

LETTERS: NORRIS TO BRADY ' _____

by

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Transcribed by David Morin

N // - thanks him for his work for the metis (sic) and sympathizes with him fo (sic) large task as igned (sic) to him

N // - debate in ghe (sic) leg Has been 'keen' he was at the denbate (sic) today and will return mon th wit (sic) a steno to get the gist of the debate
- Fund raising eforts (sic) – need money but not much coming in – hope for more in spring after rat season
- Asks for co stit (sic) And list of directors – mentions ill feeling when some names of active members left out of meeting Dion smoothed this over

N // - questionnaires returned to date
- unclear copy

N // - Brady missed the annual convention of the Assoc in Lac St Anne in – N indirectly chastises him but gently – mention that he knows Mr Dechene saw him in St Paul with Felix and had lots of room in is car
- Meeting a great success
- Mentions valuable support provided by some treaty Indians – in particular Johnny alihoo (sic) who gave a short talk and passed the hat
- Collected and sold memberships

RESOLUTIONS OF ANNUAL MEETING:

_That we are opposed to the enactment of 'Registration of traplines'

That the Dept of land or whoever will take resp appoint someone to investigate the tracts of land suggested by the assoc

That one or two members accompany the investigation of these lands

In the event the govt is to act immed That Norris and Dion accompany the invest

Taht (sic) Ft Vermilion and Big Stone areas be part invest

That the constt be dist As is for discussion revision etc This was done because so many metis (sic) unfamiliar with our movement etc more thought and time should be given our constt Which ultimately be a document of great importance and therefore should be fully discussed in all it phases "

That additional info be obtained re: our various locations which as yet is very incomplete. Tis (sic) question worries M because the info on tracts of land so far is very vague. "The average metis has not the training to select to best advantage a piece of land suitable and I feel we may have some diff. Of opinion among our people. This is a grave question for we must not give he (sic) authorities the best sign of discord among ourselves.

Dion and Norris have discussions with Land Dept and are informed that land invest. May take place soon as suggested by assoc.

N B ...

also informed that the fed "have no respon. in our problem" the transfer of land to the prov. also transferred any respon. (sic) re outstanding script. (sic) The fed govt prob. has a moral obligation. mwntions (sic) talking with Pete Tomkins Jr. and Sr. - mention having known Sr. up north and says Jr. is an able organizer "we can look forward to stro g (sic) rep. from the areas in which Mr. T. shall have access to."

requests tha (sic) Brady writes more foten (sic) - thought he was getting ifio (sic) from Dion but now realizes he is far from Guernevill - will endeavor to send info directly.

today we have reg. memberships of those who eturned (sic) forms of and can easily expect when all from the n. are in.

requests that B. continue work on const. and promises all info relevant will be sent to to (sic) him. Suggest poss. of having perm. sect - mybe (sic) next yr. Brady should be it. "of all the metis (sic) you are the authority on composition"

refers to still having B's copy of the workers' Bible" - states that his views are still the same as expressed to last winter.

letter incomplete copy

N //

jokingly challeneges (sic) B. saying that Grouar (sic) is now better org. than St. aul (sic) - implyung (sic) some claim by B. previously. Describes

Tomkins instigated the people there and they invited Dion and Norris to speak. "We held meetings all crowded to hall capacity an the cheers to our talk would lift a ceiling. These people are in poor circumstances in comparison to the most of our districts but have absolutely put to shame ever other district to date in all respects.

"Jimmy I think we have the govt in a psioition (sic) now where they are at a loss as to how to act."

P. - good desc. Passage - "A coiled rattler ready to strike" describes how the movement must lay low and not give away its hand - must remain united until the time is ripe to strike.

describes the Grouard meeting graphically.

describes time when he was disheartened but managed to keep ftng (sic) urges B. not to fail them now when they need him - "get busy and keep busy."

indicates that he has had to keep Dion interested and give him forceful pep talks to get him moving - which he does. It is nec. to

speaking frankly "JB put your heart and soul (sic) into the metis (sic) question for the next days and we have them beat"

N and D had audience with acting premier Hoadley and R G Read Min of Lands a commission is being considered by the govt – expresses urgency re: gathering the facts re; metis (sic) and conditions Doesn't think the govt will leave the proble (sic) to the next election – clever politicians and aware of the consequences given the strength and willingness of the metis (sic) to fight for their rights

in this context urges B to have his councilors to stay neutral for the moment – need to sacrifice per opinion

N – B

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suggests a meeting of "the most intelligent (informed) metis (sic) from the districts to meet – two from each

- discussion of buying a gestetner – going to give it to Brady "Joe and I have decided that you are Our assoc editor and historian"

suggests that he move to Gurneyvill – or that Joe will suggest thinks it a good idea – would make the assoc stronger

- indicates that info on some land tracts is better now – Harvey of lands dept informs him that the govt has fairly complete infor pn (sic) on locations – Wolf Lake Ft Verm and Big Horn The assoc homes for word soon from the govt on a commissiom (sic)

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more conver (sic) About constit – encourages B to keep working using his own judgement (sic)

mentions not receiving pelies (sic) to two papers to the govt re: hunting fishing and trapping concessions Thsee (sic) three things are the "major interest of the larger portion of our people"

strong opp to reg of traplines fees and other things detrimental to the people

details commuication (sic) difficulties mentions that B is in daily contact with Felix alihoo (sic) and should pass on info to him

suggests that the UFA will be defeated in next election by the Liberals suggests to B that he support Dechene in his district

"We are in a precarious pos being a non pol org"

sends copy of paper sent to Hoadly (min of Gric) to other politicians head of Libs and Cons leaders and Frank Falkener

refers early in leter (sic) to disease mentioned by B as 'lethargy' workd (sic) weeks on threshing feels fit as a fiddle

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discussion of prep for annual conf Jan

hints of B's reluctance to write and communicate infor

copy very poor see original

mentions that two civil servants want to attend concernec (sic)

suggests that they be allowed on the nd day allows time to prepare for their presence should have no outsiders there on day

expresses again the view that the Libs will win the election and expresses his support for them because of the "spendid (sic) work done by some of our Lib MLA's"

expresses disAppointment at CCF showing in B C

suggests that the Assoc should favor the Liberals Wants to discuss this with Brady

again expresses the view that the fed govt has no obligation legally in 'the problem' maybe a moral ob that can be worked on

has been collecting all sorts of data re: condtions (sic) including six testimonials by doctors and indian (sic) agents collected by Tomkins around Grouard

suggests that he has been working full time on assoc business

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encourages optimism "Joe's opt has often lifted me from the depths of despondency gloom and discouragement"

Joe described this opt at Lac St Anne "I see a star faintly shining in the dittance (sic) which star has become much brighter in one short year"

expresses satisfaction with results in the Grouard Joussard Slave lake area Many peop e (sic) there knoe (sic) meeting procedures etc and the area is very active

mentions that Dr Orr is in Tomkin's area as a result of the testimonials presented to the govt

mentions that he has been writing all the councillors (sic) re: the meeting write to each indiv with their ind characters in mind

see original

N membership lists

N / /

N see original illegible

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N //

letter suggesting text of a letter to be written by B as sect of the Assoc to the Min of of (sic) Interior

include the reply of said min to a petition sent by the AMA to him Jan

outlines issues to raise desp sit facing metis (sic); inability of many to get relief(because of residency req);

see or for important(?) points re: status of metis (sic) people

N //

brief note to B on eve of leaving for NWT presumably to work
send him document "received from Tootoosis"
instruvtions (sic) that he should make copies for the exec and to
mail to Mrs Norris Suggest a note included in cae (sic) she gets
confused

N //

on Royal George hotel stat
again re: Tootoosis a request from him for "a copy each of our
various reprsentations (sic) to the prov govt for his personal info"
in return he will send us copies of the resolutions passed at the
latest conventiom (sic)

N A B C list of various documents not clear if they have them or
intend to

order them

Census of Indians in Canada ; Auditor Gen's repport (sic); '
' ; annual report of the Ind Aff Dept year ending Mar
names King's printre (sic) in Ottawa
refers to a "wonderful book" Morris on the Treaties of an...

N //

REPLY (from B to N ? – letterincomplete (sic) see original)

suggests that the Assoc now believe that the govt"has pulled a
fast one on us encloses a letter from Dechene implying that this
leter (sic) reveals the situation

N //

diff to read

talks in generalities the movement is lost unless the metis (sic)
themselves sek (sic) redress re their grievances expounds on this
theme

at end of letter goes on at leanght (sic) thanking B for keeping
the the (sic) ship afloat in his abse se (sic) suggests that he should
not be so egotistical but that he feels he has put great effort into
keeping the metis (sic) fighting

see orig for quotes

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N undated Cameron Bay NWT Great Bear Lake

Murphy Services Ltd

will be in the field until end of Aug
much praise of B N admits to undetsestimating (sic) him
encourages B to "enduce" (sic) his father to run for the Liberals
and suggests that even B could do so
"Keep constantly in touch all districts Reply to all
correspondence wtach (sic) every move"

indicates trust in Dechene and B sr suggests to B that he take the (sic) advice of these men who are more experienced

Norris' paternalism suggests to B to force the reference to seducaion (sic) trial of Brownlee premier and other problems faced by the govt

"one or two moves like this(ref to some issue unclear) if I know my metis (sic) will do wonders to awaken them to the significance of our' movement"

mention pleasure at hearing about a speech made by Tootoosis in Grouard where he gave the metis (sic) a tongue lashing Refers to him as "sect of the League of Cree Indians

mentions that he is working near Camsell River

N //

will be in Camsell till at least Sept and prob Dec

describes his work at the camp

mentions hearing of defeat of govts in Sask and Ontario

N Camsell River //

Quote a long dissertation about how the Assoc must now run itself (sic) that when he returns he will demand support from a assoc members and if not forthcoming he and Brady will resign

children" Talks of guilt keeping them going "like abandoning helpless

asks him to 'stand by the guns' til something else cam (sic) e arranged for this winter

has already informed Pete that he(M) will be unable to devote the same amount of time to the assoc as he has done in the past has to devote more time to learning his profession

suggests that one stipulation be a salary for the sect tr of not less than a month

urges B to keep working until the whole sit can be discussed with the members and councilors

mentions meeting a Mr Finnie who impreses (sic) him as being on the same side of the issues son of a former NWT admin anti cleric anxious to publish the conditons (sic) of native people Promised him material and asks to co operate if he writes

indication that N ties to interest B in geology promises to send him rock samples and photos of formations for him to study

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N back in Ed //

wants to be informed of Brady's 'programme for the commission' 'keen for a goo fite (sic) and ready to throw my shoulder with you in any manner you have decided or will decide "

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informs B that he will go to see 'Rankin' and try to get info on the commission programme and will send same (sic) when he can

urgese (sic) B to make sure to gather and index all relevant info for the commission and make it ready for quick reference

promises B 'not one line about your girl Raspberry'

N // /

refers to conversation with Rankine (sic) about commission programme Nothig (sic) def yet but Ewing thinks he won't be feady (sic) for hearigs (sic) til Jan states intentions of havi g (sic) hearings in smalll (sic) communities

Norris at length expresses fears about such hearings tha (sic) they would be detrimental to the cause the data gathered would be "irrational inconsistent and worthless"

suggests that any hearing should be conducted by the Assoc with at least two Exec committee members Should pass a resolution to this effect that the Assoc is opposed to the any enquiry being conducted by the commission "except when rep by at least two members of our assoc exec comm" and further "having by meetings and resolutions within our org submitted to our E C all data relative to our rep to the prov govt we would prefer enquiry from the personelle (sic) of our E C"

tells B to inform all locals "to keep trap shut give npo (sic) evidence till they hear from H Office"

N // /

B at LLB asks whether B has received reports of the I A dept from John Tootoosis

says they will be useful to the Assoc

N //

copy illegible refers to copies of draft of Assoc

N //

infor s (sic) B that he is leaving for Camsell Portage Lake Athabasca for days to continue work there

Mentions that there is very good potential (Ur) and they hope to acquire some good land

asks him to order membership cards in N 's name

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N // Fort Chip

illegible

N // (N in Ed)

refers to peole (sic) at Fort Chip as being supportive of the Assoc asks about cards

asks (sic) him to come (sic) a few days early his files are incomplete (sic) and he is helpless without them "I am helpless to act here alone but with you here I feel confident that we could at least put up some semblance of organization "

asks B to make immediate plans for commission sitting says he will not be in Ed long prob leave again in mid March should be able to make plans for another year in the meantime

chastises B for not sending membership cards could have sold worth at Bear Lake Uses "for Christ's (sic) Sake"

urges him to send plans and instructions for the hearings

refers to last letter of B and says he support prosecuting anyone who slanders the assoc if he has strong evidence to support the charges gives his support Says to go ahead with it if he was grounds

Dechene says he will try to attend (sic) commission meetings

N telegram

date and message illegible some urgency re: Assoc submission to commission

N //

informs that date of sittings commencement (sic) is Feb asks him to be in Ed one week earlier

fare to Ed for Exec of Assoc should be forthcoming if not N will send the fare by wire

regards to B's girlfriends (sic) 'Raspberries'

N Brandy Norris telegram //

asks if expenses and legal council will be provided by commission says will arrive Sat at Calder

N //

telegram N B

adv ses (sic) expenses to be sent (sic) to exec

council (sic) matter to be dealt with at first meeting

will meet train asks him to finish (sic) as much as possible in the meantime

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N // Brady Norris tele

trans not forwarded or guaranteed (sic) Impossible to attend Acquaint commission of this fact

N Feb/

hearings adjourned till th Money coming "Very favorable attitude prevailing among commission wish to render every assistance "

N //

B at LLB
informs that received from metis (sic) person ask B to send
official (sic) receipt N will luse (sic) the t (sic) order mem
cards and send them to B
suggests to B that he could make a salary from his job as sect if he
would undertake a mem drive at per
N spoke to Rankins sect of Commission suggesting that B Dion
and Tomkins be hired by gobt (sic) to complete a econ survey of
the province Has "spoken to others who will bring pressure to
bear to that efect (sic) "
N leaving April
had been waiting for boss to arrive to give him an advance to
order the cards until the arrived
refers to B's girl "I hope you have been a good boy and followed
my suggestions and good advice about your little girl whne (sic)
you returned home "
mentions persons coming to Ed for hospitalization N aranged
(sic) this form for them "but not before I resorted to the tactics for
which I am nicknamed Dynamite"
brief comments on govt activity in eg etc communist
candidates in prov and fed election "Surely one of them wil; (sic)
make the grade'

N // F MacMurray

largely illegibel (sic) asks for info on a Mr Lereaux of St Paul
who used to run a paper there and is planning to satrt (sic) one
here

N // Murray

gave a Father Coudart(sp) mem cards for delivery
will be inthe (sic) field for months send mail to F Fitzgerald
asks for a copy of the proceedings
N "greatly impressed" "with your little girl and would like to
repeat my advice of earlier date Get married (sic) You know two
can always live as cheaply as one

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N illegible

N //

small talk asks to return book and negatives (the request to
return the negatives is a recurring one many times he points out
that he doesn't want to lose them)

N //

small talk mentions negatives again talk of a girl in B's life
Asks for a letter

starts signing off "comrad" (sic)

N // Ed

arrived here a few days ago
look for article in Journal of Mar(?) th re; metis (sic) affairs and
commission recommendation thereto

N // lake Athabasca

mostly illegible
write to him at Beaver Lodge

N / /

th St Norris' address changes from previous st St to

says we will be living here at least for the winter (no mention of
separation)
of prospecting work
says he returned on the rs (sic) a shout season but Co is 'setting
prettier than ever "

N // Ed

encloses a petition(undescribed) suggesting that it is receiving
"wide support throughout the dominion"
asks B to write "when the task of setting your nets does not
occupy your entire time"

N / /

B in LLB N in Ed
Mary joins M in wishing merry xmas (sic)
refers to interviews with Dion and Tomkins now employed by
the govt : "they are what is now known as 'metis (sic) organizers"
they left ed a few days ago; Pete to org a Board of Sdvisors (sic)
for a contemplated colony at Whitefish lake and Joe for an area in
his district each is to org areas each

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"I may be mistaken in my attitude but I felt that there exists a sort
of reluctance on their part to take me fully in their confidence
more detailed comments on govt plans
example of above Pete would only let M look at one document
"a brief of a constittution (sic) of by laws
more properly termed prodedure (sic) to be followed in org or
appointing Boards t osupefvise (sic) 'sort o (sic) advisory' who will
preside over all etis (sic) Meetings within colonies "
gives Tomkins great creidt (sic) for almost single handedly
persued the matters above all summer
Norris here indicates tolerance of Tomkins and the Soc Cred govt
if some benefit (sic) comes to the Metis people "I do at the

moment firmly believe that the social credit govt mean to make a sincere effort at the job of rehabilitating the metis (sic) notwithstanding their political aspirations part in the constit of Grouard So long as I see that some good will accrue to the metis (sic) I am still ready to lend my support to the scheme I have given both Pete and Joe this assurance "

as they are now paid they should be able to devote more time to it than in the past N says he will advise them when they ask "but I will not go to any out of pocket expense "

" I understand that Pete communicated with you in an effort to have you join him here in Ed I understand of course Jimmy that that (sic) our political view points are not in accord with the present Provincial party (sic) and rherefore (sic) we may be in disfavor However I would like to have your co operation if for no more than to watch coach and advise Joe and Pete "

N //

N replies to first B letter for some time

"confesses" that B's silemce (sic) had him puzzled sorry to hear that he was sick

mentions that Pete and Joe were in toen (sic) to meet with the other Metis Committee members Braithewaite and Buck

again talks about Pete and Joe working for the govt

"They are thus acting in a dual capacity viz members of the exec of the MAA and civil servants employees of the Social Cred govt "

"I understand that the full former slate of exec member was elected by acclamation at a convention held at Joussard last summer and that you were informed of same by letter that you failed to acknowledge by a reply of any nature Bad Boy You are being most discourteous my friend and we who always held a warm spot in our hearts for your courage in upholding and standing by your convictions have been somewhat confused bewildered and hurt by your evident disinterest

The Metis movemnt (sic) Jimmy has reached a critical pahse (sic) of its progress and develomet (sic) requiring some careful working and observation I would appreciate very much if you would give me your reaction at the momnent (sic) to present developments I presume of course that you have kept informed "

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N //

request to B to forward a letter to Joe Dion who is in B's area He is there to org a metis (sic) Board at Wolf Lake

_ Joe said he would contact Brady when he arrived

_ the letter contains two resolutions that M is asking Joe to have passed when the board is elected "they involve policies we have both you and I often discussed and if passed would greatly facilitate and assist with some of the policies we have discussed in the past as being not only desirable but nec to the possible success of the Metis Rehab

describes (sic) in detail the physical appearance (sic) and address of the letter to arrive later

N f // COPY 'Norris communication to Dion'

two resolutions (sic) in detail to be used in full
) that the MAA remain the spokesman for the metis (sic) people separate from any body elected to govern the colonies that the exdc be permitted to advise us after we have set up the board etc
) non clerical education only on the colonies

states to Dion that these things have been approved by Cross and that they would be incorporated in the constitution of the colonies

N //

Brady back in good graces did respond to N's request of previous letter re: letter to Dion

as usual in chatizing (sic) B N does so with a "ho ho" at the end of some sentences Es: To be very frank I felt like going to LLB and and (sic) give you a good hiding Ho Ho "

"Jimmy the Metis people need every one of us more than ever They need the best advicd (sic) and brains that can be obtained "

refers to apssing (sic) of a n (sic) act "An act Respecting the Metis Population of the Province"

notes that they used "our term 'Metis' in prefernce (sic) to half breed"

passed at special session last fall and became effective on being assented to Nov

tells B where to obtain copy also The Alberta Gazette conained (sic) the four orders in council setting up the colonies No No

details of Board elections secret ballot top elected st palce (sic) for years nd fo (sic) and rd for once then elction (sic) each year This board to form an associated body of metis (sic) to make regulation for each colony subject to approval by the Metis Committee and the minister of Health Cross

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N (sic) not aware of any programme of the govt so far although statutory reg will be adhered to

expresses confidence in the metis (sic) committee "earnestly and sincerely desirous of launching a Metis Rehab scheme (sic) They fully realize the hazardous nature of such a scheme and are thus feeling their way surely and thoroughly in order to build a tangible and solid foundation ' Amen So be it'"

wants to see B before N leaves in the spring for the north pcontradictory (sic) feelings about Joe and pete (sic) says the original suspicion that they were reluctant to take N into confidence was in fact a lack of knowledge on their part they didn't have any idea of the govt's intentions re: program (sic) etc BUT thinks the metis (sic) need more than the committee(pete

(sic) and joe (sic)) to watch proceedings Because they are civil servants "...are somewhat hampered by their appointments (sic) as civil servants to be as aggressive as of the past In fact pete (sic) was instructed not to meddle or intercede on behalf of (sic) metis (sic) in relief matters "

warns B that Brady and probably Norris is in disfavor with the minister "prewarned is prearmed (sic)"

"I am not a mining mogul just a greasy old and radical prospector boring from within"

N //

a letter about fish co ops hs (sic) heard a great deal about Brady's efforts in this (sic) regard at LLB B given credit for getting it operational

wants B to write him details on how to go about setting it up as fishermen from Wabamun have approached him for help

govt says (sic) it is easy to get initial financing ifxth (sic) fishermen ign (sic) up elect a board and obtain a charter

wants the info for a meeting on the th

has talked to metis (sic) and white fishermen and all anxious to form a co op There are licenses metis (sic) among (sic) them

N //

increasing (sic) concern expressed over results of metis rehab efforts (sic) esp re: status of joe (sic) and pete (sic)

suggests that they will have to choose between being assoc exec or employees They will either side with govt and resign asoc (sic) or the assoc will be able to have a resolution passed giving it power to advise the metis (sic) boards

asks (sic) B to come to edmonton (sic) to meet with Joe and pete (sic) when they arrive (sic) says he is alone here if suddenly there is need for a drastic action Wants to talk to him

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N //

letter filling B in on details of the eviction of metis (sic) families from the Grand Cache area

the land being sold to an american (sic) a Mr Smith

Tanner min of lands put the matter (sic) in the hand of Cross while he was out of town

metis (sic) offered land in some other place north of where they are land not as suitable

buyer of land promises to build houses for the people wherever they move

Norris wants to give them assurance that the land will be permanently (sic) theirs once chosen

the delegates will be financed (at behest of N) to go to the area in question to choose suitable land

N expects that other families in other areas will be evicted eventually
govt determined to evict
purpose of the land in question is game preserve
kicking the undesirable metis (sic) off the land to enable tourists to use it

other (sic) documents relating to this issue names of families and numbers of dependents; copy of eviction notice; letter from Fatehr Gamache to one of the evictees; letter from A L Sifton (sic) to W W Cory Dep min of Interior Ottawa

N // N in Yellowknife

discussing theregistration (sic) of the Wamamun fish pool whether or not done yet – Christainson (sic) is the govt man in charge and N thinks it should be done by now all was inorder (sic) refers to the April conference of fishermen wants the particulars from B and info on the metis (sic) movement in general
mote (sic) on the eviction issue N got the delegates a lawyer and they are going to return to Ed after they complete (sic) their survey trying to avoid a verbal agreement in which the metis (sic) would be left with no legal footing
Tomkins may be able to give B info on this matter

sign off: Cheerio old top Keep your chin up and your fist high "

N //

thanks B for letter of the ninth
still no word of fish pool reg

agrees with B that a convention of the Assoc is needed "this season"

"It is quite apparent the Joe and Pete are more interested in their monthly pay check and job than thay (sic) are in the metis (sic) This is a human characteristic easily unerstood (sic) Ww (sic) know these men well Deep in their hearts they have a sincere desire to to (sic) be of service to their Neestow brethren They are poor like ourselves and the old biological motive of self preservation is strong within all mankind "
suggests that they are unable to cope with

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They have not the ability to cope with the complications of a machine of superior intelligence and resources "

encourages B to hold the convention he had planned tells hi (sic) to use all resources at his command to combat the "prevailing feeling" that all the exec of the Metis Assoc are well paid

"It is unfortunate that ther (sic) are so few metis (sic) who have even an elementary knowledge of the ramifications of politics and economics They must be spoon fed so to speak which is mist (sic)

exasperating and a heartbreaking task Like telling and teaching children

talks of potential execution (sic) speaks of need for competent (sic) leaders or it will be the death knell of the movement (sic) which is already weak "Some semblance of unity and organization must be maintained at all cost" Suggests getting some new people of ability in new blood "we could always act in an advisory capacity"

suggests weapons to use against the government the way the Metis were evicted from lands

- N b more on the betrayal of Pete (sic) and Joe (sic) openly (sic) hostile to them but still defending them they don't mean to do it critical of Buck and less so of Braithwaite could be used pg of letter long description of how clever Pete is and how difficult it will be to shoot him down uses the bow and arrow (sic) analogy metaphor

talks of difficult task B has in holding a convention diff to get enough (sic) people to make it rep says the past meetings have not been "fully rep" and this was not a problem Most important business is to get two new men of ability elected

tells him to have the power of penalty (sic) invested in the exec to guard (sic) against possible claim that Assoc Mot (sic) rep

general discussion of strategy

asks B if the constitution of the colonies includes the clause drawn up by B that states (sic) the Assoc is still the medium for advice (sic) to the Metis (sic)

can't give B any bank balance at home on June was

states regrettable that B did not go to Lac St (sic) Anne for the beginning of commercial fishing because "the elected directors are of such poor calibre (sic)"

mentions the arrest of Litvinoff and the imminent arrest of Potemkin asks B what is significance (sic) of this?

"The European (sic) war scare is evidently over Their majesties visit received wide acclaim in every paper seen"

passes on two items (sic) of business for B to handle gives him warnings about the Metis involved doesn't trust the two individuals concerned "Be careful Jimmy til you have all the facts" wishes him luck with his proposed convention

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N // Thompson Lake NWT

refers to letter from George Lee of Onoway a frequently mentioned name in the letters (sic)

detail on fishing activities reg of fish pool wabamun private fish buyer put out (sic) of business by better pool prices and another (sic) private going the same way

is going to write Joe and Pete but expects no "intelligent cooperation" they have become "completely enmeshed in the web of the monthly paycheck (sic)"

"If the boys were wise they would keep us informed without jeopardizing their standing with their principals (sic) and pay checks. We could thus manipulate (sic) with first hand information having regard for their safety and protection we would have effective barbs to pierce the Buck thru his heart "

more strategy suggestions re: using "fact" to build a case against the govts inadequate schemes

N //

encloses letter from Gg Lee re: fish activity
troubles indicates sale of fresh fish thru the pool has hurt the Lac St Anne co op(why?)

has mailed both Pete and Joe a letter suggesting the holding of a convention and encouraging them to use their efforts to have a big turn out

Suggests (sic) that all the Colony Boards elcted (sic) so far should be given lots of advance warning so they can attend

N a // Letter from Gg Lee to Norris

"Mr Cristainason (sic) is a cockeyed crook"
describes manipulations and dishonesty of Chr promised a higher price for the fish than he gave and still refuse to reg the fish pool. The private buyers paid more and the pool is now in disfavor. Lee not selling to the pool until N gets back to "give em hell"

N //

queries B re: convention
saw joe (sic) and pete (sic) "...Two metis (sic) Judases who happened to be in town. I found them to be two meek and obedient servants of SC..."

Buck "the Hitler of Metis Affairs" says no more colonies will be est for the moment suggesting the sceme (sic) will be very limited in scope

talks about more complaints re fish pool. Indication the Norri (sic) was sect of fish pool and temp replaced by Latandre (sic) mentioned in other letters

says in next lection he will work for the CCF for a Mr Crithlow fed riding Jas Edson

an old friend and long time soc has asked Norris to run in St Albert he would consider it if he were not in such a finacial (sic) fix

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hopes B will write occ on news of Metis acitivity (sic) in his area
metis (sic) N talks to are skeptical commission seems to have no defined policy or plan

last week all the field organizers attended a meeting in Ed Tomkins most reticent and didn't call on N as promised reluctant to supply him with info

mentions that day is coming when he will have opp to denounce them

the 'fish mogal' (sic) in Ed suggests that the metis (sic) board of gov could act as board of dir fo (sic) a fish co op at Atikameg for 'the proposed fish co op'

refers to activity of the fish pool at LLB

expresses doubts about metis (sic) people being 'co operative' re: fish co ops "In my mind Jimmy it will be no easy task to educate those eestows (sic) into the rudiemnts (sic) of co operatives... particularly when you consider the type of mral (sic) respo engendered among the neestows as a whole "

ref to metis tryong (sic) to avoid stumpage fees by paying homstaed (sic) fee instaed (sic) Mentions father Gamache in this regard Malboro area

confused by the russo german (sic) pact hard to understand motives

no programs on relief sit in Ed city will likely require all relief recip to don uniforms or starve

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the metis (sic) of edmonton (sic) and s alta are being left out of the scheme there is no program to include them "now that we have rumors of war there is little or no hope for anything further being done by the S C govt

unintelligible para (sic) re: authorities trying to get metis (sic) on relief t ogo (sic) the colonies

Winterburn reserve tried to evict metis (sic) and fed intervend (sic) thus setting a precedent the local municipality immed cut them off the welfare role There the matter rests

"Let me hear from you Mr Stick in the Mud "