

## Keep Terry's hopes high

Hope. That's what most of us do when a loved one is ill. We hope they will get better quickly.

Hope is what the Canadian Cancer Society is offering. It's what Terry Fox, our well-loved hero offered, even as cancer beat him.

September 15, you can keep that hope alive by taking part in the fifth annual Terry Fox run. As in previous years, both Acton and Georgetown are holding a fund-raising run to help raise money for cancer research.

You can walk it, or you can run it. Go your own pace, and cover as much of the course as you want.

Bring along a friend and keep that hope brighter. Cancer can be beaten.

## Return to sender

The impending "return to sender" policy of Canada Post Corp., will aggravate some people. No one likes to have a carefully written letter reach its destination only to come back because of insufficient postage.

But users of the postal service cannot have the best of both worlds and, on the one hand demand that Canada Post cut wasteful spending and save tax dollars; and on the other protest when measures are introduced to do these very things.

Perhaps the inconvenience that oversights will cause in future will be easier to accept when senders realize that the corporation is losing \$50-million each year because people, unintentionally or otherwise, "shortpay" between four and five per cent of all mail.

The system developed in 1875 whereby recipients were asked to make up the double the difference when their mail was under-stamped, isn't working. The charge was rarely paid because it is based on an honor system by which a card was sent along with the shortpaid letter.

The new policy abandons tradition, and is designed, along with recently announced rate increases and new service charges to make Canada Post more self-sufficient. This objective, after all, is what Canadians themselves have been urging.

Under the new system, mail with insufficient postage will be returned to the sender, who will have to make up the missing postage and re-mail it with no additional charge.

Another switch, announced along with the "return to sender" policy is that starting next week, mail with no return address will still go on to the addressee who will be asked to pay the difference plus a 25-cent administrative charge.

Nothing is going to happen in drastic fashion, the new system will be phased-in over two years, starting with letters that carry less than half the required postage.

And Canada Post insists that the new system shouldn't mean delays as shortpaid items will be looked for and returned from the point of origin, and not after they have travelled a great distance.

Change is always difficult to accept, and for a time we suspect that many senders, particularly those with weighty mail, will be upset when through an error in calculation they short-stamp their outgoing mail.

But those who habitually and deliberately send letters and leave the recipients to make up the short-fall will be hoist by their own petards.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers has other thoughts on the new system and blames a short-staffed postal system and available machinery for the losses that accompany insufficient postage.

But we believe however that Canada Post has taken the simplest route in an effort to save \$50 million a year. All postal users should take that little extra care and attention to make the new system work.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury

What do you think of the cabinet shuffle?

Frankly, I prefer the funky chicken or the two-step!



### New Solicitor-General

## Perrin Beatty earned his post



### Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

What that recent cabinet shuffle established beyond all doubts is that the youthful Perrin Beatty, our new solicitor-general, has clearly impressed his boss.

By breaking traditions and appointing the non-lawyer to this sensitive post - Beatty now is the top law-enforcement officer in the land - Prime Minister Mulroney has sent out a clear signal of his confidence in this 36-year-old MP from Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe.

And you won't find many people around Ottawa - even among opposition MPs - who feel this confidence is misplaced. Perrin Beatty has been an impressive performer since he first came to Parliament back in 1972, and since he was appointed revenue minister after the Mulroney government assumed office, he has been outstanding.

It isn't easy to shine in that tax-collecting portfolio which has been administered by an astonishing 11 different ministers over the last 11 years. But Beatty was well-prepared for the generally thankless task. He had not only been his party's revenue critic - and a good one - but he led a

group of Tory MPs across the country listening to the complaints of taxpayers.

### GOOD IDEAS

So it came as no surprise when the prime minister named Beatty his revenue minister. But what did come as a surprise to many was the speed at which the new minister seemed to change the direction of the stodgy department. Suddenly, it seemed, there was someone at the top who, while wanting the government to get its due taxes, was seeing things from the taxpayers' viewpoint. No longer were alleged delinquents considered guilty until proven innocent. No longer were taxpayers going to be forced to fork over their money before it was established that the money was, in fact, owed.

And in a department that has inherent morale problems, Perrin Beatty went from coast to coast to hear about employee attitude and complaints. He listened as taxpayers were being questioned, he talked to them in queues as they waited to be served. He stood behind counters to meet them. Meantime, he managed to miss few parliamentary sittings, invariably treating most opposition questions with polite respect.

And he burned the midnight oil in his office, frequently answering the phone himself, long after employees had left for the night.

"All ministers came into this department talking about the changes they would make," says one senior

employee. "Beatty was the only one who produced in this respect. Brother, did that man work!"

### CLARK SUPPORTER

There is one very significant factor about Beatty that must be considered in relation to his promotion - he was a dedicated supporter of Joe Clark in 1983 when Brian Mulroney captured the leadership. And while other Clark supporters were included in the Mulroney cabinet, Beatty becomes the first to be singled out for promotion.

We can therefore assume that, while the prime minister is known to reward past favors and loyalties, Beatty's promotion was based on merit alone.

The new solicitor-general also happens to be one of the most unassuming of all ministers - the only one to turn up at Rideau Hall, for his swearing-in, driving his own van. All other shuffled ministers were in chauffeur-driven cars. And it's not an affectation with him. He has never regarded Ottawa as a power trip.

"I think the prime minister just didn't want me to go stale in the tax department by being there too long," he said after assuming his new responsibilities. "He didn't want them to get bored of me."

There seemed to be little likelihood of that - just as there seems to be little likelihood of it happening in the solicitor-general's department. This is one minister who wears well.

## Separate school funding sparks hostility



### Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

TORONTO - A deep resentment of injustice underlies much of the hostile reaction to extension of Roman Catholic separate school funding.

The extension will perpetuate and make permanent advantages that are, in the main available only to Roman Catholics.

A teacher and member of New Democrats To Preserve Public Education, Gord Doctorow, gave an example of such resentment before the legislative committee here that is defending the funding.

The 12 politicians - five PCs, four Liberals and three New Democrats - didn't follow up on what he said. But at

some point or other they are going to have to deal with it.

Doctorow said, "A couple of young teachers in my own district tried to get a resolution passed calling on Catholic teachers in our system to quit so (their) jobs would be open."

### VERY UPSET

"I had a talk with these guys, because I think what this does is that it fosters the worst feelings, the most reprehensible feelings in our society, and I hate to see my own colleagues regard Catholics in their midst as aliens."

"To me, this is so abhorrent - based on my own personal history as a Jewish person - that I must tell you that I think one of the biggest underlying problems of this legislation is that it will spark invidious actions and ideas," he said.

He's right. But the reason it does is the advantages it gives Roman Catholics in employment and education. Before

full funding, Roman Catholics had certain advantages not available to non-Roman Catholics. Which was fine. The systems weren't considered equal.

### NEW TIMES

Now they are. No longer is it fair to allow Roman Catholics to compete on equal terms for jobs in the non-Roman Catholic public system while at the same time reserving most separate school system jobs for themselves.

While it is true there are some non-Roman Catholics in the separate system, every RC group that appeared before the committee stressed that there had to be limits both on their numbers, and the jobs they did, so the essential Roman Catholic nature of the separate system is not compromised.

The rule-of-thumb figure in a school is 10 per cent.

### PAY MORE

While this double standard is most

obvious where it concerns teachers it also applies to others.

Non-Roman Catholic citizens will have their general tax directed to support of the separate school system through provincial grants, yet by law their children are allowed access to the separate system only if the Roman Catholic system approves.

That access can be denied (except partly at the secondary level).

Yet there is no return prohibition on Roman Catholics entering the public system (except partly at the secondary level).

The committee should answer the implicit question asked by Doctorow's two teachers: Why should Roman Catholics get two shots at education or a job - one with either system - while non-Roman Catholics are mainly restricted to just one option?

### Staff Comment

## I'm no chicken

By Ani Pederian



I have joined the ranks of the brave and daring this week. And, even better, lived to tell of it.

Wednesday evening, I floated at 2,000 feet altitude while normal people gobbled their dinners and burped contentedly below me.

For half an hour, I calmly clicked my camera, changed film and jotted notes while aloft. My mother would have been worried, never mind frantic.

Unlike historical man, I have never watched the birds and dreamed of flying. Unusual, eh?

That's why, when Ian Oldaker of Georgetown offered me the opportunity to glide above civilization and a few cows, I only smiled. Politely, though.

such a way I couldn't refuse the, ahem, generous offer without looking chicken.

Working with men has made me superficially very brave when it comes to adventures I would much rather never get tangled up with. Faking macho isn't easy, not when you're yellow at the core.

What could I do but pray for rain and more rain. Surely Ian Oldaker wouldn't take me up in a glider when it was storming?

By Wednesday afternoon, the sky was dark and cloudy. No problem, said Ian. He'd been told the sky was clear up north where the Erin Soaring Society does its gliding.

I was cornered. Obediently, I followed to beyond Hillsburgh and off a dirt road. I even signed the waiver that released the club of responsibility for my injuries or death, but made sure my husband's phone number of legible

Someone would have to identify the pieces.

Ever the gentleman, Ian let me have the front seat in the "poo hatch" as they called the Pollak Puchacz glider.

A 150-foot long rope, fragile-looking, connected us with the tiny tow plane ahead. This yellow tow plane pulled us up to just under the clouds.

Hey, it was alright. I could see the flat rectangular fields of green below. About a dozen cows grazed obliviously on our ascent.

When the tow plane reached 2,000 feet altitude, Ian pulled the yellow plug that jolted us loose of it.

That was a little scary but just a little. "It's like a paper airplane, always descending," Ian said from behind me. It wasn't the most reassuring thing to tell someone on their first flight.

He pointed out Grand Valley below, and its exposed basements where the tornado had struck. "Lake Luther was straight ahead. For

every 27 feet we were going forward, we were dropping one, Ian said.

I couldn't even feel like we were moving up there never mind dropping, except when he turned the plane.

Wanting to know the worst, I asked if he'd ever run out of altitude before reaching the Soaring Club's landing field.

Oh yes, Ian laughed, comfortably. "You pick a plowed field or pasture that looks smooth. Even if you land in wheat, the glider is so narrow, it does a minimum of damage," my pilot said. "In fact, I've had great hospitality on farms. They're usually very very friendly."

I was glad he didn't offer to share that experience with me. Smoothly, he brought the plane in, still not attracting the attention of the cows nearby.

Now that I survived the experience, Dave is willing to try it. Hah. Where women lead, men follow, as I've heard it said.



### HIGH TIMES

All strapped in, Herald reporter Ani Pederian joined Georgetown's Ian Oldaker for a spin over her earthbound colleagues. The "poo hatch" glider ride takes about 20 minutes before it's time to think about landing.

(Herald photo)



THIRTY YEARS AGO - The Lorne Scots were victorious in the "B" Class Band at the Canadian National Exhibition competition. They defeated all-comers and added another victory to their successful record.

The Georgetown N & G's are moving toward an Ontario championship in lacrosse. They defeated Oshkosh twice making them 4 for 6 in their last six games toward the championship.

Enjoy the recently installed cine-mascope at the Roxy Theatre. See the 20th Century-Fox film The Robe. Admission is 60 cents for adults, 40 cents for students and 25 cents for children.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO - Roy Evans joined Edward S. Dodd at the Dodd Chiropractic Clinic on Guelph Street. The RCAF veteran of World War II comes from a 13-year practice in Stratford.

Mayor Steamer Emerson gave tribute to David Bowman who died of a heart attack at his Church Street home. He worked for the Canadian Legion and the public library board.

Ross Hunter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hunter, placed first in the Plectrum Guitar Competition at the Ontario Music Festival held at the Royal York Hotel.

Paul Presswood shot 154 over 36 holes to win the Georgetown Golf and Country Club's junior golf championship. Ron Cook finished second with 159.

Bernie Dore pitched a shutout for the Georgetown Giants as they ended a bad season against Burlington with a 0-0 tie. Spectators believed it was the best game of the year for the Giants. After eight innings the game was called because of darkness.

TEN YEARS AGO - A short in the air raid alarm system caused concern in Georgetown, Oakville and Brampton. The Emergency Warning System alarm rang off and on most of Saturday.

Halton Hills resident Keith Leslie was presented with a pair of work jeans and a jacket by Premier Bill Davis. The presentation was for Mr. Leslie's first place finish in the national plowing competition held in British Columbia last year.

A bull bred in Norway by B.H. Bull and Son is the Gold Metal Sire. The award is based on the productivity of the Jersey bull's daughters.

Georgetown's Terry Leslie will be at the Central National Holstein Show at World Dairy Expo which is an international trade show for dairy farmers. The competition is in Dane County Coliseum in Madison, Wisconsin.

FIVE YEARS AGO - The Halton Hills Swim team won the Kelly Cup swim meet in Ancaster. A Hamilton team and a team from Fairfield finished second and third respectively.

Brent Kearse is the new business development officer in Halton. He will assist in creating new jobs and investment in the region.