

GENOCIDE OF TURKS IN CANADA - REDUX

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Our lobbyists bungled and mishandled this issue and now we are paying the price.

Below is the latest coverage of this issue in the Canadian-Turkish media:

Turkuaz TV

28 Haziran 2014 yayinimiz

<http://www.turkuaz.ca/tag/brantford-mount-hope-mezarligi-turk-bolumu/>

The ceremony was organized by the Turkish Federation. The spokesperson clearly indicated in his speech that after putting the star-and-crescent as symbol of the Turkish flag, he was happy to erect a Turkish monument. He said the following at the cemetery while some people were unfurling Turkish flags:

"They were taken to the interment camp where they were subject to unpleasant treatment and treated as enemy soldiers. We want to erect a Turkish monument. As a first step we put crescent-and-star as the symbol of our Turkish flag. We want to commemorate our martyrs."

Anatolian Radio

<http://www.anatoliaradio.com/brantford-mount-hope-mezarligi-ziyareti/>

They are clearly linking it with the WWI internment, as we knew they would.



