



ARTICLES OF A TREATY made and concluded at the several dates mentioned therein, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, between Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, by Her Commissioners the Honourable David Laird, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Indian Commissioner for the said Province and the North West Territories, James Andrew Joseph McKenna, of Ottawa, Ontario, Esquire, and the Honourable James Hamilton Ross, of Regina, in the North West Territories, of the one part; and the Cree, Beaver, Chipewyan, and other Indians, inhabitants of the territory within the limits hereinafter defined and described, by their Chiefs and Headmen, hereunto subscribed, of the other part:-

WHEREAS the Indians inhabiting the territory hereinafter defined have pursuant to notice given by the Honourable Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in the year 1898, been convened to meet a Commission representing Her Majesty's Government of the Dominion of Canada, at certain places in the said territory in this present year 1899, to deliberate upon certain matters of interest to Her Most Gracious Majesty, of the one part, and the said Indians, of the other.

AND WHEREAS the said Indians have been notified and informed by Her Majesty's said Commission that it is Her desire to open for settlement, immigration, trade, travel, mining, lumbering and such other purposes as to Her Majesty may seem meet, a tract of country bounded and described as hereinafter mentioned, and to obtain the consent thereto of Her Indian subjects inhabiting the said tract, and to make

a treaty and arrange with them, so that there may be peace and good will between them and Her Majesty's other subjects, and that Her Indian people may know and be assured of what allowances they are to count upon and receive from Her Majesty's bounty and benevolence.

AND WHEREAS the Indians of the said tract, duly convened in council at the respective points named hereunder and being requested by Her Majesty's Commissioners to name certain Chiefs and Headmen who should be authorized on their behalf to conduct such negotiations and sign any treaty to be founded thereon, and to become responsible to Her Majesty for the faithful performance by their respective Bands of such obligations as shall be assumed by them, the said Indians have therefore acknowledged for that purpose the several Chiefs and Headmen who have subscribed hereto.

AND WHEREAS the said Commissioners have proceeded to negotiate a treaty with the Cree, Beaver, Chipewyan, and other Indians, inhabiting the district hereinafter defined and described, and the same has been agreed upon and concluded by the respective Bands at the dates mentioned hereunder, the said Indians DO HEREBY CEDE, RELEASE, SURRENDER AND YIELD UP to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, for Her Majesty the Queen and Her successors forever all their rights, titles and privileges whatsoever, to the lands included within the following limits, that is to say:-

Commencing at the source of the main branch of the Red Deer River in Alberta, thence due west to the central range of the Rocky Mountains, thence north-westerly along said range to the point where it intersects the 60th parallel of  
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north latitude, thence east along said parallel to the point where it intersects Hay River, thence north-easterly down said river to the south shore of Great Slave Lake, thence along the said shore north-easterly, (and including such rights to the islands in said Lake as the Indians mentioned in the treaty may possess) and thence easterly and north-easterly X along the south shores of Christie's Bay and McLeod's Bay to old Fort Reliance near the mouth of Lockhart's River, thence south easterly in a straight line to and including Black Lake, thence south-westerly up the stream from Cree Lake, thence including said Lake, south-westerly along the height of land between the Athabasca and Churchill Rivers to where it intersects the northern boundary of Treaty Six, and along the said boundary easterly, northerly and south-westerly, to the place of commencement.

AND ALSO the said Indian rights, titles and privileges whatsoever to all other lands wherever situated in the North West Territories, British Columbia, or in any other portion of the Dominion of Canada.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to Her Majesty the Queen and Her successors forever.

And Her Majesty the Queen HEREBY AGREES with the said Indians that they shall have right to pursue their usual vocations of hunting, trapping and fishing throughout the tract surrendered as heretofore described, subject to such regulations as may from time to time be made by the Government of the country, acting under the authority of Her Majesty, and saving and excepting such tracts as may be required or

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taken up from time to time for settlement, mining, lumbering, trading or other purposes.

And Her Majesty the Queen hereby agrees and undertakes to lay aside reserves for such bands as desire reserves, the same not to exceed in all one square mile for each family of five for such number of families as may elect to reside on reserves, or in that proportion for larger or smaller families; and for such families or individuals Indians as may prefer to live apart from band reserves, Her Majesty undertakes to provide land in severalty to the extent of 160 acres to each Indian, the land to be conveyed with a proviso as to non-alienation without the consent of the Governor-General in ~~the~~ Council of Canada, the selection of such reserves, and lands in severalty, to be made in the manner following, namely, the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs shall depute and send a suitable person to determine and set apart such reserves and lands, after consulting with the Indians concerned as to the locality which may be found suitable and open for selection.

Provided, however, that Her Majesty reserves the right to deal with any settlers within the bounds of any lands reserved for any band as she may see fit; and also that the aforesaid reserves of land, or any interest therein, may be sold or otherwise disposed of by Her Majesty's Government for the use and benefit of the said Indians entitled thereto, with their consent first had and obtained.

It is further agreed between Her Majesty and Her said Indians subjects that such portions of the reserves and lands above indicated as may at any time be required for

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public works, buildings, railways, or roads of whatsoever nature may be appropriated for that purpose ~~tax~~ by Her Majesty's Government of the Dominion of Canada, due compensation being made to the Indians for the value of any improvements thereon, and an equivalent in land, money, or other consideration for the area of the reserve so appropriated.

And with a view to show the satisfaction of Her Majesty with the behaviour and good conduct of Her Indians, and in extinguishment of all their past claims, She hereby, through Her Commissioners, agrees to make each Chief a present of thirty-two dollars in cash, to each Headman twenty-two dollars, and to every other Indian of whatever age, of the families represented at the time and place of payment, twelve dollars.

Her Majesty also agrees that next year, and annually afterwards forever, she will cause to be paid to the said Indians in cash, at suitable places and dates, of which the said Indians shall be duly notified, to each Chief twenty-five dollars, each Headman, not to exceed four to a large Band, and two to a small Band, fifteen dollars, and to every other Indian of whatever age five dollars, the same, unless there be some exceptional reason, to be paid only to heads of families for those belonging thereto.

FURTHER, Her Majesty agrees that each Chief, after signing the treaty, shall receive a silver medal and a suitable flag, and next year, and every third year thereafter, each Chief and Headman shall receive a suitable suit of clothing.

FURTHER, Her Majesty agrees to pay the salaries of such teachers to instruct the children of said Indians as to

to Her Majesty's Government of Canada may seem advisable.

FURTHER, Her Majesty agrees to supply each Chief of a Band that selects a reserve, for the use of that Band, ten axes, five hand-saws, five augers, one grindstone and the necessary files and whetstones.

FURTHER, Her Majesty agrees that each Band that elects to take a reserve and cultivate the soil, shall, as soon as convenient after such reserve is set aside and settled upon, and the Band has signified its choice and is prepared to break up the soil, <sup>receive</sup> two hoes, one spade, one scythe, and two hay forks for every family so settled, and for every three families one plough and one harrow, and to the Chief for the use of his Band two horses or a yoke of oxen, and for each Band, potatoes, barley, oats and wheat (if such seed be suited to the locality of the reserve), to plant the land actually broken up, and provisions for one month in the spring for several years while planting such seeds; and to every family one cow, and every Chief one <sup>and one reaper</sup> bull, and one mowing machine for the use of his Band when it is ready for them; for such families as prefer to raise stock instead of cultivating the soil, every family of five persons two cows, and every Chief two bulls and two mowing machines when ready for their use, and a like proportion for smaller or larger families. The aforesaid articles, machines and cattle to be given once for all for the encouragement of agriculture and stock raising; and for such bands as prefer to continue hunting and fishing, as much ammunition and twine for making nets annually, as will amount in value to one dollar per head of the families so engaged in hunting and fishing.

And

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And the undersigned Cree, Beaver, Chipewyan and other Indian Chiefs and Headmen on their own behalf and on behalf of all the Indians whom they represent, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY PROMISE and engage to strictly observe this Treaty, and also to conduct and behave themselves as good and loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen. THEY PROMISE AND ENGAGE that they will, in all respects, obey and abide by the law; that they will maintain peace between each other, and between themselves and other tribes of Indians, and between themselves and others of Her Majesty's subjects, whether Indians, Half-breeds, or Whites, this year inhabiting and hereafter to inhabit any part of the said ceded territory; and that they will not molest the person or property of any inhabitant of such ceded tract, or of any other district or country, or interfere with or trouble any person passing or travelling through the said tract, or any part thereof, and that they will assist the officers of Her Majesty in bringing to justice and punishment any Indian offending against the stipulations of this Treaty, or infringing the laws in force in the country so ceded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Her Majesty's said Commissioners, and the Cree Chief and Headman of Lesser Slave Lake and the adjacent territory HAVE HEREBUNTO SET THEIR HANDS at Lesser Slave Lake, on the twenty-first day of June in the year herein first above written.

Signed by the parties hereto, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, the same having been first explained to the Indians by Albert Tate and Samuel Cunningham, Interpreters.

Fathon a. Lacomba  
as adviser of the  
Commissioner  
Geo. Lake

David Lewis  
Deputy Commissioner  
Jagwehema  
Chief Commissioner  
J. A. Ross  
Deputy Commissioner  
Tee noo shay oo  
his Chief  
Mark

H. E. Proulx

N. G. White  
 James Wakeley  
 Alexander Cote  
 Alexander Imp. Brown  
 W. H. Proulx  
 Simon Groulx  
 J. P. Proulx  
 J. M. Martineau  
 J. M. Proulx  
 W. H. Murray  
 Pierre Deschamps  
 J. M. Proulx  
 Richard Levesque  
 W. M. Levesque

Monstros <sup>his</sup> ~~meat~~ <sup>meat</sup> Head man  
 Felix Gu <sup>his</sup> ~~meat~~ <sup>meat</sup> do  
 Mesche may <sup>his</sup> ~~meat~~ <sup>meat</sup> do  
 Chaulu <sup>his</sup> ~~meat~~ <sup>meat</sup> do  
 Capitain <sup>his</sup> ~~meat~~ <sup>meat</sup> Head man from  
 Mingean Lake

Mair  
 H. A. Conway  
 Seavord  
 M. McCauley

In witness whereof the Chairman of  
 Her Majesty's Commissioners and the Chief  
~~and~~ Headman of the Indians of Peace  
 River Landing and the adjacent territory  
 in behalf of ~~themselves~~ <sup>himself</sup> and the  
 Indians whom ~~they~~ <sup>he</sup> represents have  
 hereunto set their hands at the said  
 Peace River Landing on the first



day of July in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and  
ninety-nine

Signed by the  
parties hereto  
in the presence  
of the undersigned  
witnesses, the  
same having  
been first explain-  
ed by the Indians  
by Father A. Lacombe  
and John Baucher,  
Interpreters.

A. Lacombe  
as advisor of  
the Commission  
to Enquire into the Affairs

Davis La Jol  
Chairman of Indian Land Com.  
St. Michael's  
Stagunau of Que's

Geo. Holmes  
Henry M<sup>c</sup>Corrister M<sup>c</sup>Corrister  
H. Anderson S. N. W. M. Belier  
P. Duchambault  
W. H. Barry  
J. A. Bick. J. A. Bick.  
Harrison Syming.  
J. H. Marton.  
David Leury Barry

In witness whereof the Chairman  
 of Her Majesty's Commissioners and the  
 Chief and Headman of the Beaver and Headman of the  
 other Indians of Vermillion and the  
 adjacent territory, in behalf of themselves  
 and the Indians whom they represent  
 have hereunto set their hands at  
 Vermillion on the eighth day of  
 July in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred and ninety  
 nine.

Signed by the  
 parties hereto  
 in the presence  
 of the undersigned  
 witnesses, the  
 same having  
 been first explain-  
 ed to the Indians  
 by Father A. Lacombe  
 and John Bourassa,  
 Interpreters.

A. Lacombe  
 is advisor of  
 the Commission  
 to General Com. de la

David Lewis  
 Chairman of Indian Treaty Com. }  
 Ambrose <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub> Tete bon }  
 Chief Beaver Indians }  
 Peter <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub> Tommie }  
 Skagwau of Beaver Sagwau }  
 Kuu tuu tuu-oo <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub> }  
 Skagwau of Cree Indians }

Walcott, Clerk  
 F. D. Wilson Notary  
 H. Murray  
 Pierre Duchambault  
 Homaymymy  
 J. H. Martin  
 A. P. Clark

Chas. H. Stuart Trade  
 H. Anderson of New Orleans