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- Transfer of families between bands in Lesser Slave Lake area.

Frank: I do not know much of the past but I listened to a speaker and remembered what he had to say. There was mention on the radio about scrip and I remembered what I knew of it. I had heard of it.

The halfbreeds had no rights. They weren't treaty status but they weren't white either - so they've always didn't really have anyplace they could belong.

That old man told me that the promises made to the Metis were not much different from that in the treaty made to the Indians.

Q: When the treaty was put into effect in the Grouard area, there was some Indians there who took the scrip. Although it was advised that all go under treaty status, there is those who felt they didn't want to be owned so then they took the scrip. What do you know about the hunting and fishing rights. There was land set aside for hunting but I personally feel that it was too small.

Frank: Yes it was. Many took the scrip but they regret it today.

Q: You reminded me of another thing. (Check for name), these people, where did they come from? Was it the Sawridge Band or here?

Frank: I'll tell it as I know it. All the Twins belong in the Slave Lake register. All of them. As it happened, that old man came here to hunt and trap. He stayed for approximately a year. No one resisted when he was voted a councillor so he stayed here. There was no one who wanted to be a leader. The councillors received \$5.00 and the chief, \$10.00. I never heard of him legally entering the reserve but he became a councillor nevertheless.

Then Victor took to the force and became the leader of Kinuso Reserve. That old Twin died not too long after. They were registered at Slave Lake. All of the old ones were from Slave Lake. No one entered them on the reserve.

If the people wanted any others here there would be no trouble in registering them. If they are in Slave Lake, they can have their own place, but it seems they can't do that when their father was a leader here. I really don't know where that goes. What do you think?

Q: Well, as I understand you and the old lady, they were given to wandering around. Staying here and there until it happened they were here and they became registered.

Frank: They weren't transferred?

Q: No, and if this is brought in and a search of records made, we'll probably find that they are registered over in Slave Lake.

Victor makes mention of the fact that one of his sisters gave up her treaty status and then, men and women were given \$50.00. She was paid from Slave Lake. How is that? Maybe that is where they are registered.

Frank: I'll tell you something, these officials in High Prairie don't care what's going on. They do something and view it as part of their job. They write down whatever they feel.

Q: That is true.

Frank: They don't follow what they are really supposed to be following.

Q: I cannot say you lie, I have seen what you say too.

Frank: I tell as I have seen it. I'm glad you asked me. I'll tell you the truth. Where you can use what I tell you, do so.

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