What's in a Name?

Here are some examples of place names in Canada that have their origins in the fur-trade era. How many of them were you able to find?

Using your atlas, see how many of these places you can locate on today's map of Canada.

What conclusions can you draw about:

1) how the land influenced the choice of locations
2) the historical importance of place names.

York Factory  Fort McLeod
Fort Norman  Churchill (Fort Churchill)
Hay River  Île-à-la-crosse
Fort Simpson  Berens River
Fort Smith  Fort Dauphin (Dauphin)
Fort Resolution  Pas Mountain (The Pas)
Island House (Island Lake)  Cumberland House
Jasper House (Jasper)  Nelson House
Oxford House  Lac la Ronge (La Ronge)
Fort Smith  Battleford
Grande Prairie  Prince Albert
Fort Vermilion  Portage la Prairie
Fort Garry (Winnipeg)  Split Lake House
Cape Dorset  Swan River
Fort Liard  Pukatawagan
Selkirk  Fort Qu’Appelle
Fort Smith  Fort Vermilion
Norway House  Fort Simpson
Rocky Mountain House  Fort Resolution