Maxime Goulet, MLA. (b. 1855)

Maxime Goulet was born on January 28, 1855, the son of Alexis Goulet and Josephte Severight. He served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba from 1878 to 1886 and was the Minister of Agriculture under Premier John Norquay. He was educated at the St. Boniface College before spending five years in the service of the Hudson's Bay company. He taught for twenty years and accompanied his brother Roger Goulet on the Metis Scrip Commission. Most notably, he left St. Boniface on March 30, 1889, with Ambroise Lepine, Michel Dumas and Jules Marion on the way to the Paris World's Fair to take part in the Wild West Show. They took two Red River Carts, two trains of dogs and a buffalo gun. They built a log house at the Fair accompanied by Buffalo Bill Cody.

He was elected in the 1878 general election as a member of the French Party for the riding of St. Vital. He then ran in the riding of La Verendrye as an independent conservative, winning in the 1879 and 1883 elections. He served as Minister of Agriculture from 7 January 1880 to 16 November 1881. He left office in 1886.



Maxime Goulet was a younger brother of the Métis martyr Elzear Goulet. Maxime married Elise Genthon, the daughter of Joseph Genthon and Josephte Marion on July 1, 1873 in St. Boniface. Their daughter May Goulet married Patrice Payette in 1902. Daughter Marie Rose Goulet was born on November 17, 1874 and died on December 31, 1874.

Maxime died on January 17, 1932. Goulet Street in central St. Boniface is named for Maxime Goulet.



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