

John McDermid

Praising his leader for debate composure

Herald Staff
There was nothing but praise for Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney's performances last week in the televised leaders' debate, if you were to ask Brampton-Georgetown PC candidate John McDermid.

many were not impressed by Mr. Turner," Mr. McDermid said.

The candidate said he was disappointed with the questions put to the leaders by the media.

that's the press."

Halton PC candidate Otto Jelinek said Mr. Mulroney confirmed his leadership capabilities in the debates.

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"The bottom-patting was a waste of time issue. They should have been discussing issues that affect us more," Mr. McDermid said. "But

"The response has been getting better, in fact, has been overwhelming, since the leaders' debate," Mr. Jelinek said.



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PC campaign manager for the Acton and Esquimaux area, Ron Henry shares a handshake with Otto Jelinek who is seeking re-election in the Halton riding.

Brampton-Georgetown profiled by statisticians

Of Ontario's 95 federal ridings, Brampton-Georgetown had the third highest population in 1981 with 171,431 residents.

Today, that population has grown to about 180,000 and it's still growing. Most of the growth, however, has been in Brampton, where the growth rate was 110.4 per cent between 1971 and 1981.

Georgetown also makes up the 361 square kilometres riding but its growth rate is at a much slower pace than Brampton's.

In existence since 1977, Brampton-Georgetown is a riding populated 59.8 per cent by those of British origin (102,195), according to the 1981 Statistics Canada Census.

The ethnic composition of the riding is on the rise, and in 1981 included 3.6 per cent (6,100) French 4.8 per cent (8,200) Italian, 3.8 per cent (6,580) Portuguese, 3 per cent of the residents, with 6.2 per cent of them fluent in French as well.

Of the residents of the riding, 58.3 per cent were born in Ontario, 11.8 per cent elsewhere in Canada and 30 per cent were immigrants. Of the immigrants, 61.1 per cent of them arrived between 1965 and 1981.

Two parent families make up 91.8 per cent of the families in Brampton-Georgetown. People living alone accounted for 9.9 per cent of the riding's households, fewer than the Canadian average of 20.3 per cent.

In 1981, 75.6 per cent of Brampton-Georgetown homes were owned by their occupants. This is higher than the 63.3 per cent average in Ontario.

Single family homes or duplexes made up 81.6 per cent of all dwellings, compared to 72.5 per cent in the province. Apartments made up only 18.2 per cent of homes in the riding compared to 26.7 per cent in Ontario.

As well, more than half of the homes in the riding were built between 1971 and 1981. The average value of owner-occupied dwellings was \$86,634 in 1981, somewhat higher than the provincial average.

According to the Census, there were 269 farms in the riding, covering 37,292 acres, and mostly dairy or cattle farms.

In 1980, the farms sold \$21.1 million worth of products. Almost 39.8 per cent of the farmers worked off the farm at another job for close to two-thirds of the year.

In the riding, the industrial sector has been expanding, with a variety of small and medium sized plants. Manufacturing employed 33 per cent of the labor force, with the largest employers being Northern Telecom, American Motors, Caterpillar, Carrier Air Conditioning and Peel Memorial Hospital.

Community and business service employ 21 per cent of the labor force while retail trade

employs 20.8 per cent. In 1981, there were 94,000 people in the riding's labor force, with a participation rate of 88.1 per cent for men and 65.1 per cent for women.

In June 1981, the unemployment rate was 3.5 per cent and has risen substantially since then.

The average employment income in Brampton-Georgetown was \$18,900 for men and \$9,185 for women in 1980 and the average family income was \$30,936.

The largest age group in the riding consists of those between the ages of 25 and 44, with the seniors only making up 4.1 per cent of the population.

Brampton-Georgetown is a family oriented riding averaging 3.5 people per household.



BOTTOMS UP

Halton PC Otto Jelinek showed how he was going to keep his bottom safe from now on, Saturday night, he modelled a "bum shield" made just for him.

(Herald photo)

'Bum steer' claims Otto at barbecue

By ANI PEDERIAN
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Progressive Conservatives have been getting the "bum steer" for years, according to Halton PC candidate Otto Jelinek.

Pulling out a piece of Bristol board which he tied around his buttocks Saturday night, Mr. Jelinek told about 750 supporters that he intends to wear what he called a "bum shield" from now on.

He urged others attending the Halton PC barbecue at the immaculate grounds of MPP Jim Snow to do likewise.

The stunt was a jibe at Liberal leader John Turner whose habit of tapping women on the derrière made the papers.

"The 'bum shield' was also 'to protect my wallet from further gouging, by the Liberals," Mr. Jelinek told his supporters.

The candidate spoke after more than an hour of excellent dancing by students of Burlington's Sue Irish School of Dance. The youngsters entertained with ethnic dances and colorful costumes.

Menu for the \$12.50-a-person event was barbecued chicken.

Bumming it

Halton Progressive Conservative candidate Otto Jelinek is sensitive about his tush. To protect it from any wayward hands, he's made himself a Bristol board bum shield.

Saturday night, he enthusiastically wiggled his bottom to the delight of about 750 supporters at a barbecue party thrown by MPP Jim Snow.

However, Mr. Jelinek refused to don the bum shield and repeat his performance later when asked by newspaper photographers.

Music with message

There was a message for the Liberals Saturday night at a barbecue party held by Halton Progressive Conservatives.

As they chewed barbecued chicken on MPP Jim Snow's spacious Trafalgar Road property, PCs listened to the disco beat of Michael Jackson's "Beat It" and watched Burlington's Sue Irish Dance School students move to the music. "Beat It" was dedicated to the Liberals.

Cheques missing

A Sargent Road, Georgetown, family reported \$300 in money and travellers cheques stolen sometime between Friday and Sunday. Halton regional police are investigating.

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