac Pelletier,

of Saskatchewan as "the Government hoped that this plan would enable the Prince Albert, the Metis were living Metis to become self-sufficient, thus reducing expenditures for social assistance." 3 This process did not live up to the expectations that was envisioned as many Metis moved back after finding no work, nor the better lifestyle on the farms as was promises to them by the Provincial Government. In one instance, George Pritchard, from Willow Field-Beljennie was not allowed in the Green Lake Settlement because he was dubbed a troublemaker by the superintendent in charge of the project. Henry Pelletier of Lestock, recalled they were offered 40 acres of land and jobs in Green Lake. As they were moving from Lestock, they could see their house burning to the ground. Upon arriving at Green Lake, the supposed jobs never materialized and as a result, he moved back to Lestock, poorer than when he started and with no home, as it had been mysteriously burned to the ground.

The Metis in Western Region II were better no off than their cousins in Western Region IIA. These people were the original Metis who participated in the Battle of Batoche and were either living off the road allowance or eking out a meagre existence on the farm land they owned. For example, in April, 1995, the Provincial Government initiated a Canwood Metis survey and found that Metis families were living on less than a yearly income of \$350.00. These Metis families supplemented their meagre existence through trapping, livestock farming, cutting pulpwood, cordwood, cutting brush, farm labourers, or picking Seneca roots to point out a few. The education levels were low and the Metis youth usually dropped out of school by grade eight to help support the family. In the Prince Albert region, the Metis were just as destitute as their rural cousins. For example, in what was once called

"Fox Farm", now Nordale, north of on less than a yearly income of \$1,072.00. These Metis worked on low paying labourer jobs and with "many leaving school in Grade 4 or 5". They are not able to take any type of vocational training and because of their background are not too welcome with employers to apprentice in trades. Result is they are destined to remain common labour."5

Overall, the health of the Metis of Prince Albert at this time was poor because many Metis could not afford to pay for their hospitalization cards. As a result, medical services dealing with the various ailments afflicting Metis in this region were left unattended. Furthermore, the housing that Metis people inhabited were of the pole mud variety, poorly ventilated, and always reached extreme high temperatures in the summer and low temperatures in the winter. Metis in Prince Albert, during this period were working primarily at labour jobs with the majority either living off social assistance, mothers allowance, or old age pension. Overall, the Metis were in a state of poverty. Dispossessed of their land, shunned from the mainstream society and under educated, the opportunities facing Metis in Western Region II and IIA were limited in scope.

Another phenomenon that was occurring in Saskatchewan starting in the fifties and continuing today was the migration of Metis from northern communities to southern urban centres. Due to the expansion of the industrial complex in the north and the flow of non-native people to the north, Metis faced with a changing environment they could neither control, nor influence. Ultimately, the life of living off the trap line, fishing, hunting, and gathering was altered. Through the expansion of the mining and forestry sectors and subsequent federal and provincial legislation, Metis were

dispossessed of their land. For example, a study done on Indian and Metis population during 1951 indicated that a "large percentage of natives were in continual movement, travelling out to the trapline, or the Caribou hunt...from this condition there has been a major transformation. Many factors including the provision of school and hospital services, stores, and churches, contact with the white mans mode of living and inauguration of the fur conservation block system, have slowed down or stopped any major movements of these people."6 Also, the average income for many of the northern communities in 1951 predominated by Metis and Indian people were as follows; La Loche \$400.00, Pelican Narrows \$900.00, Ile a la Crosse \$600.00, Fond du Lac \$900.00. This income was supplemented with produce from small gardens, hunting, fishing and gathering, mothers allowance, old age pension and social assistance.

Accordingly, Metis in the North were undereducated at this period of time and did not have a plan or process to deal with the rapid changes to their lifestyle. As a result many Metis moved south to obtain better housing, education, and possibly a job in which they could effectively provide for their family. What most Metis found in these urban centres was racism and ostracism from non-native society based on outdated stereotypes of aboriginal people who were labelled as lazy, freeloading people who loved to live off the mainstream system, neither paying taxes, nor contributing to the development of mainstream society. The end result of this condition resulted in alcoholism, drug abuse, family breakdowns and a standard of life for the Northern Metis that was well below the accepted national poverty line.



## THE ABORIGINAL SOLDIERS AFTER THE WARS

J im Durocher, President of Metis Nation of Saskatchewan and Edwin Pelltier, Area Director of Prince Albert are working with Senator Len Marchand to press the Government of Canada to act on the recommendation by the Standing Senate Committee of Canada regarding aboriginal soldiers after the wars. The following recommendations:

- 1) That the Government of Canada, on behalf of the Canadian people:
- recognize the special contribu tion of Aboriginal veterans during the First and Second World
   Wars and Korean War, and
   Committee recommends:
   2) That the Royal Canadia.
   continue to ensure a formal Aboriginal veterans at the committee recommends:
- apologize to Aboriginal veterans for the inequities and insensitive treatment they experienced after their return from these wars.

Over the past few years, some national and regional Aboriginal veterans organizations have been advocating an official day of recognition and remembrance for Aboriginal veterans to be held nationally on November 8. A number of the witnesses who appeared before the Committee asked for support for the recognition of November 8 as Aboriginal Veterans Day. The Com-

mittee respects the position of those veterans organizations that wish to hold separate ceremonies. However, we also heard a very strong message in our hearings that Aboriginal veterans want solidarity with other veterans. They served together, fought in the same battles, and want to share in a day that honours all veterans. It is important for them to be recognized as veterans, not solely as Aboriginal veterans. The Committee shares this view. Accordingly, the Committee recommends:

- 2) That the Royal Canadian Legion continue to ensure a formal role for Aboriginal veterans at national Remembrance Day ceremonies. Resources should be made available in order for Aboriginal veterans associations to be represented annually at ceremonies in Ottawa on Remembrance Day.
- 3) That in the selection of veterans to participate in commemorative ceremonies in Canada and in pilgrimages aboard, the Government of Canada ensure the fair representation of Aboriginal veterans.

who appeared before the Committee asked for support for the recognition of November 8 as Aboriginal Veterans Day. The Comtention to build a better future, the Committee recommends:

4) That a scholarship foundation be established in the memory of Aboriginal soldiers. The Government of Canada, in concert with Aboriginal veterans organization, should establish a consultation process to determine the structure of the foundation, the amount of funds to be administered, and eligibility criteria for receiving scholarship funds.

For various reasons outlined in this report, Aboriginal veterans have had difficulty learning about and accessing benefits in the past, and continue to face these problems today. In our hearings, Veterans Affairs officials emphasized their commitment to advising veterans and veterans' dependants about the benefits to which they are entitled, and to helping them obtain benefits. They also made note of special efforts taken to reach out to veterans who might be out of touch with benefit programs and difficulties that they are facing now as Aboriginal veterans. Some presented us with affidavits, letters, documents and videotapes; other could simply tell their own stories, although not all were able to aptee wishes to signal in particular within the Department of Veterans the plight of these individuals, as an illustration of the type of problems that continue today. These cases will be a good place for the Government to illustrate its commitment to assist Aboriginal veterans. The Committee recommends:

5) That the Department of Veterans Affairs take prompt action to follow up on the cases of those individuals who came forward to the Senate Committee, and report back to the Committee on the results of the follow-up within on year of the tabling of this report.

the Department needs to develop procedures that are specifically targeted at Aboriginal communities. As well, we believe that the appointment of an independent investigator, person with authority and know-how, is required to provide quick intervention on behalf of Aboriginal veterans. The Commit- ans Affairs move quickly to impletee recommends:

6.1) That the Department of Veterans Affairs create new procedures, appropriate to Aboriginal communities, to reach out to Aboriginal veterans. Consideration should be given to the appointment of Aboriginal employees to serve the needs of Aboriginal veterans.

6.2) That an independent investigator, in the manner of an ombudsperson, be appointed to provide quick intervention on behalf of Aboriginal veterans. The remote settings were issues of par-

pear as witnesses. The Commit-investigator should be situated Affairs, but should operate freely in addressing the concerns of Aboriginal veterans.

Veterans also spoke about the need for better access to Veterans Affairs, and expressed frustration with inadequate DVA services and administration of pensions. Time did not permit us to investigate fully this issue. However, the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs recently completed a thorough study and reported on the impacts of delays and backlogs in the pension delivery and adjudication process. It recommended a The Committee believes that number of improvements to the system, to speed up the pension process, to support the pension applications of veterans, and to provide better information to veterans regarding pension decisions and appeals. We support their findings. The Committee recommends:

> 7) That the Department of Veterment the recommendations contained in the Report of the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, Keeping Faith: Into the Future, regarding improvement to the pension process.

Veterans also told the Committee tragic stories about their poor living conditions. The inadequate housing and social services for Metis living in both urban and

ticular concern. These problems need to be addressed by provincial governments and social service agencies. We strongly encourage social service providers to take note of the circumstances of Aboriginal veterans and give priority to veterans in the social and economic services generally now available.

The federal government has also recognized that Aboriginal people are among the most disadvantaged Canadians and has committed itself to helping them overcome this disparity. The Committee reminds the Government of this commitment and recommends:

8) That all responsible departments, in particular the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Indian Affairs and Northern Development, give prompt attention to improving the living conditions of Aboriginal veterans.

Aboriginal veterans' organizations play an important role in providing a representative body for the veterans and in keeping their member informed about benefits. The Committee encourages Aboriginal veterans organizations to work together to promote their interests. The Committee recommends:

9) That the Government of Canada provide sufficient funding to the National Aboriginal Veterans Association and other established Aboriginal veterans groups to effectively carry out their functions.

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#### Venison Stir Fry

#### Ingredients

1 lb. Venison (make sure all fat and sinew is removed)
3 tablespoons oil
1 teaspoon ginger
3 garlic cloves
1/4 cup chicken broth
3 tablespoons of soya sauce
1/2 cup mushrooms
1 medium onion
1/2 cup pea pods
(or any other vegetables you wish to put in)

Place oil in large pan or wok. Heat, add ginger & garlic. Mix, add meat. Fry till done. Add veggies, chiken broth, soya sauce, and stir fry until veggies are firm. Serve with rice m-m-m-good!

> Submitted by Stan Kinal

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#### National Native Role Model Program Share The Dream

he National Native Role Model Program is a national health program designed to promote and encourage the adoption of healthy lifestyles based on the traditions of wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility and truth among Metis, First Nations and Inuit youth in Canada

The National Native Role Model Program began in 1984 at the Summer Olympics when Alwyn Morris won the Gold and Bronze Medals for Canada. Alwyn became a source of pride and inspiration for Metis, First Nations and Inuit children across the country. Meeting the numerous requests to have him visit youth in their communities resulted in the birth of the National Native Role Model Program.

Over the years a number of role models have visited communities throughout Canada and shared their talents and vision with thousands of young people. Today, the National Native Role Model Program offers role models who have provided leadership and vision to young people, either at a local or national level.

#### OUR GOALS

To provide communication strategies, tools and role model personnel to individuals, families and organizations who serve the community for the purpose of assisting them in their attempts to improve Metis, First Nations and Inuit health in Canada.

To provide role models who will educate and inspire youth and others in Metis. First Nations and Inuit communities to adopt healthier lifestyle practices and work torward the reduction of risk factors in their communities.

in Canada and elsewhere the values and accomplishments of Canadian First Nations and Inuit individuals in building a strong and healthier society for our people.

WHO ARE THEY?

Our role models are Aboriginal individuals from across Canada who have demonstrated leadership within their community in a variety of different ways. More than anything else, they represent in their words and deeds the traditions of wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility and truth. Many of our role models have achieved recognition in areas that allow them to relate well to youth audiences.

Our role models volunteer their time and serve in the program for a period of one year. They are trained in health promotion and communication skills, however, they are not trained in counselling.

Every effort is made to match the role model with the specific needs of the community and its youth. We do this on the basis of: availability; messages of the community; age of the target audience; role model skill areas; regional and local recognition of the role model.

#### HOW ARE THEY SELECTED?

Role models are nominated by people in their respective communities as recognizable to youth and a model of commitment, dedication and hard work to their chosen pursuit. Ten role models, one from each region, will be selected by an Advisory Board composed of representatives from across Canada.

The Advisory Board makes every effort to select role models who To recognize and acknowledge represent the diversity of Metis, First

Nations and Inuit people across the country, identifying people who best represent, in their own lives, the values and aspirations of the program. These will be people who see themselves as role model for others and can communicate these ideals through word and deed.

The National Native Role Model Program needs your help in finding new role models for youth.

Your nomination must be a Aboriginal individual who practices one or more of the seven traditions. He or she will also possess good communication skills, be able to interact well with young people and be at least 18 years of age.

#### GRAND PRIZE

Be Our Guest At The Gala Evening.

All ballots will be entered into a national draw to win round trip airfare and accomodation for you and a parent or guardian to be our guest at The Gala Evening.

#### REGIONAL PRIZE

The individual who nominated the selected role model will win a portable CD player in recognition of their participation in the nomination process.

#### RIHES

All Metis, First Nations and Inuit people can nominate a role model. To be eligible to win the Grand Prize or regional prize, you must be Native. One entry per contestant. Ballot must be received by the National Native Role Model Program before September 30, 1995.

For more information, call or write to:

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#### 25th BACK TO BATOCHE SCHEDULE

#### **OF EVENTS**

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Leebert Poitras, Minister Metis Culture and Recreation

#### Friday, July 21

1:00 p.m. Reunification Workshop 4:00 p.m. Feast

6:00 p.m. Opeing Ceremonies, Opening Prayer,

Guest Speadkers, Ball Tournament - starts

Miss Batoche - Registration

7:00 p.m. Talent Show 9:00 p.m. Dance

Saturday, July 22

8:00 p.m.
Ball Tournament continues
Children's Activities
Horseshoe Tournament
11:30 p.m.
Children/youth Outdoor events
12:00 p.m.
Cultural competition begins

Fiddling, jigging, square dancing, bannock baking

1:00 p.m. Chariot races 3:00 p.m. Rodeo 4:00 p.m. Talent show, r

4:00 p.m. Talent show, magic show, special talent 5:00 p.m. Armwrestling/tug-o-war competition - 1st round

Elimination Chuckwagon Races

7:30 p.m. Memorial "Metis Veteran" horse relay 8:00 p.m. Armwrestling/tug-o-war competition final

9:00 p.m. Dance - Special Feature

#### Sunday, July 23

9:00 a.m. Ball Tournament continues 10:00 a.m. Chariot Races

Children's Activities continues

10:00 a.m. Memorial Service Mass

Main tent

Children's Activities continue
11:00 a.m. Procession to Mass Gravesite
Begin at main gate
12:00 p.m. Chariot Races Continues

1:00 p.m. Rodeo

3:00 p.m. Chuckwagon Races

6:00 p.m. Closing

