

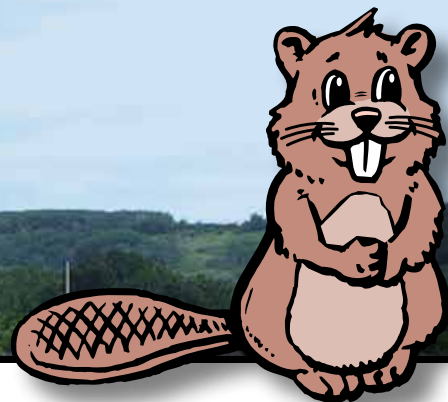
My family like other First Nations people could not believe the drastic changes that were occurring on the Prairie Plains, and in our lives. We realized the Hudson's Bay Company was largely responsible for these changes, because along with furs the Hudson's Bay Company claimed a lot of land on the Prairies and throughout Canada. The land, however, that the Hudson's Bay Company claimed was land that was already occupied; it was occupied by my people, the First Nations people.

Without any consideration for First Nations people and their rights, the Hudson's Bay Company not only claimed the land, but they later sold it to European newcomers and to the Government of Canada. As a result, my family like all other First Nations people faced fear; fear due to an uncertain future.



My family decided to fight for their rights to the land, so they joined a large group of First Nations people and vocalized their views and their plight. Eventually, the First Nations voice was heard by the Government of Canada, and this resulted in a momentous change. This momentous change not only affected First Nations people, including my family, but it affected all of Canada, and all Canadians, both new and old.

The momentous change was the making and signing of treaties. The particular treaty that my family and my First Nation signed was called Treaty 6, and it was signed at Fort Carlton in 1876!



**FORT CARLTON!**  
At this trading post,  
Treaty 6 was signed  
in 1876



Signing Treaty 6 was momentous for my family and for my First Nation because the treaty agreement insured certain promises so that we could have a good future. When we signed Treaty 6, we were promised small plots of land called reserves. We were also promised yearly monetary payments called annuities, and help with education and with making new economies or new ways of living. Since agriculture seemed to be the new way of living on the Prairie Plains, the leaders of my First Nation insisted that certain agricultural provisions be included in the treaty. First and foremost, our leaders requested land that was fertile and suited for agriculture. They also made sure there were provisions for seed, implements, oxen and instruction in farming. The leaders of my First Nation knew that we needed all of these provisions if we were to survive in the new world of farming.

