

Fun Facts about CANADA^{VOL. 2}

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2018 IS A SPECIAL YEAR!

Gregg Distributors is celebrating 50 years in business, and we're still 100% Canadian! This year, we've decided to produce more of our popular "Canadian Fun Facts" brochures - with a twist! We've included some interesting statistics from 1968, the year we became a limited company. Take a look, have a read, and thanks for your part in our 50 years in business, eh?

You can also find the brochures on our website, as they become available.

Go to www.greggdistributors.ca and click on the button "Fun Facts About Canada".



Canada
Strong

Most Influential Canadians



Not all symbols of patriotism come in the form of flags, flowers, or anthems. Some are living, breathing human beings; and many of them have made their mark on the world, whether by their craft, their words, or just by being themselves. Here are some influential Canadians in no particular order:



Canada is seen as the
Most Positive Influence
on world affairs



answered

Strongly/
Somewhat



18,055 respondents
from 25 countries

Terry Fox

Why? Diagnosed with bone cancer at 18 years old, Terry Fox started his Marathon of Hope, a cross-country journey to raise money for cancer research. Every kid in school learns his story across the country, and one day a year we walk in his memory. The run has spread to over 28 countries — making him a worldwide name as well as a Canadian one. He was the youngest person to be awarded the Order of Canada in 1981, shortly before his death.

Clara Hughes

Why? Currently the only person in history to win medals at both the Winter and Summer Olympic Games and a spokesperson for the "Let's Talk" campaign, she shared her struggles with depression and mental illness and encouraged other Canadians to do the same. Mental Health is a growing concern for people around the world. Having a role model like Hughes can make a huge difference.

Chris Hadfield

WHY? Canadian astronaut, Chris Hadfield got his start in the Royal Canadian Air Force before joining NASA. In 2001 he became the first Canadian to walk in space, and became the first Canadian commander of the International Space Station. Charming and charismatic, he has written several books about his space adventures and is a well known social media personality.

Viola Desmond

Why? The first Canadian woman to appear on our currency, she was a pioneer of Black rights. She sat in an area meant for white patrons only at New Glasgow's Roseland Theatre in Nova Scotia, and refused to leave. Forcibly removed, jailed and fined for her act of defiance, she fought the charges and was eventually pardoned, 45 years after her death.

Lester B. Pearson

Why? Our fourteenth prime minister, Lester B. Pearson is the only Canadian to win the Nobel Peace Prize. As a foreign policy expert, Pearson's triumphs are still noted today. His efforts brought France and England out of Egypt during the Suez crisis in 1956. His accolades include: rebuilding the Liberal party; implementing the CPP and Medicare; and bringing Canada its current flag design (albeit with a different leaf in the middle). Pearson is generally considered among the most influential Canadians of the 20th century.

Nellie McClung

WHY? She always fought for women's rights. She won Manitoba women the right to vote in 1916, making it the first province in the country to allow it. She later became an MLA in Alberta; was the first woman on the board of directors for the CBC; and was part of the Canadian delegation to the League of Nations.

Sir Frederick Banting

Why? Sir Frederick Banting was a Nobel Prize winner for his work in creating Insulin. Insulin remains a life-saving protein for many Canadians and other people around the world. Banting is the youngest person to win the Nobel for medicine at age 32.

Tommy Douglas

Why? He brought socialized medicine to Canada. As premier of Saskatchewan, he brought government-funded health care to the province, prompting the federal government to follow suit eventually. Douglas' point-of-view is still relevant as Canadians watch the health-care debate south of the border.

Marshall McLuhan

WHY? Marshall McLuhan was a media studies professor best known for pioneering a number of theories regarding how modern society is influenced by television and the news. Though his writings were often convoluted and vague, and are still debated to this day, his famous claim that "the medium is the message" or that form is more important than content, was among the most widely quoted ideas of the 20th century.

Gordon Downie

Why? The frontman of 'Tragically Hip' endured a battle with cancer and his determination to promote Indigenous rights has brought the singer to the front of Canadians' minds. His last concert, held in his hometown of Kingston, was watched by four million people, while even more gathered at public screenings. Treena Woof of CKWX News in Vancouver put it best: "The outpouring of support and grief for Downie was unprecedented, and that kind of shared cultural experience doesn't happen often."

Indigenous Artists

WHY? Too many to mention, and too many great ones to pick from. Artists like Susan Point, Daphne Odjig, Bill Reid, Norval Morrisseau and many, many others make up the backbone of Canada's culture. With a renewed focus on cultural appropriation, Indigenous artists continually speak up for their rights and for their work.

gallery.ca/whats-on/exhibitions-and-galleries/canadian-and-indigenous-art
susanspoint.com | odjig.com | native-art-in-canada.com

Alexander Graham Bell

WHY? The man responsible for the invention of the telephone, and the development of modern-day communication. We rely on our personal phones to continually communicate with multiple individuals. With the speed at which technology has evolved, and the ubiquity of our seemingly endless methods of communication today, we forget that it all began with a man and his desire to help those around him.

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50 years ago! 1968 Remember When...

Harry Strom becomes Premier of Alberta, replacing Ernest Manning

Canadian Film Awards 'Film of the Year': A Place to Stand

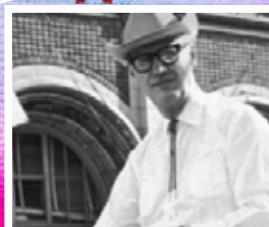
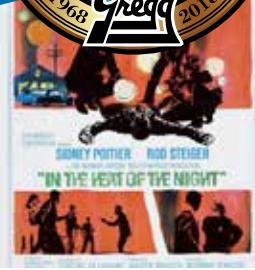
In the Heat of the Night won Best Picture at the Academy Awards.

On December 31, the Soviet-designed Tupolev Tu-144 made its first flight marking it as the first supersonic airliner prototype.

Intel is founded as a semiconductor company.

The cost of a first-class stamp was only 6¢.

The unification of the Canadian Armed Forces took place on February 1, when the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, and Royal Canadian Air Force were merged to form the Canadian Armed Forces.



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