- A short interview in which the interviewees answer questions about their understanding of Treaty 8.

Mabel: Tell all what you know about the treaty.

Peter: And now we have to pay for everything.

Mabel: Do you have to pay for a license?

Peter: No, we don't have to but the ducks we can't kill.

Dan: And already they broke the treaties.

Mabel: I will be fifty-one years next month.

Dan: What is your name?

Mabel: Mabel Drisco, my maiden name was White. I was born and raised here in Calling Lake. From here we moved to Fort McMurray and that is where I got married.

Dan: Did your father take the scrip?

Mabel: I am not sure but my mother did take the scrip. We were given cattle and money but my mother claims she does not know the value of the scrip. So we didn't know the value of the
scrip was at the time but it was quite a bit she said. My auntie here should know if she should remember 'cause she is old.

Dan: How old is she?

Mabel: I don't know I searched around for her age and never found her baptism record but we did find records of her being godmother of some babies in Wabasca, but we have estimated her age past ninety years old. She is quite feeble now, she should remember very well about how the people received the scrip, but it was quite a bit my grandmother said 'cause they used to buy quite a bit of clothes with it. Here is the old lady now she will tell you more about it 'cause I just know a little amount. But as far as I know we, the following generation, never received even five cents so I don't know what happened or where it went of what belongs to us. I also hear of people from other places claiming mineral rights but here the people have no claims as far as I know. I am not a white woman I am an Indian I grew up an Indian.

Mrs. Frederick: I was fourteen at the time and I almost did not receive the scrip but the priest persuaded the commissioner to give me.

Dan: What was exactly a scrip money of a certain amount or a portion of land.

Mrs. Frederick: A lot of people took land and a lot of others took money.

Dan: Do you know how much money?

Mrs. Fredrick: No, I don't 'cause I was young, and didn't know anything at that time.

Dan: Did you and your father take the scrip?

Mrs. Fredrick: We all took the scrip. That was quite a while now, many years.

Dan: Seventy-four years ago and you were fourteen at the time so you must be ninety-eight years old.

Dan: Could you tell us about the history of the treaties; what was promised to them then?

Mabel: They want to know how you understand the treaties and what you know about it.

Peter: We used to get our treaty in Wabasca. They were given everything there, that was a long time ago. They used to get bacon and tea.

Mabel: What about medicine were you not to pay for it?

Peter: Yes.
Mabel: Well, you tell them what you know about it 'cause that is where you stand as a treaty Indian.

Peter: We didn't pay for everything.

Mabel: Were you ever given ration of food?

Dan: Were you also to receive ammunition such as powder and buckshots and also twine for nets?

Peter: No, we don't receive it. We also received canvas. Now it has been quite a while since we received it.

Dan: Did your father take treaty in Wabasca?

Peter: Yes.

Dan: And were they told if they wanted to farm they would be assisted?

Peter: Yes.

Dan: Does this reserve boundary run into water?

Peter: Yes, it does.

Dan: How much do you own just up to the shoreline?

Peter: I suppose so, it must be.

Dan: You don't know?

Peter: Yes.

Mabel: What about fish, can you kill it for food?

Peter: Yes, but we have to get a domestic license but we don't have to pay for it.

Dan: What about education, were you told not to pay for it?

Peter: No.

Dan: And medicine and doctor was also in the treaty?

Peter: Yes.

(End of Interview)
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