



Clams, symbol of Eastern Canada resistance

Painting Diane Richard, New Brunswick artist.

EAST-WEST OFFICIAL STATEMENT

October 11, 2006: RECOGNITION OF NEW BRUNSWICK MÉTIS BY THE MÉTIS OF THE WEST

“The Métis of the East, are belittle and scorned under the Indian act, they should have the same rights as the Métis of the West”. ..Louis Riel

The Métis Natives have this inalienable right to be recognized. One year, after officialising the existence of the first 31 Métis in Quebec, Mr. Gabriel Dufault, president of the National Union Métis Saint-Joseph of Manitoba (UNMSJM) that was founded by Louis Riel in 1884 and founder of the East-West Métis Union, recognized the first 48 Métis of New Brunswick.



M. Gabriel Dufault, president of the National Union Métis Saint-Joseph of Manitoba (UNMSJM) and founder of the East-West Métis Union



Mr. Raymond Cyr, leader of the Métis community of Estrie (Quebec) and founder of the East-West Métis Union



May 8, 2005: In concurrence with the wish of Louis Riel, the Métis of the East and West are now united after centuries of separation.

Gabriel Dufault, president of the Métis in Manitoba, Ismène Toussaint, Author, Spiritual Child of Louis Riel, and Raymond Cyr, leader of the Métis community of Estrie, Quebec.

This recognition awaited for so long by the Métis Chiefs in New Brunswick, was finalized on May 8, 2005 in Montreal in the presence of Mr. Gabriel Dufault, the founder of the East-West Alliance, Ms Ismène Toussaint, Author, Spiritual Child of Louis Riel and Mr. Raymond Cyr, leader of the Métis community of Estrie (Quebec), This was a commemoration after several centuries of separation, furthermore, on the initiative of Mr. Archie Martin, the first Métis flag was raised at Kouchibouguac, New Brunswick on the 20th of August, 2006, Mr. Martin is a Native Métis of New Brunswick, leader and a founding father of the East-West Métis Union.



20th August 2006 in Kouchibouguac (New Brunswick)



August 20, 2006 in Kouchibouguac: raising the first Métis Flag, an event anticipated since always by the Métis of New Brunswick. Mr. Archie Martin (on the right), conveyed the message of Louis Riel.



Mr. Carl Dubé, the first Métis to be elected last year as President- Grand Chief of the Indigenous Alliance of Quebec (AAQ), has highly encouraged these marks of assertion and resistance: "He declared, we form a single people, and it goes without saying when the Métis of Quebec are recognized by the governments, under the terms of the application of the Powley resolution, "our brothers and sisters in the Maritime will profit from the repercussions and the advantages of our labour."

In addition, Mr. Archie Martin made a point of putting the Métis of New Brunswick on guard against potential intrusions on their territory by individuals with empty promises and worthless Indigenous cards giving the Métis, the permission and gathering rights to hunt and fish". He also, specified for the moment, the only valid cards or licences are those emitted by the governments".



Mr. Archie Martin, founding father and leader of the East-West Métis Union in the Maritime.



Guéganne Doucet, of Shédiac, Cultural representative of the East-West Métis Union in New Brunswick.

In order to encourage the activities and negotiations, the Chief and Fathers of the East-West Métis Union were elected, they are as follows: Jackie Vautour, Norman Robichaud, Alfred Chiasson and Wilfred Brideau, they proceeded to designate Guéganne Doucet, of Shédiac, as cultural representative of New Brunswick: consequently, this artist of international fame will bring to mind that the Métis people are also defined by their arts and a distinct culture. According to a news update we are convince that the Métis leaders of the other provinces in the Maritime would declare themselves ready to join the East-West movement.

Archie Martin provisional President-chief of the Community Montreal-Hochelaga (AAQ) Representative and founding father of the East-West Métis Union in the Maritime and Member of the UNMSJM

Ismène Toussaint Auteur, member of the UNMSJM and Bond-founder of the East-West Métis Union



Mr Jackie Vautour, known as the Louis Riel of New Brunswick, Métis Chief and new Father of the East-West Métis Union, (NB).



Mr. Normand Robichaud, Métis Chief and new Father of the East-West Métis Union, (NB).



Mr. Alfred Chiasson, Métis Chief and new Father of the East-West Métis Union, (NB).



Mr. Wilfred Brideau, Métis Chief and new Father of the East-West Métis Union (NB)



Ismène Toussaint



Mr. Gilles Rhéaume, General Adviser to the Society Saint-Jean-Baptist of Montreal and Father of the East-West Union, Montreal, PQ

ACT OF RECOGNITION OF the MÉTIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

In the authority granted as President of the Métis Union Saint-Joseph of Manitoba, founded by Louis Riel in 1884, I, the undersigned, Gabriel Dufault, states that the Métis of New Brunswick are from this day forward recognized, the following names, like the thirty one Métis of Quebec, which I had the honour of recognizing on October 11, 2005, with the endorsement of the East-West Métis alliance.

Signed at Saint-Boniface, Manitoba,

On October 11, 2006

Gabriel Dufault

Founder of the East-West Métis Union

Witnesses :

Carl Dubé

President- Grand Chief of the Indigenous Alliance of Quebec (AAQ),
Father of the **East-West Métis Union**

Raymond Cyr
leader of the Métis community of Estrie (Quebec),
Founder of the **East-West Métis Union**
member of the l'UNMSJM

Archie Martin -chief of the Community Montreal-Hochelaga (AAQ) Representative and
founding father of the East-West Métis Union in the Provisional President Maritime.
Representing the AAQ at the Native Para-Judicial Services of Québec

Father and Leader of the **East-West Métis Union**
Member of the l'UNMSJM and the Saint –Jean-Batiste Society in Montreal, (SSJBM).

Gilles Rhéaume
General Adviser to the Society Saint-Jean-Baptist of Montreal, Father of the
East-West Union, Montreal, PQ and member of UNMSJM.

Ismène Toussaint
Author, member of UMSJM and the SSJBM
Bond-founder of the East-West Métis Union

RECOGNIZED MÉTIS OF NOUVAU-BRUNSWICK

Jackie Vautour, Métis chief
Alfred Chiasson, Métis chief and member of the l'UNMSJM
Normand Robichaud, Métis chief
Wilfred Brideau, Métis chief
Grégoire Marc Doucet
Guéganne Doucet, représentante culturelle
Jason Louis Doucet
Jean Paul Doucet
Len Doucet
Norbert Martin
Aleçon Martin
Véronique Robichaud
Yvonne Vautour
Maureen Vautour
Rachel Vautour

Rocky Vautour
Éric Thibeau
Edwina Léger
Jean-Nil Vautour
Jean-Noël Robichaud
Marcel Robichaud
Rosilda Robichaud
Stan Jones
Paula Jones
Wayne Jones
Maïka Jones
Joshua Jones
Maya Robichaud
Paulette Martin
Vicky Martin
Arcate Robichaud
Robert Daigle
Raoul Daigle
Régis Daigle
Jean-Marcel Daigle
Rachel Daigle
Monique Robichaud
Prudence Robichaud
Léopaul Daigle
Alma McLaughlin
Jerry Martin
Paulette Durelle
Linda Vautour
Simone Vautour
Roy Vautour
Ronnie Vautour
Jean Vautour
Edmond Vautour

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