



Celebrating Canada 2021

Yay Canada

Canada is 154 years old this year, a nation established with confederation in 1867. From sea to sea to sea it's a country of diverse peoples and landscapes both built and natural. As a nation we have much to celebrate. Reflecting on the past reveals many achievements of which to be proud as well as many tragedies that challenge our understanding of this country. On Canada Day we acknowledge the difficulties faced by this nation while also celebrating its people, places and accomplishments.



Father of Invention

George Klein was one of Canada's most accomplished inventors. While working for the National Research Council from 1929-1969 he developed the first electric wheelchair and invented aircraft skis, the army snowmobile/ATV, the microsurgical staple gun, the ZEEP nuclear reactor, a scientific language for snow and other feats of mechanical



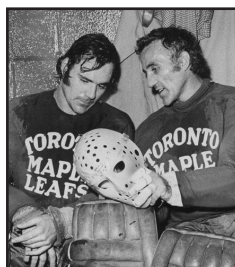
The Nature of Suzuki

Environmental activist and Canadian science broadcaster, David Suzuki has been hosting the CBC television series "The Nature of Things" since 1979. A recipient of the Order of Canada in 1976, he was honoured with the UNESCO's 'Kalinga Prize' in 1986 for his exceptional skill in presenting scientific ideas to lay people. The 85-year-old established the David Suzuki Foundation in 1991 to work for balancing human needs with the earth's

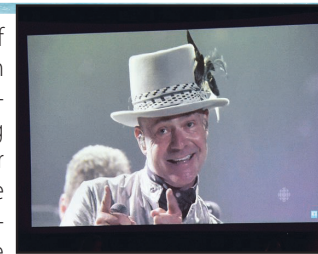
ability to sustain life. *CBC photo by Kevin Van Paassen Photography*

Saving face

The greatest save made by Montreal Canadiens goaltender



Jacques Plante is saving the faces of countless goalies. Tired of getting hit in the face by pucks, he invented a fiberglass goalie mask and wore it during a game for the first time in 1959. After donning the homemade PPE, Plante led the Canadiens to an 18-game winning streak, putting doubts about the mask to rest. Pictured with Plante is Ron Low (left) who was making his Maple Leaf debut in 1972. *Toronto Star Archive Photo*



systems that connect the Niagara Escarpment to Lake Ontario. *Metroland File Photo*

The (Humanitarian) Hip

The Tragically Hip (fronted by the late lead singer/songwriter Gord Downie, guitarists Rob Baker and Paul Langois, drummer Johnny Fay and bassist Gord Sinclair) received the 2021 Juno humanitarian award in honour of decades of philanthropic efforts. Their 2016 15-show final tour helped to raise more than \$1 million for The Canadian Cancer Society and the Sunnybrook Foundation. The group also supported organizations like Camp Trillium and the Special Olympics as well as mental health initiatives in the music industry. *Torstar File Photo*



Ecological Royalty

Designated a national historic site of Canada in 1993, Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) has been an ecological jewel at the western tip of Lake Ontario in the Hamilton area for more than 80 years. Revered worldwide for not only its extensive 400 acres of display gardens, RBG also protects and stewards more than 2,300 acres of environmentally sensitive lands and diverse eco-



Write On

Canadian author Margaret Atwood's website lists a total of



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Happy Canada Day!

