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### THE REASON FOR THE FIRST OF JULY RACKET



Canada

**ZZZZ—Bang! BANG!! BANG!!!** "Whose kids are those, anyway! Why the dickens don't they keep still for a while? What are they lighting off those darned fire-crackers so early for. Confound it! now I suppose I'll have to get up, and this a holiday—the First of July."

Most Canadians feel like ushering in "The First" something after this fashion. Out of the quiet and serenity of a peaceful morning there is a loud bang. This is the starter. From then on things begin to hum, gradually at first, then increasing, and by noon-time, in the towns and cities at least, there is no more hum—it has developed into a roar that lasts on and on far into the night.

Not very many people we warrant, ever think seriously how or why this First of July Celebration business was started. Yet, therein lies a most interesting story of development and power—a story that every Canadian learned in childhood, but a story that, in the main, has been forgotten as the years have passed.

So let's refresh our memories. Let's go back to boyhood days. Let us get Canada's story once more in our minds.

After all, should we not always remember Sir John A. Macdonald, the Canadian statesman who was chiefly responsible for the formation of our great Dominion?

