

Qu'était un Albertosaure ?

Un dinosaure qui habitait, il y a à peu près 60 millions d'années, ce qu'on appelle aujourd'hui les «Badlands» de l'Alberta. Celui-ci était envahi de dinosaures, quelquefois énormes. L'Albertosaure était un carnivore qui mesurait plus de 9 mètres de long. Le fossile en a été retrouvé en 1884.

What does R6B 4B0 signify?

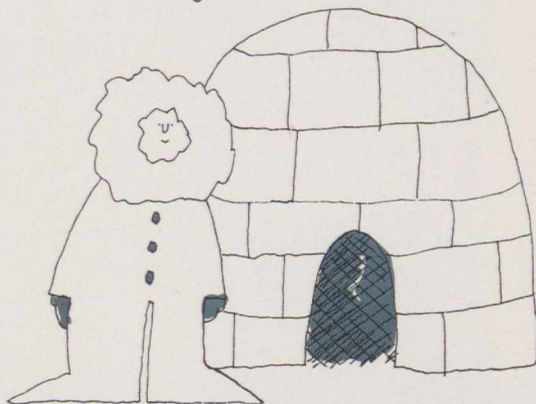
It is a sample of Canada's six-unit answer to the United States' five-unit zip code. The first unit designates a province, the next two a city, the next three a very small part of that city, perhaps a single office building or a single suite.

The Post Office urged householders to make up a sentence to fix their addresses in their minds. It suggested that the above could be rendered: "Remember Sixpence Buys Four Big Oranges."

Who first struck oil in Canada, where and when?

Alexander Mackenzie found oil that looked like yellow wax seeping from the ground at Norman Wells, N.W.T., in 1789, but it didn't seem worth bothering with.

One hundred and thirty years later Canada's first producing well, Imperial No. 1, gushed forth at the same place.



How many Inuit are there?

About 80,000 in the world, 17,000 in Canada.

They form part of four nations, Russia, the United States, Canada and Denmark. They call themselves *Inuit*, which means men, instead of *Eskimo*, which seems to be Algonquin for "raw-meat eater."

Who said "The medium is the message?"

The late Marshall McLuhan, who had said earlier that "The medium is the message."

McLuhan believed that TV (a cool medium) had knocked man out of his position as a wise, detached and essential observer and changed him into an anonymous member of a global village. TV gives us the humbling experience of looking into a small box where other people are doing a variety of things, many of them violent, and paying no attention to us.

Where do highways disappear in the spring?

In the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, where winter roads are made of hard-packed snow.

Some are hundreds of miles long. They take shape in the fall when caterpillar tractors equipped with a bulldozer blade mark their lines. Heavy-duty snowmobiles then pull pairs of drags; the first, with heavy logging chains twenty to thirty feet long, presses the air out of the snow; the second, a heavy steel plate with an expanded metal base, levels the surface and further compresses the snow. The roads cross the smooth surfaces of frozen lakes whenever possible. Freight tractors pushing ten-foot vee plows can pull up to 40,000 pounds.