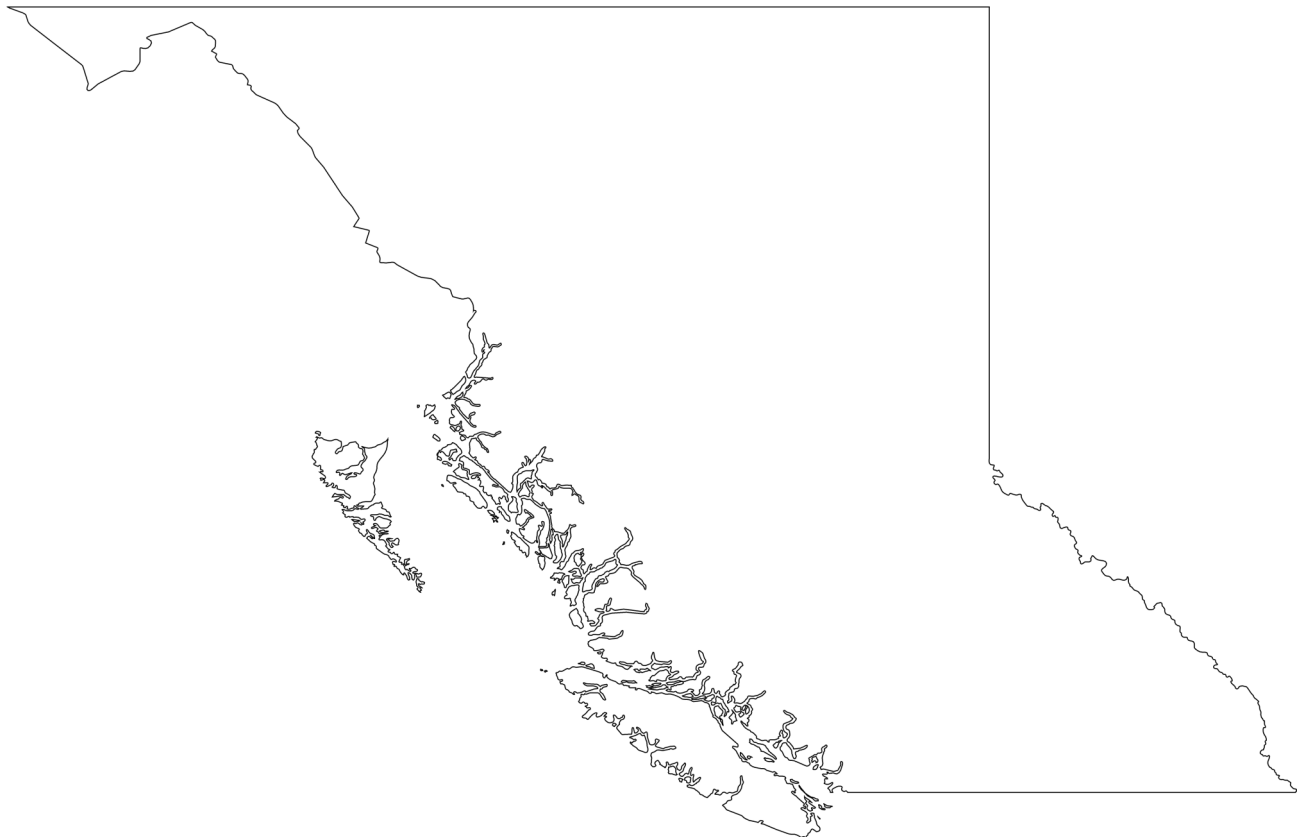


July 20, 1871

British Columbia Becomes a Province

British Columbia is the third-largest province of the Dominion of Canada and the only province that lies on the Pacific Ocean. It includes an island group about sixty miles from the mainland and Vancouver Island, where British Columbia's capital is located. Along the coastline of British Columbia, there are many narrow inlets that reach a great distance inland. British Columbia is rich in forest land and provides about half of Canada's lumber. It is also important for its natural resources and its fishing. There are many scenic attractions for tourists, along with history, antiques, and beautiful streets and gardens in the coastal cities. A few of the many famous people from British Columbia include Glenn Anderson, William Richard Bennett, Iona Campagnolo, Kim Campbell, Raymond Collishaw, Ronald James Thom, and Richard McBride.

Look at the map of British Columbia below. Label its capital. Locate the cities of Vancouver, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Richmond, Surrey, Kamloops, Prince George, Kelowna, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Williams Lake, New Westminster, and Courtenay, and label them on the map. Now label the Insular Mountains, Coast Mountains, Eastern Mountains, and Fairweather Mountain. Also, locate the Fraser River, Columbia River, Kootenay River, Skeena River, Stikine River, Nass River, Peace River, Liard River, Bella Coola River, Babine Lake, Lake Okanagan, Williston Lake, Stuart Lake, Francois Lake, Takla Lake, and Quesnel Lake, and label them. Lastly, label the provinces, states, or bodies of water that border British Columbia. When you have finished, move on to the timeline on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



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8. The British begin a colony on Vancouver Island
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10. David Thompson finds the mouth of the Columbia River
11. The first secondary schools are available in Victoria
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Research Prompt #1

The 1858 Fraser Gold Rush brought countless miners from California to Canada. As droves of people moved to Canada, many were upset that that section of the border between the United States and Canada had been set at the 49th parallel rather than the 54°40' that had been the original intent of the United States. Do you think the people were more concerned with the loss of land for the United States, or with the loss of the wealth miners were finding in British Columbia? Do you think the people were still as upset about the location of the border when the Fraser Gold Rush collapsed by the mid-1860s?

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Research Prompt #2

Research the early Japanese immigration to Canada. Why do you think the early immigrants were so mistreated? In spite of the way they were treated, many of the Japanese wanted to volunteer to fight for Canada in World War I. Why do you think they did this?

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Research Prompt #3

Research Glacier National Park. What do you think would be the most interesting thing to see there? In Nakimu Cave, you can find "moonmilk." What is "moonmilk"?

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