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Map of the Country from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean, showing the Western Boundary of Canada & the Eastern Boundary of British Columbia, also the Fertile Belt stretching from the Lake of the Woods to the Rocky Mountains

Stock#: 77069
Map Maker: Arrowsmith
Date: 1860
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.75 x 10.5 inches (including text)



Price: SOLD

Description:

The Opening of the Canadian Prairies for Agricultural Settlement

Fine large map of central and Western Canada, lithographed by John Arrowsmith in London to display the results of the 1858 Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition, lead by Henry Youle Hind, and the British North American Ex. Ex., lead by John Palliser.

This fantastic map provides a perfect representation of the Arrowsmith family's highly precise, scientific, and authoritative style of mapmaking. West of Lake of the Woods, the map cites three different authorities that they rely on for each region: Hind between Lake of the Woods and the Forks of the Saskatchewan (apparently near Fort a la Corne); Palliser between the Forks and the Rocky Mountains; and the 1859 Arrowsmith *Map of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, etc.*, published by Arrowsmith for the governmental blue book.

The map is highly detailed, based as it is on the foremost sources of the day. Most notable on the map is the distribution of "Rich Pasturage," colored in yellow, that stretches from St. Vincent, Minnesota, to the base of the Rock Mountains at the head of the South Saskatchewan River in a bow-shaped form. Lakes, rivers, forts, and more are all shown.

The Palliser and the Hind expeditions each sought to explore the Canadian West in a new scientific manner, one that was mirrored by the Warren and Reynolds expeditions south of the border. Each expedition had botanists, geologists, and other specialized scientists who were able to provide new insights into the lands they explored. These expeditions not only provided scientific knowledge but also



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agricultural and mineralogical insights of economic importance. The Hinde and Palliser expeditions were particularly notable, as shown on this map, for recognizing the great agricultural potential of central Canada, an area that has today become the breadbasket of the confederation.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-colo. Bottom margin rough. A slight tear in the upper margin. Some minor staining and a very small area of loss near "Mountain Ho."