

Manitoba



1870

## ...TO A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

From January 25 to February 10, 1870, the Convention of Forty convened representatives to lay the foundation for a governing body: the Provisional Government of Assiniboia, comprised of an executive council and a legislative assembly. During this convention, the List of Rights was created, the terms by which the Red River Colony would enter into the Dominion of Canada. The representatives also selected the delegates who would travel to Ottawa for negotiations with the Canadian Government.

The first parliamentary session of the Executive Council and the Legislative Assembly began on March 9, 1870. The Provisional Government of Assiniboia remained in parliament until June 24, 1870, when it accepted the terms for founding the province by ratifying the *Manitoba Act*, which came into effect on July 15, 1870.

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