(top banner) Winnipeg is located within Treaty No. 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinabe (Ojibway), Ininew (Cree), Oji-Cree, Dene, and Dakota, and is the birthplace of the Métis Nation and the heart of the Métis Nation homeland.

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b) Lawson Ogg died at the young age of 26. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery. .

ORIGINAL TEXT

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