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ABOUT THE ENDPAPERS

The endpapers display a map that was sketched in 1864, three years before Canada came into existence. The map was made by an Iroquois trapper named Toma, for Robert Brown during his Vancouver Island Exploring Expedition. The calligraphy is probably Brown’s.

The map shows some Hul’qumi’num villages, camps, fishing sites and a variety of physical features around Cowichan Lake (“Kaatza”) in the interior of Vancouver Island, as well as along the Cowichan River and at Cowichan Bay on the east side of Vancouver Island. The Cowichan River flows through the present-day city of Duncan, British Columbia.