## Pressure to Assimilate

**George Fleury, Métis Elder:** As I was growing up there were many many barriers in place for the Métis people and you didn't really have much choice to form a view of your own because you had to conform to society. And by that I mean, it was enforced conformity. You had to do, or you not do, and that's the point of view that people had. You either conform and be part of society, which meant that you had to disband away from your own culture, your heritage and conform to the way of society, and it's still happening today.