

Democracy and colonialism in Canada

A Long-term perspective

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Final page of the Treaty of Paris, 3 September 1783



Colonial settlement in eastern North America, circa 1780



United States boundaries, 1783



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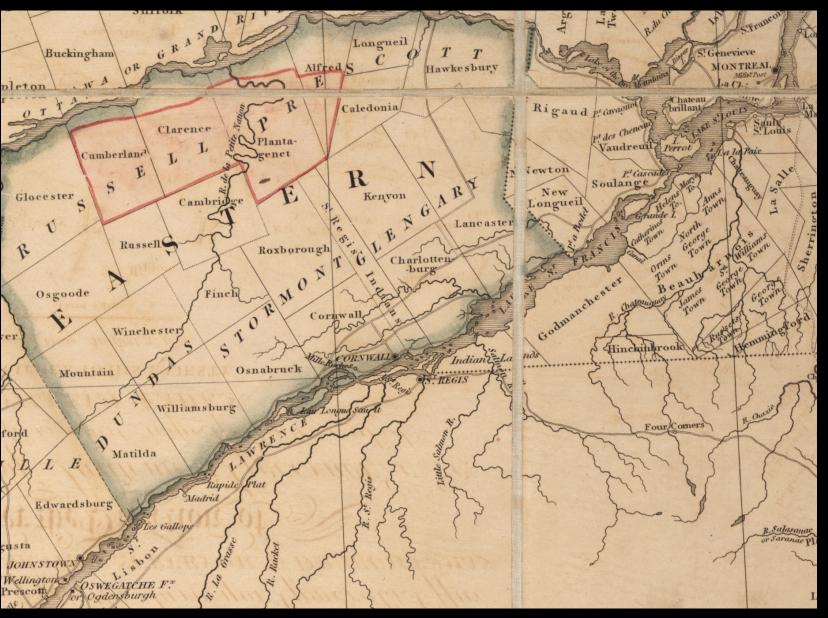
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The Royal Proclamation, 7 October 1763





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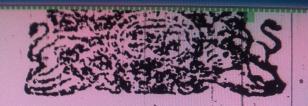
Detail of a map published at London in 1813 showing St Regis (Akwesasne) and the Indian Lands in Upper Canada.
Source: University of Toronto Library digital map collection.

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Detail of a 99-year lease from St Regis chiefs to William Gray, 1806.

Nor'Wester Museum, Williamstown, ON Detail of an article from the Cornwall Observer, 2 March 1843.

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The Observer.

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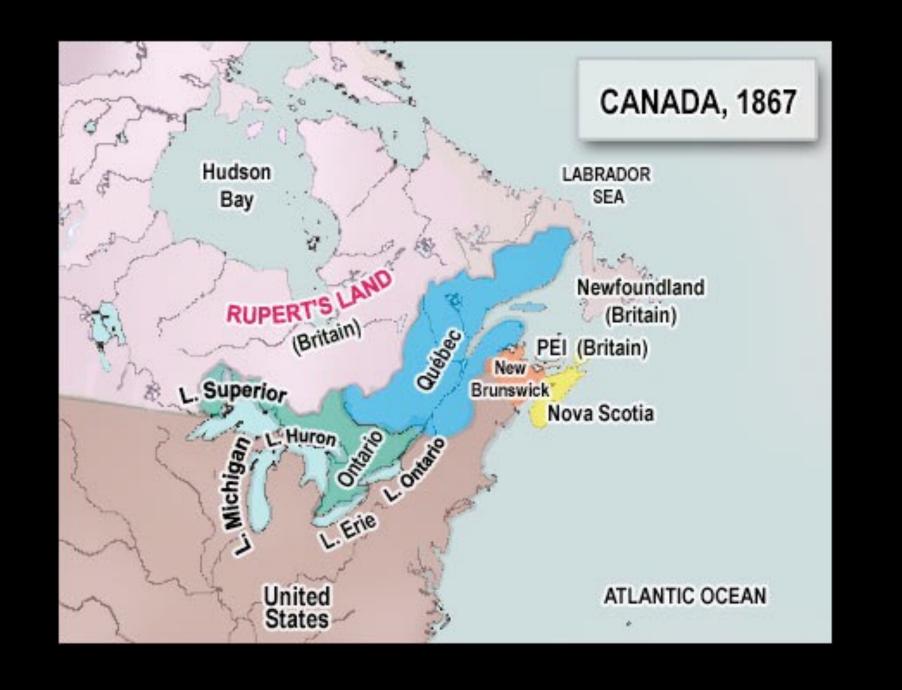
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"The Chiefs of the Iroquois Indians to Her Majesty - Surrender of certain land in the county of Glengarry," 1 June 1847

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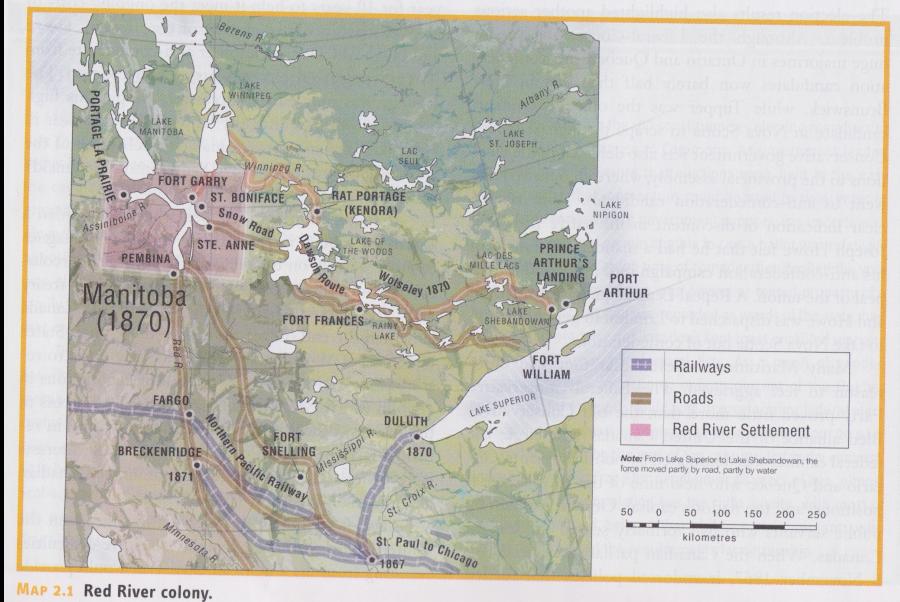
The Globe on annexing Rupert's Land

If Canada acquires this territory it will rise in a few years from a position of a small and weak province to be the greatest colony any country has every possessed, able to take its place among the empires of the earth. The wealth of 400,000 square miles of territory will flow through our waters and be gathered by our merchants, manufacturers and agriculturists. Our sons will occupy the chief places of this vast territory, we will form its institutions, supply its rulers, teach its schools, fill its stores, runs its mills, navigate its streams.



The Métis provisional government of 1869-70. Louis Riel is seated at centre.

Source: Library and Archives Canada, http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/ap/a/a012854.jpg



Red River settlements and Wolseley's march, 1870

Source: Conrad and Finkel, History of the Canadian Peoples, 5th ed., 2:26

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