Historical Manitoba

The first recorded visit of the country which is now a portion of the Province, is that of Captain Thomas Button who in 1612 sailed along the western shore of Hudson Bay and discovered the Nelson River. Shortly after the formation of the Hudson Bay Company in 1670, the Company which afterward became known as the Hudson's Bay Company, sent the first trader, Charles Baker, to the Nelson River to act as representatives of Pierre Radisson (or Groseilliers) who had obtained from the Company a grant of the wealth in furs. In 1774 Samuel Hearne, the Company's agent at Fort Prince of Wales (at the foot of Hudson Bay) discovered the Coppermine River. In 1783 the Company established the first Fort Prince of Wales, at Churchill River. In 1790 Peter Fond established the first trading post in the Province, at Swan River. In 1793 Alexander Mackenzie, a Canadian by birth, explored the Mackenzie River as far as the Arctic Ocean. In 1797 David Thompson explored the Saskatchewan River and established the first Hudson's Bay Company's post in the Province, at Cumberland House. In 1799 Thompson established the first Hudson's Bay Company's post in the Province, at Manchester House. In 1801 Thompson established the first Hudson's Bay Company's post in the Province, at Dauphin Lake. In 1806 Thompson established the first post in the Province, at Swan River. In 1807 Thompson established the first post in the Province, at Fort Vermilion. In 1811 Lord Selkirk purchased 116,000 square miles of land for colonization purposes, comprising the present Province of Manitoba, and the Hudson's Bay Company, for the sum of one shilling and a yearly rent of ten beaver skins, granted the land to Lord Selkirk. In 1812 the first settlers arrived at Fort Garry, Selkirk settlers from Scotland and Ireland, and established the first Red River settlement. In 1813 Lord Selkirk established the first Roman Catholic Church in the Province, at Red River settlement. In 1814 Lord Selkirk established the first Protestant Church in the Province, at Kildonan. In 1815 Lord Selkirk established the first Red River settlement, at Point Douglas. In 1817 Lord Selkirk established the first Red River settlement, at Winnipeg Beach. In 1818 the Hudson's Bay Company established the first Red River settlement, at Fort Garry. In 1821 the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company amalgamated and formed the Hudson's Bay Company, which headquartered at Fort Garry. In 1824 the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company amalgamated and formed the Hudson's Bay Company, which headquartered at Fort Garry. In 1857 the Dominion of Canada was formed and in 1869 another amalgamation took place, and from then on the country steadily developed. In 1870 the Province of Manitoba was formed out of the Dominion Territory. The Lieutenant-Governor, appointed by the Dominion Government, to govern the Province, was sent from Ottawa to Fort Garry to take up his duties, was fired on at armed encounter at Fort Garry to take up his duties, was fired on at armed encounter at the Salle River, at the Village of St. Norbert and completed proceeding to Fort Garry to take up his duties, was fired on at Fort Garry. The Lieutenant-Governor, on his arrival at Fort Garry, established a provisional government for the Province, and established the Manitoba Legislature, which passed the Manitoba Act, which created the Province of Manitoba, and which made provision for the admission of Manitoba into the Dominion of Canada, which was accomplished in 1870. In 1870 the Dominion of Canada acquired Rupert's Land and the Northwest Territories, which were soon to become the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. In 1871 Manitoba became a Province of the Dominion of Canada. In 1872 the Dominion of Canada acquired Keewatin District. In 1873 the Province of Manitoba was increased in area and population. In 1874 the Province of Manitoba was increased in area and population. In 1875 the Province of Manitoba was increased in area and population. In