

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

THE QUEEN

vs.

LOUIS RIEL

*Charged on an Indictment for High Treason,
under the North-West Territories Act, 1880.*

REGINA, 20th July, 1885.

The Court assembled at 11 A.M.

MR. JUSTICE RICHARDSON.—I have to announce that Mr. Henry LeJeune will be the Associate Justice for the approaching trial; Mr. Dixie Watson, clerk; Wallace Maclean, J. S. Monahan, James T. Parkes and F. R. Marceau, official reporters.

Mr. Sheriff, will you return the precept.

Precept handed by the Sheriff to the clerk who reads the return and calls the list of Jurors.

HIS HONOR MR. JUSTICE RICHARDSON.—The clerk will open the Court.
Court opened by the clerk.

MR. JUSTICE RICHARDSON.—Mr. Sheriff, will you bring in the prisoner.
Prisoner brought in and placed in the dock.

MR. JUSTICE RICHARDSON.—Louis Riel, have you been furnished with a copy of the charge, of the panel of jurors, of the list of witnesses for the prosecution?

PRISONER.—Yes, your honor.

MR. JUSTICE RICHARDSON.—Arraign the prisoner.

The clerk reads the indictment, as follows:—

Sixth day of July, in the year of Our Lord 1885, at the Town of Regina, in the North-West Territories.

Before me, Hugh Richardson, one of the Stipendiary Magistrates of the North-West Territories, exercising Criminal Jurisdiction under the provisions of the North-West Act, 1880.

LOUIS RIEL, you stand charged on oath before me as follows:—

"The information and complaint of Alexander David Stewart, of the City of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, Chief of Police, taken the sixth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Stipendiary Magistrates, in and for the said North-West Territories of Canada, who saith:—

"1. That Louis Riel being a subject of Our Lady the Queen, not regarding the duty of his allegiance, nor having the fear of God in his heart, but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil, as a false traitor against our said Lady the Queen, and wholly withdrawing the allegiance, fidelity and obedience which every true and faithful subject of our said Lady the Queen, should and of right ought to bear.