

SUPPLEMENTARY RETURN

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To an ORDER of the HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated the 4th March, 1886;—For copies of all papers found in the Council room of the insurgents, or elsewhere at Batoche, especially including:

1. The diary of Louis Riel
2. The minute book and Orders in Council of the insurgent Council.
3. The correspondence of Louis Riel.

By Command.

J. A. CHAPLEAU,
Secretary of State.

Department of the Secretary of State,
11th May, 1886.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OTTAWA, 10th May, 1886.

SIR,—Referring to my communication of the 4th instant, I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting in Lindsay school house, which completes the return of all papers found at Batoche, in compliance with the order of the Honorable the House of Commons of the 4th March last.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. BURBIDGE, *Deputy Minister of Justice.*

The Under Secretary of State.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT LINDSAY SCHOOL.

At a mass meeting held at Lindsay schoolhouse, 23rd March, 1885, the following was unanimously adopted:

1st. That a petition be sent to the Government setting forth that the French in this district have taken up arms.

2nd. That the Indians, to a great extent, are in sympathy with them.

3rd. That the English half-breeds and Canadian settlers likewise have grievances, and are in sympathy with them to get redress of grievances in a lawful manner, but not to take up arms.

4th. That there is great danger of a civil war—an Indian war—and all that that means.

5th. That the French have rights and are determined men.

6th. That there is no way of settling this disturbance but by treaty or war.

7th. That the neutral party, the English half-breeds and Canadian settlers who wish to remain at peace, and their wives and families, do beg of the Government to treat with the settlers giving them their just rights and save the destruction of their families.

8th. That we have come to this country in good faith that we would have our rights respected as British subjects.

9th. That the Government has refused to treat with settlers till our party could bear it no longer, and will have their rights or die.

10th. We therefore beg of the Government to do justice to the settlers, treat with them and save the effusion of blood.

THOMAS F. MILLER, *Chairman,*
WILLIAM MILLER, *Secretary,*
And 455 others.