

# Quebec's day of destiny approaches

This is among a number of letters from readers being made available to community newspapers in Quebec.

Dear Editor,  
As a former teacher of Canadian history and as a Canadian, who like so many millions of us can trace our ancestry to distant shores, I sadly consider the impact us and our neighbors and friends as this DAY OF FREEDOM grows closer.

My reflections consider first the definition of Confederation. A unity for mutual sup-

port - a marriage of not two but many cultures and backgrounds! I am reminded of those great statesmen who decided over 125 years ago to forge this magnificent nation. They will not be able to cast their votes! Nor will the hundreds of thousands of Canadians, who gave their lives defending this country in the Autumns of 1812, 1914, and 1943 and the many other days as the maple leaves of the Laurentians, as those of the Niagara peninsula dawned their Fall finery. I recall individuals

such as Louis Joseph Papineau, who won a political battle for the all Canadian Jews back in the Parliament of 1832. What would he say if he could speak out today? Can we, should we, dare they speak without reflection? Without also considering those who's age or future birthdate will remove them from the "right" to choose the future path for Quebec. May God help us all through this day of destiny.

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