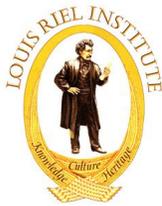


## **Frederick Adolphus Bird, M.L.A. (1823-1884)**

A Scottish Half-Breed, Bird was elected to Manitoba's first legislature in 1870 to represent Portage la Prairie. Frederick was born on March 18, 1823, the son of George Bird and Mary Ann Thomas.<sup>1</sup>

Frederick Bird was a Metis storekeeper in Portage la Prairie. He was married to Ann Garrioch (b. 1826), the daughter of William Garrioch and Nancy Cook, on December 21, 1843. They had eight children only five of whom lived past childhood. Frederick was part of the Portage group, which opposed Louis Riel. He was imprisoned by Riel at one point. Bird died at Portage la Prairie on 30 November 1884, at the age of 61 years. Frederick Bird is the great-great-great-grandfather of present day Manitoba M.L.A. Tom Nevakshonoff, elected from the Interlake riding



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<sup>1</sup> George Bird (b. 1797) was the son of James Curtis Bird and Mary (Cree). Mary Ann Thomas was the daughter of Thomas Thomas and Sarah (Cree).