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Dear Sir:-  
Recalling a promise which you had made to me some time ago, and seeing by the newspaper that you have been made Senator, for which I am very glad, I thought I would write to you about it. Your promise was as following:-

"That if you were in power you would do all that you could to have a National Holiday made to celebrate our victory of the war of 1812-15."

I feel that you have sufficient power and influence to do much towards having this Holiday made, and that the sooner we have it, the better it will be for Canada and our Empire.

If we would celebrate this victory it would do much to make our people more patriotic, love their country more, and be more proud of it. It would keep us constantly in mind of the great sacrifices, sufferings, and death, in order that our country could remain a part of the greatest empire this world has ever known. This empire of ours is all around this earth, has all kinds of climates, we could make and grow anything we need, and could be independent of any other nation. Never was there such a powerful empire, and prosperity, such as we cannot realize would be ours if we would all work for inter-empire trade, and spend our vacations, honeymoons, money, etc., within it.

It would show that our forefathers were not the cowards and cads that the Americans teach, and would supply that "National Spirit" which seems lacking, make more unity, and show our individuality.

It would in time, stop these dreadful 4th. of July celebrations which are doing much more harm to our empire than what is generally realized. The Americans never become tired of boasting and bragging of their great victories (supposed victories) over England. Their song "Oh! We Beat The British" is still their favorite, and they sing it all the time.

The truth is not taught in their text-books, if it were there would be no such celebration. It does harm to us, because it makes out our people are cowards, and could not fight a few ragged soldiers under G. Washington, when the real truth is:- that Gen. Sir William Howe, then in charge of the British troops, gave G. Washington the victory when he could have beaten them easily. He did this because he was in sympathy with them, and did not want them conquered.

We have everything to be proud of in this war, and nothing to be ashamed of. It was a real victory, and was won against overwhelming numbers, and against terrible odds. A little handful of Canadians, helped by the Indians, made the Yanks run for their lives. But it was the timely aid of Great Britain that saved the country for us as we were losing, after fighting nearly three years, for the Americans were much more numerous and were better equipped.

In Saturday's newspaper it gives a Memorandum written by the "Sons Of Canada" and was sent to Ottawa. One of the propositions was as following:-

"Celebration annually in a national manner of Dec. 11th. as the anniversary of Canada becoming an independent nation by reason of the fact that the Statute of

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