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day of July, 1870, the said Meehan took up the said land the subject of this application, and settled on it, built himself a house and additions, and lived continuously on the land in question. 4. That the said Meehan was in peaceable possession and occupation of the said land on the fifteenth day of July, 1870, and for some time afterwards, till he sold the said land and the buildings on it to the present applicant. 5. That I lived within about a mile or a mile and a half from Meehan's place while he was there," which shows that he was telling the truth at that time, and perfectly understood what he was dictating as his declaration. In March, 1874, I made application through my Attorney, Frederick McKenzie, Esq., of Winnipeg, Barrister, for a patent for the 160 acres of land which I bought from Meehan. That application was referred back in September, 1874, for further proof, which, owing to my absence from the Province for about four years, through illness, was not forwarded till after my return to Manitoba. In May, 1879, I forwarded to the Surveyor General further proof (with my application for a patent for lot number "9" (nine) which had been assigned to me on the plan of survey at my own request, and from the position of Meehan's buildings—lots 23 and 25 being claimed by others—by Mr. Martin, the surveyor, who was employed by the Government, after D'Auteuil's death) in support of my application made in March, 1874, and which application was duly advertised on the 1st of December, 1874, and which was as follows :—(Application in No. 1,396, 11th March, 1874.)

8. One Alexander Scott, *an old servant of the Hudson's Bay Company*, I see by the copy sent me from the Surveyor General's Office, made a declaration against my application for a patent for Lot nine (9), before Mr. Sedley Blanchard, on the 19th July, 1879, in which he declares as follows :

"1. *I have lived in the immediate neighbourhood of West Lynne, in the said Parish of St. Agathe, since the year 1867 and 6. No person ever lived on said Lot number NINE since I came to the Province of Manitoba.*"

Now, Alexander Scott has simply declared a very positive untruth, as is fully proved by the declarations of Mr. E. Winkler, who lives on the said Lot nine (9), and who has, with my knowledge and consent, built on it. Mr. Winkler is known to the whole of the people of Emerson as a prominent man in the town. Very considerable improvements have been made on said Lot NINE during the last four years, in ploughing, fencing, building and cultivation. The improvements on Lot nine, belonging to me, are worth one thousand dollars.

9. I send the declaration of William Hill Nash, Esquire ; F. T. Bradley, Esquire, Sub-Collector of Customs at Emerson ;