

Terry Fox

From Newfoundland through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and Quebec and into Ontario, Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope crossed all borders to reach into everyone's heart.

He left Newfoundland's east coast early in 1980 and outpaced the spectre of his own fate for nearly 3,000 miles before it caught up with him in Thunder Bay.

With tears in his eyes, he told newsmen of the secondary cancer that had spread to his lungs, then flew home with these hard but ultimately generous words:

"I'm going to do my best to get back here and start again, but if I don't make it, the Marathon of Hope better go on without me."

On an international scale, Terry Fox's unthinkable bold and courageous undertaking was an exciting, graphic display of youthful determination and newfound

hope that raised some \$25 million for the fight against one of the world's biggest killers.

On a national level, Terry's trials and tribulations were a unifying force: barely acknowledged in the eastern provinces at the outset of his run, the coast-to-coast wave of sympathy and inspired support that finally washed over him last summer in Ontario was a loud proclamation of national solidarity, albeit a short-lived oneness of purpose, whose memory will linger on to inspire new generations.

On the local stage, politicians and the

usual VIPs took a courteous backseat to the college kid from B.C. while the cancer unit and several friends gazed in awe at a slight but strong boy who'd hopped all the way from the Maritimes in agonizing pain and enduring loneliness, initially facing the possibility of his campaign's financial failure.

At a personal level, there is that recurring image of Terry alone on the highways of New Brunswick and Quebec, before the media finally realized the scope of his story and before it dawned on any of us that he might really make it across Canada.

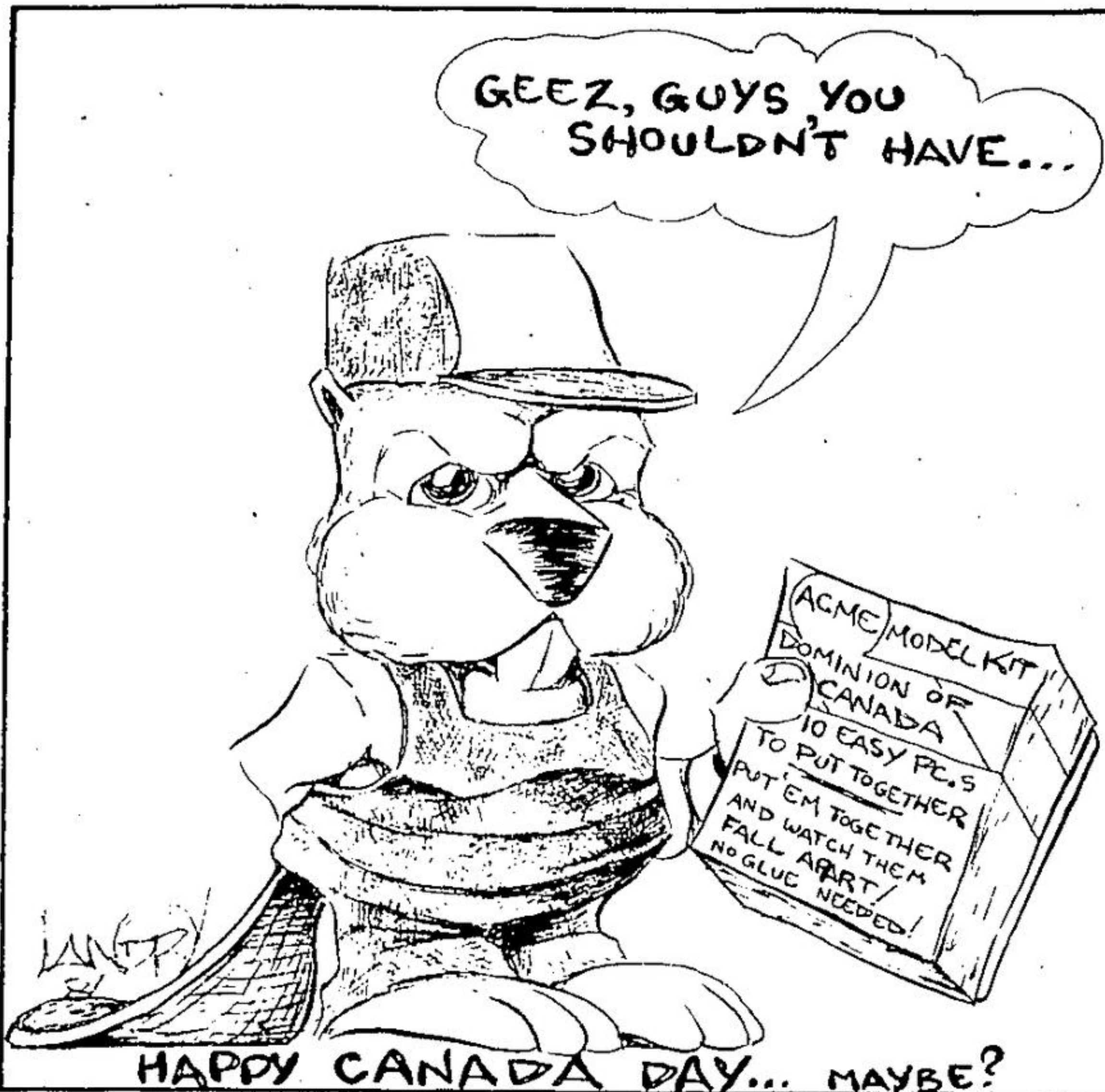
Picture Terry that spring with few curbside fans to applaud his effort and only occasional vehicle escorts to secure his route and proclaim his presence. Think of the vast distance he jogged just to reach Ontario... then the applause began.

Terry's death Sunday morning strikes us not so much with a sense of loss but a sense of sacrifice: let us offer up this extraordinary young man's life and his worthwhile efforts as a demonstration for all generations that cancer can indeed be beaten - yes, even in spite of Terry's untimely death - and that, on a more universal scale, these obstacles inherent to life can be overcome, if not by one man's determination, then by a nation's sharing of love and hope.

Terry, we promise you - the Marathon of Hope WILL continue.



TERRY FOX
1958-1981



Stop picking on Joe Clark? It's harder than you think



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

In front of me is a letter from a lady in Sarnia containing incisive instructions to "stop picking on Joe Clark." She thinks, rightly or wrongly, that there has been too much of this kind of thing.

So, just as television networks issue those "viewer discretion" warnings to children, I feel obliged to issue a "reader discretion" warning to that nice lady in Sarnia. I am about to pick on Joe Clark again.

It's not that I particularly want to. In fact, I like Joe Clark and I have a great deal of admiration for the way he has battled back from that disruptive convention. Months have passed since I've had anything critical to say about the troubled Terry leader.

But then he made another of those trips into Quebec. And, as so often happens when the Conservative leader visits that Tory wasteland, he becomes just far too understanding. Try as I might, I can't recall one occasion on which Clark has failed to express some degree of understanding for events in Quebec.

And the fact that his party has

gradually lost every MP from that province apparently hasn't dampened his enthusiasm.

QUICK TURNAROUND
This time, Clark has displayed a unique understanding for the fact that Premier Rene Levesque has rededicated himself to sovereignty-association, Quebec independence, separatism, or whatever you want to call it. Just two months after he assured Quebec voters that this was not an issue, and there would be no further referendums if his party were given another mandate, the premier is now urging his militants to fight harder than ever for his cherished goal. "It remains our fundamental commitment," he has said.

It didn't come as any great surprise because Levesque does have a problem with his separatist militants. But because this quick turnaround comes perilously close to political dishonesty, the premier is going to have to tread very carefully. The majority of Quebecers will remember that, just three months ago, the Parti Quebecois official platform contained these assurances: "Without detour or subterfuge, we intend to respect the decision of the May, 1980 referendum." And in reference to sovereignty-association, this official platform said that "the referendum result does not allow us to begin steps toward this fundamental change."

Now is that clear or isn't it? Naturally, the PQ would not forget about Quebec independence - the very reason for its existence. But is it necessary for the leader of a federal party to express his heartfelt understanding for Levesque's difficulty?

KEEP'S TALKING
In Sherbrooke, Que., Clark did say he was sorry that the premier had revived the issue of sovereignty-

association. But then, as is his wont, he kept on.

"However, I can understand why it happened. The PQ is obviously going to have to take more extreme positions as Ottawa takes more extreme positions. We have a situation where Mr. Trudeau wants to change Canada from a federal system to a unitary one and I suppose that when Mr. Levesque sees that happen, he and his party are inclined to try to change the federal system from a federal basis to basis of sovereignty-association."

Again I want to apologize to that lady in Sarnia, but what Clark said is an absolute crock.

Every last comma of Trudeau's constitutional proposals were known to Premier Levesque when he went into his election campaign declaring, as I earlier pointed out, that "without detour or subterfuge, we intend to respect the decision of the May, 1980 referendum." And at every opportunity, he chose to reassure Quebecers that independence was not an issue.

If Joe Clark, as leader of a federal party, has any obligations in this area, surely it is to remind Premier Levesque of his campaign commitment. The last thing he should be doing is telling Quebecers he can understand why Levesque has been forced to revive the issue.

There are many faults in Prime Minister Trudeau's constitutional proposals, and Clark has done an admirable job of fingering them over the last six months. But to suggest, even in the most tenuous way, that the patriation package can somehow justify the revival of the Quebec independence issue is irresponsible nonsense.

And if this is somehow construed as picking on Joe Clark, I am sorry.

Liberal cover old and new at 'what went wrong?' meeting



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

The Ontario Liberal Party is hardly a blushing bride, but it appeared clothed at its annual conference here in something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.

The "old" was a replay of problems the Ontario Liberals have almost patented, an inability to get together with one voice on almost anything.

Leader versus caucus, rank-and-file versus Toronto headquarters, rural versus urban, left versus right on a variety of social and economic issues - all these surfaced again in the wake of the anger and frustration at being beaten once again in a provincial election.

In fact, all that unites Liberals, and all that has united them for decades, is that the party is a home for the "outs" of Ontario politics, those who seek to replace the Progressive Conservatives in power at Queen's Park.

The Ontario Grits are the voice of the non-PC middle road, in much the same way, for example, that the federal Conservatives' chief bond is essentially their anti-Liberalism.

NEW TOO

What appeared "new", in contrast,

was a willingness to go through the catharsis without the usual consequences of splintering off in all directions.

Whether in private conversation, open seminars, or at a closed election analysis - what went wrong? - meeting run by Leader Stuart Smith himself, the criticism seemed healthy and open rather than bitter and divisive.

No-one appeared to be burning bridges, and Smith, for example, is being given a grace period to think through his decision on whether to go as Leader or to stay and fight for the job.

The "borrowed" was a plea from Smith that the party take a sidestep to the left, and spearhead a move to save the victims of inflation by redistributing wealth from those who profit by inflation.

It was a suggestion that rattled some delegates and pleased others, although the consensus among reporters present was that negative reaction exceeded positive.

WHERE TO?
In any case the reason for borrowing a coat of NDP "tax the rich and give to the poor" philosophy is partly to give focus to a Liberal Party that for long has lacked any image at all (other than squabbling) in the minds of Ontario voters.

Partly too it is an attempt to pre-empt the rebirth of the NDP, to solidify the gains the Grits made in urban areas at NDP expense, and attract even more anti-PC social democrats the next time around the election circuit.

Smith's difficulty will lie in trying to devise practical "bush the rich" (or "save the middle class" in his view) policies that don't lose him the party's middle line supporters.

But the old, the new, and the borrowed aside, what really hung over this Liberal convention was something blue, the Tory machine of Premier William Davis and friends.

What gnaws at Liberal souls is that for the first time in years the Grits went into a campaign feeling they had a shot at forming a minority government if only they could put it all together properly.

Yet the campaign turned into a disaster, and the wonder is not that the Liberals lost, but that they held their own (and even revived in places) against an incredible Tory onslaught. Delegates blamed Smith and the party organization, and Smith blamed himself, his staff, and the caucus during the "what went wrong?" meeting, but in truth the Liberal beating was inevitable without some issue (even "time for a change"), other than leadership catching fire.

It was the shadow of Bill Davis that hung over Kingston more than anything.

Halton's History

From our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO-Georgetown will be the mecca for Orangemen from three counties on July 12 when the local lodge will play host to a large number here for the annual celebration. A parade headed by the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band will form in the park at 1:30 and march through town.

A serious act of vandalism left the town virtually without water Tuesday. Someone broke the padlock and opened a clean-up valve in the Silvercreek reservoir leaving it completely empty when discovered. The lack of water pressure could have been disastrous had a fire occurred.

A delegation from North Halton High School Board will visit the five municipal councils in the district with the cost estimates for two proposed new schools at Georgetown and Acton. The Department of Education told the board that each school would cost approximately \$420,000.

Stewarttown students displayed their talents Wednesday afternoon as they held a picnic on the school grounds. Every blackboard inside the school was filled with sketches and drawings done by the students depicting art, industry and history. Games and races were also held after the picnic lunch.

People connected with schools including teachers, office employees, maintenance men and bus drivers will have to have chest x-rays by Oct. 31 this year. The Halton Tuberculosis and Health Association said it would bear the cost but that the responsibility for having it done rests with the school boards.

TWENTY YEARS AGO-Georgetown's new hospital was jam-packed with visitors over the weekend as area residents inspected the handsome building during an open house. The building was opened Saturday afternoon as MP Sandy Beech cut the ribbon across the main door. The first patients will be admitted June 27.

Novel residents are engulfed in dust and sorely miss their beautiful trees as Peel Construction Company tears up Main Street to straighten and widen Highway 7 between Highway 10 and Georgetown. The beautiful trees that lined Main Street were all cut down while machines gouged out the earth to level some hills.

Georgetown Golf and Country Club opened the second nine holes of their 18-hole championship course Friday afternoon. Club officials expect that it will be in good condition by late summer. The challenging lay-out was designed by Robbie Robinson.

Georgetown returns to a ward system of electing councillors this December. Council moved to establish three wards Monday, returning to a system abandoned some years ago for general voting. The wards will have different boundaries equalizing as much as possible the present population.

Halton Health Department officials recently said that the Credit River flowing through Norval is still polluted and unfit for swimming. It had been announced earlier that the Credit is practically free from pollution in most areas.

TEN YEARS AGO-A property condominium township development of 150 units on River Drive was discussed at length Monday night at a council committee meeting. Responding to council's fears, Ted Evans of the planning board said that the trees and scenic character of the area would be preserved.

New buildings are sprouting up all over changing the face of Georgetown. A new Zellers store is being built at the Georgetown Market on Guelph Street while a few yards away construction is moving briskly on the new Canadian Tire store on Mountainview Road South.

Gerald Hessels of Glen Williams was one of 50 people who petitioned the Ontario government yesterday to make grants available to all school systems which are open to the public. The delegation represented the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools and said that parents could be paying as much as \$1,000 a year to send their children to these private schools.

The long-talked about possibility of commuter rail service for Georgetown may become a reality following a study released by the Canadian Transport Commission. Ontario and Metro governments will co-operate in the study aimed at creating a GO-style rail network feeding into Toronto from surrounding areas including Georgetown and Brampton.

More than 500 people attended the Rug Show and Hobby Fair sponsored by the Georgetown Rug Hooking Guild last Friday. Many items created by guild members were displayed including a wide range of rugs, cushions, wallhangings and pictorials.

ONE YEAR AGO-The Lions Club renamed its outdoor pool behind the Memorial Arena the Dick Licata Memorial Outdoor Swimming Pool in honor of the late member who played a major role in the pool's planning and construction. In Thursday's dedication ceremony, Mr. Licata's widow Mabel was presented with a plaque honoring her husband's service with the club.

Ballinafad residents will know by the end of the month what recommendations stem from a planning study on the northern section of the town. Planning consultant John Cox told concerned residents that his firm is looking for their input before it reports to Erin Township Council by the end of the month.

Attempts to launch spray programs to control mosquitoes in the Acton area failed to win town's approval last week. However town council will be inviting University of Guelph environmental biologist Dr. Surgeoner to address members on mosquito control with an eye to preparing a report for next year.

Rain postponed much of Glen Williams Saturday Canada Day celebrations until Monday although the opening ceremonies were launched on schedule. Dignitaries at the Saturday morning festive kick-off included MP John McDermid, MPP Julian Reed and Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

The Halton Regional Police revolver range will be closed for an indefinite period of time while the police commission studies methods of reducing lead levels on the range. The range was closed in April after a routine medical examination of one officer disclosed a higher than acceptable level of lead in his blood.

POET'S CORNER

Deep Down In A Valley

Deep down in a valley
Opposite the sea,
Lived a land of people
That believe in liberty.
Universal love
Was engraved in each man's heart,
And from this cherished land
They would never, ever part.
Each man worked together
Every night and day,
And by forming this great team

The work turned into play,
Nobody went undernourished
Or sick without a cent,
For they would all chip in their money
To help a neighbour pay his rent.
In this land of peace and friendship
It was Christmas all year round,
For deep down in this valley
Everyone's safe and sound.

—By Christine Gorin
Georgetown.

CANADA #1

YEAR 115 BEGINS

One of the more colorful crafts in the Ballinafad parade consisted of this "Canada number one" trailer with our flag held high and proud. The Collins family includes (left to right) Peter, 3, Chris, 3, and Kim 5.

(Herald photo)

Don't forget-
CANADA DAY celebrations
all day Wednesday in Glen Williams