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# [CUP FULL]

1 Earl Grey donated the Grey Cup to Canadian football in 1909, thereby assuring himself and some quarterbacks measures of immortality. Canadian football is not quite the same as American football. The field is longer and wider, the teams have 12 players and only three downs.

# [THE COLLECTOR]

3 William L. Mackenzie King became Canada's first Minister of Labour on this day in 1909. After working as a labour relations expert for John D. Rockefeller, he leaped full-blown into a political career which would last practically forever. He would serve as Prime Minister longer than any other Canadian and he would stay in office longer than the head of any other Western nation. He would live and die a bachelor and he would maintain a long but secret interest in spiritualism. He would also collect ruins. Another Prime Minister, Lester Pearson, would comment on that: "Mr. King was the only person I had ever known, or heard of, whose hobby was constructing ruins on his estate with stones from historic buildings which he collected whenever he could. By this time (1939) he

had quite a respectable ruin put together. It appealed, no doubt, to his feeling for tradition, for links with the past. . . . "

#### [RUB A DUB DUB]

8 Noah Cushing, of Québec, invented the washing machine in 1824.

## [COMMON CENTS]

**10** Canada abandoned pounds and pence and adopted Canadian dollars and cents in 1857.

### [DEATH]

11 Sir John Franklin and his party died in the Arctic in 1847. Their graves were found 12 years later.

# [SPACE VOICES]

15 Canada's first space vehicle, Alouette I, was launched in 1962, to gather information about the ionosphere. Alouette II followed. Anik I went up into orbit 22,300 miles above the equator, in 1972, the world's first domestic commercial communications satellite. Anik II went up five months later. Anik III is scheduled to go up this year. Each of the Aniks carry carefully designed microwave transponders which can relay scientific data, telephone messages, private line voices, facsimile maps and radio and TV broadcasts all over Canada.

#### [OVER SAXED]

**19** Guy Lombardo was born in 1902 in London, Ont., the son of a tailor. He and his band, the Royal Cana-



dians, introduced the Sweetest Music This Side of Heaven and played it over and over again, particularly over the radio and TV networks at midnight on New Year's Eve, from Times Square.

#### [ATTACK]

20 A Japanese submarine bombarded Vancouver in 1942, the only time Canadian soil has come under hostile fire since the Fenians.

## [BOOM TOWN]

**25** Philemon Wright floated the first commercial logs down the Ottawa River in 1806.

# [LOTSA LOCK]

**26** Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower opened the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959, completing the link begun with the Welland Canal more than a century before. The Seaway serves 56 ports in Canada and the U.S.A.

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