

my house and land there, perhaps, to the present time, had I not sold my land and improvements to Attorney General Clarke, of Winnipeg. I sold to him in the end of March, 1871, and gave a deed to him, which was written and witnessed by Mr. Sinclair, a surveyor, and another man, I believe a policeman. I was paid \$125 cash for my land and improvements from Mr. Clarke, which was a long price at that time, but my buildings were well worth it, for land was looked upon as of very little value—every man took as much as he liked. I afterwards took up land about four miles further north, and for two years kept the stage stopping house, until I finally sold out and came to live here.

The Goudons know me well; they both speak English very well, for Half-breeds; I always spoke with them in English; I cannot speak French. David Goudon and myself were acquainted for a long time before I settled on the land I have described. We made trips together, and knew each other well. I considered my title to my land, when I sold it, just as good as any other man's title in the country, under the law passed by the Government of Canada about lands in Red River, and I sold the land, one hundred and sixty acres, in good faith to Attorney General Clarke, and I know, at the time I was paid \$125 for my claim and improvements, there were thousands of acres of land open for people to settle on all around, but the Hudson's Bay Company wanted to get rid of me from there, because I was selling whiskey and taking custom from their store, where whiskey was sold also.

Mr. Bradley, of the Custom House, knows me well, and knew me from the time he came to the Custom House till I sold to Mr. Clarke and moved away.

Joseph Goudon—Declaration 2nd November, 1880.

In July, 1879, I was sent for to my place at Two Little Points by the Hudson Bay Company and threatened if I did not go to West Lynne. I went there and was brought before a lawyer from Winnipeg, Mr. Blanchard, and Alexander Scott, of the Marais, acted as interpreter. Scott cannot speak French half as well as I speak English, and I thought it strange at the time why he should be asked to translate, but it was Mr. Blanchard who read the paper to us in English, and at the time we were all more or less under the influence of whiskey. I am now shown the declaration in question and swear I did not intend to make any such declaration, nor did I understand that I was made to declare any such things as are set forth in said declaration. I never did declare that I did not understand English, because it would be false, as I do speak English passably well, and understand it also.