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We begin 2017 with a countdown towards the Canadian Association of Optometrists' biennial Congress in Ottawa, where many members will gather for several days of reunions and continuing education, culminating in the Canada Day festivities on Parliament Hill that mark our nation's sesquicentennial birthday party.

Looking back over the past 50 years, Canada and our profession have seen many changes. In 1967, as the lyrics of Bobby Gimby's centennial song Canada wafted over the radio and school announcement systems, 20 million Canadians looked forward to completion of the Trans-Canada Highway and the opening of Expo 67 in Montreal. Bilingualism and biculturalism became official government policy despite vociferous resistance. The Maple Leafs won their last Stanley Cup. Optometry was working towards acceptance as a true health profession as its once private College in Toronto prepared to move to the University of Waterloo and become a public institution.

Despite the horrific event last January in Quebec City, Canada today largely embraces a diverse multicultural society that welcomes immigrants and refugees more than ever before in its history, swelling our population to 36 million. Optometry is no longer a "drugless" health discipline, and is accepted as an integral part of primary health care from coast to coast to coast. Our two university-based Schools of Optometry and Vision Science have solid academic and clinical reputations nationally and internationally.

Despite optometry's advances, there still remain unmet vision needs in Canada. In this issue, Dr. Chris and colleagues discuss one gap they found in First Nations schools, and Dr. Andrew Rixon presents a review of ocular hypertension. An Optocase Mini on chalazion and two short articles on practice management round out this issue. Later this year, look for our supplement on glaucoma.

If you haven't gotten around to it, please consider registering for the CAO Congress. I look forward to seeing many of you in Ottawa in June. ●
