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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 romance of wilderness days will live again at the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Hudson Bay Company, which will be inaugurated in Winnipeg May 3.

Sir Robert Kindersley, G.B.E., latest of the distinguished line of Hudson Bay Company governors that began 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 promises to be one of the most interesting 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 buckskin, 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, Ojibways from the Lake Superior fur country, plain Crees from Northern Saskatchewan, Blackfeet, Piegiens and Assiniboines from the prairies and the Rocky Mountains, and tribesmen 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 procession through a countryside famous in Hudson Bay traditions, past the site of old Fort Douglas, the scenes of Lord Selkirk's Red River settlements 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 battlemented 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 western Indians in 1871, Governor Kindersley 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 anniversary, and at a council at which the Indians will squat upon the ground in a wide semi-circle, will reply 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 partake of an old-fashioned feast.

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