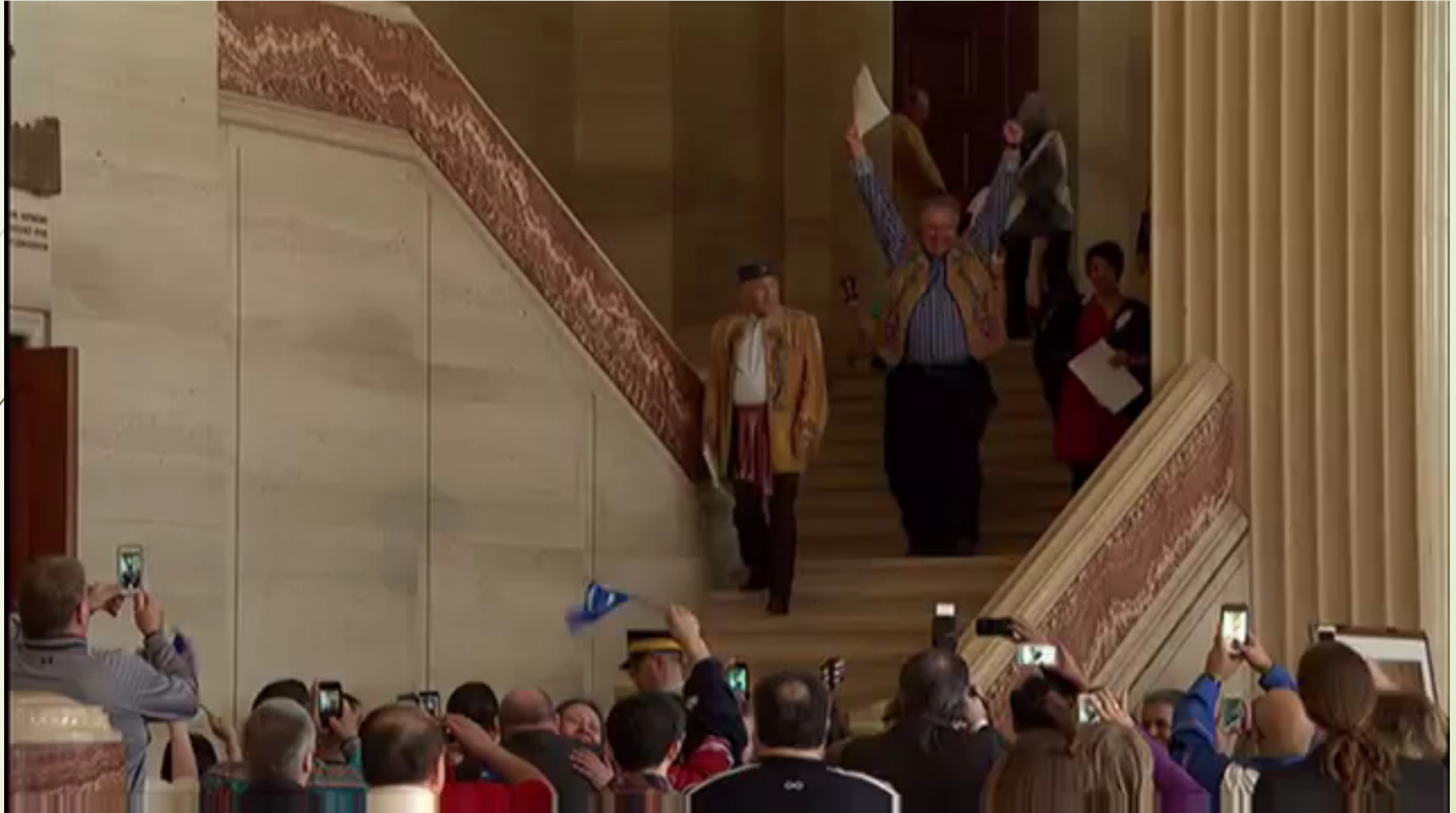


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# **To What Extent Should Canadians Support the Rights Present in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms?**

# Review

- ▶ Why do the First Nations have collective rights?
- ▶ What document gives First Nations their rights?
- ▶ What document details who gets First Nations rights?

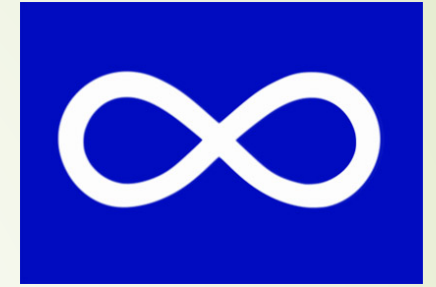




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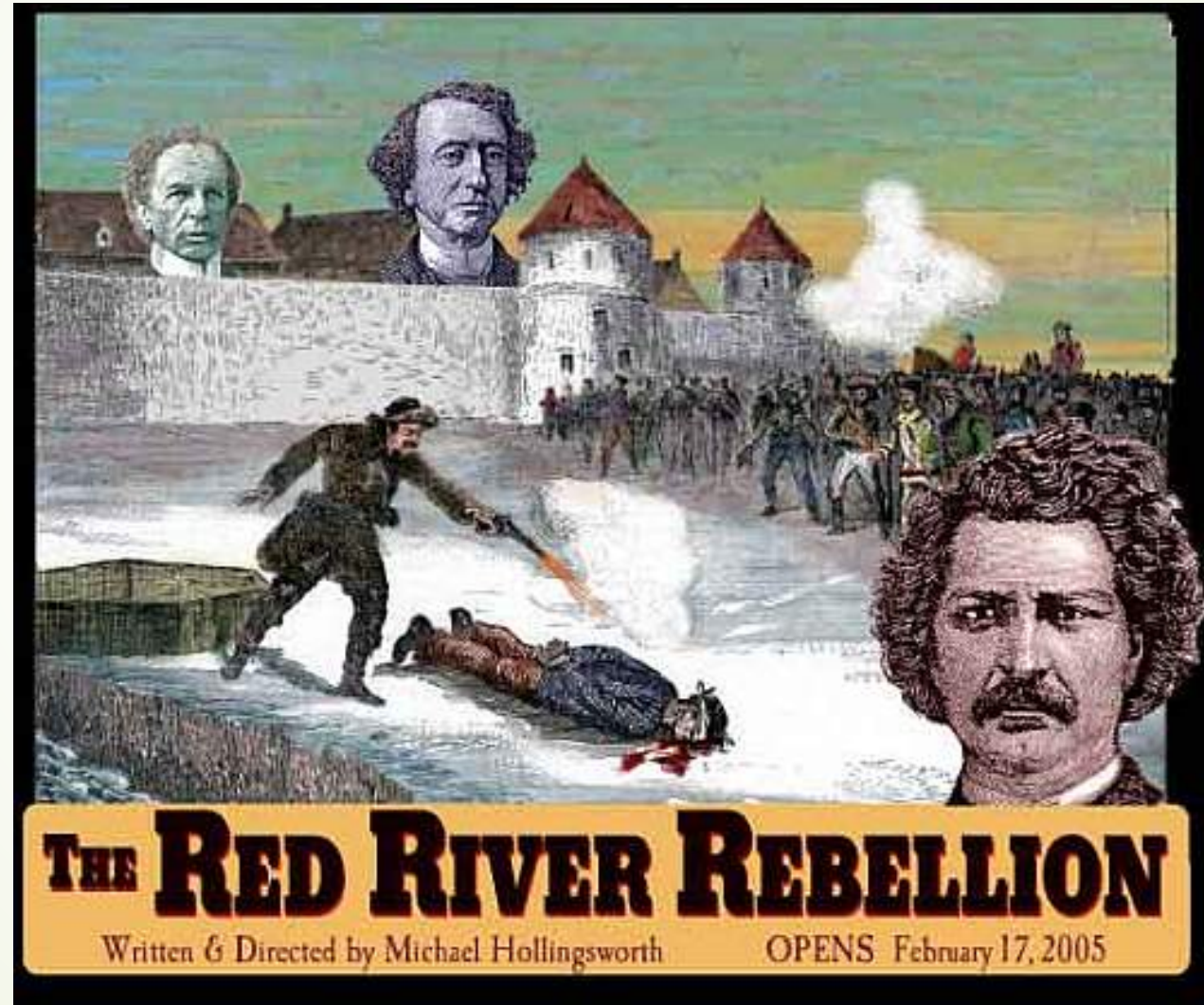


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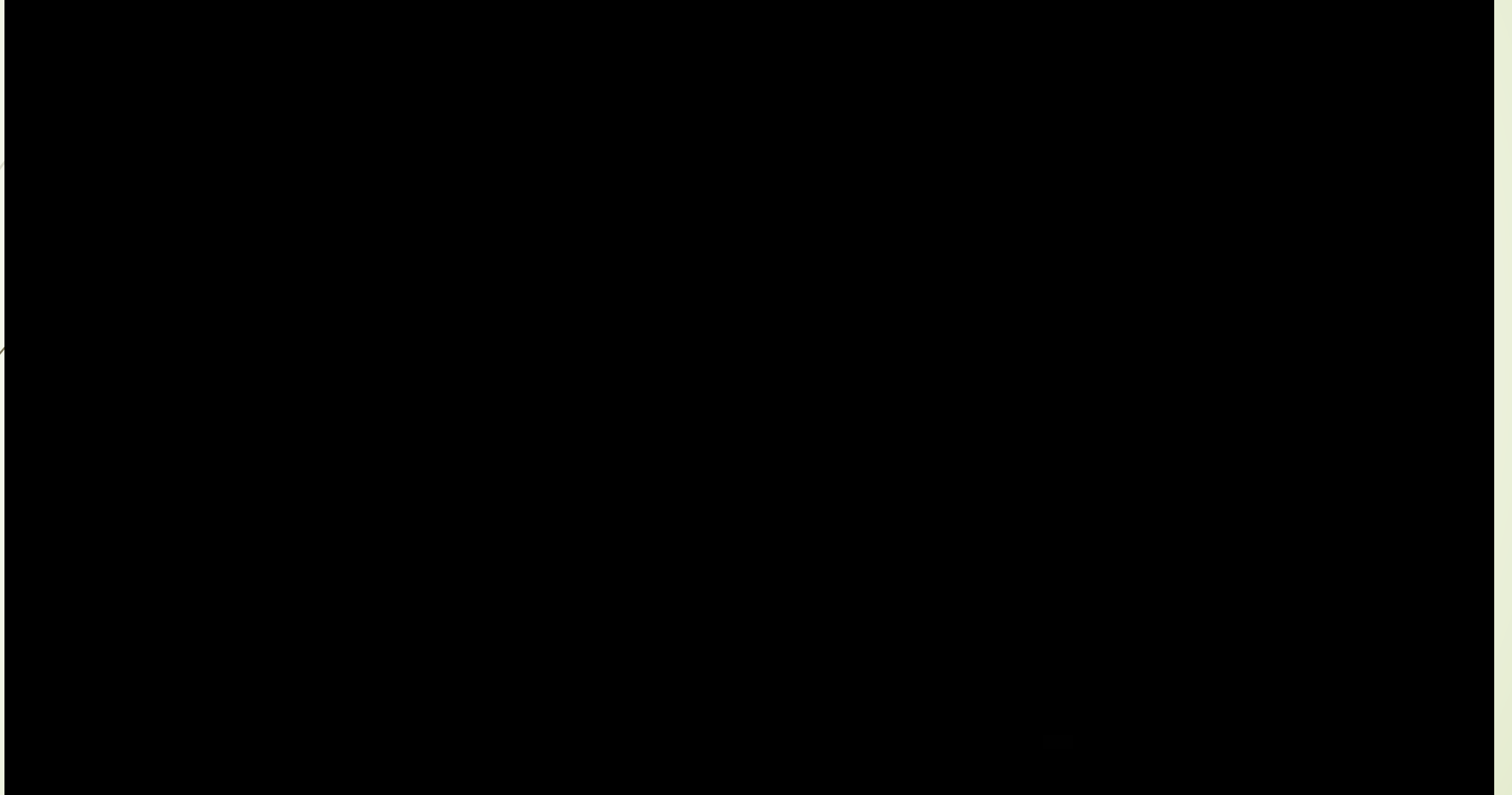


- Children of Europeans and First Nations from 1600-1900
- Distinct culture

# Why Do Metis Have Collective Rights?



# The Red River Resistance



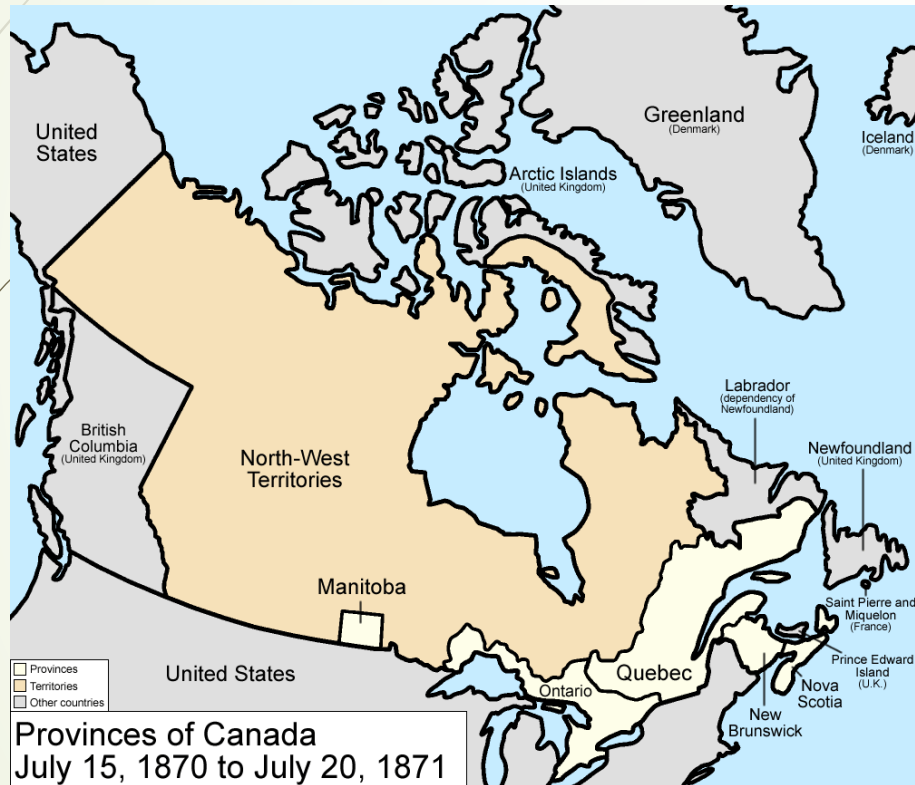


# The Red River Resistance



- ▶ Canada attempts to settle Metis land
- ▶ Metis rebel – take over Fort, hostages
- ▶ Force Canada to negotiate for rights

# Manitoba Act



➤ Foundation of Metis Rights Claims

➤ Promised Metis:

➤ Land

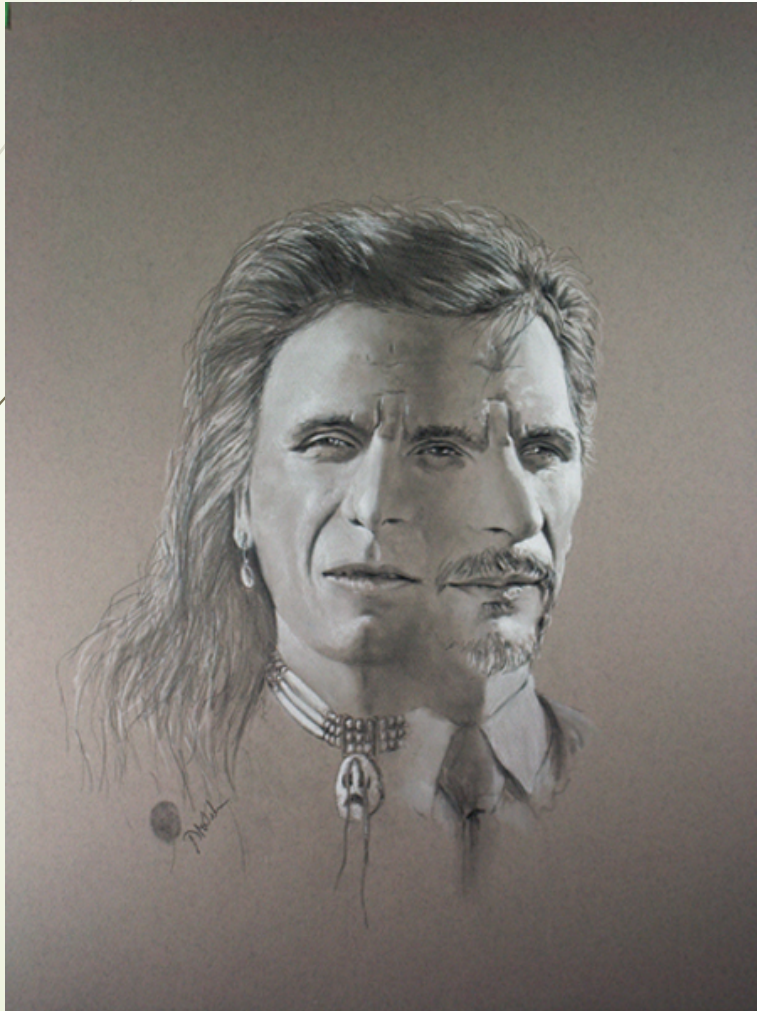
➤ 500,000 Hectares

➤ French Language Rights

# Challenges with Metis Collective Rights



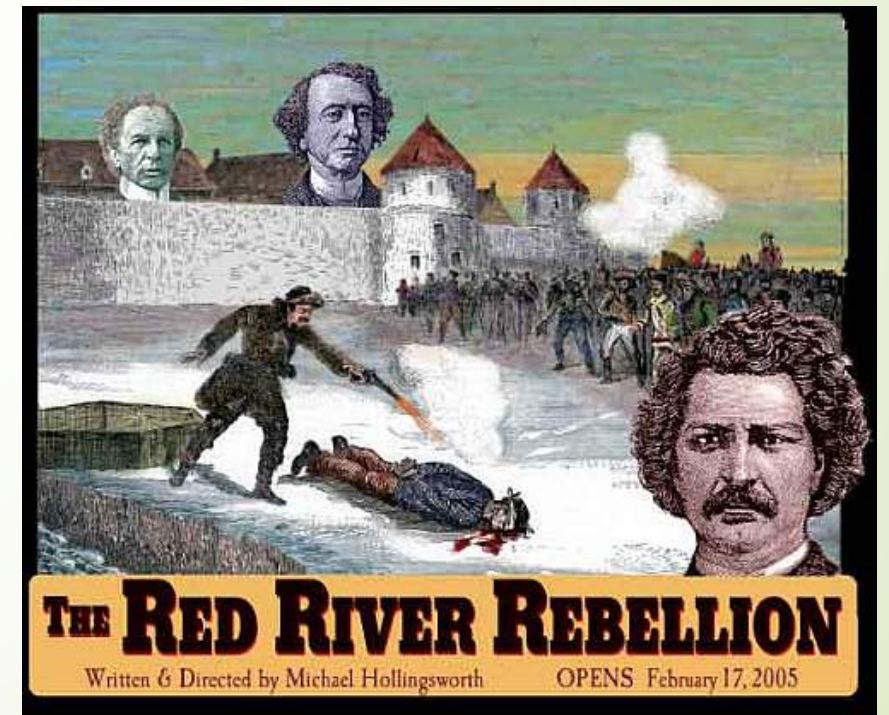
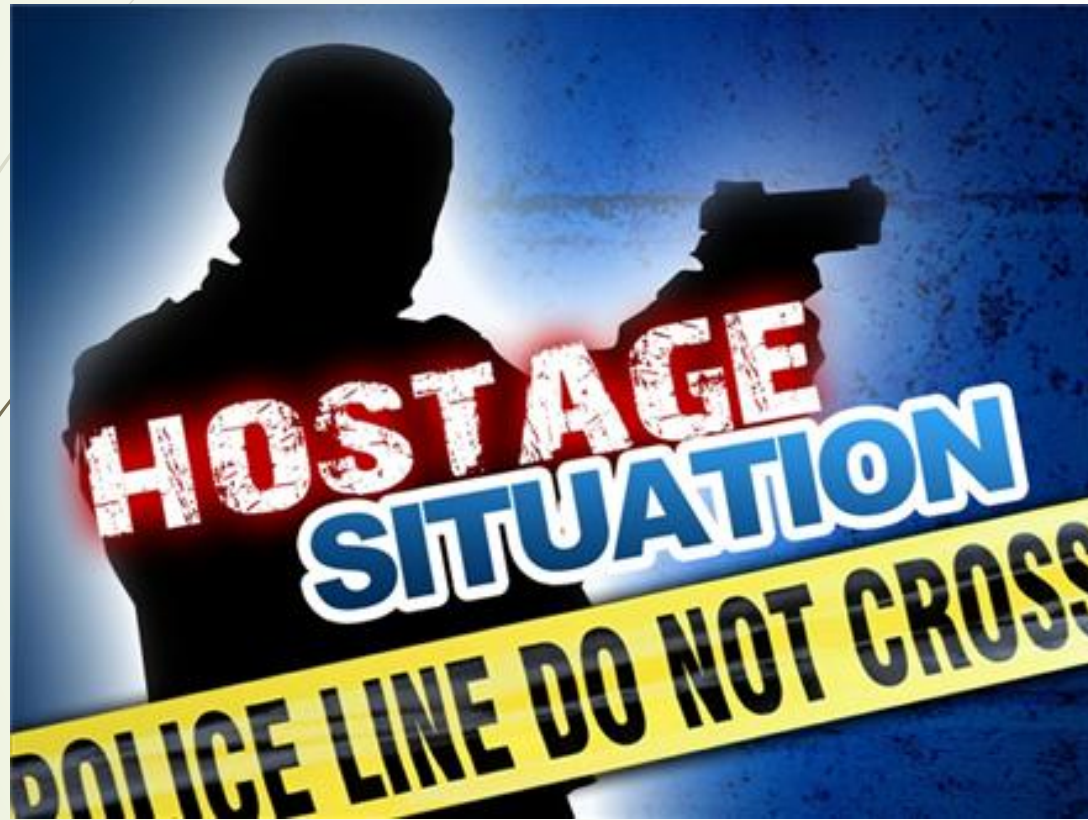
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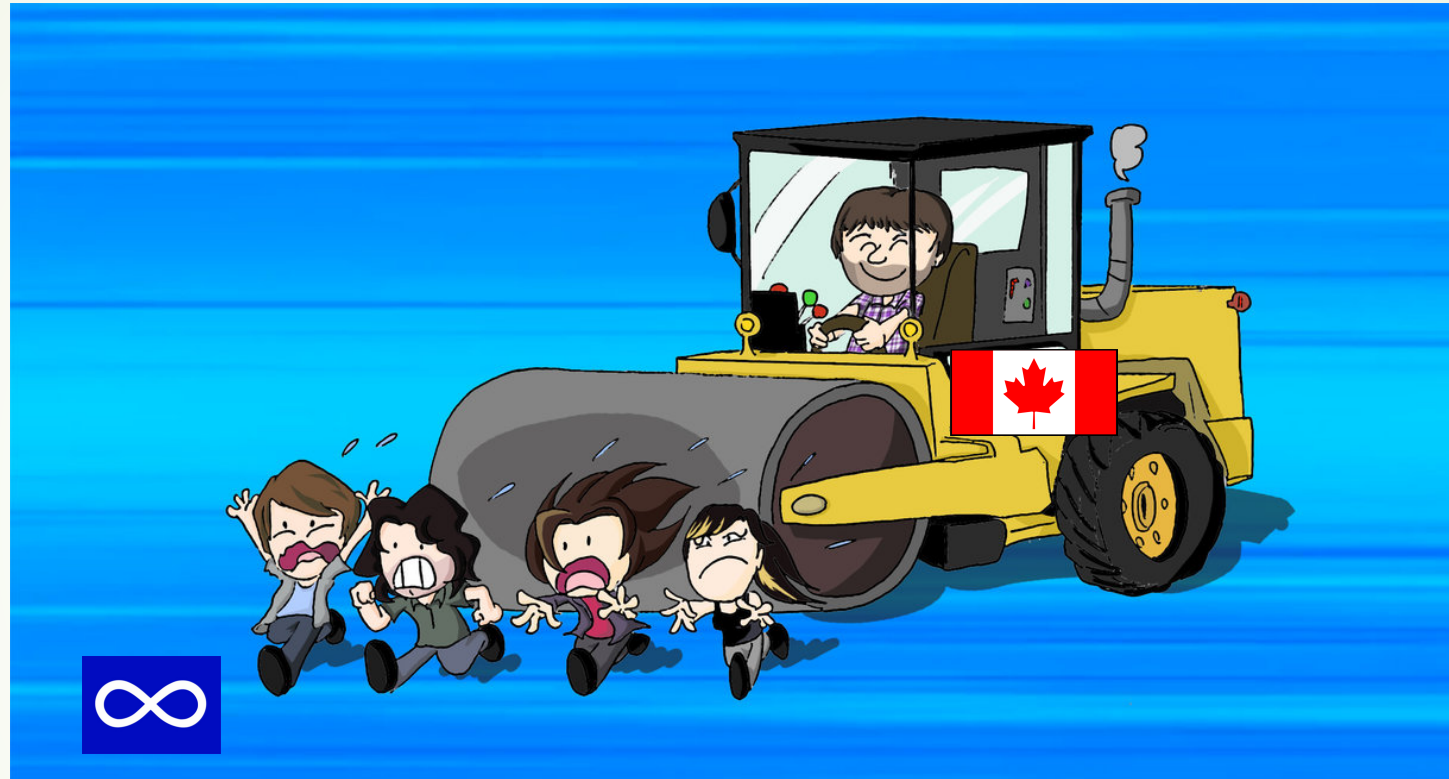
- No Treaty
- Only 100 year land claim
- Controversial way of gaining rights



# Challenges with Metis Collective Rights



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With your table groups, discuss:

- Do the Metis Deserve collective right won through a rebellion?



# Issues with Metis Collective Rights

➤ Read pg. 153

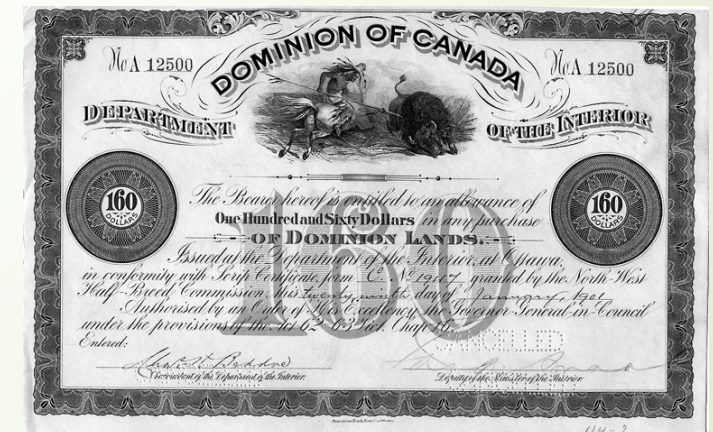
1. Define Scrip – What is it?
2. What is the problem with Scrip?
3. Did Scrip meet the government's promise to provide 500,000 hectares of land?



# Issues with Metis Collective Rights

## ➤ Scrip

- Document that could be exchanged for land
- Land offered was too far apart to form communities





# Realizing Metis Collective Rights



- 1938, 1990 – Alberta grants Metis land for settlement
- 1982 – Metis Considered First Nations in Charter
- 2003 – Supreme Court grants hunting and fishing rights
- Further rights under negotiation

# Further Rights Under Negotiation

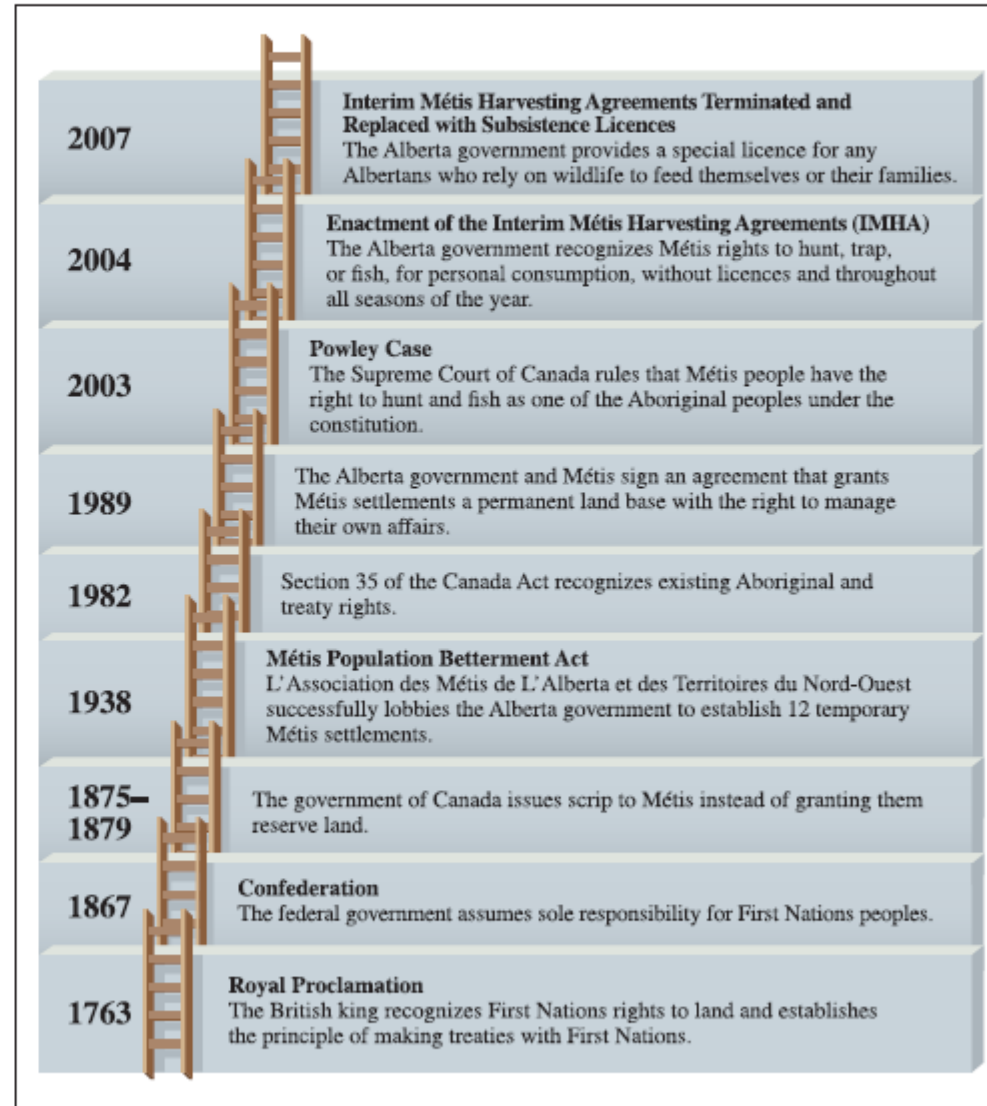
A majority of Supreme Court justices declared that the way the federal government handed out parcels of land to children of the Manitoba Metis in the 1870s failed to live up to its constitutional obligations.

As a result, Ottawa now faces the prospect of lengthy negotiations over vast tracts of land in the province -- including all of present-day Winnipeg.



# Practice Questions

Source I







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