

Answer Key--Land Treaty 1, 1871 Worksheet

Land Received by Manitoba Chippewa and Cree Nation: 160 acres for each family of 5 (more for larger, less for smaller)

Reason for the treaty according to the treaty: for settlement, and peace and good between the Natives and the Crown.

Possible ulterior motives for the treaty: To put FN, and the land under legal control of the crown.

Promised Gifts to the First Nations: \$15 per family of 5 to be paid in either cash or goods of blankets, clothing, prints, twine, or traps

Restrictions on the First Nations: no alcohol, not allowed to interfere with the property or molest white people, and perpetual peace, can't ask for more "outside promises" or re-negotiate

What happens to settlers already in the limits of the reservation?: The Crown reserves the right to make them leave

Language of Note and Possible Meaning:

- Her Indians (implies subjugation) If you are signing a land treaty, does that not imply TWO nations?
- Types of gifts (residential schools were promised here)
 - "As required" too vague and gives too much power to the Crown
- All chiefs who signed could not read, and marked an X (-- remind students that the FN relied on translators during the meetings. they can't read the document to check that what was promised orally was written down)
- And to not molest the persons of HM white subjects (too vague)
- No mention of the responsibilities for white people
- Government cannot admit their claim to anything which is not set forth in the treaty.

What is an "outside promise"?: A verbal promise which is not legal. – Many gifts were promised such as farm equipment, animals, and buggies

What problems did the First Nations have with the execution of the treaty?

The Crown did not give anything they promised inside or outside of the treaty other than the land.

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What solution did the Crown have for the “misunderstanding”? Under what restrictions?

Give the FN an extra payment of \$2 per year (5\$ instead of 3\$), and extra clothing to the chief. If the chief agrees their complaints about the verbal promises are nullified. Attached some of the verbal promises to the Treaty.