description by Governor Semple who was killed in the unfortunate conflict just referred to:-

"I have trodden the burnt ruins of houses, barns, a mill, a fort and sharpened stockades but none of a place of worship even of the smallest scale. I blush to say that throughout the whole extent of the Hudson Bay territories no such building exists."

The total population of the settlement on Red River and the Assiniboine amounted in 1843 to 5,143, in 1849 to 5,291, in 1856 to 6,523.

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