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TREATY 1: "The Chippewa and Swampy Cree Tribes of Indians and all other the Indians inhabiting the district hereinafter described and defined do hereby CEDE, RELEASE, SURRENDER and YIELD UP to Her Majesty the Queen and successors FOREVER ALL THE LANDS included within the following limits...
{There follows a lengthy description of the territory ceded, released, surrendered, etc.}

"To have and to hold the same to Her said Majesty the Queen and Her successors FOR EVER..."

And since only the OWNER of the land gets resource revenue...

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100028664/1100100028665#tphp>

TREATY 2: "The Chippewa Tribe of Indians and all other the Indians inhabiting the district hereinafter described and defined do hereby CEDE, RELEASE, SURRENDER, and YIELD UP to Her Majesty the Queen, and Her successors FOREVER, ALL THE LANDS included within the following limits..."

{There follows a lengthy description of the territory ceded, released, surrendered, etc.}

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TREATY 3: "The Saulteaux Tribe of the Ojibbeway Indians and all other the Indians inhabiting the district hereinafter described and defined, do hereby CEDE, RELEASE, SURRENDER and YIELD UP TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA for Her Majesty the Queen and Her successors FOREVER, ALL THEIR RIGHTS, TITLES AND PRIVILEGES WHATSOEVER, TO THE LANDS INCLUDED within the following limits...

{There follows a lengthy description of the territory ceded, released, surrendered, etc.}

<http://www.gct3.net/grand-chiefs-office/gct3-info-and-history/government-of-canada-document/>

TREATY 4: "The Cree and Saulteaux Tribes {"and Stonie Tribe...and Assiniboine Tribe"} of Indians, and all other the Indians inhabiting the district hereinafter described and defined, do hereby CEDE, RELEASE, SURRENDER AND YIELD UP TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, for Her Majesty the Queen, and Her successors FOREVER, ALL THEIR RIGHTS, TITLES AND PRIVILEGES WHATSOEVER, TO THE LANDS INCLUDED within the following limits...

{There follows a lengthy description of the territory ceded, released, surrendered, etc.}

Also ALL THEIR RIGHTS, TITLES AND PRIVILEGES WHATSOEVER TO ALL OTHER LANDS wheresoever situated within Her Majesty's North-West Territories, or any of them. To have and to hold the same to Her Majesty the Queen and Her successors FOR EVER."

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100028689/1100100028690>

TREATY 5: "The Saulteaux and Swampy Cree Tribes of Indians and all other the Indians inhabiting the district hereinafter described and defined, DO HEREBY CEDE, RELEASE, SURRENDER AND YIELD UP TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, for Her Majesty the Queen and Her successors FOR EVER, ALL THEIR RIGHTS, TITLES AND PRIVILEGES WHATSOEVER TO THE LANDS INCLUDED within the following limits...

{There follows a lengthy description of the territory ceded, released, surrendered, etc.}

AND ALSO ALL THEIR RIGHTS, TITLES AND PRIVILEGES WHATSOEVER TO ALL OTHER LANDS WHEREVER SITUATED in the North-west Territories or IN ANY OTHER PROVINCE OR PORTION OF HER MAJESTY'S DOMINIONS SITUATED AND BEING WITHIN THE DOMINION OF CANADA;

"The tract comprised within the lines above described, EMBRACING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SQUARE MILES, be the same more or less;

To have and to hold the same To have and to hold the same to Her Majesty the Queen, and Her successors FOREVER."

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100028699/1100100028700>

TREATY 6: "The Plain and Woods Cree Tribes of Indians, and all other the Indians inhabiting the district hereinafter described and defined, do hereby CEDE, RELEASE, SURRENDER and YIELD UP to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, for Her Majesty the Queen and Her successors FOREVER, ALL THEIR RIGHTS, TITLES and PRIVILEGES, whatsoever, to the LANDS included within the following limits..."

{There follows a lengthy description of the territory ceded, released, surrendered, etc.}

"And also their rights, titles and privileges whatsoever to ALL OTHER LANDS wherever situated in the North-West Territories, or IN ANY OTHER PROVINCE OR PORTION OF HER MAJESTY'S DOMINIONS, SITUATED AND BEING WITHIN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

"The tract comprised within the lines above described EMBRACING AN AREA OF 120,000 SQUARE MILES, be the same more or less.

"To have and to hold the same to Her Majesty the Queen and Her successors FOREVER...

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100028710/1100100028783>

The Numbered Treaties alone {11} covered virtually all the territory of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, northern Ontario and part of northern B.C...



"The only lands not included in the Treaties are the reserves -- everything else is. I can give you dozens of examples, but here's a taste {Treaty 6} of how detailed the descriptions were in the text of the Treaties {and maps were also included}:"

"Commencing at the mouth of the river emptying into the north-west angle of Cumberland Lake; thence westerly up the said river to its source; thence on a straight line in a westerly direction to the head of Green Lake; thence northerly to the elbow in the Beaver River; thence down the said river northerly to a point twenty miles from the said elbow; thence in a westerly direction, keeping on a line generally parallel with the said Beaver River (above the elbow), and about twenty miles distant there from, to the source of the said river; thence northerly to the north-easterly point of the south shore of Red Deer Lake, continuing westerly along the said shore to the western limit thereof; and thence due west to the Athabasca River; thence up the said river, against the stream, to the Jaspar House, in the Rocky Mountains; thence on a course south-easterly, following the easterly range of the mountains, to the source of the main branch of the Red Deer River; thence down the said river, with the stream, to the junction therewith of the outlet of the river, being the outlet of the Buffalo Lake; thence due east twenty miles; thence on a straight line south-eastwardly to the mouth of the said Red Deer River on the south branch of the Saskatchewan River; thence eastwardly and northwardly, following on the boundaries of the tracts conceded by the several treaties numbered four and five to the place of beginning.

And also, all their rights, titles and privileges whatsoever to all other lands wherever situated in the North-west Territories, or in any other Province or portion of Her Majesty's Dominions, situated and being within the Dominion of Canada.

The tract comprised within the lines above described embracing an area of 121,000 square miles, be the same more or less.

To have and to hold the same to Her Majesty the Queen and Her successors forever."

And there is NO MENTION OF 'SHARING THE LAND' -- except the reserves...

In the Treaties, Indians are clearly 'subjects of the Crown', like all Canadian citizens.

There is NO mention of 'partnership' in the Treaties:

"And the undersigned Chiefs, on their own behalf and on behalf of all other Indians inhabiting the tract within ceded, do hereby solemnly promise and engage to strictly observe this treaty, and also to conduct and BEHAVE THEMSELVES AS GOOD AND LOYAL SUBJECTS of Her Majesty the Queen." --Treaty 2

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Or: "And the undersigned Chiefs and Headmen, on their own behalf and on behalf of all other Indians inhabiting the tract within ceded, do hereby solemnly promise and engage to strictly observe this treaty, and also to CONDUCT AND BEHAVE THEMSELVES AS GOOD AND LOYAL SUBJECTS OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN." --Treaty 4

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100028689/1100100028690>

Or: "And the undersigned Blackfeet, Blood, Piegan and Sarcee Head Chiefs and Minor Chiefs, and Stony Chiefs and Councillors on their own behalf and on behalf of all other Indians inhabiting the Tract within ceded DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY PROMISE and engage TO STRICTLY OBSERVE THIS TREATY, and also TO CONDUCT AND BEHAVE THEMSELVES AS GOOD AND LOYAL SUBJECTS of Her Majesty the Queen." -- Treaty 7

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100028793/1100100028803>

And for those who mistakenly believe that the Indians didn't know what was going on, we have things like this:

"At nearly all the important points, the chiefs and more intelligent men who were present at the making of treaty last year asked for extended explanations of its terms, in order that those of their bands who had failed to grasp its true meaning might be enlightened, and that those who were coming into treaty for the first time might fully understand what they were doing. In the course of the councils held for this purpose, it was possible to eradicate any little misunderstanding that had arisen in the minds of the more intelligent, and GREAT PAINS WERE TAKEN TO GIVE SUCH EXPLANATIONS AS SEEMED MOST LIKELY TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN FUTURE..."

"Report of Commissioner for Treaty No. 8", DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, December 11, 1900

{CAPS added --Gerry}

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100028813/1100100028853#chp4>

Treaty Texts - Treaties No. 1 and No. 2 www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

