

Unit 3

After Confederation

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Chapter 9, Lesson 1: Securing the Land - Key

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What three actions did the Canadian government take to gain control of the land of the West?

The government made treaties with First Nations, marked the Canada - US border, and sent a new police force (NWMP) to the West.

2. What was going on in Cypress Hills that earned it the name "Whoop-Up Country"?

American whiskey traders were illegally trading liquor for furs and buffalo robes. Americans also came to the area to hunt wolves. The wolfers and First Nations people did not get along.

3. What were the tasks of the North West Mounted Police in Whoop-Up Country?

In Whoop-Up Country, the North West Mounted Police were to

- show that Canada controlled the territory
- protect Aboriginal peoples from American outlaws
- help newcomers adjust to the frontier
- keep peace between newcomers and First Nations

4. What were the locations of the first three North West Mounted Police outposts?

The first three North West Mounted Police outposts were in Fort Macleod, Fort Walsh, and Fort Edmonton.

5. Identify some of the perspectives about the North West Mounted Police in the 1870s.

- The government and settlers believed the NWMP was necessary to keep peace in the West and to ensure Canadian control over the land.
- The government wanted to ensure there was law and order in the West.
- Some First Nations felt that the NWMP was there to control them and ensure they did not "bother" the settlers.
- Some First Nations believed the NWMP provided protection for them.
- The NWMP officers believed they were protecting the First Nations and settlers in the West.