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The countdown is on!
In just two and a half years,
we'll be celebrating Canada's
sesquicentennial. Isn't that
an awesome word? It means
that in 2017, it's our country's
150th birthday.

We think of July 1, 1867 as the big year for Confederation — the union of New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia — but that was an end, too. It took years of talking and meeting to make a deal to create Canada.

There were three conferences that led to Confederation. The first was in Charlottetown in September, 1864. That was soon followed by another in Quebec City, where the delegates agreed on most of the details that would shape Canada. But then there were more than two years of back-and-forth talks with Great Britain, at the end of which a new nation was born.

This issue tells the story of Confederation and beyond. And in the next few years, you can bet we'll be looking forward to that 150th birthday party! How will you celebrate?

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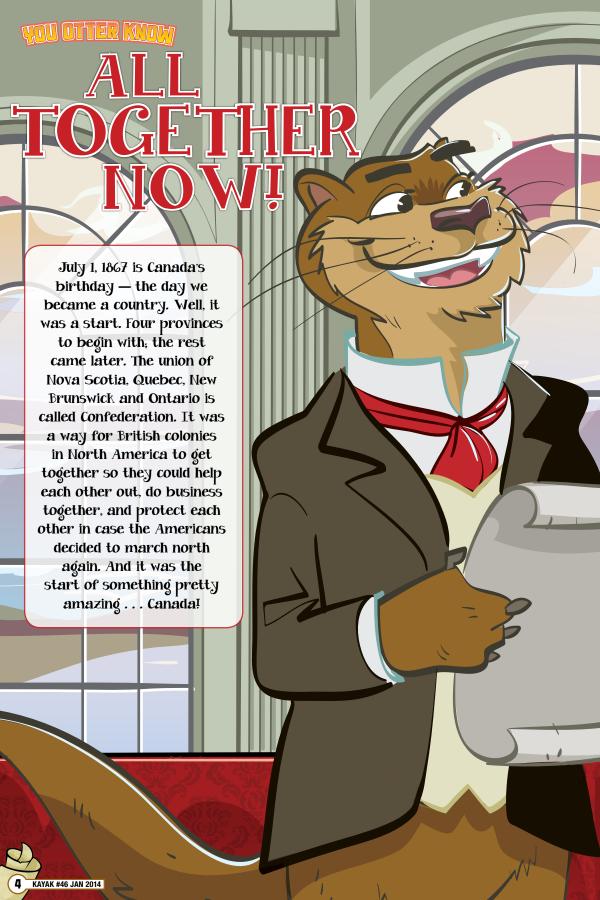


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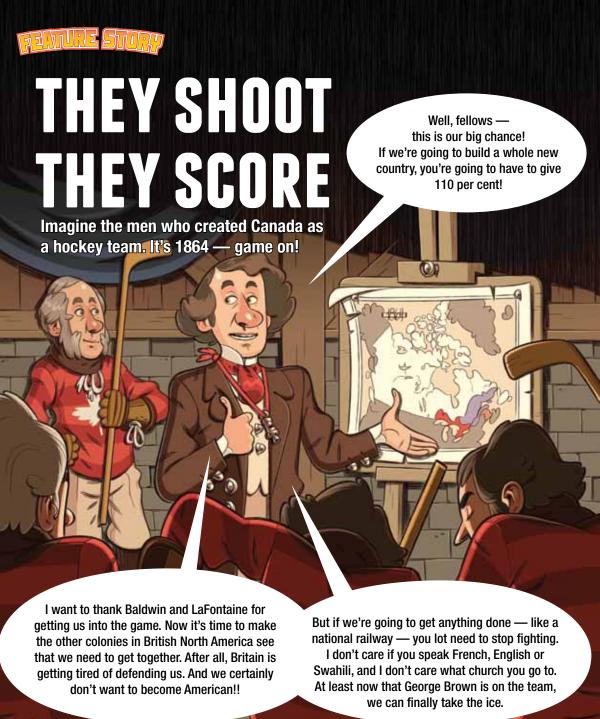








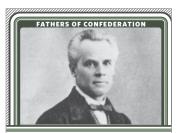




Louis-Hippolyte LaFontaine and Robert Baldwin persuaded the British government that French and English could work together in North America. The result was Canada East (mainly French-speaking southern Quebec) and Canada West (what's now southern Ontario) which worked together in a government known as the province of Canada.

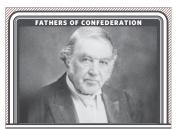
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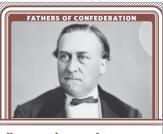
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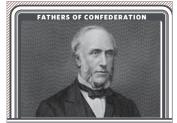
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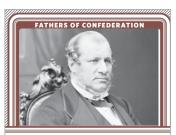
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GEORGE BROWN





ALEXANDER GALT





THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE





LEONARD TILLEY



THE LINEUP

JOHN A. MACDONALD

Position: charming coach

Born: Scotland

Resides: Kingston, Ont.

Known for: bringing enemies together to sweet-talk them: nickname "Old

Tomorrow"

GEORGE BROWN

Position: loudmouth surprise

Born: Scotland Resides: Toronto, Ont.

Known for: giving up his old, strongly held ideas and offering to work with anyone focused on building Canada

GEORGE-ÉTIENNE CARTIER

Position: brilliant negotiator Born: St. Antoine, Que. Resides: Montreal. Que.

Known for: making smooth, super-smart arguments; partying with opponents to

win them over

ALEXANDER GALT

Position: ideas quv Born: England

Resides: Sherbrooke, Que.

Known for: coming up with the idea of "a general Confederation of the

provinces" in 1858

CHARLES TUPPER

Position: pushy bully BORN: Amherst, N.S. Resides: Amherst. N.S.

Known for: crushing Nova Scotian opposition; awesome sideburns; longest-

lived Father of Confederation

THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE

Position: passionate defender

Born: Ireland

Resides: Montreal. Que.

Known for: fiercely opposing Irish rebels: being assassinated in Ottawa in 1868

HECTOR LOUIS-LANGEVIN

Position: details guy Born: Quebec City, Que. Resides: Quebec City, Que.

Known for: helping write the wording of the British North America Act; defending the rights of French-Canadians

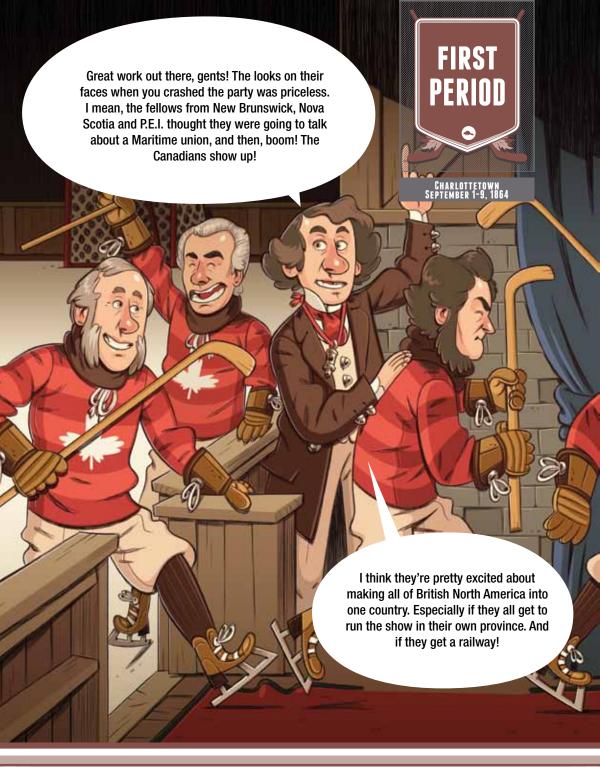
LEONARD TILLEY

Position: never-give-up supporter

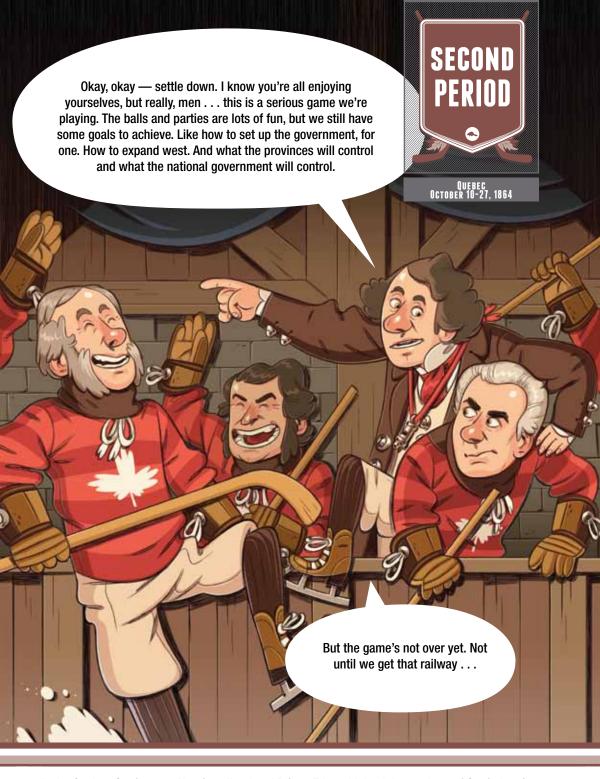
Born: Gagetown, N.B. Resides: Saint John, N.B.

Known for: wanting to ban all alcohol; toughing out opponents to bring New

Brunswick into Confederation



Delegates from the united Canadas sailed to Charlottetown to propose their idea of a new nation. When they arrived, everyone was excited . . . but not about them. A big show called the Olympic Circus was in town, taking up all the hotel rooms, so the delegates slept on board their ship, which had the perfect name: the *Queen Victoria*.



At the Quebec Conference, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island dropped out of Confederation. But after debates and speeches — a **LOT** of debates and speeches — the others agreed to what they called the Quebec Resolutions, a document that spelled out how the new country would work. It wasn't all political slogging, of course. Many of the leaders brought their wives and families, and had so much fun their gathering has been called "the great inter-colonial drunk."



Although there were bitter back-and-forth, should-we-join-or-shouldn't-we-join fights, in the end a group from the Province of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia sailed to London to sort out the final details of Confederation in what became known as the Westminster Conference. The Canadians got a bit wild here, too, using pea shooters to bug the crowd at an important horse race. And Sir John A. set fire to his hotel bedroom when he knocked over a candle or fell asleep smoking — the stories vary.

Makes me all misty-eyed, thinking about what my team did. We even got that railway! But that wasn't the end of it. There were new players, new goals, new provinces and territories making our beloved country ever greater . . .





MANITOBA Joined: 1870 Captain: Louis Riel British Columbia

Joined: 1871 **Captain:** Amor de Cosmos

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Joined: 1870

Captain: none; bought from the Hudson's Bay Company

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Joined: 1873
Captain: James Pope
YUKON TERRITORY

Joined: 1898

Captain: none; created from Northwest Territories during

the Gold Rush

ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN

Joined: 1905

Captain: Frederick William Haultain

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Joined: 1949

Captain: Joseph Smallwood

NUNAVUT Joined: 1999

Captain: Paul Amagoalik









THE FATHERS AND OTHERS THE OTHERS

Who was left out when Canada was being shaped?

You've probably seen this famous painting of the Fathers of Confederation. (The fire of 1916 on Parliament Hill destroyed the original by Robert Harris; this is a copy by Rex Woods.) Look closely — do you notice anything? Other than the big sideburns and bow ties, that is.

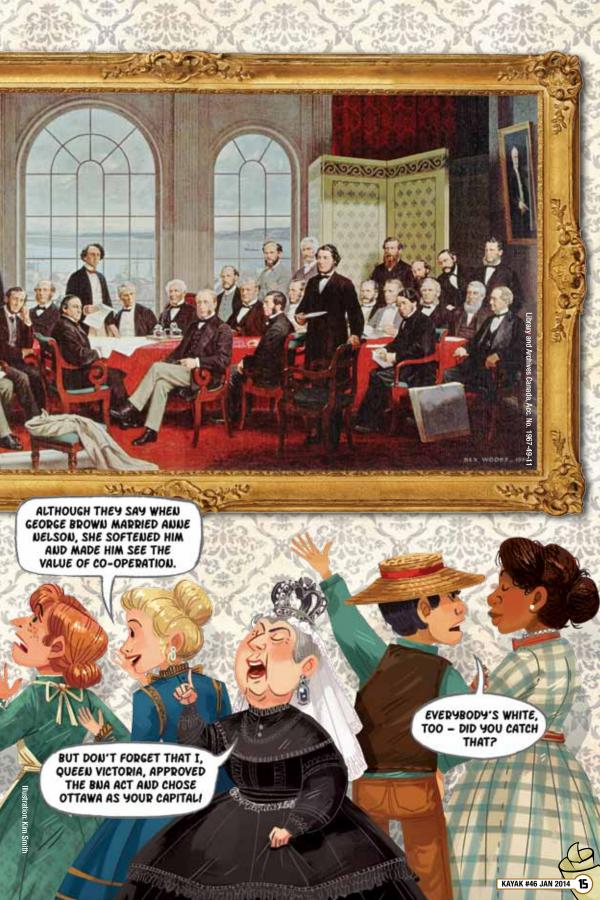
NOBODY INVITED THE INUIT TO BE AT THE TABLE, THAT'S FOR SURE AND YOU DON'T SEE ANY NISGA'A OR DENE OR MI'KMAQ . . .

OR CREE.

IT NEVER OCCURRED
TO THEM THAT WOMEN
MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING
TO CONTRIBUTE.

ET PAS DE MÉTIS AUSSII

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O, Marie Paris Par

Just about everyone had an idea for a name for the new country. George Brown even invited readers of his newspaper, the *Globe*, to come up with proposals. Which of these are real suggestions and which are made up?

The name "Canada" comes from the Huron word "kanata," which means village. When explorer Jacques Cartier heard First Nations people in Stadacona (now Quebec City) use the word, he thought they were talking about the whole country. He called the St. Lawrence "rivière de Canada" on his maps, and the name stuck. In 1791, the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada were created; they were joined again

as the Province of Canada in 1841.



Finally — a name that honours First Nations. Pronounced "haw-shuh-LAG-a," this one is an Iroquois word meaning either "beaver path" or "big rapids." It's also the village where Jacques Cartier landed, on the site that we now know as the island of Montreal.



Victorialand

Queen Victoria was on the throne of Great Britain when Canada came to be. She chose Ottawa as the capital. There's a city in British Columbia named after her, Alberta is named for her daughter, and pretty much every town has a Victoria Street/Rue Victoria. But obviously the person who made this suggestion thought the whole country should bear her name, too.





Efsiga

Another acronym. This one stands for "English, French, Scottish, Irish, German, American." Some have also said the "A" might stand for "Aboriginal," but that's not a word people of 1867 would have used.

Cabotia

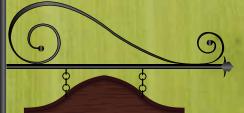
This idea honours the great explorer John Cabot, who sailed to our shores in 1497. (Then again, he thought he was in Asia . . .) Another slight problem: We know him by this name, but he was Italian, so his name was actually Giovanna Caboto.

Tuponia

Actually more of an acronym — that's a word created when you take the first letter of a bunch of words and put them together — this name stands for "The United Provinces of North America."



When Canada was formed, some wanted it to be called a kingdom, while others worried that would anger the Americans. Leonard Tilley suggested a third option, a dominion, which came from this line in the Bible: "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."



Borealia

This suggestion focused on our geography: The word "boreal" means "of the North."



You Think Have it Tough?



It's hard to imagine, but in 1864, our country was just a bunch of separate British colonies doing their own thing. There was the province of Canada, of course, but it had different laws and government from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which also answered to Great Britain. Out West, there was a gigantic mass of land owned by the Hudson's Bay Company stretching from Ontario to British Columbia and north to the Arctic, with small settlements around what is now Winnipeg. And on the coast, B. C. was pretty much separated from back east. Getting from one side of the country was unbelievably difficult, with no roads or railway. The government was far away in Great Britain, and treated its colonies kind of like annoying kids.

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Before Confederation

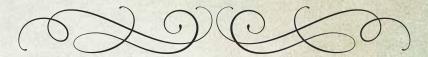


ne hundred and fifty years later, we have a united, beautiful country that stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic Ocean. Canadians make our own laws and don't have to ask for advice or permission from anyone else. We can travel easily among the provinces because we are all partners, not separate colonies. We all belong together, which makes us all stronger. Of course, not everything is perfect — we still argue about what's fair for each part of the country, and about who should control what. But nowadays we're all in it together, and that means that no matter what, we all share the rocky shores of Newfoundland and Labrador, the endless tundra of the Far North, the prairie skies and the mountains, the cities and the lakes. Three cheers for Confederation!

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Confederation Dicty Illustrated by Alexander Barattin Written by Anne McDonald



Monday, October 17, 1864

Home all alone. I have not been able to leave my bedroom since Friday. Papa went off for Dr. Tupper, he came up directly . . . He saw I had a very sore throat and was very feverish.

Emma Tupper and Margaret Gray are my first visitors — aside from Dr. Charles Tupper, who doesn't count — since I fell sick before the first big ball. I was just going to comb Mama's hair when the room suddenly started spinning. Ever since then I haven't raised my head from the pillow. Dr. Tupper has to come and go between the conference and me. How lucky I am that there is a doctor among the delegates!

Emma is only 17 and is beautiful. Margaret is 19 and is from P.E.I. like me. It is wonderful meeting girls from the other Maritime colonies. At least, it was until I fell ill.

"How was the ball?" I asked. I'd been so disappointed to miss the dance at Parliament House, held especially for us from the Maritimes. (The Canadians need us to agree to Confederation so they want to make sure we have a nice time.) I did go to the Drawing Room party given by the governor general on Tuesday, but it was every bit as boring as Mr. Drinkwater, John A. Macdonald's secretary, said it would be. Imagine — 800 people waiting to be introduced to the governor general! The line went in one door and out the other.

But it sounds like I didn't miss much at the ball. "The Quebec people didn't introduce us to any partners to dance with!" said Emma, exasperated

"They didn't even make sure we got any supper!" Margaret added. "We girls just sat to the side feeling as if we weren't there at all. Papa was upset about the way we were treated." Her father had told her the party got even worse after the women left. There was lots of drinking, even pushing and shoving. Perhaps the others, like him, weren't happy about the way things were going at the talks.

We all want to meet someone, to at least have the chance of falling in love. At 26, I am the oldest of the unmarried young women here.

After they left, nice Mr. Crowther (he's

Mr. Galt's assistant) brought me a comic newspaper. Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Bernard, the conference secretary, came by, too. Mr. Drinkwater brought me my bouquet Tuesday night. He's very handsome, but too young for me. I like Mr. Bernard a lot. He's waiting to see me in my blue silk dress again — he called it "irresistible."

Wednesday, October 19

In bed again the whole day. My throat got so bad they were all frightened about it.

Mama has brought me more ice. Last night my throat got so bad I couldn't breathe and

the doctor rushed here and cut it open. I was scared when I saw his scalpel, but more afraid of suffocating. I held ice in my mouth all night. I can't talk, but at least I have my diary.

Wednesday night

It's very late. Father had just arrived back from Madame Tessier's party and all his clothes were wet with perspiration. "Oh, I've had such a time!" he said, throwing his hands up. "I had no idea the Speaker of the House and his wife threw such wonderful parties!"

Ma and Mrs. Tupper didn't go, nor did Margaret or Emma. Everyone is catching



colds and blaming the weather. Pa though, is too excited to care about the weather.

"John A. was making kind enquiries about you. He could not express how sorry he felt at your being ill." How caring Mr. Macdonald is! Earlier, Pa was upset the Canadians seemed to have forgotten about the money they promised P.E.I. at the Charlottetown meeting. Maybe things will be better now.

I am sure I'll feel better as soon as we get away from Quebec, and from all this rain and mud!

Thursday November 3rd

We left Quebec a week ago and I felt so much better almost immediately. We've been to Montreal and saw the new Victoria Bridge. We ate luncheon in the magnificent new Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. Now we are in Toronto. We spent the day sightseeing and tonight, at last, a ball!

Friday November 4th
We had a glorious Ball last night. And I
danced every dance!

ercy Coles was the daughter of Prince Edward Island Father of **Confederation George** Coles. Many delegates to the Quebec Conference brought along their daughters in hopes the girls might meet someone to marry. That's why Mercy Coles went on this trip, but she found lots of other interesting things to write about in her journal, the only known diary by a young woman who was there. (The parts

in italics in the story are taken straight from it.) Getting married was the only way for a woman to have her own home back then. Otherwise she would stay living with her parents or

family. Unfortunately for

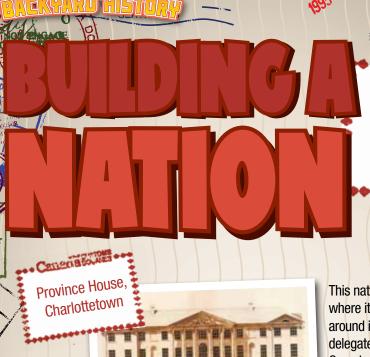
Mercy, she fell sick with diphtheria almost right away. Diphtheria often killed its victims, especially children, and there were no vaccines. Canada was the first country to test the vaccine on a lot of children, and it worked. You've probably had shots to prevent diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis

polio, which is why hardly anyone in Canada catches these diseases anymore.

(whooping cough) and

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Stand where Canada was created, and see where it came to life

Charlottetown

This national historic site really is where it all began. You can walk around in the building where the delegates from the province of Canada persuaded some from Atlantic Canada to join in the big dream of a new country.

Sure, the delegates did lots of work here to cement the idea of Confederation. They met in a building that no longer exists, but was for a time the centre of government after the union of Canada East and Canada West. But they couldn't help but be amazed by the waterfall that's just as spectacular now as it was then.

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Work started on the Parliament Buildings in 1859, but they weren't finished until 1876. Only the Parliamentary Library survived a terrible fire in 1916. It's home to the actual British North America Act and other important documents. You can tour all over Parliament Hill, head up the Peace Tower for a beautiful view, and admire the statues of great leaders such as Cartier, Macdonald, Baldwin and Lafontaine, the Famous Five who won women the right to be considered "persons," and many others.





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THE LAST FATHER OF CONFEDERATION





WE SECTION
MEN WORK HARD
KEEPING THE
TRACKS IN ORDER,
BUT THE RAILWAY
WANTS TO CUT
OUR WAGES.



SOMEBODY BETTER STRAIGHTEN 'EM OUT!











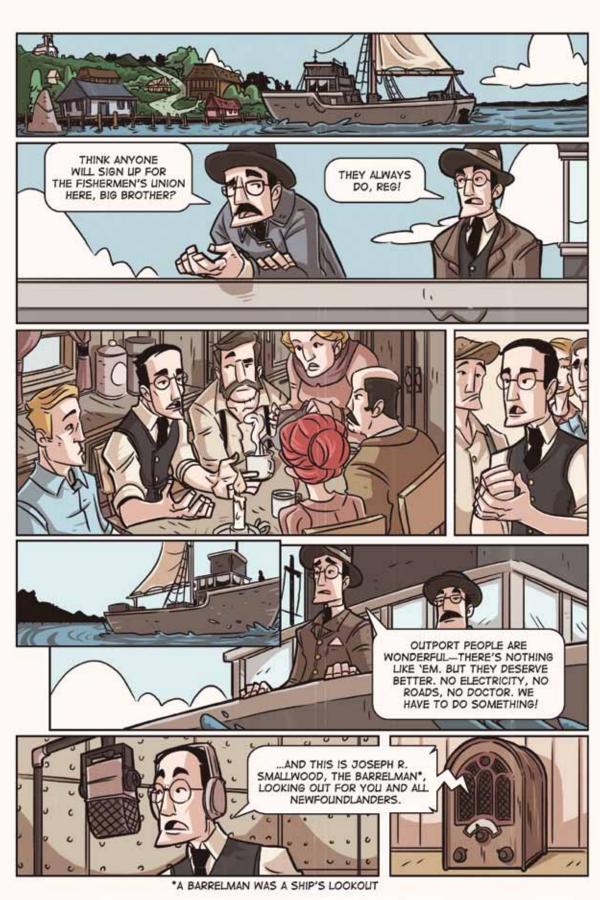




I WALKED 747 MILES AND
WORE OUT THREE PAIRS OF BOOTS
TO TELL YOU THAT EVERY SECTION MAN
BUT ONE IS READY TO STRIKE UNLESS
YOU PAY THEM FAIRLY.









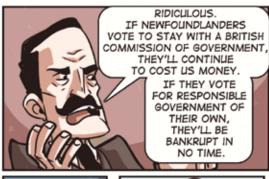


I BELIEVE WITH ALL MY
HEART AND MIND THAT THE
PEOPLE WILL BLESS THE DAY
THIS RESOLUTION
WAS MOVED.



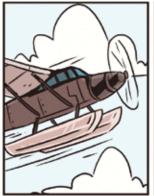


















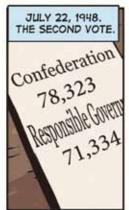
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Confederation
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Commission of Government
22,311

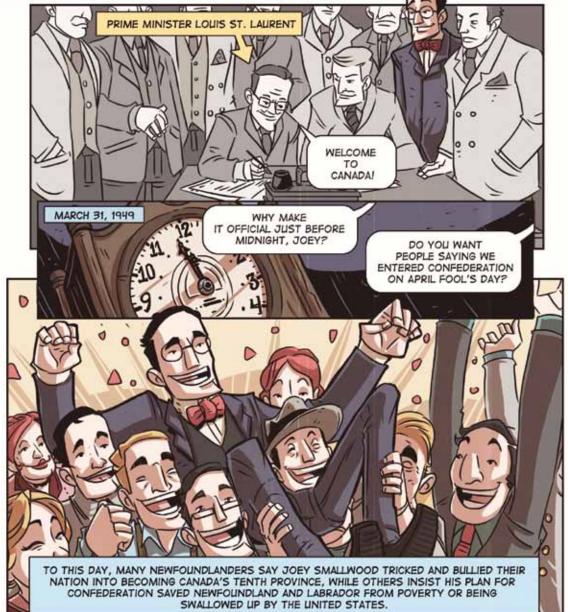


UNDER CONFEDERATION, WE WOULD BE BETTER OFF IN POCKET, IN STOMACH, AND IN HEALTH!





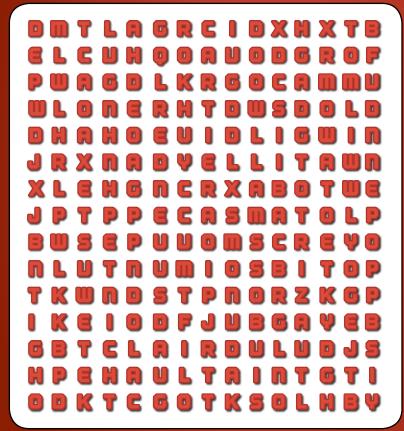






FINDING THE FATHERS

THE NAMES OF ALL OF THE MEN CONSIDERED TO BE FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION WOULDN'T FIT INTO THIS PUZZLE, BUT WE SQUEEZED IN QUITE A FEW! YOU'LL FIND THEIR NAMES GOING FORWARD, BACKWARD, UP, DOWN OR DIAGONALLY.



BROWN
CARTIER
COLE
DECOSMOS
GALT
HAULTAIN
HOWE

LAIRD
LANGEUIN
MACDONALD
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MOWAT
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POPE

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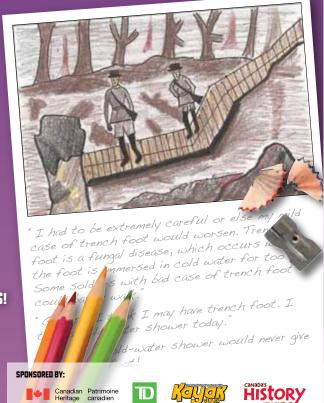


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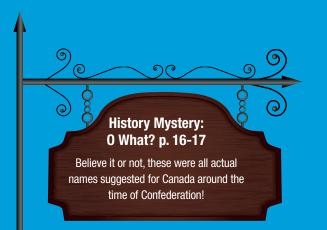


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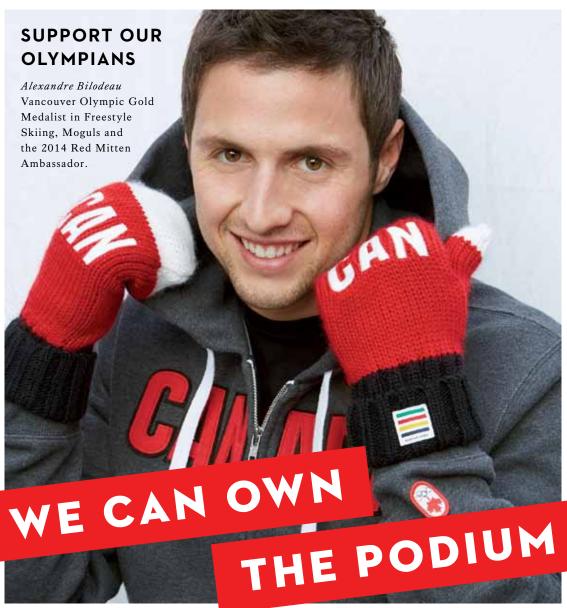
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