Irene: Mr. LaRocque and (inaudible) when I met him. That was in 1932.

Judy: Do you remember meeting Joe Ross or hearing of him?
Irene: Oh I heard of him. Him and Mac got together at the meetings. There was quite a few of them. There was from either... from, they come from the north, you know, North Battleford. They'd all come into Saskatoon and have a meeting here and try to raise enough funds to go Regina, or from there they trying to go to Ottawa -- but they never got that far.

Judy: Do you remember the name Tom Major?

Irene: Tom Major, yes I do, I remember the name. But I don't know them that good, I just heard them speaking at the meetings.

Judy: How about Joe McKenzie did you ever hear him speak at the meetings?

Irene: Joe McKenzie, yes I did. There was Joe and LaRocque, Pritchard...

Judy: Is that Sol Pritchard?

Irene: Yes.

Judy: And which Vandale was that?

Irene: It was Joe.

Judy: And they would just speak at the meetings?

Irene: Oh yeah, well the same... you know, they'd talk about different... and we'd sit there and listen to them talk, telling us how badly the people should... how they should live and what they should do now, you know, and not to give up. But then, like we said, we had no choice. If they had the money they would have went on with this, but we were just unlucky, we didn't have no money.

Judy: Was discrimination ever talked about at these meetings?

Irene: No, not really, they never talked about anything like discrimination, no.

Judy: Were any jobs talked about? What kind of jobs that they could find for Metis people.

Irene: Well they wanted the Metis people to go up in the north where they could, you know, do their hunting and fishing, and buy shelter, and work on roads out there, road allowance you know. This is what they talked about there. This is what they wanted them to do. This is what they wanted the government to give them out there -- but it didn't get right down to the government, where they got a few letters out and, I mean they didn't push that hard, I guess, because they didn't have enough money. I wish they would have at that time, I really do wish they would have so we could have went back out onto the country.
Judy: So that you could have gotten the land that you...

Irene: Yeah, got some land out there up in the north. It would have been beautiful, it's beautiful country out there.

Judy: What pieces of land you said that your father and mother...

Irene: They had the scrips, they called them scrips at that time, land scrips, and both my father and mother got, both of them got land scrips. What became of the land scrips we do not know. They said somebody bought them out so cheap. They come along and told them they had to get rid of this. This was the white people that done it.

Judy: Were they representatives of the government that told you this?

Irene: Yes, my mother said they were government people.

Judy: Do you remember that happening to any of your family's parents that their land had also been sold out from under them?

Irene: All of them, all the people. They had their land scrips and all that and they all got taken, every one of them. They never got really nothing, $200, $100. So what the heck is $100?

Judy: They actually got the money though.

Irene: They got the money, yeah, but then you see they were being bought out.

Judy: Did any of the people that you remember try to do anything about it, or did they just accept it?

Irene: They just accepted, but there was some other people later on tried but then they didn't get that far. They didn't, I don't think as yet they got that far, but they were just talking about that here not too long ago here, we were talking about that. Like, you know, your land should be worth more than $100 and they said it was good land. And I don't know they got it anyway, that's what they got for it. But again that was government people that bought it, they said, so the government must have done all right.

Judy: Well, Mrs. Dimick, that's about all the questions I have for you. I'd like to thank you for your cooperation.

Irene: Well I was glad to give my... what I know. I'd be glad to do it again, and I'd be glad to go out in the country and live again. (both laugh)

Judy: Thank you.
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