

Lesson 6

GROWTH OF THE CITIES

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Episode 11
The Last Best West
The Mines & The Minds
A Nation of Cities
(24:15 - 47:08)

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*Canada, An Illustrated
History* pp. 183-191, 194-
195

Counterpoints pp. 16-19

Think History pp. 14-17

Canada needed a workforce. Since English speaking immigrants from the British Isles and the United States were not enough, the government enticed non-English speakers from across Europe with offers of farmland and a better life. The immigrants found life much harder than they imagined, but more than a million came between 1896 and 1905, settling on farmland in the west or finding work in the factories of urban centers. Canada began to look more like a cultural mosaic.

QUESTIONS DURING VIEWING

THE LAST BEST WEST

1. What kind of settlers were desirable to settle the Canadian west?
Ones who could endure and preferably from generations of farmers
2. Where did they come from? (note: Doukhobors are from Russia, Mennonites are from Germany & Russia)
Iceland, Ukraine, Russia, Germany, Poland

THE MINES & THE MINDS

1. What were the conditions of the coal miner in Glace Bay, NS?
Conditions of work were dangerous. The mining company controlled their lives and charged them so much they had little take-home pay.
2. Name inventors and inventions at Cape Breton Island at the time.
Marconi – radio, Alexander Graham Bell – flight

A NATION OF CITIES

1. Describe circumstances that led to the growth of cities in the 1900s.
An industrial boom because of affordable electricity led to factories and the need for workers
2. How did factories workers hope to fight for better working conditions and what was the result?
Labour unions developed and strikes were victorious.