

Indian and Metis Elders of La Ronge, S-355, Angus Bear, Transcript provided in English – Birth Date not provided - Interview location: Sandy Bay, Interview conducted: 8/31/1981

(Angus)...Flin Flon was only a logging town like here. There was no lumber house or nothing there then. There was no town at all; it was just a bush. They had, where the lake was, they called it Flin Flon Lake. Now you don't see the lake anymore. They dried that lake and they put all that place there and there they poured it.

Janet: I saw it, it looks terrible.

Angus: Yeah, no more lake there.

Janet: No, they spoiled that lake.

Angus: Yeah, they pumped all the water. He took all that dirt and mud in there, and they picked up a gold in there. They cleaned all that dirt. They go through in there and smelt there.

(Angus) ...In town, they started to build a town, too, then. Coming everything that time. Like you said, those guys had the mine found it in the south, that is true. The white man who wasn't find it. An Indian find it and he gave it away, nobody knew anything about it that time. Right now I find something, the white man, he won't have it till he give me the money. But at that time it was different.

Janet: You have learned a lot about rock since Flin Flon came around here and I supposed if you found anything you wouldn't hurry to a white man to show it to them so they can take it away from you.

Angus: Not until I am ready for that, because I was prospecting for a company too at that time. That was about three hundred miles north of here, prospecting for company. Staking claims for them. I was with them, too. I had a little bit of share in that.
(lack of a sharing of resource wealth,)

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