



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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**Today is** Canada Day, a national holiday commemorating the enactment of 1867's Constitution Act, which united the three separate provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, effectively creating modern-day Canada.

## Root of the Matter

### *Flash in the pan*

When a situation is *a flash in the pan*, it starts with a grand show of promise but then fails to deliver. One theoretical origin of this phrase dates back to the Gold Rush. Prospectors panning for gold would get excited over a flash of gold in their pans, only to be disappointed once they discovered the flash was not the glint of gold, but of something worthless. It is more likely that the phrase came from the use of flintlock muskets during the 17th century. Small pans held charges of gunpowder. Sometimes, the powder would ignite with a flash without firing a bullet.



## Riddle Me This

What three numbers, none of which is zero, give the same result when they are added or multiplied?

ANSWER: One, two, and three

## Golden Memories

On this day 50 years ago, “O Canada” became the national anthem of Canada with the passing of the National Anthem Act. “O Canada” began as a song of French Canadian patriotism composed in 1880. It was first translated into English in 1906. Before its official adoption, Canada enjoyed two unofficial anthems: “God Save the Queen” and “The Maple Leaf Forever.” “O Canada” became a popular third competitor for the honor in 1901 when a group of school children sang the song for the visiting Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and impressed the royals.

## Word Scramble

I C G M A

A mysterious and supernatural force

ANSWER: MAGIC