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 for the Province of Ontario, and for the Province of Quebec, and for the Province of Manitoba, and for the Province of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and for the Territory comprised within the limits hereinafter defined and described, and for the Dominion of Canada, by the Honourable David Laird, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Indian Commissioner for the said Province and the North-West Territories, James Andrew Joseph McKenna, Esquire, of Ottawa, Ontario, Esquire, and the Honourable James Hamilton Ross, of Regina, in the North-West Territories, of the one part: And the Cree, Chipewyan and other Indian 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 required 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 of the subjects of the other:

And whereas the said Indians have been treated 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 allowance they are to count upon and depend 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 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 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 said 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 No. and along the said boundary Easterly Northerly and South Westerly to the place of commencement:

And also the said Indians 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 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 hereinbefore 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 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 each Band as herein mentioned, the same not to exceed in all one square mile for each family of five for such number of families as may elect to settle on Reserves, or in that proportion for larger or smaller families; and for such families or individual Indians as may prefer to live apart from Bands Reserves, Her Majesty undertakes to provide land in severalty to the extent following, namely, the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs shall depute and send a suitable person to determine and set apart such Reserve 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 Indian subjects that such portions of the Reserves and lands above laid aside as may at any time be required for public works, buildings, railways or roads of whatsoever nature may be appropriated for that purpose 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 each, 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 one 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 Indians of said Indians as 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 conveniently after such Reserve is set aside and settled upon, and the Band has signified its choice and is prepared to break up the soil, receive 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 gathering, 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 bull, and one mowing-machine, and one reaper for the use of the Band when it is ready for them, for each families as seems to calm 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. In addition to the above, waggons, 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 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 law in force in the country so ceded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Her Majesty's said Commissioners, and the Cree Chief and Headmen of Lesser Slave Lake and the adjacent territory HAVE HEREUNTO 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.

Father A. LACOMBE,
GEO. HOLMES,
J. E. GROUARD, O. M. I.,
W. G. WHITE,
JAMES WALKER,
J. ARTHUR COTE,
A. E. SNYDER, Insp. N.W.M.P.,
H. B. ROUND,
H. KEBIS,
S. TOWNSEND,
J. P. PELLETIERRE,
J. W. MARTIN,
O. MAIR,
E. A. CONROY,
PIERRE DESCHAMBEAULT,
H. FOGERE,
RICHARD SULORD,
M. McCAULEY.

DAVID LAIRD, Treaty Commissioner,
J. A. J. McKENNA, Treaty Commissioner
J. H. ROSS, Treaty Commissioner.

his
KEE-NOO-SHA-YOO × Chief
mark

his
ROOSTOOS × Headman
mark

his
FELIX GIROUX × Headman
mark

his
WEE-CHEE-WAY-SIS × Headman
mark

his
CHARLES NEE-SUB-TA-SIS × Headman
mark

his
CAPTAIN × Headman
mark
from Sturgeon Lake.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Chairman of Her Majesty's Commissioners and the Chief and Headmen of Peace River Landing and the adjacent territory, in behalf of himself and the Indians whom he 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 explained to the Indians by Father A. Lacombe and John Sanders, Interpreters.

A. LACOMBE,
J. E. GROUARD, O.M.I., Ev. Fl'bora,
GEO. HOLMES,
HENRY McCORRISTER,
K. P. ANDERSON, Sgt. N.W.M.P.,
PIERRE DESCHAMBEAULT,
H. A. CONROY,
T. A. BRICK,
HARRISON S. YOUNG,
J. W. MARTIN,
DAVID CURRY.

DAVID LAIRD, Chairman of Indian Treaty Commissioners.

his
DUNCAN × TASTA-OOSTS
mark
Headman of Cree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Chairman of Her Majesty's Commissioners and the Chief and Headmen of Fort Vermilion and the adjacent territory, in behalf of themselves and the Indians whom they represent, have hereunto set their hands at the said Fort Vermilion 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 explained to the Indians by Father A. Lacombe and John Sanders, Interpreters.

A. LACOMBE,
J. E. GROUARD, O.M.I., Ev. of Hora,
MALCOLM SCOTT,
E. D. WILSON, H. B. Co.,
H. A. CONROY,
J. W. MARTIN,
PIERRE DESCHAMBEAULT,
HARRISON S. YOUNG,
J. W. MARTIN,
A. P. CLARKE,
CHAS. H. STUART WADE,
K. P. ANDERSON, Sgt. N.W.M. Police.

DAVID LAIRD, Chairman of Indian Treaty Commissioners.

his
AMBROSE × PETIT-ROBE
mark
Chief Beaver Indians.

his
PIERROT × POURNIER
mark
Headman, Beaver Indians.

his
KUIS-KUIS-KOW-OA PUDDOU ×
mark
Headman, Cree Indians.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Chairman of Her Majesty's Commissioners and the Chief and Headmen of the Chipewyan Indians of Fond du Lac (Lake Athabasca) and the adjacent territory, in behalf of themselves and the Indians whom they represent, have hereunto set their hands at the said Fond du Lac on the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth days 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 explained to the Indians by Pierre Deschambeault, Rev. Father Dumouz and Louis Robillard, Interpreters.

G. BREYNAT, O.M.I.,
HARRISON S. YOUNG,
PIERRE DESCHAMBEAULT,
WILLIAM HENRY BURKE,
BATHURST F. COOPER,
GERMAIN MERCREDI,

his
LOUIS × ROBILLARD.
mark

E. P. ANDERSON, Sgt. N.W.M.P.

DAVID LAIRD, Chairman of Indian Treaty Commissioners.

his
LAURENT × DESIDIS
mark
Headman.

his
TOUSSAINT ×
mark
Headman.

(The number assembled at Treaty being larger than at first expected, a Chief was allowed, who signed the Treaty on the 27th July, before the same witnesses to signatures of the Commissioners and Headmen on the 26th.)

his
MAURICE × PICHE,
mark
Chief of Band.

Witness, H. S. YOUNG

THE BEAVER INDIANS OF DUNVEGAN having met on this sixth day of July, in this present year 1899, Her Majesty's Commissioners the Honorable James Hamilton Ross and James Andrew Joseph McKenna, Esquire, and having had explained to them the terms of the Treaty unto which this Chief and Headmen of the Indians of Lesser Slave Lake and adjacent country set their hands on the twenty-first day of June in the year herein first above written, do join in the cession made by the said Treaty and agree to adhere to the terms thereof in consideration of the undertakings made therein.

In witness whereof Her Majesty's said Commissioners and the Headmen of the said Beaver Indians have hereunto set their hands at Dunvegan on this sixth day of July, in the year herein first above written.

Signed by the parties thereto, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, after the same had been read and explained to the Indians by the Reverend Joseph Le Treste and Peter Gunn, Interpreters.

A. E. SNYDER, Insp. N.W.M.P.,
J. LETRESTE,
PETER GUNN,
F. J. FITZGERALD.

J. H. ROSS,
J. A. J. McKENNA,
Commissioners.

his
NATOOSES ×
mark
Headman.

THE CHIPEWYAN INDIANS OF ATHABASCA RIVER, BIRCH RIVER, PEACE RIVER, SLAVE RIVER AND GULL RIVER, AND THE CREE INDIANS OF GULL RIVER AND DEER LAKE having met at Fort Chipewyan on this thirteenth day of July, in this present year 1899, Her Majesty's Commissioners the Honorable James Hamilton Ross and James Andrew Joseph McKenna, Esquire, and having had explained to them the terms of the Treaty unto which the Chief and Headmen of the Indians of Lesser Slave Lake and adjacent country, set their hands on the twenty-first day of June, in the year herein first above written, do join in the cession made by the said Treaty and agree to adhere to the terms thereof, in consideration of the undertakings made therein.

In witness whereof Her Majesty's said Commissioners and the Chiefs and Headmen of the said Chipewyan and Cree Indians have hereunto set their hands at Fort Chipewyan on this thirteenth day of July, in the year herein first above written.

Signed by the parties thereto, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, after the same had been read and explained to the Indians by Peter Mercredi, Chipewyan Interpreter, and George Drever, Cree Interpreter.

A. E. SNYDER, Insp. N.W.M.P.,
P. MERCREDI,
GEO. DREVER,
L. M. LEDOUSSAL,
L. DE CHAMBOUR, O.M.I.,
H. B. ROUND,
GABRIEL BREYNAT, O.M.I.,
COLIN FRASER,
F. J. FITZGERALD,
R. P. COOPER,
H. W. McLAREN.

J. H. ROSS,
J. A. J. McKENNA,
Treaty Commissioners.

his
ALEX. × LAVIOLETTE,
mark
Chipewyan Chief.

his
JULIEN × BATFAT,
mark

his
SEPT. × BEZELLA,
mark
Chipewyan Headman.

his
JUSTIN × MARTIN,
mark
Cree Chief.

his
ANT. × TACCAREOO,
mark

his
THOMAS × GIBBEY,
mark
Cree Headman.

THE CHIPEWYAN INDIANS OF SLAVE RIVER and the country thereabouts having met at Smith's Landing on this seventeenth day of July, in this present year 1899, Her Majesty's Commissioners the Honorable James Hamilton Ross and James Andrew Joseph McKenna, Esquire, and having had explained to them the terms of the Treaty unto which the Chief and Headmen of the Indians of Lesser Slave Lake and adjacent country, set their hands on the twenty-first day of June, in the year herein first above written, do join in the cession made by the said Treaty and agree to adhere to the terms thereof in consideration of the undertakings made therein.

In witness whereof Her Majesty's said Commissioners and the Chief and Headmen of the said Chipewyan Indians have hereunto set their hands at Smith's Landing on this seventeenth day of July, in the year herein first above written.

Signed by the parties thereto, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, after the same had been read and explained to the Indians by John Trindle, Interpreter.

A. E. SNYDER, Insp. N.W.M.P.,
H. B. ROUND,
J. H. KEBIS,
JAS. HALY,
JOHN TRINDLE,
F. J. FITZGERALD,
WM. McLELLAND,
JOHN SUTHERLAND.

J. H. ROSS,
J. A. J. McKENNA,
Treaty Commissioners.

his
PIERRE × SQUIRREL, Chief.
mark

his
MICHAEL × MAMDRILLE,
mark
Headman.

his
WILLIAM × KISCORRAY,
mark
Headman.

THE CHIPEWYAN AND CREE INDIANS OF FORT McMURRAY and the country thereabouts having met at Fort McMurray on the fourth day of August, in this present year 1899, Her Majesty's Commissioners James Andrew Joseph McKenna, Esquire, and Reverend Father Lacombe, O.M.I., and having had explained to them the terms of the Treaty unto which the Chief and Headmen of the Indians of Lesser Slave Lake and adjacent country set their hands on the twenty-first day of June, in the year herein first above written, do join in the cession made by the said Treaty and agree to adhere to the terms thereof in consideration of the undertakings made therein.

In witness whereof Her Majesty's said Commissioner and the Headmen of the said Chipewyan and Cree Indians have hereunto set their hands at Fort McMurray on this fourth day of August, in the year herein first above written.

Signed by the parties thereto, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses after the same had been read and explained to the Indians by the Rev. Father Lacombe and T. M. Clarke, Interpreters.

A. LACOMBE, O.M.I.,
ARTHUR J. WARWICK,
T. M. CLARKE,
J. W. MARTIN,
F. J. FITZGERALD,
M. J. H. VERNON.

J. A. J. McKENNA,
Treaty Commissioner.

his
ADAM × BOUCHER,
mark
Chipewyan Headman.

his
SEAPOTAKINUM × CREE,
mark
Cree Headman.

THE INDIANS OF WAPISCOW and the country thereabouts having met at Wapiscow Lake on the fourteenth day of August, in this present year 1899, Her Majesty's Commissioner the Honorable James Hamilton Ross, and having had explained to them the terms of the Treaty unto which the Chief and Headmen of the Indians of Lesser Slave Lake and adjacent country set their hands on the twenty-first day of June, in the year herein first above written, do join in the cession made by the said Treaty and agree to adhere to the terms thereof in consideration of the undertakings made therein.

In witness whereof Her Majesty's said Commissioner and the Chief and Headmen of the Indians have hereunto set their hands at Wapiscow Lake on this fourteenth day of August, in the year herein first above written.

Signed by the parties thereto, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, after the same had been read and explained to the Indians by Alexander Kennedy.

A. E. SNYDER, Insp. N.W.M.P.,
CHARLES RILEY WEAVER,
J. B. HENRI GIROUX, O.M.I., P.M.,
MURDOCH JOHNSTON,
C. FALHER, O.M.I.,
ALEX. KENNEDY, Interpreter.

J. H. ROSS, Treaty Commissioner,

his
JOSEPH × KAPUSEKONOW,
mark
Chief.

his
JOSEPH × ANSEY,
mark
Headman.

his
WAPOOSE ×
mark
Headman.

his
MICHAEL × ANSEY,
mark
Headman.

his
LOUISA × BEAVER,
mark
Headman.

H. A. CONROY,
JOHN McLROD,
M. R. JOHNSTON.

Certified a correct copy,
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs.