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# HISTORY

The native people of Canada came from Asia across the Bering Strait over 25,000 years ago. They were *Inuit* which means 'real men'. They lived in igloos and had clothes made from polar bear fur. The Native Indians who lived in Canada called them *Eskimo*.

There were many battles between French and British for the control of territories, but in 1759 Canada was called British North America.

On 1st July 1867 Canada became an independent nation with its own government.

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS

Today Canada has immigrants from more than 240 countries. 53 independent states make up the Commonwealth of Nations, which began in 1931. It isn't a political union and the head of the Commonwealth is Queen Elizabeth II.

# MAPLE

The national flag of Canada is also called *The Maple Leaf*. It is a red flag with a white square in the centre and a red maple leaf.

The sugar-maple forests are beautiful and the maple is the symbol of Canada. The last Wednesday in September is *Maple Leaf Day*. It is a nation tree planting day and the slogan is 'trees do their part, let's do ours Canada'.



Producers make syrup by boiling the tree sap, which farmers collect from maple trees in early spring. The region of Quebec is one of the largest maple syrup producers in Northern America. Canadians put maple syrup on their pancakes and waffles.

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