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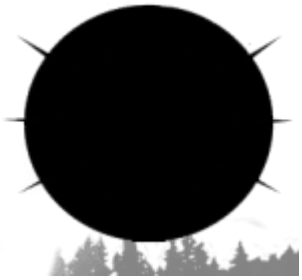

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By KAY KRITZWISER

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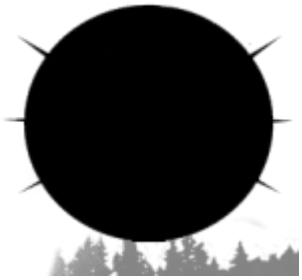
Note to readers: The population of indigenous people in Canada today is 1.800,000.



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