



1870

A FOREIGN PRESENCE FUELS THE FIRE

On October 11, 1869, Canadian surveyors, sent before the purchase had been finalized, began working on river lot properties in the parish of St. Vital. A group of unarmed Francophone Métis led by Louis Riel confronted the crew, standing on the survey chain as an act of resistance.

Days later, the announcement of the imminent arrival of William McDougall, recently appointed by Canada as Lieutenant Governor of Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory, mobilized the Francophone Métis yet again, as they were understandably concerned about how the situation was developing.

It was clear to this group of Métis that they had to stop McDougall from taking up his post by preventing him from reaching Upper Fort Garry, the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company's Council of Assiniboia.

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