As far back as I can remember, my father used to hunt for meat. Where we used to stay for long periods of time, he used to set a fish net there so we could eat fish. In the winter, we used to leave here two days after New Year's to move to Bear Mountain across the lake. Over there, he trapped and we would play as we were not old enough to trap yet. There were only two children; my brother was younger than me. This is how we lived, moving from place to place where my father used to hunt and trap. Sometimes we would not get home to Fox Point until April. In the fall we moved again where my father could hunt and trap. This happened every fall. Sometimes we came home early if my father wished.

When we came home in the spring, they planted gardens. Then at treaty time we all went to the settlement. Then after treaty day we all left. We all went away to our hunting grounds where we had meat to eat. When we ran out of other
things like tea, we came to the settlement to get these things. When we had meat, my mother used to dry it real good. This way it did not spoil. She did the same thing to fish, just enough for us to eat.

When I was able to help my mother and my brother was able to hunt, we used to learn all of these things from our parents. We used to go over to Pipestone Lake where sometimes we used to stay for a few months at a time. My brother did the hunting. Sometimes he would kill four moose which we shared with the people that were there too. Sometimes we all moved to where the moose were laying. We would make the drying racks right there instead of hauling fresh meat. It was not so heavy when it was dry. We did not have to haul heavy loads. My mother used to cut and dry the meat while I tanned the moose hide as my mother had taught me how to do it. Late in the evening when the work was done, I used to get all the meat off the bones. I used to break the bone and get all the marrow out as it is very good to eat with dry meat. My mother used to dry fish too and pound it. It looks like cornflakes. This lasted a long time too.

There was a school but I never went to school as there was only two of us and my parents did not want to part with us. If both of us left, my parents would be lonesome for us. Maybe this is why they did not let us go to school. I am always sorry that I didn't go to school as I don't understand English. I can't read either.

I don't remember the first Treaty Day. The first chief I remember was Joseph Charles.

Dog teams were used for travelling and, in the summer, canoes were used with paddles not with engines. In the winter we used two dog teams. Two days before Christmas we came to town.

We used to sell moose hides to the stores in exchange for goods. We got things on credit in the summertime. Then in the winter you paid the store with the fur you caught. We used to get $10.00 for a whole moose hide. Twice I sold half of a hide for $5.00. I bought a lot of stuff for that amount. Things were cheap then.

(Speaks of hunting ducks, travelling by canoe down Montreal River, when her mother was sick and taking her mother to La Ronge to see the nurse. Describes picking and selling berries, how much easier life is for women today and the treatment of the old people.)
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