

# AN ALBERTA CHAMPION



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*James Macleod*

**JAMES F.  
MACLEOD**  
1836-1894

James Macleod practiced law in Ontario before pursuing his passion for the military. He became the Assistant Commissioner of the North West Mounted Police (NWMP) in 1873. The following year, he led a police column to southern Alberta and established Fort Macleod.

Mr. Macleod's extensive responsibilities included establishing law and order, eliminating the whiskey trade in the area, and establishing a strong dialogue with the First Nations population. He played a big part in maintaining the peace between the different tribes in the area. In 1875, Macleod also sent troops to build Bow Fort, which was later renamed Fort Calgary.

Macleod married Mary Isabella Drever and they had four daughters and a son. He left the force in 1875, becoming a magistrate and judge, and he served as the Commissioner of the NWMP from 1876 to 1880. As commissioner, he successfully negotiated Treaty 7 with the Stoney, Blackfoot, Blood, Peigan, and Sarcee tribes in 1877.

Throughout his career, Macleod made a significant contribution to law and order in southern Alberta.



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