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Department announcements

Be sure to visit the Louis Riel Institute Archives and Special Collections (LRIASC) website for the latest updates and the blog series.

Check out our latest blog here: [Blog #2](#)

The blogs are in English, French, and Michif French. We acknowledge the support of the Government of Canada in funding this initiative.

This past summer, the summer employees digitized hundreds of hours of A/V material and took photos of countless artifacts. These digitized versions are now being made available on our website:

[Digitized items from the Louis Riel Institute Archives and Special Collections](#)

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Manitoba Heritage Grants Program, which has helped make this digitization project possible through funding for digitization equipment and supplies.

Collection highlight



LRIASC collection, Box 205, folder 2, image 9, "Hurrah for the weekends", no date.



LRIASC collection, Box 207, folder 2, image 9, no date.



LRIASC Collection, box 205, folder 13, image 24, Interlake, no date.

[Visit our website : Louis Riel Institute Archives and Special Collections](#)

Visit the Archives

The LRI Archives and Special Collections are currently open by appointment only. Stay tuned for our official opening date and hours of operation. In the meantime, if you have any inquiries or to schedule a visit please email archives@lrilearn.ca

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Did you know that we accept donations of archival material? If you would like to donate photographs, documents, books, artifacts, videos, music and more please contact our Head Archivist: bbryan@lrilearn.ca

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Corn Roast

This year's Corn Roast at Riel House was another great opportunity to bring our community together and celebrate Red River Métis culture. Even though the weather didn't exactly cooperate with us, it was great to see so many people still come out and enjoy the afternoon.

The day was filled with food, music, jigging, cultural activities and lots of time spent visiting and connecting with one another. We were fortunate to have Elder Shirley Langan join us and provide our opening and closing prayers, along with performances from Gavin Forbes, Spence Tradition and Mitchell Stewart-Klyne throughout the afternoon.

We were also happy to welcome Manitoba Métis Federation Ministers and members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly who took the time to join us and celebrate with the community.

An event like this takes a lot of people working together behind the scenes. A big thank you goes out to Parks Canada, our Scotiabank volunteers, Apex Catering, the LRI departments who participated, and all of our staff and volunteers who helped with everything from planning and setup to serving food, programming and cleanup.

Most importantly, maarsii to everyone who came out to Riel House and spent the day with us. Seeing everyone stick around, visit, laugh and enjoy themselves despite the rain made all of the work leading up to the event worthwhile. We are already looking forward to doing it again next year.

— Aaron Uly Allaire, Cultural Manager





Cultural Programming

Workshops



Red River Métis Sash Finger Weaving Workshop

This workshop will unravel the significance, history, and weaving techniques of the Red River Métis sash. Participants will learn step-by-step finger weaving and gain an understanding of its cultural importance. Participants leave with a small sash usable as a lanyard, bookmark, or bracelet.



Red River Métis One-Needle Beading Workshop

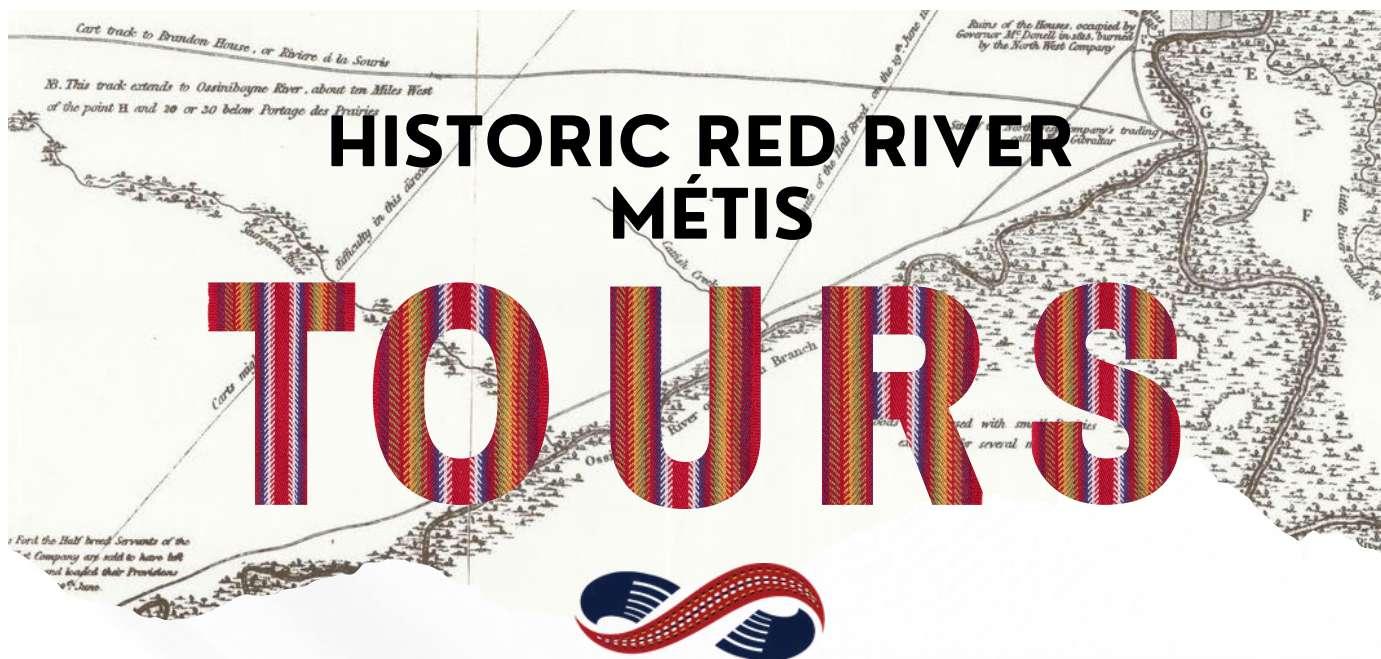
Participants explore the art of Red River Métis beadwork, focusing on the one-needle technique. The workshop includes a brief history of Red River Métis beadwork, emphasizing the heritage and cultural significance.



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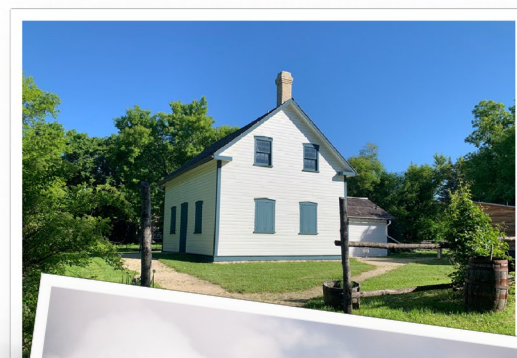


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This Day In History

On October 16, 1869, the National Committee of the Métis was formed, with John Bruce as the president and Louis Riel as secretary.



John Bruce (left), Louis Riel (right), City of Winnipeg Archives i00039, 1870.

On March 20, 1869, the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) sold Rupert's Land to the Dominion of Canada for \$1.5 million — the largest land sale in Canadian history. The company made this deal without consulting any of the Indigenous peoples living in the area. Many Métis people, who lived in what is now Manitoba, believed that HBC had no right to sell land they occupied without their consent.

The Canadian government likewise showed the same disregard for local voices. In August 1869, it started to re-survey river-lot farms. The Métis in the Red River Valley typically had long, narrow lots of land that connected with rivers. But the Canadian government preferred square lots that limited access to water.

Then on October 1, 1869, the Canadian government passed the "Act for the Temporary Government of Rupert's Land by a Lieutenant Governor and Council" and appointed William McDougall as Lieutenant Governor, again without consultation from residents of the area.

Tensions came to a head on October 11, 1869, when Édouard Marion found government surveyors on his land in the St. Norbert Parish. He called on his neighbours and Louis Riel to confront them. Frustrated by the government's pattern of acting without consultation or consent, the Métis responded five days later. On October 16, 1869, they formed the National Committee of the Métis and called for an independent Métis republic. John Bruce was elected president, with Louis Riel as secretary.

The creation of the National Committee of the Métis became a key precursor to the Red River Resistance. The committee soon barred the incoming governor, McDougall, from entering the territory.



Map showing area of Rupert's Land, Encyclopaedia Britannica, no date.

The Red River Resistance formally began in November 1869, driven by anger over land sale and the newly imposed government. The resistance lasted until August 1870, when the British Red River Expeditionary Force arrived at the Red River Valley.

John Bruce later resigned from the committee due to illness, and Riel, his secretary, became president of the National Committee of the Métis.

Author: Bronwyn Bryan

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