Trade Goods
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First Whiskey Spilled, 1874
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The North-West Mounted Police were sent west to evict the American whiskey traders and restore order.
The Blackfoot welcomed the fur traders for the new tools they brought. But they did not want the fur traders to build permanent forts in their territory. The forts were built around the edges of Blackfoot territory.
This is a map of the whiskey trading posts. Naapiaohkii (whiskey) was the most important item these Americans traded. The effects were disastrous for the Blackfoot. Courtesy of Glenbow Museum
The Blackfoot's traditional territory spread eastward from the Rocky Mountains, across the northwestern plains.

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