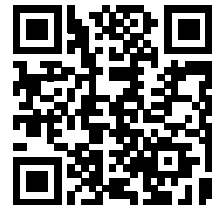


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# Trading Roots of Canada



In the early days of Canada, the \_\_\_\_\_ was heavily reliant on trade. The Indigenous peoples had established trade networks long before European \_\_\_\_\_ arrived. They traded goods like fur, which was highly valued in Europe. The arrival of Europeans introduced new \_\_\_\_\_ into the trade, such as metal tools and firearms. This exchange benefited both parties; Europeans gained access to valuable \_\_\_\_\_, and Indigenous peoples acquired goods that were previously unavailable to them. The Hudson's Bay \_\_\_\_\_ played a significant role in shaping Canada's trade. Founded in 1670, it was among the first to establish a fur trade \_\_\_\_\_ across North America. This company, along with others, facilitated trade between \_\_\_\_\_ and the Indigenous peoples, making fur a central part of Canada's early economy.

Trade \_\_\_\_\_ were established along rivers and lakes, which were the main transportation paths. The St. Lawrence \_\_\_\_\_ became a vital trade route, connecting the interior of Canada to the Atlantic Ocean. This allowed for the efficient \_\_\_\_\_ of goods to and from Europe.

The fur trade led to the establishment of trading posts throughout \_\_\_\_\_. These posts were crucial for the exchange of goods and became the foundation of many Canadian \_\_\_\_\_. Over time, the economy began to diversify, but trade remained a central aspect of Canada's \_\_\_\_\_.

Agriculture also became an important sector, with the export of wheat and other crops adding to Canada's trade. The introduction of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the 19th century further expanded trade by providing a faster means of transporting goods across the \_\_\_\_\_.

Today, Canada's economy is highly diversified, but trade continues to play a significant role, reflecting its \_\_\_\_\_ in the early history of the country.

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