

Chapter 5

Life in British North America

INQUIRY FOCUS

What was life like in British North America in the mid-1800s?

In the mid-1800s, British North America took up approximately the same area of land that Canada does today. But it was a very different kind of place. How can you investigate people and places from long ago? Of course, you can't go back in time, so you have to look for clues in the primary sources that we still have from those days.

In this chapter, you can look at diaries, photographs, art, and government records. You can use this information to come to your own conclusions about life in British North America.

The political divisions of British North America changed several times in the 1800s. This is what it looked like in 1853.

