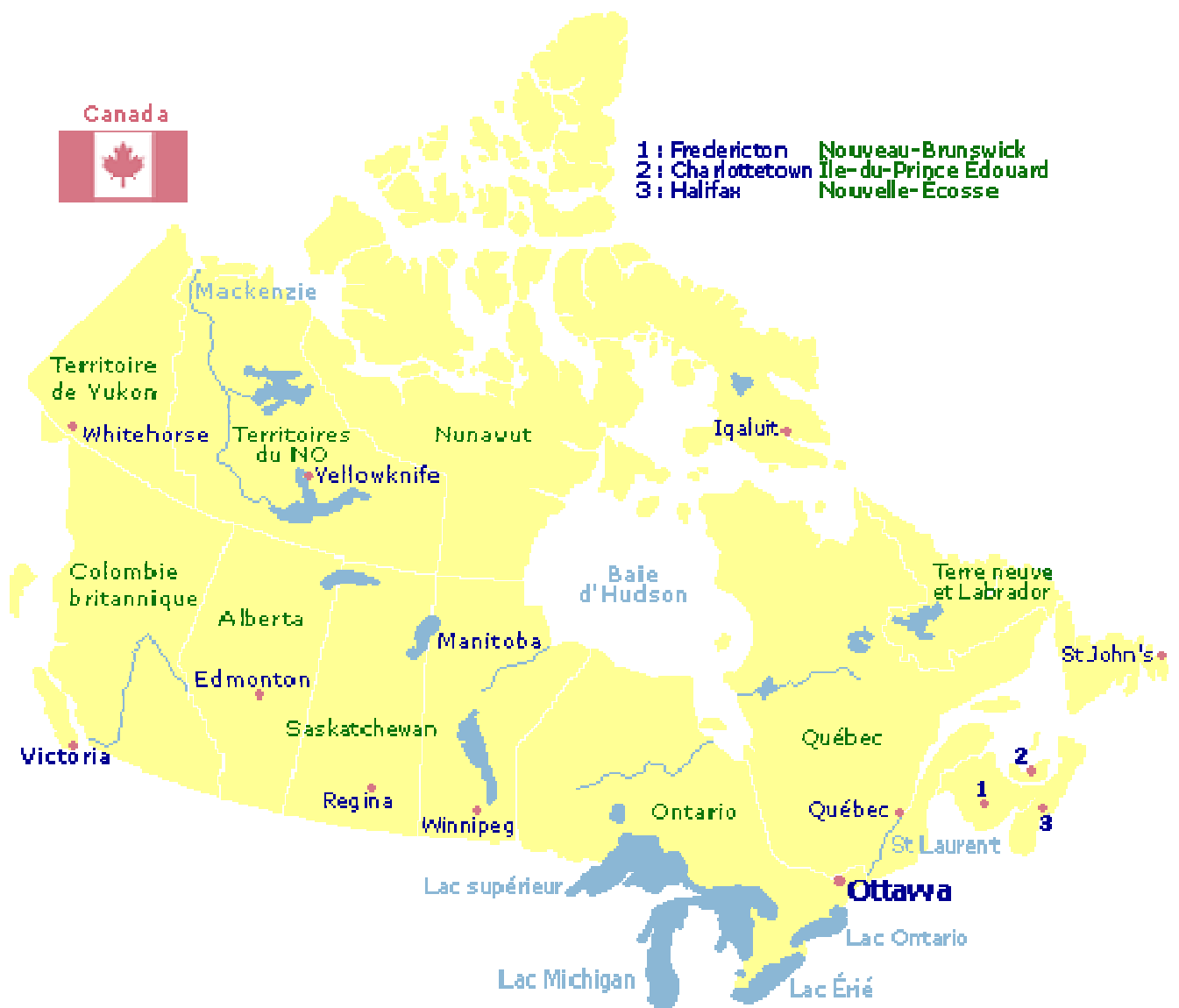


From discovery to independence :

Canada was inhabited for millennia by indigenous people. France sent the first large group of settlers in the 17th century. What is Canada today was a group of French and British colonies. In 1763 France gave in its territories to Great Britain.

The constitution of Canada took form in 1867. Three British colonies united into a single nation of four provinces. Canada reached total independence from England during the 20th century. Nowadays it is composed of ten provinces and three territories in a bilingual Federation.



Ethnic groups:

The first wave began in the 1890s and reached a peak around 1910. It brought in thousands of immigrants from Scotland and Ireland but also from other European countries such as Germany, Italy, Scandinavia and Ukraine.

French and English are the languages spoken in Canada. There are many others but they are not often used.

Nowadays the population reaches 34 millions people. 8 millions people speak French

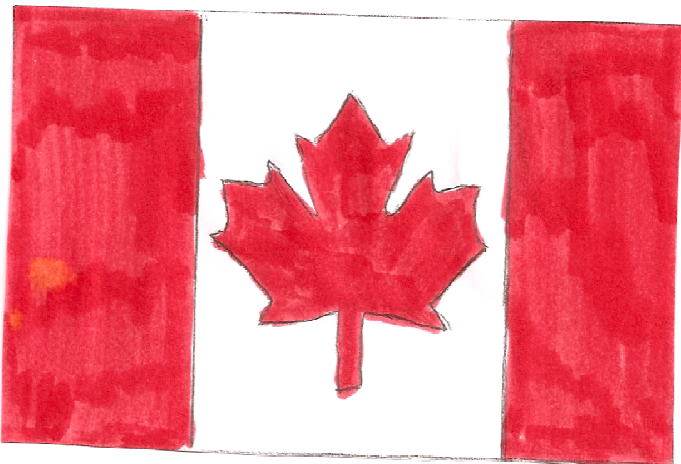
Money

The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar.

The flag

In 1964, the government of Canada decided to choose a national flag.

A committee made suggestions. The drawing of a red maple leaf in the center of a white stripe and 2 red stripes (at the top and at the bottom) was chosen.



The maple leaf was already a symbol for Canada as far as 1700. Its properties were known by the Indians who used it. That's the reason why the committee chose it .

Famous cities :



Toronto, Montréal, Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Edmonton, Québec, Winnipeg, and Hamilton are very big cities in Canada. Ottawa is the capital, and Quebec is famous.

This is the Niagara falls. They it are well-known everywhere in the world. They are the biggest waterfalls in the world

and I think they are the most beautiful. They are just a little bit in Canada.

This animal is a caribou. Caribous are common in Canada and a lot of them are hunted for their fur



Monuments:

The Church of « Notre-Dame » is a famous Church in Ottawa. It is much decorated.

The CN tower is the symbol of Toronto. It was built there in 1976



Sports and culture

Canada is famous for ice hockey and winter sports (skiing, cross-country skiing...)
Other popular team sports include curling, street hockey, cricket, rugby, soccer and softball. Softball is very much like baseball. People also practise canoeing, Canadian

football and Summer sports (hiking...).

The maple leaf and the beaver are Canada's symbols. Music is popular in Canada. There are orchestra such as Quebec's orchestra, Toronto's orchestra, Montréal's orchestra, and groups (Arcade Fire, Simple Plan, Hot Hot Heat, The Dears, Malajube...)

The environment

The landscapes can vary a lot in Canada. Occupying most of the northern portion of North America (41% of the continent). Canada covers 9,984,670 km² (Land: 9,093,507 km² , Water: 891,163 km²) and it has a large range of geo-climatic regions. Canada also encompasses vast maritime areas, with the world's longest coastline (202,080 kilometres).

Canada protect migratory birds, endangered species and the wildlife. In Canada, there are lots of mountains, lakes, forests, and rivers. The wildlife is very diversified. There are a lot of parks that are nature sanctuaries.