Laws of St. Laurent Worksheet

Read the box on page 173 about the laws of St. Laurent**. ALSO,** then read the two paragraphs underneath the box to answer the following questions below.

What are the Laws of St. Laurent? (2)

* **An extension of the Metis List of Rights**
* **Laws that governed all aspects of life in the settlement**

In what year were these laws created and why were they created? (2)

* **Created in December 1873**
* **Created because it was necessary to enforce strict rules to conserve the bison for as long as possible.**

Tell me 3 points that you’ve learned in the preamble of the Laws of St. Laurent: (3)

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| * **With these rules in place, the citizens of St. Laurent are not trying to constitute themselves but that in order to live peacefully, they need some local rules in place to keep order.**
* **A society this large in St. Laurent needs a set of rules to maintain everyone’s rights mutually.**
* **They are still loyal and faithful subject of Canada**
* **Will abandon this set of rules when the Canadian government has created a judging system good enough with a force to uphold the authority of law.**
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Why did this document not anger the Canadian government? (1)

**One of the highlights in the document stated: “The Laws of St. Laurent did NOT usurp the authority of the Canadian government. The Metis in return believed that the Canadian government would respect their community laws.**