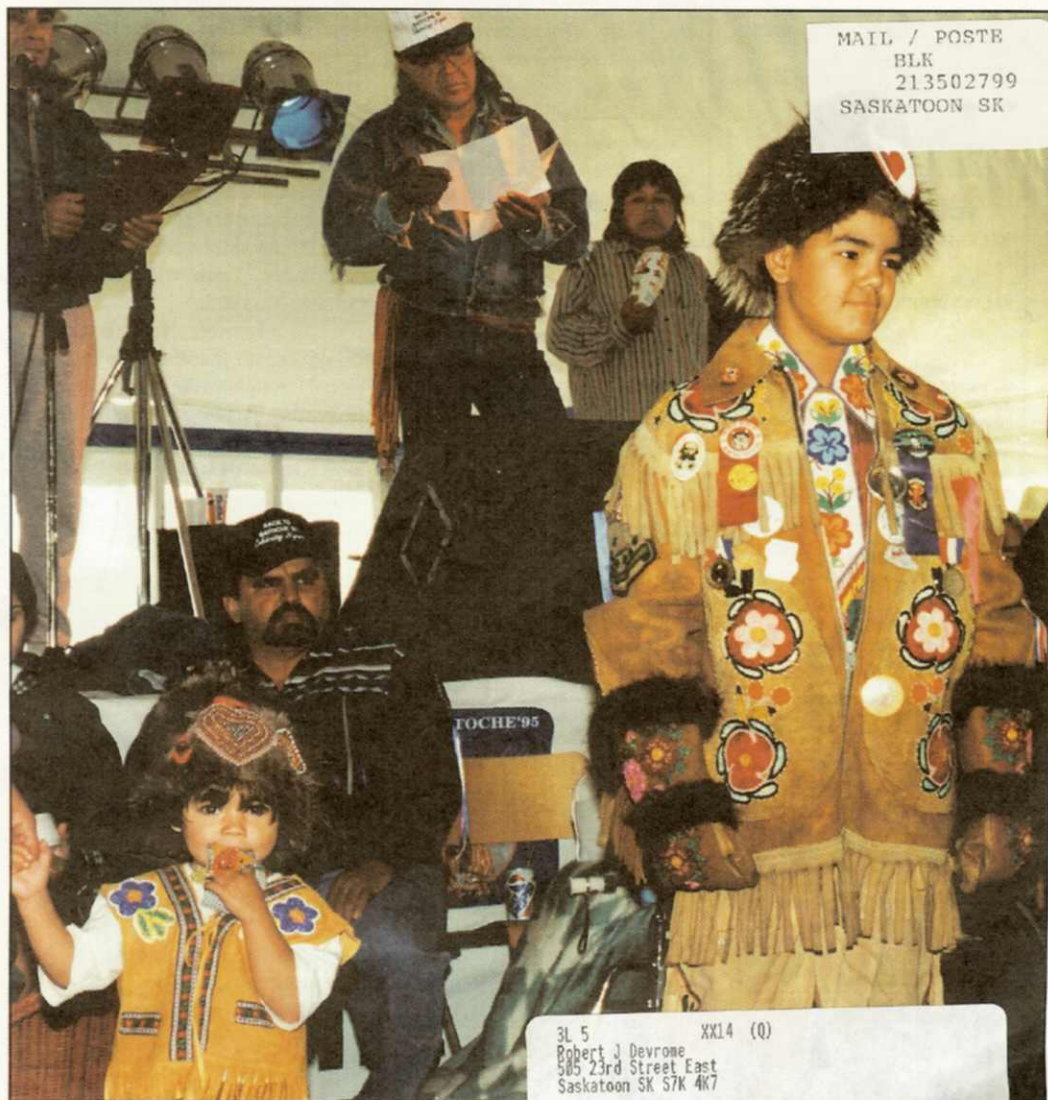


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A special memorial category was named in tribute to the late George LaFleur. "George LaFleur Buckskin Parade. His buckskin was proudly worn by his grandson Phane Roy LaFleur.

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Message From Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Executive

As summer draws to a close, we congratulate Team Saskatchewan on a job well done with their resounding victory at the North American Indigenous Games in Blaine, Minnesota. All of the years of hard work and practice does pay off in the end for committed athletes.

We also look with pride at the success of Back to Batoche 1995. The festivities were a huge accomplishment. The event was well attended and everyone had a great time.



Lorna Docken, Secretary
Photo by Dennis McLeod

This was due in part to the fact that there were no politics at the event. It was a cultural celebration as it should be.

On the political front, we look forward to seeing our local Presidents at the Metis Legislative Assembly, October 11 and 12, 1995 which will take place at the Saskatoon Inn. There we will have the opportunity to debate our issues and continue on in the posi-

tive direction we are heading. The tripartite unit will be in your areas over the next month asking for your input into our self governance



Jim Durocher, President

issues. Please come out and represent your communities, families or yourself. We are dealing on four area through the bilateral process with the province of Saskatchewan. They include 1) Metis Act 2) One Window financing 3) Co-management and 4) Economic Development/Gaming. This reflects the the normalization of relations with the provincial government.

The Government of Canada recently released their self-government policy for Aboriginal Peoples. We are taking a cautious approach to their offer. Although the policy does not go far enough, it may be a start. Some regions are particularly pleased with the op-

portunities for local and regional developments. We support such endeavours, if they are conducted in a coordinated manner, thus eliminating the possibility of erosion of our power base as the Metis Nation. We are most concerned over the fact that we do not have the land base referred to throughout the document and that we have no process to deal with this crucial issue.

We are also very disappointed that Aboriginal leaders were not invited to the Premiers'



Allan Morin, Treasurer

Meeting in St. John's Newfoundland August 23 - 25, 1995.

Aboriginal input is essential and in the future our leadership must be included.

In closing we wish all students a successful year of studies and welcome all families back to their normal schedules. ∞

Metis Nation Opposes Unilateral Self-government Policy

Gerald Morin, President
Metis National Council



Gerald Morin, President, Metis National Council

Gerald Morin, President of the Metis National Council (MNC) served notice to the federal Government that he cannot recommend that the Metis

Nation support the proposed self-government implementation policy unveiled in Ottawa by Minister Ron Irwin and Anne McLellan.

Mr. Morin suggested the new policy was not the subject of adequate consultation among Metis people nor did it comply with the commitments made by the federal government in its Red Book. Mr. Morin stated, "Mr. Chretien's government promised a renewed partnership with Aboriginal peoples where the people would be involved in decision making, what I see in the development of this new policy is unilat-

eralism and the 'take it or leave it' policies that have failed our people in the past".

Mr. Morin suggested the policy is not new, it is merely a continuation of the failed policies of the past. "The MNC proposed a number of policy options over a year ago, but apparently the bureaucratic process has become so accustomed with the status quo that they have convinced Ministers of the merits of continuing the same policy announced by the Conservative government in 1985", Mr. Morin stated. In 1985, the then Conservative government announced a tripartite self-govern-

ment policy which is to continue, despite the fact that not one meaningful agreement has been reached in the decade that the policy has operated.

Mr. Morin indicated that the

Metis National Council Board of Governors would be convening a special session next week in Ottawa to determine how next to proceed. "We hope to be in a position following the meeting to provide policy alternatives to the rephased policy approach announced today, and to see how we can work with federal leaders to get this process back on track", Mr. Morin concluded. ∞

BACK TO BATOCHÉ '95

They may not be from the province, but Albertans Smokin' Joe Blyan and Fast Eddie Swain kept a mainly-Saskatchewan crowd well entertained as the emcees at this year's 25th Back To Batoche celebrations.

Celebrating our 25th Anni-

Metis war veterans were overjoyed when recognized by organizers who provided 50th Anniversary medals, the first two of which were presented to Edward King and Vital Morin. This was followed with a square dance by the Metis Traditional Dancers of

Corrigal from St. Louis was this year's Princess Batoche '95.

The talent of the Metis came out loud and clear, with the fiddling being won by Duck Lakes' Henry Gardepy who took home the 4th Annual Reg Bouvette Memorial Trophy for the second consecutive



Metis Veterans Edward King and Vital Morin



Connie Mike, winner of senior talent contest

versary, 110th Commemoration of the "Battle of Batoche" and the 50th Anniversary of our "Metis Veterans". 12,000 people passed through the gates of the important annual cultural celebration.

A welcoming crowd cheered the opening ceremonies parade which was led by Metis Veteran's Edward King and Vital Morin, and several special guests who have been instrumental in the past Batoche festivities.

Alberta and a heart felt song by Laura Langseff titled "Coming Home". Once the ceremonies had concluded, the two events to get under way were the ball tournament and the Talent Contest. This continued into Saturday with Connie Mike winning the senior talent event over Elvis Ballantyne and Mike Daigneault. Giselle St. Germaine took the junior division over Dean Gauthier and young Cletus and Kelly Quental. Cindy

year. Placing were Abe Girard and Sterling Brass. Hap Boyer won the Golden Age category, with Ernest Umpherville placing second. Lucas Welsh won juniors and Taibott St. Germaine and Kietha Clarke placing second and third.

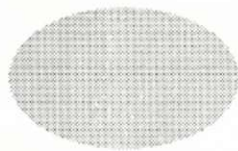
A special memorial category was named in tribute to the late George LaFleur from Sled Lake who passed away from cancer last fall at the age of 73. He was always competing at Batoche and

usually won the buckskin parade and the bannock baking. His buckskin outfit was proudly worn by his grandson Phane Roy, and coordinator Bruce Flamont explained to the crowd that the competition "That we know will be called the George LaFleur Buckskin Parade". Visitors to Batoche enjoyed an array of traditional and contemporary entertainment and competition which made a power-

Batoche as if to echo the sentiments of those fallen hero's through the contemporary Metis.

Aside from seving as the main social event of the year, Batoche also serves many other functions. As on lady explained "its much easier to struggle on when you've been here", and so it does invigorate the Metis spirit. The political discussions, the caring sharing spirit, the physical

excellent time. A special congratulation and thank you to the organizers: under the circumstances, which were extremely adverse, a remarkable job was well done. ∞



From left to right Abe Girard, Ernest Umpherville, and Hap Boyer

ful statement to the fact the Metis cultural and history is, indeed alive and well.

In the tradition of Batoche days, Sunday featured the annual pilgrimage to the Batoche Cemetery where the people gathered around the grave site of Metis who died during the struggle of 1885. Prayers were also recited, brief speeches given and songs were sung on the cool breeze of

challenges, as in the rodeo or chuck wagon races, also offer an awesome array of Metis talent.

Truely there is something for everyone at Batoche if all that is expected it for fun and good time's.

An effective measure used in determining a successful Batoche is the sentiment's expressed by those people who were fortunate enough to be there. Accordingly all of the people I talked to had an

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PALMBERE '95

Clem Chartier
Buffalo Narrow Local

The Traditional Resource Users of northwestern Saskatchewan held their annual meeting at Palmbere Lake on August 11 & 12, 1995. Besides meeting, the weekend was also filled with a lot of socializing, as a large number of families camped out for the weekend, and were busy visiting around campfires and dancing in the evening.

With respect to business matters, the meeting addressed a lot of issues concerns, including traditional resource use activities (hunting, trapping, fishing and



Honorable Bernie Wiens,
Minister of Saskatchewan Environment
and Resource Management

gathering), land claim, self-government, forestry, fire-fighting, gun control, the pending European

ban on furs from animals caught in leghold traps, housing and so forth.

Representing the provincial government were the Hon. Bernie Wiens, Minister of Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management and the Hon. Joanne Crofford, Minister responsible for the Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat. Minister Wiens informed the gathering that he was prepared to sign the draft Partnership Agreement with the MNS on September 5th in Regina, if so requested. That Agreement set out a relationship between the two parties, along with a process for negotiating Metis involvement in the traditional resource use sector. The draft was primarily the result of negotiations between the former MNS Minister of Lands and Resources, Mr. Norman Hansen and SERM officials.

Minister Crofford, amongst other matters, addressed the federal government's new policy on the implementation of the inherent right of self-government. The province is particularly concerned with the continued federal government's denial of jurisdiction to deal with the Metis and their policy of off-loading responsibility to the provinces with respect to Metis and

off-Reserve Indian people. With respect to the new policy, Minister Crofford is prepared to explore regional self-government and a landbase for the Metis of northwestern Saskatchewan would make a good pilot project for the implementation of Metis self-government and that she would approach her federal counterpart, Minister Anne McLellan for support for this idea. In this connection, Minister Wiens also stated that he was prepared to look at a companion Partnership Agreement



Honorable Joanne Crofford, Minister
Responsible for Indian and Metis Affairs
Secretariat

with the Metis of northwestern Saskatchewan under a regional self-government concept. He further stated that the lack of a con-

crete structure for the Metis of northwestern Saskatchewan was one of the stumbling blocks of the



Philip Chartier, Buffalo Narrows Local President

past in involving the Metis of the region in developments which have affected the Metis. Under the proposed model of self-government, the province would have an identifiable and concrete infrastructure with which to interface.

Minister Crofford also stated that the concept of community centered land bases could be explored under the regional self-government model. In response to a question from Philip Chartier, Buffalo Narrows Local President, Crofford stated that the potential landbase would not be limited to the current municipal/LCA boundaries. While this does not accord with the current Metis land claim filed in the court, it nevertheless would open the door to a potent land settlement which would satisfy both the government involved and the Metis.



Gerald Morin, President, Metis National Council

Also present at the gathering was MNC President Gerald Morin who spoke about the federal policy on the implementation of the inherent right of self-government released on August 10, 1995. While disappointed with the overall policy, he was nevertheless sup-



Allan Morin, Treasurer of Metis Nation of Saskatchewan

portive of the proposed regional concept/model which is now accommodated under the new policy. While this is one model, he stated

that other models could be used in other circumstances. While not satisfied with the new policy which would better serve the interests of the Metis, especially with respect to a land and resource base and federal responsibility issues. A motion of support was made indicating the gatherings' support for the MNC and MNS in seeking to strengthen the policy.

Allan Morin, Treasurer of the MNS gave an update on MNS activities, including the tripartite process and gave his support to a decentralized negotiation of the implementation of self-government, as self-government arrangements would have to fit the conditions at the community level and could therefore be different in some aspects in the urban centers, rural areas in the south and Metis communities in the north. He however cautioned that we must be careful not to fragment our self-government developments and structures at the provincial level.

The general feeling of the participants proposing a regional concept/model of self-government of northwestern Saskatchewan, which includes the communities involved in the land claim launched in March includes the communities involved in the land claim launched in March 1994, is that any initiatives would take place within the overall MNS framework, and that it is desirable to maintain a strong provincial and national presence, which will eventually be our governing bodies/in-

stitutions at those levels.

On the second day, representatives of the provincial government housing department fielded a large number of questions with respect to the severe housing conditions in northern Saskatchewan. The participants once again emphasized the critical need for new housing and the renovations of existing housing. As well, Mr. Gordon Kirkby, federal M.P. for the Prince Albert-Churchill riding and Mr. Buckley Belanger, newly elected MLA for the Athabasca constituency made presentations. Mr. Kirkby explained that the proposed gun control legislation would not adversely affect traditional resource users. Mr. Belanger outlined what he viewed as priorities and indicated the efforts he would be making to represent the constituency, including supporting Metis rights to a land and resource base and self-government, something which the previous MLA did not support.

In general, the meeting provided a lot of information and commitments which must now be acted on. The degree of developments on the commitment will ultimately determine the success of the meeting. ∞

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TRIPARTITE

Butch Durocher

The tripartite process has been restarted. It had been halted due to the internal difficulties that the MNS had been experiencing in the past. The Provincial Government had initially proposed a Metis Commission to go around the province and hold hearings. The MNS convinced the Provincial Government to forget about the Metis Commission and instead use the money to restart the Tripartite Process.

Briefly, the Tripartite Process is borne out of the Tripartite Framework Agreement signed in February of 1993. The Parties to the Agreement are the Federal Government, the Provincial Government and the MNS. The process is a forum to hold discussions and negotiations leading to Metis Self-Government.

During the months of April and May 1995, a workplan was developed. The workplan is divided into three phases. It was felt that for the process to be valid and legitimate, it must come from the communities. This phase has already begun and there have been several meetings held to date.

The confirmed dates for upcoming meetings are as follows:

- August 25, 1995 ~ Meadow Lake
- August 26, 1995 ~ Saskatoon
- August 27, 1995 ~ South Bay
Province Park

September 9, 1995 ~ Fort Qu Appelle

September 10, 1995 ~ La Ronge

September 12, 1995 ~ Cumberland
House

September 16, 1995 ~ Yorkton

September 22, 1995 ~ Prince Albert

These meetings are very important and we would urge everyone to come out and express their views and opinions on Metis Self-Government, check with your Regional Representatives as to exact time and locations of the meetings in your area.

After all the area Consultation Meetings have been held, there will be a Provincial Meeting. The date of the Provincial Meeting has been set for October 12, 1995 in Saskatoon. At this meeting, the results of the Area Meeting will be discussed and a Final Report prepared.

Phase two of the process is a Review of the Internal and External components of both the MSS and the MNS. The relationship between the MSS, the MNS and affiliates will be reviewed. In addition relationship between the organizations will be examined. The review is geared to determining whether the present organizational structure is the best vehicle to achieve our goals of Metis Self-Government.

Phase three of the process concerns a study of the different methodologies associated with an Enumeration Process. The MNS feels that an Enumeration and Registry of the Metis People is essential and integral to any Metis Self-Government aspirations. There are currently negotiations being conducted with both the Federal and Provincial Governments as to the Funding of an Enumeration Process in Saskatchewan.

Both phases two and three have begun. The work is well under way and will continue into spring. If you have any questions about the Tripartite Process, please phone your Area Representative or Art (Butch) Durocher, Tripartite Director at (306) 244-7441. ∞

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THE METIS OF WESTERN REGION II AND IIA

Robert Doucette

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As a result, of the aforementioned, Metis from Western Region II and IIA plus their migrating Northern cousins have histories that mirror each other. For example, through the scrip system both groups were displaced from their lands. Accordingly, with no land to develop or maintain their lifestyle, Metis were regulated to the road allowances with no hope of ever achieving a better lifestyle. Although the Provincial Government initiated a program in the 1930's and 40's to move Metis from the south to Green Lake to rehabilitate and train them, the program was less than a glaring success. Many of the Metis that had moved north found no jobs and moved back south to their original home only to find it razed to the ground with non-native farmers taking their land in their absence. Other factors that inhibited the development of these Metis groups ranged from low education levels, poor housing, and poor levels of Health. Furthermore, Metis could not obtain better paying jobs because they had lower levels of education, and many stereotypes regulated them as loafers or bums, and as a result, employers would not hire them. At any rate, when a Metis did find work it primarily was seasonal labour

type jobs that took them off welfare for only a short period of time.

vincial penal institutions and federal maximum security institu-



Also, both Metis from the north and south experienced and accelerated assimilation by the dominant society that destroyed their culture and left the Metis with alcoholism, drug abuse, and a total breakdown of the Metis family unit. With no where to turn, violence and crime in the Metis community resulted in many of our people being incarcerated in pro-

visions. Faced with so much adversity in the past it is a miracle the Metis continue today to survive. But have things improved?

Presently, demographic related to the Metis population indicates the majority of the Metis still live in conditions of poverty and have not developed at the same level as the mainstream Canadian society. A survey distributed to the

31 Metis locals of Western Region II and IIA presented the Metis labour force with statistics outlining how Metis people are faced with third world conditions. For example, our survey indicated that 58% of the Metis surveyed earned less than \$15,000 on an annual basis. Moreover, 29% of the respondents had a yearly income between

the average Canadian family earned \$36,000 more than the average Metis family. The average Saskatchewan family earned approximately \$41,000.

In the area of education, Metis according to our survey, outlined that 60% had not received a grade 12 diploma. Furthermore, 32% of the aforementioned Metis

had not passed grade eight. 10% had a grade 12 diploma and 20% had some post-secondary education but did not stipulate whether they received a degree or not. Accordingly, 80% of the respondents stated they would like to upgrade their education level. Only 4% did not think they could finish high school with 43% affirming they wanted to take

and coupled with Human Resource Development Canada estimating that "of all jobs created between 1986 and the year 2000, 64% will require more than 12 years of education and training; almost half of these new jobs will require more than 17 years of education and training, (9) does not present a bright future for Metis people as they try to enter the labour force.

Upon entry into the labour force Metis are faced with a host of obstacles. Racism from outdated stereotypes of Metis being lazy and a burden on society affords many potential employers with an excuse for not hiring Metis people. Lower education that the majority of the Metis have as aforementioned puts them in a tenuous position in attaining any decent job. Accordingly, when Metis do obtain a job "native workers tend to be concentrated in lower skill/lower wage employment sectors...males in both cities are concentrated in construction, manufacturing and processing and service occupations. Employment among females is very heavily concentrated in service occupations. (10) Ultimately, when the Saskatchewan economy slows the trades that Metis predominate puts them at a higher risk of being unemployed or on welfare because there are no jobs in these sectors.

In summation, the Metis of today mirror the Metis historically. In the past, the Metis were dispossessed of their land and had no area to develop or protect their culture from the encroaching dominant



15,000-29,000 dollars. Only, 14% of the Metis in Western Region II and IIA earned more than \$30,000 per year. Ultimately, our data indicated the average income for most Metis families and single people surveyed was less than \$15,000. According to the 1991 census the average Canadian workers average employment income was \$26,781.00 (7) Accordingly,

some form of post secondary training. In comparison the level of education of the typical Canadian is 12.2 years of education (8) Also, the number of Canadian people with university graduates has increased 432% or nearly seven times the rate of population growth of Canada. Combine the lower level of education that Metis in Western Region II and IIA have

Canadian society. Today, the Metis still face this spectre, which will have to be resolved in the future. Also, the Metis today have a lower base of education than the average Canadian. The majority of the Metis becoming dependent on some form of transfer payment such as welfare, family allowance, old age pension, or unemployment insurance benefits to supplement their income as they cannot compete on the playing field for the jobs available.

The majority of the Metis are still upgrading their education levels through the ABE programs because they have dropped out of school before they attained their Grade 12 diplomas. Couple this with the systemic racism in the Canadian society which offers one set of post secondary education programs for our treaty cousins and another for Metis leaves the prospects of advancement for the modern Metis much to be desired as they will be further left behind as Canada modernizes to face the rapid technological changes in the workplace. The future is tomorrow! If Canada is to grow and take its place on the international scene as a top industrialized nation it must educate and bring the Metis people with them. To do any less will only perpetuate the current and historical inequities that the Metis have traditionally faced. ∞

METIS REUNIFICATION FAMILY WORKSHOP

During the Back to Batoche Days '95, July 21, 22, and 23rd of July, Metis Family and Community Justice Service Inc. held Reunification Workshops in partnership with Health Canada. Facilitators were invited to demonstrate their expertise in the fields of family service.

Pregnant Teens - Heather Cooke (Saskatoon Social Services) Importance of Prenatal Nutrition - Edna Nighthtraveller (Health Mother, Healthy Baby). Extended Families - Emelyn Desjarlais (Metis Nation of Alberta) Post Adoption - Georgina Fisher (Regina Family Connection) in joint with Ruth Genoway (Post Adoption Registry). Reunification/Repatriation -

Glenda Richard (Northwest Metis Council Manitoba) - cancelled. Headstart Program - Larry Flynn (Health Canada; Health Promotions & Social Development Office) - cancelled. Continuing the Healing Process - Norma Jean Dubray/Byrd (Regina Circle Project) - cancelled.

A decision was made to tentatively hold the workshops sometime this fall and we anticipate a better response. I would like to thank the people who attended our Batoche workshops and look forward to seeing you this fall.

I would like to extend special thanks to Health Canada, Minister Diane Marleau and the facilitators for all their endeavours for making this possible. ∞

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TEAM SASKATCHEWAN BRINGS THE TROPHY HOME AGAIN!

Lorna Docken

Saskatchewan athletes dominated the North American Indigenous Games in Blaine, Minnesota July 29 to August 5, 1995. I was fortunate enough to be on hand and cheer on our athletes. According to one Metis youth "we majorly kicked butt".

I met people from far and wide including some of our Metis relatives from Turtle Mountain. They will be touring Saskatchewan next spring to see some of our historic sites.

It was with great sadness that our athletes said good bye to new

North American Indigenous Games in Blaine, Minnesota. They represented our Metis Nation with pride and exhibited our culture with dignity!!

These fine performers are youth from the community of Green Lake, Saskatchewan ranging from the age of 9 years old to 15 years of age. The Riel Memorial Dancers will be performing at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police workshop in Regina, Saskatchewan on August 21, 1995, once again exhibiting their fine stepping style and our Metis Culture. ∞



One could not help feeling immense pride when our close to 1,500 athletes entered the stadium in the opening ceremonies. Our famous green and yellow suits were everywhere during the week and our athletes were smiling!

Team Saskatchewan personnel handled the monumental task of coordination very well. On site there were some organizational problems, as the event was so huge, but we all managed to find

friends and the city they had called home for a week. All of the athletes I spoke with look forward to the next NAIG in Victoria British Columbia. We did very well in most events, but really shone in football, boxing, Track and Field, Wrestling and Congratulations Team Saskatchewan on a job well done!!!

Congratulations to the Green Lake Riel Memorial Dancers on such fine performances at the

ARTIST'S WORK BRIDGES CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

You may have seen this artist's work in Saskatoon galleries, or in your travels to Edmonton, Winnipeg, Vancouver or Banff. Perhaps you are even fortunate enough to have a piece of Ernie Scoles' work hanging in your home or office. Those who do, whether they be aboriginal or non-aboriginal, seem to find the work transmits a strong sense of the oneness of all creatures of this earth, an ideal world where all share in the earth's bounty, a place for all to co-exist in harmony. Although Ernie's work uses many images common to traditional Northern Plains culture, his interpretation of these symbols of nature, and the spiritual world that they embrace, are uniquely his own. It is as if his art was born at the beginning of time, at the point of creation, when with boundless energy and joy the world began, as the animals and birds he depicts sprang from the earth with exuberance, expressing their timeless connection with earth and sky.

And, always, the eagle feather is present, transmitting its empowering presence.

Ernie is able to cross cultural boundaries because of his background in both the native and non-native worlds. Born in Saskatchewan at Cumberland House in 1962, he is of Treaty Indian status, a member of the Barren Lands Band. At age two, however, he was adopted by a non-native family

where he was the eldest of six children, growing up in The Pas and Thompson in northern Manitoba. Part of the white culture, and yet

had other facets to his talents, such as his musical ability, both with the piano and the trumpet, which he played winning junior golfer and captain of his championship midget hockey team. He also won awards in the local arts festival for his drawings and paintings.

When Ernie was sixteen, he had the opportunity to pursue one of his other interests—travel. Because his father was transferred to Saudi Arabia, Ernie attended school in the Netherlands, and from there was able to tour a number of European and Middle Eastern countries, among them France, England, Germany, Cyprus, Saudi Arabia, and the Seychelles. Later, he continued his education at Keewatin Community College in The Pas and worked in Winnipeg as a salesman, and an assistant manager of a pet store. Eventually, through his friend Issac Bignell, a Cree artist, he returned to art making. Yet the interpersonal and entre-



preneurial skills he had acquired along the way, along with an engaging personality, a strong sense of integrity, and a gift for humour, were of great value in the promotion of his career as a painter. In 1992, his efforts as an artist and his many contributions to the community were awarded with a Canada 125 Medal from the Governor General of Canada.

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greatest asset is his wife Doreen, a native artisan and teacher, whom he met when he moved to Saskatoon. Both now travel to conferences and festivals together to display and sell their work; in February they were at the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival in The Pas where they each took top awards; and in July they will be at the Aboriginal Arts Festival at Lower Fort Garry, just outside of Winnipeg. Travelling with them, whenever possible, are their four children Davian, Amanda, Cassie, and Kalen.

Ernie's paintings are held in private collections throughout North America, and are avidly collected by European and Asian visitors to Canada. They are also held in public collections, including the Manitoba Legislature, the Winnipeg Health Sciences Complex, the Native Law Department at the University of Saskatchewan; and the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre. His work has been seen on cards, calendars, text books, and even t-shirts, and hangs in fishing lodges; doctor's, lawyer's, and government offices. He has appeared in a number of group shows as well as a two person exhibit at the Gallery on the Roof at the Sask Power Building in Regina. Recently, Ernie has begun to frame his own work, and he and his father have put out a limited edition print of two of his paintings *Loons Together and Flight of the Bear* which they will be marketing. His work is presently available at the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Gift Shop, J&S Picture Frame Warehouse, DelMar Gallery, and U-Frame -It Gallery in Saskatoon. His paintings and prints can be purchased from major galleries in Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Banff, Lake Louise, Winnipeg and Vancouver and galleries throughout western Canada; or from Ted Scoles, Direct Art Distribution: (604) 629-3942. ∞

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



New Breed Magazine welcomes your letters to the editor. We reserve the right to edit these letters for brevity and clarity as well as libelous statements and profanity. Letters should be brief, and to the point. Typewritten letters are preferred although handwritten letters are acceptable. Letters should also be signed by the writer and include a telephone number where the writer may be reached to clarify any points in the letter or to check for authenticity. The writer's name will generally appear with the letter but name may be withheld in exceptional circumstances.

The picture on the 5th. page of the 3 outhouses on Monday July 24th. (The Star Phoenix) In my opinion clearly reflects the views of your paper that the Batoche Days was a tainted event. It must have been disappointing no to be able to report a fight or stabbing that would have made the front page.

I found the picture insulting for the many thousands of people that came from across Canada and the Bordering States, not only to celebrate a cultural event, but to Honor those that gave up their lives fighting for a just cause, a cause that has yet to be addressed by Government, One was 15 year old girl and a 94 year old man.

The event also honored those who fought in both world wars, some were wounded, killed or taken prisoner, Many had given up their (own rights) in order to fight for their country.

In 1982 the standing Committee on human rights gave a directive to the Department of Indian Affairs, to look into the grievances of Aboriginal Veterans, this too has yet to be fully addressed.

Frank Tomkins
Gift Lake Metis Settlement, Alberta

Young Rising Athlete

— Paul Lavallee —

I am proud to point out that one of the young promising athletes is from Spiritwood Local, Meadow Lake Area. Seventeen year old Jacqueline Lavallee who will be entering Grade 12 in September is preparing to leave on Friday for Abbotsford, B.C. The Summer games begin next week.

Jacqueline will be representing Team Saskatchewan on the Basketball team. Not only will she be a good ambassador for Saskatchewan folks, but also for our Metis people. Jacqueline looks forward to developing her skills to

compete for international levels and national levels. She only



Jacqueline Lavallee

wishes that more young Metis athletes would receive the same opportunity. She is truly grateful for any support that she has received from our Metis families. After this event is over she will have competed in soccer and basketball in all 4 provinces (B.C., Alta., Man., Sask.), since June 23rd, 1995.

Jacqueline has always set goals for high performance. She indeed is set for a medal run. We are proud parents (who like, who hope) to see her on the medal podium this month. ∞

THE MIRACLE OF THE DREAM RUNS ON

On Sunday, September 17 the 15th Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk for Cancer Research will be held at nearly 400 locations across Saskatchewan.

In 1994 more than 40,000 participants in our province raised over \$385,000 for cancer research. More than \$9.4 million was raised nationwide.

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cancer research thanks to the yearly event. This money has saved the lives of an infinite number of people worldwide.

1995 is not unlike any other year. Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer will continue as people in our province, like others in Canada and around the world, will once again participate in the world's largest fundraising event for cancer research.

Individuals of all ages are encouraged to get involved by participating in their local Terry Fox Event. For more information contact the Saskatchewan provincial office at 1-800-565-8369 province wide or 757-1662 in Regina.



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(80 Positions)

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Competition #4004 MANAGER OF SLOT OPERATIONS
(One Positions)

Manages and directs the slot operation including advice on product mix. Provides technical services and liaise with vendors. Superior analytical skills, electronics and computer systems essential.

Competition #4005 SLOT SHIFT MANAGER
(Five Positions)

Supervises the smooth operation of the slot department. Experience in the industry is an asset.

Competition #4006 SLOT MACHINE ATTENDANTS
(Nineteen Positions)

You will assist customers and perform minor technical repairs to the slot machines. Provide excellent and friendly customer service. An aptitude for minor repair required.

Competition #4007 COUNT SUPERVISOR
(Two Positions)

Responsible for accurate and proper completion and documentation of the money count process. Banking or related experience preferable.

Competition #4008 CHANGE ATTENDANTS
(Eighteen Positions)

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(Eight Positions)

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Selection interviews for the above noted competitions will be staged over the months preceding the casino opening.



Rabbit Rub-A-Boo

Ingredients

2 whole rabbits
(cut up accordingly)

2 cups of oatmeal

1/2 cup of flour

1/2 tsp. of salt

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