

The littles  
Métis Traveling  
Across The  
Prairies



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The Red River Resistance ended with the negotiation of the Manitoba Act.

In 1870, The Manitoba Act set aside acres of land for Métis families residing in the Red River Settlement. Very little of this land was actually occupied by the Métis in the late 1870's.

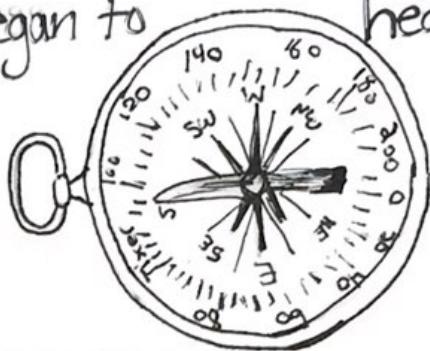


In 1885, Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont lead the fight in the Battle of Batoche. Riel is executed on November 16<sup>th</sup> 1885. The defeat of the Métis at Batoche meant the Métis were on the move westward again to what is known as Alberta today.



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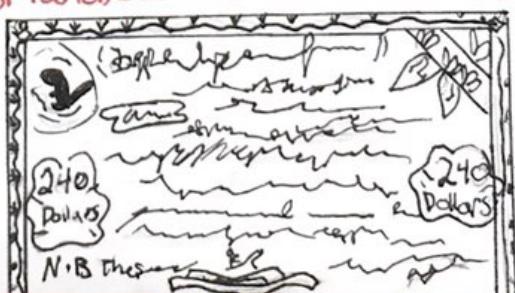
The Métis were promised 1.4 million acres of land when they negotiated Treaty with Canada and The Manitoba Act (1870). Promises were not kept and so the Métis began to head west.



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This is where my story begins... My Great, great, great grandfather signs the adhesion to Treaty 6. Part of our family settles at Manawan (Egg) Lake, Alberta while others take up residence in Manitou Sâkâhi kanihk (Lac Ste. Anne) or Michel Reserve. In 1904 some family members were offered scrip for our land. We end up with nothing; no land, no rights. We are road allowance people. 1958 - Michel Band is disbanded, 42 families that are my relations are left without their reserve and identity.

They can exchange the scrip for land, but often not the best land.



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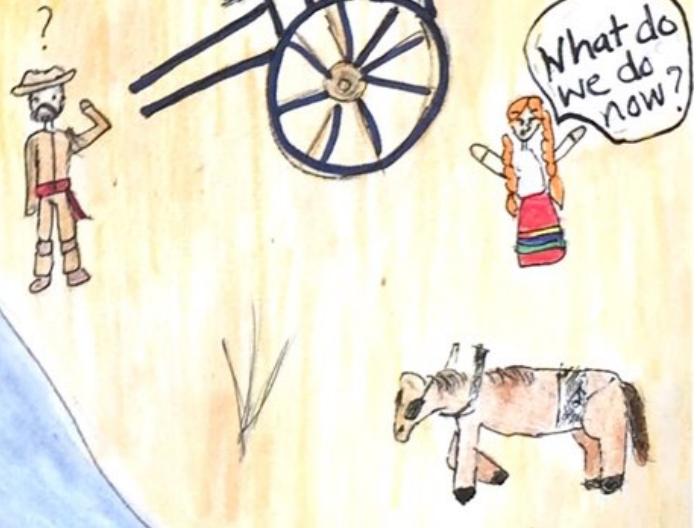


It got rough in some spots. It didn't bring our hopes down though. Like the Métis, our Red River Carts are resilient!

At one point I didn't think our cart and horse would make it past the river, but they did!

Red River carts were made to last with two wheels and no metal parts.

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11. 12.

We crossed people we knew  
and some we didn't but  
we are all related.

Wahkohtowin.



We would stop every once in a while and I  
found interest in studying peoples behaviours.  
We different but all the same like the colors  
in our Sash.



With little food, we got hungry  
a lot.

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After a long time later we made it here. Many bumps and deep cuts but nevertheless we made it! We did it together as a family! We are Métis, we are strong, we are community.

