

British North America: 1815



Economic Factors: Immigrants

- Formed hunting relationships
- Napoleonic Wars resulted in an economic boom (timber and wheat) which drew immigrants to the colonies

Economic Factors: Aboriginal People

- Participated in the fur trade
- Land based economy- living off the land
- Women- taught traders how to trap, survival skills, guides, interpreters, mended clothing and supplies, healers

Economic Factors: French & English Canadians

- Agricultural economy - relied on selling surpluses of wheat to local merchants who exported goods to international markets
- Men- farming, animals, buildings
- Women- farming and childcare
- Fishing, farming
- Fur trade (Rupert's Land and Northwest Territories)

Social Factors: Immigrants

- Rise in immigration after 1815
- Moved into undeveloped areas (covered in forest)-
relied on own labour to clear land and plant crops
- Roads were sparse and hard to travel on
- Few stores- relied on items they brought

Social Factors: Aboriginal People

- After decline of fur trade - not considered as important
- Loss of traditions and land- trade relations transformed culture
- Adopted new spiritual practices- missionaries
- Drastic decline in population- diseases brought by Europeans

Social Factors: French Canadians

- Rapid rise in population due to having large families
- Lived in Lower Canada
- Generally did not have a lot of \$\$
- Lived in small communities
- Lived on land for longer amount of time than British and other immigrants

Social Factors: English Canadians

- Relatively few
- Mostly newer immigrants
- Expected to encourage settlement in the colonies

Social Factors: French & English Canadians

- Settlement in Rupert's Land, NWT, and Newfoundland discouraged for fear of interfering with fur trade / fishing industries

Political Factors: Immigrants

- Little government support for poor and sick

Political Factors: Aboriginal

- Government did not need their military support after War of 1812 - did not honour “rights”

Political Factors: French Canadians

- NWT / HBC competition in fur trade

Political Factors: English Canadians

- Owned NS, PEI, NB, Upper / Lower Canada, Cape Breton, Newfoundland
- Purchased large tracts of land for cheap prices