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Canada Day message from the Lieutenant Governor

Dear editor:

Happy Canada Day! This year we celebrate the 148th anniversary of Confederation. As Canadians and as citizens of one of the four founding provinces of this country, we are already anticipating a remarkable Sesquicentennial in 2017.

As we mark Canada Day this year, I encourage each of you to consider the broader meaning of what it means to be a Canadian in Ontario, our nation's most populous province. Over the last few months, I have seen firsthand the commitment all Ontarians have to improving our country in so many ways. In communities large and small I see local action designed to create just and sustainable communities in which everyone can live with dignity and respect the environment.

It will be inspiring to see Ontario at the forefront of Canada's international presence this summer as we are privileged to host the first major international multi-sport Games to be held in this province. Our diverse population will warmly welcome athletes, coaches and officials from more than 40 countries to Ontario for the Pan Am and Parapan Games. I know that many volunteers and communities are bursting with pride and community spirit with the knowledge of the legacy we will all enjoy from the facilities and community investments for years to come.

We will stand proud and confident as our dedicated Canadian athletes show us what it means to rise a little higher, go a little faster and grow a little stronger. We will cheer them on enthusiastically.

As The Queen's representative in Ontario, I hope that as you enjoy this holiday with family and friends you'll also reflect on our good fortune to live in this great country.

Honourable
Elizabeth Dowdeswell,
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Lieutenant Governor
of Ontario