

were Canada Day exhibitions, plays, concerts and picnics to mark the occasion. At city hall, hundreds of people attended a free donut and muffin breakfast. Many later made their way half-way over the interprovincial bridge linking Ottawa and Hull, Quebec, where they met a similar contingent of Hull revellers for a noon-hour rendition of the national anthem.

More than 110 000 turned out on Parliament Hill in the evening for a nationally televised music and comedy show and fireworks display.

### Cross-Canada celebrations

At more than 3 000 centres across the country, Canadians gathered at parks,

city squares and other central locations to celebrate Canada's national day.

In St. John's, Newfoundland about 200 people, including Secretary of State Regan, met on Signal Hill at 5 a.m. NDT to greet the dawn singing the national anthem. Mr. Regan later flew back to Ottawa for the ceremonies on Parliament Hill.

On the Pacific coast in Vancouver, a birthday cake big enough to feed 1 500 was taken to Robson Square in the heart of the city by police escort. The cake contained 84 dozen eggs, 30 kilograms of sugar, 30 kilograms of flour and 10 kilograms of jam. It was served after an afternoon citizenship court ceremony. British Columbia Premier Bill Bennett opened

### Canada Day — a real family day

Bahige Skaf and his children celebrate Canada Day with four times the intensity of most Canadians, reports the *Ottawa Citizen*.

Not only is July 1 the country's birthday, it is the birthday of all four Skaf children: Joseph, 18, Nada, 16, Peter, 14 and Paul, 13.

Each year, Mr. Skaf, a butcher who emigrated to Canada 12 years ago, buys one large birthday cake with the names of each of his four children written on the icing around a Canadian flag. "I always put the Canadian flag on the cake so they will remember how fortunate we are to live here," he explained.

Mr. Skaf gives each of the children money to buy what they want as a present and says July 1 is a free day for them. "I'm the boss here but on that day they are their own bosses." The day's celebrations also include a trip to Parliament Hill to take part in Canada Day festivities. "I go up there every year to watch the fireworks," said Peter. "It makes me happy for both Canada and myself."

Paul was delighted one year when his name was mentioned by a master of ceremonies at the Canada Day celebrations as being another reason for people to celebrate. Mr. Skaf and the children became Canadian citizens in 1977.



From left to right: Nada, Bahige, Peter, Joseph and Paul on the Canada Day podium.



Four-year-old Danielle Bowers of British Columbia joins in Canada Day fun with Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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celebrations in his hometown of Kelowna where about 6 000 people watched the cultural performances and browsed through various craft displays.

In Toronto, 45 000 people met at Queen's Park, the Ontario legislature, for the province's sixteenth annual family picnic featuring five-cent hot dogs and soft drinks and ten-cent ice cream. Thousands more showed up for cultural shows at Nathan Phillips Square in front of city hall in the afternoon and evening.

About 800 people gathered downtown in Montreal's Dominion Square after the city's Dominion Day parade. The national anthem was sung by Geraldine Doucet, widow of Roger Doucet, who was known for singing the anthem at the Montreal Forum.

More than 1 000 turned up in Winnipeg at the legislature for Canada Day ceremonies that began shortly before noon with a 21-gun salute and an address by Premier Howard Pawley.

Beyond the formal events there were activities in communities across Canada to suit almost every taste from backgammon tournaments, craft shows, sporting events and water displays to concerts. Most of the festivities across the country culminated in gigantic evening fireworks displays.