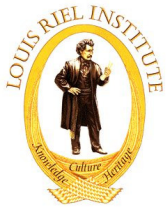


Metis Hunt of September 1861 Nor'Wester, November 15, 1861



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During this hunt Metis leader William Hallett held a peace conference with the Yanktonais under Chief Mah-to-wah-kan (Medicine Bear).



THE FALL HUNT.

A gentleman, joining in the late hunt has kindly furnished us with some particulars respecting it. From the Pembina Mountain the usual rendezvous, the hunters set off, about the middle of Sept.—105 riders and some 600 carts under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Hallett. The holding of a grand peace Conference with Mettonaka (The Medicine Bear) a Sioux chief, was one of their first performances. He was attended by a dozen warriors, who all came to lend a hand to the pacification. There was plenty of smoke and palaver, and many were the pledges of amity exchanged. Buffalo were not found in any numbers till the hunters came near the Little Souris, where they had six races, in which 500 buffalo were killed. Here they stopped a week making picnics, in full view of great numbers of wolves, who were prowling about in large numbers and with such audacity, that dozens were seen at a time, not half a mile from the camp. About 400 of these gently were caught on the trip. Two days subsequently the hunters divided into two bands. One section of about 40 riders and 300 carts, went towards the Devil's Lake, in the neighborhood of which they ran several herds of buffalo. Six Lueded line cows were killed, whereupon the bull's meat with which they had previously loaded up, was thrown away to the wolves. Scratched faces, sprains, contusions of all kinds, and dislocated shoulders fell to the lot of numbers of the hunters. He was a bold rider and had an extra fine horse, who escaped performing a somerset in these wild, reckless races over ground, honeycombed with Ladger and fox holes and crannies of all sorts and sizes. Lord Milton, J. D. Gemmill, M. La Grange and other gentlemen-riders were among the hunters; and although novices at this sport, acquitted themselves well, and carry home with them some fine trophies of the chase. A noticeable feature in this expedition is, that the signal flag carried was a Union Jack—a very pretty piece of bunting—which floated over the Bonsecours Market, Montreal, on the occasion of the Prince of Wales visit to that city. It was presented to the hunters by Mr. Gemmill.
