

I am informed that in the month of May, 1879, I made a declaration in support of the application of the said Henry Joseph Clarke for a Crown Patent for said lots five and seven, and that in said declaration I stated that I took up and settled on said land in the year 1862; that I sold to said Henry Joseph Clarke said lots five and seven, and that the boundaries of said land so sold was a coulé, which separated the same from the Hudson's Bay Company, and thence twenty chains fronting on Red River and two miles back. *I can neither read nor write, nor do I understand the English language*, and I solemnly declare that I never understood that I was making any such declaration; that I did not say that the boundary of my said land was as above described, or that I sold said Henry Joseph Clarke twenty chains of land, but that I understood from him that I would only be *entitled to twelve chains* of land, and only sold him twelve chains.

10. I further solemnly declare that I did not state to him or any other person that I settled on said land in 1862, and I did not understand that it was so stated in said declaration.

*Joseph Goudon.*—Declaration 19th July, 1879.

1. *From the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, until the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two*, I lived on what is now known as Lot number five (5) of Dominion Government surveys of the Parish of St. Agathe, aforesaid.

2. I was well acquainted with Michael Meehan, who, in 1870, and 1871, kept a grog shop on the main highway near West Lynne, in said Parish.

3. Said Michael Meehan built a house and stable near the outer two miles limit of Lot number twenty-three (23) in said Parish, and about three-quarters of a mile to the north of the northerly side line of Lot number 9 in said Parish.

4. Said house and stables were built after a detachment of troops from what is known as the First Expedition were stationed at Pembina Post, the Post of the Hudson's Bay Company, and, consequently, after the fifteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

5. Said house was only a shanty, with a flat roof, about six or seven feet high, and about twelve feet by twenty feet in size.

6. The stables consisted of a few logs covered with hay.

7. Said Meehan carried on the business of liquor selling in said house for about one year, when he moved away. He never had any fencing or cultivation in connection with the same.

8. Said Meehan never lived or had any improvements on said Lot nine.