

Rupert's Land
Red River Settlement 12,000 people
People start settling the West
HBC RR wanted to be part of Canada
Feared Americans would populate the West
Canadians bought HBC land

Red River Rebellion
National Committee of Metis formed
Sought to figure out how to protect Metis land
William McDougall sent by Ottawa
Riel and followers blocked the road to Fort Garry
Riel set up their own provisional government
Land would not belong to Canada until Dec. 1 1869
Most people supported Riel's government

Riel's government works out the Manitoba Act
Area around Fort Garry renamed Manitoba
Riel got a lot of what they wanted
More settlers arriving made Metis unhappy
Some Metis moved to Sask.
McDonald sent troops to Red River in case of another outbreak
Riel fled fearing he might be punished

Metis had a nomadic lifestyle
Metis had played a key role in the
exploration of the West
Followed the buffalo
Railway would destroy buffalo hunting
Jan. 1869 HBC withdrew its rule
Metis land ownership was not
recognized **Surveyors arrived**
Large squares would be the
new style of land surveying
Canadian surveyors stepped onto Louis Riel's
cousin's land
Louis Riel stopped them

Metis Bill of Rights was drawn up

1. territory should be able to enter Confederation as a province
2. should gain representation in Ottawa
3. Control over local affairs
4. French and English languages to be equal
5. Metis way of life protected

"Canadians" did not like the Riel gov't

Thomas Scott executed

Riel over-reacted to the Scott situation

Perhaps Riel should have proceeded more carefully

Is Thomas Scott a hero?