

Colonialism in British Columbia: The Early History
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- Outline -

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3. Fur Trade
 - a. Maritime Fur Trade (1780s – 1806)
 - b. Inland Fur Trade (1806 – 1849)
4. Settlers
5. Colonial Policy
 - a. Royal Proclamation
 - b. Douglas Treaties
 - c. Confederation and the Indian Act
6. Film: Potlatch: A Strict Law Bids Us Dance

Key Dates in the Colonial and Early Provincial History of British Columbia

- 1846 – Oregon Treaty is signed confirming the border between what is now Washington State and British Columbia
- 1849 – British colony of Vancouver Island is created
- 1858 – Fraser River Gold Rush, settlers coming in,
- 1858 – British colony of British Columbia (mainland only) is created
- 1866 – Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island are merged to create the Colony of British Columbia
- 1867 – Canadian Confederation
- 1871 – British Columbia joins Canada
- 1876 – Indian Act passed by the Government of Canada (amendments in 1884 and 1894 strengthen rules against the potlatch)
- 1885 – Non-native population in British Columbia exceeds that of the native population
- 1929 – Native population numbers hit the all-time low (23,000 people)

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