Grade 8 History Name:

Red River Resistance: Summary of Major Events

* Canada bought Rupert's land from HBC for 1.5 million dollars
* The government decided to begin surveying for roads and boundaries for townships before the official transfer date
* People of the Red River Settlement were surprised and decided to stop the surveying
* McDougall was appointed as lieutenant-governor of the North-West Territories which angered the Metis of Red River
* Louis Riel helped set up the Metis National Committee
* This committee blocked McDougall from entering the Red River Settlement and also seized Upper Fort Garry.
* Riel met with the French and English speaking representatives from the Red River Settlement and eventually established a provisional government
* The Canada Party in Red River wanted English speakers of European ancestry to control Red River. These people were seized by Riel and put into the cells at Fort Garry
* They then created the Metis Bill of Rights; they wanted to make NWT a province but the Canadian government wanted to make it a territory
* Thomas Scott, an English-speaking Protestant who was part of the Canada Party, showed continued contempt for the Metis. Eventually he was sentenced to death for disobedience to a lawful authority
* This angered the English speaking people in the settlement and Riel lost their support
* People in Ontario thought that Riel should be punished for this
* People in Quebec thought that Riel was a man who stood up for French rights
* The Red River Settlement became Canada's fifth province on July 15, 1870
* Macdonald sent troops to the Red River Settlement to control the situation
* Some of Riel's followers died while Riel himself fled to the United States