

The First Nations in the Northwest

Horizons p. 177-182

- 1 – Which trading post was the center of the whisky trade in Alberta?
- 2 – List several problems that the American whiskey trade created for the First nations people.
- 3 – List several reasons why the NWMP was established. What does NWMP stand for?
- 4 – Why were the First nations pleased with the formation of the NWMP?
- 5 – In what ways was the whiskey trade in the 1870's different from today's whiskey?
- 6 – Is each of the following a primary or secondary source of information about the First nations or the NWMP in the 1870's? Explain your answer.
 - Figure 5-7
 - Figure 5-8
 - The statement by Ay-ee-ta-pe-pe-tung

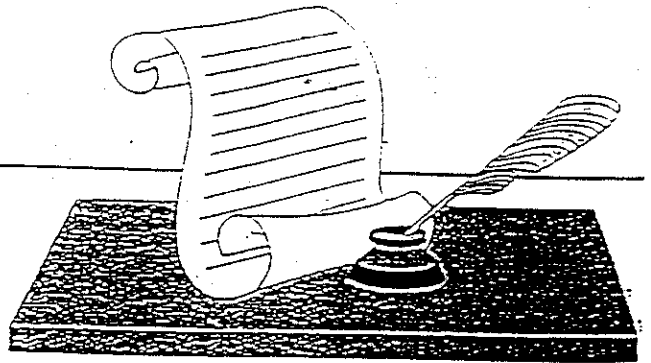
Indian Act, 1876

Introduction

In 1876 the government of Canada passed the Indian Act. This Act governs the First People and their lands.

Aim: to move the First People onto reserves and use the remaining lands for settlement

- The first Indian Act assumed the First People would change and become like Europeans. (This process is called assimilation.)



- The Canadian government also introduced isolation policies, whereby the First People were put onto reserves. Once on the reserves they were educated, Christianized, and protected until they were assimilated into the dominant Canadian culture and society.

- 7 – Give at least 2 reasons why the Canadian government wanted to put the First nations people of the Prairies on reserves.
- 8 – List several reasons why the First Nations on the Prairies agreed to sign treaties which resulted in giving up most of their land.
- 9 – In your opinion, were the terms of these treaties fair to the First nations of the Prairies? Fully explain your answer in a well structured paragraph.