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T:Red River Brigade

M:C|

L:1/8

C:© Marcel Meilleur

R:Reel

O:Winnipeg, Manitoba

B:Dr. Ed Whitcomb, Ed., Canadian Fiddle Music V.I p206, ISBN 0-9694667-0-6

N:This tune was never played at a gig of one of my bands; it is here in the hope

N:you'll take a look at it for one of yours

N:

N:On D/G box, play low B or D for low G

D:Sunshine CD501 Marcel Meilleur; 20 Original Fiddle Compositions.

H:The title commemorates a traveling party or Brigade of Voyageurs, Frenchmen

H:from Quebec who travelled by freight canoe from Lake Superior to supply

H:French trading posts up-country in what is now Manitoba and

H:Saskatchewan, and on the return, to bring out furs, that the trade forts got

H:in exchange. It was heavy and dangerous work; the stuff of legends.

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H:The Metis ethnicity and culture came about from the offspring of unions

H:between voyageurs and women of the First Nations (Cf Native Americans,

in NW U.S.). "Marriages in the manner of the country."

Z:abc's 11/2021 PLK based on Meilleur's printed vers (set in cut time and with

Z:small adjustments in the pickups and tail licks, to avoid 1st/2nd endings.)

K:G

(3DEF|"G"G2 B2 (3BcB AG |B2 d2 "C"gage |"G"d2 gd BcBG |"D7"ABAF DEDB, |!

"G"G,2 B2 (3BcB AG |B2 d2 "C"gage |"G"d2 gd (3BcB AF |"G"G4- G2:|]!

ef|"G"gfed "C"eged |"G"BdBGD2 (3BcB |"D7"ABAF DFAc |"A7 or G"edd^c "D"d2 ef |!

"G"gfed "C"eged |"G"BdBGD2 (3BcB |"D7"ABAF DFAF |"G"G2 [DB][DB] [D2B2] :|]