

COMEDY-HISTORY SERIES

THE WEIRD HISTORY OF CANADIAN HISTORY

Life of Larry and the Pursuit of
Unhappiness meets Canadian Heritage
Minutes.

A TRIP TO THE GREAT WEIRD NORTH

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WHAT IS THIS, BUD?

ACTUAL EVENTS. ACTUAL PEOPLE. ABSURDITY GIVEN THE FULL TOUR.

We explore Canada's weirdest historical moments—and imagine what it must have felt like to stand inside the madness.

Famous Canadian hosts guide the trip with curiosity, warmth, and complete disbelief.

WELCOME TO THE GREAT WEIRD NORTH

**THE FACTS ARE REAL.
THE TREATMENT IS
DEEPLY UNREASONABLE.**

**CANADA IS POLITE.
CANADIAN HISTORY IS NOT.**

01

PRESTIGE

Every detail receives documentary gravity.

02

ESCALATION

One bizarre fact becomes a national incident.

03

RECEIPTS

The actual consequence survives the joke.

A HALF-HOUR ANTHOLOGY BUILT TO TRAVEL.

22
MINUTES

HOSTS

Famous Canadian celebrity guide or duo

ENGINE

Reenactment + host interruption + archival receipts

CAST

Rotating sketch ensemble inside a recurring visual world

AUDIENCE

Comedy fans, history nerds, classrooms and couches

FUNNY IN A CLIP. SATISFYING IN AN EPISODE.

A COUNTRY WITH TOO MANY STORIES AND NOT ENOUGH ADULT SUPERVISION.

01 TORONTO CIRCUS RIOT

02 GREAT MAPLE SYRUP HEIST

03 CANADA INVADES AMERICA

04 MACKENZIE KING + GHOST DOG CABINET

05 THE GREAT STORK DERBY

06 WHISKY WAR + PIG WAR + KISKA

07 THE MARGARINE COLOUR WARS

08 AVROCAR + UFO LANDING PAD

09 FIREFIGHTERS FIGHT FIREFIGHTERS

10 THE STORY OF LÉO MAJOR

11 THE RHINOCEROS PARTY

12 THE VERY CANADIAN YEAR: 2015

ALL TRUE. SOMEHOW.

CLOWNS BEAT FIREFIGHTERS. TORONTO GETS POLICE REFORM.

In 1855, a brothel brawl grew into a riot involving circus workers, firefighters, police, the mayor and militia. The clowns reportedly won the first round.

A BROTHEL BRAWL MODERNIZED TORONTO



FORT KNOX FOR BREAKFAST GETS ROBBED.

2011–12: thieves siphoned thousands of barrels, replaced syrup with water, and sold the real supply through legitimate markets. Nearly \$19 million disappeared.

ONE SUSPICIOUSLY LIGHT 600-LB BARREL



BOTH SIDES HAD A PLAN TO INVADE THE FRIENDLIEST BORDER ON EARTH.

Canada's Defence Scheme No. 1 proposed quick attacks and retreat. America's War Plan Red imagined seizing Canadian cities before Britain could respond.

OKAY, BUT IF THEY START IT...



CANADA WAS RUN BY A CABINET OF MINISTERS, MEDIUMS AND TERRIERS.

Mackenzie King led through the Depression and Second World War while privately consulting séances, reading omens, and writing intensely about dogs named Pat.

SECOND OPINION: THE AFTERLIFE



A DEAD LAWYER TROLLS TORONTO FOR TEN YEARS.

Charles Vance Millar's will rewarded the Toronto woman who had the most children in a decade. Newspapers tracked the standings; four women ultimately split the prize.

FANTASY FOOTBALL, BUT BABIES



BOOZE. ONE DEAD PIG. NO ENEMY.



WHISKY WAR

A territorial dispute settled with bottles.

PIG WAR

Two empires nearly mobilized over potatoes.

KISKA

The invasion arrived. The enemy had left.

HOW YELLOW IS TOO YELLOW?

Dairy farmers feared margarine. Governments answered by regulating how buttery it was allowed to look. Canada created a genuine political and legal fight over fake butter's colour.

BIG BUTTER ENERGY



IF WE CAN'T BECOME THE UFOs, WE'LL VALIDATE THEIR PARKING.

The Avrocar promised a futuristic flying saucer and delivered instability. St. Paul, Alberta then built the world's first UFO landing pad.

CANADIAN COLD-WAR STRATEGY



YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE. BUT FIRST: BEEF.

Before a professional department, rival volunteer companies could be more interested in fighting each other than fighting the fire. That culture helped ignite the Circus Riot.

BEAT UP THE OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT



MOST COUNTRIES SEND AN ARMY. CANADA SENT LÉO.

After losing sight in one eye, Léo Major refused to go home. In 1945, his audacious solo action helped liberate Zwolle with far less destruction than a full assault.

ONE EYE. TWO MEDALS. ZERO CHILL.



A REAL PARTY PROMISED TO REPEAL THE LAW OF GRAVITY.

The Rhinoceros Party admitted it would not keep its promises—then proposed moving mountains, floating Parliament, and making politics more honest through nonsense.

BROKE NO PROMISES



MEANWHILE, IN 2015

ONE MAN FLEW A LAWN CHAIR. THE RCMP BROUGHT SNACKS.



CALGARY

Daniel Boria tied 100+ balloons to a lawn chair, drifted off course, parachuted into a field, and got arrested.

SASKATCHEWAN

Police RSVP'd to an underage party online—and actually arrived with chips and salsa. No charges.

REAL HISTORY. UNREALLY CANADIAN. ENDLESSLY REPEATABLE.

A SHOW WHERE NATIONAL PRIDE AND
NATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT FINALLY RIDE THE
SAME ZAMBONI.

INSTANT HOOKS

Every episode title sells the joke.

DEEP STORY BANK

A full season is already hiding in plain sight.

CLIP ENGINE

Each fact becomes a cold open, sketch or cutdown.

NATIONAL IDENTITY

Patriotic enough to roast Canada properly.

DEVELOPMENT WELCOME