POSTS AND FORTS OF THE CANADIAN FUR TRADE 1600-1870

For over 250 years the fur trade in Canada and eventually the United States provided, not only the monetary base, but also the main incentive for the exploration of the North America continent. The major fur trading companies established bases for exploration and ultimately points of trade through the building of forts and posts. This thematic map presently includes forts and posts involved in the fur trade from the year 1600 and the year 1870. The forts and posts captured belonged to the French, Spanish the North West Company, the Hudson's Bay Company, and Canadian Independent Traders in Canada and the northern United States. American Companies are also captured along with the posts and forts of American Independent Traders. The American companies highlighted in this thematic map include the American Fur Company, Missouri Fur Company, Columbia Fur Company, Pacific Fur Company, Rocky Mountain Fur Company, and the Union Fur Company.

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The Operator and Name of the Post and Fort

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North West Company 1600 | XY Company 1600 | Canadian 1600 | Spanish 1600 | American Fur Company 1600 | Columbia Fur Company 1600 | Rocky Mountain Fur Company 1600

Hudson's Bay Company 1600 | French 1600 | British 1600 | American 1600 | Pacific Fur Company 1600 | Missouri Fur Company 1600 | Union Fur Company 1600

Year Post/Fort First Established

Post or Fort Site

★ Labelled Post or Fort Site ○ Other Post or Fort Sites

Approximate Scale

1:3,840,000

0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350 400 Km

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Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic

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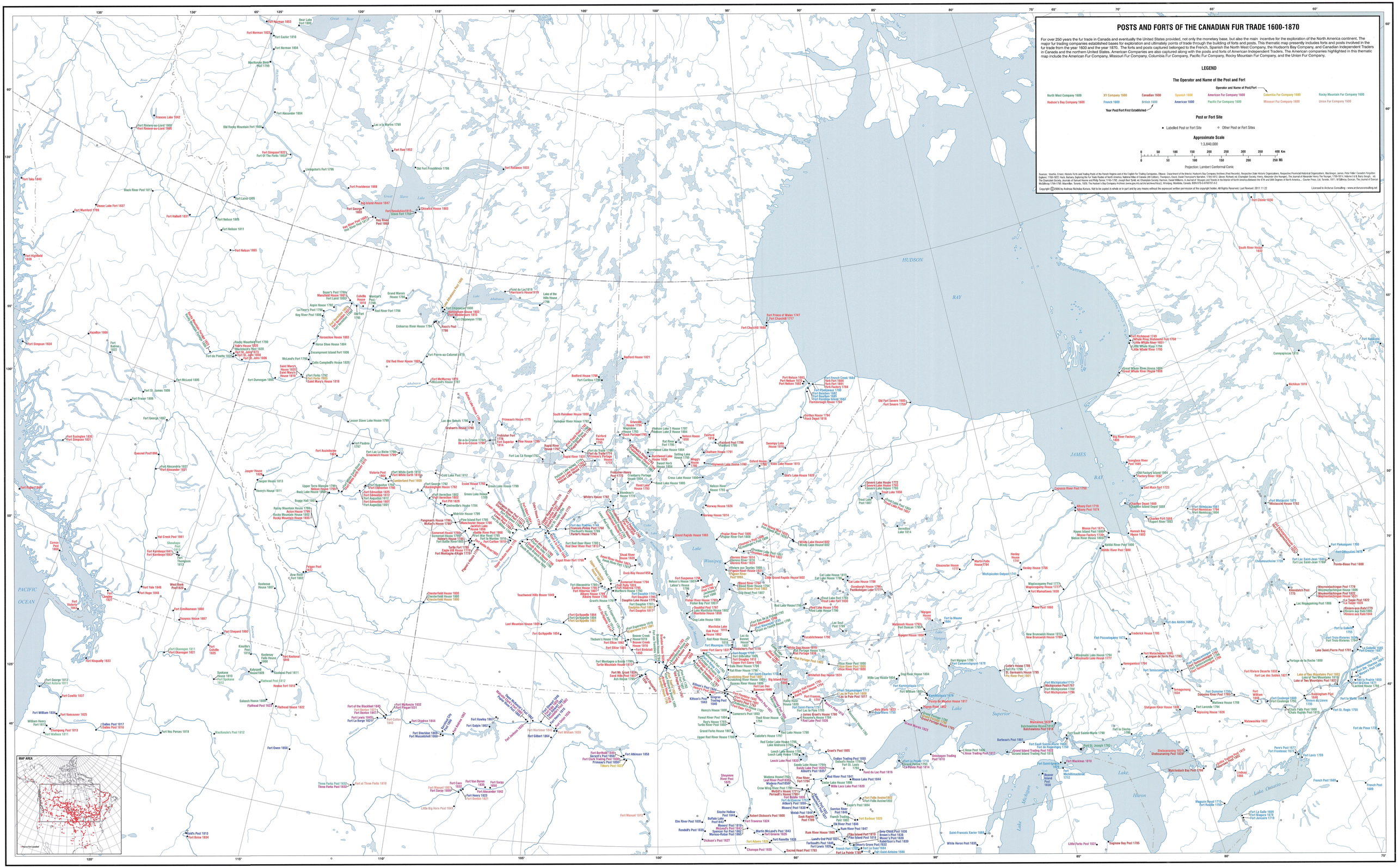
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