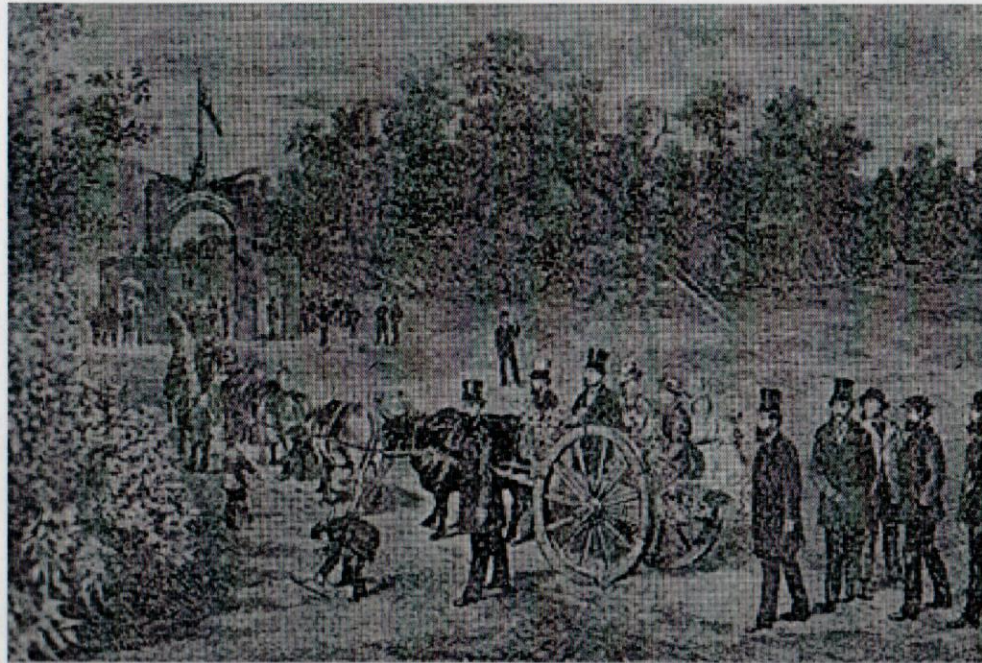


The Selkirk Settlers



Lord and Lady Dufferin in Manitoba

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Thomas Douglas, the earl of Selkirk purchased 300 000 acres of land near the Red River in present day Winnipeg for Scottish farmers who had lost their land in Scotland. In 1812 the first group of Scottish and Irish settlers arrived in the area from the Hudson Bay where they had spent the previous winter after traveling from Scotland and Ireland. Miles Macdonell was assigned to manage newcomers settling in Red River in 1812 and 1813. Life was hard for the settlers; harvests were poor, illness struck. The Selkirk Settlers presence was resented by the Métis. Fighting broke out between the settlers and the Nor'Westerners and Metis as they were jealous that Thomas had given the Selkirk Settlers this land.

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