



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1657 – The Jesuits reported that an establishment selling wine to the natives opened in Trois-Rivières, Quebec. The cost for one pot of wine was one summer beaver. A winter beaver would buy two pots.

1862 – The Numismatic Society of Montreal was founded. The first such club in Canada, it is now one of many groups for collectors of coins, medals, and paper currency.

1868 – The very first traffic lights were installed outside the British House of Parliament. The red and green gaslit lights looked like railway signals with semaphore arms.

1964 – Saxophonist John Coltrane and his quartet recorded the acclaimed jazz record *A Love Supreme*.



Riddle of the Day

Q: What happens when you cross a vampire with a snowman?

A: Frostbite

Quote of the Day

“I came from abject poverty. There was nowhere to go but up.”

~ *Kirk Douglas, actor*

Happy Birthday!

Kirk Douglas (1916–2020) was an actor, producer, director, and author. After a childhood of poverty, he talked his way into acting classes at St. Lawrence University and was soon awarded a scholarship to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He acted in over 50 movies. You might remember him from *Spartacus*, *Inherit the Wind*, and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. He received a Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981 and Kennedy Center Honors in 1994. Douglas also authored 10 books. His son, Michael, is also an accomplished actor.

