



Franz Hölzlhuber, *With the Fur Traders at Yellow Lake, Wisconsin, 1858*

# Beaver pelts for blankets

Fur posts were in isolated areas, but they were linked to a worldwide trade network. Beaver pelts were shipped from North America to London, where they were made into hats. And in return, goods ranging from British blankets to Italian beads to North African ostrich plumes were shipped to North America for trading with American Indians.



Artist unknown, *View of the Canal in Front of St. Mark's*, about 1790  
Most glass beads used in the fur trade were made in Murano, near Venice, Italy. Other beadmaking centers were in Holland and the area of Eastern Europe known as Bohemia.

Robert Auchmuty Sproule, *The Port of Montreal, 1830*



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