



GRAYS AND BLUES OF MONTREAL

It was called the American Civil War, but some 40,000 Canadians had a pretty significant part in it, too. In fact, in 1857, Calixa Lavallée, composer of O Canada, enlisted in the Union's 4th Rhode Island Volunteers as a cornet player and attained the rank of Lieutenant.



MONTREAL AVIATION MUSEUM

Learn about Canada's rich heritage in aviation and the role played by Canadian aviation pioneers in building the nation and our economy. On display the Bristol Bolingbroke nose, a maritime patrol aircraft, and a half scale reproduction of a Silver Dart. The first passenger flight in Canada was made in the Silver Dart in August 1909.



MUSEE DE L'AVIATION DE MONTRÉAL
MONTREAL AVIATION MUSEUM

CANADIAN WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS (CWAC)

The CWAC was officially established on August 13, 1941 and by war's end, it had some 21,000 members. Initially, CWAC members' duties were quite traditional and they worked as cooks, cleaners, tailors and medical assistants. However, these duties would expand to include more traditionally male jobs such as driving trucks and ambulances, and working as mechanics and radar operators. While most CWACs served in Canada, three companies of female soldiers were posted overseas in 1943.



JAM PACK 150 PACKSACKS FOR KIDS IN NEED

Each year the West Island Mission provides hundreds of kids with school supplies to start their year off right. For many, back to school is an exciting time when kids and parents shop for school supplies. When shopping why not pick up a few extras and bring them to our Canada 150 celebration? Let's JAM PACK 150 packsacks with new school supplies for kids in need.



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DID YOU KNOW THAT IT WAS ON AUGUST 13...

1535 that Iroquois guides Domagaya and Taïnoagny showed Jacques Cartier "the beginning of the great river of Hochelaga and the way to Kanata"?



1574 that Samuel de Champlain, founder of New France, was born?



1886 that Sir John A. Macdonald, first Prime Minister of Canada, used a silver hammer to pound a gold spike officially completing the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway in British Columbia?

1930 that the disaster known as 'Black Wednesday', a mine explosion in Blakeburn, BC occurred?



1930 that Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians recorded their hit 'Go Home and Tell your Mother'?

1933 that an Experimental School in the Arts was founded in Banff?



1941 that the Canadian Women's Army Corps was established?

1945 that the first International Conference on Civil Aviation was held in Montreal?

1992 that Canada, the US and Mexico negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?

2011 that fire destroyed the 102-year-old Stormdale Covered Bridge near Hartland, NB?

