

THE METIS PEOPLE

COMMEMORATE

THE CENTENARY

OF THE

NORTHWEST

RESISTANCE:

1885 - 1985

BATOCHE is the Heart of the Metis People

...The Northwest Resistance is the most important symbol of the Metis Nation. For most Canadians the Northwest "Rebellion" is simply a fascinating part of the history of Western Canada. But for the Metis Resistance at Batoche, the last battle in a lost struggle, was at the same time the beginning of a hundred year struggle for social justice and cultural recognition by the original pioneers of the West. In 1985 the Metis People will recognize the centenary of the Resistance by commemorating those who fell and by celebrating the renewal of Metis Culture.

LIST OF RIGHTS.

1. That the people have the right to elect their own Legislature.
2. That the Legislature have the power to pass all laws local to the Territory over the veto of the Executive by a two-thirds vote.
3. That no act of the Dominion Parliament (local to the Territory) be binding on the people until sanctioned by the Legislature of the Territory.
4. That all Sheriffs, Magistrates, Constables, School Commissioners, etc, be elected by the people.
5. A free Homestead and pre-emption Land Law.
6. That a portion of the public lands be appropriated to the benefit of Schools, the building of Bridges, Roads and Public Buildings.
7. That it be guaranteed to connect Winnipeg by Rail, with the nearest line of Railroad, within a term of five years; the land grant to be subject to the Local Legislature.
8. That for the term of four years all Military Civil, and Municipal expenses be paid out of the Dominion funds.
9. That the Military be composed of the inhabitants now existing in the Territory.
10. That the English and French languages be common in the Legislature and Courts, and that all Public Documents and Acts of the Legislature be published in both languages.
11. That the Judge of the Supreme Court speak the English and French languages.
12. That Treaties be concluded and ratified between the Dominion Government and the several tribes of Indians in the Territory to ensure peace on the frontier.
13. That we have a fair and full representation in the Canadian Parliament.
14. That all privileges, customs and usages existing at the time of the transfer be respected.

All the above articles have been severally discussed and adopted by the French and English Representatives without a dissenting voice, as the conditions upon which the people of Rupert's Land enter into Confederation.

The French Representatives then proposed in order to secure the above rights, that a Delegation be appointed and sent to Pembina to see Mr. Macdougall and ask him if he could guarantee these rights by virtue of his commission; and if he could do so, that then the French people would join to a man to escort Mr. Macdougall into his Government seat. But on the contrary, if Mr. Macdougall could not guarantee such rights that the Delegates request him to remain where he is, or return 'till the rights be guaranteed by Act of the Canadian Parliament.

The English Representatives refused to appoint Delegates to go to Pembina to consult with Mr. Macdougall stating, they had no authority to do so from their constituents, upon which the Council was dissolved.

The meeting at which the above resolutions were adopted was held at Fort Garry, on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1869. Winnipeg, December 4th, 1869.

The formal List of Rights, drawn up by the Provisional Governing Council of the Metis Nation, as the formal conditions for the entry of Rupert's Land into Confederation. December 1, 1869, Manitoba Archives.

The Batoche Centenary Corporation

Has Commemorated the Following

The Battle of Duck Lake

The First was on March 26, 1885 at Duck Lake to commemorate the first shots fired upon the Metis. In 1885, Superintendent Crozier with 100 men and a seven-pounder cannon decided to engage with the Metis. They lost 12 men and the Metis lost 5. At the Commemoration Ceremonies, a Monument, erected by the Metis People, was unveiled followed by a Pipe Ceremony and the blessing of the Cairn. The Elders laid Sweetgrass Wreaths. As well Spruce Boughs were laid at the Cairn.

The Battle of Tourand's Coulee

The second commemoration was on April 24, at Tourand's Coulee (Fish Creek) considered the boundary of the Metis Settlement. In 1885 150 Metis & Indians held off General Middleton's Militia. With more Metis forces coming to the aid of Gabriel Dumont at Tourand's Coulee, General Middleton retreated. The Militia lost 10 men and 40 were wounded. The Metis lost fewer. The Commemoration Ceremonies for this Battle had to be held indoors at the Batoche Church with a Pipe Ceremony, the Speakers' addresses and the laying of Sweetgrass Wreaths and Spruce Boughs, because of the rain.

The Battle of Batoche

The Third Commemoration was on May 9 - 12, 1885, at Batoche. Wherein 800 Militia fought with 300 Metis. On the morning of May 9th, the "Northcote" travelled up the river from Gabriel's Crossing toward Batoche. Gabriel Dumont's ferry cable was lowered across the river, to trap the ship, but instead sheared off the top of the smokestack which created a series of fires. General Middleton's forces armed with cannons and a gatling gun commenced firing on the Metis, at the same time.

The Fourth Commemoration will be on July 28, at the Gravesite which will be to commemorate all the people who died in all the battles of the 1885 Northwest Resistance. At that site, and on that day will commence a Pipe Ceremony and Prayers, as well as the laying of Sweetgrass Wreaths and Spruce Boughs, to pay homage to our fallen heroes. This will be followed by speakers and their thoughts on 1885.

The Fifth and final commemoration will take place in Regina, Nov. 16th to commemorate the loss of a Leader: The Unjust Hanging of Louis Riel. A Monument will be erected to reflect the proper dedication to this man, one of the heroes of the Metis Nation.

TO CELEBRATE THE BCC WILL FEATURE:Children's Events

July 18 to 28, 10:00 A.M -4:30 P.M

Arts & Crafts

Fingerweave Sash's
 Finger painting
 Playdough
 Drawing

Making Earrings
 Tie-Dyeing
 Painting
 Face Painting

Drama

Clown Workshops
 Puppet Theatre

Drama Skits
 Storytelling

Games & Races

Sack Races
 Shoe Scramble
 Parachute Games
 Relay Races
 Kites
 Earth Ball
 Balloon Bust
 Frisbee
 Lacrosse

3-Legged Races
 Rubber Ball
 Sponge Toss
 Obstacle Course
 Archery
 T Ball
 Dodge Ball
 Tug of War
 Soccer

Music & Dance

Jigging Classes
 Hoola Hoop Musical

Jigging Contests

Field Activities

Nature Hikes
 Wagon Rides
 Weiner Roast

Outting to the Rifle Pits
 Campout
 Bannock on a Stick.

CULTURAL EVENTSAmatuer Talent Night

July 23,24,25

VOCAL and/or INSTRUMENTAL Talent Presentations Only.
 Winners will be featured at the Music Festival.

No Jigging or Fiddling.

Registration Fee For 16 and Over - 1st-\$450.00, 2nd-\$250.00,3rd-\$125.00
 For 15 and Under-1st-200.00, 2nd-\$100.00, 3rd-\$75.00

Contests for Jigging, Fiddling and Dance Groups

Registration Fee for Jigging and Fiddling - \$10.00 Non-Refundable

Eliminations July 20 & 21
 Finals July 26 & 27

Jigging is sponsered by Local #109

	Men	1st-\$500.00, 2nd-\$250.00, 3rd-\$150.00
	Women	1st-\$500.00, 2nd-\$250.00, 3rd-\$150.00
16 and under	Boys	1st-\$300.00, 2nd-\$200.00, 3rd-\$150.00
16 and under	Girls	1st-\$300.00, 2nd-\$200.00, 3rd-\$150.00

Fiddling is sponsered by MNC

	Open	1st-\$600.00, 2nd-\$400.00, 3rd-\$200.00
	Novice	1st-\$300.00, 2nd-\$200.00, 3rd-\$100.00

Group Dancing

Registration Fee for Seniors \$300.00
 Juniors \$100.00

Non-Refundable

Seniors	1st-\$3000.00, 2nd-\$2000.00, 3rd-\$1000.00
Juniors	1st-\$2000.00, 2nd-1500.00, 3rd-\$1000.00

CULTURAL EVENTSDrama Presentations

July 19 & 20

UP-SASIK Theatre
 SAK-I-TA-WAK Dancers
 Rainbow Valley Dene Youth

Aboriginal Trappers Federation Workshops

July 26 & 27 All Day

Items to be discussed:

Aspects of Humane Trapping
 Trapping as an Aboriginal Right
 Preservation of Aboriginal Traplines
 Educational information of how we relate
 on a National and Provincial level.

King Trapper Events

July 26 & 27 Evenings

Animal & Bird Calls
 Log Chopping
 Hatchet Throwing
 Tall Tales Contest

Trap Setting
 Flour Packing
 Log Chopping
 Buckskin Parade

Bannock Baking

July 26 & 27

Saskatchewan Native Women's Association is sponsoring Bannock Baking.

Prizes for King Trapper Events and Bannock Baking.
 Medals and Cultural Presentations

Round Dance and Social Gathering

July 18 - 19

Mr. and Mrs. Batoche '85

One couple
 \$500.00 Prize
 Registration deadline is July 15, 1985
 Judging is July 19, on the Batoche Grounds.

Entertainment

DANCES

Reg Bouvette	July 19 - 20
Lawrence Joseph Band	July 22 - 23
C-Weed	July 24 - 25
Laura Vinson & Red Wvng	July 26 - 27

Aboriginal Music Festival

July 26 & 27

Rene Highway	Ballet/Dancer
Shingoose	Singer/Composer
Willie Dunn	Singer/Composer
Paul Ritchie	Singer/Composer
Charlie Hill	Comedian
Alanis Obomsawin	Cultural Performer
Ed Deljarlais	Composer/Singer
Rocky Woodward	Singer/Composer

Workshops

July 26 & 27

For Writers, Artists, Musicians and Theatre.

Sports and Recreation EventsHorseshoe Tournament

July 20 & 21

The Entry Fee is \$100.00 Non-Refundable.
There will be eliminations rounds at the above dates.
Finals will be held on July 27.

Tug of War

July 20,21,

This will be pull-downs.
Finals will be held on July 27.
There is an Entry Fee.

Relay Race

July 19

The Relay Race is from Duck Lake to Batoche.
The Relay team will consist of three men and one woman.
Runners will need a canoe and a horse, they will supply
their own. The Relay is approximately nine miles. Entry
Fee is \$150.00 non-refundable.
Prizes for 1st,2nd,and 3rd place.

Cross Country Run

July 20

The distances are three miles and six miles.
The Entry Fee is \$25.00 all refundable.
1st,2nd and 3rd place prizes.

Baseball Tournaments

Eliminations
Finals

July 20 & 21
July 26 & 27

16 Mens Fastball
32 Mens Slow-Pitch
16 Womens Fastball

Ball teams for 10yrs to 15yrs old.

There is an Entry Fee, and Prizes for Side A & B,
1st,2nd and 3rd places.

All Metis and Indian Rodeo

July 19 - 21, 1985

The Rodeo will be held at One Arrow Reserve.

The Entry Fee is \$40.00 per event.
Phone entries to 446-3664. No later than July 15, 1985
The Prize Money for each event is \$600.00 plus the purse.
Events are as follows:

Bull Riding	Calf Roping
Saddle Bronc Riding	Steer Wrestling
Bareback Riding	Barrel Racing

Competing for title of Miss Rodeo Batoche '85 are:
Elizabeth Laframbois (Saskatoon Local #11); Lisa
Daniels (Riel Local Inc.); Sonnie Henry (Prince Albert
Local #7); Sara Loutit (N.R. 31); Adrienne Alexander
(W.R. #1); Yvette Lourand (N.W.C. #11); Connie
Nichiporenko (W.R. #11) and Cindy McNab (LaPlante Bros.
Rodeo Company).

The winner will be crowned at the Saturday night dance.
Miss Rodeo Batoche '85 will go to the SIRCA final in the
fall as a Contestant.

INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Research has found that people from all over the world sent petitions calling for mercy for Riel. It was a world cause. In light of this the B.C.C. is promoting an INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH CONFERENCE - July 22 - 26, 1985.

The Indigenous Youth of Saskatchewan are hosting this five day conference as part of the Batoche celebrations and commemorations, and also to celebrate, "1985, Youth Year". The general theme of the conference will be, "Participation, Development, Peace".

The primary objective of the conference is to provide a forum in which youth from many areas of the global community can meet, identify common issues and plan strategies to deal with them. As well, the gathering of Indigenous Youth from the 31 countries invited will provide an opportunity for cultural exchange that will prove invaluable as tomorrow's leaders develop a more comprehensive worldview.

The Indigenous Youth of Saskatchewan invite anyone who is interested in the pursuit of Peace to join hands with our Indigenous brothers and sisters of the global community to ensure that Indigenous Peoples are restored as autonomous Nations.

There is no registration fee for the conference, and for further information regarding accomodation and meals, please contact the Batoche Centenary Corporation office.

WHEN THE SUN SETS OVER BATOCHÉ

IN THE SPRING OF EIGHTEEN-EIGHTY-FIVE
BRAVE MEN LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES
KNOWING ALL WOULD BE LOST
ON THE PRAIRIES OF BATOCHÉ

OUTNUMBERED BY THE TROOPS OF GENERAL MIDDLETON
SENT TO SQUASH THE METIS REBELLION
YOUNG AND OLD MADE THEIR STAND
FOR RIEL, DUMONT AND THEIR LAND

WHEN THE SUN SETS OVER BATOCHÉ
WHEN RIEL MOUNTS THE GALLOWES
HOLDING HIS CROSS
WILL THE FIDDLES HUNG ON THE WALL
EVER BE BROUGHT BACK DOWN
TO PLAY ONCE AGAIN
THE METIS' PROUD SONG

THEY DIED FIGHTING FROM RIFLE PITS AND TRENCHES
IN THE COLD MORNING SUN
NAILS AND STONES USED FOR BULLETS
AGAINST THE CANNON AND GATLING GUN

ON THE FOURTH DAY, THE TWELFTH OF MAY
WAS HEARD THE LAST BATTLE CRY
MIDDLETON'S FORCES OVER RAN THE RIFLE PITS AND TRENCHES
WHERE THE PROUD METIS LIE

WHEN THE SUN SETS OVER BATOCHÉ
WE WILL WATCH MOUNTED HORSEMEN
FOLLOWING A GHOSTLY CROSS
ACROSS A STORMY RED SKY
AND WE'LL KNOW ALL IS NOT LOST
WE WILL RAISE OUR HEADS UP HIGH
AS THE SUN SETS OVER BATOCHÉ

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ARRIVAL IN GLORY

Proud and free the red Metis man
as he ruled o'r the grassy prairie land.
Abundantly roamed the wild buffalo
to suffice a need a nation to grow.
For food, clothing and shelter did he kill
this gift of nature with incredible skill.
When warrior whoops sounded a victory
much jubilation filled every Teepee.
Then one fatal day the invader came
inflicting the land and people with pain.
A civilized breed they thought we were not
that every last one of us ought to be shot.
A mere bow and arrow no match for a gun
a retreat for safety was soon begun.
Slaughter the buffalo is what they said
with their livelihood gone of them we'll be rid.
Louis Reil, the leader a man without fear
proclaimed out loudly for the people to hear,
"We're going to die if we stay in this place
we can't let this be the end of our race".
In a courageous battle were they to ensue
but weakened, outnumbered they were too few.
Louis Reil was taken and given the rope
his death for a nation an heir onto hope.
'Twas for our liberty that drove Native men to rebel
of a heritage pending a vision beheld.
Faith was of the fallen soldiers strong
his foresight we honour and continue on.
From the Northwest Resistance a century ago
the remnant Metis did flourish and grow.
Remember eighteen hundred and eighty five
from whence an image to remain we do survive.
A nation intense to edify self through deed
to new fields of accomplishment we do accede.
Valued customs of old cherished on the way
to adapt in harmony for modern day.
In the home, on the stage a scene to delight
a culture redeemed in all of its' might.
Fifty miles Northwest of Saskatoon
is a historic revival occurring there soon.
For a festive summer celebration grand
we welcome you all to Batoche land.
Hail to nineteen hundred and eighty five
for the BCC event in its' glory has arrived.

Leila Hill

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