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[THE BEGINNING]

1 This was the first Confederation Day, in 1867. Six years and four days later, Prince Edward Island, having slowly mulled things over, joined the original four members, Québec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

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5 The first steam engine rolled down the track in Prince Edward Island in 1866.

[STRANGE DEATH]

8 Sir Harry Oakes, a Canadian who'd struck it rich, rich, rich in the gold fields, was murdered in his retirement home in Nassau on this day in 1943. Sir Harry, a vigorous if ec-

centric man, had a lot to live for: a devoted wife, a beautiful daughter and a hobby, bulldozing down acres of palm trees. His son-in-law, Freddy de Narmarigny, was tried for his murder but acquitted.

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9 Woman pilot Katherine Stinson flew the airmail from Calgary to Edmonton in 1918. The mail and Ms. Stinson arrived on time.

[FORSOOTH]

13 The Stratford, Ont., Shakespeare Festival began its long continuing run in 1953.

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14 On this summer day in 1789 Alexander Mackenzie reached the

Arctic Ocean. His name now adorns the mighty river that connects Inuvik with the south and some day soon it may be the name of a pipeline.

[PRIZE CATCHES]

15 Manitoba joined the Confederation on this day in 1870. British Columbia joined a year and five days later. Alberta and Saskatchewan were created thirty-five years after that.

A 215-pound sturgeon was caught on this day in 1955, in Lake of the Woods, Ont., He was estimated to be 150 years old, having arrived in Canada after the United Empire Loyalists but long before the Fenians.

[POPULATION EXPLOSION]

18 The 1739 census showed that Upper and Lower Canada had a combined population of 42,701 people.

[LUNDY'S LANE]

24 The Battle of Lundy's Lane was fought in 1814. Though not a battle of world renown, it made the reputation of a young U.S. general, Winfield Scott, who would remain in charge of the U.S. Army for the next forty-odd years, by which time he would be a very old general indeed.

[QUEENS' LAND]

25 Capt. John Dixon named the Queen Charlotte Islands in 1787, adhering to a tradition of naming Canadian places after royal ladies (Lake Louise, for example.) When the Canadian Pacific brought its tracks to the town of Pile o' Bones the self-conscious residents changed the name to Regina, since the name Victoria had already been taken.

[HOT SPOT]

29 The first immigrants from Iceland arrived in 1873 and settled in what seemed to them toasty warm Manitoba. One would inspire an Icelandic poem, here translated in part:

"... Late one summer, as she lay dying, she sang again the Icelandic hymns, sang in her mother tongue, an other tongue for us; and as we lay her in a foreign grave, we who know no Icelandic, who know then almost nothing of what she loved and lived by, say our prayers over her in English."

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