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PROVINCE TO RESTORE
OLD HENDERSON HOUSE- - - - -
To Move and Preserve
Historical Log Building

The Manitoba government is taking steps to restore and preserve the Henderson House, 2112 Henderson Highway, as a building of provincial historic significance, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Norma Price has announced.

The minister said the province has agreed to accept the house as a gift from its present owner, Jack Seitz, and will move it by the end of this month to City of Winnipeg property at 1940 Henderson Highway, commonly known as the Ross property. The province has also accepted responsibility for its restoration over time.

The City of Winnipeg is co-operating in the move and in the final location of the house.

Mrs. Price said the house, dating from 1858, is one of the oldest log structures in Manitoba. Its present site was first homesteaded by Samuel Robert Henderson, an Orkneyman with the Hudson's Bay Company, with his wife Flora Livingstone, an original Selkirk settler.

For some time it had been believed that the house had been altered to such an extent over the years that much of its original construction had been destroyed. In 1977, Manitoba's Historic Sites Advisory Board reviewed the question of preserving the house as a historic site and recommended that it be photographed, measured and carefully demolished to preserve the remains of the original structure.

Subsequently, at the suggestion of Mr. Seitz, the province's Historic Resources Branch began stripping away the obvious non-original construction materials and found that most of the house had been kept in its original state. It was found to be a fine example of Red River frame construction whereby logs are laid horizontally, fitting into vertical braces. The log work is well detailed and generally, the Henderson House is considered to be in better shape than other known buildings of this period.