# Selkirk settlement on the Red River

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## The Settlers

The Saulteaux had been included in the treaty made with Lord Selkirk because they were present at the time but this was not their homeland. The Cree very much resented the fact. Heart-broken, DUMOULIN returned to Lower Canada. Trading led to long term alcohol abuse among some Native tribes, increasing dependency on trade, and negative effects for the generations to follow.

#### Red River Settlement

In 1813 more colonists arrived and they all sowed crops together on long strip plots running back from the river. The Hunting grounds were used to collect fur and for Bison hunting. He was well known to the early settlers of Washington, and many of them owe much to his assistance and generosity.

## The Selkirk Treaty and Map

According to his biographer, he mobilized Métis feeling in the years leading to Seven Oaks, creating a viable force out of what had been a largely disparate population. The arrival of the Selkirk settlers in the Red River region in 1812 presents a microcosm of these global forces. These covered portions consist of present-day southern, northern, and eastern, in addition to small parts of eastern, northwestern, and northeastern.

#### The Selkirk Settlers

Each time they returned, and with true Scottish courage and determination, made a new start. The Selkirk Colony was enormous, four times the size of New Brunswick and 20% larger than Upper Canada. There was a lot of work to be done.

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