

Hockey players need our help

Ticket sales are steadily pouring in for the Acton's Rock 'N Roll Fest that is being held Saturday at Prospect Park.

While organizers are happy with the response, they're quick to remind us that a sell-out is required if enough funds are to be raised to send hockey players from the town to Norway.

The idea of holding a concert is so much more fun than being asked to buy chocolate bars or a crate of oranges. Top marks should go to Carol Robinson and her hard-working team for showing the initiative and foresight to bring some musical entertainment to town.

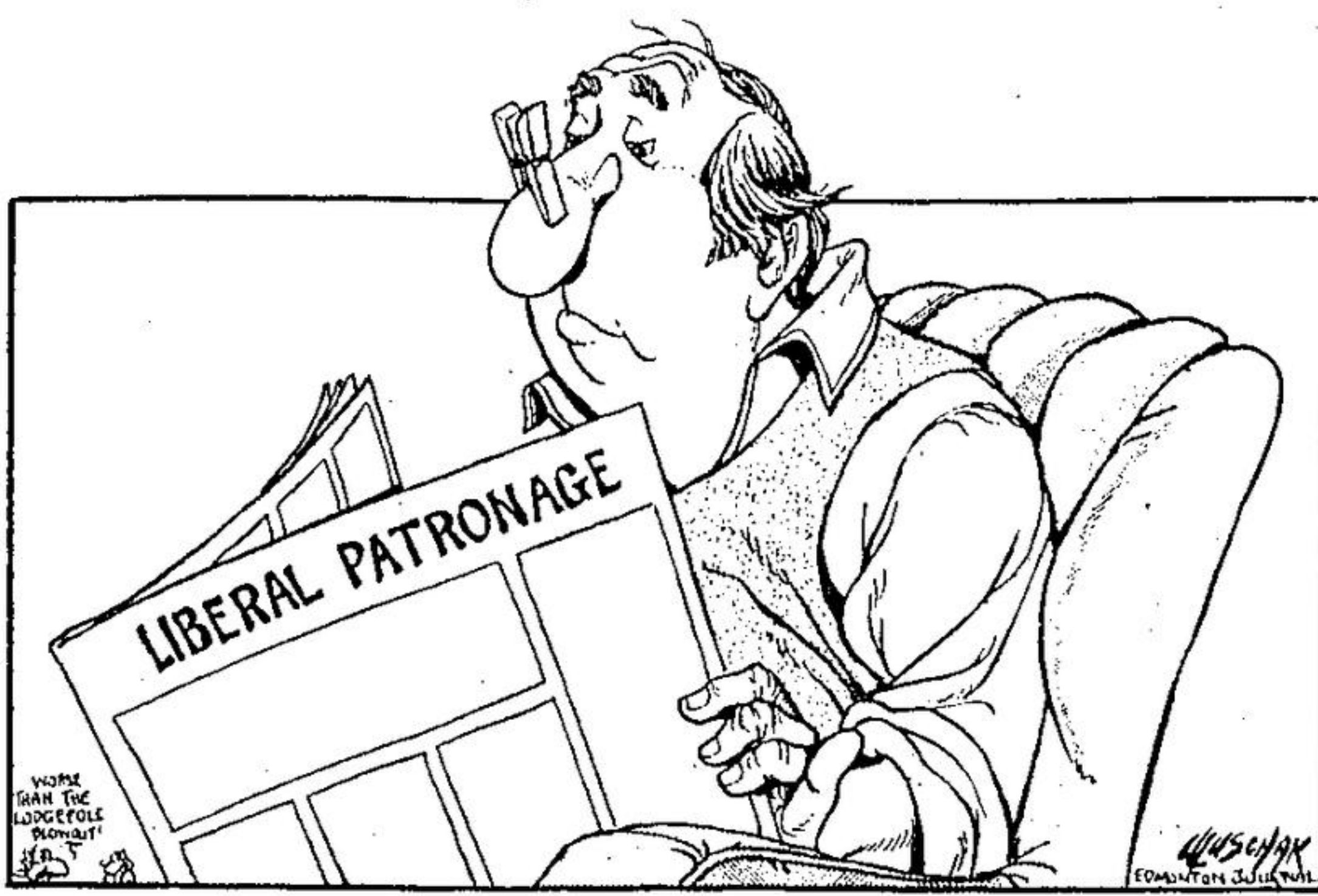
The star-studded concert featuring names such as

Ronnie Hawkins, Bo Didley and Long John Baldry, should make Saturday a memorable summertime event.

A fresh approach to fund-raising often brings out a responsive crowd, thankful for a change of pace and some variety in their yearly schedule.

We also hope Georgetown residents will see fit to make the worthwhile trek up to Acton and support minor hockey — a strong link that binds our two communities together.

Buy your tickets today and enjoy an outdoor concert where you know your dollars are hard at work, helping to make a dream come true for two teams of anxious hockey players.



'Young — and out of work'



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

TORONTO—Youth unemployment was one of the big issues in the recent sitting of the Legislature. All three parties came up with ideas of how to help reduce the numbers of young people not working.

And some of them weren't bad. On the other hand, none of them will be any good unless youth themselves show a few brains in approaching the job market.

Judging by the quotes in an article entitled "young and out of work" in Canada's self-professed weekly news-magazine Maclean's, many of them aren't thinking at all.

(These are a minority of all youth, mind you. Of all those between 15 and 24, it should be noted that 83 per cent are employed. More important, those with university or a high school diploma are better than 80 per cent

employed, while those with Grade 8 or less are only 71 per cent employed.)

FEW QUOTES
What is a person to make of the following statements by unemployed youth?

From an 18-year-old: "There are a lot of jobs out there if somebody wants to work at just anything, but you have to have your standards."

From a Grade 10 drop-out who drifts from job-to-job: "What happens is that you get fed up with the monotony of it all. The job does not go anywhere. You are actually working harder than anyone in the restaurant. You are required to take out the garbage, wash the dishes and close up."

From a 17-year-old Grade 9 drop-out and runaway from home, who has been in jail twice: "You are bound to find someone careless walking around with his wallet half out of his pocket. The stores do not have the best security. And people leave their car keys in the ignition."

NOT ALL
Thus he linked unemployment to crime.

Employment programs for youth with those kinds of attitudes are a waste of time, yet they were almost half the youth quoted in the Maclean's

article.
Youth unemployment, partly because the baby boom generation is now at working age and partly because of the recession, is a problem. There are people who want to work who can't get jobs.

But there are also a lot whose strange view of reality is caught by those quoted above. What sort of chance does a Grade 10 drop-out think he has to advance in a world as technological as the one we live in?

SCHOOL CONTACTS
And there are too many youth today (and when I was that age also) who won't go anywhere or do anything for a job. They won't want to leave their friends or family or, in the case of those from smaller centres who've learned the delights of the "big city" when at post-secondary school, those bright lights.

But, that aside, there is a further aspect of some youth unemployment that is almost totally ignored. As Dr. Saul Levine, who has studied youth joblessness, said in the Maclean's piece, "a lot of young people...just do not feel like working at that particular time. They would rather travel or take it easy."

And why not, Levine asked? "It is one of the joys of youth". Amen to that.

Is it time for a woman?

The New Democratic Party was trying hard for one, but it took the Liberal Party in Halton to select a woman as their candidate in the federal election.

Not only is Oriana Currie a woman, but she's also from the riding's north. With over 160 Liberal votes winning her the coveted candidacy last week, Mrs. Currie has tackled Halton traditions and shown local Liberals to be flexible and progressive.

Longtime Liberal Rud Whiting can't remember there ever having been a female Liberal candidate for the riding, but he recalled the Progressive Conservatives selected one who went on to get elected.

Sybil Bennett overcame what some may call two strikes against her; she was

a woman and she was from the riding's north — Georgetown. Miss Bennett warmed a seat in the House of Commons from 1953 to 1956. She died before her term ended.

In the past, Liberals and Conservatives have, more often than not, selected their candidates from the south end of the riding.

Even Mr. Whiting was living in the south when elected and it was only when he was defeated in 1972 that he moved to Georgetown.

It will be interesting to see if businesswoman Oriana Currie is able to repeat Sybil Bennett's success story, 20 years later. We think she'll prove to be quite a handful for PC candidate Otto Jelinek and NDP candidate Kevin Flynn.

James Menzies

1843 'Disciples' met in Norval

EDITOR'S NOTE: Noted local historian Rev. Ric Ruggie will be writing a series of articles for The Herald each week about the history of Halton Hills and the people who have helped the town develop.

By REV. RIC RUGGIE
Herald Snelcial

Many of the group who applied for land in 1819 with Alexander Stewart were located in Esqueving township. I have not yet discovered whether any were successful in obtaining land that fronted on the Credit; and no record of any of their number building a mill survives. But they began immediately to put into practice the religious intentions they outlined in their petition.

In 1820, they organized what was probably the first congregation in the township, calling themselves simply the "Church of Christ in Esqueving".

The leaders of the group were John and Isabella M. Menzies, natives of Perthshire.

John (c. 1779-1859) combined farming with blacksmithing just outside the village of Norval. He denoted himself pastor of the infant congregation, and allowed a log meeting house to be erected on his land, on the east half of Lot 8, Concession 10.

While working at the forge, Menzies memorized vast portions of scripture, and gained a reputation as a "living, walking concordance".

The church grew slowly; in 1824 Duncan McKinnon was added to the roll as a deacon; in 1826 Mary McKinnon and Grace Robertson were added; James Mitchell, "pastor", appears in 1835 along with Alexander Anderson; and William Trout, "pastor" was added in 1838.

Like Menzies, Anderson (1812-1897) was a native of Perthshire. On coming to Canada in 1832, he journeyed to Esqueving, where he was impressed by Menzies' preaching. After his baptism, to mark his new way of life, he consigned his fiddle to the flames, with the comment, "There, that will never trouble me again."

Where the Methodists appealed to people's emotions, the Scotch Baptists emphasized the place of study and reason.

William Trout was a millwright who had resided in Erin. He had tried without satisfaction the "mourner's bench", where repentant sinners were invited to display themselves at revival meetings. But the approach of the Baptists impressed him, as it had Anderson; and he became active in the Norval congregation.



In the 1830s the ideas of an American, Thomas Campbell, began to gain popularity amongst some of the Scotch Baptists of Upper Canada.

Campbell was discouraged by the number of different denominations on the American frontier, and urged a restoration of the unity of the early Christians. People should not be divided by denominational allegiances, but should simply meet together as Christians. His ideas reflected those of the Esqueving congregation, who had simply described themselves as the "Church of Christ".

Preachers from Ohio, and from Beamsville, came to Esqueving and Eramosa to spread Campbell's message, and found ready listeners.

Instead of attracting the masses as they had hoped, however, the proponents of the new ideas, in fact, fostered the development of one more denomination. They called themselves Christians or Disciples, and others often referred to them as Campbellites.

The Canadian branch later split into two groups: the more liberal group has recently affiliated with the United Church, and has a church in Everton; the more conservative group has a church at Omagh.

One of the John's sons, James (1806-1894) had become deacon of the

church in 1839, and acted as secretary for the congregation.

Although the adoption of Disciple principles seems to have been accepted readily enough within the congregation, there were tensions between neighboring churches, despite the personal and doctrinal ties that should have bound them together.

James Menzies was instrumental in organizing the first Co-operation meeting of Disciples, which was held in Norval in 1843. At that time there were about 16 congregations in Upper Canada, and the one in Esqueving, with 48 members, was the third largest.

Another gathering was held in Norval in 1854, to organize a Canadian branch of the American Bible Union. Disciples were reluctant to support the already existing Bible Society, because of their insistence that the Greek word for baptize be translated as immerse.

The Sabbath services of the Disciples of the period were the communion service. Without needing to support a full-time minister or to spend much on the upkeep of the simple chapel, the main expense of the congregation was for port wine — at 56d and 63d a gallon in 1843.

They also seemed to provide relief for a needy family, and ten shillings was spent that year for 100 pounds of flour for "T.S."

Sunday schools were originally regarded with some suspicion, and the Norval congregation did not begin one until 1864.

Some of the early leaders of the congregation, like Anderson and Trout, had soon moved away. John Menzies died in 1859, and his family sold the farm on which the chapel stood in 1870 to their neighbor, James Early, an Irish-born convert.

Though still listed in the 1871 census, James Menzies moved to Toronto thereafter. The church record book stops in 1873, and about that time the congregation ceased to function.

Members of the Norval church had planted a congregation in Toronto township. But their appeal was mainly to people of Scotch background, some of whom had already shown sympathy to Baptist ideals.

Locally, their influence was almost confined to family and neighbors; and as the families died out or moved away, the congregation died with them.

Emissions damaging soil

From the Ottawa Bureau
OTTAWA—Heavy metal and chemical contamination of Ontario farm soil is a growing concern and more effective control measures are needed if the problem is to be overcome, according to a special Senate committee report on soil conservation.

The investigation of farm soil degradation by the Senate agriculture committee has suggested that the disposal of sewage sludge on farmland — especially in Ontario — is a growing practice which should be more closely

monitored.

"Although it is a valuable source of nitrogen and phosphorus, sewage sludge contains varying amounts of such heavy metals as mercury, cadmium, arsenic, lead, chromium, nickel, copper and zinc. All these chemicals can be retained in the soil so there is a danger of incremental buildup, to levels which are poisonous to plants, through repeated applications of sludge," the senators' 129-page report states.

Even more heavy metals and "troublesome chemicals" can be traced to atmospheric indus-

trial fallout. This is frequently a problem for farming areas downwind from industrial operations, the committees under Senator Herbert Sparrow found.

Flourine contamination has been reported in the soil of Cornwall Island near an aluminum smelter and metal contamination has been noted near a cobalt-nickel smelter in the Timiskaming area and near two nickel smelters at Sudbury, they reported.

EMISSIONS
"Ontario is threatened by large quantities of industrial emissions from within its own

Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Widow of a Georgetown bailiff, Mrs. William Ward is celebrating her 84th birthday today at her home on Jones Street.

The Lorne Scots Band, under the leadership of WO1 Alf Perrott, paraded as a feature of the Dominion convention of the Canadian Legion in Toronto in Sunday.

A presentation of lawn furniture was made to Archdeacon and Mrs. W.G.O. Thompson last night by members of the junior altar guild of St. Alban's Church.

Bill Hardman, a young Georgetown army cadet who was chosen to spend the summer at the training school at Banff will have a further thrill when he is one of a guard of honor for the Duke of Edinburgh at the British Empire Games in Vancouver.

A Georgetown farmer who retired recently, Den Leslie, is sailing aboard the S.S. Scythia today to spend several months in Britain and on the continent.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—It wasn't forty days and forty nights — but the torrent which dropped something like three inches of water on Georgetown and district Monday afternoon put residents in the mood for ark building. The unusually heavy downpour resulted in flash flooding in some areas of town where storm sewers and natural ground absorption couldn't handle it.

Miss Doris Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, MNabb Street, was awarded her M.A. in nursing education this spring at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Neil Walsh, formerly with the Imperials, has opened a new music shop on Mill Street in Georgetown.

Cliff Laidlaw, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laidlaw, caught a 21-inch, five-pound carp, with his bare hands near the construction site of the new Fifth Line bridge, just east of Norval.

Gordon Warn of Terra Cotta went to county council's last meeting with a problem — he found that he had built his house on a public roadway.

TEN YEARS AGO—Dr. Frank Philbrook was officially sworn in Thursday on Parliament Hill as the new MP for Halton.

The situation at Hillcrest Cemetery worsens with each rainfall. Groves in the cemetery may be disturbed if any more of the land is washed away.

Jean's Variety will be closing Aug. 3. Gerry Getty and his wife, the store's owners, are looking forward to a holiday after eight years of work.

Parishioners crowded Holy Cross auditorium last Wednesday night to say goodbye and thank you to Father Pierre Wood who is leaving on Friday to take a new post at St. Philip Neri church in Toronto.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Jim France of RR4 Georgetown encountered an unexpected surprise and a life-filling honor during his recent holiday in England when he and his wife met Lord Mountbatten, a man Mr. France has admired since his youth.

While North Halton residents have been busy giving home hospitality to overseas scouts, Kevin Elwood, was off to Sweden to attend a jamboree there.

David McGilloway, 17, is the first male skater of the Acton Skating Club to receive his Gold Dance Medal at the University of Guelph last Wednesday.

POETS' CORNER Leaders out of hand

The earth should be of love and good grace

For all innocent creatures, and every race

A whistling song, like the birds, they care

And Man brings his gun, and fires in the air

Destroys the song, and beauty, God put there

Now loneliness, is all we have to share

Man has destruction, he aims for the foe

He builds nuclear, it's wrong, we know

One of these days, one will go with a blast

It could be like the moon, earth's great last

All our leaders with power, just pain

With force of dictation, love don't reign

Get someone that they can trust

Coax them along, their human, we must

Humans get angry, with tattles and tales

Like a train wreck, flies off the rails

Remember it's someone's, daughter or son

By your kind way, a soul, could be won

Never give up, for the world is great

Chances, will come, they could be late

This world has greatness, it's confidence ours

Our leaders have failed, our patience sours

Most of our leaders want to better their might

To ruin the earth, with a destructive sight

There is plenty for all, if people were fair

Remember God's Earth, the way it was there

If you have a good conscience, that makes you free

The pleasure of earth, for you and me

Earth was meant to be a wonderful place

The greed of man, made it a serious disgrace.

ALBERT BROOKS
RR2 Acton

Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

Prime Minister John Turner is not the only leader who is having a spot of trouble with patronage. Tory Leader Brian Mulroney, without ever getting his hands near the trough, must be wishing he had never heard of the subject.

At the very least, he must certainly be wishing he had never talked about the subject. If only he were now uttering his first words about it...

But he has been talking about patronage since he successfully ran for the party leadership last year, and one of the quotes that stands out relates to the possibility of him, as prime minister, continuing to hire Liberals for patronage plums. "Only after I've been prime minister for 15 years and I can't find a living, breathing Tory in the country," was the reply.

His Tory audience loved it. One member of that congregation had earlier shouted that, "you're going to be prime minister."

"You," replied Mulroney, "are going to be a senator."
That, of course, all occurred when patronage enjoyed a relative respectability — before former prime minister Trudeau, in one of his final and more unforgettable political pirouettes, decided to reward just about every card-carrying Liberal of his acquaintance.

LOSES GROUND
The unpleasant whiff from this unprecedented pork-barrelling continues to hang over the Liberal party and there is understandable concern that Turner will have trouble disassociating himself from the whole mess. But Mulroney is certainly doing his best, albeit unwillingly, to pick up some of the overflow.

And in the first week of a federal election campaign, this must be the only time that an opposition leader, without ever enjoying the power of patronage, has actually lost ground on

the issue to a prime minister who does have such power. Turner managed to look better by merely keeping quiet, with perhaps just a hint of embarrassment.

Mulroney's additional troubles piled up when, on his campaign plane, he chatted to a group of reporters about his apparent contradictions regarding patronage. In the wake of Trudeau's shameless handout of goodies, it has obviously become politically rewarding to denounce the practice, and Mulroney has been doing just that, referring to the Trudeau appointments as scandalous and vulgar.

About his earlier apparent support for patronage, he was quoted as saying on the plane that "I was talking to Tories then and that's what they want to hear. Talking to the Canadian public during an election campaign is something else."

He was also quoted as saying that if he were Liberal MP Bryce Mackasey he would also have accepted the appointment as Canadian ambassador to Portugal. "If I'd been in Bryce's position, I'd have been right in there with my nose in the public trough like the rest of them."

It was all splashed across the front page of The Citizen, the only English-language daily in the nation's capital.

His aides jumped quickly into the fray by claiming that Mulroney's remarks were made in jest. "He was not having a serious conversation," said press secretary Bill Fox. "He had gone to the back of the plane to wish a reporter happy birthday and was joking with other reporters."

The trouble here is that, in this particular context, an alleged joke does virtually nothing to lighten the load. The fact is, contradictions exist and Mulroney did leave an impression with Tory delegates and another impression with campaign audiences. If he was only joking in explaining he was telling Tories one thing and Canadians another thing, what is the non-joking version? As jokes go, it seems to be on par with Mark McGuigan's claim that, when being interviewed during the Liberal leadership race, he was merely joking about firing the Governor of the Bank of Canada.