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Gabriel Dumont, a Métis leader born in December 1837, was prominent during the decline of buffalo herds, advocating for Métis prosperity and autonomy. Known for his leadership role in the 1885 North-West Resistance alongside Louis Riel, Dumont is celebrated for his bravery and skills in hunting and diplomacy. Raised in the Métis buffalo hunting tradition, he was a skilled linguist and leader. His efforts in negotiating treaties and his role as hunt chief until the early 1880s left a lasting impact on Métis history.

“For many Métis, Dumont represents the best of Métis culture. He was a fighter and warrior, but he was ultimately driven by an overriding concern for his people’s welfare, and he is remembered as a [Métis hero] in countless stories, poems, books, and works of art.”

-Gaudry, n.d.

