

HISTORICAL

The City of Victoria

Was founded by Sir James Douglas, afterwards second Governor of Vancouver Island, and first Governor of British Columbia, in 1843 as a Hudson's Bay Company's fort.

Until the surrender of the manorial rights by the British Government in 1857, settlement of the Island was confined to the employees of the Hudson's Bay Company. The Fraser River gold excitement brought thousands to the colony in 1858, from which time general development began. The City was incorporated in 1862.

Few remains of the Hudson's Bay Company's tenure continue. Craigflower house and school, however, date from this period. The fort occupied the area bounded by Fort, Government and Bastion Streets, down to the waterfront.