

end of my claim, on the road to Fort Garry, which I did, as I described in my former deposition, and as it was getting a little late in the fall I had to get logs to build with from some men who were rafting oak logs down the river from Dakota.

5. My buildings were solid and good, better than any half-breed buildings in that neighbourhood, and were near the old boundary post, as I fully intended, on the other end and within the two miles of the front of the claim I had built my first upon as I have stated.

6. I have often seen the place where my house and stable stood when I sold out to Mr. Clarke. The place is quite visible. The last time I passed there, there were some of the oak logs still so be seen, half covered with earth. The place where the cellar was, there still must be a hole, and the whole place was, and must be still, surrounded with tall reeds, such as always spring up around any old buildings or settlement in the prairies.

7. Joseph Goudon's stables, on his claims between my claim and his dwelling house and barn were still standing, and occupied by his cattle and horses, when I sold out to Mr. Clarke in the spring of A.D. 1871, and were always occupied. He was very comfortable for a half-breed, and had a good many cattle and horses, and his house and barn, which were on the other claim, next the coule, were good and comfortable buildings, and he had a good deal of fencing and cultivation on both his claims. The half-breeds as a general thing did not farm much of their land, but kept all the cattle and horses they could, and drank a good deal of whiskey, when they could get it to drink.

8. Before building on the Red River the Hudson's Bay Company's Clerk, at that time, came and also showed me where to build my house, and said that nobody would interfere with me. The name of that Clerk I forget, but he was the head man of the Hudson's Bay Company.

*Rev. Father Simonet.*—Letter 27th January, 1881.

Extract of a letter addressed to Monseigneur Taché, by the Rev. Father L. Simonet, formerly missionary at Pembina:—

MANNINOOKI, 27th Jan., 1881.

MY LORD,—The spring when I went to Pembina, that is to say, in 1870, Mike Meelan was living to the north of the post of the Hudson's Bay Company, about a mile from the Red River, on the road to Winnipeg. He was there still during the follow-