

Ex-Governor Morris compiled a book showing the different treaties that Canada had made with the Indians, and dedicated the work to the Earl of Dufferin. In that book there is a full copy of the Selkirk Treaty and a map of the lands ceded. There is also a portion of the deed given by the Hudson's Bay Company to Lord Selkirk in 1811, a very small portion however, the larger portion of the deed is kept out of print. The map of the country deeded by the Hudson's Bay Company is also kept from the public. The map of Selkirk's estate that I am sending you should have appeared in Ex-Governor Morris' book."

11. On the 8th April, 1889, Mr. R. Marion, M. P. P., when starting for Ottawa carried with him a list of all the claims, and handed them to the Minister of Interior when arriving at Ottawa. The 14th claim in this list was that of the retired servants of the Hudson's Bay Company.

12. A letter was sent by the Old Settlers Committee to the Minister of Interior in April, 1889, with the list of claims, the retired servants claim included, letters and lists of these claims were sent at the same time to Sir D. A. Smith and R. Watson, M. P. P.

13. A petition was sent to the Minister of the Interior in June, 1889, signed by French and English inhabitants asking for the appointment of a commission to settle this and other claims.

14. In the month of July, 1890, the writer interviewed the Hon. E. Dewdney at Ottawa, three interviews were held discussing the various claims, the retired servants claim to the one-tenth part of Lord Selkirk's Estate was fully discussed, the writer having with him a copy of Colony Register A. It was the first

time the original titles had been seen by the Deputy Minister, Mr. A. M. Burgess, and to his great surprise although he expressed no desire to get them.

15. On the 6th March, 1905 a memorial was sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, asking him to provide for grants of land to the retired servants of the Hudson's Bay Company and their descendants, in the Autonomy Bills creating the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave a very kind reply on the 21st April, 1905.¹

16. On or about the 16th June, 1905, a petition to his Excellency the Governor General and Council was sent to Mr. Lamont, M.P., Ottawa, for presentation. This petition was handed to the Minister of the Interior at Ottawa.

When Governor Schultz handed me Register A. in Government House, Winnipeg, he asked me not to give publicity then, to the facts concerning the true ownership of the lands in the old District of Assiniboia. I questioned the reason, the Governor told me that "the Canadian Government had made a terrible blunder in the way they took over the District of Assiniboia and it would never do for it to be known that as a servant of the Government I have handed you this powerful weapon." Governor Schultz also pointed out other very substantial reasons for maintaining silence at that time, which I need not mention now but which I have carefully guarded. Since coming to reside in Saskatchewan on the 13th April, 1899, I drew the attention of the Hon. J. A. Smart, then Deputy Minister of the Interior to the great value of Register Book "A." I informed him that "the book was at Government House, Winnipeg, that there is a copy in London, England, another in Edinburgh, and I