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One hundred years ago, after four years of war, Canada was about to undergo another tragedy: the Spanish Flu Pandemic. Though estimates vary greatly, many scholars believe this deadly virus claimed over 50,000 Canadian victims—almost as many as the First World War. Today, few Canadians know about the existence of this plague, which nevertheless had severe consequences on life in Canada and around the world.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the Spanish Flu Pandemic, Testaments.ca has launched an innovative platform aimed at educating students and the public about this chapter in our history. Using inventive teaching methods, the project encourages students to explore untold stories and seek out connections that capture the devastating impacts that the pandemic had on individuals and their communities.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to thank Testaments.ca and everyone involved in carrying out this important project.

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The Honourable Mélanie Joly