

# Golden Rules

## *Measuring Life by a Different Standard*

The first day of the Third Quarter of each year is Canada Day – a day celebrated by our northern neighbors to remember the 1867 enactment of the Constitution Act -- uniting three separate colonies (Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick) into a single Dominion within the British Empire – to be named Canada.

The United States and Canada have enjoyed a rather amicable co-existence, and many new connections have been formed in recent years due to the continued expansion of the oil & gas industry. Both countries love to poke fun at the other – much like the Aggies vs Longhorns; Catholics vs Protestants; North vs. South, etc. Here are some observations about Canada that will hopefully put a smile on your face.

- God Bless America – But God, help Canada put up with them
- A Canadian Is a fellow wearing English tweeds, a Hong Kong shirt and Spanish shoes. He sips Brazilian coffee sweetened With Philippine sugar from a Bavarian cup while nibbling Swiss cheese, sitting at a Danish desk over a Persian rug, after coming home In A German car from an Italian movie. Then he writes his Member of Parliament with a Japanese ballpoint pen on French paper, demanding that Parliament do something about foreigners taking away our Canadian jobs.
- "Canada is like a loft apartment over a really great party. Like: "Keep it down, eh?" » Robin Williams
- "Americans are benevolently ignorant about Canada, while Canadians are malevolently well informed about the United States
- "It's going to be a great country when they finish unpacking it." » Andrew H. Malcom
- "Canada is like an old cow. The West feeds it; Ontario and Quebec milk it. And you can well imagine what it's doing in the Maritimes." » Tommy Douglas
- "There are few, if any, Canadian men that have never spelled their name in a snow bank." » Douglas Coupland
- "Canadians have been so busy explaining to the Americans that we aren't British, and to the British that we aren't Americans that we haven't had time to become Canadians." » Helen Gordon McPherson
- "The Canadian military is like Switzerland's -- without the knife. A Canadian is merely an unarmed American with health care." » John Wing
- Your Majesty, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and Madame Houde thanks you from her bottom too." » Montreal Mayor Camillien Houde
- "The great themes of Canadian history are as follows: Keeping the Americans out, keeping the French in, and trying to get the Natives to somehow disappear." » Will Ferguson
- "Canada is a country whose main exports are hockey players and cold fronts. Our main imports are baseball players and acid rain." » Pierre E. Trudeau



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