

## **Symbols of Independence:**

### **Canadian Citizenship**

- Citizenship act came into effect 1947
  - Significant cuz:
    - Defined citizens of Canada as Canadians, not Britains
    - Promoted sense of national security
    - Ensured no distinction between immigrants and native-born Canadians
- Issue regarding "Lost Canadians"
  - Citizenship act didn't allow for dual citizenship
  - So when ppl went to live in other countries for work or other reasons, had kids there, and came back the kids didn't have a citizenship cuz the parents lost their Canadian citizenship

### **Supreme Court of Canada**

- Basically, the Privy Council in London used to be the highest level of court
- When St Laurent passed a bill ending appeals to the Privy Council, the Supreme Court has received the ultimate responsibility of interpreting Canadians laws and uphold the rights and freedoms of Canadians.

## **Political Changes:**

### **Newfoundland Joins Confederation**

- 2 main reasons why newfoundlanders wanted to join Confederation
  - Appeal of Canadian welfare
  - Wanted relief from uncertain economic future
    - Basically they got shreked during Depression and don't want repeat
- 2 main reasons y Canada wants Newfoundland
  - they want the natural resources
  - Strategic location along Atlantic Ocean
- Britain no longer wanted financial responsibility of island
- 3 options:
  - Continue with the Commision of Government (stay with Britain)
  - To return to a system of responsible self government
  - Join canada
- During first referendum, Self-gov and Canada were close, so a second referendum was taken without Commision of Government as option
- In 1949, Newfoundland joined Canada as 10th province

### **Quebec Nationalism**

- Richard Riot
  - A lot of contempt regarding refs' calls of Richard
    - He got called for things the ENGLISH,American players weren't called for

- This peaked after he was suspended an entire season for fighting with a ref
- A riot of over 10k ppl happened when NHL commissioner went to Montréal for a game
- The overarching idea is that ppl thought that there was discrimination against French Canadians
- Asbestos Strike
  - A lot of American branch plants in Québec
    - They revolted because of poor working conditions
    - However, there wasn't any response to their demands -- just a 5 cent increase
  - The plant brought in replacement workers
    - Roads were blockaded
    - Duplessis sent in 200 police and riot started
  - Union's legal rights were suppressed as strike was considered illegal
  - Duplessis' act shows the intention of "Maitres chez nous" and to oppose foreign ownership

### **Revising Indian Act**

- First Nations before WW2 didn't nearly have as much rights as Canadians
  - Cuz Indian Act
- After the war, increased activism created a meeting to revise the INdian Act
  - First time Aboriginals were given a say
- Demands included:
  - Right to vote
  - More control over band govs
  - More control over their own lives
- Gov responded
  - Give First Nations bands more control over finances and internal affairs
  - Let them move out of reserves freely and perform their traditional rituals
- However, the underlying goal was still to assimilate
  - Still sent to residential schools
  - Women were still stripped of Aborignal Status if married to non-Aboriginal man
- In the end, still significant cuz marked the beginning of a new campaign to start fighting for their rights

### **Economic Growth:**

#### **Welfare State**

- CAndians wanted more protection against poverty and ill health
  - Expected Government response
- Liberals adopted social democracy to retain support
- Social Programs include:
  - Family allowances to help with children

- Disability pensions for injured military personnel
- Grants for post-secondary
- Homeowner insurance
- Old age Security pensions for 70+
- Funds for hospital insurance plans

### **Growth of Unions**

- Again to suck up to voters, liberals allowed for Unions
  - Decided to be more socially progressive so voters pick them over CCF
- 1944, collective bargaining was legalized
- Unions had increased legal rights
- Membership in unions doubled post-war
- Union started negotiating immediately
  - Wages went from 32\$-73\$ a week from '45-'49

### **Development of Middle Class**

- Both unions and the better welfare state gave more money to the people
- With more money, ppl had more spending power, which makes employers more confident with higher wages
  - Cycle continues
  - Forms a strong foundation
- Now that most ppl have money we end up with strong middle class

### **Random Terms and Significance:**

- Uranium Mining
  - Significance is that with the onset of the Cold War and the production of nuclear weapons, Canada became the world's leading exporter
- Trans Canada Highway
  - Significance is that it provided a continuous link coast-to-coast that assisted the transportation of goods and ppl across the country
  - Employment for thousands of people
  - General boost to the economy
- Post-war Immigration
  - Indicates the economic prosperity of Canada in relation to other countries in the world
  - However, also showed the discriminatory attitudes of the people and government
- Trans Canada Pipeline
  - Provided reliable energy source to central Canada
  - Spurring prosperity in oil in Alberta
  - Also highlighted the issue of the gov to limit democratic debate with **closure**
- Hydroelectric Power
  - The significance of this is that with the development of using water as a source of energy, economic possibility of resource rich areas can now be used

- Created economic opportunities for people living in those areas
- Teenagers
  - The emergence of teenagers created a subculture that influenced social trends, finances, and marketing
  - This mainly occurred cuz they are the teens in this generation had more money and more ways to spend the money than in the past
    - E.g movies, music, fashion, magazines
  - Teens have become the target of advertisers as they are the ones with self-indulgent spending habits
- Baby Boom
  - People were having more kids after the war cuz there was money, and people were overall happy with the prosperity
    - Also cuz family allowances from welfare state
  - They were the major drive of the economy as they were in fact the largest demographic
    - In the 50s and 60s, a lot more schools had to open to accommodate all the kids
    - Also in the 60s and 70s, when they needed post-secondary education, the government opened a lot more universities
    - Even now, they are still significant. An example would simply be how most of the baby-boomers are seniors now and how finding senior home as become increasingly harder
      - Also, a lot of politicians go to senior homes to campaign nowadays
- Suburbs
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