

of my forced absence during the Riel Rebellion, I have permanently resided there since 1864.

2. I knew well a man by the name of Michael Meehan ; he was called "Mike" Meehan as a general thing by the people.

3. The said Meehan used to be around Winnipeg with others of the same kind, such as "Bob," "O'Lone and Jimmey from Cork, and in the year 1869 the said Meehan went to North Pembina, that is to say, on the British side of the boundary line, and built a log house (all the houses in the country were log houses at that time) about half a mile, as near as I can now recollect, to the north and west of the Hudson's Bay Post at North Pembina, on the west side of the road leading to Fort Garry, and certainly within the two mile limit from the Red River.

4. I am quite certain as to Meehan's having his house built there in the fall of 1869, as he sold whiskey there, and I was in his house three or four times, and got drink in his house in the fall of 1869. Meehan's house was as good, if not a great deal better, than the houses of the French half-breeds in that neighbourhood, and he had his family there living with him.

6. Meehan continued selling whiskey at that place up to the early spring of 1871, and then moved away ; and it was generally well understood that he had sold his buildings and land to the then Attorney General of Manitoba, the present applicant.

*John Connor.*—Declaration 8th January, 1881.

1. That in the month of October, 1869, I went with the Honourable William McDougall to the said Province of Manitoba, and about the 1st of November, 1869, was stationed at the Hudson Bay Fort at North Pembina.

2. That I knew Michael Meehan, who lived in a log house or shanty on the Canadian side of the line, about half a mile from the fort, near the road leading to Fort Garry, and that the door of the said house or shanty faced the said road leading to Fort Garry.

3. That at the said fort and within vicinity I remained about two months, and that during that time the men under my charge were in the habit of going to Meehan's to purchase whiskey.

4. That it was well known at the fort and the vicinity that the said Meehan was in the habit of selling whiskey.

And I make this, etc.

*Alphonse Fortunat Martin.*—Declaration 26th November, 1880.

1. I know the lands the subject of this application during the past eight years.