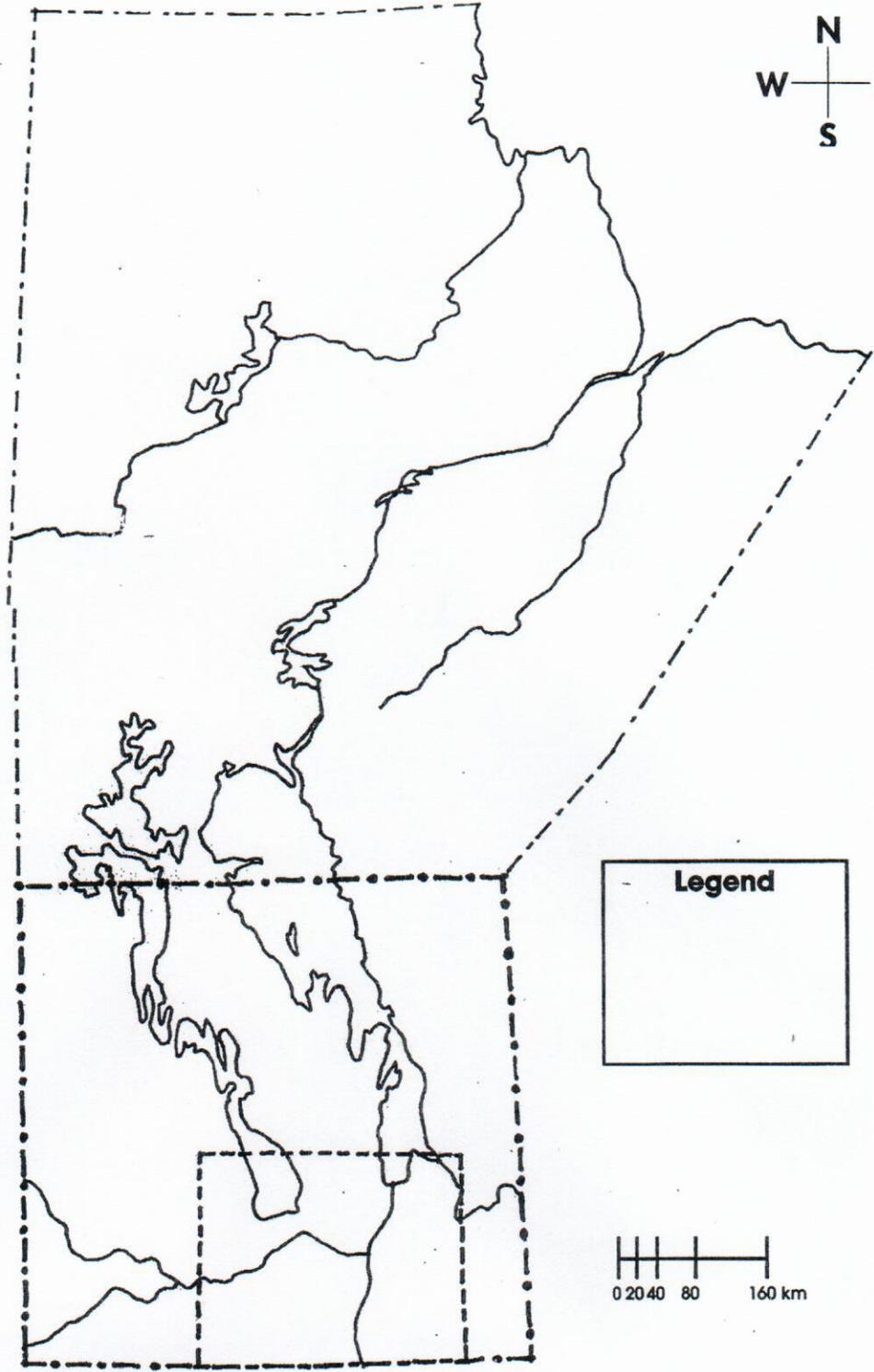


Map of Manitoba (1870, 1881, 1912)



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Manitoba's Changing Boundaries

Part One: Manitoba Becomes a Province

When Manitoba became a province in 1870, the “postage stamp” province had:

- 558 First Nations people
- 5,757 Métis (people of French and Aboriginal parents)
- 4,083 country-born (people of Scottish/English and Aboriginal parents)
- 1,565 Europeans

1. On your map, colour in the “postage stamp” province.
2. Why do you think Manitoba was called a “postage stamp?”

Would your community have been part of Manitoba in 1870? _____

Part Two: Manitoba Gets Bigger, 1881

Throughout the 1870s, many people came to the province.

- By 1881, the population of the city of Winnipeg was 5,000 people.
- In 1881, the western boundary of Manitoba was moved to its present location, and the northern boundary of Manitoba was changed to 53° latitude.
- In 1884, the boundary between Manitoba and Ontario was finally settled.

1. On your map, colour the part of Manitoba that was added in 1881.
2. List three places that were part of Manitoba in 1881.

Would your community have been part of Manitoba in 1881? _____

Part Three: Manitoba Grows to its Present Day Size, 1912

As more people came to Manitoba, the provincial government expanded its land boundaries.

- During the 1880s, many more people came from Ontario to Manitoba.
- Manitoba wanted to expand into what is now Saskatchewan.
- The Canadian government refused this expansion request.
- Manitoba asked to expand its boundaries to the north and east.
- Ontario tried to claim the land near Hudson Bay.
- Many more people came to Manitoba in the early 1900s.
- In 1912, the Canadian government extended Manitoba's boundaries to their present positions.

1. On your map, colour the part of Manitoba that was added in 1912.

2. Manitoba now had a seacoast. Where was it?

3. Why is it useful to have a seacoast?

Complete the legend to show the changing boundaries of Manitoba.

Draw an outline sketch to show the shape of Manitoba now.

