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
By the 1980s various attempts being made to settle aboriginal land claims in BC
- Nishga’a treaty in the 1990s a milestone

Control of territory vital to the modern (colonial?) state
- But the colonial mess of illegal settlement makes it awkward to achieve
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
• Canadian courts prefer to listen to him rather than knowledgeable aboriginal elders
  – Institutional racism