

REGINA BRANCH OF SASKATCHEWAN METIS ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS it appears from evidence gathered that the Metis of Saskatchewan have an unliquidated interest in the Indian Title to the lands conveyed to the Crown by Treaties No. 4 and No. 6 made respectively at Fort Assiniboine in 1874 and Carlton and Fort Pitt in 1876.

That at the time of the Treaties, it was recognized that the people of the mixed blood had an ownership in the lands so conveyed to the Crown, and that it was the opinion of many constitutional authorities that their interests were equal to that possessed by the Indians; and that Sir Wilfred Laurier in the House of Commons (see Hansard 1896, page 809) declared that the Indian title could not be extinguished until the Metis has received equal value to that given the Indians.

Therefore be it resolved: that this Convention pass the following resolution to be presented to the Provincial Government. Viz: that steps be at once taken to liquidate the claims of the Metis people in respect to the Indian Title and that these claims may be generally set forth as

The establishment of a landed estate for the use of the Metis people which shall be administered in trust for their sole use and benefit.

That foundation live stock shall be furnished to enable them to engage in stock raising.

That the implements necessary to husbandry shall be provided.

That a capital fund be established for the benefit of the Metis people to take the place of the annuities which are paid in perpetuity to the Indians. This fund to be administered by a trust, which shall include representations of the Metis themselves, the interest of which shall be paid annually to those whose claims entitled them to it.

The establishment of schools, technical and otherwise, where the Metis children may receive the ordinary education and be instructed in trades that will enable them to make a living in a manner similar to that of the young people of other races.

That competent instruction be provided to direct the Metis in modern agricultural and stock raising methods, in fur farming, forestry and game conservation, and other industries suitable to the country.

That medical services and hospitalization be provided, as well as sanitary services.

That provision shall be made for the old and infirm as a matter of common right.

That a commission be appointed upon which there shall be a strong Metis representation to make a census of the Metis people in Saskatchewan, take evidence in respect to their claims, and bring in recommendation as to the best manner in which to solve this question.

That as to the such matters as husbandry and the Metis population at the present time and that the younger generation is growing up without help of its forefathers there should be as little delay as possible to giving attention to this subject.