

NATIVE PEOPLES circa 1823

Canada's Native Peoples circa 1823 depicts an early nineteenth century (1823) map of the eastern seaboard of the province of Ontario, with a population of approximately 100,000. It is the first in a series of maps designed to portray the changing patterns of Canada's indigenous population. The year 1823 was chosen because unusually complete population and locational data are available for a large part of Canada from a census ordered by the Governor and Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1822.

In the early 1820's the native population of what is now Canada stood at about 100,000, a significant drop from the 200,000 estimated for the 1760's, and 250,000 estimated for the early 1600's. Up to the late 18th century this decline was largely due to epidemic diseases and to a lesser extent warfare. As the 19th century progressed, disease continued to take a dreadful toll across Canada, but starvation increasingly afflicted the eastern parts of the country where the spread of European settlement, overhunting and overgrazing were changing the native subsistence base.

Through the European period parts of Eastern Canada, native life in small groups, had small families and lived on small parcels of land. On the east coast large groups were still outside direct European contact. Throughout the country of the Appalachians, all native groups followed a fairly traditional way of life based on hunting (generally caribou and beaver), so that trapping had been added as part of the normal seasonal cycle.

On the west coast and in the interior of the continent, European contact was relatively recent. The lucrative trade in the sea otter pelt had led to a concentration of the fur trade in the hands of a few individuals, but the sea otter pelt had been hunted to near extinction. In the interior, the fur trade was still in its infancy, and the sea otter pelt was still being hunted in the interior, were still plentiful. Throughout the area, the sea otter pelt was still being hunted in the interior, were still plentiful. Throughout the area, the sea otter pelt was still being hunted in the interior, were still plentiful.

| I ALGONQUIAN LINGUISTIC FAMILY | | | |
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| Eastern Algonquian Language Group | | | |
| Tribe | Total Population | Number of Bands | Year of Contact |
| 1. Menominee | 100 | 1 | 1823 |
| 2. Ojibwa | 100 | 1 | 1823 |
| 3. Shawanaga | 100 | 1 | 1823 |
| 4. Huron | 100 | 1 | 1823 |
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Major Linguistic Families

Major linguistic families are coded by colour: I - Algonquian, II - Athapaskan, III - Salishan, IV - Chimikuan, V - Chirokian, VI - Haidan, VII - Tsimshian, VIII - Iroquoian, IX - Kutenai, X - Sahaptian, XI - Eskimo/Aleut, XII - Siuan, XIII - Tungit, XIV - Wakashan, XV - Metis and Others.

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