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- Promises made under Treaty 8.

Inter: How do you understand about the treaty rights, did you hear your father mention about the treaty? About how they were promised?

Paul: Yes, they talked about the treaty, but I am sorry that I did not took much notice about the treaty rights. Every was talked about, which there was lots of people at the meeting. Just like the treaties had been promised of the treaty as long as the sun shines and the river flows, should the government keep his promises, made to the Indian people. And that the Indian should not be stuck or deprived of his hunting and everything else. Any creature that lives on the earth, that he should kill for his own use, and to be brought to court if he killed any animal. That is what they were told. This is Paul Gladue who is 73 years old.

Inter: You never heard your father mention about children going to school?

Paul: He said that the children should go to school, just as long as they finish school.

Inter: Were they promised that they should get shells, pellets, for as long as eternity.

Paul: Yes, them things they should get for they promised to them. The Indian people should get shells, gunpowder, pellets, nets, canvas for tipis. Every 2 years they were to get the canvas. When there was a big family he got lots. These families did get, like food, etc.

Inter: How about medicine, doctor, hospital bills. Them were promised, and that they should not pay for them.

Paul: It was mentioned that they should not pay for these. Like, also when a sick person goes to a different hospital that he is not pay for travelling expenses and also when being discharged from hospitals that the government pay the bills. That an Indian should go to any doctor or hospital, without any troubles. These has been cut off too.

Inter: How about anything that is found on the reserve such as oil, gold, so that the Indian people should get some profit from the land.

Paul: That is what I've heard.

Inter: What did the old people say about the reserve joining into a lake? They did not mention that a reserve going into a lake that part of the lake belongs to them?

Paul: Yes! They said something about them. Just like this lake, it goes into the lake for about one mile. There is lots of fish, but the one mile that the lake joins the reserve, belongs to us.

Inter: So that one mile belongs to the people?

Paul: Yes.

Inter: What about medicine and doctor, were they to be provided?

Paul: Yes, they were to be provided with medicine and also a doctor and they were to have transportation provided when needed. Now we are paying for our own transportation and we were promised in our treaty that we would be provided transportation and medical help.

Inter: What if some minerals were to be found in a reserve? Would the treaty people have a share?

Paul: They were to have a share, I heard.

Inter: What if a boundary (reserve) line ran into water? What did they say about that? Would they own the water?

Paul: Just like this reserve here there is about a mile of water in the reserve. We have another lake which is in the centre of the reserve. We fish there and we own all that.

Inter: What about the Indians at that time did they accept the

treaty right away or did they hesitate?

Paul: They took it right away and didn't hesitate.

Inter: What did you ever hear your father mention about the treaties?

Paul: Yes, I did. I used to listen about the first treaty. They were promised best of things; I was a young kid then. They were promised as long as the sun shines and rivers flow they would be assisted in any way and as for game they could hunt all they wanted. And what he would never get prosecuted for what they kill that is what they told the treaty Indians.

Inter: Were they also promised education? Did your father ever mention anything about that?

Paul: The kids were to attend school till they were sixteen.

Inter: Were they also promised to be given ammunition always?

Paul: They used to receive buckshot, gunpowder caps and also canvas. They were to receive the canvas every two years. They used to receive a lot of canvas, and also they received ration of food.

Inter: Did your father ever mention that if a person wanted to farm or ranch that they would be assisted?

Paul: They were told that they did - plow, horses, houses, and cattle. We didn't receive anything now for about thirty years, and that is all gone.

Inter: What did the Indian do, did they jump up to take the treaty rights? Or else were they suspicious on to some time that might be catchy to it?

Paul: No! They did not think that there would be any catch.

Inter: Or did you hear your father mention about farming or else cattle, that they should get help through the Indian Affairs?

Paul: Yes! They were told that, and that they should get mowers, rakes and machine to use for farming. Which they promised to get when they made their treaty. It has been so long ago; these happenings should come through, but they never came. It has been about 30 years since they promised, but it never came.

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