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**Directions:** : After reading the background information and examining the source, answer the questions below.

**Background Information:** The Laws of St. Laurent were a set of rules established by the Métis in 1873 to regulate bison hunting and maintain order in their community near the St. Laurent settlement in present-day Saskatchewan.

**Source A:**

Two-thirds of this population are connected by intermarriage..., and have assumed to themselves the right to enact laws...which the minority of settlers are perforce bound to obey or be treated with criminal severity. From this body, a court has been presided over[controlled] by a man named Gabriel Dumond [sic] who is designated president before whom all delinquents [offenders] are made to appear, or suffer violence in person or property.

....The past spring a party of “freemen” numbering four families made their way to Carlton...and having disposed of the products of their hunts, purchased fresh supplies of necessaries and started prairie wards to hunt....joining a party of other hunters and Indians who were leaving for the same purpose. Dumond dispatched a courier [sent a messenger] with a letter ordering the party.....to retrace their steps and join the St. Laurent camp. To this the hunters objected. When Dumond with 40 of his bodyguards fully armed....followed in pursuit, and seized all the horses and carts together with provisions [supplies]...leaving the plundered people on the plains without transportation. Dumond...then returned the stolen property and, after using violent personal threats to individuals, placed a heavy fine upon the party and returned to their camp.

**Source:** *An excerpt from a letter written by Lawrence Clark, justice of the peace for the North-West Territories to Lieutenant Governor Alexander Morris.*

**Source B:**

The hunters left as usual under the leadership of brave Gabriel Dumont...After twelve day's march they began to sight buffalo which gave them courage and hope. [Then they learned] that many Metis [of another community] without respect for the laws and rules [of St. Laurent] and without concern for their brothers went on ahead. Immediately it was decided in a general meeting that it was necessary at any cost, and in the interest of everyone to observe the laws.

The leader [Dumont], with his captains and soldiers, faithfully carried out the decision of the meeting, brought to the camp **willy-nilly** [haphazardly] all the **delinquents** [lawbreakers] with the exceptions of two who preferred to pay an **indemnity**[fine] which was granted to them on condition that they would go immediately to Carlton.

Hardly had they arrived at Fort Carlton when they complained of having been maltreated, robbed, almost assassinated. They knew whom to make these complaints to; it was to the people who had looked **askance** [disapprovingly] at the creation of the laws of the Colonies. If one were to believe the celebrated **knave** [dishonest person]and his agents, the Metis of Carlton [St. Laurent], joined with the Indians, were in full revolution against the Dominion of Canada.

**Source:** *An excerpt written by a priest from the St. Laurent community regarding the 1875 bison hunt arrests made by Dumont.*

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**Multiple Choice:** What best describes the relationship between the two featured sources?

- a) The sources are contradictory
- b) The sources are contrary
- c) The sources are complimentary
- d) The sources are corroborating

**Short Answer Response:** Explain your reasoning below.