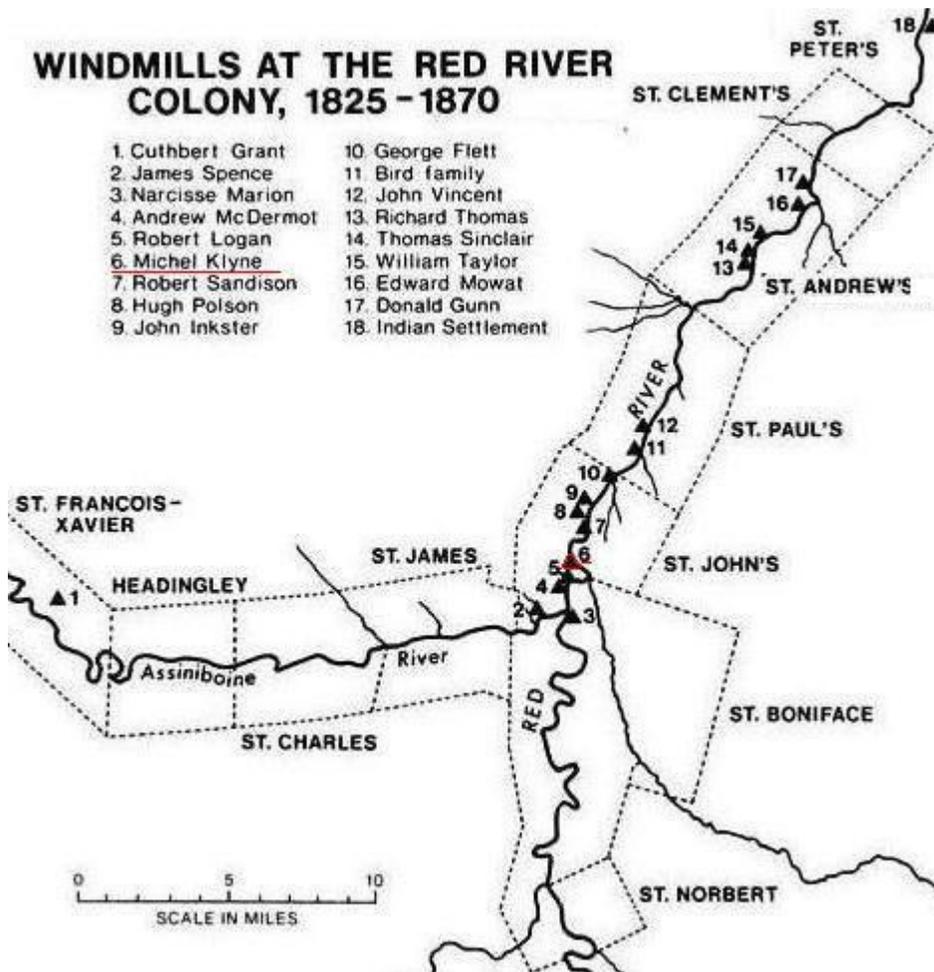


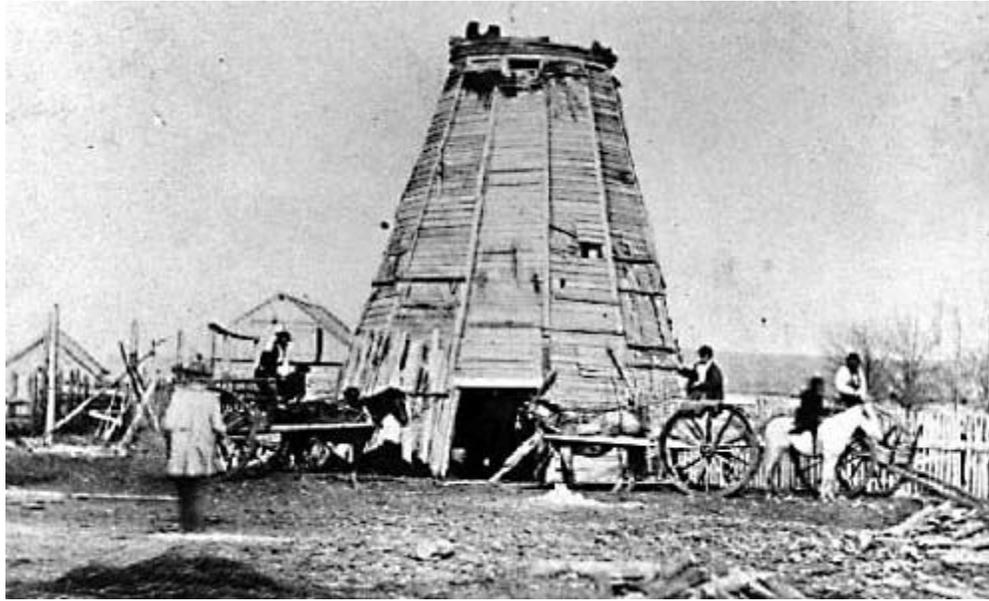
## Windmills at Red River Settlement



Robert Logan (1733-1836) had the first windmill used to grind grain in the Red River Settlement. Logan served with the North West Company for many years; and from 1806 to 1814 he was a clerk at Sault Ste. Marie. In 1814 he was persuaded to join the HBC and in 1819 took charge of Lord Selkirk's affairs at Red River. In 1825 he purchased from the Lord Selkirk estate the property on which Fort Douglas stood, along with a grist mill then under construction.

In the early 1830s Cuthbert Grant established a mill to grind flour for the Métis settlement of Grantown (St. Francois-Xavier). Grants mill remained the most westerly one in the Red River country until the early 1850s.

Until the 1850s Narcisse Marion had the only mill to grind the wheat grown by the Canadian and Métis farmers of St. Boniface. This windmill was built south of the St. Boniface mission church, sometime between 1840 and 1843.



Windmill under construction circa 1870.

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