

I must now call upon Louis Riel to plead.
Prisoner pleads not guilty.

MR. JOHNSTON.—With the permission of the court I beg leave to demur to the information. It might be sufficient to demur *ore tenus*, or by oral exception to the information: yet, as the information laid by the prosecution in itself formal, and a departure from the procedure hereto of this court, I think it necessary to put in a written general demurrer as follows:

CANADA.
North-West Territories. }

THE QUEEN *vs.* LOUIS RIEL, now charged before His Honor Hugh Richardson, Stipendiary Magistrate, and Henry LeJeune, Esquire, a justice of the peace, and a jury of six under the provision of subsection 5, section 76, of the North-West Territories Act, 1880, on the information of Alexander David Stewart. The said Louis Riel, in his own proper person, cometh into Court here, and having heard said information read, sayeth that the said information and the matters therein contained in the manner and form as described and above stated and set forth, are not sufficient in law, and that the said Louis Riel is not bound by law of the land to answer the same.

Wherefore for want of sufficient information the said Louis Riel prays judgment.

MR. JUSTICE RICHARDSON.—I don't think there is anything in the objection of Mr. Johnston and I overrule it. Are there any other demurrers?

MR. OSLER.—The clerk will ask the prisoner whether he is guilty or not.

CLERK.—Louis Riel, are you guilty or not guilty?

PRISONER.—I have the honor to answer the Court I am not guilty.

MR. FITZPATRICK.—I have now to state that I have to ask an adjournment till to-morrow morning to enable us to prepare some affidavits we require to produce to show why we are not in a position to proceed with the trial at the present moment.

HIS HONOR.—Jurors will understand that they are to be continually in attendance, as also witnesses on both sides.

We will adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow.
Court then adjourned.

REGINA, July 21st, 1885.

The clerk opened the Court at 10 o'clock.

His Honor Mr. JUSTICE RICHARDSON: Call the jury.

The clerk calls over the list of jurors.

THOMAS PEELE, one of the jurors.—Your honor, on account of being post-master and contractor to carry the mails, I beg to be relieved.

HIS HONOR.—I fear I have no power to relieve you now, you were fairly drawn out of a large number of names, and I do not think that I can discharge you now.

HIS HONOR.—I have noticed several jurors who were summoned do not appear. Is it the desire that proceedings should be instituted against them?

MR. ROBINSON.—Not if we can get on without them.

MR. LEMIEUX.—Mr. Watson, will you please swear the prisoner to these affidavits.

The clerk swears the affidavits.

MR. GREENSHIELDS.—Please your honor, we renew the application made yesterday afternoon for an adjournment of this trial. In the interval since the adjournment we