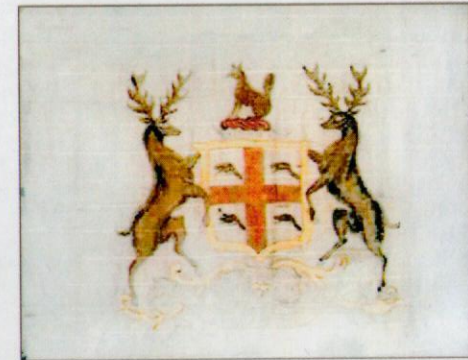


The Hudson's Bay Company (HBC)



The Hudson's Bay Company Territory in 1670
(It includes all of Manitoba!)



The Hudson's Bay Company Crest

The Hudson's Bay Company (today known as "The Bay") is one of the oldest companies in the world! It was a fur trading company set up in Canada by the English in 1670. The company did very well as they had no competition- no one else was allowed to trade furs in their territory around the Hudson's Bay! The Hudson's Bay Company relied a lot on the aboriginal people of Canada to bring them furs in exchange for goods such as wool cloth and blankets.

In 1780, another fur trading company called "The North West Company" was set up. This company was run by the French and created competition for the HBC. They both wanted control over the fur trade. Sometimes the two companies fought and people died. Eventually in 1821, these two companies joined together and called themselves the Hudson's Bay Company. The HBC had a lot of power in the area and even had it's own police and courts. The Hudson's Bay Company owned and governed Manitoba for 200 years, until Manitoba became a province in 1870.

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