

## A few thoughts on Canada Day

A few thoughts after the big day, the expensive fireworks, a rubber duck floating in Lake Ontario, and the teepee in Ottawa moved at last to a more respected spot.

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Oh Canada!

Yes, we marked Canada's one hundred and fiftieth year,  
But there is something not to be forgotten I fear,  
Nations survived here long before we white people came.  
Yet, we bestowed upon this land  
our claim.

We ignored these residents the  
right to this their land,  
An egregious act to be recalled  
you understand.  
We number this sesquicentennial  
from our arrival  
And celebrate the numbered  
years of our survival.

This land mass is a splendid  
and bountiful place.  
A land of mountains, plains,  
waters and endless space.  
We must protect the precious  
gifts we all now own  
Remembering those from whom  
each prize was stolen.

Canada's one hundred and fiftieth year deserved a thoughtful celebration,  
And let us not forget the story of those here long before our occupation.