

Fort la Reine, now Portage la Prairie, Manitoba: La Vérendrye and his sons established this fort in 1738. It was on the edge of Long Plain, a site of buffalo and deer hunting. This was also the starting location for the portage from the Assiniboine River to Lac des Prairies (now Lake Manitoba). Fur traders would use this portage for their journey up the lake to the Dauphin River and Fort Dauphin. The location on the river was also the site of a good sturgeon fishery. The Métis community of High Bluff was established nearby. Portage was the home of Métis Chief Peichito Tanner. He and his sons operated 250 Red River carts between St. Paul, Minnesota and Edmonton.



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