

of the Interior land officials, that I would obtain my entry, and have been notified that I can make entry, and purpose doing so shortly.

Sworn before me, in Township 47, Range 26, west of 2nd M., this 11th day of December, 1885. (Signed) Wm. Pearce, Supt. (Signed) NORMAN MCKENZIE.

That is the affidavit of Mr. Norman McKenzie.

Mr. LAURIER. What is the date?

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). The date is the 11th of December, 1885. I suppose the date does not affect the veracity of the man who swears. I hope the hon. gentleman after his frightful attack upon the Government for having insulted the half-breeds, by bringing down a return, is not going to suggest that all the half-breeds swore falsely, in order to help the Government out of a difficulty.

Mr. LAURIER. My question did not imply that.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). If not that, it implies nothing. Here is another affidavit, from one of the two first settlers:

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES: { I, Solomon Boucher, of Section 11, Township 45, Range 27, W. 2nd, farmer, make oath and say:

1st. That I am 23 years of age, came with my father, Jean Baptiste Boucher, my sister, Marie Lavillie, a widow, and my brothers, Jean Baptiste Boucher, junior, and Charles Eugène Boucher. The latter attained the age of 18 years on the 1st December, 1882, together with several other younger brothers and sisters, in August, 1882; and have resided in my father's house on the N.W. ¼-sec. 11, in said township, continuously since, up to this date. Came from Baie St. Paul, and participated in the Manitoba half-breed grant.

2nd. That my sister, Marie Lavillie, and my brother, Chas. Eugène Boucher, have also been in my father's house, continuously, since August, 1882, except my sister, who has lived in Prince Albert since last March.

3rd. About 2 weeks after we came here, this township was surveyed. At that time we had about 2 acres of breaking; my brother Charles 2 furrows; my sister Marie had about 1 acre; my brother Jean Baptiste Boucher, junior, not certain whether he had any or not.

4th. My sister, Marie Lavillie, has 1 child, and has done no further improvements on the land.

5th. I have now at least 10 acres of breaking, set of house logs worth about \$50, and fencing to the extent of 20 chains, worth \$20.

6th. My brother Eugène has 2 acres breaking and a set of house logs which he sold, and also 20 chains of fencing.

7th. At the time of the survey we were told by the surveyor that we were on a school section; but he said he supposed it was all right, and that we would obtain entry. Since then have never been told that we could not obtain entry. Deferred urging to obtain entry, thinking this would be surveyed into river lots, or entry granted so as practically to give that. Heard this land was within a colonisation company's tract, but no official of that company ever said anything to me, nor do I believe, to any of the family, or I should have heard of it. The fact of this land being within a colonisation company's tract never gave my father, brother, sister, or myself any concern whatever, as we always believed we would eventually obtain entry as we desired.

Sworn before me, at Township 45, Range 24, W. 2nd Meridian, this 9th day of December, 1885, having been first read over and explained to him, and he seemed thoroughly to understand the same. (Signed) SOLOMON BOUCHER. (Signed) Wm. Pearce, Superintendent.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES: { I, Jean Baptiste Boucher, junior, of Section 10, Township 45, Range 27, west of the 2nd meridian, farmer, make oath and say:

1st. That I have heard read over to me the foregoing affidavit of Solomon Boucher, my brother, concerning the lands mentioned by him and now claimed by myself, my brothers, a sister and mother (and by my mother on behalf of my father, Jean Baptiste Boucher, senior), and that the same is true and correct in every particular, with the exception that at the date of the survey by Hugh Wilson, D.L.S., in 1882, I had 1½ acres of breaking on the westerly 10 chains of section 11-45-27, W. 2, which land I now claim as a pre-emption, and that I particularly state I never heard, nor do I think my family ever heard that the Government had disposed of the land, and that I could not eventually obtain entry therefor, nor that any of the settlers in Township 45, R. 27, W. 2 M. could not obtain entry for their lands as claimed.

Sworn before me at Township 47, Range 26, West of 2nd Meridian, this 11th day of December, 1885. Having been first read over and explained, and he thoroughly seemed to understand the same. (Signed) J. BAPTISTE BOUCHER. (Signed) Wm. Pearce, Superintendent.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell).

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES: { I, William Bremner, of Section 10-45-27, To wit: } west 2nd M., farmer, make oath and say:

1st. That I came from the parish of St. Charles, in Manitoba, in August, 1882, with my sons Moise Joseph and Alexander, and my son-in-law J. Baptiste Boncher, to township 45-27, W. 2, and have resided here ever since; lived in St. Charles about 40 years previously.

2nd. That about two weeks after I settled here the survey was made by Hugh Wilson, D.L.S. At the time of survey I had about two acres broken, and the foundation of a house laid. My son Moise had no improvements and remained with me till the following spring. My son Alexander had the foundation of a house laid on the S.-W. ¼ 10, which he gave to my son William, who arrived the following year, and then began to have building mentioned on E ¼ of W. ¼ section 5, and completed the house and commenced to reside thereon in the autumn of 1884. My son Joseph had no improvements at time of survey. Commenced to prepare for building in the winter of 1882-83, and commenced residence in the autumn of 1885, but has been farming it for the past two years, living, however, with me. My son William, since the summer of 1883 has been living on the S.-W. ¼ section 10 till the summer of 1885.

3rd. That at the time of survey we had not made up our minds how we would take the land. I came up here on account of my family. They desired the land to be taken up as river lots, and we decided to try and obtain it that way. My son Alexander concluded he would be too much cramped so gave his claim to William Bremner and moved to section 5. We never applied for entry at D. L. office, Prince Albert, waiting to see whether entry would be granted in 10 chain river frontage or not.

4th. That I never was told, nor do I believe, my sons or son-in-law were, or I should have heard of it, that we could not obtain entry for the land as we desired it. Riel once told me, possibly we would not obtain it. Had we believed him we would then have abandoned it, nor continued to make further improvements as we have done.

Sworn before me at Prince Albert, this 9th day of December, 1885, after having been first read over and explained to him thoroughly which he seemed to understand fully. (Signed) WILLIAM BREMNER. his mark (Signed) WILLIAM PEARCE, Superintendent.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES: { I, Moise Bremner, of Section 10, Tp. 45, Range 27, W. 2nd M., farmer, make oath and say:

1st. That I am the Moise Bremner mentioned in the foregoing affidavit of my father, Wm. Bremner, and that I have heard read over to me the foregoing affidavit of said Wm. Bremner, and that all the statements therein contained are true in substance and in fact, and I particularly declare that I, nor do I believe any of the settlers in Township 45, Range 27, W. 2nd M., were ever told by any one who could speak with any authority or who knew anything reliable about our land claims, that anyone would lose his or her claim.

Sworn before me at Section 10-45-27, W. 2nd, this 9th day of December, 1885, having first been read over and explained to him, who seemed to fully understand the same. (Signed) WM. PEARCE, Superintendent. (Signed) MOISE BREMNER.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES: { I, Joseph Bremner, of Section 10, Tp. 45, Range 27, W. 2nd M., farmer, make oath and say:

1st. That I am the Joseph Bremner mentioned in the affidavit of Wm. Bremner, my father, corroborated by my brothers Moise and Alexander in an affidavit dated the 9th December, 1885, respecting the land claims of the said William Bremner, Moise Bremner and Alexander Bremner, and my own claim, and those of settlers generally in Township 45, Range 27, West 2nd M., particularly those portions relating to not obtaining our claims, the land covered by them having been handed over or sold by the Government to other individuals, corporation or colonisation company, and declare that the statements contained in the declaration of Wm. Bremner, corroborated by the said Moise and Alexander Bremner, are true and correct in every particular, except regarding the statement of said Wm. Bremner as to date Alexander commenced residence on his claim, it being, as stated by Alexander, in April, 1884, not autumn, 1884, as stated by William Bremner.

Sworn before me at Township 48-27, W. 2nd, this 12th day of December, 1885, it having been first read over and explained thoroughly, and he fully understood what he was subscribing to. (Signed) WM. PEARCE, Superintendent. (Signed) JOSEPH BREMNER.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES: { I, Alexander Bremner, of Section 5-45-27, To wit: } West 2nd, farmer, make oath and say:

1st. That I am the Alexander Bremner spoken of in the foregoing affidavit of my father, William Bremner, and state that everything men-