

# Turner admits to having moments of doubt

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As regular readers will know by now, I have my moments of doubt. Usually they come in Ottawa, where things seem to spin out of control at the drop of a hat. Over the last few weeks-as the Meech rollercoaster bucked and dived-the doubts deepened.

With so many people pointing their fingers at each other right now, how can any of us know what or who to believe. I think its time we all stopped trying to predict the future, went home and started talking to each other.

Listening to my own advice, that's exactly what I'm doing, and will continue to do for the next while. The special Town Hall meetings now, on the future of Canada, are part of that. So are the visits and calls I'm making. Some say a close association with Quebec is possible, and that the national economy will motor on as before.

But others thought it was wrong to declare Quebec a "distinct society" and that if the province won't do as we say, then it should

separate completely-with its own full powers and army. This, by the way, is exactly what the separatist Parti Quebecois advocates.

Then there are those who say they would use force to keep Quebec as a part of Canada. Finally, there are those who tell me that while they feel sad for Canada, they feel happy for Quebec-because after 123 years of trying to be just one province among many, it is now moving to one nation living within another.

So far, no consensus.

Maybe the Canada Book can serve a small role in bringing people together. Maybe other MPs will do the same-and we can stagger through this wall of non-communication that surrounds us.

But to work at all, there must be many pages, so I ask you this:

Over the course of the next few days, please take a moment to write down on one sheet of paper your thoughts about what Canada is and where it should be going now that all these changes have taken place. If you have children, please ask them to do the same-after all, they have the biggest stake in this thing.

Then send your sheet of paper to me, at 27 Main Street South, Georgetown, L7G 3G2-and the Canada Book will start to take form.

I know this small project is not going to "save" Canada. It may not change anyone's mind. In the end, it may just not matter.

But it could make each of us more aware of our country and our future. Perhaps ten minutes of quiet thinking about Canada will help clarify what unites us-and what we cannot accept.

And your thoughts will certainly help guide me. As a Member of Parliament, at this point in our country's history, I feel a great responsibility. I need to step past the silliness of Ottawa; past the political posturing; and past the people who insist they've got all the answers.

Because, you know, they don't.

## Minister pays visit to Georgetown for NEC get-acquainted session

In what amounted to nothing more than a get acquainted meeting between the province's Minister of Environment, James Bradley, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) Thursday in Georgetown, the minister said he would put forward a series of proposals to cabinet that would better meet the NEC's needs.

"I'm more than satisfied the minister will make to pitch. But whether cabinet accepts it is another matter," said NEC director, Nars Borodczak after the meeting.

The minister didn't specify what the proposals would be, but Mr. Borodczak said he was convinced they would address the NEC need for more staff and money.

"I think the NEC is somewhat undernourished," said Mr. Borodczak. "We've had a tremendous increase in our workload in the last while. And now that the NEC is recognized by the United Nations as a biosphere reserve, more at-



**James Bradley**

attention is focused on the NEC and the demands on us have increased."

A biosphere reserve is recognized as an area "with ecological significant landscapes adjoined by areas of human use," according to the UN.

As well, the commission is considering the possibility of holding more meetings, which costs money, he added.

Mr. Bradley attended the NEC meeting primarily to assure the commissioners that the MOE is pleased to have the NEC under its jurisdiction.

"I've always felt the natural place for the NEC was under the MOE," said Mr. Bradley.

The provincial government transferred the NEC from the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to the MOE in May.

"I think the NEC and MOE can mesh together," said Mr. Borodczak. He explained that the Niagara Escarpment plan is a land use and environmental plan but greater emphasis should now be

put on the environmental aspect of the plan. "We're not denying development but we want to ensure that it's environmentally safe," said Mr. Borodczak.

Mr. Bradley also assured the commission that the ministry would consult with the NEC to determine the terms of reference for the upcoming review of the organization's five year plan.

Discussions just recently begun between the MOE and the NEC, and Mr. Borodczak expects the issues of aggregates on the escarpment and severances to be two main considerations.

### Ballinafad News

## Terrific time was had by all

By BETTY SOJKA

By all accounts reported, a terrific time was had by those who attended the Hall Board's recent Old Time Country dance.

Highlights were the square dances called by D. J. George who has a wonderful way of keeping the party rolling. Special thanks to Bruno Carnelos who was irreplaceable as a very efficient bartender.

Keep Saturday, August 18 open as this is when the Hall Board is holding a Beach Party dance. This annual dance is always so relaxed when you can come dressed in the coolness of shorts, etc. More details will follow.

Don't forget to come out on Tuesday evenings for a fun hour of baseball for children between the ages of 10 and 16. The fun starts at

the ball park.

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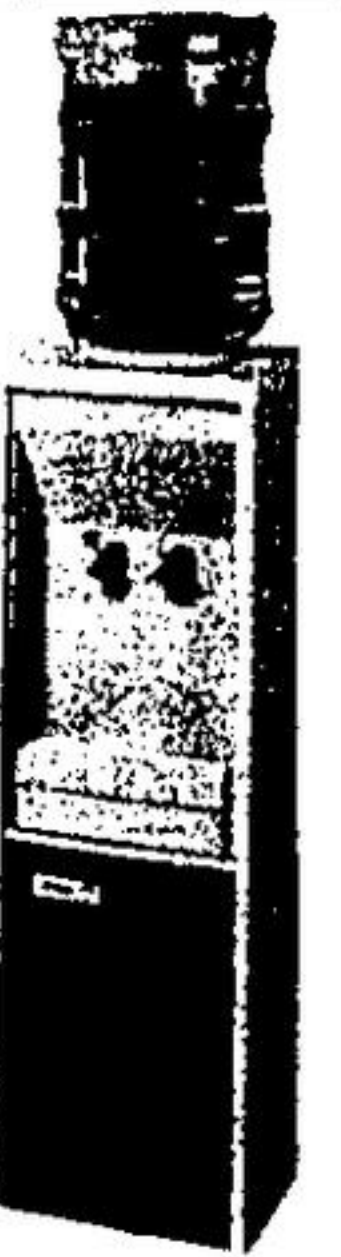
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We would also like to give thanks to our many entertainers who give their talents and their time to make our day a memorable one.

Each year the committee strives to give the community something it deserves; a fun-filled family oriented day which could not be achieved without your participation.

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