

Riel Led First Liberation Rebellion

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whipped up such hysteria that 1,200 men volunteered to accompany Colonel Garnet Wolseley on his expedition out west.

Schultz was later rewarded for his zeal by being named Manitoba's first Lieutenant-Governor.

After Ottawa settled with the Metis, it decided to send out

Wolseley and a military expedition, even though the colony was peaceful and the colonists no longer in revolt.

The 1,200 arrived in August 1869. Riel had envisioned a dignified transfer of power between two commanders. Instead, "Wolseley's Boys" came in shooting Riel had to flee, leaving behind his once-again terrorized people.

As soon as they laid down arms, the Metis victory vanished. The amnesty MacDonald had promised suddenly never existed. The Metis were tricked out of the land the government

had promised (land which was theirs in the first place) by scheming speculators from the east. As soon as Manitoba became Canadian property the native people had lost all chance of surviving in it. Many moved west, where Riel led another rebellion in 1885. By this time he had learned from experience, and envisaged an alliance of Metis and Indians to preserve their civilization on the prairies. But in vain he awaited the promised help from the Indians already too many had died from smallpox which white people had eagerly spread through tricks like selling the natives blankets infected with the disease.

This week, the anniversary of the Proclamation of the provisional government, marks the short-lived success of the first national liberation rebellion in the west.

Biology Club

The Biology Club has no more ecology or environment-oriented projects planned for this term. They are organizing an interuniversity conference and an employment seminar for science students. This week club members are busy getting their displays ready for the Science Open House, Friday and Saturday, January 15th and 16th which will feature exhibits from each department in the Faculty. This is open to the university and everyone is welcome.

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There is no pressing reason for the United Church to continue in the printing business or continue to own the Queen Street property. There is no good reason why it shouldn't continue to own and operate such indefinitely or until it becomes financially advantageous to sell.

It is important to remember that the United Church still owns and operates a small publishing house, which will now be freed from debt. The United Church needs such a publisher. The name Ryerson, and the titles and authors' contracts and copyrights belonging to The Ryerson Press will now be the property of McGraw-Hill.

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It may be argued that the Church should not even be in the textbook business. THE OBSERVER and Church school papers no longer need Ryerson. And although we do not like to admit it, McGraw-Hill, with its resources, may be able to do a better job in the publishing of Canadian books than Ryerson has been able to do in recent years. Be that as it may, time moves on and methods change. We wish McGraw-Hill well.

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