# Chapter 10: Western Expansion

#### **Focus Questions**

What ideas of citizenship shaped Canada's western expansion?

How did immigration shape the demography and economy of western Canada?

What challenges did immigrants pose for people already living in Western Canada?

Getting the West Ready for Settlement

Impacts of Immigration on Western Canada

## What ideas of citizenship shaped Canada's western expansion?

Treaties with First Nations
Trying to avoid what happened in the, the Canadians wanted to continue to
through with the First Nations. The Americans had a large
loss of lives and a huge cost associated with the forced takeover of the First Nations land in
the Western frontier.
How does the choice to negotiate with the First Nations reflect on differences between the
Canadian and American identity?
What Perspective Shaped the Numbered Treaties?
The treaties system began in, when the negotiations between the First Nations
began. Using a numerical system , the treaties are numbered in order in which they were
concluded.
Sharing Versus Owning the Land
The idea of was something brought over by the Europeans. Canada
thought they "" the land when theyd the treaties. There is no word
used to express "owning" in many First Nations language.
Oral Versus Written History
Business runs by recording all as a This
is how government works, as well. For First Nations, everything was done by
vs This led to difficulties when the written records of the
treaties did not contain all the, yet the First Nations oral history had recorded
it.

To help their people adapt to change, the First Nations agreed to the
treaties, with hopes their culture would survive.
Believing the British way was, the government forced o
their aboriginal people. The Canadian government did not think the First Nations culture wou
survive because the government believed the aboriginal would see the in their own for
of government and would then their own culture for that of Britain.
Residential Schools and Assimilation
To meet the promises addressed in the treaties, the government established
across the country.
How were the residential schools used to assimilate the children?
What are the possible ramifications of this form of education?
What other country chose to educate the children in order to "brainwash" them about culture
diversities?
A Period of Rapid Change
With the railway open and the treaties signed, Canada was ready for change.
What Role Did the North West Mounted Police Play in Canada's Expansion West?
After a massacre of Nakoda people near Cypress Hills in, the
Canadian government established the
Over the years prior to this, were moving into claimed
Canadian territory. Establishing headquarters near Lethbridge, called Fort,
they offered and in exchange for
and furs.
Read through page 318 and find out what Lieutenant Colonel Robertson - Ross found when I
investigated the situation. Record your findings.

What is the	National Policy?				
After a hu	ge political	, John A. Macdonald			. One business
man had give	en \$	to Macdonald's	Conservative !	Party, who happen	ed to be the
same man w	hon the c	ontract to build tl	ne to	o BC.	
What do you	think is wrong w	rith this?			
After returnin	ıg with force, Ma	cdonald won bad	k his position	as Prime Minister t	by creating the
National Poli	су:				
1. Promo	ote Canadian Ind	lustry			
0	A tax was charg	ged on all Americ	an goods sold	in Canada	
2. Finish	the National Ra	ilway			
0	Establish the ra	ilway to join BC	to eastern Can	ada	
0	Bring settlers to	the west to bring	g crops to the	east.	
3. Settle	the West				
0	Encourage Euro	opean settlers to	come to Cana	da for free land. T	his land would
	grow grain for C	Canadian industr	y. New settlem	nents would be gui	d close to the
	railway line.				
The Chinese	Railway Worker	rs .			
By 1885,	nearly	Chinese work	ers had been	hired to help build	the railway.
	compared	to the other work	ers, the Chine	se tried to save mo	oney to send to
their families	so they could	to Ca	ınada.		
Once the	CPR was compl	eted, the Chines	e then helped	work to establish _	and
	_ industry, but fo	und discrimination	on existed	they we	nt.
Read what P	rime Minister Ma	acdonald says ab	out these fore	igners, on page 32	1. (red print)
In 1885 a	law was passed	C	hinese immigr	ation to Canada.	4
"	" was charged	to any Chinese	person enterin	g Canada, of \$50.	Even with this

fee, more than eighty-two thousand Chinese people immigrated to Canada between 1885 and

1920.

## Impacts of Immigration on Western Canada

Read pages 326 - 341

Advertising for Immigrants		
After the introduction of the	e	_ in 1878, many people began moving to
the, while others mo	oved to the	Only 2% of
the population lived in the wes	st at this time.	
When Wilfrid Laurier becar	me the Canadi	en prime minister, he wanted a
and	Canada, ar	nd continued to make settling in the west a
He und	derstood the important	ce of settling west and the decrease in
people leaving to the U.S.		
Recruiting British Peoples for	the West	
Believing that "British was bes	st", Sifton and the Can	adian government wanted to populate the
western part of Canada with _		
		, as well as encouraging farmers from
to immigrate	e to the west. More the	an half the settlers that arrived from 1891
1930 were English, even thou	igh many others came	from other countries.
Read pages 328 - 329 (red le	etters)	
Recruiting Canadiens for the	<u>West</u>	
After we	ere raised about how th	ne and the
people	e were beginning to fit i	in to Sifton's policies, Bishop Vital Grandin
wrote to many bishops in Qué	ébec asking for them to	Canadien and
Catholics to	Not wantin	g to lose their,
the bishops of Québec then a	pproached	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		d States, to move west and help establish

	in Alberta and Sask	atchewan.	Some examples of	these
communities are Viller	neuve, Morinville and Bea	aumont.		
Eastern European Peo	ples Begin to Arrive			
they formed a	da, many immigrants con	·	This also established	d a new
	of			
products.				
Ukrainian People				
Two farmers from Ukr	aine arrived in Montréal	on Septem	ber 7, 1891. Wasyl	Eleniak and Ivan
Pylypiw then	to their hor	me country	and told them abou	ıt their decision
to		to Canad	la. Encouraging mo	re friends and
family to immigrate a	s well, many		Eleniak and Pylypiw	and established
farms in	, then	a	nd eventually	
	The Ukrainian	population	in 1896 was 1,000.	By 1900, it had
increased to 27,000 ar	nd then 200,000 by 1914	. Canada h	nas the largest	
	population outside of U	Ikraine.		
Russian and Polish Pe	oples			
<b>J</b> .	rangements by the Cana mmigrated in large group ver.		j	or, Toronto,

One uniqu	ie group, the		$\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}$ people, who $\epsilon$	emigrated to Canada in
1899. Settlii	ng in Saskatchewan	and eventually Bri	itish Columbia, th	ney started a
factory, a	mill, a		, and several	colonies.
Arriving ir	n Canada 1895 to 191	13, 119,600	arrive	ed from
		territories	in Eastern Europ	e. Many became farme
in Manitoba,	Saskatchewan and A	lberta. A few of	these new immig	rants worked in the new
	industr	y. Fighting for be	tter working cond	ditions, many of them
				fighting for better wage
Creation of	Alberta and Saskatc	hewan		
	, the Canadian go			
		, handing o	over power to tho	se living in the
territories,	as the population in	this part of the c	ountry	This act also
established	an	for settlem	ents with more th	han people.
With this	s new assembly, the	territory could m	ake decision abou	ut,
	and other	_, but could not ra	ise money throug	gh or
	Only provincial gov	ernments had this	ability. A motio	n was soon passed
demanding	provincial status. Pi	remier Frederick I	Haultain campaig	ned Ottawa for
provincial s	tatus, but Prime Min	ister Laurier thou	ght the territory	was too large for one
province. I	nstead, in 1905, the	Canadian governr	nent created two	separate provinces:
Alberta and	Saskatchewan.			
Education a	and Language Rights			
With a m	najority of settlemer	nts shifting toward	ds an	population,
there was n	nuch controversy ove	er the education a	ınd language righ	ts. Once Alberta and
Saskatchew	an became province	s, the Francophon	es wanted their	Catholic schools

\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Anglophones argued that the new provinces should have complete control over the education system in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Timeline of Language and Education Rights in the North-West Territories

1875 - North-West Territories Act

- established funding for Protestant and Catholic Schools
- French and English are languages of the territory's assembly

1892 - Haultain Resolution Frederick Haultain proposes to remove French as a language of the assembly. The resolution passes, but no law is signed.

#### 1892 - Mowat Resolution

David Mowat (Member of assembly from Regina) proposes a bill that requires all schools in the territory be taught in English

Assembly votes in favour of instruction in French only in grades one and two, and all other instruction to be done in English

1905 - Alberta Act, Saskatchewan Act

Publicly funded separate protestant and Catholic Schools

Accept restrictions on French as a language of instruction

Read the red print at the bottom of page 341.