AFTER THE LOYALISTS IN FIRST CANADA

The Loyalists that came to Canada from US increased the population of Quebec (+6000), Nova Scotia (+8000), New Brunswick (+20.000) and PEI.

At that time, (mid 1700's), the population of the first provinces of Canada was also made of

-Irish people Ireland

-British People

-German people

-Scottish Scotland (part of the UK)

In 1783, another Fur trade company was establish to challenge the Hudson's Bay Company: it was the North West Company. After some incidents involving Metis people, the two companies were merged together in 1821.

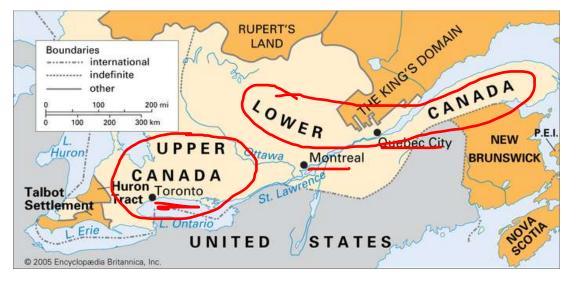
THE WAR OF 1812

The US believe that it was easy to conquer Canada. So, they decided to invade the land in June 1812. But, many volunteer Canadians, including First Nations and British soldiers fought to defend and protect Canada. In 1813 the Americans burned the Government House and the Parliament Buildings that are, today, in Toronto. In reply, some Canadian soldiers from Nova Scotia burned part of the White House in Washington.

By 1814, US realized that they could not conquer Canada. Canada has a very strong defensive and naval system. ships

This was finished in 1814 and made clear that Canada had to remain INDEPENDENT from United States.

UPPER AND LOWER CANADA, TOWARDS CONFEDERATION



In 1840, Upper and Lower Canada were united as the Province of Canada. Here, the first government of Canada was introduced (democracy).

In two decades (about 20 years), the governors of Canada worked to develop the new system of government, to protect French rights and culture and to develop a new country.

From 1864 to 1867, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Province of Canada (Quebec and part of Ontario today), worked together to establish a new big country. The men who worked together are called FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION. They created 2 LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT: FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Province of Canada was divided into QUEBEC and ONTARIO. Together with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia they created the DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Dominion of Canada was officially born on JULY 1st 1867 in the BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT (1867)

The first Prime Minister was Sir John Macdonald.

Other provinces joined Canada in the following years:

1870- Manitoba, North West Territories

1871 – BC

1873- PEI

1898 Yukon

1905- Alberta, Saskatchewa

1949- Newfoundland and Labrador

1999 Nunavut.