

Canada braced for ethnic clashes

The 140th anniversary of a pivotal Act in Canadian history could exacerbate tensions over a new housing development on land claimed by the First Nations – the country's indigenous population. The claim, in the town of Caledonia, Ontario, is only the latest in Canada's long-running saga of land claims by aborigines




British North America Act, 1867: Establishes *Dominion of Canada* as self-governing British colony

Caledonia: Part of tract of land given by British to Indian allies in 1784 when tribes fled to Canada after American war of independence.

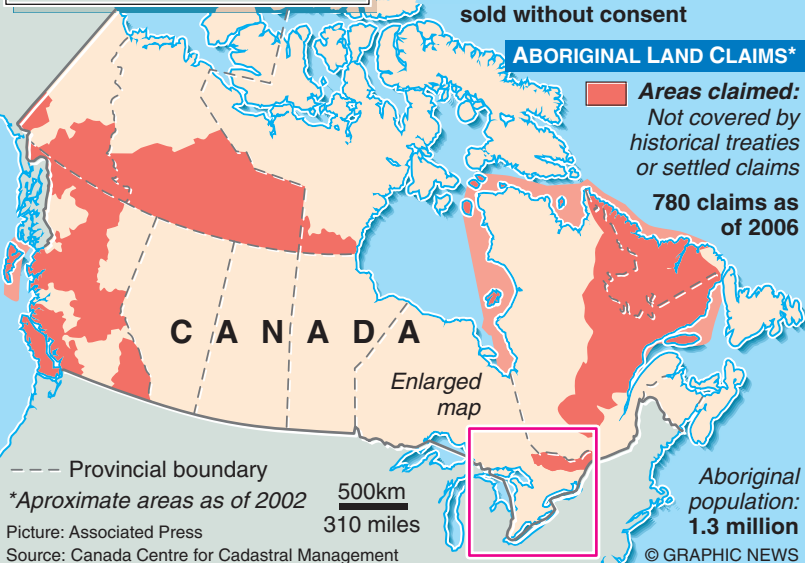
First Nations claim land was sold without consent



ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS*

 **Areas claimed:**
Not covered by historical treaties or settled claims

780 claims as of 2006



--- Provincial boundary

*Approximate areas as of 2002

500km
310 miles

Aboriginal population:
1.3 million

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