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### AN HISTORIC PAGEANT.

250th Anniversary of Hudson Bay  
Company Marked.

With Indian fur brigades and York  
boats laden with peltries on Red  
river, council fires burning at Lower  
Fort Garry, and the smoke of the  
peace pipe scenting the air, the ro-  
mance of wilderness days will live  
again at the celebration of the 250th  
anniversary of the Hudson Bay Com-  
pany, which will be inaugurated in  
Winnipeg May 3.

Sir Robert Kindersley, G.B.E., lat-  
est of the distinguished line of Hud-  
son Bay Company governors that be-  
gan with Prince Rupert, valiant  
champion of the house of Stuart in  
the Cromwellian wars, will come  
from England and take part in the  
river pageant and in the subsequent  
street pageants which will be held  
successively in Edmonton, Calgary,  
Vancouver and Victoria.

The Red river pageant, which pro-  
mises to be one of the most interest-  
ing historical spectacles ever staged in  
Canada, will start from the site of  
old Fort Garry, early capital of the  
company's once vast empire and  
about which Winnipeg grew, and pass  
down stream eighteen miles to Lower  
Fort Garry. Tricked out in bravery  
of paint, feathers and beaded buck-  
skin, Indians from a dozen tribes will  
man York boats and canoes in fur  
brigade formation. To do honor to  
the company to which their ancestors  
paid loyal allegiance, Crees will come  
from the shores of Hudson Bay;  
Swampy Crees from James Bay, Ojib-  
ways from the Lake Superior fur  
country, plain Crees from Northern  
Saskatchewan, Blackfeet, Piegiens  
and Assiniboines from the prairies  
and the Rocky Mountains, and tribes-  
men from the Athabasca and British  
Columbia.

A flotilla of freight boats piled  
high with bales of furs will trail in  
the wake of the York boats in charge  
of factors and trappers in pioneer  
costumes. As it glides in long pro-  
cession through a countryside famous  
in Hudson Bay traditions, past the  
site of old Fort Douglas, the scenes  
of Lord Selkirk's Red River settle-  
ments and the battlefield of Seven  
Oaks where Governor Semple and  
twenty men fell in conflict with their  
rivals of the Northwest Company,  
the pageant will seem to sail out of  
the past of 250 years ago.

When it reaches Lower Fort Garry,  
whose stone buildings and battle-  
mented stone walls still preserve the  
picturesqueness of early days, two  
ancient brass cannons at the gate will  
boom a salute from their rusty  
throats. Within the walls of the old  
stronghold where the first treaty was  
signed between Canada and the west-  
ern Indians in 1871, Governor Kin-  
dersley will seal anew the ancient  
friendship between the Redmen and  
the company by smoking the calumet  
of peace. The pipe, specially designed  
for the occasion, will bear carved  
upon its stem the totems of all the  
tribes and will be presented to the  
governor as a souvenir. Sir Robert  
will confer upon each of the braves a  
medal struck in honor of the anni-  
versary, and at a council at which  
the Indians will squat upon the  
ground in a wide semi-circle, will re-  
ply to orations by the sachems and  
chieftains. After the speeches, the  
Indians will present a wampum belt  
to the governor in ratification of  
their pledges of fealty, and will par-  
take of an old-fashioned feast.

### 2,500 Guineas for Bull Calf.

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lish Friesland herd of Mrs. Putnam,  
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Albans.

### Lived on a "Pharm."

"I want some intelligent men as  
hospital orderlies," announced Lieut.  
Worley. "Any pharmacists in the  
company?" A flaxen-haired individ-  
ual shuffled forward. "Ye gods,"  
said the lieutenant, "are you a phar-  
macist?" "Shure ay bane phar-  
mersis," was the indignant reply.  
"Vy ay bane work on pharm all mae  
life."

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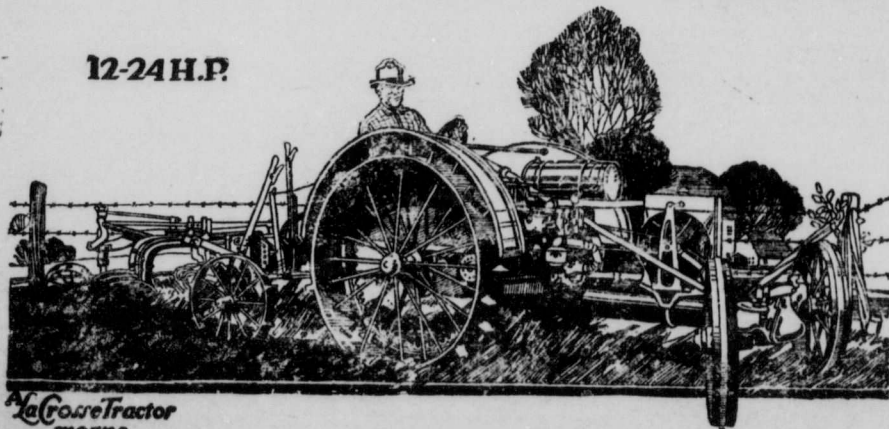
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