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The Prime Minister of Canada has addressed a letter to the President of the Republic of Haiti, His Excellency General Paul E. Magloire, conveying to him the best wishes of the Government and people of Canada on the occasion of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Haiti.

The Prime Minister's letter is being presented today to the President of the Republic of Haiti by Mr. R. E. Gravel, the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner for Haiti. The text follows:

Excellency:

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Haiti, I wish to convey to you the best wishes of the Government and people of Canada.

The whole of Canada is watching with interest and sympathy the gradual development of your splendid country. For my part, I am pleased to note that cultural, educational and commercial exchanges between our two countries are helping to give a deeper meaning to the friendship which we have known for so long.

It is my firm belief that relations between our two countries will grow more and more friendly and that the Republic of Haiti will continue to play, among the nations of this hemisphere, the mission that Providence has assigned to it.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Louis S. St. Laurent,
Prime Minister.

His Excellency General Paul E. Magloire,
President of the Republic of Haiti,
Port-au-Prince,
HAITI.
