



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021



May 24, Queen Victoria's birthday, was declared a holiday in 1845. An amendment to the Statutes of Canada in 1952 moved the holiday to the Monday before May 25.

## On This Date

**1830** – Sarah J. Hale published the rhyme “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”

**1844** – Samuel Morse transmitted the world's first telegraph message.

**1912** – Charles Saunders was the first Canadian to make a parachute jump in Canada from a plane.

**1918** – The Canada Elections Act was passed and gave all Canadian women over 21 the right to vote in federal elections.

## Did You Know?

*Hijack*—a woman's call to a sailor (“Hi, Jack!”)—acquired its more sinister meaning when she hit him with a lead-filled handbag and sold him to a ship in need of crew.

## Quote of the Day

“I don't dislike babies, though I think very young ones rather disgusting.”

~ *Queen Victoria*

## Happy Birthday!

**Queen Victoria** (1819–1901) was Queen of the United Kingdom from 1837 until her death in 1901. Victoria married her first cousin, Prince Albert, in 1840. By all accounts, their marriage was a happy one, and the couple had nine children.



Prince Albert died of typhoid fever in 1861. The queen plunged into deep mourning and wore black for the rest of her life. Victoria's reign emphasized strict morality in backlash to the scandals of her predecessors. Her Golden and Diamond Jubilees were huge events of public celebration.