

## The Big House



### **Lower Fort Garry**

The Big House, which included a residence for the Chief Factor, apartments and a large dining hall (courtesy Hudson's Bay Co).

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Lower Fort Garry was built in 1830 by the Hudson Bay Company after Fort Garry, located at the Forks in Winnipeg was destroyed by a flood in 1826. It was built to be the headquarters for the fur trade and was perfectly located to house and send furs north to York Factory and Europe. It became a historic site because Treaty Number One was signed here between the Ojibwa and Swampy Cree nations and the Crown. The treaty assisted the government in providing for immigrant agriculture settlement in the area. Lower Fort Garry was then used as a training ground for the Northwest Mounted Police, a provincial penitentiary and a provincial lunatic asylum. Parks Canada took over the site in 1960 and restored it to be used as an historical site for tourism and educational purposes.

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