

9. Mike Meehan, with his wife and family of several children, lived in the house he built on the roadside for, I am certain, over a year, till he sold to Mr. Clarke, and it was when I heard that Clarke had bought him out that I thought I would try and sell to Mr. Clarke also, which I did.

10. Meehan's buildings consisted of a good log house and stables. His stable was a little distance from the house, and was enclosed with a substantial rail fence. I have been over the ground within a few days past with Mr. Martin, the Surveyor, and others, and I pointed out the remains of Meehan's house and stables. They are quite visible—the cellar and a considerable lot of logs half buried under the ground. The site is near and to the north-west of the old oak boundary post, which stands about seven (7) feet high. I cannot be mistaken in the place. I know it well, and have been there very often when Meehan lived there, and could see it quite plainly from my house; in fact he was one of my nearest neighbours on that side of the river.

11. I know Alexander Scott and am shown his declaration, which is read to me, in which he says there never was any improvement on Lot nine since he came to the country. In saying that he tells a very deliberate untruth, because Mr. Winkler's house and outbuildings were, at the time he made that declaration, on the said lot (9), and no one who was not blind could possibly come in from the Marais or cross the ferry to Emerson without seeing the buildings on the lot, unless darkness or blindness prevented them.

*Thomas Spence.*—Declaration 13th January, 1881.

1. I went to the Hudson's Bay Territory, now the Province of Manitoba and North-West Territory, in the year 1866, and have lived there ever since that time.

2. The foreign population was very limited at the time I went there, and continued to be so until after the year 1870, so that all strangers in the country were easily known.

3. I knew one Mike, or Michael, Meehan, who had a log house at North Pembina, on British territory, on the road leading at that time to Fort Garry. His house was a good ordinary log house, and was about half a mile north of the Hudson's Bay fort, or post. Meehan lived there with his family and sold whiskey.

4. I distinctly remember that Meehan was living in that house in the year 1869, and that I was in the house and saw him there. It was the fall of the year before the transfer of the Hudson's Bay Territory to the Dominion.

*Walter R. Bowen.*—Declaration.

1. I went to the Hudson's Bay Territory, now Manitoba and the North-West Territory, in the year 1864, and, with the exception