

FLAG FACTS



On February 15, 1965, the National Flag of Canada was raised for the first time over Parliament Hill, in communities across the country, and in Canadian diplomatic and consular missions around the world.

The maple leaf has been a symbol of Canada since the 18th century.

Red and white were named Canada's official colours in the proclamation of the Royal Arms of Canada in 1921 by King George V.

The maple leaf design was inspired by the flag of The Royal Military College of Canada

The largest Canadian flag ever made was 38 metres by 76 metres and cost \$15,000 to make.

In 2005, one of the original maple leaf flags that flew over Parliament on February 15, 1966, was returned to Canada by its owner, Elisabeth Hoffmann-Lamoureux.

The Canadian flag is twice as long as it is wide. No other national flag has those dimensions.

The flags flown on Parliament Hill are given away for free. But the waitlist for one ranges from 40 to 60 years!