

BC - 19TH C.

CULTURES, CONFLICT, AND DEVELOPMENT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA DURING THE 19TH CENTURY



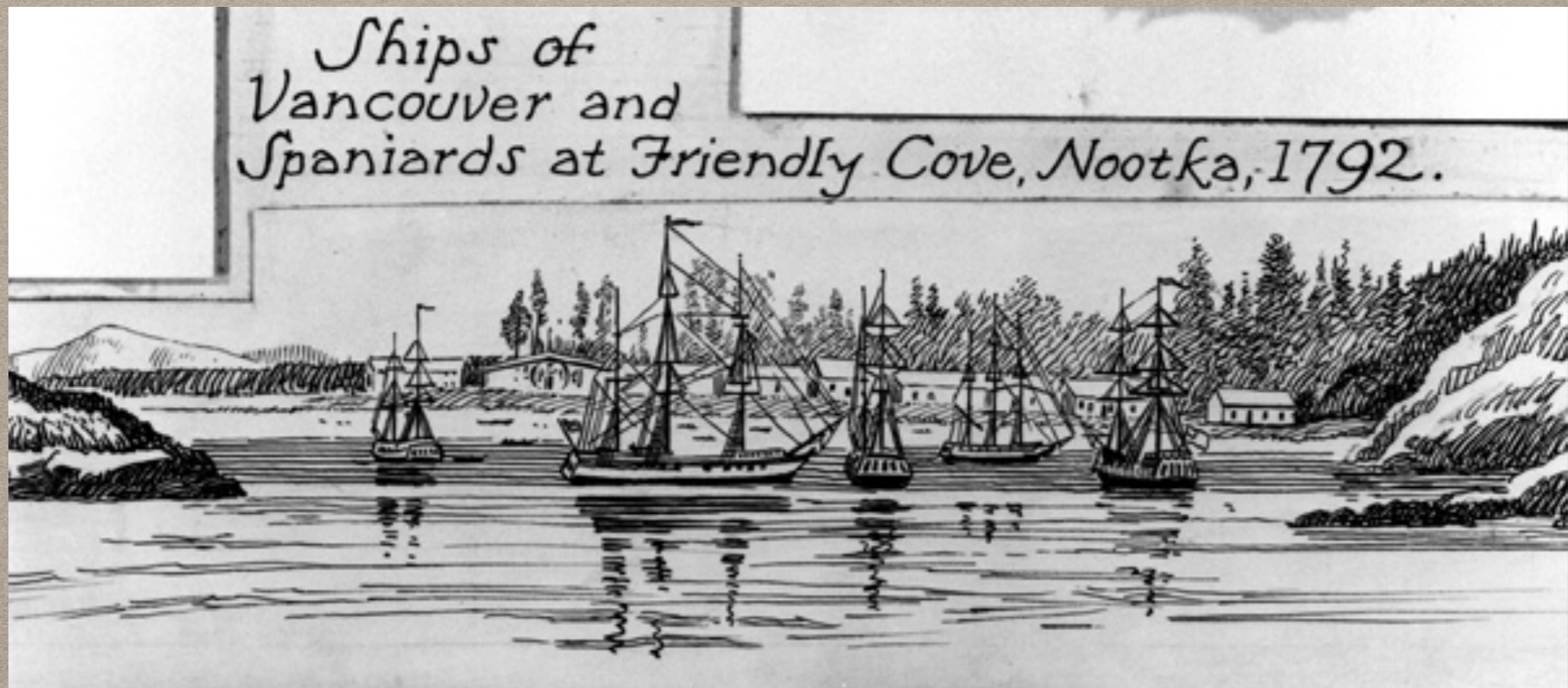
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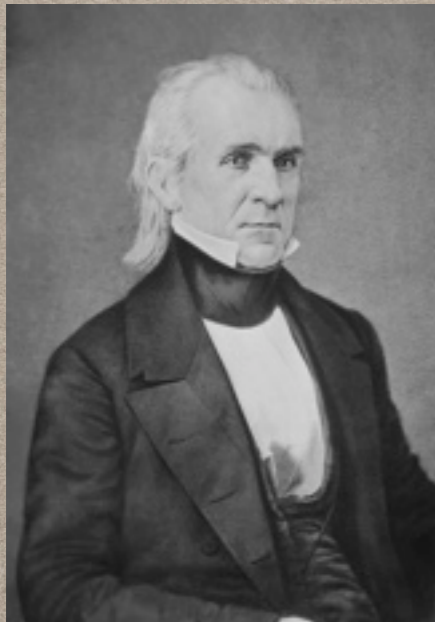
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British Cpt. George Vancouver meets with Spanish Cpt. Quadra to negotiate their countries' claims to the West Coast north of New Spain (Mexico) and south of Russian Alaska. Spain abandoned its claim and Britain was left dominant in the Pacific Northwest.



1846 • OREGON BOUNDARY TREATY

Both Britain and the United States claimed the fur-trading territory near the Columbia River. The treaty set the boundary at the 49th parallel.



1848 • ROYAL COLONY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

After losing half of the Oregon Territory to the Americans, Britain wanted to ensure they wouldn't lose the rest. Fort Victoria would be the capital.



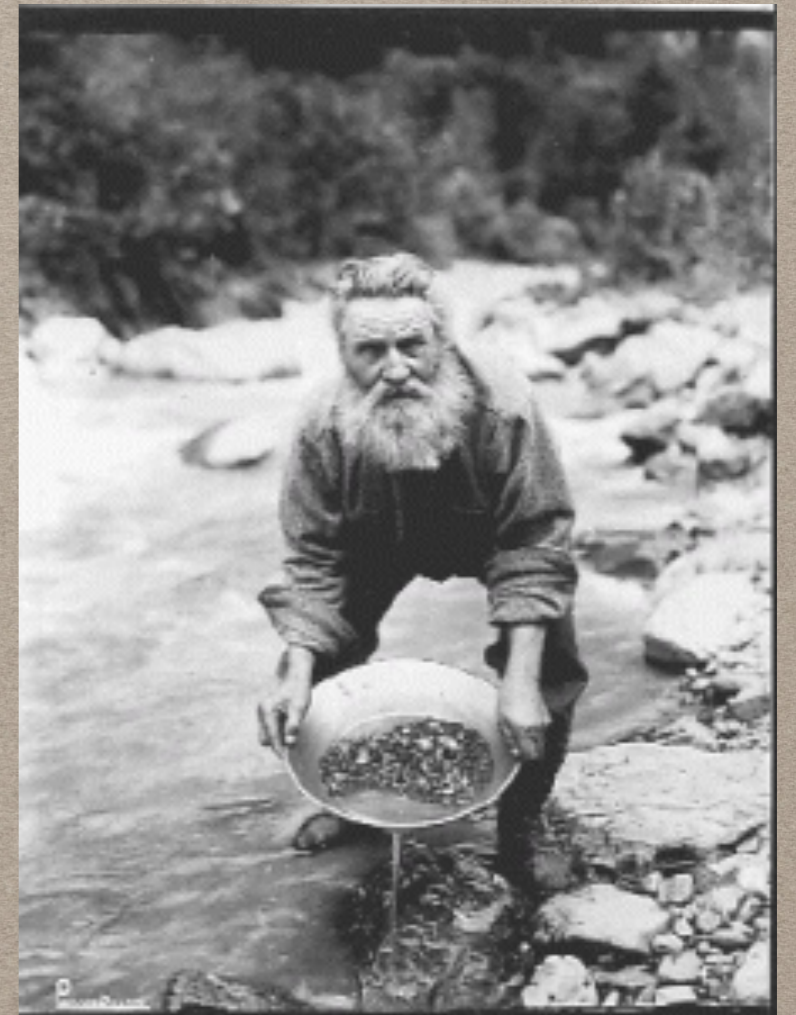
1858 • FRASER RIVER GOLD RUSH

Thousands of American miners flooded into BC, mainly through Victoria, on their way to the gold-rich gravel bars along the Fraser and Thompson rivers.



1858 • MAINLAND COLONY OF BC

As a direct result of the goldrush, a new Royal Colony was created to prevent BC from falling to American hands. It was named by Queen Victoria.



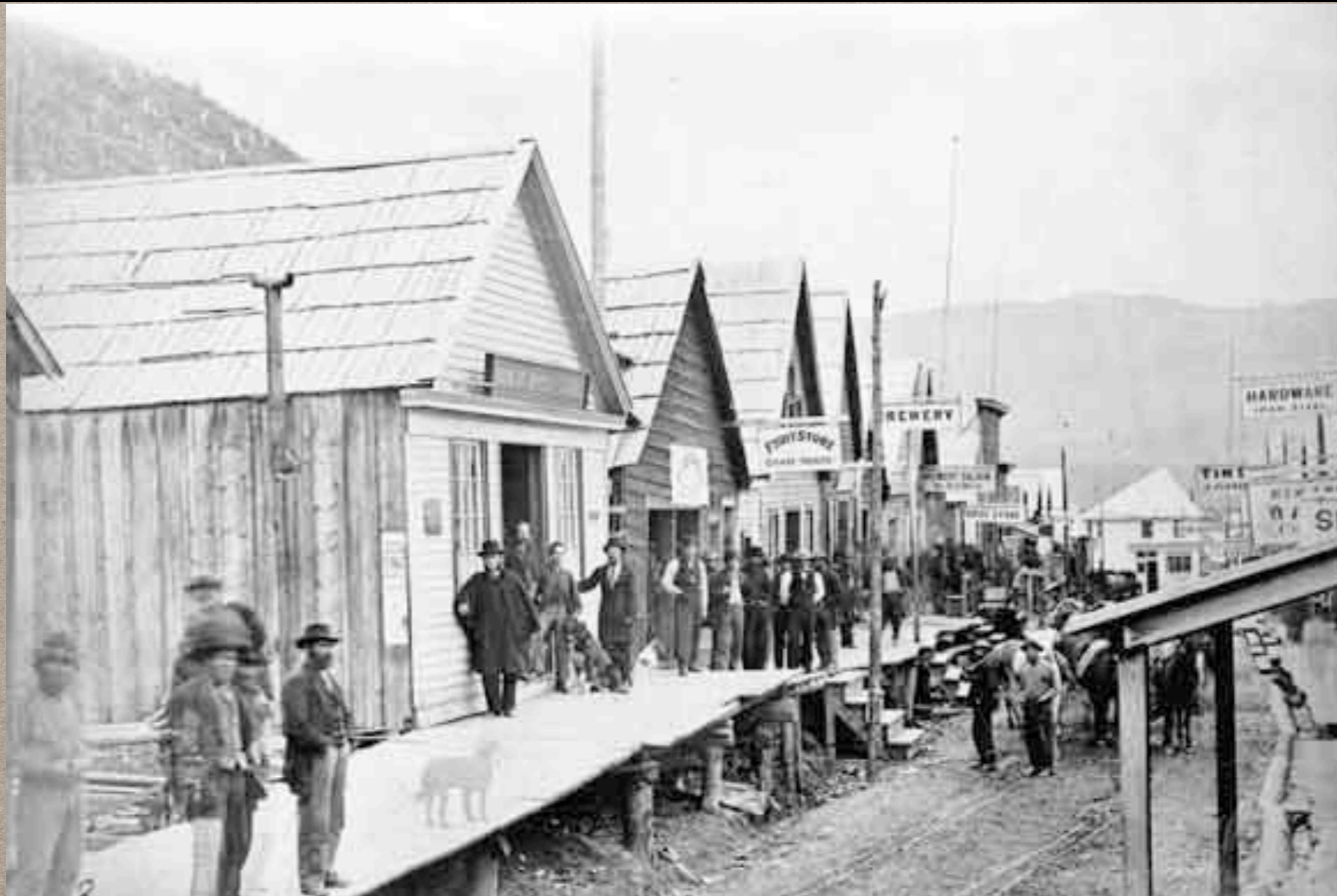
1858 • FRASER CANYON WAR

Conflict arose between First Nations and American miners along the Fraser. Both sides raised armies to wipe out the other. Their leaders signed peace treaties without the colonial government's involvement.



1862 • BARKERVILLE GOLD RUSH

Billy Barker struck it rich along William's Creek. Within a year the whole area was staked with claims, and towns sprung up throughout the Cariboo region.



1864 • CHILCOTIN UPRISING

Conflict between the Tsilhqot'in people and authorities over land, rights, resources, and smallpox. Five chiefs were tricked into coming to peace talks where they were captured and later executed.



Rev. R.C. Lundin-Brown's sketch representing Lhatsassin, the "Head Tsilhqot'in War Chief."

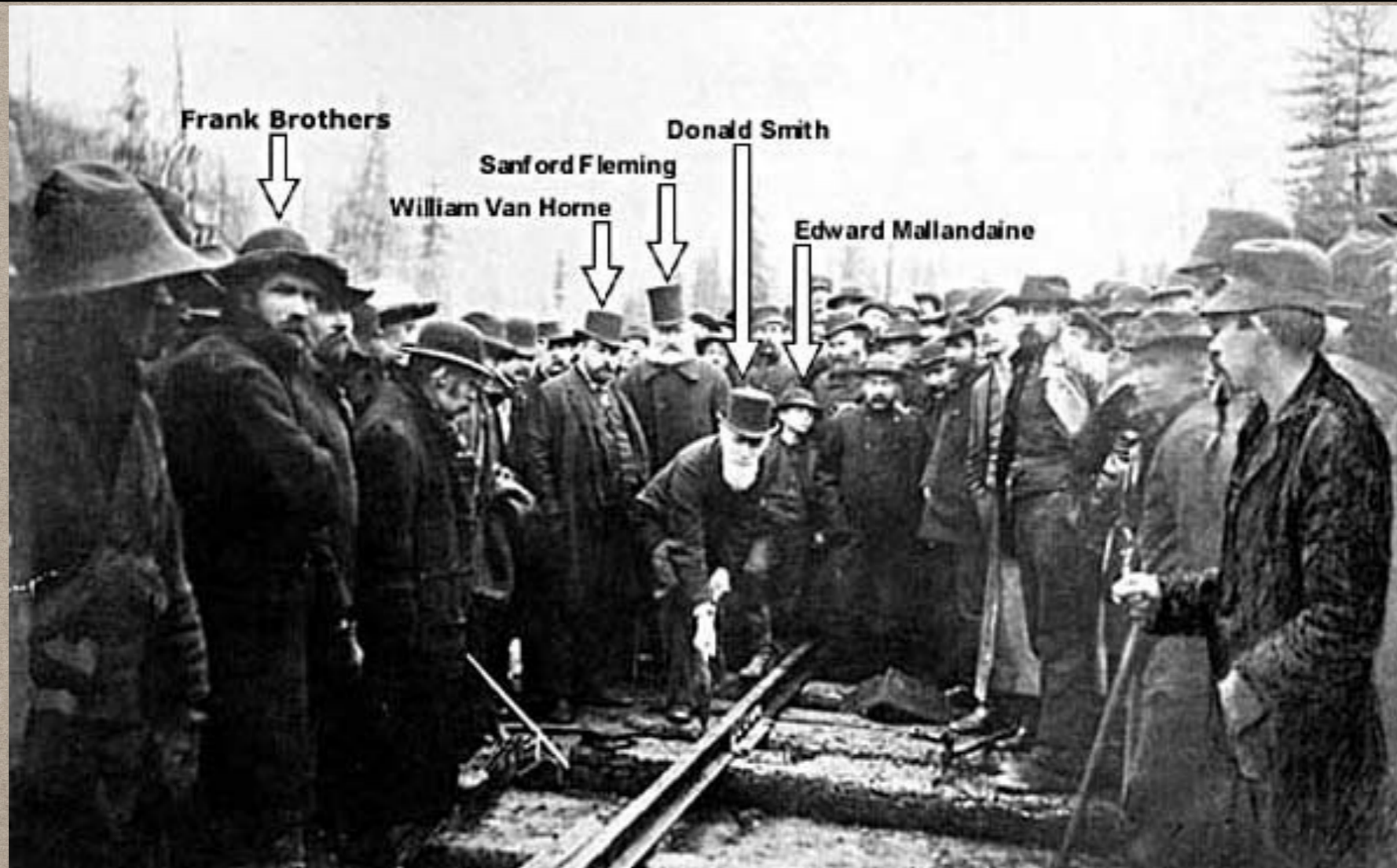
1871 • BC JOINS CONFEDERATION

BC would either remain a colony, consider annexation by the Americans, or join Canada. They sent a skeptical delegation to Ottawa with big demands, which were all met or exceeded.



1885 • CPR RAILWAY COMPLETED

The Last Spike would be hammered in near Revelstoke after overcoming engineering & labour challenges. Chinese Immigrants, important builders of the railway, faced prejudice & would now pay a head tax to come to Canada.





Provinces of Canada
July 20, 1871 to July 1, 1873