

WELCOME  
TO THE  
"FORT"

The Fort Macleod Historical Association  
Fort Macleod, Alberta

## Description of Museum Area

1. **BLOCK HOUSES** - These did not exist in the original fort as can be seen from the diorama in building No. 6. There were no Indian wars in this area. The story of the opening of the Canadian West was not marred by the violence and massacres of both whites and Indians that took place in other parts of North America. This was largely due to the wisdom and foresight of the N.W.M. Police and men like Father Lacombe.
2. **KANOUSE BUILDING** - This building around which the replica of the fort was erected is on the original site, with some of the original material, was owned by an early trader. He came from Fort Benton and operated trading posts in several parts of the country including what is now Calgary. He should not be confused with Kamoose Taylor, the Hotelkeeper. An interesting sidelight is that he took an interest in the early development of the oil industry.

Here are housed artifacts used by the early pioneers of this area.

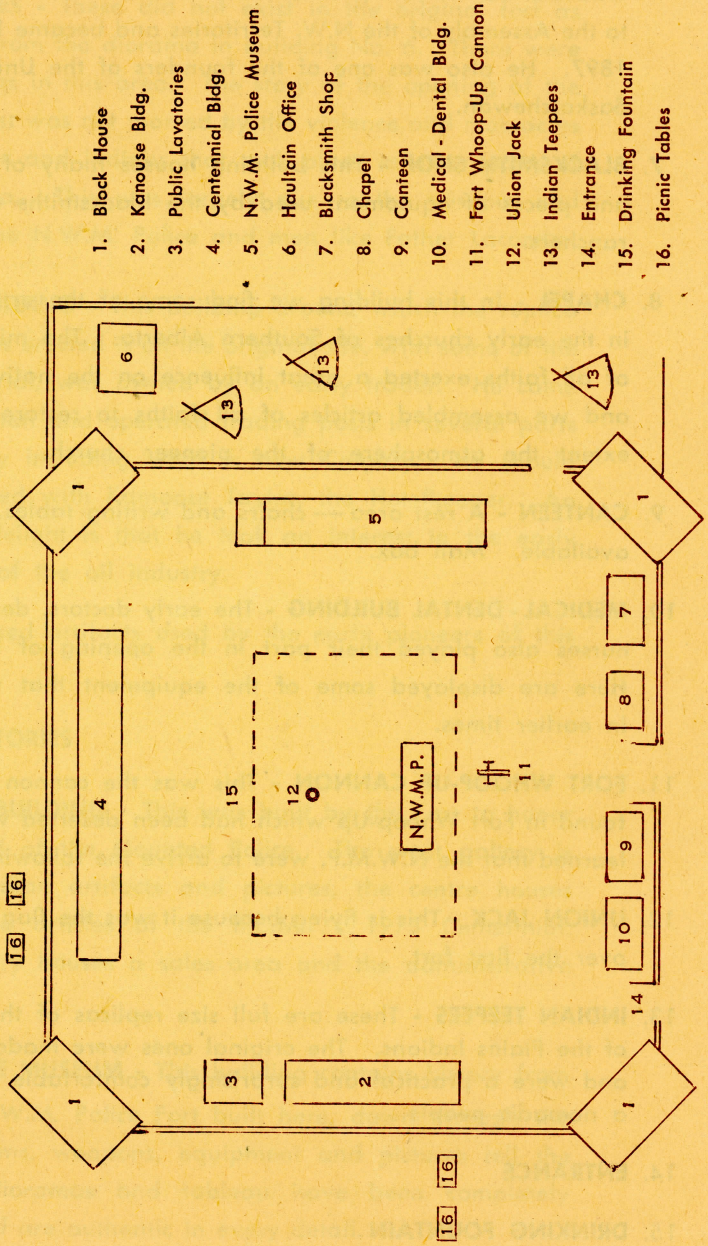
3. **PUBLIC LAVATORIES**
4. **CENTENNIAL BUILDING** - This was built by the Fort to honor the Centennial of the Mounted Police. The west gallery is devoted to Indian artifacts and pictures, the centre houses commemorative articles of the R.C.M.P.'s 1973 Centennial. The east gallery houses a sales area and the administrative offices.
5. **N.W.M. POLICE MUSEUM** - This building contains history from the earliest N.W.M. Police Fort built here, down through the years. Uniforms, weapons, equipment and pictures tell the story. The dioramas and tableau have been completely researched and are authentic in every detail.

6. **HAULTAIN OFFICE** - This building was reconstructed on the site of the original law office of Sir Frederick W. G. Haultain who started his law practice here in 1884. He was elected to the Assembly of the N.W. Territories and became Premier in 1897. He also was one of the founders of the University of Saskatchewan.
7. **BLACKSMITH SHOP** - This building houses many of the tools and pieces of equipment used by the blacksmiths and early ranchers.
8. **CHAPEL** - In this building we find some of the articles used in the early churches of Southern Alberta. The missionaries of all faiths exerted a great influence on the native people and we assembled articles of all faiths to restore to some extent the atmosphere of the pioneer church.
9. **CANTEEN** - A rest area — chairs and writing tables. Stamps available. Mail box.
10. **MEDICAL - DENTAL BUILDING** - The early doctors, dentists and nurses also played their part in the opening of the West. Here are displayed some of the equipment that was used in earlier times.
11. **FORT WHOOP-UP CANNON** - This was the cannon that was found in Fort Whoop-Up which had been deserted when they learned that the N.W.M.P. were to arrive the following day.
12. **UNION JACK** - This is flying because it was the flag that flew over the first fort.
13. **INDIAN TEEPEES** - These are full size replicas of the teepees of the Plains Indians. The original ones were made of hides and were a practical and surprisingly comfortable home for a nomadic people.
14. **ENTRANCE**
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