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▲ **The North West Mounted Police, later renamed the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was created to bring law and order to the North-West Territories**

1785: Benjamin Franklin invented bifocal spectacles, with lenses split to view both distant and near objects

1913: A speed limit of 10mph was introduced at Hyde Park Corner in London, the world's busiest junction

1948: The Empire Windrush sailed from Jamaica with the first boatload of West Indian immigrants invited to Britain

2008: The International Court of Justice awarded sovereignty of the islet Pedra Branca to Singapore