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(noun) can-AR(D)

A deliberately false report or rumour, a hoax.

There is no question whatever that the inventory of the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan was more than everybody would have liked it to be; obviously, because sales were dipping a bit, but the situation was the same with respect to every potash company in Saskatchewan, private or public, and there is no justification for the **canard**, the story, the fable that somehow the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan's current problems are because of any large inventory left to them.

Mr Blakeney, *Saskatchewan Hansard*, 13 June 1983. Saskatchewan Hansard

But the show is built around the modernist **canard** that psychology can be plumbed through song.

John Lahr, *The New Yorker*, 28 October 2002. The New Yorker

"This electability thing is a **canard**; it doesn't amount to a hill of beans," Mr. Clinton told a crowd of several thousand people.

Patrick Healy, *The New York Times*, 4 September 2007. New York Times

Even this brief display of handbills, tracts, advertisements, banners, cartoons, petitions, speeches and popular songs puts paid to the **canard** that "liberty" is a mainly western value.

Priyamvada Gopal, *The Guardian*, 31 July 2007. Guardian

Since then, there has been a gradual acceleration of interest and the last century ended with the major 1999 season of British pictures at Paris's Beaubourg Centre, which finally laid to rest Truffaut's **canard** about there being a contradiction in terms between 'British' and 'cinema'.

Philip French, *The Observer*, 11 June 2006. The Observer

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