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**A Guide to the Records of the
Narcisse-Omer Cote fonds
(BF 24)**

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**PRIVATE RECORDS
AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

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Individual Authority (PA 24)

Cote, Narcisse-Omer 1859-1944

About this record creator

Biographical Sketch

Narcisse-Omer Cote (1859-1944) a civil servant for the Government of Canada, entered the Department of the Interior in 1879. In 1885, he was appointed secretary to the Royal Commission investigating and adjudicating Metis claims, and in 1887 he became a member of that Commission. In 1900, he replaced Joseph A. Cote as Commissioner, and joined fellow Commissioner Samuel McLeod on the North-West Half-Breed Commission (1900). This commission was to “speedily and effectively” dispose of the claims made by the Metis people in the District of Saskatchewan and a small portion of Manitoba, and issue scrip to those Metis who qualified. Cote was the author of ‘Political appointments and selections in the province of Canada, 1841 to 1856,’ and ‘Political appointments, parliaments and the judicial bench in the Dominion of Canada, 1867-1917.’

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<i>Title</i>	Narcisse-Omer Cote fonds
<i>Dates of Creation</i>	1900, copied 1985
<i>Physical Description</i>	108 black and white photographs, 97 negatives
<i>Biographical Sketch</i>	<p>Narcisse-Omer Cote was a Commissioner on the North-West Half-Breed Commission (1900).</p> <p>For more information about this creator, see <u>Authority Record – PA 24 Cote, Narcisse-Omer1859-1944.</u></p>
<i>Immediate Source of Acquisition</i>	<p>The records consist of photographs from two albums obtained from different sources, but both created by N.O. Cote. One album of original photographs was purchased by the Saskatchewan Archives Board (SAB) from Richard Spafford Books of Regina (Accession S86-169). In 1985, the Prince Albert Historical Society, loaned a photograph album entitled “Souvenir of a trip in the Saskatchewan District 1900 – To Samuel McLeod Esq., with the compliments of N.O. Cote”, to the SAB for duplication. A selection of these photographs were copied (Accession S85-20).</p>
<i>Custodial History</i>	<p>The Prince Albert Historical Society received their photo album from Samuel McLeod. The original source of the album purchased from Richard Spafford Books is unknown.</p>
<i>Scope and Content</i>	<p>Fonds consists of black and white prints and copied negatives, consisting of 131 images from two photograph albums compiled by Narcisse-Omer Cote. The photographs document the travels of the North-West Half-Breed Commission (1900), of which Narcisse Cote and Samuel McLeod were commissioners. The</p>

Commission was to enumerate and issue scrip to the Metis who qualified in the District of Saskatchewan and a small part of Manitoba. This assignment lasted from May 16-December 6, 1900. The images show the commissioners and members of their accompanying party, metis and native people, and various communities and buildings. Locations visited include Prince Albert, St. Louis, Batoche, Snake Plains, Devil's Island, Green Lake, Battleford, Onion Lake, Bresaylor, Fort a la Corne, Sturgeon River, Cumberland House, Birch River Portage, The Pas, Cedar Lake, Grand Rapids, Saskatoon, and Red Deer Lake.

108 prints are original photos mounted onto album pages with captions. 95 negatives were copied from a loaned album of 151 photos inscribed: "Souvenir of a trip in the Saskatchewan District 1900—To Samuel McLeod Esq., with the compliments of N.O. Cote." Between the two albums, many of the photographs are the same, although the albums are not identical. The caption information may also vary slightly for the same image.

Access Restrictions

These records are open for research.

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Reference Tools

Consult SAFA #37.

Item level descriptions of photographs are available on the Saskatoon photographs database. See reference archivist for assistance.

Associated Material

Consult the National Archives of Canada (NAC) for additional records of the Narcisse-Omer Cote fonds and further material on this and other Half-Breed (Metis) Commissions.

The Prince Albert Historical Society has the original of one of the photograph albums.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

<i>Former Codes</i>	Canada. Half-Breed Commission collection.
<i>Consulting the Records</i>	To view the records, visit the Saskatoon office.
<i>Arrangement Note(s)</i>	<p>Photographs in the album of original photos were numbered sequentially.</p> <p>Many of the images copied from the album held by the Prince Albert Historical Society were identical to those in the first album and these were matched up and assigned the same photo number. The remaining copy negatives without matching prints were numbered at the end of the sequence.</p>

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo fonds/collection report

<i>NAME</i>	<i>Call Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Geographic Location</i>
<i>Narcisse-Omer Cote fonds</i>				
	SB 9759	A Minnesota settler's farm near the elbow of the North Saskatchewan River NWT, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9729	St. Michael's Indian Industrial School at Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9765	The grave of Constable Cowan killed in 1885, Fort Pitt NWT, 1900.	1900	Fort Pitt
	SB 9764	Francois Lemire standing beside the hitching post outside the surgeons's house at the North-West Mounted Police barracks, Battleford NWT, 1900.	1900	Battleford
	SB 9763	Half-Breed Commission entourage near Bresaylor NWT, 1900.	1900	Bresaylor
	SB 9762	The surgeon's residence at the North West Mounted Police barracks in Battleford NWT, 1900.	1900	Battleford
	SB 9767	The Roman Catholic mission at Onion Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Onion Lake
	SB 9760	A Minnesota settler's farm near the elbow of the North Saskatchewan River NWT, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9768	Sergeant Hall, North-West Mounted Police, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9758	Indian women building a canoe at an Indian camp, 1900.	1900	Unknown

<i>NAME</i>	<i>Call Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Geographic Location</i>
	SB 9757	An Indian women holding her twin babies, Green Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Green Lake
	SB 9756	Half-Breed Commissioner's camp at Green Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Green Lake
	SB 9755	Indians and Metis beside a tipi on the north end of Green Lake at the time of visit by the Half-Breed Commission, Green Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Green Lake
	SB 9754	Half-Breed Commission encampment at the south end of Green Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Green Lake
	SB 9753	Half-Breed Commission entourage preparing a meal at the south end of Green Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Green Lake
	SB 9761	The North Saskatchewan River near the elbow, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9775	Constable Tasker, North-West Mounted Police, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9782	Half-Breed Commissioner's york boat crew baking bannock in camp, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9781	Half-Breed Commissioner's york boat crew around a camp fire below Birch River portage, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9780	Adam Harkus, a member of the Half-Breed Commissioner's crew, on board a york boat, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9779	Edouard Cadotte and John Sayis, members of the Half-Breed Commissioner's crew, on board a York boat, 1900.	1900	Unknown

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	SB 9778	Edouard Cadotte, part of the Half-Breed Commissioners crew, on board a York boat, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9766	A group of four men (possibly Half-Breed Commissioners) seated on the end of a barge, Fort Pitt NWT, 1900.	1900	Fort Pitt
	SB 9776	N.O. Cote, Half-Breed Commissioner, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9750	Metis and Commissioners at a sitting of the Half-Breed Commission at Devil's Lake, near Sandy Lake Reserve, 1900.	1900	Devil's Lake
	SB 9774	Indian and/or Metis women and children sitting beside a wagon, Onion Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9773	Indians and/or Metis women and children sitting beside a wagon, Onion Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Onion Lake
	SB 9772	Metis women and children at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, Onion Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Onion Lake
	SB 9771	Indians and/or Metis sitting beside horses and a wagon at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, Onion Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Onion Lake
	SB 9770	A group of Metis men, women and children sitting beside a campfire, Onion Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Onion Lake
	SB 9769	Metis at Onion Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Onion Lake
	SB 9777	Half-Breed Commissioner's crew of Metis rowing a York boat, 1900.	1900	Unknown

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	SB 9724	A group of people beside the Massey-Harris dealership at Duck Lake, at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9733	Father Paquette (left) and another priest with a group of boys at St. Michael's Indian Industrial School, Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9732	Two Roman Catholic priests (Father Paquette centre) and a layman at the Indian Industrial School, Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9731	Indian Industrial School grounds, Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9728	A group of people in the Half-Breed Commissioners' mess tent at the time of the Commissioners' visit to Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9727	A group of people in the Half-Breed Commissioners' mess tent at the time of the Commissioners' visit to Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9752	Metis at a sitting of the Half-Breed Commission, Devil's Lake, near Sandy Lake Reserve, 1900.	1900	Devil's Lake
	SB 9725	The Half-Breed Commissioners' mess tent, with Commissioners seated at table, Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9736	An unidentified man [N.O. Cote?] on the grounds of St. Michael's Indian Industrial School, Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9730	St. Michael's Indian Industrial School at Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake

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	SB 9723	A group of people at Duck Lake at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9722	A group of people at Duck Lake at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9721	A group of people at Duck Lake at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9720	Members of the Half-Breed Commission at Fort Pitt, 1900. [N.O. Cote, 3rd from right.]	1900	Fort Pitt
	SB 9719	Members of the Half-Breed Commission at Sturgeon River, 14 September 1900. [N.O. Cote is second from the left.]	1900	Sturgeon River
	SB 9726	A group of people in the Half-Breed Commissioners' mess tent at the time of the Commissioners' visit to Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9742	North-West Mounted Police escort for the Half-Breed Commissioners, Carlton, 1900.	1900	Carlton
	SB 9785	The Hudson's Bay Company post at Fort Cumberland NWT, 1900.	1900	Fort Cumberland
	SB 9749	Cattle and horses on the shore of Devil's Lake, near Sandy Lake Reserve, 1900.	1900	Devil's Lake
	SB 9748	Jacob Johnston at Snake Plains at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, 1900.	1900	Snake Plains
	SB 9747	Half-Breed Commissioners and Metis on the trail to Green Lake, 1900.	1900	Green Lake

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	SB 9746	Metis at Snake Plains at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, 1900. [Jacob Johnston second from the right].	1900	Snake Plains
	SB 9745	Metis at Snake Plains at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, 1900.	1900	Snake Plains
	SB 9734	A Roman Catholic nun with a group of teenage girls at St. Michael's Indian Industrial School, Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9743	Horses and wagon boarding the Carlton Ferry, 1900.	1900	Carlton
	SB 9735	A Roman Catholic nun with young children at St. Michael's Indian Industrial School, Duck Lake, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9741	North-West Mounted Police escort for the Half-Breed Commissioners, Carlton, 1900.	1900	Carlton
	SB 9740	Unidentified man seated outside the Half-Breed Commissioners' tent at Batoche, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9739	Half-Breed Commissioners' tent at Batoche, 1900.	1900	Batoche
	SB 9738	The North-West Mounted Police post, formerly Xavier Batoche's residence, Batoche, 1900.	1900	Batoche
	SB 9737	Batoche village, 1900.	1900	Batoche
	SB 9751	The shore of Devil's Lake near Sandy Lake Indian Reserve, 1900.	1900	Devil's Lake
	SB 9744	Indians and/or Metis at Snake Plains at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, 1900.	1900	Snake Plains

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	SB 9824	Red Deer Lake settlement [in Manitoba], 1900.	1900	Red Deer Lake
	SB 9831	Three women seated in the Half-Breed Commissioners' tent, Duck Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9830	The Half-Breed Commisioners ready to eat a meal in their mess tent, Duck Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9829	Father Paquette (left) with other men at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commissioners, Duck Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9828	Father Paquette (centre) with another priest and two laymen, Duck Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9827	Indian women seated, holding her child, Duck Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake
	SB 9817	Half-Breed Commission Commissioner [N.O. Cote], sitting outside a tent at their camp, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9825	A group of Metis at Red Deer Lake, [Manitoba], 1900.	1900	Red Deer Lake
	SB 9834	Half-Breed Commissioners in a democrat, N.O. Cote in the rear seat at Stony Lake, near Carlton NWT, 1900.	1900	Carlton
	SB 9823	Main Street, Winnipeg MB, 1900.	1900	Winnipeg
	SB 9822	St. Peter's settlement on the riverbank, Red River MB, 1900.	1900	Red River
	SB 9821	Captain Howell and the crew of the steamboat "Frank Burton", Lake Winnipeg MB, 1900.	1900	Lake Winnipeg

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	SB 9820	Steamboat, the "Frank Burton" docked at George Island Fishing station, Lake Winnipeg MB, 1900.	1900	Lake Winnipeg
	SB 9819	The "Frank Burton" a steamboat, Lake Winnipeg MB, 1900.	1900	Lake Winnipeg
	SB 9783	Unidentified man (possibly one of the Half-Breed Commissioners) paddling a canoe, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9826	A group of men around a campfire in winter, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9840	A group of Indians and/or Metis outside the Half-Breed Commissioners' tent, Devil's Lake (near Sandy Lake Reserve) NWT, 1900.	1900	Sandy Lake
	SB 9848	St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Cumberland House NWT, 1900.	1900	Cumberland House
	SB 9847	Unidentified group of people, Cumberland House NWT, 1900.	1900	Cumberland House
	SB 9846	Unidentified man on board the Half-Breed Commisioneers' York boat, Saskatchewan River NWT, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9845	Two women sitting in the grass, Prince Albert NWT, 1900.	1900	Prince Albert
	SB 9844	Houses and buildings on the shore of Devil's Lake (near the Sandy Lake Reserve) NWT, 1900.	1900	Sandy Lake
	SB 9843	A high bank on the shore of Devil's Lake (near the Sandy Lake Reserve) NWT, 1900.	1900	Sandy Lake
	SB 9832	A group of people seated in the Half-Breed Commissioners' tent, Duck Lake NWT, 1900.	1900	Duck Lake

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	SB 9841	Cattle on the banks of Devil's Lake (near the Sandy Lake Reserve) NWT, 1900.	1900	Sandy Lake
	SB 9833	The village of Batoche, seen from a distance, Batoche NWT, 1900.	1900	Batoche
	SB 9839	Countryside in the valley near the elbow in the North Saskatchewan River, NWT, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9838	A settler from Minnesota inside his house near the elbow of the North Saskatchewan River NWT, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9837	The banks of the North Saskatchewan River, opposite Fort Pitt NWT, 1900.	1900	Fort Pitt
	SB 9836	Captain Demers' son, Battleford NWT, 1900.	1900	Battleford
	SB 9835	Quarter-master Sergeant Currier, North-West Mounted Police, Battleford NWT, 1900.	1900	Battleford
	SB 9816	Half-Breed Commissioners' camp, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9842	Flowers and bushes on the banks of Devil's Lake (near Sandy Lake Reserve) NWT, 1900.	1900	Sandy Lake
	SB 9791	Indian women and children beside a tipi, Cumberland House NWT, 1900.	1900	Cumberland House
	SB 9798	Half-Breed Commissioner's camp, The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9797	Indian Chief's residence at The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas

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	SB 9796	Helen Whitehead, a [Indian or Metis] girl, The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9795	Two log buildings at The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9794	The Church of England at The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9818	Members of the Half-Breed Commission outside their tent, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9792	Hudson's Bay Company post at The Pas MB, [1900].	1900	The Pas
	SB 9802	Unidentified man and young [Metis?] woman on board the Half-Breed Commission Commissioner's boat, Cedar Lake, 1900.	1900	Cedar Lake
	SB 9790	A group of people aboard a steamboat, The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9789	Hudson's Bay Company post at The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9788	Louis Jourdain and family, Cumberland House NWT, 1900.	1900	Cumberland House
	SB 9787	The front gates at the Hudson's Bay Company post at Cumberland House NWT, 1900.	1900	Cumberland House
	SB 9786	N.O. Cote beside two small cannon at the Hudson's Bay Company post, Cumberland House, NWT, 1900.	1900	Cumberland House
	SB 9849	The Hudson's Bay Company post as seen from a distance [across the Saskatchewan River?] Cumberland House NWT, 1900.	1900	Cumberland House

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	SB 9793	Mr. Halcrow and family at the Hudson's Bay Company post at The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9807	A group of people giving a "send off" for the Half-Breed Commissioners, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9815	The Hudson's Bay Company post, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9814	Mrs. Marie Hodgson and a boy outside a tent, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9813	Buildings on the river front, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9812	A Metis man, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9811	The Half-Breed Commissioner's [York boat] crew, Saskatchewan district, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9810	Buildings on Horse Island MB, 1900.	1900	Horse Island
	SB 9799	The Half-Breed Commissioner's camp, The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9808	A boat under sail on Lake Winnipeg MB, 1900.	1900	Lake Winnipeg
	SB 9801	Buildings as seen from the river, The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9806	A group of men on the carriage of the Hudson's Bay Company tramway, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9805	Metis women and children, at the time of the visit by the Half-Breed Commission, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids

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	SB 9800	The Church of England as seen from the river, The Pas MB, 1900.	1900	The Pas
	SB 9804	Dogs in the Half-Breed Commissioners' camp, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9803	Throwing treats to the dogs in the Half-Breed Commissioners camp, Grand Rapids MB, 1900.	1900	Grand Rapids
	SB 9784	Steersman of the York boat carrying the Half-Breed Commissioners throughout Saskatchewan, 1900.	1900	Unknown
	SB 9809	Horse Island fishing station, Horse Island MB, 1900.	1900	Horse Island

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