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## Message from the Prime Minister

I was pleased to learn of the generous donation of the Labatt Brewing Company Archival Collection and the Labatt Material Cultural Collection to the University of Western Ontario and Museum London.

Founded by John Kinder two decades prior to Confederation, Labatt is an iconic Canadian company. The brewery's growth and success benefitted the region, employing generations of Canadians and contributing to the local economy. Now, thanks to this donation, made through the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board, future generations will learn about this Canadian business success story and an important chapter in London's history.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I commend Labatt for the preservation and donation of this important part of our national heritage.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

Prime Minister of Canada