Aboriginal Canada: Some Readings
Wood & Rossiter 2011

• BC was ‘settled’ so fast that there were no treaties with First Nations
  • Land never surrendered
• Land was surveyed, mapped, explored, ‘settled’ and exploited
• Most of BC, including the cities, are illegal settlements on aboriginal land
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• By the 1980s various attempts being made to settle aboriginal land claims in BC
  • Nisga’a settlement in 1999 a milestone
• Control of territory vital to the modern (colonial?) state
  • But the colonial mess of illegal settlement makes it awkward to achieve
Trudeau’s new pipeline

• Most of its 1000 km runs through unceded First Nations land in BC
• Most Albertans want it built, many British Columbians don’t
• Trouble coming
Ray 2011

- Ray’s 2010 Wiley lecture at CAG Regina
- Ray an historical geographer specialising in aboriginal people
- Finds his expertise in demand in aboriginal land claims and land rights cases
- Because Canadian courts prefer to listen to him rather than knowledgeable aboriginal elders
  - Institutional racism