

## Fort Rouge

The city's smallest Ukrainian enclave was located in **Fort Rouge**. Ukrainians had been living in the district since the first decade of the twentieth century and by 1921 more than 100 families resided on Scotland, Lorette and Dudley Avenues in the working class neighbourhood near the Canadian Northern Railway shops and yards. Located more than 7 km from the North End and isolated from Ukrainian institutions and community life, many district residents were alarmed by the fact that their children were losing the Ukrainian language and heritage. To reverse this trend, a small group led by a Mr Tvardovsky and a Mr Petryk called a meeting in March 1921 at which the **Canadian Ukrainian 'Kobzar' Society** (*Tovarystvo Kobzar*) was established. Within a year the new Society had 40 members, a modest building at 735 Scotland Avenue, and plans were being made to establish a Ukrainian Heritage School (*ridna shkola*) for local children. When the



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Society relocated to a hall at 802 Lorette Avenue a few years later, the Heritage School was one of its vital components. Until the organization of the **Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic parish** in 1932-4, and the construction of a church 1935 on the southwest corner of Lilac Street and Lorette Avenue, the Society and its school remained the only Ukrainian institutions in Fort Rouge.

-- Orest T. Martynowych

### Books and articles

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### Website

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See the "History" and "Memories of a Founder" pages

<http://holyfamilychurch.wordpress.com/>