

from day to day, and who understands the character and mentality of the Indian, is still a very important official. Centralized supervision there must always be, of course, and centralized control to a degree as well, but the reins should not be tightly drawn. The Indian is no more amenable than is the white man to long-distance government.

The authority of the Government to deal with all aspects of Indian affairs is as ample and complete today as it was in 1899 when Treaty No. 8 was signed. When individuals of mixed blood are admitted to treaty from time to time by the local agent with the approval, either express or implied, of the Department, it seems to me that their status, especially after the lapse of many years, should be held to be fixed and determined. This was the course recommended and approved in the years immediately following the treaty. These individuals acquire rights under the treaty and under the Indian Act, and these rights should not be lightly disturbed. They should have the same security of tenure and the same protection in the enjoyment of property rights, no matter how circumscribed these rights may be, as is accorded any other citizen of the nation.

I wish to express my appreciation of the great assistance I received from J. F. Lymburn, K.C., Counsel for the Department, and Mr. H. G. Johnson, Counsel for persons removed from the band rolls, as well as for the courteous consideration and assistance received from Mr. M. McCrimmon and Constable Skead.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. A. MACDONALD,
Commissioner.

BIGSTONE BAND

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Wabasca		Document No. 1
No.		No. of Persons
336.	Ossimeemas, Wife, Johny, Mary Rose.....	4
337.	Samuel Noskiye, son of 336.....	1
338.	Sophie Noskiye, sister of 337.....	1
353.	Archie Yessew, grandson of 336.....	1
175.	Widow M. Netowastanum, George, Harry, She is daughter of Okema..	3
223.	Napasis Okemow, wife of Okema, children.....	10
230.	Tuccatut Okemov, wife, 5 children.....	7
184.	Francois Bow-Noskiye, children	4
322.	Andre Noskiye, wife, children.....	9
306.	Ben Paul Noskiye, Mabel.....	2
190.	Wid. Andre Noskiye—8 illegitimate children of woman of Indian status	8
341.	Harry Letendre, 3 children. Unless it is shown his father took scrip, he is entitled to be on the band rolls.....	4
339.	Roger Letendre, wife, 2 children. He is a brother of No. 341 and in the same position. See letter Const. Skead July 4, 1944.....	4
37.	Wid. Joseph Carifer, and Harvey. Harvey is son of Harry Letendre, No. 341, and legitimized by subsequent marriage of parents....	1
221.	Johny Laboucan, wife, 7 children	9
294.	Adolph Laboucan, wife, 7 children.....	9
344.	Pierre Laboucan, Therese, Norman.....	3
330.	Marie Laboucan, 4 illegitimate children. The foregoing Nos. 221, 294, 344 are brothers and 330 is a sister. They are children of Sam Laboucan who died in 1941. The evidence establishes the father of these children did not take scrip. They are all entitled to be in treaty, including the 4 illegitimate children of Marie.....	5