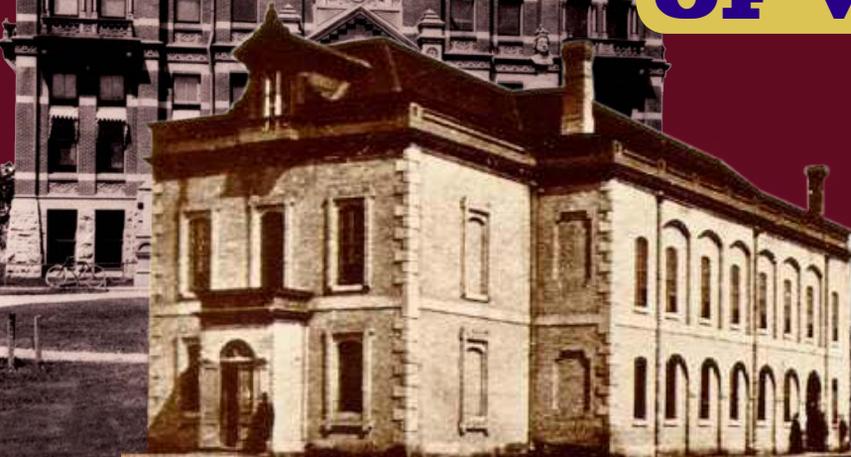
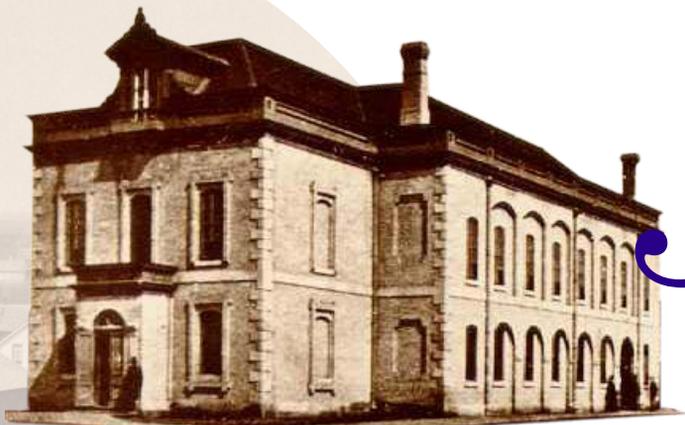


CITY HALLS

OF WINNIPEG





Formal opening, March 14, 1876

WINNIPEG'S *First* CITY HALL

1876-1883

Cornerstone Casket

After awarding a contract to build our first City Hall, Council struck a committee to plan a ceremony to lay the cornerstone for the new building. A "casket" filled with money, photographs, newspapers and documents – as well as a bottle of grasshoppers and a box of wheat – was placed inside the cornerstone on August 17, 1875. Doctor William Clarkson Clark, a prominent Mason, was asked to lay the stone.

Completed in 1876, the building served as a center for cultural events as well as Council meetings. Unfortunately, it suffered chronic structural problems and had to be demolished in 1883.

November 22, 1886
First Council Meeting in second City Hall



WINNIPEG'S *Second* CITY HALL

1886-1962

Winnipeg's second City Hall was completed in 1886. The so-called "gingerbread" City Hall symbolized Winnipeg's coming of age at the end of the nineteenth century.

Cornerstone Casket

When the first City Hall was demolished, the "casket" was removed and put into the cornerstone of the second City Hall – along with another smaller "casket" with similar content. The "caskets" were laid inside the cornerstone by Mayor Alexander Logan on July 20, 1884.

WINNIPEG'S *Current* CIVIC CENTRE

1964-NOW

Formal opening
October 5, 1964



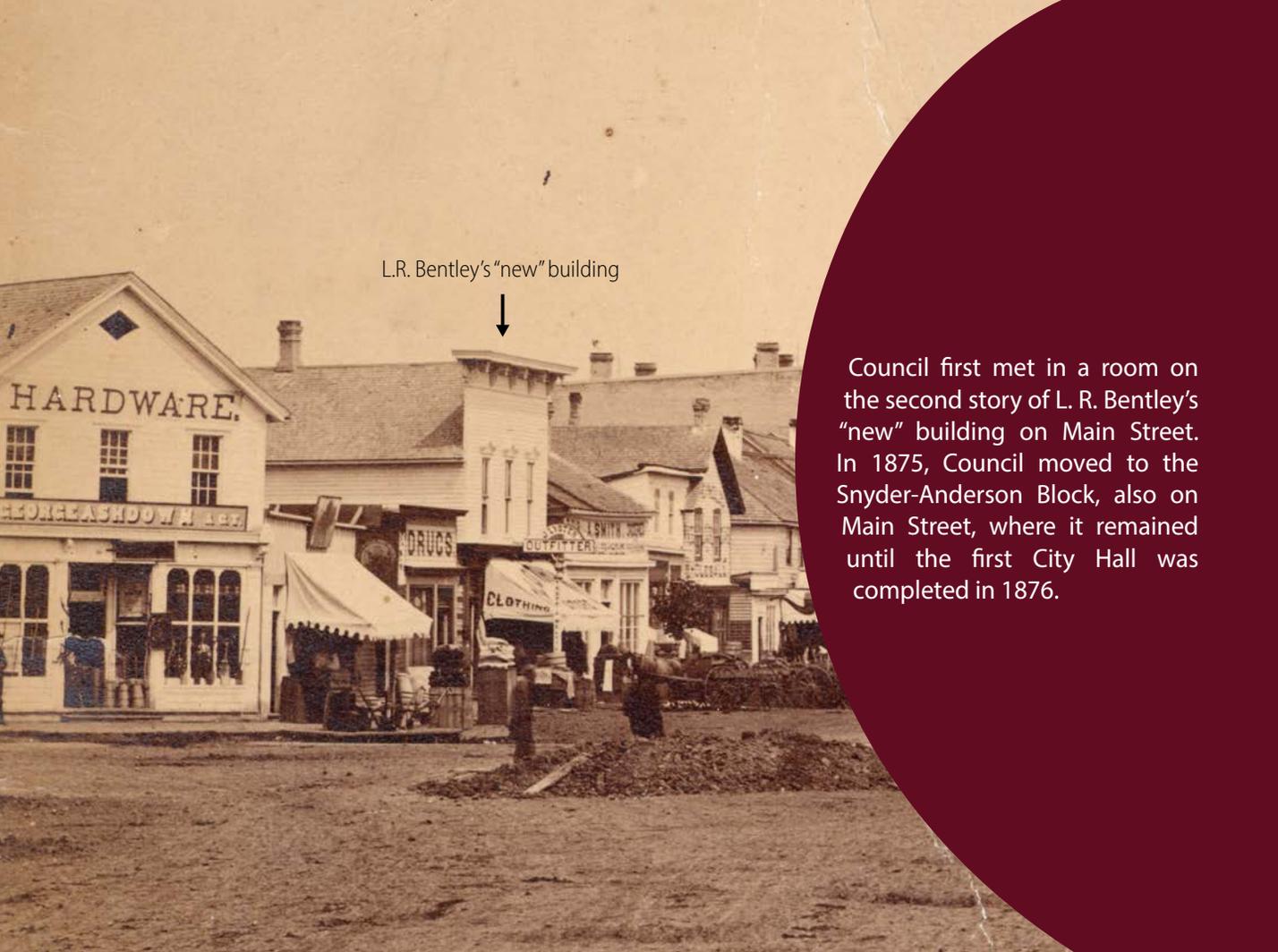
The present City Hall is the result of a design competition held in the early 1960s. The winning design was representative of post war trends—a blend of modernist architecture and the civic centre concept.

Cornerstone Casket

When the second city hall was demolished in 1962 to make way for our current Civic Centre, the “caskets” were opened and their contents kept in a safety deposit box in a bank before being transferred to the City Archives. A new “casket” was placed in the cornerstone of the Civic Centre on May 15, 1964. It contains tape recordings of the voices of members of Council, photographs, a copy of the Charter and daily newspapers.



Mayor Stephen Juba laying
cornerstone, May 15, 1964



L.R. Bentley's "new" building



Council first met in a room on the second story of L. R. Bentley's "new" building on Main Street. In 1875, Council moved to the Snyder-Anderson Block, also on Main Street, where it remained until the first City Hall was completed in 1876.