

The Fur Trade Comes to Manitoba



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Early European explorers were in search for a route to the Far East when their search brought them into the Hudson's Bay and to Manitoba. In Europe in the early 1600s, fur coats and tall hats made from beaver pelts were in fashion. With beaver pelts running out in Europe, the French started to hunt beaver in Canada. This led to the exploration of Manitoba and Canada. As the Europeans traded furs, they also began to map the land and waterways.

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