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## NATIONAL

# Immigration Hits All-time High

**S**tatistics Canada (StatsCan) recently released population estimates for 2021. The estimates show that Canada set an all-time record—the highest level of immigration since they started keeping records in 1946.

According to StatsCan, 405,750 people immigrated to Canada in 2021. The highest level of immigration occurred during the last three months of the year (October, November, and December) when 138,182 immigrants arrived. This is also a record.

The next-highest three-month period for immigration occurred in 1957. This occurred when Canada accepted tens of thousands of **refugees** fleeing Hungary.

Part of the reason for the high levels of immigration now is the COVID-19 pandemic. Immigration in 2020 was only 184,586—the lowest number in decades. Immigration had slowed because of COVID health restrictions and border closures. This created a huge backlog of immigration applications. With COVID-19 travel restrictions relaxing, Canada was able to receive more

immigrants during the last three months of 2021.

Nearly half of the immigrants (198,530) headed to the province of Ontario. Next came British Columbia, which received 69,326 immigrants—about 17 percent of all those who immigrated to Canada in 2021. Next came Quebec with 50,301 immigrants and Alberta with 40,053 immigrants.

Canada can expect to see similar rates of immigration over the next few years. The federal government has announced a strategy to allow 1.2 million immigrants into the country from 2021 to 2023. The government is targeting about 432,000 immigrants for 2022.

Canada also has approved up to 450,000 permits to allow students from other countries to come here and study. That is 50 percent more permits than it gave out in 2015.

Immigration has a generally positive effect on the economy. Many immigrants are selected because they have work skills needed in Canada. Without the immigrants, employers



would have trouble finding enough qualified workers to fill available jobs. For example, according to the 2016 Census, more than 335,000 immigrants work in healthcare related jobs. Canada currently has a labour shortage in the retail, restaurant, entertainment, tourism, and hospitality sectors.

Immigrants also help the economy by paying taxes and spending money on goods, homes, and transportation. Meanwhile, Canada is able to help families fleeing war and oppression in places like Syria and Ukraine. ★



## DID YOU KNOW

Since 1867, Canada has welcomed over 19.5 million immigrants.

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## WORD POWER

**STATISTICS CANADA:** A government agency that produces statistics to help better understand Canada, its population, resources, economy, and culture.

**REFUGEE:** Someone who flees their homeland due to war, oppression, or natural disaster.

## INTERNATIONAL

# Sri Lankans Protest Economic Crisis



**S**ri Lanka has declared a **state of emergency** after several days of protests in late March. People flooded the streets to protest a nation-wide economic crisis.

Sri Lanka is an island nation in the Indian Ocean. It is located just off the southeastern tip of India. It has a population of approximately 22 million people. The island is slightly bigger in size than Nova Scotia.

The protests were triggered by serious economic problems that Sri Lanka is facing. The government doesn't have enough **foreign currency**. As a result, it hasn't been able to import many goods that the country needs. This includes fuels like gasoline and diesel.

The lack of fuel means the country can't run its power stations at full capacity. The problem has been worsened due to a dry winter that has resulted in low water levels in the nation's reservoirs. As a result, the country's hydro-electricity plants are producing less power. Energy demand is also high due to hot weather as people use air

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Sri Lankans have also been facing skyrocketing inflation. Prices of many everyday items have been shooting upwards. Food prices, for example, increased 30 percent in March. There have also been shortages of essential products, including medicines. The country's economy has suffered greatly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of Sri Lanka's most important industries is travel and tourism.

Unhappiness over the economic troubles led hundreds of protestors to gather near the private home of Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The protest turned violent when protestors set a bus on fire. Police used tear gas and water cannons

to disperse the crowd.

Sri Lankan officials are starting discussions with the **International Monetary Fund** (IMF). The IMF may be able to help Sri Lanka with loans to get through the crisis. India has also helped with a shipment of diesel. ★



## DID YOU KNOW

Sri Lanka was once called Ceylon. The name was given to the nation when Portuguese explorers arrived in 1505 and attempted to colonize the island.

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## WORD POWER

**STATE OF EMERGENCY:** A declaration a government makes in response to an emergency or crisis that gives the government access to special powers.

**FOREIGN CURRENCY:** Currency from other countries that is needed for international trade.

**INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND:** An international organization that helps maintain financial security around the world.

## ENVIRONMENT

# Canada's Climate Plan



In late March, the Canadian government revealed its new emissions reduction plan. The plan sets targets for reducing the nation's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Reductions are needed for Canada to do its part in the fight against climate change.

The most recent emissions data for Canada shows we produced 730 million tonnes of carbon dioxide in 2019. To achieve the emissions plan goals, Canada will need to reduce emissions to just over 400 million tonnes a year.

Much of the plan is focused on achieving reductions by the year 2030. The plan looks at each of the country's industries and sets a target for emissions reduction.

One of the key targets focuses on the country's oil and natural gas industry. The plan says the industry will need to cut its emissions by 42 percent by 2030.

In a speech unveiling the plan, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau suggested the oil and gas industry is making large profits due to currently high prices for oil and natural gas. He says these profits can be reinvested to find

ways to reduce emissions from oil and gas.

The plan calls for other sectors of the economy to also reduce emissions. For example, it calls for the transportation industry to cut its emissions by 23 percent by 2030. It expects emissions from landfills to be reduced by 43 percent, from electricity generation by 77 percent, and from buildings by 42 percent.

The government's emission reductions plan also includes \$9 billion in new spending to assist with emissions reductions. Some of this money will be spent to expand the climate action grants program. This is money the government gives to Canadians and Canadian companies who invest in projects that can help reduce GHG emissions. For example, ordinary Canadians can get up to \$5000 to **retrofit** their homes to become more energy efficient.

About \$1.7 billion of the money will go to electric vehicle **rebates**. The rebates are designed to encourage more people to buy electric vehicles. The government wants to see 20 percent of all

vehicles sold in Canada be electric by 2025. That number rises to 60 percent by 2030 and 100 percent by 2035. ★



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The oil and gas sector produces about 26 percent of Canada's total GHG emissions.

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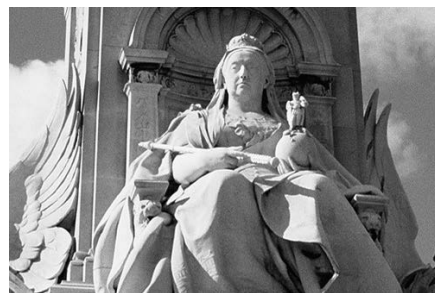
## WORD POWER

**RETROFIT:** Adding or changing something in an existing building or product to make it better, such as adding energy-efficient windows to a home.

**REBATE:** A partial refund to someone who has paid for something in full.

## FEATURE

# Who Was Queen Victoria?



**V**ictoria Day is a holiday celebrated in Canada. It occurs on the Monday between May 18 and May 24—the last Monday before May 25. The holiday celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria, which is May 24.

Victoria was the daughter of Prince Edward and Princess Victoria. She was born in London, England, in 1819, as the Princess Alexandrina Victoria of Kent. She inherited the throne of the United Kingdom in 1837 at the age of 18—when her uncle, King William IV, died.

As queen of the United Kingdom, Victoria was also queen of Canada—both when it was a British **colony** and after Canada became an independent nation in 1867.

Like British queens and kings today, Queen Victoria's role was mostly ceremonial. The real power to govern was held by Parliament. However, Queen Victoria was known to try to influence government policy.

Victoria was queen during a great expansion of the British Empire. The United Kingdom had the world's strongest navy and established colonies by taking

control of nations and regions around the world. Victoria was also queen during a time of great progress in science and industry for the United Kingdom and the western world. During her time, Darwin developed the theory of evolution, the telegraph was invented, and the London Underground was constructed.

Queen Victoria also influenced fashion and culture. She was known for her strict **morality**. The time when she was queen became known as the Victorian Era.

In 1840, Queen Victoria married Prince Albert. They had nine children: four sons and five daughters. Victoria and Albert had a strong, happy marriage, and the queen involved Albert in her role as head of state.

In 1876, Victoria was recognized as the Empress of India. There were grand celebrations across the British Empire for her golden jubilee (50th anniversary on the throne) in 1887 and her diamond jubilee (60th anniversary) in 1897. While there were ups and downs during her reign, she was generally popular and respected, and she

helped strengthen support for the monarchy in the United Kingdom.

She remained queen until her death in 1901, at the age of 81. She had the longest reign (63 years) in British history until the current queen, Queen Elizabeth II. (Queen Elizabeth will celebrate her 70th anniversary on the throne this year). ★



## DID YOU KNOW

Canada is the only country in the world that continues to **commemorate** Queen Victoria's birthday as an official holiday.

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## WORD POWER

**COLONY:** A country or area under the political control of another country, often one that is far away.

**MORALITY:** Being concerned with right and wrong, and behaving strictly according to what one thinks is good behaviour.

**COMMEMORATE:** To celebrate an event, person, or situation by doing or building something.

**NATIONAL****Immigration Hits All-time High**

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4. The majority of the immigrants headed to which provinces?

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5. How does immigration benefit the economy?

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**CRITICAL THINKING**

1. Why do you think so many immigrants choose Canada as their new home?

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2. If you could choose to move anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why?

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**INTERNATIONAL****Sri Lankans Protest Economic Crisis**

1. What triggered the protests in Sri Lanka?

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2. What problem is the country having with its energy needs?

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3. What has been the result of the energy problems?

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4. What economic issues are Sri Lankans facing?

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5. What is the Sri Lankan government doing to help the situation?

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**CRITICAL THINKING**

1. What are your thoughts on the situation in Sri Lanka? What do you think the government could do to help the people?

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2. How could other countries help with the situation in Sri Lanka?

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**ENVIRONMENT****Canada's Climate Plan**

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**CRITICAL THINKING**

1. Do you think we will be able to achieve these reductions? Explain your answer.

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2. What are some ways we can help Canada to achieve these reductions?

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**FEATURE****Who Was Queen Victoria?**

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4. What progress and expansion happened in the British Empire when Victoria was queen?

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5. How was Victoria viewed?

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**CRITICAL THINKING**

1. What did you know about Queen Victoria before reading this article?

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2. Do you think Canada should still have a monarch?

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## INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS

# Pope Francis Apologizes

The Roman Catholic Church took a historic step to recognize the harms it helped cause to Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Pope Francis met with **delegates** from First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. He apologized to them for the conduct of some members of the Catholic Church in the residential school system.

The residential school system was a system of boarding schools created in Canada specifically for Indigenous children. The system started in the 1890s, and the last residential school wasn't closed until 1997.

The aim of the residential schools was to **assimilate** Indigenous children into European-Canadian and Christian ways of living. The system was set up by the Canadian government. Many of the schools were run by the Catholic Church, with priests and nuns as teachers.

The residential school system caused harm to generations of Indigenous children and families. The children were separated, often forcibly, from their parents. They were forbidden from learning

or expressing their Indigenous language and culture. There were many cases of physical and emotional abuse. Many children lived in crowded and unsanitary conditions. Thousands died due to disease, punishment, or while trying to run away.

Their experiences have left many residential school survivors battling emotional trauma to this day.

Until recently, the Catholic Church hadn't acknowledged its part in the harm caused by residential schools. However, the recent discoveries of the unmarked graves of thousands of Indigenous children near former residential schools has forced people in Canada, the Catholic Church, and people around the world to face what happened.

In November, the Catholic Bishops of Canada invited 25 to 30 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth to meet with Pope Francis at the **Vatican**. The delegates arrived in Rome in late March and held several private meetings with the pope. They shared their

experiences, concerns, and hopes for the future with the pope.

At a public gathering of Indigenous delegates with an audience of 200 bishops, the pope issued a formal apology.

"For the deplorable conduct of these members of the Catholic Church, I ask for God's forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart, I am very sorry. And I join my brothers, the Canadian bishops, in asking your pardon," he said.

Pope Francis says he hopes to visit Canada in July. ★



## DID YOU KNOW

More than 60 percent of residential schools were run by the Roman Catholic Church.

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## WORD POWER

**DELEGATE:** A person sent to represent others at an event or meeting.

**ASSIMILATE:** The process by which a group takes on the culture, language, behaviours, and values of the dominant or majority group in a society.

**VATICAN:** A city-state located in Rome, Italy, that is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church and home of the pope.



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4. What forced people to face what happened at these schools?

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5. What invitation was issued? What did the delegates do?

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**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

1. Do you think it was important for the pope to issue an apology? How does this apology help?

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# Mother Victoria

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had nine children. Below is a list of their names, when they were born and died, and who they married. Use this information to answer the questions that follow.

	Name	Born	Died	Married
1.	Victoria Adelaide Mary, Princess Royal	November 21, 1840	August 5, 1901	Frederick III of Germany
2.	Albert Edward, King of England as Edward VII	November 9, 1841	May 6, 1910	Princess Alexandra of Denmark
3.	Alice Maud Mary	April 25, 1843	December 14, 1878	Louis IV, Grand Duke of Hesse
4.	Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh and of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha	August 6, 1844	July 30, 1900	Marie Alexandrovna, Grand Duchess, Russia
5.	Helena Augusta Victoria	May 25, 1846	June 9, 1923	Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein
6.	Louise Caroline Alberta	March 18, 1848	December 3, 1939	John Campbell, Duke of Argyll, Marquis of Lorne
7.	Arthur William Patrick, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn	May 1, 1850	January 16, 1942	Duchess Louise Margaret of Prussia
8.	Leopold George Duncan, Duke of Albany	April 7, 1853	March 28, 1884	Princess Helena Frederica of Waldeck and Pyrmont
9.	Beatrice Mary Victoria	April 14, 1857	October 26, 1944	Prince Henry of Battenberg

1. What was the name of Victoria and Albert's oldest child?
2. What was the name of Victoria and Albert's youngest child?
3. When was King Edward VII born?
4. Who married Marie Alexandrovna of Russia?
5. Who was born in 1850?
6. Who did Louise Caroline Alberta marry?

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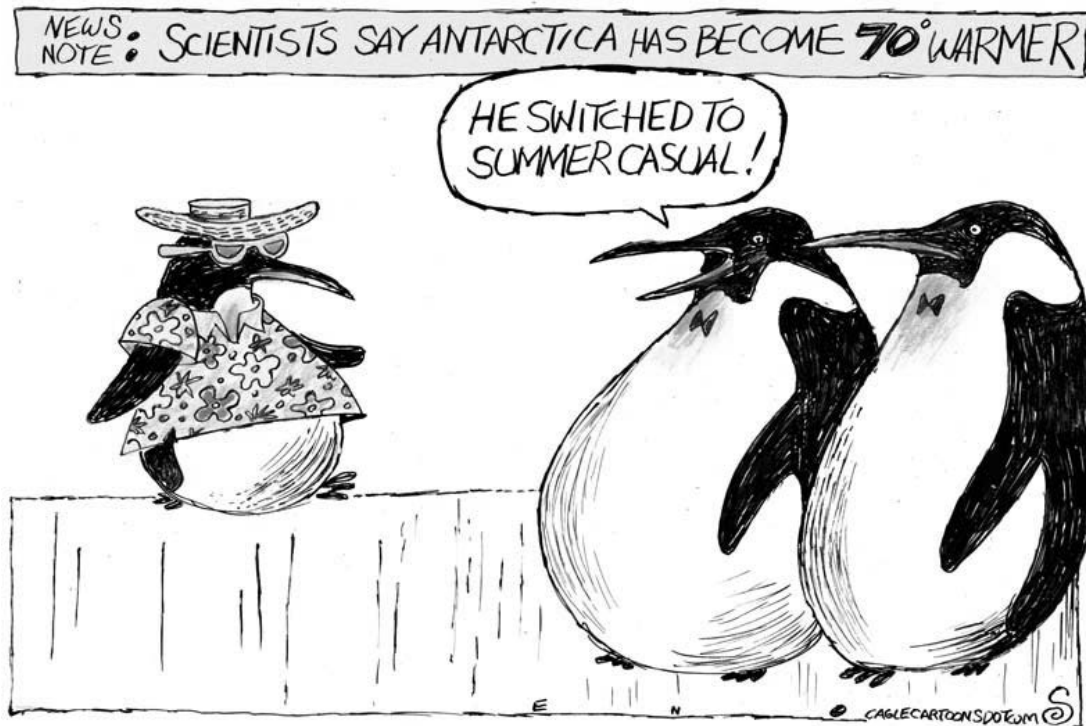
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# Political Cartoon

A political cartoon uses images to exaggerate an opinion, often in a humorous way. The main purpose of the cartoon is to show you the artist's point of view on a situation.



For each element in the image above, write a point or two about the element or how it relates to the rest of the image.

1. The caption

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2. The penguin on the left

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3. Put all of the elements together and explain in your own words what the cartoon is saying.

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# Map Activity: Italy

## 1. Locate and label the following countries in capital letters:

ITALY

ALBANIA

AUSTRIA

BOSNIA &amp; HERZEGOVINA

CROATIA

HUNGARY

KOSOVO

MONTENEGRO

SLOVENIA

SWITZERLAND

TUNISIA

## 2. Locate and label the following city:

Rome

## 3. Locate and label the following islands:

Corsica

Sardinia

Sicily

## 4. Locate and label the following bodies of salt water:

Adriatic Sea

Ionian Sea

Mediterranean Sea

## 5. Create a colour legend for your map with the following:

Italy

Other Countries

Salt Water

## 6. Draw and label the compass bearing.

## 7. Label your map:

Italy and Neighbouring Countries

Map Activity: Italy



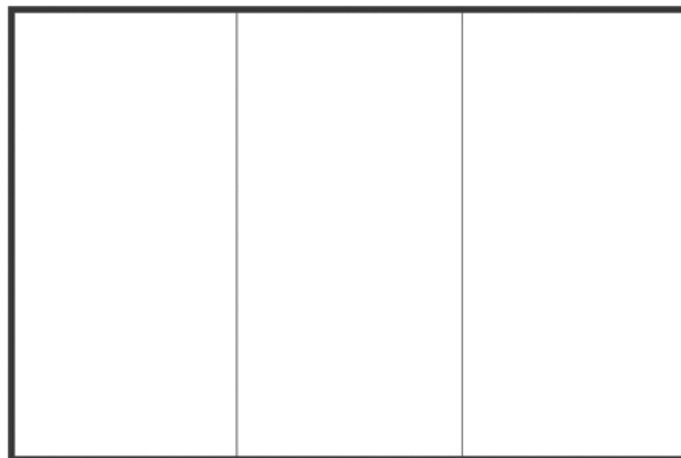


# Looking at Italy

Italy is part of the continent of Europe. It is a peninsula that extends in the Mediterranean Sea, northeast of Tunisia. It is located 42 degrees north of the equator, giving it a climate that is Mediterranean, with warm, wet winters and hot, dry summers. Italy is less than half the size of Manitoba at 301,340 square kilometres. Italy has a population of 61,095,551 (2022 estimate) and a currency called the euro (EUR). It takes about 1.4 Canadian dollars to equal one euro.

Use the map and the information on this page to answer the following questions.

1. What is the area of Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the population of Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the capital city of Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the currency used in Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What colours are on the flag of Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which countries border Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Colour the flag as follows:  
Three equal vertical bands of green (hoist/left side), white, and red.



# Monthly News Quiz

## IMMIGRATION HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

1. According to StatsCan, 405,750 people immigrated to Canada in 2021.  
True      False
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A. New Brunswick      B. Ontario      C. Alberta      D. Nunavut
3. Many immigrants are selected because they have \_\_\_\_\_ skills needed in Canada.

## SRI LANKANS PROTEST ECONOMIC CRISIS

1. Sri Lanka is an island nation in which ocean?  
A. Indian Ocean      B. Arctic Ocean      C. Atlantic Ocean      D. Pacific Ocean
2. The government hasn't been able to import many goods the country needs, including \_\_\_\_\_ like gasoline and diesel.
3. Residents must endure blackouts for up to 20 hours a day.  
True      False

## CANADA'S CLIMATE PLAN

1. The most recent emissions data for Canada shows we produced 730 thousand tonnes of carbon dioxide in 2019.  
True      False
2. One of the key targets focuses on the country's \_\_\_\_\_ industry.
3. How much money does the government's emission reduction plan include?  
A. \$2 million      B. \$4 billion      C. \$9 million      D. \$12 billion

# Monthly News Answer Key

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While there were ups and downs during her reign, she was generally popular and respected, and she helped strengthen support for the monarchy in the United Kingdom.

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The aim of the residential schools was to

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assimilate Indigenous children into European-Canadian and Christian ways of living. The system was set up by the Canadian government. Many of the schools were run by the Catholic Church, with priests and nuns as teachers.

**3. What harm did these schools cause to Indigenous children and families?**

The children were separated, often forcibly, from their parents. They were forbidden from learning or expressing their Indigenous language and culture. There were many cases of physical and emotional abuse. Many children lived in crowded and unsanitary conditions. Thousands died due to disease, punishment, or while trying to run away.

**4. What forced people to face what happened at these schools?**

The recent discoveries of the unmarked graves of thousands of Indigenous children near former residential schools has forced people in Canada, the Catholic Church, and people around the world to face what happened.

**5. What invitation was issued? What did the delegates do?**

In November, the Catholic Bishops of Canada invited 25 to 30 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth to meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican. The delegates arrived in Rome in late March and held several private meetings with the pope. They shared their experiences, concerns, and hopes for the future with the pope.

## Mother Victoria

**1. What was the name of Victoria and Albert's oldest child?**

Victoria Adelaide Mary

**2. What was the name of Victoria and Albert's youngest child?**

Beatrice Mary Victoria

**3. When was King Edward VII born?**

November 9, 1841

**4. Who married Marie Alexandrovna of Russia?**

Alfred Ernest Albert

**5. Who was born in 1850?**

Arthur William Patrick

**6. Who did Louise Caroline Alberta marry?**

John Campbell

## Political Cartoon

**1. The caption**

The caption says that Antarctica has become 70° warmer.

**2. The penguin on the left**

The penguin is dressed in clothes that are worn in places that are sunny and warm.

**3. Put all of the elements together and explain in your own words what the cartoon is saying.**

Temperatures around the world are getting warmer. Even in places like Antarctica, the effects of climate change can be seen and felt.

## Monthly News Quiz

### IMMIGRATION HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

**1. According to StatsCan, 405,750 people immigrated to Canada in 2021.**

True

**2. Nearly half of the immigrants headed to which province?**

B. Ontario

**3. Many immigrants are selected because they have **WORK** skills needed in Canada.**

### SRI LANKANS PROTEST ECONOMIC CRISIS

**1. Sri Lanka is an island nation in which ocean?**

A. Indian Ocean

**2. The government hasn't been able to import many goods the country needs, including **FUELS** like gasoline and diesel.**

**3. Residents must endure blackouts for up to 20 hours a day.**

False – 13 hours a day

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**CANADA'S CLIMATE PLAN**

1. **The most recent emissions data for Canada shows we produced 730 thousand tonnes of carbon dioxide in 2019.**  
False – 730 million tonnes
2. **One of the key targets focuses on the country's OIL AND NATURAL GAS industry.**
3. **How much money does the government's emission reduction plan include?**  
C. \$9 million

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