

very noticeable in the church records of the time. A few years after his arrival the pioneer missionary Mr. Black was married to Henrietta, daughter of Sheriff Ross. The writer well remembers the force of character, ability and kindness of this noble mother in Israel, who died nearly 20 years ago, leaving a well known family. Sheriff Ross was so closely connected with the church that it was no wonder that another daughter of his was married to the pioneer Presbyterian Indian missionary Rev George Flett of Oknase. Mrs. Flett, who has been a most useful helper in the civilization of the Indian women of her mission, is the only survivor of the eleven children of Sheriff Ross.

The strip of land enclosed in this city between William and Alexander streets was the old Ross estate. We were able to recognize the names of William the eldest son, of his wife Jemima still surviving, of James, and Ross all upon well-known streets of this city, until the act of vandalism by which the late city council replaced the street names with numbers. Intelligent citizens hope to have these, as well as the names of the other city pioneers soon restored.

We do well to keep in mind the names and memories of the old Red River people who did anything for Selkirk settlement. It is true the settlement was crude and primitive, but there were many noble men and women who worked for the elevation of a community which had many disadvantages, and which but for them would have seriously deteriorated. The Hudson's Bay Company was the central figure of those times. It was very far from being perfect, but it is a question whether any other great organization, begun solely for the purposes of trade, ever did as much for the maintenance of honor and the good of the people. In the Selkirk settlement, the offspring of the Hudson's Bay Company, there was no more notable name than Ross.

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Attorney—"How do you fix the time of the murder as at midnight?"

Witness—"Because there were no policeman anywhere around at the time."