

pany post. It is only natural to suppose then that it would have been more beneficial for Meehan to settle closer to the Fort had he thought that there were vacant lands between his house and the Hudson's Bay Company post, instead of putting his house where it is.

8. By a thorough survey of the land and the position of Meehan's house, and after ascertaining the old bearings, I cannot come to any other conclusion than that Meehan, when he built on the highway, had the intention of taking the land next to Joseph Goudon.

*Michael Meehan.*—Declaration 9th February, 1881.

1. I made a deposition in this matter on the 21st of April, A.D. 1880, and all the facts therein alleged and set forth are true.

2. When I made the deposition in question I forgot to mention one fact, which I am now told is of importance. It is this: When I first made up my mind to take up land near the Hudson Bay Fort, at what was then North Pembina, and is now known as West Lynne, I commenced to build on the river bank, as near as I could guess on the vacant land next to Joseph Goudon's claims, for I understood that his house and barn, which were close together, were on one claim, and his stables, which were two in number, and more than usually roomy for a half-breed, were on the other. I understood the claims to be twelve chains each in front by two miles in length, running back on the prairie, so I guessed as near as I could by the eye and by stepping it, to settle about what I would consider to be in about the middle of the twelve chains, coming next after Joseph Goudon's claim with his stable on it.

3. The place I chose to build on was a high spot near about where the new bridge is now built, and opposite where the lower ferry has been running up to this fall.

4. I cut down trees and began building my house while my family and self were living in a tent near by. I worked hard and got my house ready for covering, when I found that the Goudons were angry about something, so I went to Joseph and asked him to show me where his claims reached to. But he told me that he was not very certain till the lines would be run, but that he thought I might be on one of his claims. I knew well that I was not, but felt certain that the half-breeds did not want me there, but I was determined to hold on to the claim I had taken. I was away for a while at Pembina about that time, and when I got back from there my house was pulled down and most of the logs taken away. So then, as I wanted to do some trading, I thought it would be just as well to build out at the other