

Finch & C^o



A RARE CREE NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN BROWN BEAR BAG

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CIRCA 1880 – 1890

SIZE : 16.5 CM HIGH , 13 CM WIDE – 6½ INS HIGH , 5¼ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

IN THE LATE 19 TH CENTURY THE SUB-ARCTIC CREE WERE HUNTERS AND FUR TRAPPERS , LIVING PRIMARILY OFF FISH AND GAME AND FOOD OBTAINED FROM THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY POSTS IN EXCHANGE FOR FURS . THEY TRAVELLED BY BIRCH BARK CANOES IN THE SUMMER , DOG SLED AND SNOWSHOES IN THE WINTER AND MOSTLY LIVED IN CONICAL OR DOMED WIGWAMS COVERED WITH TRADED CANVAS . AT THIS TIME THE HUNTERS STILL WORE NATIVE MOCCASINS , BUT THEY HUNTED WITH GUNS .