

ing winter. I cannot say whether he was on the land of the Gosselin's or of Goudon's.

(Signed)

L. SIMONET, O.M.I.

Ottawa, 7th February, 1881.

True Copy.

(Signed)

ALEXANDRE,
Arch. de St. Boniface.

Antoine Collin.—Declaration 14th March, 1881.

1. I know the land the subject of this application. It is now known as lot number nine (9), in the Parish of St. Agathe, in the Province of Manitoba.

2. I knew well "Mike" Meehan, an Irishman who used to sell whiskey near the old boundary post on the road leading to Fort Garry; we used to call him "*le vieux Bœuf Noir*," as he owned a large pair of black oxen, and we did not like him because he was very cross and ugly.

3. The year before the Canadian soldiers came to the Hudson's Bay Fort the said Mike Meehan settled down on the west side of the river, about twelve or fifteen chains from Joseph Goudon's house and just about where Mr. Winkler's house is now, near the new bridge, only nearer to the river; he cut down wood and commenced to build a house such as settlers used to build in this country, and we did not like to have him so near us because he was cross. One of my brother-in-law's cattle was badly shot and came to the house wounded, and we suspected Mike Meehan, which made us hate him the more. Goudon and myself had some talk about him and how to get him away from that. Goudon told me that Meehan wanted to know where his boundary was and that he replied he did not know, but thought he might be on his land. A short time after this I went myself and tore down his log house when he was absent, and then he went out to the other end of the lot, according as we understood it at the time, and built the house and stable which he occupied, and he sold whiskey in the house that I have described on the roadside, till after the troops arrived. It was then understood that he had sold his claim and buildings to Mr. Clarke, the Attorney General, and he went away and built another house several miles further down the road where he kept a stage stopping place till he went away out of the country. He was in full possession of the place at the time of the transfer and up to the time he sold to Mr. Clarke.

4. We always understood that our claims were twelve chains by two miles each.