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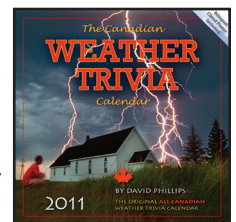
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Weather Facts Manitoba

- In November 1941, the Canadian government notified all newspapers that, in the name of national security, they must not publish any reference to weather conditions during wartime, not even blizzards, cold snaps, or Unseasonable heat waves. Editors of the *Winnipeg Evening Tribune* opined: “When you confront one of those old-fashioned blizzards—the kind that blocks the roads, stalls trains and leaves motorists and transport trucks stranded all along the highways, what are we going to do if we can’t talk about it?”
- On June 22, 2007, Canada’s first F5 tornado touched down just north of the Trans-Canada Highway near Elie, about 40 km west of Winnipeg. Its top wind speed was estimated between 420 and 510 km/h. Miraculously, there were no fatalities or serious injuries.
- On January 21, 2010, two alleged members of an international organized crime syndicate were found shivering at the side of a Manitoba highway after sneaking into Canada. The fugitives were walking to Winnipeg. RCMP found the pair near the Canada-US border, crossing with relatives, including four children. All residents of Guatemala, they were underdressed and relieved to be picked up.
- On October 19, 1925, a woman was driving her brand new coupe in downtown Winnipeg, during a windstorm. Suddenly, a large maple tree snapped off and fell to the pavement. She applied the brakes just in time to save herself from death, or at least severe injury, but not in time to save the car. She sued the city for \$500. The question became: is the city responsible if a tree topples over and damages property?

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Weather Trivia Sample

A) What is the most popular weather term used in naming geographical areas, features, and places in Canada?

- 1) sun
- 2) rain
- 3) snow
- 4) wind
- 5) cloud

B) During which season do fingernails grow the fastest?

- 1) summer
- 2) fall
- 3) winter
- 4) spring
- 5) it makes no difference

C) Which city has the greatest amount of spring snowfall (March, April, and May)?

- 1) Edmonton, AB
- 2) Moncton, NB
- 3) St. John's, NL
- 4) Quebec City, QC
- 5) Charlottetown, PEI

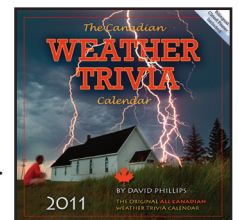
D) Which activity accounts for more deaths and injuries from lightning in Canada?

- 1) golfing
- 2) camping and hiking
- 3) picnicking
- 4) boating
- 5) outdoor construction work

Answer key:

A)3 B)1 C)2 D)2

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