A natural landscape featuring a path or clearing. The foreground is filled with numerous purple flowers, possibly lupines, growing among green grass. In the middle ground, there are several large, flat rocks covered in a thick layer of yellowish-green moss. The background consists of more green grass and trees, some with yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The overall scene is a mix of vibrant colors and natural textures.

I acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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without Difficulty and without requiring  
any Compensation.

Article 10<sup>th</sup>

The solemn Ratifications of the  
present Treaty expedited in good & due  
Form shall be exchanged between the  
contracting Parties in the Space of  
Six Months or sooner if possible to be  
computed from the Day of the Signature  
of the present Treaty. In Witness  
whereof we the undersigned their Ministers  
Plenipotentiary have in their Name  
and in Virtue of our Full Powers signed  
with our Hands the present Defensive  
Treaty, and caused the Seals of our Arms  
to be affix'd thereto.

Done at Paris, this third Day of September, in  
the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty three.

Charles John Adams. B. Franklin John Jay



Final page of the Treaty  
of Paris, 3 September 1783



Colonial settlement in eastern North America, *circa* 1780



United States boundaries, 1783





This map illustrates the territorial boundaries of North America following the Treaty of Paris in 1763. It shows the extent of British trading companies, British colonies, and Spanish territories. The Proclamation Line of 1763 is clearly marked, along with state boundaries and proposed western colonies. The map also includes geographical features like the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Gulf of Mexico, and various lakes and rivers.





Brant by Charles Willson Peale, 1797



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.

is the true intent and meaning of these presents that if the said Indians  
 that the said Indians sent in any part thereof behind and unpaid  
 by the Space of two Days next after any of the Days whereof the Rent  
 ought to have been paid, it having been first lawfully demanded  
 to that end, may be lawful to and for the said Chiefs, Attorneys,  
 Heirs or Successors upon such promises or any part thereof in the name  
 of the whole to receive and the same to have again repaid and re-  
 pay as in their former Edicts or Statutes, and also the said Lord  
 Lieutenant, Deputies, Clerks, Officers and Agents and every other the  
 Occupier or Occupies thereof from thenceforth to enjoy, receive and  
 put out any thing in these presents contained, of the which the  
 said Indians do hereby bind themselves and their Heirs, Successors  
 and assigns for themselves, their Heirs and Assigns both present  
 and future, to and for the said Chiefs, Attorneys, Heirs or  
 Successors with and with to pay or cause to be paid the said  
 yearly Rent at the Days and times and in such manner and  
 places as for members and appointed, and shall also extend  
 truly discharge the said yearly Rents, duties, and other taxes,  
 Charges and Impositions that shall be taxed, charged or imposed  
 by Government upon him or them: And also that if the said  
 Indians, Deputies, Clerks, Officers or Agents shall not at any time  
 lease or transfer the said Premises without giving the said  
 Chiefs, Attorneys, Heirs or Successors one month's notice thereof,  
 and the said Chiefs, Attorneys, Heirs or Successors shall be  
 obliged to take care of the said Premises and agree to and with the said  
 Heirs or Successors, Deputies, Clerks, Officers and Agents  
 that in the said Statute, Deputies, Clerks, Officers and Agents  
 shall in Assigns enjoy the rent and performing all and every the  
 covenants and conditions upon his or their part to be found and  
 performed and that the said Premises shall be let and granted to  
 such Person or Persons and upon the said Premises, promises and the  
 conditions for and during the said Term, years, without keeping  
 any kind of Court, Court of Sessions or Court of Requests, the said  
 Chiefs, Attorneys, Heirs or Successors or any other Person or Persons  
 lawfully claiming or to claim the same, though or without them  
 or by Act in any Court, County, City or Town: And also that  
 they the said Chiefs, Attorneys, Heirs or Successors shall and do  
 give at the Expence of the said Heirs or Successors, and against  
 the Expence thereof for another further Sum of ten and so  
 on until the sum of One thousand Pounds shall be paid, Com-

*James Oglethorpe*  
*Attorney of*  
*the said Indians*

plate and ended, without any augmentation of Rent, Rates or  
 Demands whatever during the Term of ten Years  
 unless Renewal thereof  
 In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have lawfully  
 affixed their Signes and Seals the Day and Year last the  
 twentieth first of October 1706

- John* ✓ *John*
- John* ✓ *John*
- Paul* ✓ *John*
- Paul* ✓ *John*
- Thomas* ✓ *John*
- Mathews* ✓ *John*
- William* ✓ *John*

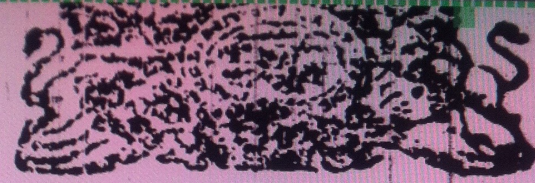
*Carletonburgh 31<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1716*  
*is to be kept that there is to*  
*be kept both Black and the one*  
*part of the said part of the said*  
*part of the said part of the said*

*Record of Taxes and other payments of the said Indians*  
*of the said Indians of the said Indians*  
*of the said Indians of the said Indians*  
*of the said Indians of the said Indians*

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.

Archives of Ontario



The Observer.

CORNWALL, MARCH, 2, 1843.

The arrival of the Royal Mail Steamer Aerdia, has put us in possession of England's news to the 5th ultimo, from which we have copied copiously in our place.

Pursuant to previous arrangement a large and respectable meeting of the Inhabitants of the Indian Reservation, in the Eastern District, took place at Hartington on Saturday the 25th inst. to take into consideration the expediency of adopting some measures that may tend to the obtaining an amelioration of the disabilities under which they have laboured for nearly half a century in not being admitted to the exercise of the elective franchise, when on motion of Mr. Alexander McDowell of the 4th Concession seconded by Mr. Sroule, Mr. Sheriff McMartin was appointed Chairman, and Doc'or J. Grant Secretary.

After a most lucid and lengthy explanation from the Chairman of the objects of

*Resolved*—That the Indian Reservation in the Eastern District contains a population of about Two Thousand souls, and altho' its Inhabitants are in loyalty, industry, wealth, moral and physical influence, equal to any other portion of the Eastern District of the same extent and population, and altho' they are assessed and pay rates in the same ratio with all other of Her Majesty's subjects in this portion of the Province of Canada, especially for indemnity to a Member in Parliament, yet they are not, under the present law, deemed eligible to exercise the dearest rights of Britons, i.e. the elective franchise.





PEERES DE LA CONSTITUTION 1848

# CANADA, 1867





# *The Globe* on annexing Rupert's Land

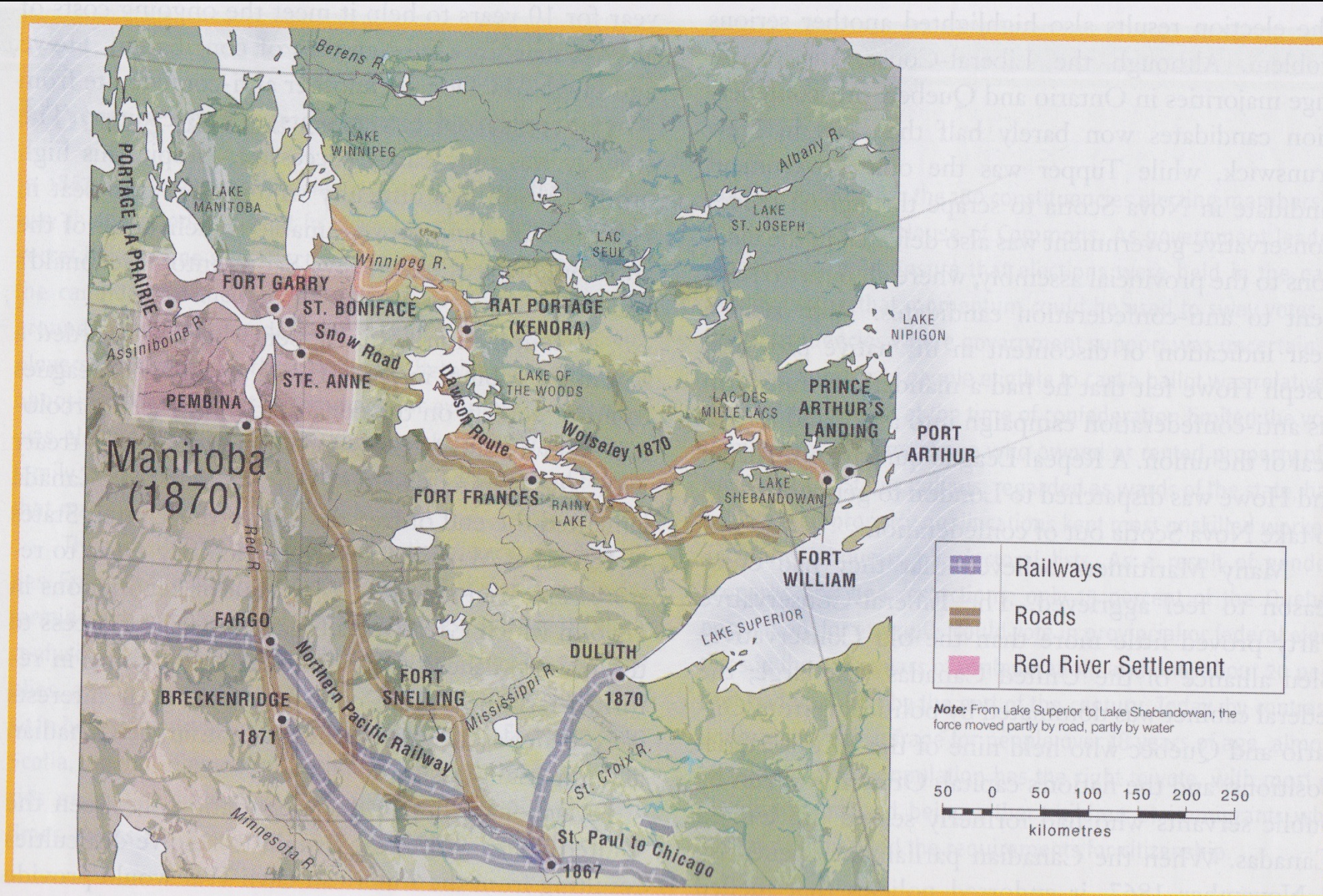
If Canada acquires this territory it will rise in a few years from a position of a small and weak province to be the greatest colony any country has ever possessed, able to take its place among the empires of the earth. The wealth of 400,000 square miles of territory will flow through our waters and 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, run its mills, navigate its streams.

— 22 January 1863



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>



**MAP 2.1** Red River colony.

## Red River settlements and Wolsley's march, 1870

Source: Conrad and Finkel, *History of the Canadian Peoples*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 2:26

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