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Louis Riel was a prominent Métis leader, politician, and founder of Manitoba. Born in 1844 in the Red River Settlement, he played a central role in defending Métis rights and culture against Canadian expansionist policies. Riel led the Red River Resistance in 1869-1870, resulting in the establishment of Manitoba as a province. He later led the North-West Resistance of 1885, advocating for Métis rights in what is now Saskatchewan. Riel's efforts led to his execution for treason in 1885, but he is remembered as a crucial figure in Canadian history and a champion of Métis rights.

**“We must cherish our inheritance. We must preserve our nationality for the youth of our future. The story should be written down to pass on.”**

*-The North West Company, n.d.*

