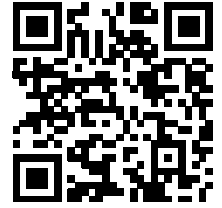


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# Early Canadian Explorers and Trade



In the 17th and 18th centuries, the \_\_\_\_\_ became a key part of Canadian history. Europeans were eager to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ pelts, which were highly valued for making fashionable hats in \_\_\_\_\_. Indigenous peoples traded these pelts with European settlers, receiving tools, pots, and \_\_\_\_\_ in return. This exchange helped to shape the economy of what would become Canada.

The fur trade encouraged \_\_\_\_\_ as traders searched for new sources of fur. It led to the establishment of trading posts and \_\_\_\_\_ across the country. The Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company were major players in this trade, establishing \_\_\_\_\_ that reached far into the Canadian interior.

Indigenous peoples played a crucial role in the fur trade. They were skilled \_\_\_\_\_ and knew the land well. However, this trade also brought significant changes to their \_\_\_\_\_, including shifts in traditional hunting practices and the introduction of European goods.

The \_\_\_\_\_ for beaver pelts eventually declined, but the fur trade had already left a lasting impact. It influenced the development of \_\_\_\_\_ and agreements between Europeans and Indigenous peoples. Some of these agreements, or \_\_\_\_\_, are still relevant today.

The fur trade also left a legacy of \_\_\_\_\_ and settlement patterns that shaped the development of Canada. Cities like Montreal and \_\_\_\_\_ grew as important centers of trade. The fur trade era is a fascinating chapter of Canadian \_\_\_\_\_, highlighting the interactions between different cultures and the drive for economic \_\_\_\_\_.

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