



This museum display from the Acadian Museum in West Pubnico, Nova Scotia, shows a typical Acadian kitchen c. 1864. Many farmhouses in BNA would have had similar kitchens. What questions do you have about the artifacts you can see?

Transportation

One of the biggest challenges for people living in British North America was the difficulty of transportation at the time. There were some very rough roads in the colonies, but in other areas of BNA people still travelled mostly by river, so any settlements were also along rivers. Even in the colonies, people tended to live along rivers and the coast.

Travel on land was by foot, horse, or oxen. Potholes, stumps, and deep mud made road travel difficult and dangerous. It was a little better in winter when there was snow because sleighs could be used. The first public railway opened in 1836 in Canada East, but it would be many years until there was a useful railway system.



This photograph of Madawaska County, New Brunswick, was taken in 1862. What details about homes and transportation does it show?