

# CMAJ's Illustrated Dictionary of Holiday Highlights

## Canada

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**Canada** (ka-ne-de) *abbr.*, **CAN** country, oldest member of the Commonwealth of Nations, occupying the northern half of North America with the exception of Alaska, Greenland and St. Pierre and Miquelon. Population 30 568 000 (1999). **Ca-na-di-an** (ke-ne'-de-en) *adj* & *n*.

**Canada Goose** *n. Branta canadensis* – a common wild goose of North America, having greyish plumage, a black neck and head and a white face patch. Distant cousin to the chicken. See “Is chicken soup an essential drug?” (page 1532).



**Canadian bacon** *n.* cured rolled bacon from the loin of a pig. See also **Cure** (kyoor) *n.* **1.** restoration of health; recovery from disease. **2.** an agent, such as a drug, that restores health; a remedy. See “Please pass the strychnine: the art of Victorian pharmacy” (page 1556). **3.** *ecclesiastical.* Spiritual charge or care of souls. Also called “cure of the souls.” See “Angels, doctors and public perceptions” (page 1507). **4.** the act or process of preserving a product, such as meat, tobacco and fish (*sic* who are) “Caught in the current” (page 1503). — *v.* cured, curing, cures.



**Canadianize** (ke-ne-de-en-ize) *v.tr.* (**ized, izes**) to assimilate into Canadian culture; *v.intr.* to become Canadian in spirit or methods. See “Who won the game?” (page 1519).



**canard** (ke-nard) *n.* a false or unfounded story. See “Fetal sex determination: the predictive value of 3 common myths” (page 1525). (French *canard* “duck” from the expression *vendre des canards a moitie*, to half sell ducks, swindle, deceive).



**candid** (kan did) *adj.* **1.** frank, not hiding one's thought. As in “My friend who became my patient” (page 1485). **2.** without pretense or reserve; not posed or rehearsed: a candid picture. See “One morning in the OR” (page 1496). (French *candide*, from Latin *candidus*, glowing, white, pure. *syn.* snow. See “Snowbound at Great Bear” (page 1540). — **candidly** *adv.* **candidness** *n.*

**candidate** (kan-de-dat) *n.* **1.** a person who seeks or is nominated for an office, prize, honour or the like. **2.** a person entered for an examination, such as poor “Mister Jones!” (page 1489). (Latin *candidatus*, Roman *candidate*, “clothed in a white toga.” Antonym – *not* a candidate, as in “Why I will never be president of the OMA” (page 1494).

**candid camera** *n.* any small, easily operated camera with a fast lens for taking unposed or informal photographs. Example: “Measles at the 64th parallel” (page 1551).



**candid Canada** *n.* expression the tone of this issue, as in “Smile, you're in candid Canada!”

**candor** (kan-dor) *n.* **1.** frankness of expression, straightforwardness, as in “You'll get used to it” (page 1514) or “Medicine and the art of methadone maintenance” (page 1505). **2.** freedom from prejudice, impartiality. (Latin *candor*, whiteness, purity, frankness from *candere* to glow).



**candy** (kan-de) *n.* (*pl.* -dies) **1.** any of numerous kinds of rich, sweet confection made with sugar, corn syrup or similar substances. **2.** a single piece of such confection, as in “Bubble bubble, abdominal trouble: a new test to chew on” (page 1520). *v.* **candied, -dying, -dies.**

**canine** (ka-nine) *adj.* **1.** of, pertaining to or characteristic of a member of the family *Canidae*, which includes dogs, wolves, and foxes as in “the pale brown canine residue” encountered in “There's a man here who claims to be your father” (page 1510). **2.** of or designating one of the conical teeth located between the incisors and the first bicuspid.



**canelon** (kan-ne-lon) *n.* a hollow roll of puff paste stuffed with finely chopped meat or sweet filling and baked or fried. From Italian *canellone*, tubular soup noodle, as in chicken noodle soup. Not to be confused with **canoodle** (ke-nud-le) *v.intr. sl.* to kiss and cuddle amorously.

**canning** (kan-ning) *n.* the act or process of preserving foods and essential drugs in airtight containers. See “Is chicken soup an essential drug?” (page 1532).

