People of Manitoba

Multi-Cultural Canada Conference

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Educators
Tools & Aids

Lesson Plans

General introduction

Birth of Manitoba
- Grade 4
- Grade 6
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Immigration & Settlement
- Grade 6
- Senior 3

Manitoba Schools Question
- Grade 6
- Senior 3

Strike 1919!
- Grade 6
- Senior 2

Women Win The Vote
- Grade 6
- Senior 3

World War I
- Grade 6
- Senior 3
Lesson: Birth of Manitoba grade 6

Birth of Manitoba grade 6

**Purpose:**

- Students will explore the important events leading up to the birth of the province of Manitoba.
- Students will examine the geographical impact of the early Red River Settlement and the contributions of diverse cultural communities.

**Curricular Outcomes:**

4EL-008 Give examples of the contributions of diverse ethnic and cultural communities to the history of Manitoba.

4EL-011 Give examples of Aboriginal contributions to the history of Manitoba.

4EL-013 Give examples of francophone contributions to the history of Manitoba.

4EL-026 Describe the influence of the natural environment on settlement in Manitoba.

4EL-027 Relate stories of interactions between the Selkirk settlers and Aboriginal peoples.

4EL-030 Relate stories of people and events that shaped Manitoba.

**Materials:** (Activating student interest and acquiring information)

- Present students with information surrounding the interactions between the French, the English and the Aboriginal peoples within the Red River Settlement
- Present a video showing important events and events that examine the lifestyle, rights and the conflicts that resulted from tensions over the land
- Biographical information on Louis Riel
- **Student maps of Whites and Metis
- **Documents:

  - Newspaper articles
  - **Red River Register, newspaper published in 1821-1822
  - **Brandon Register, newspaper published Dec. 1, 1869, and issues only
  - **Materiales
  - **Map of Canada
  - **Map of the Province of Manitoba
- **Transactions granted in a public meeting of the public of St. Boniface, 16 February 1873
Students
Primary & Secondary

- history & culture
- sense of perspective
- cause & effect relationships
- critical thinking about documents
- read & summarize material
- role models
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Historians

Easy access to primary sources
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Variety of approaches to topic:

• Newspapers
• Photo Albums (photographs)
• Our Stories (individual biographies)
• Maps
• Historical Themes (events)
For nearly 200 years the Hudson's Bay Company claimed much of what is now western and northern Canada. In 1670 King Charles II of England granted the company the trading rights to over 7.7 million square miles of land claiming into Hudson Bay. As a fur trade company, the Hudson's Bay always sought to keep settlers, particularly farmers, out of its territory, which was known as Rupert's Land. By the 1860s it was apparent that the years of company control in the west were coming to an end. Newly built railways were bringing settlers to the American mid-west and many politicians in the United States saw Rupert's Land as the next American frontier. There was also a growing movement in Ontario to have Rupert's Land transferred to the newly created country of Canada. With the support of the British government, the Hudson's Bay Company agreed to sell the land to Canada for $1.5 million. No one, unfortunately, had bothered to ask any of the nearly 12,000 people living in Red River, let alone the 24,000 Aboriginal people in the rest of Rupert's Land, if they wanted to become Canadians.

The transfer was supposed to come into effect in late 1869. When the Canadian government's appointed governor William McDougall tried to enter the territory on November 2, 1869 however, he was met by a patrol of armed men who forced him back across the U.S. border. They told him he could not return without the permission of the National Committee of the Métis of Red River. The same day, the Métis, under the leadership of Louis Riel, seized Upper Fort Garry, and the Hudson's Bay trading post near the forks of the Red and Assiniboine rivers. The Red River Resistance had commenced. The resistance would continue for nearly a year, with Riel leading a number of different temporary governments. The leaders of this resistance were not opposed to becoming Canadians, but they wished to do so on their own terms. They wanted to elect their own government, rather than be governed by a governor appointed by politicians in Ottawa. They needed guarantees that their farms would not be taken from them. And they wanted protection for the unique French and English culture that had developed in Red River over the past 60 years.
Tells the story of a small section of Rupert’s Land, called Red River, and its growth into a 20th century province.
King Charles II granted 7.7 million square acres of land to the Hudson’s Bay Company.
Red River Métis

Descendants of French-Canadian adventurers & their Aboriginal wives.
First Newspaper
1859
Nor’Wester
William Buckingham & William Coldwell

THE FIRST NEWSPAPER AT RED RIVER.

“THE NOR’-WESTER,”
A POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL, AND FAMILY NEWSPAPER,
PUBLISHED AT RED RIVER SETTLEMENT.

With a view to add still further to the efficiency of The Nor’-Wester, as well as to enable the proprietors to extend their general printing, publishing, bookselling, and stationery business, the undersigned have for that purpose entered into partnership, under the style or firm of “The North-West Printing and Publishing Company.” The Nor’-Wester will continue as heretofore to be de-
From the Daily Herald, Montreal.

THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

From the Ottawa Citizen.

THE NOR’-WESTER.

From the Daily Leader, Toronto.

RED RIVER.

From the Daily Prototype, London.

THE NOR’-WESTER.

From the Daily News, Kingston.

THE RED RIVER.

From the Daily Pioneer and Democrat, St. Paul.

FROM THE SELKIRK SETTLEMENT—A NEWSPAPER IN THE HYPERBOREAN REGION.
NORTH WEST TRANSIT COMPANY.

(Correspondence of The Nor’-Wester)

TORONTO, C.W., Jan. 16, 1860.

The North West Transit Company is undergoing strange vicissitudes. Some months ago, Mr. Allan McDonnell and other of the shareholders instituted proceedings in Chancery against Mr. Dawson, the President, and certain of the Directors, accusing them of having “fraudulently” accepted a proposition for the sale of the steamer
The Prince in Canada

Orange Disturbances.

The Governor General & The Duke of Newcastle attacked by a mob.

The Prince of Wales inaugurated the Victoria Bridge at Montreal on the 25th ult. The following day, being Sunday, His Royal Highness and suite attended Divine Service at the Anglican Cathedral, Montreal. The Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land read
THE STATE OF DENMARK

Every item of information regarding the state of Denmark must at present be interesting to all intelligent readers. The war still rages in that brave and free, but unfortunate little country, Duppel its most important continental fortress has fallen, and there now seems every probability of the Danes being crushed by a selfish combination of powers outnumbering them in popu-
RED RIVER FARMING

(To the Editors of The Nor’-Wester.)

Gentlemen,—Your correspondent “Agricola,” after stating in general terms our defective mode of husbandry, proposed three questions, on the first two of which I have a few remarks to offer. The questions are these,—First, Whether the present method of summer fallowing is the best? and, second, Whether such fallowing is calculated to destroy wild oats, thistles, or other bad weeds? In answer to query first, “Agricola” recommends deep Fall ploughing with manure, that the soil...
A DISPENSARY

(To the Editors of The Nor’-Wester.)

Gentlemen,—In my last letter to you I pointed out the propriety of establishing an Infirmary for the sick, and I would now submit that, as a preliminary step, a Dispensary should be opened at once.

It is true that the Settlements are very scattered, and that travelling is not easy at certain seasons of the year; but if a few central rooms were procured, would not these difficulties be mastered to
ANNEXATION TO THE STATES

(To the Editors of The Nor’-Wester.)

A devoted friend of British connection, and a thorough believer that Canada is destined to give laws, institutions and customs to the entire territory on this continent which owns the sway of the Queen, it is with sorrow we see a threat coming from any portion of British America which exhibits a tendency towards annexation to the States.
Houses to let.

The undersigned has two good houses to let.

They are within 20 minutes' walk of Fort Garry, in a central and therefore a good business place. Merchants, Mechanics, Immigrant families, or others, desiring suitable dwellings at once, would do well to apply forthwith, either to Mr. Coldwell, Nor’Wester Office, or to the Proprietor,

James Ross.

Mardoff House.

DOUBLE BARREL GUN LOST.

The undersigned lost a Double Barrel Gun about two months ago, on the public Road, a little below St James' Church. The stock had been mounted here and was painted red. Whoever will return the gun will be well paid. It may be left at the Nor’Wester Office, or sent to the owner.

JOSEPH FAIGNANT, Jun.

White Horse Plain, May 18th 1863.
CREE INTERPRETER WANTED.

WANTED an Unmarried Man as CREE INTERPRETER for the

WESLEYAN MISSION AT EDMONTON.

For Terms and Qualifications apply to Rev. John Black.

Kildonan Manse, Red River, May 31, 1861.
Over the rolling prairies,
Over the stainless snow,
We'll wrap ourselves up in our buffalo robes,
And a sleighing we will go.
The sun is high in the heavens,
The trees with their leafless stems
Are shining bright with the glorious light
Of a thousand sparkling gems.
GOSSIP.

To the Editors of The Nor'-Wester.

There are various descriptions given of what are supposed to be the distinctive characteristics of Man—the genus homo. By different writers he is called the laughing animal; the talking animal; the thinking animal; the cooking animal; and so on. But it has occurred to me, that none of these...
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Nor’Wester
Communication

Red River People
Existing World
Future Generations
which too extensively avail itself amongst us. Although there is a paper published here and very generally read, there has been, of late, a great increase in the number of subscribers to foreign papers. We regard this as one result of the publication of a local paper. Many who never took an interest in what was doing abroad, and never cared to take a book into their hands, at once felt an interest in reading the Record of events occurring amongst them, and from this originated their thirst for reading other papers. A people given to reading, thinking, and discussion prove themselves far advanced in civilisation.
A Fair Deal for All
Or Special Privileges for a Few?

Which is to be Canada’s Policy?

Record Crowd Greets Dr. Bland
“Do Unto Others”
Newspapers

First person accounts.

Published in several Languages:

English
French
Polish
Ukrainian
Icelandic
German
Newspapers

19th Century Issues

French-English language issue
Catholic-Protestant controversy
Federal-Provincial conflict
Church-State relationships
Newspapers

20th Century Battles

WWI: The war at home

Women win the vote

Strike 1919!
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Newspapers

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Title-Issue-Page-Story

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Alison Geldard, *The Nor’Wester and the Men Who Established It* MHS Transactions Series 3, 1959-60 season

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Seraient reçus jusqu'au seizième jour de juillet par le soussigné, des compagnies, ou compagnies proposées, pour la construction d'une ligne de chemin de fer de Winnipeg au Portage la Prairie.

Les compagnies devront spéciifier le bonus en argent ou les garanties en dédebures qu'elles exigent du gouvernement pour cette construction.

Les particularités peuvent être observées du soussigné.

Date: Winnipeg, 26 mai, 1883.

JOSEPH MARTIN,

Conda des Chemins de Fer.
Louis Riel

William Buckingham and William Caldwell, two young newspaper men on their way to the Settlement to start our first newspaper, the Nor'Wester...brought a printing press, type, paper and ink, experience as reporters and printers, a stock of books for sale, high hopes, and definite convictions about what the future of the Settlement should be.

Alison Cardinal, The Nor’Wester and the Men Who Established It MHS Transactions Series 3, 1959-60 season

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Mr. Riel replied that the Judge was out of his role as Secretary in addressing the meeting.

Judge Black said he had no idea that Mr. Riel could teach him his duty.

The Chairman addressed the meeting and Mr. O'Donoghue protested.

Judge Black—If business is not allowed to proceed regularly I will resign.

Mr. O'Donoghue complained that the Chairman would not allow him to address the meeting.

The Chairman said he had no objection to Mr. O'Donoghue doing so, when in order.

Mr. Bonnycastle—As a Red River settler I ask the Chairman to put the question to the meeting as to whether
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Photographs
Biography of Pickering-Thomson, Mary Louise, 1879-1967

Mary Louise Pickering-Thomson was born on August 14, 1879, in Beachford Ontario and came to Portage La Prairie in 1881 with her parents. Joseph and Martha Pickering. Joseph Pickering was a carpenter and he went to work for the Manitoba and North Western Railway and later for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mary, known to her family and friends as Marmie, became a teacher at a very early age, receiving a non-professional teaching certificate in 1897. Not all of her teaching experiences were happy ones and she decided to leave the profession in 1899. That same year, on December 19, she married George Fisher Thomson, who was ten years older than she was. George, who had come from Galt, Ontario, in 1878, was a farmer who lived at Portage Plains, just north of Portage La Prairie. He was a widower and had a three-year-old son. Marmie now left her old life behind to become a farmer’s wife. She and George had two daughters and three sons. George died in 1922. Marmie died on August 3, 1967, only two years shy of her 100th birthday.

Documents:
1. Joseph & Martha E. Pickering and their daughter Mary Louise, age 12
2. Mary Louise Pickering-Thomas

References:
1. Joseph & Martha E. Pickering et leur fille Mary Louise, âgée de 12 ans
2. Mary Louise Pickering-Thomas
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Biographies

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Digitization
Process-Newspapers

OCLC

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Olive

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XML described a physical location for each word on page
Digitization Process - Documents

OCLC
Original documents scanned (Winnipeg)

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TEI XML applied to transcriptions
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Technology

Server
Jakarta: Apache, Cocoon, Lucene

Manitobia Team
Software developed for Manitobia.ca is open source (Martini)
by Bess Sandler
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Online Historical Newspapers

Today’s technology
Yesterday’s stories
Tomorrow’s generations
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