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Festival du Voyageur



RUPERT'S LAND RESEARCH CENTRE

The Rupert's Land Research Centre was created to promote the history and geography of Western and Arctic Canada. Its major focus is the priceless material contained in the Archives of the Hudson's Bay Company. Dr. Tim Ball, realizing that the public was unaware of this treasure, formed the Centre in 1982 to encourage interdisciplinary research publications and general promotion of the materials. His Excellency, the Right Honourable Edward Schreyer, Governor General of Canada, agreed to be the founding patron and spoke as the guest of honour at the first colloquium in 1984. Since then Colloquia have been held in Churchill, in the Orkney Islands and in Winnipeg. In addition, several books have been published and many promotions held to further the work of the Centre. Members from many countries enjoy the services, privileges and publications including three newsletters each year.



LE FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR

Le Festival du Voyageur, at the heart of the continent, is Western Canada's largest winter event. It is where the mystique and colourful traditions of the eighteenth century Red River Colony are fused into friendly Manitoban hospitality.

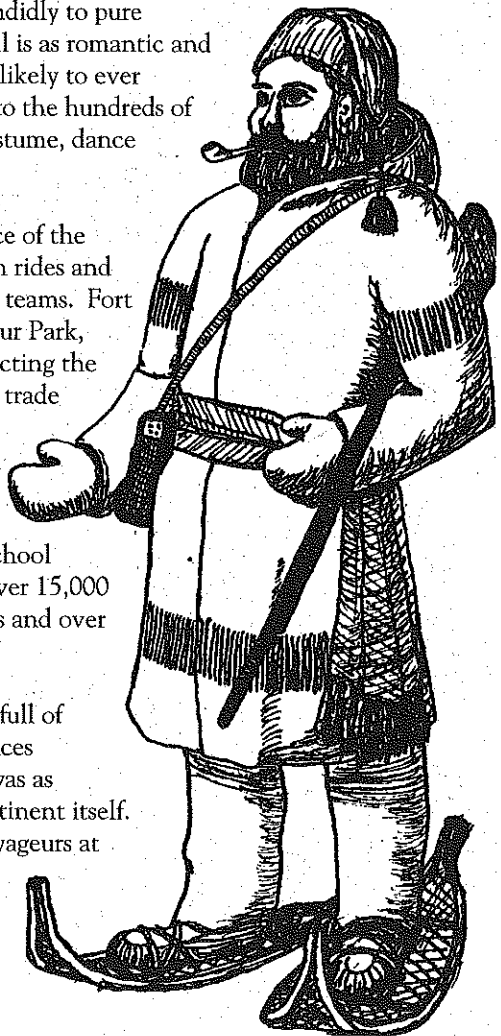
The popular Grand Rendez-Vous on the Boulevard (the largest winter street party that you've ever seen) kicks off the week of festivities and includes the opening ceremonies, live entertainment and street performers.

As in the days of the fur trade era, the Governor's Ball is where pageantry is married splendidly to pure enjoyment. The Governor's Ball is as romantic and grandiose an evening as you are likely to ever encounter, from its lavish meal to the hundreds of guests who, dressed in period costume, dance the night away.

Voyageur Park, the meeting place of the Festival, offers snow slides, sleigh rides and the thrill of racing with sled dog teams. Fort Gibraltar, located inside Voyageur Park, houses authentic log cabins depicting the Voyageur lifestyle during the fur trade era.

Other festivities include traditional contests, sports tournaments, arts and crafts, a school program which is presented to over 15,000 students, snow and ice sculptures and over 400 shows.

Festival du Voyageur is ten days full of colour, pageantry, songs and dances depicting the fur trade era that was as adventurous and bold as the continent itself. Experience the legacy of the Voyageurs at Western Canada's largest winter festival: February 7 - 16, 1992!



PROGRAMME

Thursday, February 6, 1992

4-6 p.m. Registration - Fort Garry Hotel
8 p.m. Welcoming Reception - Forks Market
Sponsored by The North West Company

Friday, February 7, 1992

9 a.m. Presentation of papers - St. Andrew's on the Red
12 noon Lunch at Lower Fort Garry
1:30 p.m. Field trips
4:30 p.m. Aboriginal show - Forks National
Historic Site
7:30 p.m. Grand Rendez-Vous sur le Boulevard

Saturday, February 8, 1992

9 a.m. Presentation of papers - Collège
universitaire de Saint-Boniface
12 noon Lunch - Le Canot
1:30 p.m. Presentation of papers - Collège
universitaire de Saint-Boniface
5:30 p.m. Governor's Ball - Fort Garry Place (optional)
Reservation of tickets mandatory

Sunday, February 9, 1992

11 a.m. noon
Papers 9-12
Brunch - Fort Garry Hotel
Guest speaker - Stan Cuthand
Sponsored by Comcheq
Closing Commentary

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FIELD TRIPS

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES/HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ARCHIVES

The staff of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives will take you on a tour of the holdings of this unique collection. Diaries, daily journals, ship's logs, maps, and artwork provide most of our knowledge and understanding of the fur trade era. Even some who have used the Archives are unaware of the full extent of the material. The company library and personal libraries of the employees have some outstanding holdings while the photographic collection provides a visual insight without equal.

LOWER FORT GARRY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The field trip to Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site will examine various aspects of the history of the stone fur trade post. The Fort's unique architecture and its economic and social roles in the fur trade will be explored. The visit's highlight will be the Hudson's Bay Collection, a rare and internationally significant assemblage of native ethnographic and material artifacts.

SELKIRK SETTLERS (Winter Road)

The area from Lower Fort Garry to the Forks Historic Site spans the neighbourhood of the Selkirk Settlers and the Hudson's Bay Company in the 19th Century. This field trip follows River Road to Main Street visiting the places that were the focus of history of that time: Captain Kennedy's House, St. Andrew's on the Red and Scott House represent the Hudson's Bay Company and the fur trade, while Kildonan Church, the site of the Seven Oaks massacre, Inkster House, St. John's Anglican Cathedral, the site of Lord Selkirk's tense meeting with the settlers in 1817, Ross House built in the Red River style and the first Post Office in Western Canada were the venues of the colonizers. The trip ends at the Forks, which was first visited by LaVérendrye in 1738 and subsequently, became the site of various forts and posts of the early fur trade.

MANITOBA MUSEUM OF MAN AND NATURE

The Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature is listed as a three-star attraction in the Michelin Green Guide to Canada. Join us for a highlight tour of the province of Manitoba from the Hudson Bay to the southern border, and for a journey through time from the distant past to the here-and-now. Your tour will include a visit to the full-sized replica of the ketch *Nonsuch*, whose first voyage opened the way for the fur trade in Western Canada, as well as a look at the Museum's Fur Trade Program for grade 6 students.

TOUR OF SAINT BONIFACE "GENS DU PAYS" EXHIBIT

In 1818, Father Norbert Provencher and his colleagues arrived at the Red River colony to establish a catholic mission. Invited by Lord Selkirk, they were granted twenty thousand plots of land on the banks of the Red River. Provencher named the mission Saint Boniface, in honour of a German missionary and martyr whom he admired. The tour of Western Canada's oldest and largest francophone community will highlight several historic sites and buildings.

The *Gens du pays* exhibit will focus on the pre-1870 Rupert's Land Settlers and their families. Using photos, audio-visuals, artifacts and genealogical information from the *Société historique de Saint-Boniface*, this display will enable visitors to learn about the *Métis* and Catholic populations who settled in this region between the Voyageur era and Manitoba's entry into Confederation in 1870.

CHILDREN OF THE EARTH SCHOOL/MANITOBA INDIAN CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Opened in September 1991, the Children of the Earth School is the first school in Manitoba to focus on aboriginal culture and language. This portion of the field trip will include a tour of the school during which some entertainment will be provided by the students.

The M.I.C.E.C. works to promote awareness and understanding of the Indian culture to both Indian and non-Indian peoples. Housed in the Centre is the Manitoba Association for Native Languages, whose objectives include the retention, revitalization and promotion of aboriginal languages. Presentations will be made by Ida Bear, the Association's Research and Development Officer, and by some elders. A question and answer period will follow. Pemmican, bannock and muskeg tea will be available at a cost of \$5.

STAN CUTHAND - GUEST SPEAKER

Stan Cuthand, from the Little Pine Reserve in Saskatchewan, has had a long and distinguished career as an Anglican clergyman, scholar, counsellor and writer. He lectured in Native Studies at the University of Manitoba and at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College in Regina. A priest for many years at Lac La Ronge in Saskatchewan, Stan Cuthand is quite familiar with Cree traditional knowledge and religion and is currently working on a new Cree translation of the Bible.

