

Canadian Society of ~1900

- society was largely Victorian
 - moral strictness
 - honour, virtue, support for British Empire
 - clear delineation between right/wrong
 - patriotic, and had a strong sense of duty to fight for England
 - how many of us would gladly go to war today?
 - intolerant and ethnocentric
 - believed that laziness was the cause of poverty
 - harsh punishments and the death penalty
 - had a 12 year old on death row in the early 50s
 - case of a boy that was taped in the electric chair b/c his wrists were too small
 - courtship was closely supervised
 - stiff, heavy, formal clothing
 - long dresses for women, bowler caps and suits for men
 - few modern conveniences
 - men and women worked from 60-80 hours a week
- arts and leisure
 - increasing urbanization and literacy
 - number of daily newspapers was 138 in 1900 (that's a lot!)

- era of Anne of Green Gables and Busy Man's Magazine (or better known as Macleans today)
 - opera houses and liver performances multiply
 - new art showcased “pioneer struggle” and “rugged landscape” – seen as Canadian
 - Emily Carr was famous (lived in poverty most of her life)
- Outdoor
- bicycle increased social opportunities
 - new air-filled tires were cleaner than horses and more comfortable
 - hockey became the national game (1900)
 - 1908: Stanley (professional), Memorial (jr. amateur), Allen (Sr. Amateur) came into existence

