

A Look at the Atlas of Canada

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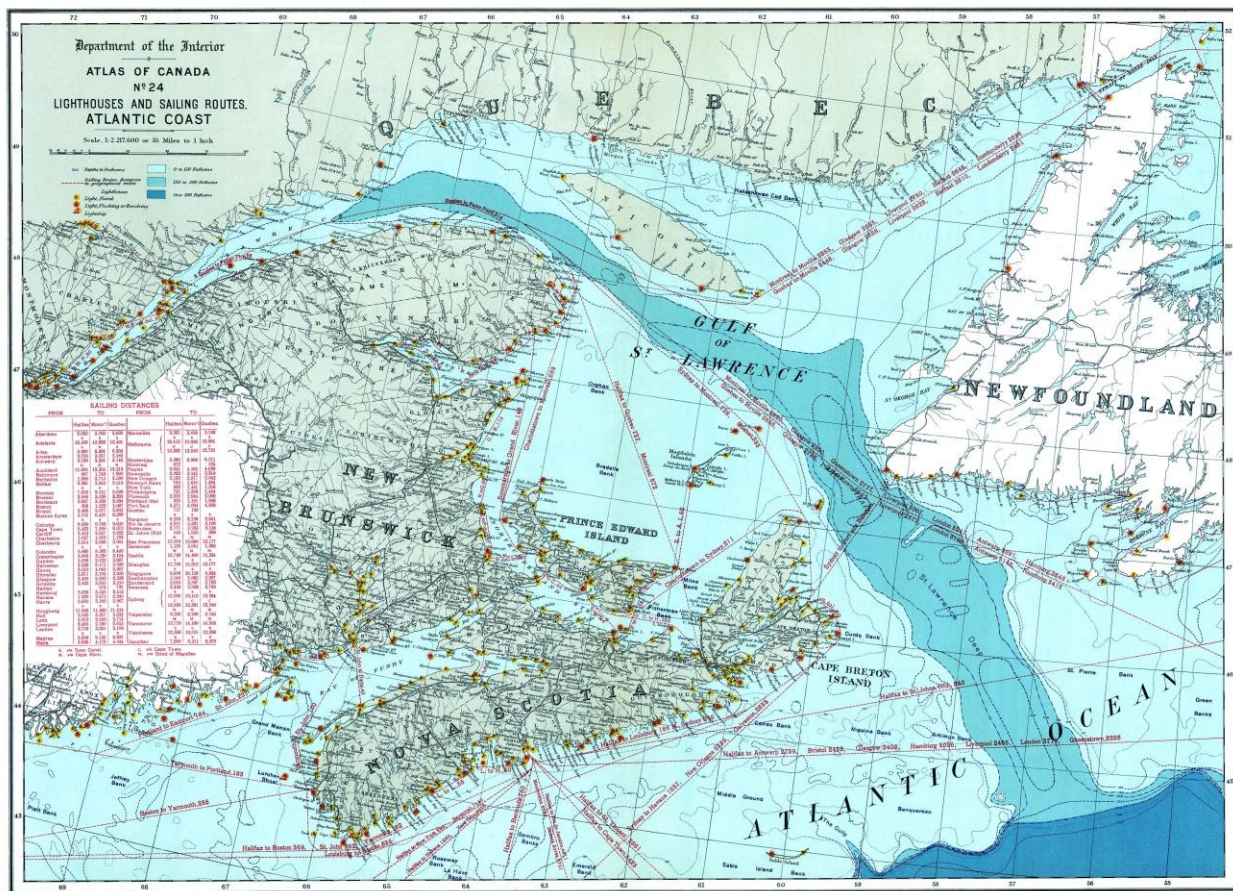


Figure 1: Lighthouses and Sailing Routes, Atlantic Coast (Canada Department of the Interior, 1906)

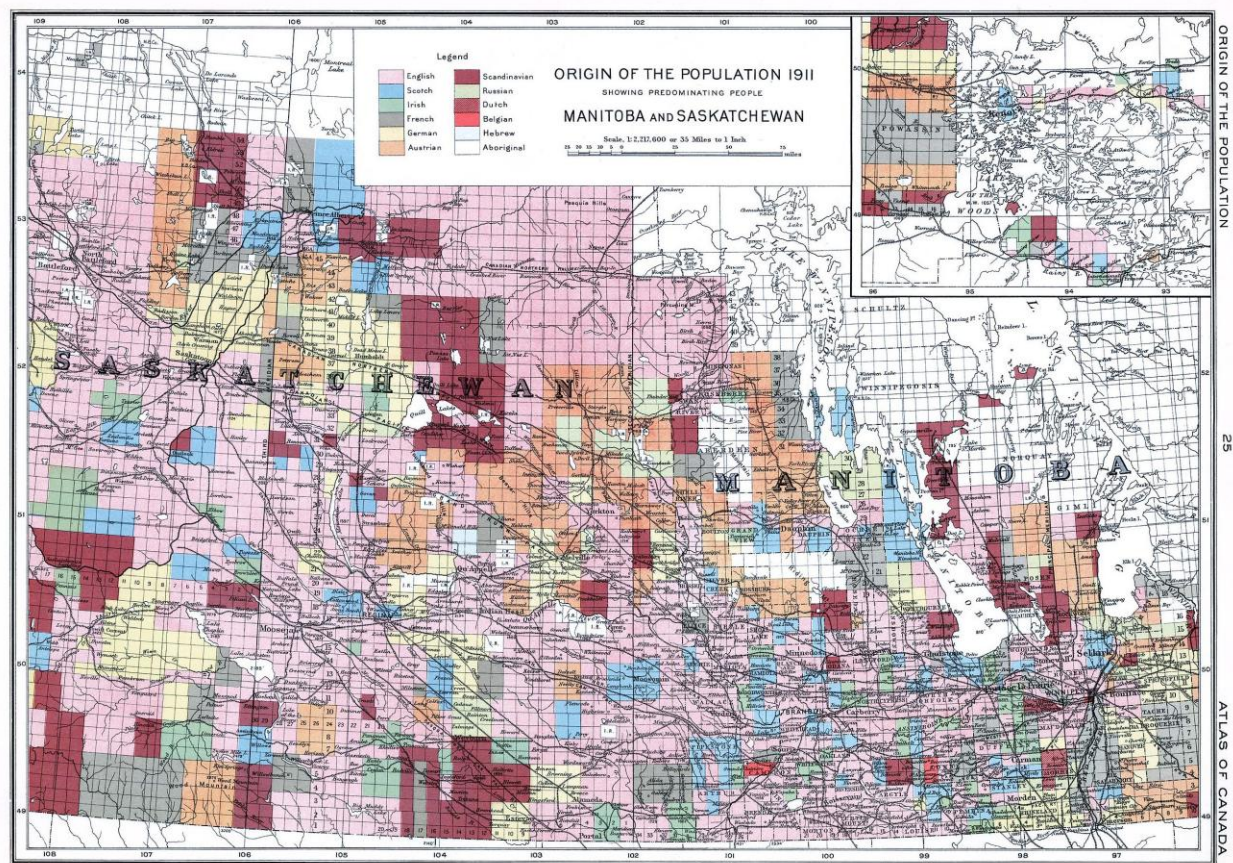


Figure 2: Origin of the Population 1911 Showing Predominating People Manitoba and Saskatchewan (Canada Department of the Interior, 1915)

Atlas of Canada

The Atlas of Canada (1906-1993) documented Canada's geography, resources, transportation, settlement, and population for more than a century.

The "Lighthouses and Sailing Routes, Atlantic Coast" (Figure 1) from the [first edition](#), published in 1906, shows how Canada was connected to the wider world. It highlights the importance of maritime transportation in the early twentieth century. It includes lighthouses along the Atlantic coast and the major sailing routes connecting Canada with international destinations, including Europe, the United States, and the Caribbean.

The [second edition](#), published in 1915, continued to document Canada's transportation, population, and physical environment. "Origin of the Population 1911 Showing Predominating People Manitoba and Saskatchewan" (Figure 2) reflects the development of the Prairies, mapping settlement and railway networks that connected the provinces.

The [third edition](#), published in 1958, was the first to be produced in English and French. The [fourth edition](#), published in 1974, was renamed to The National Atlas of Canada. The [fifth edition](#) was

the final printed edition and consisted of a series of loose map sheets published over 15 years, beginning in 1978 and completed in 1993.

Across its edition, the Atlas of Canada is more than a record of place. It provides a snapshot into the changing shape of the country.

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