

lines of the lots in rear ; Mr. Clarke's name was marked on these four posts ; they marked the rear of Lots 5, 7, 9 and 11, all of which Mr. Clarke claimed, as follows : Lots 5 and 7, as being purchased by him, Clarke, from Joseph Goudon ; Lot 9, as having been purchased from one Mike or Michael Meehan, and Lot 11, on a volunteer warrant.

4. I remember the remains of Mike Meehan's house. It was, as the lines of survey then ran, on, or very near, the rear of Lot 23 ; but, as the lines run since the survey of the Dominion Government, it would be just on, or very near, the rear of Lot "9," and, finding the land vacant on Lot "9," and occupied and claimed on Lots "23" and "25," I fixed on Lot 9 as Mr. Clarke's lot, under Meehan's title, and so entered Mr. Clarke's name for it.

5. I know Joseph Goudon, and see and speak to him often. I was present at the office of William Hill Nash, Barrister, and a Commissioner for taking affidavits in B. R. etc., on the third day of May, 1879, when Joseph Goudon, David Goudon, Augustin Gosselin and Jacques St. Denis came to the office to make their several solemn declarations in support of the application of Henry Joseph Clarke for patents for Lots numbers five (5), seven (7) and nine (9), in the Parish of St. Agathe. They were all perfectly sober, and their declarations were written in my presence, and in the presence of William Williams, William Hill Nash and Henry J. Clarke. They dictated their declarations, word for word, as nearly as could be, as they are written, and their declarations were carefully read over to them in the French and English languages ; first, by Mr. Clarke, in my presence, and, afterwards, at Mr. Clarke's request, I read their several declarations over again to them in the French language in the most cautious manner, so that there could be no possibility of their being in any manner mistaken as to the facts set forth in their declarations, after which they severally signed, and, under oath, declared that they contained the truth, before the Commissioner.

6. Joseph Goudon, I see by a declaration made by him on the 19th day of July, 1879, before Sedley Blanchard, a Commissioner, etc., says : "I cannot read or write, nor do I understand the English language, and I must have misunderstood the Commissioner who took the declaration." I MOST POSITIVELY DECLARE THAT JOSEPH GOUDON UNDERSTANDS AND SPEAKS THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERY FAIRLY, AND THAT HE PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD AND DECLARED TO EVERY WORD AND FACT SET FORTH IN HIS DECLARATION, as I read it to him, as I did those of all the others in the French language, as I have before stated.