

Scrip

“However, in order to gain title to the land that was reserved for them, all Metis in Manitoba were required to have scrip, a piece of paper similar to money.”

A piece of paper that could be used to certify possession of land or be exchanged for money.

North West Mounted Police

“In 1873, the government created the North West Mounted Police (NWMP).”

Canada’s national police force, now called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

Paramilitary

“This group acted as a police force and a paramilitary organization for the Northwest, enforcing the law and establishing a Canadian presence in the region.”

A force that operates like the army but is not part of it.

Threshing

“The seed was sent too late in the year, and First Nations farmers were forbidden to use steam-powered threshing machines after the harvest.”

The process of separating grain from stalks or husks; the steam-powered threshing machine saved time and labour.

Indian Act

“The Canadian government introduced the Indian Act in 1876.”

An act created to regulate the lives of the First Nations of Canada.

Metis Bill of Rights

“That fall, Riel and William Henry Jackson, a representative of the local European farmers, collaborated on the Metis Bill of Rights.”

A document that outlined grievances of the Metis and others in the North-West Territories.

Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR)

“The public would see the necessity of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the nation’s security, and spending government money to finish it would be acceptable.”

Canada’s first transcontinental railway.

Northwest Uprising

“Twelve NWMP officers were soon dead, with another 25 wounded. Crozier evacuated Fort Carlton the next day. The Northwest Uprising had begun.”

A series of battles in 1885 between the Metis and the Canadian forces, brought about by the Metis’ attempts to gain recognition of their land rights.

Secede

“British Columbian politicians complained to Mackenzie and to the Governor General. They threatened to secede from Confederation if the railway was not built”

To formally withdraw from an alliance or a federal union.

National Policy

“In 1876, he developed the National Policy, which became the basis of the Conservative election platform in 1878.”

A mainly economic program introduced by the Macdonald government in 1879.