

# Lots to be proud of Crombie tells P.C.s

If you're an average Canadian, you are thinking about energy, interest rates, and Petro-Canada when you're thinking about what's happening in Ottawa.

But federal Minister of Health and Welfare, David Crombie, feels there have "been too many things glossed over which are really very important."

Mr. Crombie was guest speaker at an executive meeting of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association held Wednesday in Richview Golf Club on Highway 25.

Delayed by the traffic snarl caused by the derailment of a CP freight train in Mississauga, Mr. Crombie arrived just in time to make his speech and answer questions before having to fight the traffic back to International Airport to catch a flight back to Ottawa.

He dwelt mainly on a review of the Clark Government since the May election, concentrating on what Mr. Crombie feels are major achievements.

"Let's look at integrity and honesty in government."

"This is something which hasn't got a lot of press, but it's worth looking at," he said.

He noted Mr. Clark has established guidelines regarding conflicts of interest; has brought through a Freedom of Information Act which allows individuals to find out what information is contained about them in government dossiers; and there have been reforms in parliament instituted.

He praised York MP Sinclair Stevens, whom he called "slasher", because he is irradicating overspending. One area Mr. Crombie noted was a 25 per cent cut in inter-departmental advertising.

Mr. Crombie said much media coverage has been given to the sale of crown corporations to the private sector, such as PetroCan.

"But what's been missed is, the shares must go into Canadian hands," he said.

Noting it was probably not of much interest to most Halton residents, Mr. Crombie said the inefficient handling of grain shipments in the west has been the subject of much interest.

He said \$500 million in exports was lost last year because the system of handling grain does not work well enough. He said federal Transport Minister Don Mazankowski has promised a 50 per cent increase in supply through better management and the delivery of more hopper cars, and a new port on the British Columbia coast to handle ocean-going freighters.

He gave special praise to External Affairs Minister Flora McDonald for a "terrific" demonstration of Canada's stand on human rights.

In his own portfolio, Mr. Crombie said he is deeply disturbed about what he is now learning about the plight of native peoples in Canada.

He said the statistics were "shocking." He noted the average life expectancy of a white

Canadian is 67, but that of an Indian is only 44.

Mr. Crombie said the way Canadians have treated native people in the past must now be rectified and he is planning legislation to that effect.

He also is responsible for senior citizens and pensions; another area he has found disturbing.

If his Ministry was to spend \$600 million or more immediately, it would only bring Canada's single seniors up to the poverty line.

Mr. Crombie made light of the bureaucratic language he has encountered since he went to Ottawa and this is another area he wants to change.

"You have to set out the problems as honestly and simply as you can, and not try to kid the people," he said.

In closing, Mr. Crombie said he has also come to the realization Canada is a nation tied to the land in spirit and in fact.

"Everybody thinks his piece of Canada is what this country is all about...it's the land which brings us all together," he said.

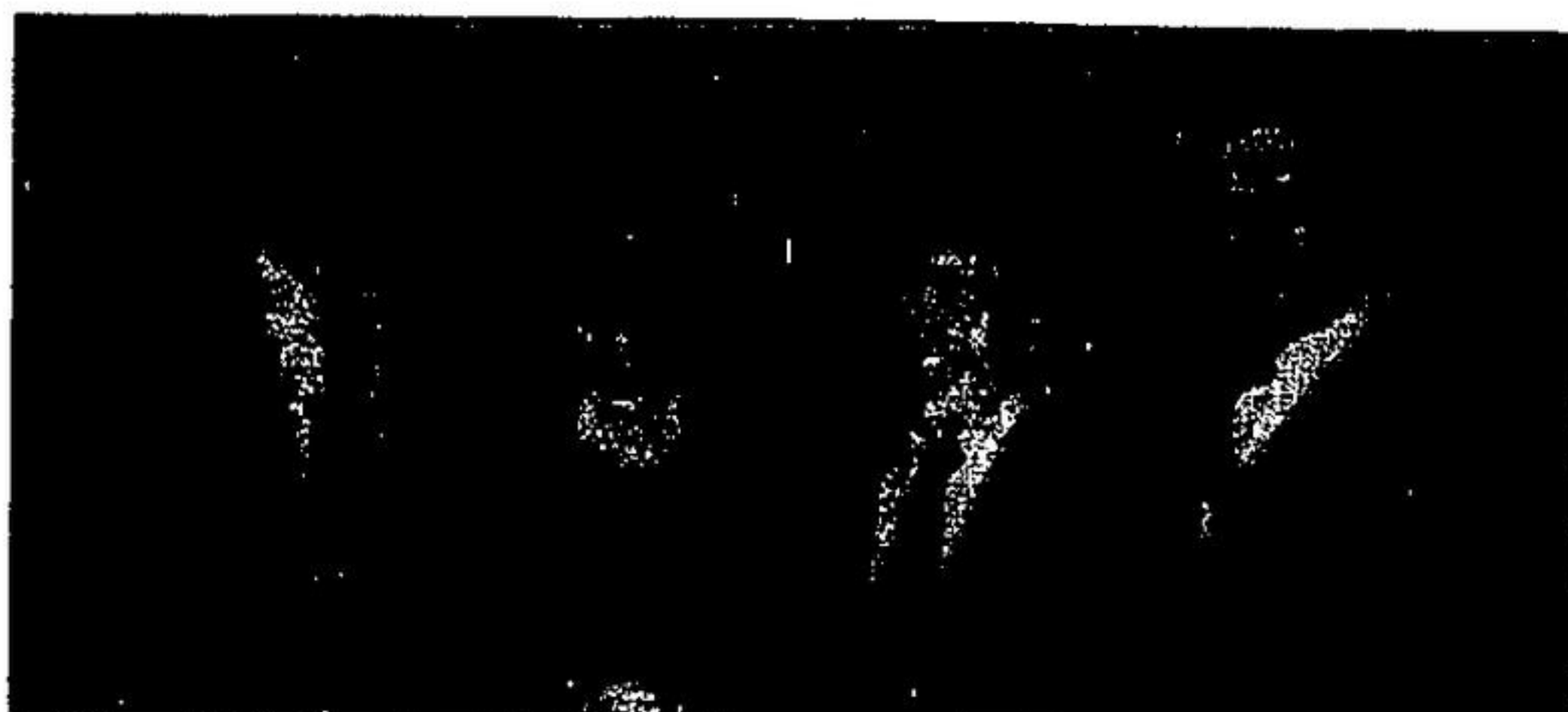
All the other countries of the world are known for their heritage history, art or architecture.

"You see this when you go to the United Nations building in New York."

"Look at all the flags and you will find something that identifies with the country."

"All of those flags say something about the country, except ours."

"Ours is the maple leaf...the land," he said.



Federal Minister of Health and Welfare David Crombie spoke Wednesday to an executive meeting of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association. From left: Mal Thorn, president of the Halton Federal Association; Dorothy Chamberlain,

president of the Oakville Provincial Progressive Conservative Association; Mr. Crombie; and Otto Jelinek, Halton MP and Parliamentary Assistant to the Federal Minister of Transportation.

# Gudgeon heads PCs

The Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative Association met for the annual meeting and election of officers at Lowville Heights Golf Club Oct. 29.

Elected as president of the Association is Eric Gudgeon of RR2 Milton.

Others on the executive are: Past president, Fran Baines, first vice-president, John

McArthur; second vice president, Jack Bellegham; secretary, Irene Saunders; treasurer, Harry Shore; and YPC president, Janice McDonald.

Area presidents who are also members of the riding association are Brian Cargill of Acton, Roy Wood of Nassagaweya, Claude Twiss of Milton, Ken

McDonald of Burlington and Ab Tennant of Georgetown.

Five directors were elected to increase participation from the riding membership.

Accepting positions as directors are Vince Whelan from Acton, Dick Howitt and Janice Johnston from Esqueving, Archie Couper from Milton and

Pat Kinsella, executive director of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party was guest speaker for the evening.

To dispel the idea that meetings all have to be serious, comedy impersonations were performed by Jack Bellegham and Irene Saunders and the evening was concluded with a social hour.

# Civilians get voice in police negotiations

The 30 civilians on Halton's police force will have a direct voice in negotiations for their next contract with the police commission.

Halton Regional Police Association President Bill Gall revealed Thursday that a civilian has been appointed to the association's executive committee. That person, who has not been named, will also be on the contract negotiating team.

Next year the association, made up of uniform and plain clothes officers, will hold elections with a place for a civilian. The association bargains for the police and civilian workers with the commission.

Association executives and Halton Regional Police Commissioner signed a one-year contract for civilians during the commission's Thursday meeting at Oakville. The police contract was linked earlier in the year.

A new feature in the civilian contract is the method of calculating sick day leave. Under the

old system employees could retire and take with them half of their remaining sick leave in cash but no longer. Also under the old system, someone could run out of time off. Under the newer system, employees will always have sick time.

Under terms of the new contract, civilian administrator George McMorris—the highest paid civilian—receives \$25,556.95.

A codet starts at \$11,420.26 while a records clerk starts at \$14,094.38.

After three years experience the chief's secretary earns \$13,493.58.

Starting salaries for clerk typists, senior stenos and communications clerks are \$8,562.08, \$9,340.14 and \$10,742.77 respectively.

After 36 months those salaries increase to \$10,255.44; \$11,245.60 and \$12,423.39.

# Looking for lights

Halton Regional Police are looking for an emergency roof light system for cruisers that will work while the engine is shut off.

The light bars currently in use date from the organization of the force and use 20 amperes. This draw of electricity will drain the battery if it isn't being recharged, said Harry Barrett chairman of the Halton Regional Police Commission.

Systems drawing 11 amps are available and four-amp strobe lights are coming in.

As well as saving fuel this way, the commission hopes to get a more streamlined light bar.



They came in all sizes last week to The Acton Free Press printing facilities of Inland Publishing Company Limited. With the train derailment in Mississauga just a few blocks away from the Mississauga News offices, many employees from that building were forced to share space with Acton staff to get out the various papers. Dianne Culp was evacuated from her home, fleeing to Burlington. However, by Thursday, she was called into work in Acton. With no babysitter, she had to bring seven month old Michelle with her. Acton composing room foreman Alex Childley took a break from a very hectic week to officially welcome Michelle to the staff.

# Site appeal dies

An appeal to reverse an Ontario Municipal Board ruling on Site F has been quashed in Division Court.

The Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group and the Town of Milton were told by the three-judge panel their appeal lacked sufficient merit to be heard.

David Katz, spokesman for the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group, said Sunday evening he and others were disappointed "but we've had setbacks before...we're used to them."

"We still plan to keep plugging ahead. We have another dance planned and other activities to keep the group together and fighting."

The appeal was first to be heard last Thursday but this was put off one day due to the overload facing the judges. On Friday the appeal was set but it was quickly quashed by the court.

Although it means the region can now proceed

in converting lands in the area known as Site F to a regional landfill site, work also is continuing on Site A, the land near the current Burlington dump and the site most favored by a majority of the councillors.

But because no new evidence is permitted, the recent negotiations between the region and National Sewer Pipe, owners of Site A, could not be brought before the judges.

The appeal can only be brought where there is a question of the law and how it was used. If the town and the citizens group could have found some flaw in the legality of the June 15 OMB ruling, the appeal could have proceeded.

While testimony was being presented before the court, Milton solicitor Larry Gangbar and citizens group lawyer David Estrin were told by Mr. Justice Eberle to cease wandering from specific arguments in the presentation of their

arguments.

Although the appeal has been quashed, it may take several years before trucks are actually hauling garbage to the Tremaine-Britannia area.

The region must get approval from the Ministry of the Environment and must then get full Ontario cabinet approval. OMB decisions are always sent to cabinet for full approval.

Regional solicitor Dennis Perlin said he would be sending the Division Court ruling on the appeal and the original OMB approval to the cabinet.

In the meantime the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group will be meeting with Mr. Estrin to plot its next move. There is a possibility the group may appeal to a high court.

There must also be a public hearing under the Environmental Protection Act where the town and the group may be able to present new arguments based on the regional interest in Site A.

# Acting M.O.H.

Regional council will be asked today to appoint Dr. Gordon Inglis as the acting medical officer of health for a three-month period.

The appointment would last for the three months or until a medical officer of health is appointed, whichever occurs first.

Halton's current medical officer of health, Dr. J. H. Chamberlain has retired. The Public Health Act requires regional municipalities to appoint a legally qualified medical practitioner to the acting position if a

vacancy exists.

Dr. Inglis, who has a practice in Burlington, has acted as a consultant to the region in the past and has volunteered to accept the acting position.

Health and social services committee was told last week Dr. E. W. R. Best, a Ministry of Health consultant, has expressed an interest in assisting.

Two staff members of the health office have been appointed to carry out the day-to-day operations.

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The first principle given by Baha'is for the prevention of war is the independent investigation of truth; for individual nations will want the same. But once every soul is brought into truth, society will be freed from the darkness of continually repeating the past.

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