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President's Comment

In this ever changing world, there are three things in life that do not change, at least not in Canada. That is Herpes, death, and paying taxes. Yes, folks, April 30 is the deadline to file your income tax.



If you are receiving Federal Pension, chances are you are also subscribing to the Federal health and dental plan. You may be getting a tax break, if you are not already aware of this. You can claim your Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) & Pensioners' Dental Services Plan (PDSP) on your taxes. Also, if you are subscribing to the Alberta Blue Cross, your 2018 premium is also taxable.

CF Pensioners receive a T4 from Specialized Services Division (Cdn Forces Pension Forces Cdn); however, the T4 DOES NOT include the premium paid to PSHCP or PDSP. Both premium payments ARE CLAIMABLE, therefore:

to learn how much you can claim, and to obtain a copy of the letter you will need in order to make a claim, please consider calling:

PSHCP, for health care plan details, call [1-800-267-6542](tel:1-800-267-6542); or,

PDSP/Dental, for dental plan details, call [1-800-267-0350](tel:1-800-267-0350)

The person answering will place your name in a database and send you a letter which is for use with your tax submission.

You can request it be back-dated if you've paid for years but have not claimed in the past

This will also ensure in future years you automatically receive the letter without having to call again.

The call, once connected, takes about four minutes.

I requested the letters sometime in October, 2015 and received confirmation letters for both dental and medical premiums paid sometime in February, this year.

If you file your income tax by paper format, please attach a letter to explain you are claiming the accumulative sum for all the years(up to ten years) that you have not made a claim.

If you file your tax electronically, you will need to do the following:

The CRA process is not so easy as submitting the receipt with your taxes. You must write to CRA and request an Adjustment to Line 3-30 of your income tax return for the last ten years. Include your SI number, your full name and phone number. Attach the tax receipt you received from the pension offices. Sign and date the letter and mail to Canada Revenue Agency, 4695 12th Ave Shawinigan, Quebec G9P 5H9



HUMOUR The mischievous Sgt AE Bince is at it again. This is his submission

Getting a Hairdryer Through Customs.....

An attractive young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the priest beside her, 'Father, may I ask a favour?'
Of course child. What can I do for you?'

I bought my mother an expensive hair dryer for her birthday. It is unopened but well over the customs limits and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Could you possibly hide it under your robes for me?'

'I would love to help you my dear but, I must warn you, I will not tell a lie.'

'With your honest face, Father, I'm sure that no one will question you.'

When they got to customs, she let the priest go first.

The official asked, 'Father, do you have anything to declare?'

From the top of my head down to my waist I have nothing to declare.'

The official thought this answer a little strange, so he asked, 'And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?' I have marvelous instrument that has been designed for use on women, but which, to date, remains unused.'

Roaring with laughter, the official said, 'Go ahead, Father. Next please!'



The Soldier's Wife by Robert Southey

Weary way-wanderer languid and sick at heart
travelling painfully over the rugged road,
Wild-visag'd Wanderer! ah for thy heavy chance!
Sorely thy little one drags by thee bare-footed,
Cold is the baby that hangs at thy bending back
Meagre and livid and screaming its wretchedness
Woe-begone mother, half anger, half agony,
shoulder thou lookest to hush the babe,
Bleakly the blinding snow beats in thy hagged face.
Thy husband will never return from the war again,
Cold is thy hopeless heart even as Charity--
Cold are thy famish'd babes--God help thee, widow'd One!

Coaldale Cenotaph



The 700 Wing is a strong supporter of the EUSI. Your support in return is greatly appreciated.



**700
WING**

70th Anniversary Celebration
& Alberta Group 2019 AGM

26 ~ 27 April 2019

TGIF Social ~ April 26

Doors open at 4:00 pm • Cantina & Bar Service
Alberta Aviation Museum, 11410 Kingsway NW, Edmonton, AB

Alberta Group Convention ~ April 27

Convention Fee \$100 per person • Lunch Ticket \$25
Chateau Nova Kingsway, 159 Airport Road NW, Edmonton, AB

Charter Night/Group AGM Dinner ~ April 27

Dinner 6:30
Tickets \$70 per person • Formal or Mess Dress
Chateau Nova Kingsway, 159 Airport Road NW, Edmonton, AB

With Guest Speaker

**Brigadier General Mario Leblanc,
Commander, #2 Canadian Air Division**

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Some rare WWII photos. I have no idea the VW Beetle have been in service since WWII and little change in appearance in the last 80 years.





CANADIAN GEAR

C3 105-MM HOWITZER



The C3 105-mm Howitzer is the replacement for the C1 105-mm Howitzer. It is towed by a truck that carries both the crew and ammunition. It has the capability to fire extended range ammunitions that can deliver rounds up to 18 km down range.

This howitzer is a mobile, general purpose, towed field artillery weapon. The C3 is manually operated, single loaded, air cooled, and uses semi-fixed ammunition. It can be employed for direct or indirect fire and, in the latter case, is very effective against most types of ground targets.

The C3 is structurally similar to the C1 Howitzer, but is distinguished by its longer 33-caliber barrel. Other improvements allow the gun to fire all natures of NATO 105mm Howitzer ammunition. The C3 was manufactured by RDM Manufacturing of Rotterdam Netherlands and delivered to Canada's Army Reserve in late 1998.

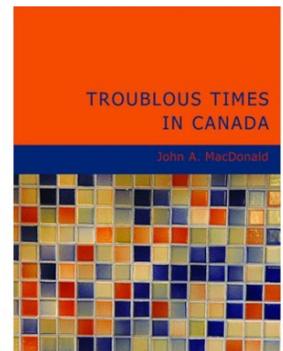


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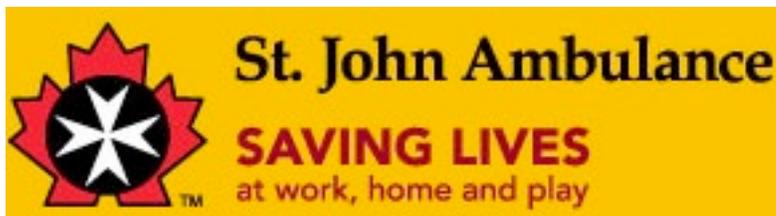
Troublous Times in Canada: A History of the Fenian Raids of 1866 and 1870

John A. MacDonald

Troublous Times in Canada describes the conditions and events that lead up to the first Fenian Raid in 1866, details of the raid itself, the results, and the subsequent invasion attempt in 1870. Author, John A. MacDonald, was a veteran of both conflicts. The account, originally published in 1910, is told from the Canadian perspective by a participant in the described events.



Few present-day Canadians are aware of the Fenian invasions of Canada from the USA. This book is an essential read for those who want to learn more about it.



Get trained!



What's Out There?

Type 051B (Luhai Class) Missile Destroyer (China)

The Type 051B is the multirole missile destroyer built by Dalian Shipyard for the PLA Navy in 1998. The construction of the first-of-class, Shenzhen (167), began at Dalian Shipyard in 1996. Western intelligence became aware of the existence of the destroyer program in early 1998, when a Japanese magazine first revealed photos of the ship stationed at Dalian Shipyard waiting for system installation. The PLA aircraft carrier is set to be unveiled in 2015. Leaked snapshots of this aircraft carrier suggested state of the art technology and functionality.



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IT IS TOO LATE TO SHARPEN SWORDS, WHEN THE DRUMS OF WAR ARE BEATING