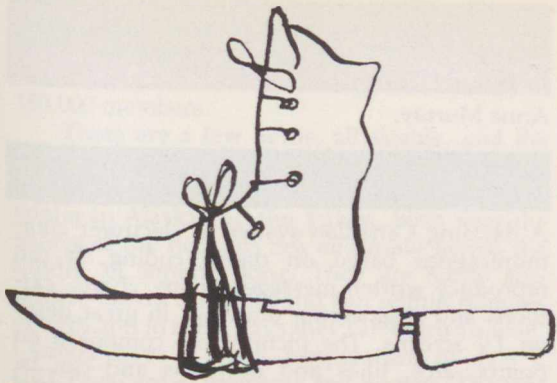




When, where and why was ice hockey first played?

In 1855 (or possibly sooner) at Kingston, Ontario's Tête du Pont Barracks (or maybe in Halifax or Montreal). The Tête du Pont version is that on Christmas Day some restless soldiers cleared the snow from the harbour, tied blades to their boots, borrowed field hockey sticks and an old lacrosse ball and began to body check each other.

What is the Alert weather station noted for?

Alert, 518 miles south of the North Pole on the tip of Ellesmere Island in the Arctic, is the northernmost settlement in the world.

Où est située l'Île d'Anticosti et quelle en était la caractéristique?

C'est une île aussi grande que la province de l'Île du Prince Édouard, située à l'embouchure du fleuve Saint-Laurent à 360 miles au nord-est de la ville de Québec. Jusqu'à sa vente en 1975, c'était la plus grande île privée du monde, peuplée d'animaux—lapins, élans, oiseaux et poissons. Henri Menier, magnat français qui a fait fortune dans le chocolat, a été le premier à s'y installer et à en faire une luxueuse station de chasse et de pêche pour lui-même et ses amis. C'est aujourd'hui un lieu de villégiature chic fréquenté par des personnes très aisées.

Who (if anyone) killed Ambrose Small?

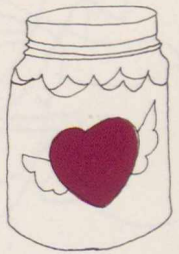
We will never know.

Ambrose, a small man, five feet six, 135 pounds, with a clipped moustache, was a resident of Toronto and the owner of a string of theatres across Canada. He sold the chain in 1919 for \$2 million and disappeared a couple of months later. His family checked and found \$100,000 was missing from a safe-deposit box. No one ever found Ambie. His wife, who offered a \$50,000 reward, was herself accused by a somewhat eccentric private detective she'd hired but she was never charged.

What bizarre crime involved a relic of Brother André and his Oratory in Montreal?

Brother André's preserved heart was stolen from the Oratory in March 1973. It was later recovered from the basement of a house in Montreal.

Brother André, born Alfred Bissette in St. Grégoire d'Iberville in 1845, joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross as a lay brother. An uneducated man, he worked as a porter but his piety and saintly characteristics distinguished him. He was given permission to build a shrine to St. Joseph with his own hands, and it was visited by three million pilgrims before his death in 1937. The Oratory which enclosed the shrine was begun in 1924.



Who were Pierre-Esprit Radisson and Médard Chouart, sieur des Groseilliers?

They were brothers-in-law and the earliest fur traders. They were French Canadians but they switched allegiance and helped the English start the Hudson's Bay Company.

Radisson, the more remarkable, was taken from his home in Trois-Rivières by Mohawks in 1651 when he was eleven. He escaped, was recaptured and escaped again. At one point the Mohawks were about to burn him at the stake when an enraptured squaw saved him. He was taken into the tribe and adopted some of its less enchanting customs, burning enemies at stakes and eating them at cannibal feasts.

