

Laws of the Hunt (1840)

The text below is known as "The Laws of the Hunt". These laws were meant to govern the Métis' bison hunts.

1. *No buffalo to be run on the Sabbath day.*
2. *No party to fork off, lag behind, or go before, without permission.*
3. *No person, or party to run buffalo before the general order.*
4. *Every captain with his men, in turn, to patrol the camp, and keep guard.*
5. *For the first trespass against these laws, the offender to have his saddle and bridle cut up.*
6. *For the second offence, the coat to be taken off the offender's back, and be cut up.*
7. *For the third offence, the offender to be flogged.*
8. *Any person convicted of theft, even to the value of a sinew, to be brought to the middle of the camp, and the crier to call out his or her name three times, adding the word "Thief," at each time.*

Reference:

Ross, Alexander. *The Red River Settlement*. Edmonton: Hurtig Publishers, 1972.