

Chapter 9 Summary

Growth in the West

Canada is rich with natural resources, which makes it ideal for farming. Canada wanted its population to grow. Many immigrants were brought in to become farmers.

The Northwest Mounted Police force was created to keep the peace between the First Nations and the American outlaws, and between the First Nations and new settlers.

In 1878 PM Macdonald created a new National Policy for Canada.
It had three major components.

Transportation Policy

The building of the transcontinental railway was to bring B.C. into Confederation, to keep Americans out of Canada, and to transport settlers to the West.

The Immigration Policy

The purpose of the immigration policy was to encourage new farmers to settle in Western Canada.
The *Dominion Lands Act* promised land to those who farmed it.

The Economic Policy

The economic policy was intended to build a strong economy to create jobs for Canadians.
The government placed a protective tariff on incoming goods.