

PM makes Mention of Cathedral Grove

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For the record, on this National Holiday the Prime Minister of Canada singled out Cathedral Grove as a landmark for this nation. Paul Martin singled out a 'tiny' provincial park, rather than the National Park further to the west, to illustrate the wonder of our landscapes. Let us remind the Prime Minister and the Premier of BC just how threatened that 'tiny' park is today.

My question is: Should a place that is such a national landmark that it appears in the Prime Minister's address to the National be raised to the status of a National Park? (Richard)

Excerpt from Address by Prime Minister Paul Martin on Canada Day July 1, 2005 Ottawa, Ontario:

"Take a look at us. Behold the wonder of our landscapes ? from the old-growth forest of Cathedral Grove on Vancouver Island, dominated by trees hundreds of feet tall and hundreds of years old, to the jagged ice cliffs of Baffin Island and on to the barren majesty of Signal Hill on Newfoundland. The mountain ranges, coastal towns, the vast expanse of the prairies, the energy and dynamism of our largest cities. Our country is a marvel -- as diverse and as remarkable as the people who inhabit it."

"Today, on Canada Day, we reflect on how fortunate we are as a nation and as a people. We rejoice in that which makes us Canadian. And we display our deep and tranquil pride in all that we have accomplished, in all that we stand poised to achieve together."

"Today, we look back on our history, on how we got here, on those who helped to build the country we love so deeply. Tomorrow, we set about making history of our own."

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“This is our country. This is our day. This is our time. Happy birthday Canada.”

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Thanks,

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