



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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

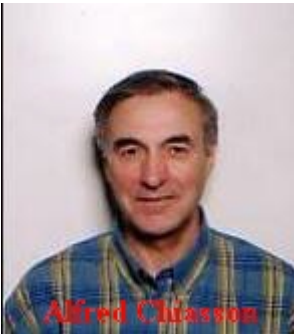
**Ismène Toussaint Auteur, member of the UNMSJM and Bond-founder of the East-West Métis Union**



**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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