

Louis Riel - 1844 - 1885



Louis Riel (22 October 1844 – 16 November 1885) was a Canadian politician, a founder of the province of Manitoba, and leader of the Métis people of the Canadian prairies. He led two resistance movements against the Canadian government. Riel sought to preserve Métis rights and culture as their homelands in the Northwest came more and more under the English Canadian influence.

Riel is regarded by some as a heroic freedom fighter who stood up for his people in the face of a racist government.

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