



# 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.



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**Today is** Victoria Day in Canada. The day was originally intended to honor the birthday of Queen Victoria, the sovereign of Canada. Lately, the holiday marks the unofficial beginning of summer, with many summer businesses opening.

## Eye in the Sky

In 2015, NASA's New Horizons spacecraft flew by Pluto, the distant dwarf planet, and snapped a picture depicting the planet surrounded by a blue haze. Pluto might be far from the sun, but the sun's light still causes chemical reactions in Pluto's upper atmosphere, creating extremely poisonous molecules of hydrogen cyanide. When these cyanide molecules gain mass, they drop through the atmosphere. As they descend through other layers of gas, the gas layers freeze around the cyanide. The haze we see is an envelope of ice with a poison heart.

### Word Scramble

P R I T N U

A thick, edible, white  
root vegetable

ANSWER: TURNIP

## Wild Kingdom



Researchers have been unearthing the fossilized remains of a dinosaur in the Neuquén River Valley of Argentina since 2012. Only recently have they realized that their dinosaur is likely the largest animal to have ever walked the earth. They call the long-necked plant-eater a *titanosaur*, for it even beats out the massive 122-foot long, 70-ton *Patagotitan*. These dinosaurs are sauropods, the largest land animals on record. How did they get so big? They had hollow bones, didn't chew their food, and had long necks and massive stomachs—all traits that allowed them to achieve gigantic size.

### Who Said So?

This author and anthropologist said,  
"There are years that ask questions  
and years that answer."

ANSWER: Zora Neale Hurston