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SPECIAL SESSION

in the Presence of

Her Majesty the Queen

and of

Their Royal Highnesses

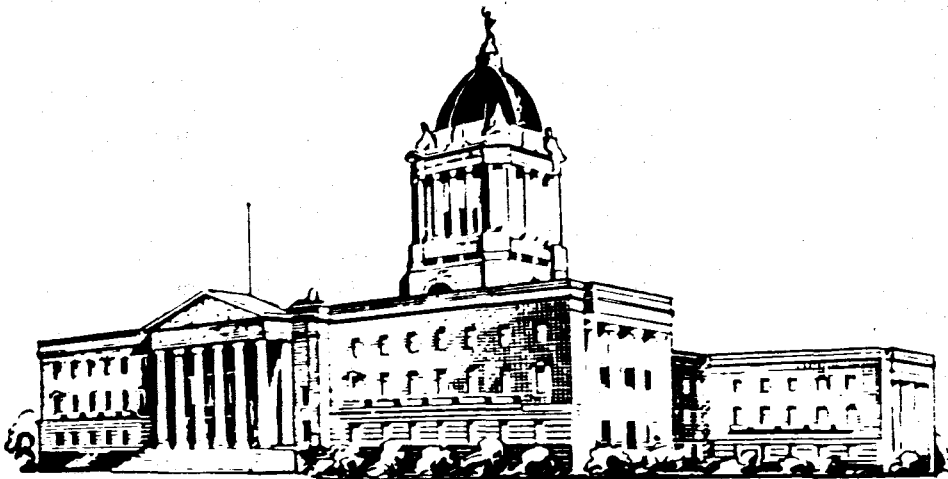
The Duke of Edinburgh

The Prince of Wales

The Princess Anne

on Manitoba's 100th Birthday

July 15, 1970



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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

South Portico, Legislative Building, held on Manitoba's 100th Birthday beginning at 11:00 o'clock, Wednesday, July 15, 1970, in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and of Their Royal Highnesses The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales and The Princess Anne.

(FANFARE. The Sergeant-at-Arms leads the procession from the south doorway. He is followed by Her Majesty the Queen and the Premier. They are followed by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Mr. Speaker. They are followed by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales and The Princess Anne. They are followed by His Excellency the Cardinal.)

INVOCATION (His Eminence George B. Cardinal Flahiff, C.S.B., D.D., Archbishop of Winnipeg):

May it please Your Majesty,

In the profound mystery of our relationship to God, and with a personal faith in his loving care for all men, we, the people of Manitoba, are come together today solemnly and joyously to celebrate the completion of one hundred years as a Province in the Canadian Federation, and the beginning of our second century.

En cette occasion mémorable adressons-nous à Dieu pour lui offrir des prières de louange, de gratitude et de demande, conscients que son secours nous est toujours assuré.

O Lord, our God, how great your name throughout the earth! You are the source and meaning of all authority. Hear us now as we pray for Elizabeth, our Queen.

In this woman of faith and personal dedication, you have blessed our people with a living sign of your benevolent authority which seeks to serve in justice, peace and love.

Through her example as a loving wife and mother, you have raised up among us a living symbol of all the traditional values we cherish in the human family. Lord, continue to sustain her, and to grant her the wisdom and perseverance she needs to lead her people to a life of true harmony and unity in your peace.

In the joy of this day, O Lord, accept our expressions of praise and thanksgiving for the many benefits we enjoy by being citizens of the Province of Manitoba.

You have blessed us with a growing awareness of the human heritage that is ours, drawn from every part of the world and welded here into a harmonious whole.

You have blessed our Province with the abundant riches of your creation. Our land yields up these treasures, as we work to uncover and develop them.

Puisque votre bonté, Dieu-Tout-Puissant, nous a déjà gratifiés de tant de richesses humaines et naturelles; nous sommes portés avec confiance à implorer votre aide dans les étapes laborieuses que nous devons encore parcourir pour amener notre province à son plein épanouissement.

Give us leaders in government, in industry, in religion and social life, who are filled with your wisdom and love: men and women dedicated to the true service of the people of our Province.

Strengthen in each of us belief in the dignity and sacredness of every person making up our people, and grant us a deepening concern for the needs of all your people, especially those of the developing nations.

Make us to be, in our time, genuine instruments of your peace.

Stir our hearts to ever greater co-operation with your divine plan for the good of all men.

Help us by your light that we may see our way ever more clearly to bring the fullness of your love to our province, to our country and to all the nations of our world. Amen.

Mr. SPEAKER (Hon. Ben Hanuschak, M.L.A.):

Your Majesty: Your people of the Province of Manitoba express their delight that you do them the great honour of visiting the Province on this 100th Anniversary of its entry into the Canadian Confederation. All your people bid you a sincere and warm welcome, and assure Your Majesty of their loyalty and devotion to you personally, and to the principles and traditions for which you stand.

Once again we thank Your Majesty's husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip for again honouring our Province by his presence. We remind him of our gratitude for his previous visit to Manitoba in 1967, when he opened the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg and endeared himself to us and our many visitors from other countries in the two Americas.

We welcome His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales on his first visit to Manitoba, and assure him of our goodwill and prayers as he takes up his heavy burden of State responsibility as our Prince of Wales, and we assure him of our loyal support.

We warmly welcome Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne on her first visit to your Province, and assure her of our delight at her being with us during this Centennial year and that our hearts are open to her.

Your Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba in session assembled set forth by resolution its recognition that the itinerary of this visit of Your Majesty, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne, was a heavy one, and on behalf of all the people of your Province of Manitoba your Legislative Assembly recognized and acknowledged your personal sacrifice involved in visiting Manitoba and paying us the great honour of taking part in our Centennial celebrations; and your Legislative Assembly further recognized and acknowledged that your doing so is most deeply appreciated by all your Majesty's devoted and loyal subjects in this your Province of Manitoba.

THE PREMIER (The Hon. Edward Schreyer, M.L.A.):

Your Majesty: One hundred years ago today, the first government of Manitoba began the task of building this province. From the rich traditions of the Native People, of the Selkirk Settlers, of the Metis and the French, and with the leaven of a hundred different races, we have built our people and our character of gentle tolerance. From our fertile prairies, our forests, our rivers and from our rugged North we are building our wealth and our prosperity.

And so this year we celebrate ourselves and all that we've achieved in our first century, and what we hope to achieve. As you and your family have travelled among us you have heard the sounds and words and singing of this celebration in all of our towns and cities.

For us, this is a year of remembering - remembering the people who lived the past in this province - remembering their sacrifices. This is a year for cherishing the dreams we have inherited from those who went before us.

(Mr. Smith is escorted to the Queen.)

Mr. SCHREYER:

This citizen, Your Majesty, who is approaching you now is one hundred years of age, as old as our province is today, and he represents all those thousands whose lives made Manitoba for us. Mr. John Smith spent his years here in the southern part of our province. And may I say as an aside, Your Majesty, that part of Mr. Smith's disability is the result of an accident he had in 1876 when he was run over by a Red River Ox Cart at the age of six years. Your Majesty, may we present this loyal servant, representing all our pioneers, men and women who make us proud.

(The Sergeant-at-Arms guides Mr. Smith from the stage.)

Mr. SCHREYER:

Remembering our history helps us to know ourselves, our duties and our strengths. Now, we must take the things already done, and the richness of our heritage, and add to them with the qualities of our present and our future. Our children learned to do this during our Centennial. For example, across Manitoba school children researched and wrote histories of their respective communities.

Other youngsters built replicas and models from our past. Under the imaginative touch of children our past became alive and vital, tinged with the fun and the enthusiasm of their youth.

Your Majesty, we would like to present to you now the family of Mr. and Mrs. James Hourie, with their children Colin and Karen Lee, who live on a farm in Manitoba just outside of Portage la Prairie. This farm was first settled by Mr. Hourie's grandfather in the year 1859 and has been home for his family ever since. Many things have changed in the time since Mr. Hourie's grandfather first settled that farm. Machines have taken the place of horses and of human labour; today the crops we grow are better and more hardy; our houses are more comfortable. But as our first settlers tilled the soil here, and as our fields first brought us wealth, still many of our people are farmers, and still our agriculture is the basis of our prosperity. And so we present this typical Manitoba family, Your Majesty, with great pleasure.

(The family is acknowledged by Royal Family; under the guidance of the Sergeant-at-Arms, they leave stage area.)

Mr. SCHREYER:

In learning of our past, of the unity of experience that binds us all together, we have also learned a great deal about the diversity that gives texture to our lives - a diversity in racial origins, in life styles, and in customs. In many ways our differences reflect most truthfully the reality of Manitoba; in many ways the preservation and the cherishing of these differences is the most important lesson we can pass on to our children in this or any other year.

In our Centennial we have tried to teach our children something of the richness and of the fun that comes from the differences between us. Your Majesty, each grade six child in the province has been given a chance to learn this lesson of which I speak for himself, as whole classrooms from across the province have changed places for a week, and children see for the first time the simple but amazing changes as they move from a city to a village, from the North to the South, from a fishing community to an agricultural centre.

Your Majesty, we have with us today, Peter Parkinson, who went from his home in the town of Gimli, on the shores of our largest lake, to the City of Brandon, one of our oldest agricultural communities, now becoming an industrial centre.

Peter, will you tell Her Majesty about your trip?

(Peter Parkinson is escorted to microphone.)

PETER PARKINSON:

My name is Peter Parkinson. I am eleven years old and I attended Stefasson School in Gimli last year. On the 24th of May I went with 26 of my schoolmates to spend a week in the city of Brandon. We drove about 200 miles by bus to Green Acre School on the east side of Brandon. While I was in Brandon I stayed with the Peters family. They were a German family and spoke German in their home. In Gimli we have very few German people. We have many Icelanders and Ukrainians.

While I was in Brandon I tasted German food for the first time -- a spicy kind of beef sausage -- and I liked it! The school in Brandon was the first one I had ever seen that had television that they used right in the classroom. We watched one show where people discussed Manitoba history and another where students talked about drugs.

It was fun to go to a city of 32,000 people after living in Gimli which has about 3,000. I liked the hills around Brandon because I could remember how we used to toboggan on the hills before we moved to Gimli. I would like to go on another "twinning" if they have one.

Mr. SCHREYER:

Thank you, Peter. As we think of the variety to be found in Manitoba it is natural that we should think of the many different peoples, and different circumstances of life around the world. In Manitoba we are involved with these people as members of Your great Commonwealth of Nations, and as citizens of a troubled world. And so it is fitting that this year we should take a moment to think with pride of those Manitobans who have gone out, beyond our boundaries, to teach, to learn, and to serve. In wartime our people have brought distinction to our nation; now, in a time of peace, we go forth in other ways - as doctors, nurses, engineers, teachers, students - families involving themselves in the lives and destinies of other families. And here at home our children march for millions every year, raising funds to build abroad as we have built here in Manitoba. Our citizens are involved with all the world, and we are proud of that fact. This year has meant many things to many people, but above all, it is a year of celebration of our future. We look forward with confidence, for the achievements of our past have taught us confidence.

We look forward with happiness, for we have much to be happy about. And we look forward with determination. We are determined that we will make this world a better place for everyone. We are especially determined to continue to build in this province a life and a society that is prosperous, and gentle and fair for all.

If we hope for a good future for our children, we must do the things today that will assure them that future. And if we are to celebrate this year properly, we must be sure that all of our citizens have something to celebrate.

(Student from Cranberry enters with scroll.)

Mr. SCHREYER:

Our past is a history of the things we have learned, and in learning lies our future. So in honour of your visit this year, we could think of no higher tribute than a plan for the education of our citizens who have not always shared the good things of our life here. This young person, Ralph Salm of Sherridon, is from our Northern frontier, and represents all the students in Manitoba of Indian and Metis ancestry. We respectfully ask that the Prince of Wales, as our future Monarch, accept the scroll which has just been given to him which tells how, through a Bursary Plan, we will

assure access to our universities and places of learning for many of these young people. Challenges and opportunities must be part of the future, for all of Manitoba; because of your visit many of our people will be more adequately equipped to meet these challenges and opportunities; and we will assure the future King that we too accept the burden of responsibility for tomorrow. Through these scholarships, named for the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne, we will have even more to celebrate in Manitoba in the next 100 years.

(Scroll is presented.)

Mr. SCHREYER:

1970 is an exciting year for Manitoba. We are grateful that our Queen and the Royal Family have been able to share some of it with us. Your presence attests the vitality of our traditions, and the permanence of our institutions. You have seen our province, from the far northern port of Churchill to the South. You have seen our people, our industry, our fun, and we hope that you have come to share our pride. Today I have tried to tell you quickly and symbolically something of this year's significance to us, but I am sure your travels among us have shown you more than I could tell. Today we end one century then, and start a second.

With God's help we will continue as well as we have begun - with determination, imagination and energy, in gentleness, and in prosperity.

(The Premier returns to his place.)

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

In 1867 Canada began a bold experiment in nation building. The men who had the vision and foresight to recognize the need for confederation and who had the determination to bring it into being, could only hope that it would succeed. When Manitoba became the first of the western provinces to join the new and struggling confederation they must have felt that there was a real chance that their grand design was going to prosper.

Trade and settlement had been going on in disconnected fashion in north and western Canada for many years but when Manitoba joined the confederation it was clear that this whole vast region north to the Arctic and west to the Pacific would also join and so mark the beginning of modern Canada. This action of Manitoba thus created that vital link between the old east and the new west which was to develop into the powerful and prosperous nation we know today.

1970 is also an important anniversary for an institution with intimate connections with Canada's Northwest, going back 300 years. It was in 1670 that King Charles II granted a Royal Charter to the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay. In one respect this Company, which has played such a legendary role in the story of western Canada, could be looked upon as one of the parents of Manitoba. In 1870 it sold its rights to the vast territory of Rupert's Land so that this whole area could come under the British and subsequently the Canadian Government jurisdiction. It seems fitting and appropriate that in this anniversary year it should transfer its Headquarters from London to Winnipeg. Indeed, I had the interesting experience of revoking the original Charter in one capacity and in granting a new one as Queen of Canada.

Confederation and the foundation of the new Province of Manitoba took place during the reign of my great great grandmother and so it is a very particular pleasure for me, as your Queen, to be here in Winnipeg for these centennial celebrations and to take part with you in paying tribute to the pioneers and founders of this Province.

One hundred years ago this vast territory was inhabited by a few thousand Indians and Metis and by a handful of French and Scottish fur traders and their families in the little settlement at Red River. Today, Manitoba is the home of one million people enjoying a standard of living which compares favourably with any other part of the world.

My family and I have travelled across the Province from north to south, and we have seen something of the thriving communities and energetic industrial development. We have also seen and met a great many Manitobans. This experience has given us all a most vivid impression of the intricate racial, religious and cultural tapestry which makes up the population of the Province. As in a tapestry, it is the cohesion of thread and colour which gives strength and design to the whole fabric. I have also been deeply impressed by the active participation of all groups in local, provincial and national government. It is my hope that The Crown will continue in the future, as it has done in the past, to be a unifying force and a focus for national identity for the many peoples of differing backgrounds who have made Manitoba their home.

I am particularly conscious of the special relationship which has existed for so long between The Crown and the Indian people, the original inhabitants of this land. I am fully confident that they will always remain an integral and vital element in the life of the Province.

Au début de la confédération canadienne, la province du Manitoba, en plus de ses premiers habitants, abritait deux communautés linguistiques, l'une qui avait ses origines en France et l'autre en Grande-Bretagne. Mais bientôt devaient se joindre à cette population des gens d'autres origines et de cultures diverses. Cet admirable pluralisme n'a cessé de croître jusqu'à nos jours.

The mingling of many peoples is creating a new society in which all are Canadians and in which all walks of life are open to everyone and where Government exists to serve and protect the aspirations of each individual. I count myself fortunate to be at the Head of a State in which such a society exists and which is so strongly established in freedom and tolerance.

I have spoken of the pioneers and founders of the Province but on this occasion we should also remember the contribution which Manitobans have made to a whole range of activities from agriculture to the arts. Many productive new strains of plant life have been developed in your fields and laboratories. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, which performed for me here in 1951, has since acquired an enviable reputation in many capitals of the world. On this occasion I am looking forward to opening the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature which will be a valuable addition to scientific and cultural life.

Manitoba has also played its part in the defence of the free world and its regiments have served with distinction in two world wars from Hong Kong to North Germany. Fourteen of the thirty-three Canadian V.C.'s of the First War came from this Province. The veterans of those campaigns continue to serve the Province as disciplined and responsible citizens.

Par ses immenses possibilités, le Manitoba est à l'image du Canada. Puisse cette magnifique province les réaliser pleinement, pour le plus grand bien des citoyens du pays et de toute l'humanité. Puisse-t-elle demeurer aussi, comme on l'a surnommée à juste titre, la clef de voûte de cette vast partie du nord du continent.

The history of Manitoba is one of human endeavour, fed by a burning conviction in all the settlers who have come to this Province, that with determination and hard work they could build a new and better life. Their success can be seen in the fields and farms, in the industries and mines, in the towns and cities, and particularly in their homes. They have laid a sure foundation, it will now depend upon the younger generations to take up the work and make the vision of their parents and grandparents, of a peaceful, tolerant and plentiful land, come true for all its people and for many generations.

(God Save The Queen)



His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor
of Manitoba.

As we leave Winnipeg this evening, my husband and our children join me in asking you to express our sincere thanks to the people of Manitoba for their hospitality and for the welcome which they have given us while we have been with them. What we have seen has been interesting and impressive.

We have been delighted to be able to take part in your Centennial Celebrations and in the course of them to have visited so many places in Manitoba. We have enjoyed meeting a great many citizens of all races and ages. We are most grateful to the Provincial Government and authorities for the excellent arrangements which they have made for our tour.

I send my warmest good wishes for the continued progress and prosperity of Manitoba during the next hundred years.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth R." with a horizontal line underneath.

ELIZABETH R.

15th July, 1970.