

Jim Sinclair, Jim Durocher, and Ron Laliberte:

Métis Political Activist Interviews (April 17, 2004)

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(Video Tape: 8:23.13.03) RON LALIBERTE: Very well spoken. Is there anything you'd like to say that, you know, we never discussed here that you would like to...?

(Video Tape: 8:23.22.19) JIM DUROCHER: Well, not, not, not that we haven't discussed here yet but I just want to emphasize, re-emphasize again, you know, those, those people that have passed on. You know, like old Vital Morin and, you know, Louis and Robbie Fontaine from La Loche, and Pierre Carriere from Cumberland House, Bishop. Ah, you know, and old Jacob Maurice from Beauval, Saskatchewan, you know. Another, another good organizer that helped us out lots and there's so many of them and, you know, a lot of the ladies, you know, that unspoken, you know, and unheard of and. But that were there in the background and did all the work that needed to be done, you know, to get, get people together. You know, I really think about them a lot, you know, and, you know, I really, you know, well sometimes I even pray for them, you know, just because they've, they've passed on now and they, you know, they, they deserve to be, to be recognized. They deserve to be, you know, they deserve a plaque, or they deserve a statue or they deserve something, some kind of recognition. And I'm hoping that the young people that are, you know, coming on now will, will remember those, those folks, because a lot of them were their grandparents and their mothers and their dads and, you know, that sort of thing. And we need, we need to always remember them because if you're a nation of people, you know, you've got to remember that you've, you got to remember your past, you got to remember your history and that's part of

history that, you know, that needs to be, to be remembered. And remember old Nap, Nap LaFontaine, you know, and, you know, the Desjarlais boys. Tom Desjarlais and those guys...

JIM SINCLAIR: Oh yeah.

JIM DUROCHER: You know. And, you know, they worked hard and, you know, and Jim Parisienne you know, some of those folks that are not, no longer with us. Bill Daniels, you know. Bill Daniels and there's another guy, Neilson, old Don Neilson yeah. He passed on a few years ago. He was an educator, helped us out lots and really believed in the Métis cause and the, you know, Métis and, Métisism. And people like old Jack Favel, you know, that would walk for twenty miles just to come to a meeting for us, with us and, you know, really dedicated and understood those kind of things, so. You know, I just want to remember those folks and, you know, without them, you know, like Sinclair said, that we were just, you know, all we did was...

RON LALIBERTE: We wouldn't be here.

JIM DUROCHER: Yeah we wouldn't be here yeah. We wouldn't have the kind of things that are Constitutionally ours now, you know. They're there, all we have to do is get to work and, you know, let's, let's do them.

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