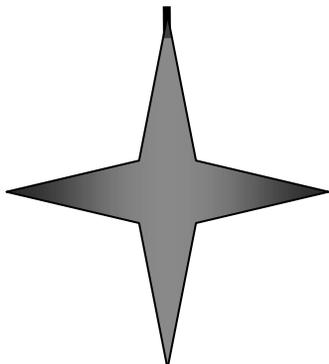


*Fort Edmonton*



*Slide Forward to Fort Calgary!*



*Finish*  
*Fort Calgary*

**MOVE BACK 2 SPACES**  
By September, with the troops in bad shape, the Commissioners' made a decision...they would send the sick and tired back to Fort Ellice for the winter and the remainder of the healthy troops would trek on...

**MOVE FORWARD 1 SPACE**  
Collected buffalo chips, made fire and had a hot meal!

# KEY



= 1 Point



= 1 Point



= 2 Points



= 2 Points



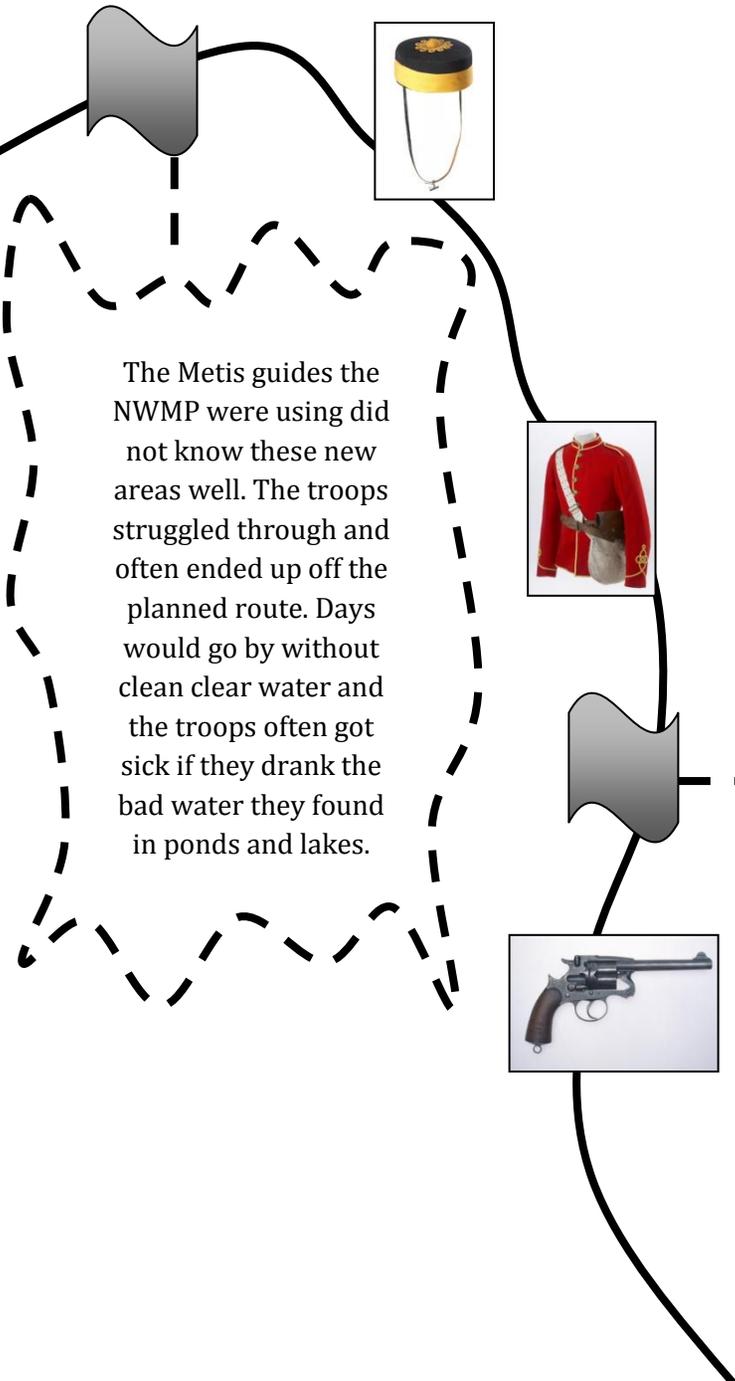
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## Fort Pelly



The 'Red River Carts' were built for the land in the East, which was much softer than the land on the prairies. The hard prairie land and rocky terrain broke the carts wheels, slowing down movement and frustrating the already tired and sick troops!

The Metis guides the NWMP were using did not know these new areas well. The troops struggled through and often ended up off the planned route. Days would go by without clean clear water and the troops often got sick if they drank the bad water they found in ponds and lakes.





*Slide Forward to Fort Calgary!*

### Fort Macleod



#### MOVE BACK 2 SPACES

Just as the troops passed Cypress Hills, they were tired, running out of food and water and in bad shape. Commissioner French decided to send the kit bags back to Fort Dufferin to lighten the load.

As the trek got harder, and with no fire wood in sight, the troops learned that they could start fires with buffalo chips...dried buffalo poop!!

### Cypress Hills



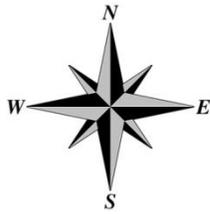
#### MOVE FORWARD 1 SPACE

Collected buffalo chips, made fire and had a hot meal!

### Fort Whoop ~Up

Jerry Potts, a Scottish Blackfoot First Nations mix, led the troops through Fort Whoop-Up on their way North. He taught them the ways of the land, which at this point saved the NWMP troops!





### SPLIT INTO NORTH AND WEST ROUTES

At Roche Percee, the NWMP split up and the Divisions went 2 different routes. 'Division A' would take the North Route and head toward Fort Edmonton and the remaining Divisions would move West.

Most days, the men rose early, got ready and rode for ten or twelve miles before stopping for breakfast. Usually, breakfast was '23', a nickname for tea only, or 'wet and dry' - tea or water and a biscuit or hardtack.

*Fort Ellice*

On our first night together as the newly formed NWMP, a horrible thunderstorm blew through camp. The horses stampeded and ran all over the area. It took us one full day to recover them, putting us behind one day already!

*Roche Percee*

Very early on in the March West, the NWMP horses began dying. The troops quickly realized that their horses were made for riding not working!

*Start*  
*Fort Dufferin Manitoba*

