

to residence or improvement.

The land had been promised to them in 1870, but it was 1873 before any of it began to be allotted. (Some land in the Brokenhead area officially passed into their hands shortly after this.) However, in subsequent years the terms for the distribution of this land were often changed in favour of the white settlers and against the interests of the Metis. In this area the first patents were issued in October 1877. But little of this land remained long in the hands of those to whom it was granted. Some of it was sold the very day its owners received title to it; others held on to it for a few months or, at the very most, a few years. The first permanent settler along the Brokenhead was Mr. John D. Campbell who settled on land just east of Beausejour in July 1875. Other English families soon followed.

In addition to English families, other early pioneers came (in the 1880s) from Bohemia, Poland and Germany to Brokenhead. The next decade saw the arrival of considerable numbers of people from the Austro-Hungarian province of Galacia - both Ukrainians and Germans. These Germans from Austria were almost all Catholics, but a number of German speaking Lutheran families (most of them from Russia) also arrived in the district in the 1890s. Eventually all of the English families moved out of the district and for the last 60 years Brokenhead has been populated almost entirely by people of continental European background.

The first people to arrive in this part of Manitoba were

from Bohemia (in present day Czechoslovakia). Although many Bohemians are Protestant, those who came to this district were Catholics with the exception of Mr. Nikodem, who was Lutheran. Members of several of these Bohemian families are buried on the NE 19-14-8, originally the Franz Nikodem homestead.

Among the first people to arrive in the Brokenhead district from Poland was Peter Reich. (Mr. Reich was actually of German Lutheran background although he had been born in Poland, but, like Mr. Nikodem, was married into a Catholic family and raised his children as Catholics.)

The first German families arrived in Brokenhead in 1884 and their story will be found in Chapter IV. In 1895 the first Ukrainian settlers from Galacia took up land in the district and soon became the largest ethnic community.

Having dealt in a general way with the pioneers of the Brokenhead district, we may now include a synopsis of all those whose names appear in the early records of both the Provincial Land Titles Office and the Provincial Crown Lands Office.

It should be pointed out that the following lists include the names of only those homesteaders who were successful in obtaining the title to their land. In the Brokenhead district, some homesteads were abandoned two or three times before a third or a fourth homesteader or even a fifth succeeded in improving the land sufficiently and living on it long enough to secure his patent.

TOWNSHIP 14-7

| NAME | NATURE OF DEED | LEGAL DESCRIPTION | DATE |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. George Sadler | Hom'd | SE 10-14-7 | 20 Sept. 1883 |
| 2. Henry Gorst | Hom'd | NW 2-14-7 | 1 Oct. 1883 |
| 3. Daniel Imlah | Hom'd | SE 2-14-7 | 18 Oct. 1883 |
| 4. Robert McPherson | Hom'd | NE 14-14-7 | 21 April 1884 |
| 5. Samuel Law | Hom'd | SE 14-14-7 | 28 May 1884 |
| 6. Frank Palecek, Jr. | Hom'd | NW 36-14-7 | 1 Aug. 1884 |
| 7. Frantisek Palecek Sr. | Hom'd | SW 36-14-7 | 1 Aug. 1884 |
| 8. Joseph Bulsiewicz | Hom'd | SE 24-14-7 | 1 Aug. 1884 |
| 9. Joseph Amos | Hom'd | SE 12-14-7 | 25 Aug. 1884 |
| 10. Charles Nuttall | Hom'd | NE 12-14-7 | 29 Aug. 1884 |
| 11. David B. Scott | Sale | LS 2, SE 13-14-7 | 18 Nov. 1884 |
| 12. Johan Chmeletzki | Hom'd | NW 24-14-7 | 2 Feb. 1885 |
| 13. Arthur Watson | Hom'd | SW 2-14-7 | 30 May 1885 |
| 14. Frank Staska | Hom'd | NE 26-14-7 | 19 Nov. 1887 |
| 15. Wm. Jack | Hom'd | SE 36-14-7 | 28 Jan. 1888 |
| 16. George W. Boyd | Hom'd | NE 2-14-7 | 1 March 1888 |
| 17. Edward Jones | Sale | E 1/2 SW 1-14-7 | 14 April 1888 |
| 18. John Hicks | Hom'd | NW 12-14-7 | 10 July 1888 |
| 19. Wm. Gardner | Hom'd | SW 12-14-7 | 12 July 1888 |
| 20. Louis Palechek | Hom'd | NE 36-14-7 | 18 Feb. 1889 |
| 21. Daniel Imlah | Sale | S 1/2 SE 1-14-7 | 3 March 1889 |
| 22. Johan Bednarczyk | Hom'd | SW 24-14-7 | 9 May 1889 |
| 23. Vaclav Klimes | Hom'd | SW 14-14-7 | 24 Sept. 1894 |
| 24. Adolf Kadlec | Hom'd | NW 14-14-7 | 4 April 1895 |
| 25. Josef Sokotowski | Hom'd | NW 22-14-7 | 30 May 1895 |
| 26. Peter Sokotowski | Hom'd | SW 22-14-7 | 30 May 1895 |
| 27. Martin Modrzejewski | Hom'd | SE 22-14-7 | 30 May 1895 |
| 28. Iltyd Thomas | Hom'd | NE 24-14-7 | 8 July 1895 |
| 29. John Kubes | Hom'd | NE 10-14-7 | 21 Oct. 1896 |
| 30. Bartholomew Kubis | Hom'd | NW 10-14-7 | 10 Sept. 1897 |
| 31. Theophil T. Wyrzykowski | Hom'd | NW 1-14-7 | 21 May 1898 |
| 32. John Komarnizke | Hom'd | NE 1-14-7 | 25 May 1895 |
| 33. Stephan Hasko | Hom'd | N 1/2 SE 1-14-7 | 1 Aug. 1898 |
| 34. Peter Schreier | Hom'd | SW 13-14-7 | 2 May 1900 |