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# 1 INDIAN TREATIES IN MANITOBA



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## Treaty No. 1 — August 3, 1871

### 1. Tribes

- Ojibway ("Chippewa") and Cree

### 2. Bands

- Fort Alexander
- Brokenhead
- Peguis
- Swan Lake
- Long Plain
- Sandy Bay
- Roseau River

### 3. Purpose of Treaty

- to extinguish Indian title in order to "open up to settlement and immigration" the area ceded with "the consent thereto of her (Queen Victoria's) Indian subjects...and to make a treaty and arrangements with them, so that there may be peace and good will between them and Her Majesty".

### 4. Area Ceded

- 16,700 square miles in south central Manitoba.

### 5. Indian Obligations

- observe terms of the treaty; maintain peace between themselves and non-Indians; no interference with non-Indian property.

### 6. Crown Obligations

#### Treaty Text of August 3, 1871

- set apart Reserves for the Bands party to the treaty on the basis of 160 acres for each family of five, or in that proportion for larger or smaller families.
- an additional area of 25 square miles reserved for the Portage Band (now Long Plain, Swan Lake and Sandy Bay Bands).
- maintain a school on each Reserve.
- prohibit sale of liquor to Indians.
- pay an annuity of \$3.00 per capita per year.

#### Negotiations of the Treaty, July 27 — August 3, 1871\*

\* issue of status of land occupied and farmed by Indians within boundaries of Reserves prior to the signing of the treaty and medical aid are subjects of claims currently under review by the Federal Office of Native Claims.

- Indian right to hunt and fish on unoccupied land throughout the ceded territory recognized.

#### Amendments to Treaty 1875, 1876

- yearly per capita annuity increased to \$5.00 from \$3.00.
- \$20.00 annuity per year for Chiefs.

- suit of clothing every three years for each Chief and 4 headmen or Councillors for each Band.
- for each Chief and Councillors for each Band except Yellow Quill and the Portage Band, a buggy.
- a bull for each Reserve; a cow for each Chief; a boar for each Reserve and a sow for each Chief and "a male and female of each kind of animal raised by farmers".
- a plow and harrow for each Indian farmer.

### 7. Crown Prerogative

- deal with any non-Indian settlers whose lands were to be found within the boundaries of any Reserve in a manner that would not "diminish the extent of land allotted to the Indians".

### 8. Treaty Presents

- \$3.00 for every man, woman and child.

## Treaty No. 2 — August 21, 1871

### 1. Tribes

- Ojibway ("Chippewa")

### 2. Bands

- Fairford
- Lake St. Martin
- Little Saskatchewan
- Dauphin River
- Keeseekoowenin
- Crane River
- Ebb and Flow
- Lake Manitoba
- Waterhen

### 3. Purpose of Treaty

- to extinguish Indian title in order to "open up to settlement and immigration" the area ceded with "the consent thereto of her (Queen Victoria's) Indian subjects...and to make a treaty and arrangements with them, so that there may be peace and good will between them and Her Majesty".

### 4. Area Ceded

- 35,700 square miles in central and south-western Manitoba and a portion of south-eastern Saskatchewan.

### 5. Indian Obligations

- observe terms of the treaty; maintain peace between themselves and non-Indians; no interference with non-Indians; no interference with non-Indian property.



## 6. Crown Obligations

### Treaty Text of August 21, 1871

- set apart Reserves for the Bands party to the Treaty on the basis of 160 acres for each family of five, or in that proportion for larger or smaller families.
- maintain a school on each Reserve .
- prohibit sale of liquor to Indians .
- pay an annuity of \$3.00 per capita per year .

### Negotiations of the Treaty, August, 1871

- Indian right to hunt and fish on unoccupied land throughout the ceded territory recognized.

### Amendments to Treaty, 1875

- yearly per capita annuity increased to \$5.00 from \$3.00.
- \$20.00 annuity per year for Chiefs .
- suit of clothing every three years for each Chief and 4 headmen or Councillors for each Band.
- for each Chief and Councillors for each Band a buggy.
- a bull for each Reserve; a cow for each Chief; a boar for each Reserve and a sow for each Chief and "a male and female of each kind of animal raised by farmers".
- a plow and harrow for each Indian farmer.

## 7. Crown Prerogative

- deal with any non-Indian settlers whose lands were to be found within the boundaries of any Reserve in a manner that would not "diminish the extent of land allotted to the Indians".

## 8. Treaty Presents

- \$3.00 for every man, woman and child .

## Treaty No. 3 — October 3, 1871

### 1. Tribes

- Ojibway ("Saulteaux")

### 2. Bands (in Manitoba only)

- Buffalo Point

### 3. Purpose of Treaty

- to extinguish Indian title in order to "open up for settlement, immigration, and such other purposes as to Her Majesty may seem meet" the area ceded with "the consent thereto of her Indian subjects...and to make a treaty and arrange with them so that there may be peace and good will between them and Her Majesty".

## 4. Area Ceded

- 55,000 square miles in north-western Ontario and part of south-eastern Manitoba.

## 5. Indian Obligations

- observe terms of the treaty; obey the laws of the country; maintain peace between themselves and non-Indians; "conduct and behave themselves as good and loyal subjects of Her Majesty"; not molest the persons or property of any person in the territory ceded by treaty and not molest the property of "Her Majesty"; Chiefs to assist law officers of the Crown in apprehending any Indian breaking the treaties or the laws in the territory ceded by treaty.

## 6. Crown Obligations

- set apart Reserves for each Band on the basis of 1 square mile (640 acres) for each family of five or in the proportion for larger or smaller families.
- perpetual annual annuities of \$25.00 for each Chief; \$15.00 to each headman (not exceeding 3 per Band); \$5.00 for all others .
- each Chief and each headman to receive "suitable suit of clothing" every three years .
- \$1,500.00 worth of ammunition and twine to be annually distributed amongst all the Bands party to the treaty .
- agricultural assistance through "once and for all" items, specifically: 2 hoes, 1 spade, 1 scythe, 1 axe for each family farming on the Reserve; seed wheat, barley, oats and potatoes; 1 plow for every 10 families; 5 harrows for every 20 families .
- each Chief to receive for the use of the Band: a chest of carpenter's tools .
- each Band to receive 1 bull; 1 yoke of oxen; 4 cows; 1 auger; 1 hand saw; 1 cross cut saw; 1 pit saw; "the necessary": files and 1 grindstone .
- maintain a school on each Band's Reserve .
- prohibition on sale of liquor to Indians .
- right to hunt, fish and trap throughout recognized ceded territory; however, subject to any regulations "as may from time to time be made by the Government of the country" and excluding those areas occupied for settlement, mining, "or other purposes".

## 7. Crown Prerogatives

- sell, lease or otherwise dispose of Reserve land or interests in the land for the use and benefit of the Band, provided, however, that the Band had first given its consent.

- deal with any non-Indian settlers whose lands were to be found within the boundaries of any Reserve in a manner that would not “diminish the extent of lands allotted to the Indians”.
- appropriate land for public works of buildings required by the Dominion government on any Reserve provided that “due compensation being made to the Indians for the value of any improvements hereon, and an equivalent in land or money for the area” appropriated be given.

## 8. Treaty Presents

- \$12.00 for every man, woman and child.
- a flag and a medal for each Chief.

# Treaty No. 4 — September 15 and 21, 1874

## 1. Tribes

- Cree, Ojibway (“Saulteaux”), Assiniboine (“Stonies”)

## 2. Bands (in Manitoba only)

- Waywayseecappo
- Rolling River
- Gambler’s
- Valley River
- Pine Creek
- Shoal River

## 3. Purpose of Treaty

- to extinguish Indian title in order to “open up for settlement, immigration, trade and such other purposes as to Her Majesty may seem meet” the area ceded with “the consent thereto of her Indian subjects...and to make a treaty and arrange with them so that there may be peace and good will between them and Her Majesty and between them and Her Majesty’s other subjects”.

## 4. Area Ceded

- 74,600 square miles in southern Saskatchewan and part of west-central Manitoba.

## 5. Indian Obligations

- observe terms of the treaty; obey the laws of the country; maintain peace between themselves and non-Indians; “conduct and behave themselves as good and loyal subjects of Her Majesty”; not molest the persons or property of any person in the territory ceded by treaty and not molest the property of “Her Majesty”; Chiefs to assist law officers of the Crown in apprehending any Indian break-

ing the treaties or the laws in the territory ceded by treaty.

## 6. Crown Obligations

- set apart Reserves for each Band on the basis of 1 square mile (640 acres) for each family of five or in the proportion for larger or smaller families.
- perpetual annual annuities of \$25.00 for each Chief; \$15.00 to each headman (not exceeding 4 per Band); \$5.00 for all others.
- each Chief and each headman to receive “suitable suit of clothing” every three years.
- \$750.00 worth of powder, shot, ball and twine to be annually distributed amongst all the Bands party to the treaty.
- agricultural assistance through “once and for all” items, specifically: 2 hoes, 1 spade, 1 scythe, 1 axe for each family farming on the Reserve; seed wheat, barley, oats and potatoes; 1 plow and 2 harrows for every 10 families.
- each Chief to receive for the use of the Band: 1 yoke of oxen; 1 bull; 4 cows; a chest of carpenter’s tools; 5 hand saws; 5 augers; 12 cross cut saws; 1 pit saw; “the necessary”: files and 1 grindstone.
- maintain a school on each Band’s Reserve.
- prohibition on sale of liquor to Indians.
- right to hunt, fish and trap throughout recognized ceded territory; however, subject to any regulations “as may from time to time be made by the Government of the country” and excluding those areas occupied for settlement, mining, “or other purposes under grant, or other right given by Her Majesty’s said government”.

## 7. Crown Prerogatives

- sell, lease or otherwise dispose of Reserve land or interests in the land for the use and benefit of the Band, provided, however, that the Band had first given its consent.
- deal with any non-Indian settlers whose lands were to be found within the boundaries of any Reserve in a manner that would not “diminish the extent of lands allotted to the Indians”.
- appropriate land for public works of buildings required by the Dominion government on any Reserve provided that “due compensation being made to the Indians for the value of any improvements thereon, and an equivalent in land or money for the area” appropriated be given.

## 8. Treaty Presents

- for each Chief: \$25.00, a coat, a silver medal.
- for each headman: \$15.00, and a coat.
- \$12.00 for every man, woman and child.

# Treaty No. 5

## Date Signed

September 20, 1875  
September 24, 1875  
September 27, 1875  
July 26, 1876  
August 4, 1876  
September 7, 1876  
September 7, 1876

## Location

Berens River  
Norway House  
Grand Rapids  
Wapang (Dog Head)  
Berens River  
The Pas  
Winnipeg

## 1. Tribes

- Ojibway (“Saulteaux”) and Cree

## 2. Bands

- Berens River
- Norway House
- Cross Lake
- Grand Rapids
- The Pas
- Moose Lake
- Black River
- Little Grand Rapids
- Poplar River
- Fisher River
- Hollow Water
- Bloodvein
- Jackhead
- Chemawawin

## 3. Purpose of Treaty

- to extinguish Indian title in order to “open up for settlement, immigration and such other purposes as to Her Majesty may seem meet” the area ceded.

## 4. Area Ceded

- approximately 100,000 square miles in central and northern Manitoba, extending partially into Saskatchewan.

## 5. Indian Obligations

- observe the terms of the treaty; “conduct and behave themselves as good and loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen”; obey the laws of the country; maintain peace themselves and non-Indians; not molest the persons or property of any inhabitant in the ceded territory, or the property of Her Majesty the Queen, or interfere with any person passing or travelling through the ceded territory. Chiefs to aid and assist the law officers of the Crown in apprehending any Indian offending the laws in force in the ceded territory; allow free navigation and access to shorelines of Reserves.

## 6. Crown Obligations

- set apart Reserves for each Band on the basis of 160 acres for each family of five or in that proportion for larger or smaller families. Those Indians from Norway House area who were to move to the area around Fisher River were to receive a Reserve on the basis of 100 acres per family of five, or, 20 acres per individual. When laying aside these Reserves the Crown was to take into consideration any lands under cultivation by the Indians.
- annuities to each person of \$5.00, in perpetuity.
- yearly annuities to Chiefs of \$25.00 and to councillors to a maximum of three per band, a sum of \$15.00; provide every three years “a suitable suit of clothing” to each Chief and Councillor.
- \$500.00 a year for the purchase of ammunition and twine to be distributed among the Indians.
- agricultural assistance through “once and for all” items: for every family farming on a Reserve — 2 hoes, 1 spade, 1 scythe and 1 axe; for every 10 families farming — 1 plough; for every 20 families farming — 5 harrows; for every Band — 1 cross cut saw, 1 hand saw, 1 pit saw, files, 1 grindstone, 1 auger, enough wheat, barley, potatoes and oats to plant the “land actually broken for cultivation”, 1 yoke of oxen, 1 bull and 4 cows; for the Band in the care of the Chief — “1 chest of ordinary carpenters tools”.
- maintain schools on Reserves .
- prohibition on sale of liquor to Indians.
- right to hunt and fish throughout the ceded territory subject to regulations made from time to time by Canada, excluding such tracts required or taken up for settlement, mining, lumbering or other purposes .

## 7. Crown Prerogatives

- sell, lease or otherwise dispose of Reserve land or interests in the land for the use and benefit of the Band provided that the Band had first given its consent.
- deal with any non-Indian settlers whose lands were found to be within the boundaries of any Reserve “in a manner as She deems fit”; so as not to diminish the amount of land allotted as a Reserve; the land for public works or buildings required by the Dominion government provided that due compensation being made for the value of any improvements thereon, and an equivalent in land or money for the land appropriated be given.

## 8. Treaty Presents

- \$5.00 for every man, woman and child.

## 9. Adhesion to Treaty No. 5

- Purpose of treaty, crown and Indian obligations, prerogatives and presents same as original treaty.

Date Signed	Location	Bands Involved
June 26, 1908	Split Lake	Split Lake
July 30, 1908	Nelson House	Nelson House
July 29, 1909	Oxford House	Oxford House
August 6, 1909	God's Lake	God's Lake
August 13, 1909	Island Lake	Island Lake
June 9, 1910	Deer Lake East	Deer Lake
August 1, 1910	Fort Churchill	Churchill
August 10, 1910	York Landing	York Factory

### Tribes

- Ojibway (Saulteaux), Cree, and Dene

### Bands

- Split Lake
- Nelson House
- Oxford House
- God's Lake
- God's River
- Island Lake — now: St. Theresa Point  
Wasagamach  
Garden Hill  
Red Sucker Lake
- Fort Churchill
- York Factory
- Shamattawa
- Fox Lake

### Area Ceded

- 133,400 square miles in northern Manitoba .

## Treaty No. 6 — August 23, 28, September 9, 1876

### 1. Tribes

- Cree

### 2. Bands (in Manitoba only)

- Mathias Colomb (adhesion to Treaty signed August 10, 1898) .

### 3. Purpose of Treaty

- to extinguish Indian title in order to “open up for settlement, immigration and such other purposes as to Her Majesty may seem meet” the area ceded with “the consent thereto of her Indian subjects...and to make a treaty and arrange with them

so that there may be peace and good will between them and Her Majesty”.

### 4. Area Ceded

- 121,000 square miles in central Saskatchewan and Alberta.

### 5. Indian Obligations

- observe terms of the treaty; obey the laws of the country; maintain peace between themselves and non-Indians; “conduct and behave themselves as good and loyal subjects of Her Majesty”; not molest the persons or property of any person in the territory ceded by treaty and not molest the property of “Her Majesty”; Chiefs to assist law officers of the Crown in the territory ceded by treaty.

### 6. Crown Obligations

- set apart Reserves for each Band on the basis of 1 square mile (640 acres) for each family of five or in the proportion for larger or smaller families.
- perpetual annuities of \$25.00 for each Chief; \$15.00 to each headman (not exceeding 4 per Band) ; \$5.00 for all others.
- each Chief and each headman to receive “suitable suit of clothing” every three years .
- \$1,500 worth of ammunition and twine to be annually distributed amongst all the Bands party to the treaty.
- agricultural assistance through “once and for all” items, specifically: 4 hoes, 2 spades, 2 scythes, 1 whetstone, 2 hay forks, 2 reaping forks for each family farming on the Reserve; seed wheat, barley, oats and potatoes; 1 harrow and 1 plow for every three families .
- each Chief to receive for the use of the Band: 1 chest of ordinary carpenter’s tools .
- for each Band: 1 boar, 2 sows, 1 bull, 6 cows; 1 hand mill; 2 axes; 1 auger; 1 cross cut saw; 1 pit saw; “the necessary” files and 1 grindstone .
- maintain a school on each Band’s Reserve .
- prohibition on sale of liquor to Indians .
- right to hunt, fish and trap throughout recognized ceded territory; however, subject, to any regulations “as may from time to time be made by the Government of the country” and excluding those areas occupied for settlement, mining, lumbering “or other purposes by Her said government of the Dominion of Canada” .
- “a medicine chest” for each Band .
- assistance to the Bands in time of “pestilence” or “general famine” .



## 7. Crown Prerogatives

- sell, lease or otherwise dispose of Reserve land or interests in the land for use and benefit of the Band, provided, however, that the Band had first given its consent.
- deal with any non-Indian settlers whose lands were to be found within the boundaries of any Reserve in a manner that would not “diminish the extent of lands allotted to the Indians”.
- appropriate land for public works of buildings required by the Dominion government on any Reserve provided that “due compensation being made to the Indians for the value of any improvements thereon, and an equivalent in land or money for the area” appropriated be given.

## 8. Treaty Presents

- \$12.00 for every man, woman and child .
- a flag and medal for every Chief .
- 1 horse, harness and wagon for each Chief; or, in lieu of the wagon, 2 carts “with iron bushings and tires”.

## Treaty No. 10 — August 28, 1906

### 1. Tribes

- Cree, Dene

### 2. Bands (in Manitoba only)

- Barren Lands
- Northlands

### 3. Purpose of Treaty

- to extinguish Indian title in order to “open up for settlement, immigration, trade, travel, mining, lumbering and such other purposes as to His Majesty may seem meet” the area ceded with “the consent thereto of his Indian subjects...and to make a treaty and arrange with them so that there may be peace and good will between them and His Majesty and between them and His Majesty’s other subjects”.

### 4. Area Ceded

- 85,800 square miles in northern Saskatchewan .

### 5. Indian Obligations

- observe terms of the treaty; obey the laws of the country; maintain peace between themselves and non-Indians; “conduct and behave themselves as good and loyal subjects of His Majesty”; not molest the persons or property of any person in the territory ceded by treaty and not molest the proper-

ty of “His Majesty”; Chiefs to assist law officers of the Crown in apprehending any Indian breaking the treaties or the laws in the territory ceded by treaty.

## 6. Crown Obligations

- set apart Reserves for each Band on the basis of 1 square mile (640 acres) for each family of five or in the proportion for larger or smaller families.
- individual Band members of families “as prefer to live apart from Band Reserves” to have the option of receiving 160 acres for each person “in severalty”.
- perpetual annuities of \$25.00 for each Chief; \$15.00 for each headman; \$5.00 for all others .
- each Chief and each headman to receive “suitable suit of clothing” every three years.
- annual distribution amongst all the Bands party to the treaty, of ammunition and twine “as is usually made to Indians similarly situated”.
- agricultural or stock-raising assistance, “or other work” as may be advisable .
- maintain a school on each Band’s Reserve .
- prohibition on sale of liquor to Indians.
- right to hunt, fish and trap throughout recognized ceded territory; however, subject, to any regulations “as may from time to time be made by the Government of the country” and excluding those areas occupied for settlement, mining, “or other purposes under grant, or other right given by His Majesty’s said government”.

## 7. Crown Prerogatives

- sell, lease or otherwise dispose of Reserve land or interests in the land for the use and benefit of the Band, provided however, that the Band had first given its consent.
- deal with any non-Indian settlers whose lands were to be found within the boundaries of any Reserve in a manner that would not “diminish the extent of lands allotted to the Indians”.
- appropriate land for public works of buildings required by the Dominion Government on any Reserve provided that “due compensation being made to the Indians for the value of any improvements thereon, and an equivalent in land or money for the area” appropriated be given.

## 8. Treaty Presents

- \$32.00 for each Chief; \$22.00 for each headman; \$12.00 for every man, woman and child .
- flags and silver medals to the Chiefs; bronze medals to the headmen .

