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## Happy Birthday

Canadians are not noted for manifestations of patriotic fervor. We can get sentimental at times—such as when Terry Fox trotted across the country on one artificial leg or when the hockey pros beat Russia on a goal by Paul Henderson.

At other times we get a collective lump when they play the national anthem at some event in which we have done well. Chests swell and eyes water then but as a group we are a pretty restrained bunch keeping feelings to ourselves and downplaying our achievements while others blow their horns and bask in the spotlight.

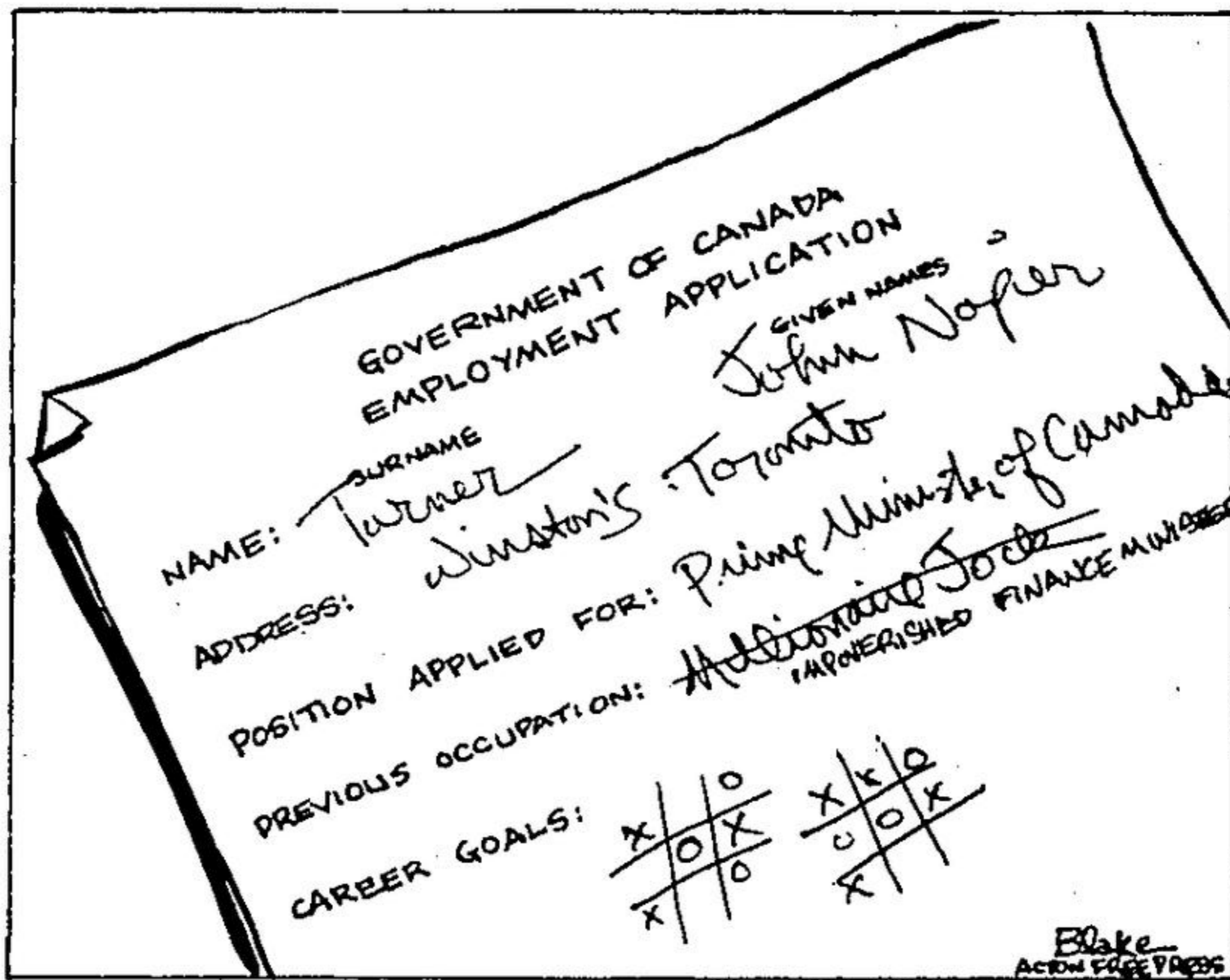
We love to grouse about our failures while almost the entire rest of the world tells us how fortunate we

are to live in a country where freedom is a fact of life and opportunities exist for almost anyone who wants them.

Monday's our official holiday to celebrate this nation's 117th birthday and there are celebrations planned in Halton Hills. In Glen Williams they have a full day of fun planned on Saturday and welcome everyone. Limehouse and Ballinafad, both small hamlets with plenty of enthusiasm have events planned for the long weekend.

Monday night at dusk Acton firefighters are staging their annual fireworks show at Prospect Park on Fairy Lake to celebrate the occasion.

So enjoy yourself and happy birthday, Canada.



### 10 years ago

June 28, 1974  
Ontario Housing's Acton program may have a tremendous effect on the growth of Acton and the Town of Halton Hills if development proposals in front of the province are approved. Joe Bult of Alliance Ex-Urban told the Free Press this week his company and Bovis Homes had plans to build 700 homes on 218 acres on the east side of Acton.

Found not guilty by reason of insanity Thomas Bourke goes to the Ontario Hospital for the Criminally Insane at Penetang for at least five years. A year ago May he was charged with capital murder in the death of his wife in her apartment on Churchill Rd. S.

### 20 years ago

June 25, 1964  
An Acton man, 28-year-old John Edward Lambert of Frederick St. is in Hamilton hospital today with two broken legs and other injuries following a single car accident in Milton early Tuesday evening.

Merchants in Acton for the past 55 years, Harold and Laura Wiles have sold their Mill St. business and will enjoy retirement after serving the public since 1909. Harold worked for two years for Beardmore and Company Limited and left in favor of a grocery store and ice cream parlor then owned and operated by Miss Laura Ryder (Mrs. Robert Elgie).

This is the weekend Campbellville literally "rolls out the welcome mat" to former residents and other visitors as the village celebrated its 50th anniversary as a police village. A gala weekend of fun has been arranged by the committee in charge with plenty of time left over for reminiscing and renewing old friendships.

### 50 years ago

June 28, 1924  
Milton Short Course entertained members of Burlington and Acton Clubs at the High School, Milton, Acton presenting a splendid play entitled "Courageous Man" with the following cast: Robert Miller, Pearl Foster, Flora Sayers, Margaret Brown, Velma Murray, Reg Fenner, Harold Swackhamer, Dick Packer, Walter Linham, Joseph Hurst.

On Thursday afternoon of last week, teachers of the public and continuation schools gathered in one of the rooms after school to bid farewell to Miss Frances Ball who has severed her connection with the staff.

Mr. James Gamble, one of Acton's elderly residents observed his 84th birthday on Sunday. Mr. Gamble is enjoying good health and is still quite active.

### 75 years ago

June 24, 1909  
Messrs. C. Speight, W. Sayers, R. Sinclair and John Bauer returned home on Tuesday evening from their annual fishing trip to Wasaga Beach at the mouth of the Nottawasaga River.

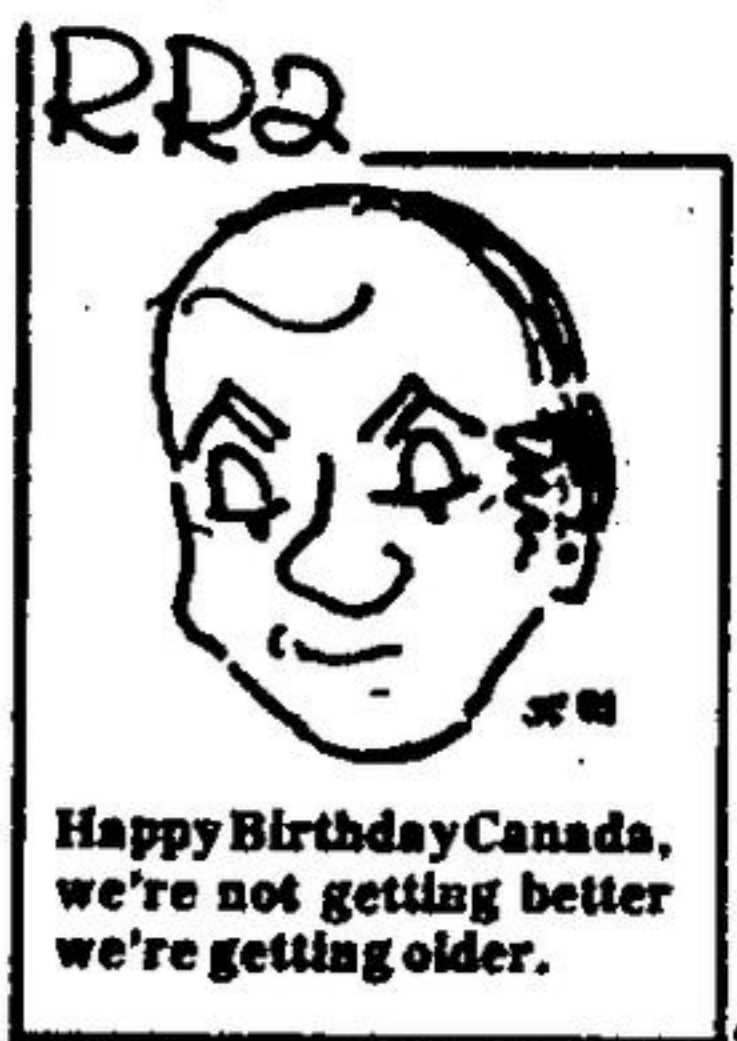
The summer vacation commenced with the close of the schools here on Tuesday. The examinations of the entrance candidates is now in progress.

"Move on men, please." This has been the request of Constable Smith at the corner of Mill and Main Streets and the results have been most satisfactory.

Mr. S. Starkman has purchased the house and lot on Young St. next to Miss Gordon's property.

### 100 years ago

June 28, 1874  
Issue was missing from the Free Press files. It is possible no paper was printed on this date.



## Wolf whistles

Modesty and good taste in clothes has always been the accepted standard in communities across Canada, both large and small. At one time it probably led to the excessive prudery which characterized the Victorian Age. Now the pendulum seems to have swung as far in the other direction on days that are only moderately warm, not even hot.

People of both sexes are now exposing so much skin it leaves little to the imagination and shows very poor taste. On really hot

days the attire would not even be accepted at beaches, let alone the streets of the community.

Much has been written about assaults on women and their cause but titillating dress and immodest attire known to create problems where none existed before, has been little mentioned.

String bikinis and other attire of that ilk is fine at the beach and in the privacy of the home and property but is bound to create more than wolf whistles on the street.

## Shots in the dark

Those who attended the Citizen of the Year dinner honoring Dr. David van der Bent were almost unanimous in their praise for the citation/roast written and delivered by Jon Hurst, a good friend of Dr. van der Bent's. Of course, he had good material to work with.

The piano stylings of Andreas Thiel at a Guelph restaurant are attracting the enthusiastic comments of diners. The young Acton youth recently won first place in the Edward Johnson music competition held in conjunction with the Guelph Spring Festival back in May. He played an eight minute program then, "Romance" by Schumann and "Etude de Sonorite," to win first place and \$550. The talented young artist shows he is as much at home with pop music as show tunes at his four night a week gig at the China Tiki on a baby grand. The restaurateur is delighted with the response of diners of course.

Halton Regional Council turned down colleague Bill Johnson's pitch for an almost cost-free region landfill site at the Nelson Quarry with hardly a twitch of the eye, but the money they are spending on a detailed analysis of sites in the region is almost unbelievable. According to figures in the latest booklet they intend to spend \$409,084 on the second stage of the study on the selection of a preferred site. Add that to the bill

they have already spent and we're talking millions. Time they talked some sense.

It's graduation time and The Free Press does its best to include all the picture, both what staff has taken and those submitted. Sometimes because space is at a premium they might have to wait a week but they'll appear.

Yes, we are sorry to see Gord Murray leave the editor's chair at The Free Press but we were glad he was able to land a challenging job in Caledon working for the Clarridge family. This scribe met Tom Clarridge first when he covered the hydro line controversy for the Globe & Mail and have run into him on occasion since. Our loss is Tom's gain and we wish both he and Gord success in the job at Caledon. Gord's office is in Bolton where he'll be competing with long time Bolton newspaper, The Enterprise, for news and advertising.

Next week we'll announce the name of the new news editor of the Free Press, who has already had lots of experience covering the Town and area. Bear with us until we have everything sorted out and we hope to present an attractive news and editorial package each week that will have customers lining up for the paper each week.

## Our readers write

### An error in Campbell message

Dear Sir:  
Subsequent to the recent publication in The Acton Free Press by Renaissance of our "Father's Day Appeal for Justice", addressed to John Paul II, we have received a gracious communication from the Ontario Separate School Trustees' Association correcting an error in our message.

Our ad stated that "virtually no Roman Catholic voice has been heard on behalf of non-Catholic religious parents who are denied any of the educational rights enjoyed exclusively by Roman Catholics."

In fact, a "position paper" presented to Premier Davis, November 12, 1981, by the Ontario Separate School Trustees' Association, contained the following proposal entitled "Subsidy for Private Religious Schools":  
(86) "We propose that, subject to the preceding paragraph, some type of partial funding be considered for private religiously-oriented schools, perhaps as distinct parts of the public school system (such as the Torah Schools in Calgary), at least as far as operating expenditures are concerned. This might take place in the context of a partial remission

by the province of the alleviation it experiences in provincial grant because of double taxation."

(86a) "Our reference to religiously-oriented schools is not intended to exclude the just claims of other schools based on legitimate parental option."

According to the Ontario Separate School Trustees' Association correspondence, "the paragraph numbered (86a) was specifically approved by the Cardinal Archbishop of Toronto".

Let me hasten to apologize, then, for having inadvertently erred in our Renaissance "Father's Day Appeal for Justice" by charging that Roman Catholic leadership in Ontario "demonstrates an exclusive dedication to their own corporate self-interests while apparently ignoring the desperate economic and social plight of those suffering from the above-noted injustice"—("the discrimination practiced against non-Catholic Christian, Jewish and other religious parents whose human rights are denied—to send their children and direct their taxes to schools which will serve the parents in transmitting their values to their children.")

I regret that that erroneous impression had not been corrected

when I stated that concern while addressing the Ontario Separate Schools Trustees' Association convention in Toronto a couple of months ago.

At the same time, I welcome this opportunity to publicly applaud the representations that have indeed been made by Roman Catholic leaders to redress the discrimination in its educational policies practiced by the Ontario Government against non-Catholic religious parents.

Finally, it should be said that I still consider valid the view expressed in our Father's Day message: "that it would be a denial of Christ and all He represents of justice and goodness for the Roman Catholic Church to accept another CENT of the funding Roman Catholics deserve for their educational system—WITHOUT INSISTING that the same economic justice be provided by the government for all non-Roman Catholic Christians, Jewish and other religious parents!"

Thank you for providing space for the publication of this correction, apology and reaffirmation of our views on this subject.

Sincerely,  
Renaissance Canada,  
Ken Campbell,  
President

## Report from Queen's Park



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tario Liberal Party was advocating the extension of the grants, David Peterson pointed out, commenting "I only regret that it has taken this long for the Ontario government to see the justice of the move."

Liberal House Leader Robert Nixon, who as Party Leader advocated full funding for separate schools prior to the 1971 Ontario General Election, said he felt "vindicated" by the Premier's belated announcement. For 13 years the Premier had steadfastly refused to provide the funds needed for separate school boards to finance courses in the senior grades.

During the 1971 election, he maintained that extension of grants would destroy the provincial educational system. He claimed: "A complete education system determined by denominational and religious considerations would fragment the present system beyond recognition and repair." Bob Nixon stated: "the principle of equality of education is the cornerstone of my party's policy. This principle requires that both systems be treated equally."

In reversing his long-held opposition to such grants, the Premier insisted: "I was right then, and I'm right now..." While he stated that his conscience was guiding him, observers noted that the separate school population is growing, and the Premier is probably trying to gain voting support in the Catholic community.

**Workers' Compensation**  
Opposition Members have charged that the long-awaited amendments to the Ontario workers'

compensation system ignore the most crucial problems facing workers. In tabling amendments which were four years in the making, the Minister of Labour disregarded the core of recommendations made in two reports to the Government by law professor Paul Weller. In his two reports on permanent partial disabilities and industrial disease, Weller made recommendations which would affect more than 80,000 workers, who form the majority of people on compensation, and suffer from permanent partial disabilities.

The Minister claimed that the Government has decided on a "phased program of reform" to implement "two basic Thrusts" which emerged from the Weller studies, the first of which was to make the Workers Compensation Board "more open and responsive to client needs". In his view, the structural changes effectively met this demand, including the creation of an independent tripartite appeal tribunal with provision for independent medical opinion, a new panel to advise on criteria for compensation victims of industrial disease, and the inclusion of domestic workers under the act.

The so-called "meat chart" was the second area of concern. This chart determines how much a worker may be compensated depending on which organ or limb has been lost or disabled, and injured workers as well as Workers' Compensation Board officials have long agreed that the chart is an unfair system.